

B. Y. P. U. NOTES

Dear members of this union, for this week's Bible Reading we have a great character to study, "David". He is worth our time and let's give him close attention in order we may understand him more. Let's see just how he became King Samuel was commanded to go into Jesse and make a sacrifice and God told him he had chosen a king out of his sons, so he calls each son up and looks them over and the youngest son was out in the field hearing sheep. After looking all of the sons over Samuel asked Jesse if this was all of his sons? Jesse says my youngest son is out on the hills tending the herds. Samuel says, call him for we must have him here. So this was David and here Samuel appoints him King over Israel. Then this noble young man goes back to the field awaiting the call of God when he should take charge of the kingdom. Then comes the time he meets the wicked giant Goliath, and this young Hero to be king of God places a small stone in his little sling and goes out to meet this great Giant the Giant only laughed at the lad, but David says, "Thou comest to me with a sword and a spear, and a shield, but I come to thee in the name of the Lord, the God of Israel."

This is the starting point of the great adventures of this noble character. So let us study the life of David so we can more clearly understand how the spirit of God helps his friends in time of need. We here extend a hearty welcome to our summer school brothers and sisters and hope you all will join in with us and make this a part of our work. Here's hoping to have you all to be with us while you may be in this town. Meeting hour at 6:30 p. m. Sunday nights. Visitors welcome.

HERMAN WILCOX.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Watauga County made at the spring term 1923 in that certain action entitled J. E. Jester and Minnie Jester vs. W. H. Byrd appointing the undersigned a commissioner to sell the hereinafter described lands according to the terms of a certain mortgage deed executed by J. E. Jester and wife Minnie Jester to W. H. Byrd on the first day of March 1920, I will on Monday June 18, 1923, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m. at the court house door in Watauga county sell to the highest bidder for cash and according to the terms of said judgment, the following described lands, to wit:

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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR JUNE 10

NEHEMIAH, THE BOLD BUILDER

LESSON TEXT—Nehemiah 1:8-11. GOLDEN TEXT—Be ye not afraid of them, remember the Lord.—Nehemiah 4:14.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The Man Who Was Not Afraid. JUNIOR TOPIC—How Nehemiah Built the Wall.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—How Nehemiah Got Things Done. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Nehemiah, an Example for Men of Affairs.

Nehemiah was a cupbearer to the Persian king. While performing his duty as cupbearer, he learned of the distress of his brethren in Jerusalem.

Having secured a leave of absence from the Persian court and credentials from the king, he journeyed in Jerusalem. After resting three days without disclosing his purpose to anyone, he made a survey of the walls by night. Having thus obtained first-hand information, he called the representatives of the Jews together and said, "Let us build the walls of Jerusalem."

1. Preparation for the Building (Chap. 3).

The division of labor in this project shows Nehemiah's administrative ability. A wise distribution of labor makes difficult tasks easy. Note some outstanding features of this great work:

1. Stress Laid Upon Indifference (3:5). In administrative tasks it is just that unfaithfulness should be pointed out. Such action will be a warning to some and encouragement to others, in that it shows the integrity of the director.

2. Help Rendered by Women (3:12). Perhaps Shalman had no sons to aid him. It was a fine thing for the women to help, even in building a wall, when there were no men to do it.

3. Stress Laid Upon Earnestness (3:20). If one knows that his faithfulness will be recognized, he will earnestly pursue his tasks.

4. Every One Built Over Against His Own House (3:10, 28, 29). No incentive to exertion is quite so strong as that which concerns one's own family. 5. Certain Guilds of Men Undertook Certain Work (3:8, 31, 32). Wise administration sometimes calls for such alignment of efforts. Men of the same class and craft will surely work better together.

H. Hindrances Encountered (4:1-6:14).

1. Scolding of Sanballat and Tobiah (4:1-6; cf. 2:19, 20). The opposers of God's servants usually begin by hurling at them shafts of ridicule. They called the Jews a feeble folk and asserted that the trend of a prowling fox would break down their stone wall.

