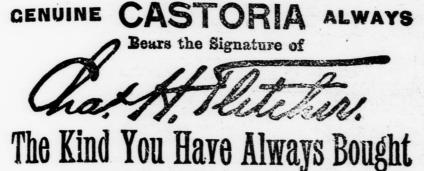


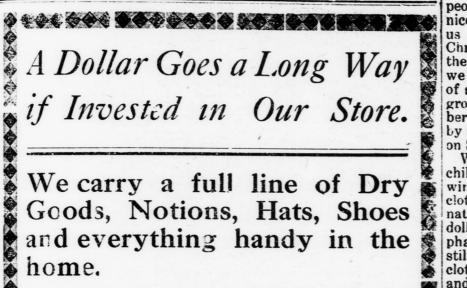
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nations ranging from one to five cis. at C. M. Shuford's, Moser and them several hundred years before, or



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> Text of the Lesson, Luke i, 57-80. Memory Verses, 76, 77-Golden Text. Luke i, 68-Commentary Prepared by

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Rev. D. M. Stearns. Will some one tell why the visit of A: Brown. O. L. Reinhardt, Gabriel to Mary, with the most wonderful announcement ever made to any mortal, is wholly omitted, and the talk with us by the way and open to us the Scriptures. May each one notice and firmly believe the assurance of the supernatural birth and Mary's acceptance of it, perhaps little dreaming the cost to herself of such an honor (verses 35, 38). Then notice the plain and simple prediction concerning the throne of David and the com-H. ing kingdom (verses 30-33). See Elizabeth and Zacharias filled with the Ful-Holy Spirit and note all their words verses 41, 67). Observe carefully the M. L R. V. of verse 37, "No word from God shall be void of power." I have in my mind associated with this Isa. lv, 11. "It shall not return unto me Aaron void, but it shall accomplish that which I please." When Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, said, "Blessed is she that believed, for there shall be a per-F formance of those things which were told her from the Lord" (verse 45), then Mary burst forth with, "My soul J. T. doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour," closing with, "As He spake to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.' Many of Mary's utterances remind us of Hannah's prayer or song in I Sam. ii, 1-10, closing with, "He shall give strength unto His King and exalt the born of His anointed." This is the first reference to Christ as the Messiah or anointed one. Compare John i, 41. full time and the eighth day, or time for cifcumcision, having come, there

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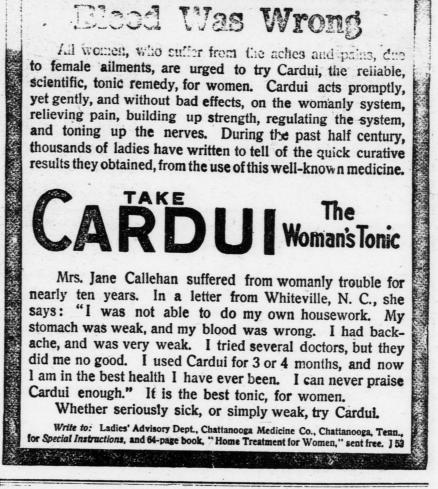
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was a little perplexity about a name for the boy, as some would have him mother said, "He shall be called John.' They made signs to his father, who, to the surprise of all, wrote, "His name is John" (verses 57-63). See verse 13 and find the other six who were called by

at least one. Notice the release of Zacharias from bis affliction which came upon him because of unbelief. Faith in Jesus personal Saviour, not only delivers from the wrath to come, but delivers





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