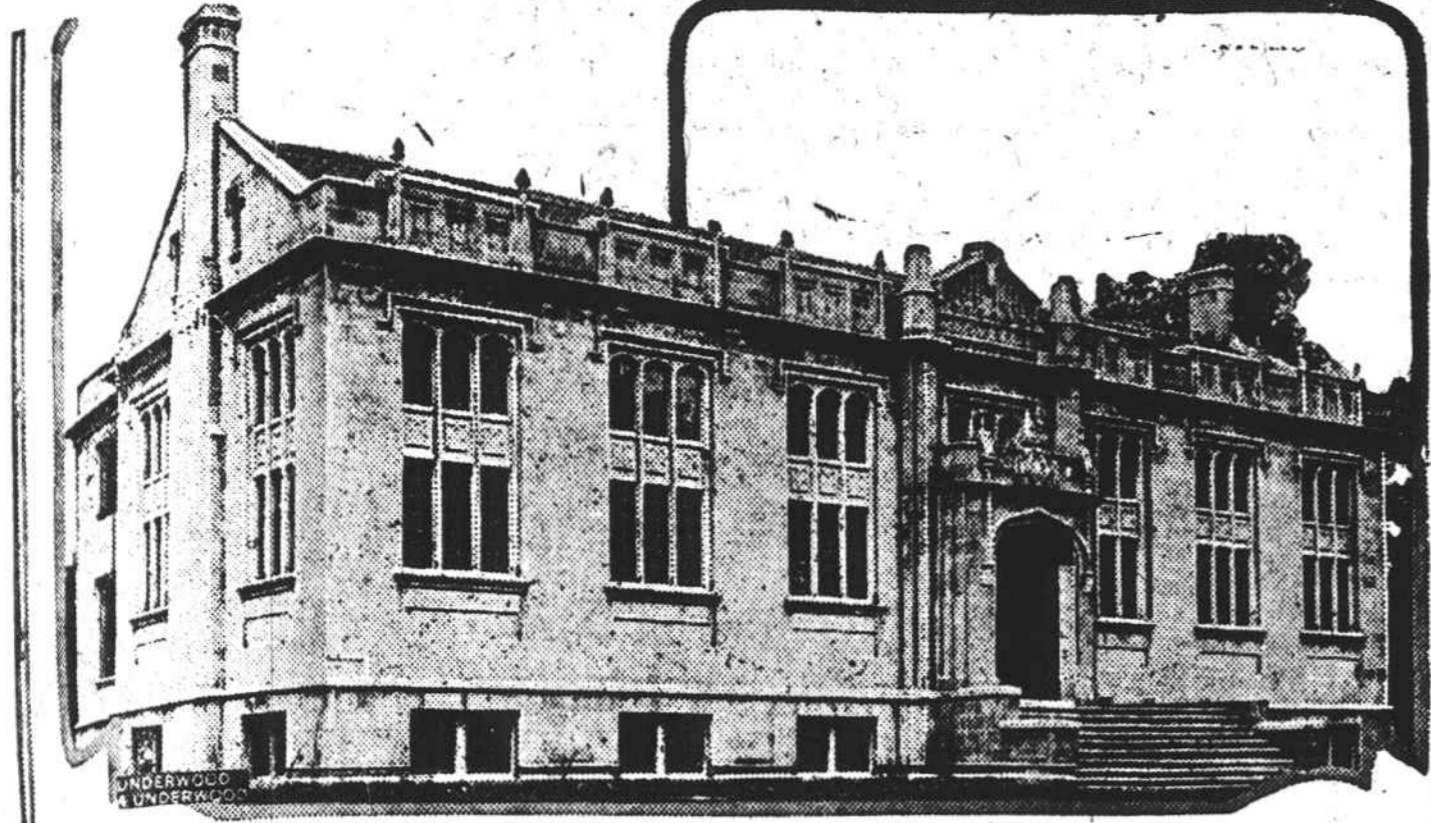


Fine Library of Illinois Wesleyan Is Dedicated



This is the Martha Buck Memorial, left to Illinois Wesleyan university of Bloomington in the will of a Decatur widow, which was dedicated recently. This building of marble is said to be the finest college library in the West. The architecture is of the Tudor-Gothic type and the structure is absolutely fireproof, the only wood utilized being in the tables and shelving.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL
Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR JULY 1

JOHN, THE BAPTIST

(May be used with temperance applications.)
GOLDEN TEXT—Luke 3:3-8; 7:24-28.
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REFERENCE MATERIAL—Matt. 3:1-17; 11:2-15; Mal. 3:1-6.
PRIMARY TOPIC—The Baby, John.
JUNIOR TOPIC—The Man Who Prepared the Way for Jesus.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Herald of the Christ.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Character and Work of John, the Baptist.

