

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson XII.—Fourth Quarter, For Dec. 19, 1909.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, a Comprehensive Quarterly Review—Golden Text, II Tim. iv, 7—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

LESSON I.—Paul a prisoner—the arrest, Acts xxi, 27-39. Golden Text, II Tim. ii, 3. "Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." Paul knew that bonds and afflictions waited for him everywhere (20-23 margin), but whether he unnecessarily ran into some of them or not we cannot say. This was probably one of the three times that he was beaten with rods (II Cor. xi, 25). He accepted all as being in the will of that Just One for him and coveted only to be His faithful witness.

LESSON II.—Paul a prisoner—the plot, Acts xxiii, 11-24. Golden Text, Ps. xci, 2. "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God; in Him will I trust." Beaten and his life sought, by the mob, liable to be pulled in pieces by the frenzied Jewish council, how comforting must have been the visit of the Lord to him that night with those words: "Be of good cheer, Paul: thou hast testified of Me."

LESSON III.—Paul a prisoner—before Felix, Acts xxiv, 10-27. Golden Text, Acts xxiv, 16. "Herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense toward God and toward men." The topics of this chapter are the faith in Christ, righteousness, temperance and judgment to come, the hope of Israel, the resurrection of just and unjust and believing all things written in the law and in the prophets.

LESSON IV.—Paul a prisoner before Festus and Agrippa, Acts xxvi, 19-32. Golden Text, II Tim. i, 12. "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." For the third time the story of Paul's conversion, the resurrection of the dead and the future glory of Israel, the present forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ for all who will turn from the power of Satan unto God and the eternal inheritance.

LESSON V.—Paul a prisoner—the voyage, Acts xxvii, 13-26. Golden Text, Ps. xxxvii, 5. "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass." Paul's advice to tarry at Crete is unheeded. A two weeks' storm follows in which all expect to be lost—probably all except Paul and his party—but again the Lord comes to Paul either personally or by an angel and assures him that no life shall be lost and that he must be brought before Caesar.

LESSON VI.—Paul a prisoner—the shipwreck, Acts xxviii, 39, to xxviii, 10. Golden Text, Ps. xxviii, 22. "The Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants, and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate." Death and His master pursue Paul most relentlessly. The soldiers advise killing all the prisoners, and that being avoided and all having escaped drowning, a deadly viper threatens his life, but the Lord delivered and used him to bless many during the three months' stay in Malta.

LESSON VII.—Paul a prisoner in Rome, Acts xxviii, 11-31. Golden Text, Rom. i, 16. "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." We now see Paul dwelling two whole years in his own hired house as a prisoner and continually preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ out of the law and the prophets and from morning till evening.

LESSON VIII.—Paul's story of his life, II Cor. xi, 21, to xii, 10. Golden Text, II Cor. xii, 9. "He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." It seems a strange portion to be entitled "Paul's life story," but it does tell a marvelous experience of "a man in Christ," who suffered all but death, or, as he says, "deaths oft," and finally a martyr's death, for Christ's sake. The appearances of Christ to him on the way to Damascus and afterward were most exalting, and this one above the rest.

LESSON IX.—Paul on self denial, Rom. xiv, 10-21. Golden Text, Rom. xiv, 21. "It is good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine nor anything whereby the brother stumbleth." The believer, being a citizen of a kingdom of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost and being filled with all joy and peace in believing, is supposed to live far above the mere eating and drinking for which so many live and be ready to deny himself any selfish gratification which might offend another.

LESSON X.—Paul on the grace of giving, II Cor. viii, 1-15. Golden Text, Acts xx, 35. "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." Again the lesson is one of being so conquered by Him who gave Himself for us that we cannot help giving ourselves wholly to Him for the benefit of others, even at the cost of becoming poorer by doing so, if only we can commend Him to others.

LESSON XI.—Paul's last words, II Tim. iv, 1-18. Golden Text, Phil. i, 21. "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." What shall we say of giving when we see Paul at the close of a life of untold suffering saying, Now I am ready to give myself a sacrifice, a martyr, for Him whose I am and whom I serve? He could look back over a life of self denying service since that great Damascus day, and he could look forward to a kingdom of eternal glory in the ages to come.

GENERAL NEWS.

In New York City the Ice Trust "froze out" all competition.

The talk in New York just now is of Alton B. Parker as the next Democratic candidate for Governor.

A seat on the New York stock exchange has recently been sold for \$96,000, the highest figure ever reached.

Thirty young men are in their graves and two hundred and sixteen are maimed for life as a result of the football season of 1909.

