## Religious Thought; Sunday School Lesson; The Mission Field

## **WEAKNESS OF STRONG** MAN; SAMSON'S BIRTH

The Young Man Who Missed His Chance and Who Was Betrayed by a Woman.

son, the nation looks for leadership and deliverance. Some of them, alas, fail in nuite the same fashion as he.

who have never met expectations. They are the Samsons, dowered with giant capacities, which they fail to use aright.

All who follow baseball recall the death last year, of a meteoric pitcher who could not settle down to his real work. He preferred to be a bar-room hero, a "wondar" on a small team, to doing his day's work on the famous nine and Brouss. He came to America 25

enterprise, daring, resourcefulness and self-redance. His pranks reveal this. But these gifts were not used in sober, mature and reasonable fashion for the benefit of his people. Samson preferred a mad personal exploit to a substantial achievement of citizenship. He had not that sense of responsibility which marks the real leader.

Later history developed a brilliant fig-ure singularly akin to Samson. This was King Richard the Liouhearted, of England. Both gloried in deeds of dan-ger and daring to do. Neither seemed wer entirely to grow up. A whimsical numor impelled them to wild escapades of adventure, when they should instead have been soberly serving the welfars of their people. Neither was bad, and there were noble traits in both: but they failed to use their gifts stight. No sub-stantial achievement remained as a me-morial to either. Picturesque and heroic figures they were, but no historian can write them down as auccessful.

The presence of enemies never al-frighted blithesome Samson. He dwelt amid, the Philistines, the powerful in-vaders from the west, who so long op-pressed Israel. In his day the enemy's yoke was heavy on the people's neck. It was an hour for a hero; a deliverer, and Samson was sent to be the man. He As Samson is a name for physical was an hour for a hero; a deliverer, and Samson was sent to be the man. He, however, used for his own sport gifts that were meant for service. Instead of organizing and leading the Jows against the tyrants, he provoked the latter by his wild pranks. Not until his closing hour did Samson soberly serve his natural services and the strength. He jested with her the services of his strength. He jested with her the strength and samson soberly serve his natural services and the strength. He jested with her the strength and samson soberly serve his natural services and services the strength. hour did Samson soberly serve his na-

be written over against his name as against the name of every other gifted ropes, and with a weaver's web, crying That is the condemnation that must man who lives for himself alone in a time when his country needs him—he failed to give his best to his time. Prob-ably if Samson were in England today is would be either a professional football ways of a ranger or an aviator; no place in the finding out.

Samson is hest known for his practiwife he slew a tion with his bare hands. Later, as he passed by, he saw the car-cass filled with honey. At the wedding cass filed with honey. At the wedding feast he wagered 30 garments with the guests that they could not guess his riddle:

Out of the eater came forth food. And out of the strong came forth sweet-

His bride teased Samson into telling her the answer, which she told to her his eyes were put out. In his blindness countrymen, that they might not have he perceived the folly of his vouth, and to pay the wager. Samson thereby lost the wager and the wife, but he went out figure he, the redoubtable and invincible and the state of the state o with their vaiment.

Later Samson sought a reconciliation with his heathen wife, only to find that his father-in-law had given her to an-other. Our immature hero could be stirred to action only by individual wrongs. He had not the imagination to visualize a whole people's suffering. An affront-to himself put him into action. He was like the rich woman who thought Samson to gather (doubtless with the help of companions) 300 jackals, which said, O Lord Jehavair, remember me. I he tied tail to tail. A firebrand was pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray attached to each pair of conjoined tails thee, only this once, O God, that I may and the animals were set loose amid the be at once avenged of the Philistines

### OLD CHINA; OPIUM OR CIGARETTE TERSE COMMENTS ON BIG SMOKE OR LITTLE SMOKE IN

Chinese Say British Gave Them Opium, Americans Gave Them Cigarettes-Medical Missions in Germany-Growth of Korean Mission-Buddhism in Japan.

born.

Like so many other notable characters, he was the child of yearning and prayer and covenant. His parents had been long childless when they received with he will of yearning and prayer and covenant. His parents had been long childless when they received with he will craitation, they dedicated the babe to a life apart, and made for him the Nazirite vows, which later were taken for John the Raptist. His head should grow, and Jehovah bleased him And the Spirit of Jehovah began to move him."