2. Conspiracy for a Sudden Attack (4:7-9). When the enemy saw that the work was actually succeeding they changed from ridicule to an attempt to throw the workmen into a panic. When the enemy cannot succeed by scolding they resort to intimidation.

3. Conspiracy With the Jews (4:10-23). They sought by means of the Jews from the outside to discourage their brethren by showing that the task was hopeless and that at any time they were subject to a sudden and secret attack.

4. Greed and Oppression of the Rulers (5:1-13). The Jews of that day, like the profiteers of our time, took advantage of the poor and oppressed them so that they mortgaged their land and sold their daughters into slavery. Nehemiah boldly rebuked them for their crimes and ordered a restoration to be made, exacting an oath of them that they would fulfill their promises.

5. Plot to Take Nehemiah's Life (6:1-14). When Sanballat and Tobiah failed in every way they sought by craft to get Nehemiah away that they might kill him.

III. The Wall Completed (6:15-7:4).

So energetically did they pursue their tasks that in fifty-two days the wall was completed. When the enemies heard that in spite of all their schemes the work was actually finished they were dejected, for they perceived that the work was of God.

We may learn from this:

1. That God's children are assailed by enemies, but in view of Romans 8:31 they should not fear. 2. That when attacked by enemies we should pray (4:9). Their faith was accompanied by wise precautioning: (1) Set a watch (4:9). (2) Men were permitted to be with their families (4:13) and thus would fight better. (3) Half worked and half watched, all armed for battle (4:16). (4) They worked with sword in one hand (4:17). (5) They slept in their clothes in readiness (4:23). Prayer and faith are not slothful or inactive.

Everything.

Everything without tells the individual that he is nothing; everything within persuades him that he is every thing.—X. Doudan.

Easier Than to Think.

To follow foolish precedents, and wink with both our eyes, is easier than to think.—Cowper.

Tricks of the Wand.

The mines of knowledge are often laid bare by the bazel wand of chance.—Tupper.



TWO LITTLE DEWDROPS

TWO little drops of dew resting on a rosebush one morning trembled with delight as the rays of Mr. Sun came shimmering through the garden-trees.

"Ah, we shall soon be beautiful," said one; "all the colors of the lovely rainbow will soon be ours. Come, let us creep out from under this leaf where the sun can fall full upon us."

But the other little dewdrop, trembling, said: "Sister, I am afraid the sun will burn us, for its rays will grow warm, and though for a while we shall



Down the Stem Rolled the Vain Little Dewdrop.

be beautiful I am sure we shall soon be destroyed.

"Let us stay under this leaf and help the rosebush to grow. I shall try to find the heart of the rose and nestle close. I am sure I shall live longer there, even if I am not as beautiful as the rays of the sun would make me."

"Oh, lie, sister, why are you so

stupid?" said the other dewdrops. "To rather be beautiful for a little while than let the rose hold me close to her heart. She will get all the credit for beauty and no one will ever know about you."

"No, I shall creep down the stem of this rose and catch the rays of the sun and all who see me will say, 'How beautiful' when they behold me."

Down the stem rolled the vain little dewdrop and soon it was away from the protecting leaf where its sister was trembling.

Soon the warm sun found it and its wish was granted—all the beautiful colors of the rainbow now belonged to the little dewdrop and it was happy.

The other little drop nestled close to the rose leaf and soon it dropped down deep into the very heart of the opening flower and was out of sight, but it sank so deep that the rose grew sweet and a passing bee stopped to toll the rose it was the prettiest and sweetest flower in the garden.

"That is because a little dewdrop nestled in my heart, making me happy," said the rose. "This morning I had two, but one did not stay; it crept down my stem to meet the sun, so that it might grow beautiful with the rainbow colors, but the other stayed with me and I owe to it a duty for its goodness."

"I must grow beautiful and sweet for the dewdrop and myself to repay it, and if as you say, Mr. Bee, I am the prettiest and sweetest flower in the garden this morning, it is because a dewdrop nestled in my heart."

