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tening to one of their number read the story of the death of Hussian, grandson of the Prophet, and the leader whom Shiah Moslems held in a veneration second only to that of Mehammed himself. As the read ing went on, men and women wept and wailed, and swayed to and frobesting their breasts; by greans and cries giving evidence of deep grief over the tragedy enacted more than fourteen hundred years ago. The captain told me that on every triphe he has the same experience with the pilgrims. The story of the sufferings of their leader never loses its hold upon them. That is what draws them upon this long, difficult and perious pilgrimage.

The same motive, the grip of the story of Christ upon the hearts of nature enter into their souls. There is profound significance for all stu-

story of Christ upon the hearts of men and women, is what takes tens of thousands of pilgrims to Jerusalem every year. The narrative of the life and of the death of Jesus has a pow-er unequalled in literature and his-tory. It takes hold of young and old. As the old song says,

> "I love to tell the story For those who know it best Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it, like the rest."

little boy mid to his father after church one Sunday, "Father, I was awfully interested when Mr. Brown began to talk about the crucifixion of Jesus. I could just seem to see it, and I listened to every word, and understood it, until all of a sudden he stopped telling the story, and be-

gan to preach."

The first thirty-one years of that wonderful Story are reviewed in this lesson, swiftly covering the studies of three months in the life of Christ. The recurrence of these reviews are like the generators of the trayler. The recurrence of these reviews are like the experience of the traveler who finds himsef upon a height from which he can look over the entire stretch of country which he has traversed, having seen it before only in detail. From this height he gets a sense of proportion and perspective impossible otherwise. As the Plate of Endredon is not so clear to tive impossible otherwise. As the Plain of Eledraelen is not so clear to those who travel upon it as it is to those who view it from the Southern end of Mt. Carmel, and as the Jordan Valley is less comprehensible to the record of the country. to the people in Jericho than to the man on Mt. Nebo, so these studies in the life of Christ are best understood

when we take a survey of a large section of the biography at one The Wonder Child.

Literary folk have been gleaning every possible story about Dickens this year, in order to get new angles of view for the study of the great this year, in order to get new action of view for the study of the great novelist. Every fresh viewpoint of the life of Christ is to be welcomed. A business man said the other day that he had never really understood the setting of the birth of Christ, until he read the story of a traveler's experience one Christmas night in a Syrian khan. On a watch-fob, amid half a dozen stiver coins that I got in the Holy Land, I have one Roman coin, bearing the name and Image of Casar Augustus, and I prise it above all the others, because it seems to make a little nearer and more vivid the great event that eccurred when Casar Augustus was on his throne.

said one day in prayer "I never realized the humanness of our Lord, and the mean g of the Bethlehem story, until looked upon my own first-born sion. He knew Himself, and He knew the hearts of men.
blushed at the allusion, but every parent present sympathized with the father's viewpoint. The Christian mother or father understands the Babe of Bethlehem in the light of Jesus gave His first year of ministry the help 18 18 own sympathized.

That is as God would have it; He has tried to identify himself with the commenest and deepest experiences of the race. It seems as if all the resourcefulness of Omnipotence had been exercised to enable God to crowd closer to the life of the people. The Son who came by way of The Son who came by way of an eye open for men of apostolic po-manger has not only lifted up tentialities. the manger has not only lifted up all of childhood, but He has brought

wondrously nigh Godbood to man.

The Emanciontion of Woman.

From the songs of Elizabeth and
Mary to the battle-cries of windowsmashing suffragettes in London may seem a far cry; yet despite all extravagant and freakish manifestaof a mistaken sex conscious-the truth remains that the emancipation of woman has its roots deep in the motherhood of Mary. The new status of women in Christian lands can be explained only by the Christian story.

Where the Gospel has gone, there women have been gradually freed, until today the highest expression of Christian civilization is the character

Religious World bretur and Priesd and Champion of the woman today is the white-source Knight of God who was born to Mary. The new movement of woman anhood will be kept safe and sensitive and soccessful, so long as it does not lose sight of its spiritual beginning. Under the Yoke of Life.

Parents and educators today are both muttering rebellion against our both muttering rebellion against our

The Interntiaonal Sunday School Lesson for March 31 is, a Quarterly both muttering rebellion against our present educational system.

like doing them or not. They need home discipline and the influence of brothers and sisters. Also they need time to think, and to let the soft influences of this wonderful world of nature enter into their souts. There is profound significance for all students of pedagogy in the historical fact that when God wanted to train the Perfect Man, he put him into a workingman's family, where he had to bear the yoke in his youth, and learn to labor and to live.

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The Man Ahead of His Time.

In this day of political progressiveness, when all public men are trying to prove how representative of the people's advanced thought they are, one's mind goes back to the Populist of a generation ago. Then they were derided and sneered at. Their party is dead, but their cause is won. There were of the goodly company of forerunners and preparers. Their consolation

that sounded by the poet:
"Hail to the coming singers! Hail to the brave light-bringers: Forward I reach and share All that they sing and dare.

'Ring bells in unreared steeples, The joy of unborn peoples! Sound, trumpets far-off blown, Your triumph is my own!"

Ahead of the times in which lived, came John the Preparer, biaze a path for Christ. His lot it was to lose his justre in the greater light of the One who came after. He died a pioneer's death, but he lives in deathless honor, an inspiration to multitudes, a favorite of God, one of history's great immortals. It is a man's work to make ready the minds of men for a greater than one's self who shall come after.

Down the street they are putting up new building. Fifty men are employed in the excavation, and a hun-dred men are watching them work and finding fault. It is easy to stand aside and criticise the procession. Some deluded folk think it a proof of brains to be able to find fault with is about as cheap and childish an occupation as the mind of man can undertake. To pitch in and try to remedy conditions is both costly and

hard.

The difficult course was the one adopted by Jesus. He criticised his times, it is true. He is not remembered for that, but for His reconstruction of the times. Jesus was no stand-off critic; He lined up on the side of the best thing in sight. Thus He identified Himself with John and John's mission, and insisted upon being baptized into the unity with the best friends of God in His day.

Then He went into the wilderness for the test and the temptation. Bis

Points of contact with the story of Christ are to be sought. Every baby is one such. A grissled and seemingly unsentimental Presbyter-lan elder said one day of the story of the blade. The story do battle with the world, the fight and the devil, and He wanted to test the worth of the blade. the bestinning of His ministry sion. He knew Himself, and He

largely to gathering about Him e

That point cannot be improved upon. The success of every worker is largely determined by the disciples he largely determined by the disciples he makes. A certain minister who had no notable skill as a preacher, yet somehow had a gift for inspiring young men to fit themselves for the ministry and other forms of Kingdom work, now has disciples who are doing large services for the Master.

The final test of these Mon and Religion campaigns throughout the country has been the number of dis-

country has been the number of dis-cipled men who have been left be-hind to carry on the work of the teams of experts. Occasionally one meets a notable Christian woman like Margaret Sangster, who has made disciples of great companies of young girls. The ranks of Young Men's Christian Associations are full of

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