There was a great beginning. In hartizance, natural gifts, spiritual enducement—all were the lot of this young Mazirite. The most favored youth of his day was Samson. All the elements of greatness were his. He had been made ready for great service to his time. Thus far his case runs parallel to that of a host of our favored young men of today, richly dowered. In body, mind, forgune and home. To them, as in Samson, the nation looks for leadership and deliverance. Some of them, alas, fall in large the control of the southern and coverant. The most is well-known Armenian run generated to the the amount of \$200,000 were soid, two demonstration and the head ment the building some two they be the hew orkmen cannot properly feed them. The hew workers and them hew workers and them they work the ment commendate them along them to properate in the workers and their families. The men soon tire. They have to have long reats in the private and these one to the middle of the day, esides time to characters in the opium habit. Her task is not finished. In have to have the middle of the day, esided them. Chira them constant and the sor

The will of Sarkis K. Telfeyan, the well-known Armenian rug merchant of New York, is certainly a remarkable Every mature person has marvelled at the young men and women of promise who have not amounted to anything. Every college has its stories to tell of graduates sent forth with high hopes, sum ever given by an Armenien in who have never met expectations. They are the Samsons, dowered with giant cannotties which they full to me arrived and the form of the waters" in foreign missionary effort. It also probably represents the largest which they full to me arrived to philauthropic work in his own country, and ranks among the most cannotties which they full to me arrived cells that, here have been made of which he was for a time a member.

Swiftly he slipped down and down, until death ended the tale of what might have been. It was the Samson story over again.

Samson's strength was not only physical. He had qualities of leadership—and active connection with the church has been in New York, where he was a new territory of the largest rug businesses in the country. While under the influence of missionary work in his native land, his open and active connection with the church has been in New York, where he was a new territory of the strength of the stre

Fourteen medical missionary associa-tions in Germ ny and Switzerland are represented in the German Medical Mis-

of doctors, for the preparation of nurses and midwives for service on mission fields, and for hospital work in the rec-

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by misleading answers to her impor-tunities, so that she successively bound each time, "The Philistines are upon thee." Of course Sameon was foolish not to perceive what all this meant: but Solomon later observed that the ways of a man with a woman are past

Teased, reproached, nagged without ceasing, Samson at length divulged his secret: the Nazilite vow, which made on his way to court a Philistine him a dedicated man, was the scoret of his strength. The cutting of his hair would mean the shearing of his strength. The perfidy of the woman and the pa-tience of his enemies, had at last contience of his evernies, had at last con-quered Samson. He was in the Philis-tines' hand, and they blinded him, and bound him with fetters of brass and made him to grind at the mill, like dumb animal.

> here now the sport of children and loaf-In those bitter days there grew in his heart a great purpose to service for his nation. As he felt his strength return—a fact which he con-cealed from his captors—a plan shaped itself in his mind.

> So when called into the great hall assembly to make sport for his enemies his hour came. The incident, the climax career, is best told in the

words of Scripture: "And Samson called unto Jehovah, and and the animals were set loose amid the ripe grain fields of the Philistines—and for my two eyes. And Samzon took the probabilities of my two eyes. And Samzon took the faithless wife and father-in-law.

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Betrayed by a Woman.

(By IDA CLYDE CLARKE.)

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Building in China.

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Building in China is a very long and difficult task, writes a missionary. The timber is often bought by buying the trees and having them cut and carried plum, cigarettes and liquor.

Although China had cigarettes but 10 years, she now consumes more than the United States. In a single year the to-bacce companies spend \$1,00,000 in gold for advertising purposes. Last year there were \$25,000,000 worth of cigarettes contended in the leadership was with judges, or champions, or heroes, Samson was been.

Like so many other notable characters, and serves in use them almost as freely as the men.

were \$67.08.

The reports for 1914, as given at the recent annual meeting, show the following statistics: Missionaries, 43; wives of missionaries, 21; ordained native preachers, 7; local presohers, 23; memberahlp, 6,000; native contributions, special memberahlp, 6,000; native contributions, constitute a real missionary opportunity.

