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GOLDEN TEXT.

"Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and showeth mercy to his anointed; to David, and to all his seed forevermore."

HOME STUDIES.

M. Lessons I. and II. and Con-

text.—I. Sam. 4: 5-18; and ch. 7.

Lessons III. and IV.—I. Sam. 8: 1-10; 10: 17-27.

Lessons V. and VI.—I. Sam. 12: 6-25; 15: 10-35.

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Lessons IX. and X.—I. Sam. 18: 1-16; 20: 32-42.

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A PRACTICAL DISCOURSE.

BY C. H. SPURGEON.

"A month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home."—1 Kings v. 24.

It was right that when a temple was to be built for the Lord God of Israel, the Israelites should take their fair share in the building of it. Therefore a levy was made, and a certain number of men were chosen to work Lebanon.

I am about to draw from this text two lessons. The first is, "A month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home." Do not offer to God the sacrifice of public service smeared with the blood of your home.

Remember also our obligations to our brethren. We are to be a blessing to our fellow-men. Our life-work is to prepare living stones which may be built upon the one foundation to be a habitation of God through the Spirit.

What are the deacons doing? [J. H. Mills at the Green River Association—selected from the Minutes.] What are the deacons of your churches doing? Are they doing anything of the bread and wine; and is this all? If so, the office should be abolished.

Working for the Lord necessitates prayer, and this is a great blessing to us. If a man wholly gives himself to soul-winning, he must be much in prayer.

It remains that I now remind you that we have been leaving to our own hands the work of the Lord. We must take special care to spend our two months at home. Our own house-

holds must have special attention. The first duty of a Christian man is within his own heart, the second is within his own home. Teach children! Yes, by all means; but begin with your own. Convert sinners! Yes, but labor to win them first about your own household.

As for communion with God—oh, that we lived in it always! But we do not get time enough. We do not take time to look at our own hearts. We are like men who eat their meals in a hurry, for business calls them away.

WHEREAS, our aged and beloved pastor, Rev. Johnnie A. Gove, whose earnest and faithful labors as pastor of Mt. Moriah church for the past fifteen years has been signally blessed and honored of God in the conversion of many souls,

Resolved, That while we believe it to be our painful duty to acc. of his resignation as pastor, yet it is with the greatest sorrow and regret that we sever a relation which has been so deep, pleasant and agreeable in all respects, and in every way accompanied by such happy results.

Selected, composed, and arranged by the pastor of Mt. Moriah church, to be sung on his departure from the church and congregation, after his resignation.

When bringing your bounty and friendship so near, And when I am travelling, and lonely do roam, I'll always rejoice to think of your home.

Our Saviour to praise in the heavenly band.

LOVE TO GOD AND MAN; OR CHARITY.

R. P. MOORE, GLOBE, N. C.

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"Come Home."

By a poor woman lost her only daughter in the vicious whirlpool depths of London life.

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The following article first appeared in the New York Observer. It was afterwards sent us by its distinguished author, Dr. John Hall, for publication.

I am, dear Sir, Most truly yours, J. HALL.

Usefulness. Dear Sir—I am a regular reader of the Observer, and I see two articles in it of late, one of which hangs on the poverty of ministers.

Next Union Meeting. The next Union Meeting of the Mt. Zion Association will be held with Yates church, three miles south-west of Durham, commencing on Friday before the 5th Sunday in December.

Subjects for Discussion. 1. THE BIBLICAL RECORDER. Rev. M. D. Jeffries. 2. Temperance in any of its phases. Rev. C. C. Newton.

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spirit implies a readiness to learn, and to do duty at home.

You will pardon me for bringing this to your notice, asking your insertion of this plea, and I hope you will allow me to take leave to send to all our religious papers, in the hope that through the ideal of ministerial maintenance be not reached, some fresh movement may be made in the right direction.

Having spent over sixteen years here, and been allowed to speak on other matters, I may be pardoned for pleading this cause; and if only a hundred ministers—such as I have the opportunity to know of in connection with our own Board of Missions—should reap the benefit of the discussion, there would be ample reward. Many a more forcible voice than mine is silent on this matter, lost in the crowd, and not heard for selfish objects.

Young men, look with contempt upon the course of most men, and be strong as you know yourself. This last exhortation of David to his son, when about to ascend the Jewish throne, is well worth the attention of every young man. Do not wait for great opportunities to be sent to you. Do a little thing. Lose no time. Work with a will, and you will well. However humble your sphere in life may be, you can have influence somewhere. For it is not to high colleges, where we may look for great and good men.

To all the youth of the land I would say, there lies in your path through life many a gem that is passed in idle pleasure. It may be a word of sympathy to the sufferer, a prayer for the stranger, or only a cup of water given to the thirsty. Do not grow weary if you cannot see the fruits of your work at once. Ah, it may not be until you stand upon the borders of the dark ocean which separates humanity from immortality, that you can see them; but continue to look up, and you will soon see a divine hand reaching over the battlements of heaven to help you in; and when discouraged remember that your work is for God's people. "I will never leave nor forsake thee." I. M. W.

Introductory Sermon Friday, 11 a. m.; Missionary Sermon Sunday, 11 a. m.; Rev. J. D. Durham, Moderator. Sunday School Mass-Meeting Sunday 9 a. m.; The Pastor and Sunday School Superintendent will prepare a programme for this meeting and announce it on Saturday.

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