## THE LESSON FOR SUNDAY ABRAHAM PLEADING FOR SODOM

nive and Fractioning 18th of Ori-nital Life Than This Story of the atriarch—The Wickedness of edom and the Curse That Fell pon the Great Cities of the Pisin—Analysis and Key—Teacher's

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(COPYRIGHT, DAVIS W. CLARK.) Under the grateful shades of the coaks of Mamre the patriarch's camp was pitched. It stretched afar; for his vast flocks and herds required an army of attendants. Under the crimson folds of the shelk's pavilion, on her rich divan, the venerable Princess Sarah reclined, while at its silken portice the centenarias Abraham rested in the heat of the day. Perhaps he was indulging in the pleasures of memory, and was back again in thought to the banks of the Euphrates—now at Ur, where God first in thought to the banks of the Euphrates—now at Ur, where God first called him; or at Charran and his father's grave; or perhaps he was spicuous illustration. They are the sait that saves it. There are things phrates' great rival, the Nile; or he was looking down the long vista of tahe future and wondering when the blissful promises of which the heir, should be fulfilled. . . His reverie was suddenly broken by the approach of strangers, At once there was a sensation in camp. The modern fascination for city life was a sensation in camp. The mo-notony incident to pastoral life was broken by its chief and most wel-come diversion, the arrival of a pass-ing stranger. In that age, before post and newspaper, this was the chief means of communication with the outside world. This was how the nomadic tribes heard of the rise and fall of monarchies and kingly projects in war or peaceful arts of commerce and architecture. We have an analogy to it in modern times in the welcome arrival of the pioneer preacher at a "clearing" in a log-cabin days. He brought more theology in his sad-dle-bags. Literature does not contain a more naive and fascinating bit of Oriental life. We fairly see the patriarch running to meet his guests adroitly making himself their debtor in that they allow him to entertain them; courteously discounting in advance what he proffers them, "a little water," "a morsel of bread." In an incredibly short space of time the appetizing meal is spread—a roast of veal, with butter and milk and deli-cious cakes baked by Sarah's own deft hand—and Abraham stands to serve. . . From the very first Abraham may have had an inkling of the supernatural character of his visitors. The hour of their arrival was so unusual; no one travels in the East in the heat of the day. But whether the host suspected it or not, the guests soon cast off all disguises and Abraham knew that he was entertaining the Lord and his two attendant angels. . . They were bearers of a blessing and of a curse. A blessing to righteous Abrahamthe blissful assurance that the longdelayed advent of his promised son was near at hand. Here is a glimpse

at the ministry of the holy angels. These two were possibly rewarded for fidelity by being allowed to see Abraham's face when the good news was broken to him. And if angels attended the Lord on this errand, why may and grace, was going a pace with his departing guests, the Lord revealed the curse to him. Excess of joy over the blessing was tempered by grief over the impending curse. But this format never have been given to any human being of less exalted character than the patriarch possessed. This is the plain inference from the words with which the revelation is prefaced. The very fact that he was worthy to be chosen the progenitor of the chosen race signified that he was worthy to be the Lord's confidant. The greater included the less. "Why, indeed, should the thing be hidden?" By this very act of confidence the Lord lifted Abraham, as he had intended to, from the plane of servitude to that of friendship. The servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth, but the friend does. . . As the Lord had assumed a human form, so He also accommodated himself to the fashion of human speech, and described himself as on the way

make a personal investigation of the wickedness of Sodom-to see wheththe reality of it was as great as the fame of it-and thus qualify himself to pass judicial sentence, all of which was of the nature of an thropomorphism. angel trio started on their dread mission, Abraham's generous, compassionate heart prompted him to throw himself between the Lord and the doomed cities. All unconsciously he makes himself a striking type of the great intercessor of the race ... prays for sinners. Their awful fate touched his heart to pity. He had once gone to battle for them; he goes to his knees in their be half. He is a daysman, a mediator. With consummate skill he handles their desperate case. Shall this be a wholesale slaughter? Will there not he a discrimination between the good and the tad? Might not the sparing of the bad on account of the presence of the good among them have a striking, exemplary influence? If so, what shall be the ratio between the good and the bad? Might it not be as fifty to the whole population? Or (with extreme deprecation of himself as an intercessor) forty-five? or forty? or 