John was a great man. In announcing his birth the angel said, "He shall be great in the sight of the Lord." He was not only great in the Lord's sight, but was great when measured by the standards of men. In the teaching of this lesson a survey should be made of John's life and work.

I. Birth and Ministry Foretold (Matt. 3:3; cf. Isa. 40:3).

He was thought about and his work planned long before he was born. He came as God's messenger. His life was a plan of God. He was said to be a man sent from God (John 1:6). There is a sense in which every life is planned—everyone is sent from God. Everyone should remember that God has something to do with his life.

II. His Character.

1. Humble (Luke 3:4). He did not seek human praise and commendation. His supreme concern was to proclaim the Christ. He did not make himself prominent—was only a voice calling upon people to prepare for the Messiah. His person and habits were a protest against the luxury and hypocritical formality of his time.

2. Courageous (Luke 3:7). He faced a great multitude and struck hard at their sins. He did not trim his message to suit the crowd. He even denounced the religious leaders of his time and demanded of them fruits worthy of repentance.

III. His Preaching (Luke 3:3-8).

1. Demanded Repentance (vv. 3-8). Suddenly emerging from his seclusion, he came into the region of the Jordan as a messenger of God, calling upon the people to repent in preparation for the coming of the Messiah.
2. Demanded Proofs of Penitence (vv. 7, 8). He insisted that their false religions be abandoned—their sinful hearts renovated—showed them that the vile passions of their souls must be uprooted. A change of mind, that is, the turning of the soul from sin to God, was necessary. This is a preparation which must be made before one can see and experience the salvation of God.

IV. Jesus' Testimony to John (Luke 7:24-28).

Because John did not see the interval between the "sufferings of Christ" and the "glory that should follow" he was perplexed. Therefore he sent a deputation to Jesus for light. The prophets did not see, or at least did not make clear, the interval between the crucifixion of Christ and His second coming. The two events were so presented as to appear to be in close succession. John in his preaching has stressed the mighty judgments which should take place at the appearance of the Messiah. The turn things were taking (he himself being imprisoned with the gloomy prospect of death), was in great contrast to the coming of the Messiah in fiery judgment—"the ax is laid unto the root of the trees" and "the chaff is burned up with unquenchable fire" (Matt. 3:10, 12). The trend of events puzzled him. It was not lack of faith, but confusion of mind that prompted his inquiry. Christ's testimony defended him against any such accusation. Christ vindicated him against a vacillating mind because of the storms of persecution. He was not like a reed shaken by the wind (v. 24). He had lived a life of self-denial, therefore he did not deny his faith in Christ because of the dungeon (v. 25). Jesus declared that no greater prophet had arisen. That which perplexed John was the delay in judgment—the day of God's patience while gathering out the Church. This was a truth not disclosed to the prophets—that which Paul made known—because a special revelation had been granted (Eph. 3:3).

V. The Martyrdom of John (Mark 6:14-29).

While John was in prison Herod had frequent interviews with him. John boldly told him that it was unlawful for him to have his brother's wife. He did not mince matters even with the king. This so enraged the licentious Herodias that she caused his death. He sealed his testimony with his blood.

Seeking the Name of God.
The Turks carefully collect every scrap of paper that comes in their way, because the name of God may be written thereon.—Richter.

Men of Genius.
Men of genius are often dull and inert in society; as the blazing meteor, when it descends to earth, is only a stone.—Longfellow.

Prosperity and Adversity.
He that swells in prosperity will be sure to shrink in adversity.—Colton.

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Even for Small Boy.
Little Neal was sitting at the breakfast table when his mother asked him how many pancakes he had eaten.
"Three," he answered.
"If you ate three more, how many would that make?" questioned his mother, as the little fellow is learning arithmetic.
"Well," replied Neal slowly, "I guess it would make a tummy-full."

If You Need a Medicine You Should Have the Best
Have you ever stopped to reason why it is that so many products that are extensively advertised, all at once drop out of sight and are soon forgotten? The reason is plain—the article did not fulfill the promises of the manufacturer. This applies more particularly to a medicine. A medicinal preparation that has real curative value almost sells itself, as like an endless chain system the remedy is recommended by those who have benefited to those who are in need of it. A prominent druggist says, "Take for example Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, a preparation I have sold for many years and never hesitate to recommend, for in almost every case it shows excellent results, as many of my customers testify. No other kidney remedy has so large a sale."

