(By E. O. SELLER

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 30

REVIEW-GOD'S REDEEMING

LOVE.

New Testament; therefore, at the

Jewish race is the marvel of all times,

a nation without a country, scattered

sea to sea, even slain in large num-

the centuries. Their contribution to

the civilization of the world has been

immeasurable. There is no walk or

rank in life, in politics, literature, ert,

science, business, religion, or any oth-

er realm where they have not made

their impress and rendered their con-

tribution. Any movement which seeks

to promote their welfare and to

strengthen the bonds of sympathy

which preserve race feelings, deserves

the ald of all patriotic, liberty loving,

God fearing people, for the Jews are

kings, Saul, David and Solomon, last-

ed from about 1100 B. C. to 983 (Mee-

cher), a period of 120 years. Then be-

gins the divided kingdom-Judah and

Israel side by side, a double experi-

ment in the progress of the kingdom of

982 B. C. to approximately 723, or 721

B. C. Judah had a territory of about

3,400 square miles; Israel 9,400. Ju-

dah's capital was Jerusalem; in which

was the temple; Israel's capital was

Samaria, while it had two centers of

false worship. Judah was more shel-

tered than Israel from close contact

with heathenism, especially politically

and religiously. Judah had one dyn-

asty of rulers; eleven kings and one

queen, all of them from the house of

David. Israel had nineteen kings, be-

longing to nine different families or

dynasties. Judah had several very

though resisted from time to time and

helped along moral and religious lines

the prophets. The final period of

events of this past quarter have refer-

ence to Judah alone from the days of

Hezekiah, B. C. 722, to the time of the

destruction of the city and the temple

being destroyed 586 B. C., and lastly

we have the period of the exile from

the first captivity in 605 B. C. to the

restoration and the new temple being

erected 516 B. C. This was a period

of great discipline and sifting as like

The return from exile and the new

unto wheat or of a purifying fire.

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deterioration

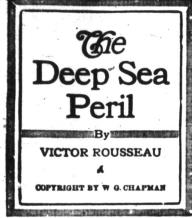
ood kings, and there were marked re-

of varying degrees,

This period extended from about

The united kingdom with its three

still God's chosen heritage.



CHAPTER XIII-Continued. -15-

For, like a fury, the queen rushed at him, and Clouts, at first solicitous about striking a woman, soon found the fog, loomed up on every side. himself nard put to it to maintain the upper hand, with all his strength and with the use of all the wrestling tricks he knew. He panted as he gradeful with her.

"It's all right, marm!" he pleaded. "I'll ask him if he'll see you, if you'll only not lose your head. I didn't mean to put you outside, but orders was orders. I'm only obeying orders, marm. There ain't no need for them hysterics. Now-now, marm !"

He was still fighting madly when suddenly her strength seemed to leave her. Clouts became aware of a spectator of the combat. He glanded sidewise hastily, to see Ida standing be--side him

"What is she, Clouts?" whispered Ida.

Clouts scratched his thick head. "I don't rightly know." he answered. "But it's all right, marm. I was just strolling along, casual like, when I met her. She ain't no friend of mine, marm. Nor of the captain's," he added, with sly emphasis.

He turned to the queen.

"If you'll take my arm, marm, I'll take you a ways and ask the captain if he'll see you. I can't do no more," he muttered in an audible aside. "I've done the best I knew how for the captain, and now he'll have to make his own excuses. And I can't leave a lady in this here place alone, with all them goings on and jugglings with the water like-like Pharaoh."

Five minutes later the little middy, seated on deck, saw Clouts and Ida, apparently rearisen from the dead, approach the F55. Between them he fancied he saw a gossamer form that scintillated in the sunlight.

There was a space of only a hundred paces between them and the boat when suddenly the ocean appeared convulsed. A wall of water bore down upon the flanks of Fair island. It rolled toward the submarine, fifty feet high, its mighty crest upreared. "Run!" shouted Davles.

It was a frantic race between the oncomers and the sea. They gained the submarine with hardly ten seconds te spare. Davies drew them aboard and clasped the hatches down. Next instant the boat was lifted bodily from the beach and spun round like a top.