The announcement that a Yale alumnus, whose name is withheld, has offered a prize of \$100,000 for an adequate remedy for tuberculosis will undoubtedly arouse increased interest in the quest for a cure for the greatest scourge of the age.

Every person in the United States should have a stake of \$34.98 if the money in circulation on December 1 were evenly divided. This is based on the treasury's estimate that the population of the United States is 89,524,000 at this time.

Shoes jobbers of New York and other centres have already commenced to make arrangements for 1910 fall samples, and it is evident from announcements made yesterday, that next year's footwear will be lacking in many of the frills and furbelows that mark this year's product. Jobbers declare that owing to the increased cost of production, present prices can be maintained only by reducing the ornament on staple lines and putting the time and material into a neat but plain article.

Words of Truth and Soberness.

Theodore Roosevelt.

I warn my countrymen that the great recent progress made in city life is not a full measure of our civilization; for our civilization rests at bottom on the wholesomeness, the attractiveness and the completeness, as well as prosperity, of life in the country. The men and women on the farms stand for what is fundamentally best and most needed in our American life. Upon the development of country life rests ultimately our ability, by methods of farming requiring the highest intelligence, to continue to feed and clothe the hungry nations; to supply the city with fresh blood, clean bodies, and clear brains that can endure the terrific strain of modern life, we need the development of men in the open country, who will be in the future, as in the past, the stay and strength of the nation in time of war, and its guiding, controlling spirit in time of peace.

The Stomach Cannot Rest.

It is a mistake to suppose the stomach can rest and thus recuperate and by this means dyspepsia is cured. The digestive process begins in the mouth and does not end until the food has reached the intestine. The salivary glands in the mouth, the stomach, lower stomach, liver, spleen, etc. take part in the digestive process. This process is going on continuously. Think of resting the heart or the lungs or a few minutes, or any other organ. Pepsin, pancreatin, etc. do not rest; the stomach, they digest the residue of food a weak digestive system cannot digest and thus relieve the body of irritating acids or gas. Rydale's Stomach Tablets contain just enough Pepsin, and Pancreatin to do this. They also contain many vegetable tonics and stimulants for the digestive tract. Rydale's Stomach Tablets cure dyspepsia the only way it can be cured. Ask us about them. People's Drug Store.

Dr. Frederick Cook's polar data was turned over Wednesday to the officials of the University of Copenhagen. It was taken from the steamer to the university under the guard of two detectives and will be given the examining committee as soon as the committee is known.

Stung for 15 Years.

Indigestion's pangs—trying many doctors and \$200.07 worth of medicine in vain, B. F. Ayscue, of Ingleside, N. O., at last used Dr. King's New Life Pills, and writes they wholly cured him. They cure Constipation, Biliousness, Sick headache, Stomach, Liver, Kidney and Bowel troubles. 25c at all druggists.

The Washington Star in an editorial concerning a successor to Senator Culberson as minority leader, mentions the name of Mr. Simmons, of North Carolina.

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The above is the name of a German chemical, which is one of the many valuable ingredients of Foley's Kidney Remedy. Hexamethylenetetramine is recognized by medical text books and authorities as a uric acid solvent and antiseptic for the urine. Take Foley's Kidney Remedy as soon as you notice any irregularities and avoid a serious malady. Gibson Drug Co.

A good counterfeit of the silver dollar of the coinage of 1890 is being passed around in Statesville.

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An Exception to a Good Rule. Speaking of soft answers, "Oh, slush!" would hardly be effective to turn away wrath.—Albany Journal.

Kansas, the Alfalfa State.

Kansas City Star.

The most profitable crop produced in the West is alfalfa. Kansas has almost a million acres of this valuable feeding crop, a greater area of it than all the other states together. There was an increase this year of 13 per cent, and an increase in two years of 33 per cent. In the Kansas alfalfa area. These figures denote progress of a substantial sort in the intelligent selection of crops in Kansas.

Alfalfa is recognized as indispensable for the most profitable production of cattle and swine. Those live stock producers who own alfalfa fields get larger net returns from the sale of cattle and hogs than farmers who depend entirely on other feeding crops.

The average product of Kansas alfalfa fields was worth \$14.44 an acre this year, compared with \$11.80 for wheat and \$10.77 for corn. The best alfalfa fields in Kansas often yield more in a single year than the value of the land.

Kansas should have as much land in alfalfa as in wheat or corn, and probably will be before many years. Continuing growth of wealth is assured for every farmer who produces it.

A Prescription For Lung Trouble.