temper, striving only to get the best possible terms," but was climbing the ladder of hope and faith, with each promise taking courage to ask for When he felt that he had reached the uttermost verge of di-vine forbearance then only he rested vine forbearance then only his case, and returned unto his place with mingled emotions—joy at the blessing that should soon be his; grief at the curse that should next day fall upon the cities of the plain. ANALYSIS AND KEY.

1. The Patriarch's camp at Mamre. Pastoral scene pictured. 2. Approach of visitors. Substitutes for newspapers. Modern analogy—"Circuit Rider."
2. Fascinating bit of Oriental life.

Greetings—preparation of meal. Serving and eating.

Angel character of guests. Discovery. Bearers of blessings and curse.

Abraham's intercession. 'No discrimination between good Exemplary advantage.

Ratio proposed in descending scale. Abraham: Type of Divine Interces-

THE TEACHER'S LANTERN. From various angles Abraham has been viewed in the preceding narrative; as a pilgrim; as prince of a growing tribe; in war; in worship; receiving promises; entering into an entirely new capacity—in the lovely and holy office of intercessor. Picture the disinterested quality of his intervention on the part of the Sod-That's all. You said, when you say that Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is the greatest family remedy on earth. It sees you good solng and coming. It can be to the family remedy on the family remedy on the family remediates in the family remediate

omitos; compassion for the erring was his chief motive. "Here is the first great outstanding instance of intercessory prayer in Scripture. Abratespassory prayer in Scripture. Abraham is here a type of Him who "ever lives to interceda."

The duty, privilege, value, importance, efficacy of intercessory prayer, here has a striking exemplification. We are here encouraged to pray for our fellow-creatures en masse. Much of our prayer is too circumscribed. It is selfishly personal. It abounds in personal pronouns. It may well be satirized by the prayer ascribed to the hide-bound descon: "Lord bless me and my wife, my son John and his wife; us four and no more. Amen."

Setting ourselves to study the condition and needs of others, masses, classes, individuals, and to present them in petition at the mercy seat, has its reflex advantage in broadened sympathies. Richest blessings often come to us not when we are proving for ourselves but for others. praying for ourselves but for others.

The modern fascination for city life has a remarkable analogy in the case of Lot. He must live in a city, even if it is only Zoar!

That Banquo's Ghost, the city prob-lem, will "up" in this lesson. Within the lifetime of some readers the pop-ulation of the cities of this country will equal its entire present populat-ion; and De Tocqueville affirmed that the cities are a real danger threatening the Republic.

### THIS DAY IN HISTORY.

Name day: David.

Sun rises at 6:25; sets at 5:35. 1625.—John Robinson dled; minister of the first church in Holland, to which the first settlers of New England belonged. He fled to Holland with his congrega-tion to avoid persecution, and at the time of his death was preparing to follow with the re- sition.

lent disease brought upon him the ridicule of his medical brethren, but he outlived these prejudices and realized a handsome fortune by his profession.

and breaking up of the conspiracy to assassinate Napoleon initial game with Bingham.

Bonaparte. 1805.-William Hull appointed the first Governor of Michigan. 1829.—There were only eight banks in the city of New York, and their aggregate circulation was

estimated to be only \$3,000,000. 1830 .- The first one-cent daily newspaper in the United States issued in Philadelphia, Pa. 1838 .- The patriots of Canada, about

and Cote, surrendered to Genarmy, near Alburg Springs, Vt., win's private secretary. and the frontier became tranquilized. 1845.—Texas admitted into the Union

as an independent State. 1854.—The steamship "City of Glasgow" left Liverpool for Philapassengers, and was never more

1854.—The Mexican government ofas an inducement to secure German colonists for Mexico. 1856.—The colossal bronze statue of

Beethoven, the gift of Charles C. Perkins, inaugurated at the music hall, Boston, Mass. 1864.—Order postponing drafts army to April 1 rescinded owing

bountles. 1864.—Grant confirmed as major

general, and Meade, Sherman, McPherson and Thomas brigadier generals.