\$5,611. There are 105 exhorters, 30 columns and beart searching calls that are coming from Europe and Asia for memberahlp, 6,000; native contributions, constitute a real missionary opportunity. This is an hour wherein Christianity may in the schools and coveres. Many thou- will be sands of patients are treated annually tures. in the several hospitals

Testimony From an Unexpected Source. The Japanese government report con-erning religion in Korea cannot be sionary work in his mative land, his open and active connection with the church has been in New York, where he was a member of the Armenian Evangelical church. acknowledges the weakness of Buddhiam and remarks (page 58): "In contrast to it Christianity has gained greatly in in-fluence in recent years. Christian mis-sions, besides undertaking the evangeli-sation of the people, carry on effective medical and educational work, winning for themselves great moving the contraction. in Korea is 500, a larger number than and midwives for service on mission in Korea is 500, a larger number than fields, and for hospital work in the recognition and treatment of tropleal diseases.

At the opening of this year Germany had 22 medical missionaries in active upon the native church. There are now over one thousand native Korean pastors, and a large preportion of the Tubingen institute were in the foreign field.

The characteristic thoroughness of the There are 30,000 pupils in mission. There are 30,000 pupils in mission schools.—Mission Review of the World.

> SEVEN SENTENCE SERMONS. Lord Chesterfield.

The best way to keep good acts in momory is to refresh them with new. -Cato.

and ready hands, whom the lust of office does not

not buy; mot buy; who possess opinions and a will; n who have honor, and who will

not lie; mer. - m-crowned, who live above In public duty and in private thinking!

J. G. Holland A happy man or woman is a better thing than a five-pound note.—Rob-ert Louis Stevenson.

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me: and that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me. Gal.

Lord of the world! whose kind and

gentle care
Is joy and rest,
hose counsels and commands

astray. - Henry Bateman.

The soul is like the sun, which appears from our mortal eye, but which in reality never disappears, but cease-lessly gives light in his progress. Goe-

#### A World Issue.

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Prof. Charles S. Carter, lecturing before a gammar school on the nature and the public is thoroughly awake to the open and the public is thoroughly awake to the open and the public is thoroughly awake to the open and the public is thoroughly awake to the open and the open an

# **PRAYER MEETING TOPIC**

Foreign Mission Opportunities The World Around," Young People's Subject.

THE WORLD'S OPEN DOORS

(By WILLIAM T. BLLIS.)

Illustrated papers have lately been carrying pictures of the Fiji lalanders, armed and drilled, and ready to join the British forces in France. Thousands of persons upon seeing these photographs doubtless for the first time linked the cause of forceign missions with the arms. cause of foreign missions with the present war. The Fijians were savage cannibals a few decades ago; now they are Christians, albeit engaged in the unchristian business of war. Within the memory of living men, a difficult and danger-ous mission field, the Fiji islands are now more godly than some of the capi-tals of Europe. The door to them had to be forced open, but the results have been dramatically successful. Now the whole earth has mearcely any losed to the missionary.

Every bearer of a torch of light of truth, knowledge, justice and liberty, anywhere on earth, is a cowerker with the Christian missionary.

How dramatic the interplay of the world's religious forces has become is shown by the fact that practically all of our largest American cities contain heathen temples, where Asiatics worship idols. There are also various centers of propaganda for these non-Christian faiths. It is no figure of speech to say that today the world is witnessing a struggle to the death between the various religions, with the present eviden Campbell. There were two stations are circuits, four assistants, 22 students enrolled in the schools and 116 church members. The native contributions were \$37.08.

porteurs, 46 Bible women and 908 class prove itself the friend and helper of hulesders. Of Sunday schools there are manity in need. Every dollar's worth of 175, with 500 teachers and about 7,006 relief given to the present victims of There are nearly 2,000 students war, especially in the Turkish empire will be an investment in kingdom The gravity of the elemental hu man situation in certain mission fields is a challenge to all conventional work and giving. Is the church great enough to giving. Is the church great enough to adapt these to an unparalleled emer-

Apart from Thibet and Afghanistan, there are no closed fields. Everywhere size the man with the book may go. In most lands he is invited and welco The historic and best known mission fields China, Turkey, India, Japan Korea, Africa, South America and the South Sea Islands-all give the misrepresented in the German Medical and educational work, winning monary a containing field. The remainer of danger and pertions is the medical missionary institute confidence of the people." The report in the University of Tubingen, which provides for the full or partial training and of Protestant as 360,000. The missionary's calling in nine cases out of ten he may live as comfortably and as safely as his brother of the printing press, rapid transit, moving picture machines, scientific hos-pital equipment, motor boats, auto-mobiles, etc., are tools for his work. This is a great day to be a missionary.