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Righto.
"I wish," said Jinks, "I wish I could get a good look at all the fools in the world, just for once!"
"Yes?" said Blinks. "Well, old topper, all the fools in the world that would interest you, you can see. Just glance in the first mirror."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

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"My daughter, Viola, would hurry home to meals and hurry eating until she began having indigestion. She got so thin and weak until I was afraid she was going to get down in bed. She was away from work half her time. Her skin was yellow and we were uneasy about her. We decided she should try Black-Draught, too. She took it for a few weeks, regularly, and it acted on the liver, her skin cleared up, she began to eat, she gained until she looks just fine and her skin is clear and she weighs more than she ever has." Sold everywhere; 25 cents.

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WINS FAME IN VIENNA



A girl never heard of in America, Emma Redell, whose home is in Washington, D. C., is causing a sensation on account of her beautiful voice. An American visiting in Vienna first learned of her when he was attracted by a crowd of people under a window, charmed by a beautiful voice ringing out from above. Looking up her instructor, one of the greatest voice teachers in America, the American learned that she is considered a wonderful singer and that she is going to be the sensation of Vienna and Europe.

Kyne's Sea Hero Has First Accident



A dead whale or a half sunken derelict ship caused Capt. Matt Peasley of Los Angeles, known throughout the world as the hero of Peter B. Kyne's sea stories, his first accident in 37 years of sailing the high seas. His vessel, the Vigilant, struck an object off the Ventura coast just recently and the ship slid up on the edge, rolled almost over on her beam's end, and then slumped back into the water and off the object, causing a large leak to spring. A wireless call for help was made, which was answered by the steamer Cascade. The picture shows water being pumped out of the vessel and, above, a picture of Captain Peasley.

MINE RESCUE EXHIBIT



Miss Esther V. Belser of the bureau of mines in Washington showing the very latest in mine rescue work at the exhibition given by the Department of the Interior.

STARS SAY GOODBY



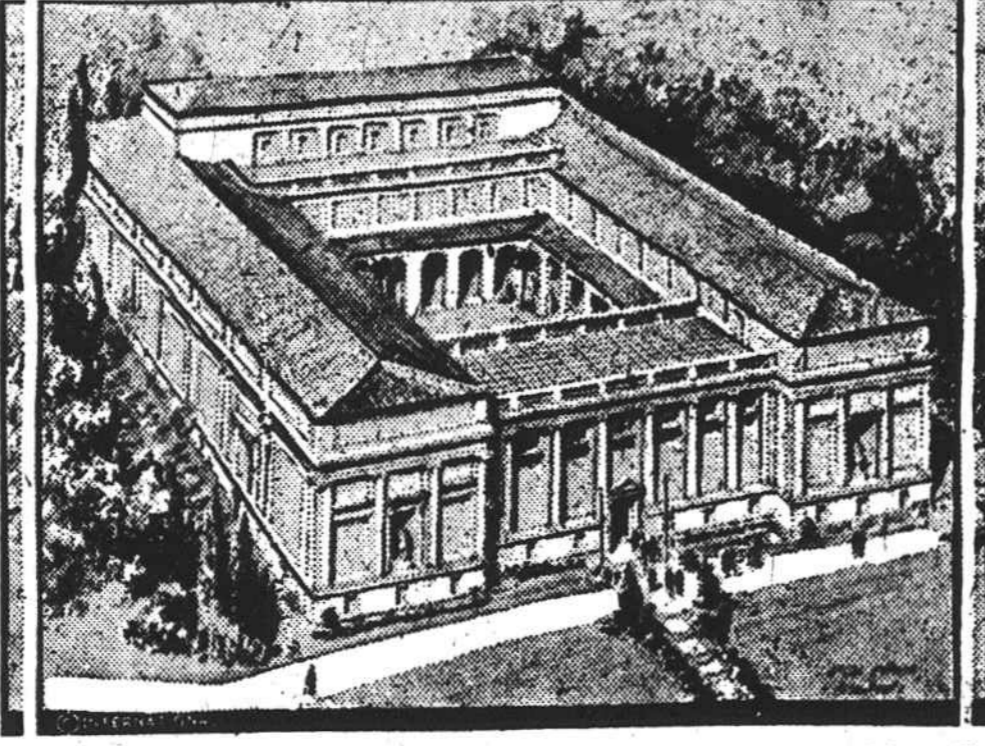
Ethel Barrymore kissing Brother Lionel good-bye as he sailed for Europe.

In Ancient Temple of Amnon



Bluejackets from the United States Destroyer Fox view the wonders of ancient Egypt. Photograph shows two of the sailor men in Hypostyle hall in the temple of Amnon at Karnak.

Sketch of Oakland's New Museum



Sketch of the new Oakland museum, soon to rise on the shores of beautiful Lake Merritt, one entire wing of which will be devoted to the famous H. A. Snow exhibit of the game animals of Africa.