CHAPTER XIV.

The Unheeded Warning.

On the evening of the same day London was stirred by a sensation which eclipsed even the interest in the progress of the war. * The evening newspapers contained, in full, Donald's narration of the approaching ruin of the world.

The second sea lord, receiving Donald's name, came to the conclusion that matters of the most pressing moment must have brought the unknown young

the secretary staring at each other. He was at the bottom of the stairway before they had recovered their selfpossession. Then the sea lord snatched up his telephone. A curious haze was creeping up from

the Thames, spreading perceptibly from corner to corner. It blotted out the redness of the evening clouds and hung overhead "like a great, smoky pall. A newsboy rushed past, shout-Donald saw the contents of the ing. placard that swung before him. It

east coast of England. Donald was trying to locate a hotel.

corner, clinging to the railings of areas and pillars of houses. He had reached some open space

which he imagined to be Trafalgar square, but it was impossible to cross. Carts, carriages, omnibuses, stalled by Horses stood snorting invisibly, a few inches away. Drivers struck out with their whips promisequously. Men were shouting, women - screaming. Panic had begun. All knew that this was not one of those rare black fogs that de-

scend upon London. Then it was that the news of the nan-monsters began to filter through he crowd.

A man announcing himself, through a megaphone, to be the police commissioner, ordered all to remain still until star bombs could be set off. Nobody heeded him, and his efforts to stay the panic were unavailing. The mob had begun to flow in one direction, sweeping all before it.

Donald had been swept along with it, and then left, stranded and jammed by the human torrent, into a small recess. · In front of him he felt a parapet. He tore himself away and was lost in the crowd. Donald hoisted himself to the parapet, scrambled to the outer coping, and clung there. The shrieking mob rushed past and never touched him. Then there came the sound of a mighty explosion, a long volume of resounding thunder. It went rolling down the river like the discharge of a

thousand cannon. And then, as a flood from a hose pipe, a burst of water from the skies deluged the city. It boiled through the air with hissing lashes, as if the portals of the firmament were broken pen. The grinning face of the moon broke through the smoky pall. Suddenly the stars appeared. And it was calm, clear weather.

A roar of relief seemed to go up from the throats of the multitude. And very slowly the traffic began to resume its course again.

What had happened, as scientists afterward surmised, was this: The hydrogen, increasing until it attained a certain chemical relationship to the oxygen of the atmosphere, had exploded where it was densest, on contact

with fire, as in a laboratory. But the explosion instantly generated water as the two gases met. Hence followed the deluge.

But as yet the government was only dimly beginning to understand that this was some unknown natural force and not a contrivance of the enemy. They did not know until Donald presented himself in the office of the sec-

ond sea lord at nine o'clock. The second sea lord grasped him by the hands.

"There isn't time to say more than that I apologize," he said. "The government has been searching for you



office, leaving the second sea lord and landed upon the shores of Lincolnshire and Norfolk, had crossed the Wash, which became Jrst a swamp, then an inundation, and was moving along the river beds toward Cambridge, stripping the land of vegetation.

By nightfali all communication between London and the eastern counties had ceased. The telegraph poles were washed out of the sodden ground. The approach of the herd was measured by the haze.

Already poultry and domestic animals were being devoured. There were mentioned a series of local explosions | reports that children had been seized which had been occurring along the from riverside houses. The docks, the shores of Essex and the Thames estuary were abandoned. The flats were He groped his way from corner to a level stretch of water, above which the steeples of the churches stood out as isolated landmarks.

Everywhere the war had been halted by a short armistice. The governments of the civilized world devoted their whole attention to the consideration and solution of this new and stunning problem.

In the meantime there had been a good deal of activity on Fair Island. The tidal surge created by the departure of the herd soon subsided, break-



He Saw the F55 Start in Their Wake.

ing into a choppy, turbulent sea. The F55, tossed and battered as she was by the waves, nevertheless held tight. The locked rudder prevented her from submerging.

Within the messroom the queen of the swarm was housed securely.

She was almost invisible, and not at all visible by daylight. A silent, phantom figure, she created fear and awe in each of them. They did not know what her connection with the swarm might be. They knew she had not human intelligence.