865.-The \$600,000,000 loan bill passed the United States Senate. 1874.—George S. Boutwell, W. E. C. Banfield, William A. Righardson and F. A. Sawyer, of the Treasury, and Gen. B. F. Butler, John D. Sanborn and George Bliss, Jr., accused of being interested in revenue collection agency, de-scribed as the "biggest conspiracy of the age."

5.—The House adopted the so "Louisiana compromise" resolution, 894.—Bland seigniorage bill, pro-

viding for the coinage of silver. passed the House by a vote of 167 to 130. 1895.—A warship sent to Honduras to enforce the punishment of the

an American planter. 4.-Cabinet sweeps away all difficulties in way of execution of Panama canal treaty and peacepossession of isthmus. Spooner act held to convey authority for payment to waterway company and new republic.

murderers of Charles W. Renton,

Colorado, died in Monte Carlo, after short illness. 5 .- Mrs. Leland Sanford died a Honolulu under the belief that

she was poisoned. 1906.→President Roosevelt notified troops in the United States to be ready for service in China; anti-foreign threatening.

Tom Harris to Die on the Gallows. Special to The Observer.

Gaffney, S. C., Feb. 28 .- The jury in the Tom Harris case after debating less than an hour, returned a verdict of guilty of murder without recom-mendation to the mercy of the court Judge Aldrich at once sentenced him hanged on March 29th. If there is no interference with this sentence it will be the first hanging that has ever occurred in Cherokee county. When Harris was sentenced to die he said: "Brothers, Fil meet you all in heaven."

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## THE UNIVERSITY'S SCHEDULE o Basebull Games to be Played at Samestown Exposition — Athletic Relations Resumed With University

Chapel Hill, Feb. 28.—Athletic relations have been definitely resumed between the Universities of North Carolina and Virginia. Two baseball games have been arranged between the institutions this spring, one at Charlottesville and the other at Greensboro, and the regular regular Thanksgiving football game in Richmond is also practically a certainty.

This news which came with the publication of Manager Robinson's schedule has been received with much favor on the Hill. The athletic relations that have existed between the University of Virginia and the University of North Carolina for the year past have not expressed the true feeling at Carolina and the students are glad to see a friendly attitude adopted again.

Chapel Hill. March 23, Wake Forset at Wake March 25, Lafayette at Chapel

March 26, Lafayette at Chapel March, 28, Cornell at Chapel Hill. March 30, Guilford College at April 1, Davidson at Winston-Sa-

Chapel Hill. April 6, University of Georgia at Chapel Hill.

April 8, Oak Ridge at Chapel Hill.

April 10, George Washington at George Washington at

April 11, V. P. L at Chapel Hill. April 15, University of Virginia at harlottesville. April 16, Georgetown at Washing-

Chapel Hill.

Apul 17, open. April 18, open. April 20, University of Virginia at April 24, Wake Forest at Chapel

April 26, William and Mary at Chapel Hill. April 27, William and Mary at William and Mary at Chapel Hill. April 30, open.

May 1, Guilford at Chapel Hill. May 3, Lehigh at Jamestown Expo-May 4, Lehigh at Jamestown Expo-

America.

6.—Zabdiel Boylston, an American physician, died. He was the first to introduce inoculation for smallpox into New England. This mode of treatinng a virulent disease brought upon him the ridicule of his medical.

There are 25 sames in all, with at least fifteen of them to be played in Chapel Hill. This is a most satisfactory arrangement, as it will do more than anything else possibly could to arouse college spirit. Only three dates on the schedule are open, and these three will be soon filled as there are five games in prospect for the three vacancies.