One of Asheville, N. C. most successful Physicians invented Rydale's Cough Elixir and used it in the treatment of chronic throat and lung disease with remarkable success. This wonderful remedy will relieve the most stubborn cough in a short while and soon stop it altogether. The prescription can be relied on in all throat and lung affections. It is the best treatment for chronic lung trouble ever discovered and no one so afflicted should fail to use it. Trial Size 25c. Large Size 50c. People's Drug Store.

Best Ear of Corn in World.

Fred C. Palin, of Newton, Ind., has the best single ear of corn the world ever produced, and another Indian, J. R. Verstreet, of Franklin has the best 10 ears of corn ever raised, according to the judges at the National Corn Exposition, who Monday at Omaha, Neb., awarded the \$50,000 offered in prizes by the show.

G. L. Kerlin, of Franklin, Ind. won the prize offered for the best bushel of corn. It is the third successive year that the first prize for 10 ears of corn has gone to Indiana.

As One Grows Old.

The bowels become less active and a gentle stimulant is necessary occasionally to insure regularity, which is essential if good health is maintained. Rydale's Liver Tablets are the best for old people who suffer from constipation. They gently stimulate and tone the Liver, Intestines and Bowels and establish a healthy, regular habit. We guarantee Rydale's Liver Tablets to care the most stubborn case of chronic constipation. People's Drug Store.

Her Way of Explaining It.

Indianapolis News. John Barker, the town marshal of Harrisonville, Kans., avers that he heard the following conversation between two little girls who are not yet old enough to go to school: "What makes a horse act naughty when he sees an auto?" one asked. "It's this way," replied the other. "Horses is used to seein' other horses pullin' rigs, and they don't know what to think of 'em going along without a horse. I guess if you was to see a pair of pants walking down the street without a man in 'em you'd be scared, too."

Looking One's Best.

It's a woman's delight to look her best but pimples, skin eruptions, sores and boils rob life of joy. Listen! Backlen's Arnica Salve cures them; makes the skin soft and velvety. It glorifies the face. Cures Pimples, Sore Eyes, Cold Sores, Cracked Lips, Chapped Hands. Try it. Infallible for Piles. 25c at all druggists.

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COMMISSIONERS' STATEMENT.

Annual Statement of amount audited by Board of Commissioners of Cabarrus County as compensation to the members of said Board, mileage, miles traveled, etc., for the year beginning the first Monday in December, 1908.

J. P. Morrison, 19 days as Commissioner at \$2 per day	\$38.00
Two days as committeeman at \$2 per day	4.00
440 miles traveled at 5 cents per mile	22.00
Total	\$66.00
J. F. Goodman, 19 days attendance upon meeting of Board of Commissioners at \$2 per day	\$38.00
Four days as committeeman at \$2 per day	8.00
One day as member of Board of Health at \$2 per day	2.00
440 miles traveled at 5 cents per mile	22.00
Total	\$66.00
W. A. Kindley, 19 days as Commissioner at \$2 per day	\$38.00
Two days as committeeman at \$2 per day	4.00
One day as member of Board of Health at \$2 per day	2.00
392 miles traveled at 5 cents per mile	19.60
Total	\$63.60
Geo. S. Klutz, 19 days as Commissioner at \$2 per day	\$38.00
Two days as committeeman at \$2 per day	4.00
One day as member of Board of Health at \$2 per day	2.00
396 miles at 5 cents per mile	19.80
Total	\$63.80
G. Ed. Kester, 17 days as Commissioner at \$2 per day	\$34.00
Four days as committeeman at \$2 per day	8.00
One day as member of Board of Health at \$2 per day	2.00
Total	\$44.00

All accounts were verified before they were audited. I hereby certify that the foregoing statement is correct according to the records. J. P. HARRIS, Clerk to Board Commissioners Cabarrus Co. Dec. 9.

No Religion, No Home.

Modern religion is decaying in the United States and if some substitute to replace it is not found, our institutions will crumble, says Dr. C. A. Ellwood professor of sociology at the University of Missouri in a speech to the school teachers of Missouri, who were attending the summer session at the university. His subject was "The Relation of Religion to the Family and Social Life of To-day," and he attempted to show that a strong religious feeling is absolutely necessary to the permanent family. "The idea that social life can get along without religion is fallacious. I challenge anyone to show me a single instance where a civilization of the past has survived without religion. All peoples of the past who developed a stable civilization had a strong religion. The decadence of religion in ancient Greece and Rome was immediately followed by the decadence of their family and civilization.