. . From his position upon the highest point of Fnir island, MacDeard Saw the swarm vanish at sea. He saw the F55 start in their wake, and threw up his hands and raved. Coward as he was, he could not let his last hope slip from him like that.

He was the lonellest man in the world, as he had always been. But he had not known it or cared. He had rebelled against the human race. He was the modern Cain; he had plotted the ruin of the world, over which he was to rule, godlike. But that was before he had set eyes upon Ida Kennedy

The thought of her renewed his courage. He found his motorboat upon the shore, uninjured by the inundation, since the point of rock had acted as a breakwater and protected it. Within few minutes he had filled his great gasoline reservoir with a supply sufficlent for several days, and set out in pursuit of the herd. He knew that he could easily outdistance the submarine.



January 6, the prohibition forces of By E. O. SELLERS, Acting Director of the Sunday School Course of the Moody Bible Institute, (Chicago.) North Carolina, reinforced by a number of well-known National speakers, will begin a campaign in the interest Copyright, 1917, Western Newspaper Union.) of nation-wide prohibition, the immedate objective being to create sufficient sentiment to nominate members of the next General Assembly who wholeheartedly favor the ratification of the amendment.

LESSON TEXT-Read Psalms 1:23; 1:24. GOLDEN TEXT-With Jehovah there is loving kindness, and with him is plenteous redemption. Ps. 120:7. Superintendent R. L. Davis will fargely direct the campaign in $_{\circ}$ this State, although half his time in the future is to be devoted to speaking in other States. The lessons of the past year are the

In Asheville and the -other large ly ones in the six years course which cities of the State field days will be are divided between the Old and the observed between the opening date and the latter part of March. Five close of this year we will review only speakers will open the campaign in the last two quarters, emphasizing the Asheville and three weeks later ten fourth which has just been completed. speakers will invade Charlotte. Every Like Moses on Mount Nebo, let us town of more than 250 inhabitants will glance over the whole period of the be reached and between 325 and 350 monarchy and note the progress and speeches will be made by National development of the Jewish people. The speakers. Superintendent Davis will speak every Sunday during the campaign. Everywhere the meetings will and peeled, chastised and driven from be free and will afford the general pubbers; yet possessed of a vitality which known orators. has caused them to endure through

be Capt. R. P. Hobson, of the Merrimac also was painted with a halo of his and Alabama; Malcolm E. Patterson. former Governor and United States Senator from Tennessee; Dr. Sam W. Small, Georgia evangelist, newspaper man, lecturer and one time partner of the late Sam Jones; Dr. Adam Clarke Bane, financial secretary of the Anti-Saloon League: Dr. Madison Swadenes, the gentleman with the sunny smile and glad handshake, a veteran league worker who lives in Indianapolis; Dr. George W. Young, Louisville, Confederate veteran. Methodist preacher and prohibition fighter; Dr. Edwin I. Stearns, a good talker; ex-Congressman Minor Wallace, of Little embodiment of wickedness, of power Rock; ex-Mayor Fred G. Hale, of Westerville, and Rev. Edward Hanson Dailey, a young man who has done

notable work in the cause

Union County Canning Clubs.

Monroe .- The home demonstration and canning club work in Union county, under the direction of Mrs. B. H. Griffin, has just closed a most successful year which began March 1. When the work began this year there were only 25 members and now there are 204 and all taking an active part. During the canning season they filled 65,-000 cans and 70,000 glass jars. The estimated value of the goods is \$10,-825.

In carrying out this work Mrs. Grifvivass of religion of prosperity and of fin traveled 928 miles by rail and 4.042 miles in auto and buggy organizing six home demonstration clubs and 11 canning clubs and holding 140 meet through the work of Elijah and Elisha ings, the attendance at which is estimated at 6,554.

Johnson Engaged to Women.