George Sherwood Eddy has been holding evangelistic meetings in seven Chinese cities, with an average attendsand. These mostly came from the stu-

this every important dialect spoken by the demands.

Strong minds, great hearts, true faith its own tongue.

A whole Christ for my salvation, a whole Bible for my staff, a whole church for my fellowship, and a whole world for my parish.—St. Augustine.

No glance at the missionary subject

for a speculation. Humanity is weary of philsophies. It has been overfed with them for millentums, and they do not satisfy. When it comes to matching philosophical systems, the east can hold gracious are,

Visest and best,

Shine or my path, dear Lord, and
Guard the way.

Lest my poor heart, forgetting, go what Christianity has to give is a perwhat Christianity has to give, is a per-sonal Redeemer, Jesus Christ, who be-comes a new force and a saving power in the life of every person and nation

Barber Chair is Pulpit For This Worker



It is called "The Barber Shop of the Ten Commandments." It is in New York city and is undoubtedly the only one of its kind in the world. Every night after its proprietor finishes with his rezor he goes to prayer meeting and gives his testimony for the benefit of New York's "down and outs," who have been under his ministering care.

"Jake the Barger," who has charge of this new tonsorial atelier, once adorned shops in some of New York's fashionable hotels. In an evil day he yielded to his thirst for strong drink and fell into the ways of the "down and outs." He rosmed the streets in want until he finally emerged into this new light. The walls of this novel barber shop are covered with texts and religious mottoes. Back of the customer, but reflected in the glass, are the time the people gather for worship will Ten Commandments, and wherever the man in the chair may turn his head he may read some sentiment that ought to lead him to a better life. "Jake the Barber" says that he finds more joy in living now than he ever did, for not only is he re-established in his trace, but he also is the means of aiding his

#### MR. ROCKEFELLER MAKES BIG GIFT TO INTERCHURCH HEADQUARTERS

Central Agency of All North American Denominations in New York City Gets \$50,000 a Year-A Clearing House For Religion-Allied Mission Boards.

(By RELIGIOUS RAMBLER.)

tablished in New York city a general longer, if need be, an international ser headquarters for the world-wide work vic comfortably and as safely as his brother of the North American churches, the minister at home. The new appliances Rockefeller foundation having given of the North American churches, the of the Belgians. \$25,000 for the arrangement and furnishing of the entire 19th floor of the Madison Avenue building for this pur-pose. The foundation also has pledged \$50,000 a year for five years for conditional upon the churches tenance. rating \$20,000 a year additional, and at the end of five years this sum is to be decreased \$5,000 a year, until it is wholance of 3,000 hearers daily. His decreased \$5,000 a year, until it is wholesconverts were reported as seven thouly supported by the churches themselves. Even among the officials concerned, some doubts were expressed of the wisdom of

Mission Boards of North America, and its executive body is known as the Committee of Reference and Coun- Up first importance.
until the present year it has been large—
Word From No glance at the missionary subject by an annual conference, although its at the present time would be adequate personnel has been the official representat did not recognize the tremendous tatives of the denominations. Now it

The difficult and delicate tasks which in war.

this body of Americans undertake it. With all its advanced plans for work tends of the liquor interests to the

European organizations was threatened So quietly that this is the first publi-cation of the news, there has been es-tablished in New York edited and the close of the war, or

"Big Businesa" of Religion.

States and Canada, and nearly four millions from the native Christians who in foreign lands have been won out of

town up during 21 years as quietly as the tand, is tree impress one who looks into the acts. It is called the Allied Foreign at Garden City the other day there were in America, and whission Boards of North America, and only 233 delegates present. Yet they act that you can the ragged of a cyclick importance.

