# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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Text of the Lesson, Mark x, 46-52. Memory Verses, 50-52-Golden Text. Mark I, 51-Commentary Preparid by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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46. "And they came to Jericho." Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem to accomplish that decease of which Moses and Elijah talked on the Mount of Transfiguration and of which He Himself had so often spoken; the death prefigured in all the sacrifices since the Lord God first clothed Adam and Eve with the coats of skins; the atonement which provides the only salvation for sinners, sufficient for the sins of the whole world, efficient for all who receive it.

The incident of our lesson occurred as He went out of Jericho. The healing of the blind man recorded in Luke xviii, 35-43, took place as He entered Jericho. In Math. xx, 29-34, we have the same incident as that recorded by Mark, for Matthew says it was "as they departed from

Jericho;" only Matthew speaks of two blind men, while Mark mentions but one. Taking all the records, we learn that in connection with this visit to Jericho He healed three blind men-one as He entered the city and two as He left it-and one of the two was Bartimæus, a poor blind beggar, picture of utter helplessness, having nothing and unable to do anything but beg. He loves to open blind eyes. If any who have heard the gospel are not saved, it is because satan hath

blinded their eyes (II Cor. iv, 4); some saved people are blind also to many precious truths which they should know. 47. "Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me!" Thus this blind man cried when he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. He had probably often heard of Him and of His mighty works and had longed for the healing which he heard of others receiving. Can nestness as, hearing that deliverance was within his reach, he lustily cried to the Great Deliverer. How much he knew of such prophecies as Isa. xxxv, 5, 6; Ps. lxxii, 12, we cannot tell, or

meant "Saviour" and was His name as Son of Mary, the humiliated One, and that "Son of David" was His title as

## GENEBAL NEWS.

The length of the average public school term in the South is about onehalf of what it is in the north and west.

The Europeon powers have assured to impose upon China conditions with mittee. which she cannot comply.

Hon. William J. Bryan, while in member of Company G, Twenty-eighth Chicago, said he would soon be heard Infantry, was drowned in the Philipfrom on the proposition to reorganize pines on the 6th inst. the Democratic party.

received a letter alleging the existence the Slater Industrial School. Mr. R. of a plot to assassinate President Mc- J. Reynolds has contributed \$5,000 Kinley. The writer of the letter gave toward it. in his communication the name of the alleged chief conspirator, which the police refuse to make public at this time.

President Kruger landed in Marseilles, France, on the 22nd, amid immonstrations by the French people.

He made a speech and thanked the people for their interest in the Boer cause, and their reception of himself and declared that his people will not a full charge of shot in the brain of surrender or compromise.

United States Senator Cushman Kellogg Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations of the Senate, died at his home in St. Paul, Minn., on the 27th, after an illness of two months. He had suffered greatly during his sickness and gradually sank away, being unconscious for several hours before death and so far as known, as the committee Heriot Clarkson, suffering no pain.

The report recently circulated that the Pennsylvania railroad interests were about to absorb the Southern railway system has caused much talk and comment among local railroad men. It is the general opinion that the story is only a wild rumor from Wall street and has no foundation. The Southern railway system during the last year has we imagine his excitement and his ear- had a great era of prosperity and is now in a strong condition financially, brought about possibly by the reorganization or manipulation of J. Pierpont Morgan, the great financier of both the Pennsylvania and Southern systems. whether he knew that the name "Jesus"

The Southern Railway is distributing among shippers the new freight tariff, which has gone into effect. The book

Charlotte is to have a new \$200,000 cotton mill.

STATE NEWS.

The Henderson Herald suggests Hon. F. M. Simmons for chairman of the a memoral to the General Assembly in the United States that they not desire National Democratic Executive Com- behalf of enlarged accommodations at

Guy F. Wooten, a Winston boy,

A negro hospital is to be established The police of Hoboken, N. J., have in Winston-Salem in connection with

The Legislature which meets in January will be composed as follows: Senate: 39 Democrats, 8 Republicans and 3 Populists; House: 101 Democrats, 17 Republicans and 2 Populists. It will said and done there is not room for mense enthusiasm and boisterous de- mark the passing of Populism in North these hundreds, these unfortunate chil-Carolina.

> White hunting near Reidsville, Saturday, Will Rankin, 18 years old, in shooting at a covey of patridges, lodged Wright Smathers, Jr. son of a promi- tax-payers or their people are, and it is nent Bockingham county farmer, killing him almost instantly.