The two games with Virginia and the two games with Lehigh at the Jamestown Exposition are acting as some fortune by his protection Jamestown Exposition are acting as a great incentive to the players who of the confederation of the United States, being the last State to do so.

1804.—Mr. Livingston, the American weeks off, and while the bad weather state in the bullet intended for the officer struck and killed Mari Cotton, a neseason is now only a little over—two weeks off, and while the bad weather intended for the officer struck and killed Mari Cotton, a neseason is now only a little over—two weeks off, and while the bad weather intended for the officer struck and killed Mari Cotton, a neseason is now only a little over—two weeks off, and while the bad weather intended for the officer struck and killed Mari Cotton, a neseason is now only a little over—two weeks off, and while the bad weather intended for the officer struck and killed Mari Cotton, a neseason is now only a little over—two weeks off, and while the bad weather intended for the officer struck and killed Mari Cotton, a neseason is now only a little over—two weeks off, and while the bad weather intended for the officer struck and killed Mari Cotton, a neseason is now only a little over—two weeks off, and while the bad weather intended for the officer struck and killed Mari Cotton, a neseason is now only a little over—two weeks off, and while the bad weather intended for the officer struck and killed Mari Cotton, a neseason is now only a little over—two weeks off, and while the bad weather intended for the officer struck and killed Mari Cotton, a neseason is now only a little over—two weeks off, and while the bad weather intended for the officer struck and killed Mari Cotton, a neseason is now only a little over—two weeks off, and while the bad weather intended for the bad weather intended for the officer struck and killed Mari Cotton, a neseason is now only a little over—two weeks off, and while the bad weather intended for the officer struck and killed Mari Cotton, a neseason is now only a little over—two weeks officer struck and the little over—two weeks officer struck and the little over—two weeks officer struck and the little over—two weeks offi Minister to France, gave a large is keeping the squad off of the dia-ball to celebrate the discovery mond they are none the less eager for the arrival of March 16th with the

### DUNN'S NEWS BUDGET.

Congressman-Elect Godwin Goes to Take the Oath of Office-Citizens to Vote for or Against a Dispensary March 28th.

Special to The Observer. Dunn, Feb. 28 .- Hon H. L. Godwin, congressman-elect from this district, Savings left yesterday for Washington, where 600 in number, under Nelson he will take the oath of office on March the 4th, next Monday. eral Wool, of the United States Richardson, of Bladen, is Mr. God-

The Tillman Lumber Company has

purchased a site in South Dunn, where they will soon begin the erection of a large milling plant. On March the 28th the citizens of Dunn will vote for or against a dis-

delphia, with more than, 300 pensary. Our prediction is the dispensary will not win. aJmes Taylor opening up a new dry goods fered complete religious freedom and notion business. He is one of the

not been in the mercantile line for several years. The death of Mrs. E. G. Davis, wife of Attorney E. G. Davis, last Friday, was a shock to our town. She was in Wilson for treatment, and died in the sanitorium there. Mrs. to failure of Senate to pass Davis was Miss Fairley, of Man-House bill extending volunteer chester, and had only been married since December the 6th, 1906. She was buried Saturday evening in Fay-

etteville. Mr. Beeding, from Greensboro, has purchased a barber shop here and ports showed a fine year's work and it opened a nice and up-to-date ton-

Mr. Malcolm Jones, of Burn's Level, a good farmer lost his residence yesterday by fire. Most of his furniture was saved.

Robert Frady Convicted of Manslaughter. Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Feb. 28 .- A message today from Webster, Jackson county, says that Robert Frady tried for the murder of his brother, Napoleon Frady, during the Christmas holidays, had been convicted of manslaughter. Frady killed his brother during a game of cards. The trial of the case consumed less than two days.