"The marriage bond must have a religious significance, for without it, it cannot be permanent," said Doctor Ellwood. "The marriage bond will never be permanent if it is considered merely as a civil contract, and capable of being dissolved at will for any reason."

Why Kidney Disease is Dangerous.

Kidney disease is dangerous because it comes on unawares and progresses to a fatal stage before the sufferer realizes what the trouble is. If you begin to run down, feel badly, have indigestion, inactive Liver, etc., you have reason to suspect that your Kidneys are affected and a special Kidney treatment should be taken at once. Delays are dangerous. Rydale's Kidney Remedy will cure Bright's Disease if taken before too much of the Kidneys are destroyed. The Remedy can do no harm if your kidneys are not the cause of your ill-health. It is the safest remedy if they are the cause. Put up in pill form in 25c. and 50c. sizes. People's Drug Store.

Voice of Experience.

A young girl recently went to her aunt on a momentous occasion. She explained that a gentleman was coming to see her.

"I am sure he likes me," she added, "and—and I think he means to propose. I don't like to ask mother how I should act under the circumstances, but—" "Do you like him?" interrupted aunt sternly. "Very much," answered her niece. "Enough to marry him?" The girl blushed and replied in the affirmative.

"Then," said aunt, with an air of authority, "don't let there be any shilly shallying. When he pops don't turn red and look down to the carpet. Just throw your arms around his neck, look him full in the eye and begin talking about the furniture."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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No. 1. Harrington, rosewood case, self-player	\$390
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" 3. Ivers & Pond, mahogany case	250
" 4. Mathushek, ebony case	250
" 5. Emerson, walnut case	200
" 6. Braumuller, oak case	150
" 7. Kingsbury, mahogany case	175
" 8. Arion, ebony case	125
" 9. Gilbert case	150
" 10. Swick, ebony case	125
" 11. Windsor, walnut case	125
" 12. Crown, walnut case	125
" 13. Stelnway square	150
" 14. Newman Bros. square	75
" 15. Empire, square	75
" 16. Hirsch, square	75
" 17. Grovesteen square	60
" 18. Stieff square	60
" 19. Knabe square	50
" 20. Pirsson square	50

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Embarrassing. Good anecdotes of Saphir, the great German humorist and editor, are told in Berlin. A young couple, newly engaged, were favored with a letter of introduction to Saphir, which they duly presented. Now, the gentleman was notorious for his effeminate habits and ways, and his appearance at once struck the eye of the observant journalist, who had heard about him. He received the pair with empressment, insisted upon their being seated in his most comfortable easy chairs, assured them how pleased he was to hear of their engagement and wound up with, "Now, pray, you must, you really must, tell me which of you is to be the bride."

The Foot of a Horse. The foot of a horse is one of the most ingenious and unexampled pieces of mechanism in animal structure. The hoof contains a series of vertical and thin laminae of horn, amounting to about 500 and forming a complete lining to it. In this are fitted as many laminae belonging to the hoof wall, while both sets are elastic and adherent. The edge of a quire of paper is inserted leaf by leaf into another, to convey a sufficient idea of the arrangement. Thus the weight of the animal is supported by as many elastic springs as there are laminae in all, amounting to about 1,000, and the spring is acted on in an oblique direction.

S.S.S. CURES OLD SORES

Every old sore is an infected spot on the flesh, kept open by constant drainage of impure blood into the place. One of the principal constituents of blood is plasma, a healing property. Where the circulation is pure this element of the blood, which is of a glutinous or sticky nature, performs the necessary work in healing all sores, wounds and lacerations. It does this by sticking or joining the parts together, while nature causes a knitting of the tissues and solidifies the place. This healing property is frequently destroyed by impure accumulations in the blood, and this vital fluid not only loses its power to heal, but becomes a source of irritation and disease to any open sore or ulcer on the body. Constantly it discharges its morbid matters into the place, and gradually it causes the infection to spread, and the sore enlarges. The morbid matter in the blood comes from different causes. A long spell of debilitating sickness, which breeds disease germs in the system, the retention of the refuse matters of the



CURED OF EATING SORE. Dear Sirs:—I was suffering greatly from a sore on my left breast, which had begun to eat, and at times deep, shooting pains would pass through it, and the ulcer was discharging yellow and rather offensive matter. I consulted physicians, but their treatment did not benefit me very much. My condition seemed hopeless, and I had almost despaired of getting well. I knew that the disease was hereditary in my case, as an only sister, my mother and two of her sisters had died of Cancer of the breast. After I had finished the first bottle of S. S. S. I felt some better, so continued it until I was cured. MRS. JAMES CASSELL, Belton, Mo.

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