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Introductory Sunday School Lesson.

THIRD QUARTER.

LESSON VIII.—Aug. 23.

FROM THE BAPTIST TEACHER.

ELIJAH AT HOREB.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"And after the fire a still small voice."

INTRODUCTORY.

Evidently Elijah, with his sanguine spirit, supposed that the victory on Mount Carmel would be a permanent restoration of the worship of Jehovah. In this he was disappointed. A stronger and fiercer spirit than Ahab's was in Jezebel, the king's wife. She resumed control of the situation.

THE LESSON.

I. UNDER THE JUNIPER TREE.

1. And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and which how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. 2. Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to-morrow about this time. 3. And when he saw that he could not escape, he hid himself in a cave, and came and sat down under a juniper tree; and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life: for I am not better than my fathers.

SUGGESTED LESSONS.

1. One sinner destroys much good; and especially is this when the sinner happens to be a woman. 2. It is in times of spiritual elation and victory that we need most of all to be guarded against the tempter. 3. It is not by one big effort that the kingdom of Satan is to be destroyed, or evil men rescued from their bondage.

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life was sought as a consequence. We notice that while matters in Israel were all the while in a state of confusion, and the prophets were being slain, the Lord was still working in the hearts of the people. He was still sending forth prophets to testify to the truth.

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election of Rev. A. G. Wilcox moderator and the writer as clerk. Owing to the large amount of important business, we substituted daily prayer meetings for preaching. The following subjects were ably and profitably discussed: 1st. The best means of extending the gospel in destitute regions, by Rev. R. E. Peete, J. M. McManaway and Dr. Hufham.

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best soon. As teacher of that school, he has procured Bro. Finch, another good brother from the Tar River Association. These things are said with the sincere desire that they will do no one any harm, but that pastor and brethren, and the pastors and brethren of the State, may be encouraged to do greater things for the Master; for "The harvest truly is great, and the laborers are few."

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"Sam Jones" and His Methods.

BY J. M. FRENCHTON.

Mr. Jones closed a nine days' meeting in Murfreesboro, Tenn., July 13th, and this a proper time to say something about him and his plans of operation. He is an earnest, laborious man, preaching about three times a day. No man is more fearless. He says what he pleases, and says it with perfect impartiality. He is no respecter of persons. He shows no more regard for the rich, the learned, and the respectable, than for the poor, the ignorant, and the outcast. He makes sin in high and in low places. All the friends of morality find in him an able and a zealous champion.

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prayer, though Mr. Jones said a great deal about prayer. Now my chief objection to the course pursued is this, that persons without what is usually called "a change of heart" could do all that was required in joining "some church." They would have been ready to join the Methodists "on probation," if the General Conference had not some years ago vetoed the probation arrangement. Few things are to be more deplored than the membership of unconverted persons in the churches. This is an element of great weakness in any church, and if it does not cause the paralysis of death to supervene, it is because God mercifully intervenes to degrade Mr. Jones' methods; for I cannot help seeing that their tendency is to increase the number of unregenerate church members. Far be it from me to say that Mr. Jones reports no "genuine converts," but I sadly fear the multitudes claimed as converts in his meetings know nothing of that great change which the Saviour referred to as being "born again." But I will be thought behind the age. This may be, and yet my views may be in accord with those of the apostle also.

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who was from North Carolina and educated in our colleges, and because I thought it the greatest field in the world. In September, 1883, I entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary following the kind advice of my friends. I remained there three years, becoming a full graduate June, 1885. During the last two years of my stay at the Seminary I was pastor of country churches, following the kind advice of my friends. I was pastor of the Wake Forest church, Wake Forest, N. C., from 1884 to 1885. My reasons since 1885 have been spent in evangelistic work, and in canvassing some Associations in the interest of Foreign Missions.

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time and place was appointed: T. J. Hampton, C. S. Heavie, H. L. Brown. The constitution was amended by allowing the ministers of the gospel, theological teachers, Sabbath School teachers and officers to vote in the Convention. A query made a special order for 8 o'clock was answered and answered "Yes." The third query was answered, "The benefits are invaluable." Fourth query was answered: "Nothing but sickness." Fifth query answered: "Each Christian discharge his duty."

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