Raleigh .--- It developed that L. J. Johnson, a dentist of Middlesex, whose wife last week died mysteriously in Richmond, Va., and who two days later took poison at Wilson, N. C., on his return from Richmond, was engaged to a young woman at Middlesex. It is said that Johnson will recover.

the hotel wehere the doctor took poisspiritual nation, dates from about 536 on which make the case more sensato the close of Bible history, say 400 tional. One of these letters was to years before the coming of Christ. A a young lady in Middlesex to whom he



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Halo for Satan.

Certainly most of us would be surprised to see a picture of the devil with a halo above his head. We have become accustomed to recognize the halo as a perquisite of sacred persons, lic an opportunity to hear some well. most of whom are painted with this aura around their head, states a writ-Included in the list of speakers will er. But in the olden times the devil own, as medieval pictures will bear witness, and long before his satanic majesty came to be a figure in Christian, religion, other men were represented by painters and mosale workers as having a halo over their heads. In fact, this custom antedates Christianity itself. The halo, sacred now, was a pagan invention. Roman emperors and other personages were always accorded a halo by painters. It was a symbol of power. And what more natural than to invest satan with a halo when Christianity took hold of men's souls? For he was the supreme diverted to bad ends.

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Met Him Face to Face.

One of those persistently wrongheaded persons who voted against votes for women was asked by a cowardly acquaintance how he had dared vote as he had done in face of the fact that his wife was an ardent and leading upholder of the cause

"Not only that," said the wronghended person proudly. "Not only that. She was actually a watcher at the polling place where I voted."

He added that the world was going to the dogs .- New York Post.

Letters were found in the room at CUTICURA HEALS SORE HANDS

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American naval officer. He rose from his desk and shook hands with him cordially. "Sit down, Mr. Paget," he said warmly. Then he noticed that Donald was dressed in a nondescript diving suit and that his looks were decidedly wild

Donald sat down and plunged instantly into the story of the world. danger. It did not lose its dramatic interest in the manner of its telling.

"You must stop the war at once," Donald ended. "Unite all nations of the earth, for that is the only way to save the human race. It is a matter of hours, perhaps. Even now these monsters may be speeding southward."

The second sea lord had been unable to interpose a word by reason of the torrent of impassioned speech that poured from Donald's lips. At first he listened in amazement at what he considered an impudent hoax; then in anger; then, after a brief glance at Donald's face, with absolute passivity.

"I thank you, Mr. Paget," he said, rising, when Donald had ended. "You have done notable work, and England will not forget it. And now, sir, you must be conducted to the prime minister at once, that you may apprise him of these startling events.'

He touched his bell, and his secretary, a dapper, alert little man, at once "Excuse me one moment, appeared. lease," said the second sea lord to Donald.

He whispered with the secretary, whom Dona'd perceived to glance toward him in a rather apprehensive manner. T' e secretary came forward. making a preposterously low bow.

"I will conduct you to the prime minister at once, Mr. Paget." he said. "No time must be lost. I am going to have a taxicab called."

Donald addressed the second sea lord again.

"I understand," he said, controlling himself with an effort of will. "Very well, my lord, I shall say no more at this time. On you will rest the responsibility. And you will repent this bitterly within a day or two."

And he walked quietly out of the that an army of the monsters had rid of my character.-Lady-Gregers.

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You Must Stop This War at Once."

since daylight. We've cabled Washington, and they have placed you at our disposal. You are the only man who can advise us, and-the prime minister wants you immediately. And that's no joke this time !"

CHAPTER XV.

The Battle of the Dogger.

Within the next three days a series of phenomena occurred which left no doubt as to the dangers which were menacing the human race.

Before noon messages began to pour in from all parts of the country and from the fleet. The admiral in command of the home squadron wired that torpedo-boat destroyer had approached him under a flag of truce, with the singular statement that the ocean had receded all along the Baltic

littoral, leaving a vast swamp of muddy sand, in which ships were embedded. The Zuyder Zee no longer existed. : A spur of land extended from the dogger bank nearly to Ostend. He proposed a temporary armistice.

By evening reports were telegraphed

Presently he came upon the monsters. Their first wild dash had taken them in all directions, so that little vapor had formed, but now they were beginning to congregate, and a wall of black cloud, rising in the distance, indicated their direction.

The monsters made no effort to molest him, but they would not, at first, heed his tuning fork. Later, however, he managed to assemble a small bodyguard about him.