Word From the Firing Line.

truth that America is today a missionary to the nations. Not only a recommendated by
short America come to the place of leaderthe missionary societies of North
America come to the place of leaderahip and largest responsibility, but,
what is even more significant, the nation itself is displaying the missionary
spirit of brotherhood toward all other ship and largest responsibility, but, what is even more significant, the match the property of the property of

what Christianity has to give, is a personal Redeemer, Jesus Christ, who becomes a new force and a saving power in the life of every person and nation that accept Him. The Christ who was born in Asia satisfied the whole world's need. In every nation there are now those who can joyfully testify that Jesus has satisfied the deepest yearnings of their souls; and that he has likewise created new longings of which have subcompanies of the himself is the satisfaction.

This missionary sows his life in order that God may reap a harvest of lives.

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## THIS TEXAS HEN HAS REMARKABLE RECORD

In 12 Years She Raises \$250 Worth of Chickens and Helps Missions' Cause.

VIVID AFRICAN PICTURE

(By IDA CLYDE CLARKE.)

Southern Baptists are justly proud of the record of a "missionary hen," which of 12 years. During that time she raised \$250 worth of chickens and hat helped support missionaries in China and Brazil. It is wonderful to thus of what ins been accomplished by this securing! a lasguifficant agency. It amounts to a little more than 41 cents a week for every week of the entire 12 years, or more than \$20 a year.

At this rate, if every Baptist in the Southern Baptist convention who has facilities for successfully raising chickens would keep just one missionary ben what a vast work could be done. At this rate a country church of 30 memhere could give the salary of a mission ary. On this basis Southern Baptists could enable the board to multiply its number of missionaries many fold and enlarge its work in every direction.

We must bear in mind, however, that

the story of this particular missionar hen comes from Texas, and it is evident that even hens accomplish unusually large things in Texas. At any rate, this hen accomplished remarkable results. If other hens would only do one half as well atill, if every Southern Baptist who could do so would keep one missionary hen—the work could be greatly enlarged. A church of 60 members would be abla 20 pay the sulary of a missionary, and the more than 60 members.

The most important lesson, however, to be gathered from this story is that of the value of small contributions made frequently. Any plan of raising mission make their contributions every with very little sacrifics. Such a plan enables more people to give and also makes it possible for most people to give A well known woman missions:

A well known woman missions y in Batanga, Kamerun, West Africa, aritas: "Sit down in your comfortable seats, in a warm, well lighted room, with no centipedes dropping down on you from a paimleaf roof, centipedes as big as a cell wized German bratwurst, hard-shell ed as an icicle. Neither do you have to stop in the middle of your reading to kill a snake. Once I was reading in room at night. Doctor had gone (Dr. Weber.) When I heard heard Doctor pounding around in the front room at a great rate, so that I was moved to ask

by house deaking the said it was just a snake, dropped down from the ceiling. "But, of course you know, that does not happen every day; though we are more or less in danger of many things; so are you; so is most anybody who has a certain life work. And every body used to the chances he has to take day after day. I tell you, I would not This body, which was in session last trade with any of you, I would not trade with any of you, I would not trade with any of you, I we do have a thousand chances to catch sickness, leprosy, mehata and everything clar, the receipts of the year before were there is one thing to be considered; the lard watches over us with a special dollars from the churches of the United States and reach few all knew it; we all have (cl). it in great and small things. It's queet

"I was visiting village schools and went to Mckomengone, a nice 'town' of bark buts on the top of a beautiful sand. These mostly came from the student and upper classes. Veteran missionaries, who best know the difficulties of access to the gentery, marvel at the overwhelming opportunity which has opened in China to the Christian church.

There are now about five hundred separate ranslations of the Bible in use on mission fields. Every language and severy important dialect spoken by the ities of this organization which has the Protestant evangelical churches of not a little and peck out to the bright grown up during 21 years as quietly as the land, it is possible to operate stars, ever the same at home over facts. It is called the Allied Foreign at Garden Clark. that you can be here on your cot under Representatives of the conference Ndongo will finally keep, when he controught personal messages from recent fesses and fixes up his crooked family the meager rousters begin to crow, the village bables begin in wase and howl and the big wooden drum calls you to morning prayers in the village school-