Mr. Bee buzzed away. He did not tell the rose that the little dewdrop that had rolled from under the leaf to meet the sun was no more; he knew that the little dewdrop in the heart of the rose would be sad when it learned the fate of its sister, and because it had chosen so wisely what to do that morning he wished it to be happy.

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MEN YOU MAY MARRY

By E. R. PEYSER

Has a Man Like This Proposed to You?

Symptoms: Nervous, long face, tight clothes, fidgety—has ability. But tells you, "You'd be a big help to a fellow like me. I need to be steadied. I hate this living by myself. Working all day and no one cares. You've got a better head than anyone I ever knew. I need you and—Gosh—can't you see what I'd be if we had our own little place?"

IN FACT He is always in need of a framework.

Prescription for bride-to-be: Study concrete reinforcement. Have it always on tap.

Absorb This: A WIFE FOR NEED IS A WIFE INDEED.

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YOUR HAND

How to Read Your Characteristics and Tendencies—the Capabilities or Weaknesses That Make for Success or Failure as Shown in Your Palm

CARRIAGE AND MOTIONS OF THE HANDS

WHEN a person carries the hands at the side, with the fingers nearly open, and the hands dangling in a listless manner, it is safe to set him down as lacking in decision of character and in fixedness of purpose. Be careful in entrusting a person with a secret, and also with entrusting him with the execution of any purpose upon which much depends, or on which you have set your heart.

Often the person who carries his hands as described in the foregoing paragraph is easily led, for good or evil purpose, and either cannot or will not take the trouble to wrestle with the problems of life. In money matters he will, of course, be "generous to a fault," parting easily with his substance, just as the man or woman who holds the hand closed tightly, or nearly so, will hold to what he or she has, often to the point of niggardliness. In this respect, and in mental matters also, the more open the hand is, the more liberal will be the possessor. But there is such a thing as too much liberality, as shown by the hand that is held too wide open.

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A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

THE SECRET

IF YOU would fill your days with sorrow To pay your bills, beg, steal or borrow From Tomorrow, But if you'd walk the primrose way Let Yesterday Your Taxes pay And thus I'll warrant you will find The secret of the Easy Mind. (© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

"What's in a Name?"

By MILDRED MARSHALL

Facts about your name; its history; meaning; whence it was derived; significance; your lucky day and lucky jewel

SARAH

SARAH—lately by fashionable convention spelled Sara—is derived from a good old Biblical name and received its right to sturdy religious significance since it first attached to the wife of the patriarch Abraham.

It is derived originally from a verb meaning to fight or to rule and the name of Abraham's spouse Sarah (quarrelsome) was thus converted into Sarah (the princess). If we may judge from the example of the bride of Tobias, the daughters of Sarah were occasionally called by her name and Zare is used as an eastern name. Similarity of sound has led etymologists to derive the term Saraceni from the assumption that this race was descended from Sarah, but their belief is not substantiated.

Sara Beauchamp was one of the first famous women to bear the name. Sarvota de Milton, who lived much earlier, was really Sarah, given an Italian translation. Sarah was not popular in England until after the Reformation, when the contraction Sally had enormous vogue. At the same time it was adopted as an equivalent for no less than three Irish names, Sadobin, Sorcha and Sarahid.

France quickly adopted Sarah, but insisted on omitting the final "h" that Biblical translation gave it, evolving from it another equally popular form—Sarrothe. Sally and Sallie have greater vogue today in this country than any other derivative; in fact, they outweigh the more formal and uncompromising Sarah in a country which favors contractions and diminutives.

Sarah has never had great vogue among the poets, who have favored the more approachable Sallie and written graceful little ditties to the fluffy young person we all visualize as a typical Sallie.

Sarah's gem is the beryl, which is considered a talisman against misfortune. Ancient lore has it that the beryl has power to make its wearer unconquerable and increases amiability; it also reawakens love in married people. Saturday is Sarah's lucky day and 5 her lucky number.

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