MacBeard pursued them down the east coast of England.' His boat, hidden in the cloud, remained undetected by the patrol vessels.

It was not until the second morning that he guessed where the herd would make its main rendezvous.

It was a simple deductive process, hough nobody else had thought of it. It was the Dogger bank, swarming with fish, which would provide the monsters with food.

He believed that, once the first dash of the monsters was over, they would obey his call again. And his first summons proved successful beyond his expectations. Exhausted by their dask southward, numbers of the herd congregated about the motorboat to the sound, which was perceptible to them for a much greater distance that the tone carried to the human ear From within a radius of twenty miles a cloud rolled in upon the motorboat until MacBeard, invisible in the hears of its blackness, like some arch-devil controlled his devil crew.

This cloud was quickly seen by the ear-admiral's patrol vessels, while it had this disadvantage-it prevented MacBeard from discovering the F55 as she slipped past on her way south ward.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Many Can Answer Her. Will you tell me what way I can

ought to be familiar with the contemporaneous secular history. There are several particular lessons we ought to learn from this history.

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First: Every failure, every moral wrong, every fall into idolatry, every diminution of power for good is the result of a separation from God,-a departure from the ways of God and righteousness. It also shows us that God's constant solicitude that the Jews should be kept separate from heathenism and idolatry, had in it the best interests of his own people and could only lead to those blessings which he had prepared for his particular people. Secondly: The overthrow of Israel is directly attributed to its complete abandonment to idolatry. Beginning with false worship and a dependence upon men, there was the introduction of idolatry and a development of evil which led to a rapid decline, the introduction of revolutions and the final extinguishment of the kingdom.

As to Judah, it finally was brought into captivity because that was the only way that God could purge the nation from the sin of idolatry. They must be taught that there is but one God, that the word of God must be obeyed, and that their safety lay in the faith which they placed in his promises. The leaders of this period were Zerubbabel. Ezra and Nehemiah, heroic men, men of great consecration and power; also, Esther, the heroine. The prophets of this period are Daniel, Isaiah, Haggai. Zechariah, Malachi. Notice how each and every one aided the cause of righteousness.

There are two great heroes of the return, Ezra and Nehemiah. Take up the actions of each and show how he proved his heroism. A good method of receiving the past quarter will be to summarize the teachings which center about these two great men. The period of the return is the one that we should emphasize, showing how a return to God and an obedience of his law is the paramount need of the pres ent day in which we live, these of darkness and evil upon which the world has fallen.

made profession of love: another was to Doctors Powell and Lewis, of Middlesex, telling them of his trouble. In one of these letters he said that he had ruined himself to protect the character of another, and that his troubles the hands for some time. Remove surwere more than he could bear.

NORTH CAROLINA BRIEFS.

A statement given out at the state department of insurance shows the department has during the past year investigated 131 suspicious fires and carried 46 cases for burning into the courts. Of these 17 were convicted and 17 acquitted and there are now 12 of the cases awaiting trial. The remaining 85 cases were either considered not guilty by the deputy investigating, or there was not sufficient evidence gathered to warrant court procedure.

Eighty-eight quarts of whiskey, all of the best bonded variety, one trunk, five suit cases and two bags, together with two men, constituted a day's hau! by the Asheville police for violation of the "bone dry" law.

Dr. Kemp P. Battle Wednesday cele brated his eighty-sixth birthday, still full of vigor and of love for the university. For nearly three-quarters of a century Dr. Battle has been closely connected with the life of the University of North Carolina. In 1845 he entered as a freshman. After the war he was elected president of the institution

The old ladies at the state home for Confederate women, near Fayetteville, are doing their bit by the American soldier. The latest box of knitted sup plies sent to Southern Red Cross head quarters by the local chapter contain ed 11 pairs of beautifully knit socks, the work of the ladies of the home whose fingers have not lost the deft ness they acquired in knitting for the boys who followed Lee and Jackson in the 60's.

Fate Rankin was shot and killed by Fred Lineberger in the "bull pen" at the barracks at Spencer mountains are called. Both men were negroes

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