MEN PAST SIXTY IN DANGER. More than half mankind over sixty years of age suffer from kidney and bladder disorders, usually enlargement of prostate gland. This is both painful and dangerous, and Foley's Kidney Cure should be taken at the first sign of danshould be taken at the first sign of danger, as it corrects irregularities and has cured many old men of this disease. Mr. Rodney Burnett, Rock Port, Mo., writes: "I suffered with enlarged prostate gland and kidney trouble for years and after taking two bottles, of Foley's Kidney Cure I feel better than I have for twenty years although I am now BI years old." R. H. Jordan & Co.

## Directions What To Use

The "Vegetable Prescription" Filled Many Times—No Sufferer of Ridney or Bladder Troubles or Rhenmatism Should Leave it Untried. That the readers of this paper appreciate advice when given in good faith is plainly demonstrated by the fact that one well-known local pharmacy filled the "vegetable prescription" many times within the past two weeks. Most of these folks naturally bought the ingredients only and mixed them at home. The announcement of this simple, harmless mixture ment of this simple, harmless mixture as certainly accomplished much in reducing the great many cases of kidney complaint and rheumatism here, relieving pain and misery, especially

among the older population, who are always suffering more or less with bladder and urinary troubles, backache, and particularly rheumatism. Another well-known druggist asks adopted again.

The schedule is as follows:
March 16, Bingham (Mebane) at real good here, he continues, that it would be a crime net to do so. It cannot be repeated too often, and further states many cases of remarkable cures wrought.

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### EIGHT YEARS FOR HEDGEPETH.

Slayer of John Church Pleads Guilty of Manslaughter-Other Important Cases Tried-A New Bank Organiz-

ed—Gate City News Notes.

Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, Feb. 28.—Walter Hedgepeth yesterday afternoon entered a plea of guilty of manslaughter and this morning Judge Ward sentenced him to a term of eight years in the State penitentiary. The defendant was charged with the murder of John Church at High Point about a month ago. The grand jury returned a true

of not guilty as to Carter and found Hollis guilty. The latter was sentenced to a term of six years on the county roads. He is the man who shot at Policeman R. ,Y. Skeens and

of High Point, was tried on the charge of lurglary and found gullty of the crime in the second degree and sentenced to eight years in the peni-

tentiary.
In the case against J. R. Moorefeld, a well-known merchant, who is charged with retailing, a mistrial was DR. BAXTER S. MOORE ordered. There are two other cases

against the defendant. A number of prominent men of the city have organized a new bank to be known as the Commercial begin and expect The new company will about May 1. begin business with a capital of \$50,-The company will have its banking house in the Guilford Hotel building, where the Postal Telegraph Company's office is now located. This will make six banks for Greensboro with a total capitalization of nearly

one million dollars. The Greensboro Loan and Trust Company stockholders have voted to increase the capital stock of the company from \$100,000 to \$200,000. The greater part of the increase has already been subscribed and there is no oldest citizens of the town, but has doubt that it will be taken. The officers will remain as they are at pres-

> The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Greensboro Boller and Machine Company was held this week and the following officers elected: President, O. C. Wysong; vice president, C. D. Benbow; secretary and treasurer, R. S. Petty; superintendent, H. G. Lewis. The directors are: Z. V. Taylor, Dr. J. E. Logan, H. G. Lewis, G. H. Miles, R. S. Petty, C. D. Benbow and O. C. Wysong. The rewas decided to increase the capital stock to \$50,000.

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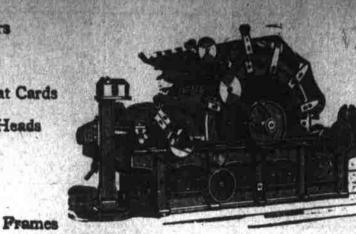
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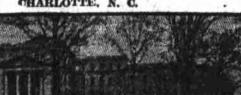
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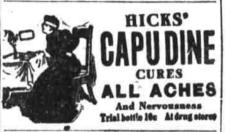
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