The Democratic State Committee, at a meeting September 5, adopted a resolution creating a committee to draft a bill to be submitted to the Legislature for a legalized primary for white voters. Chairman Simmons this week appointed Thomas J. Jarvis, Thomas W. Mason, Cyrus B. Watson and James S. Manning.

It turns out that the man who has set the cotton mill employes in Alamance county at enmity with the mill as follows: owners, their lifelong friends, is a Massachusetts man, J. F. Thomas, who was building a bridge at Haw river for the Southern railway. Thomas and three of his men beat a non-union cotton mill employe. He and one man were arrested. The other two fled. Now Thomas and the man arrested with him have fled the State, leaving their bondsmen in the lurch.

Bryan Writes Now for Pay Only. William Jennings Bryan says that he ment. The contention is that many The allies make a great mistake if they has ceased giving interviews to news- diseases originate from dislocation of think that China will tamely or ulticampaign and he intends to continue discovery of osteopathy was by a reguit till some matter of great and imme- lar allopathic physician who was prodiate portent to the nation or to the nounced to be suffering from chronic Raleigh Times. policy of its present managers renders heart disease and incurable. One day his opinion necessary or advisable. while in his parlor he felt a twinge When seen Sunday Mr. Bryan was around his heart and thought if he jolly and talkative till approached on could only roll some solid substance unsome question of public interest, when der his left shoulder blade it would rehe immediately became silent. editor," said Mr. Bryan. "He writes self on his back, he rolled it as he dewhat he thinks but he will not write it sired. Something seemed to snap in without the money. I am not writing his anatomy and, upon rising, found for the money, but I will not write with- his disease cured. This led him to inout it. If I were to discuss subjects of vestigate and finall to the osteopathic importance I should wish to do so only practice." after consideration and study and I should wish to prepare careful statement at my leisure. If I should be willing to give interviews on all these questions | Ministers of the Powers are finding it the newspapers would keep me busy difficult to arrive at a plan of rehabilipractically all the time and I should tation of relations with China. The find when I came to write for myself question of degree of punishment for that I had printed much of it before." the leaders of the rebellion, and the for declining to discuss in the newspapers | tainty that China will have to borrow such subjects as he reduction of federal money. And of course that will give representation in certain of the southern influence to the nation that lends it to states proposed by the Republicans was her. Again, Russis has already gained that he never believed in discussing a territory in the North and this arouses thing until it was existent or imminent | the jealousy of Germany and England. and that no action had been taken in Nothing is so much to be dreaded as a that matter as yet. "It is a nuisance," he said, "to be continually discussing general "grab" for parts of the troublmatters which never come to pass."

## The Voice of Humanity. Tharlotte Observer.

It is gratifying to note that the West-Ho Yow, in Leslie's Weekly. ern North Carolina Conference, in see-

Of course any man will fight against sion at Greensboro, adopted, Saturday the invasion of his own country, but was plowing in a large field near his the State Hospital at Morganton. The The number of insane persons in the district of this Hospital, who need its

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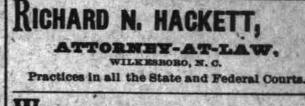
care and treatment but for whom actroops, and all the rest are irregular has such a thing occurred. Newton commodations cannot be found, is fighters. But even these 40,000 are was plowing with a double team and closely estimated at five hundred. Some poorly paid, and we have no pension both horses went in the pit. A numof these wretched people are in county system. They are poorly equipped and ber of neighbors at once set to work jails; others are in homes for the aged poorly drilled. Just wait until the digging, and after some time secured and infirm; others still are confined at allies have established garrisons-in the team, but one of the horses had to their own homes, an unutterable burden Tientsin, for instance. Then you will be killed. It is supposed that a large upon their families, a constant source see our people taking careful note of all underground waterway was the cause of anxiety, a constant menace to others that goes on. They will drill; they will of the cavein, but none was discovered of the same household. The very best copy modern methods and arm them- in the chaam. One theory is that it possible is being done at Morganton selves in modern style, and in the end marks the outlet of the lake on the with the means at hand, but after all is they will overthrow and massacre any garrison, however strong. The European bottomless and that the outlet is in the nations cannot place strong enough dren of the State, who should be there. garrisons to hold down these millions Many of them could be restored to of people. They may hold them now lives of usefulness; others who might ust for a little while, but as soon as not be restored to lives of usefulness; the Chinese shall be sufficiently civilized others who might not be restored areforeign occupation will not only be impossible, but the Orientals will be a hard that they should be denied the menace to Europe itself.

care which they help pay to provide for I believe that the allies themselves others. The voice of humanity spoke will see this and that they will acknowlthrough this memorial adopted at edge the fatility of attempting to hold Greensboro Saturday. It is more than this immense country. As soon as one an appeal for humanity; it is at the province shall be subdued another will same time a cry for justice. It is with rise, and so on throughout the eighteen, the representatives of the people, soon when it will be time to begin over again. to assemble at Raleigh, to heed or to It does not require a statesman to see the futility of that i It can never be accomplished-not with millions of money, nor, I was going to say, in The Augusta Chronicle gives a piece of encouraging information in connecmillions of years.

tion with a very interesting explanation To sum up, China is a tremendous force, dormant now, but she is exceedingly quick to learn and amazingly "Rev. Sam Jones says he was cured intelligent and imitative. Her people of his recent serious illness by osteolove their country more, perhaps, than pathy, without drugs or any other meany other nation in the world. They dicament. Wherefore, he hopes that have not yet been stirred, and they do when another bill is introduced before not understand true fighting methods; ou: legislature and passed, as happened but when they do, look out, for there at the previous session, Governor Candler will not veto it and deprive practiwill be a new force in the world, and tioners of this new healing art of a if the powers remain in China, whose territory they seem to covet, they will proper license. Osteopathy is, essenrouse a force which not all the power tially, the manipulation of the human skeleton and its incidental environ? in the world can put to sleep again.

A CHINESE STATESMAN'S WARN-Barth Opened Up and Swallowed Team.

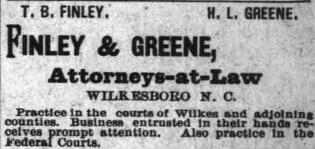
John Newton, a prominent farmer residing at Petro, Tenn., had a narrow escape of his life a few days ago. He you must remember that in the interior of China are millions of peaceful people who do not even know that there is a war in progress. We have as yet only 40,000 regular for over sixty years, and never be mountain near by which seems to be bid of the Tennessee river.



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king of a kingdom, Israel's Messiah, we do not know. He did know that he was blind, and one was passing by who could cried earnestly for mercy. When a sinner cries to the Saviour, "God, be merciful to me," that cry is never unheard.

48. "Many charged him that he should hold his peace." As well tell a man who is drowning, but has yet strength to cry out, or one in the upper story of a burnescape to hold his peace; as well tell this | The book is complete in every detail. man that he is not blind and poor and

needy, or that Jesus can't stop to attend to beggars. He knows better; he has long realized his sad condition, and he believes that Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of David, is a deliverer for just such as

49. "Be of good comfort, rise; He calleth thee." What a word that was for the poor blind man! How his heart must have leaped within him! Blessed Jesus, hearer of the cry of the needy, Thou dost not respect the rich because of his riches, nor despise the poor because of his pov erty. The poor man's importunity has prevailed, and the Lord of heaven and earth stops to grant him his desire. This word "Be of good cheer" the Saviour used to the paralytic, the woman with the issue, the disciples in the storm, and also to the eleven on the last night before He was crucified (Math. ix, 2, 22; xiv, 27; John xvi, 33), and today He is saying the same to every afflicted, tempest tossed, troubled soul that comes to Him. Whatever your need is, remember "He

calleth thee," and He is calling you personally as much as He did Bartimæus. 50. "And he, casting away his garment, rose and came to Jesus." The R. V. says that he "sprang up;" he lost no time, and that he might not

be hindered he cast aside his outer garment and quickly came to Jesus. He did not say to any one, Please, fix my turban, make me presentable, tell me how to come before Him; but, knowing his need and that Jesus was calling him, he came just as he was, and he came quickly. The only garments we have before we come to Jesus are as filthy rags (Isa. lxiv, 6), but He is ready to clothe all who come to Him with a garment of salvation and a robe of rightcousness (Isa, lxi, 10). There are sight and health, life eternal and glory awaiting all who will come to Him, yet multitudes seem to prefer their rags and their poverty and refuse to come.

51. "What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?" They are now face to face, the Helper and the helpless, the Almighty and the undone, and these are the words of Jesus to the beseeching and expectant heart of the poor blind beggar. The same God who said to the great King Solomon "Ask what I shall give thee" is asking this blind beggar to state his desire. The very same gracious God is saying to us through Jesus Christ our Lord: "Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it."

52. "Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole." The margin says "hath saved thee." Compare the same

is the most complete of its kind ever issued by a railway company, and in open his eyes, and this was his first and its arrangement the convenience of the might be his last opportunity, and he shipper is the thing aimed at. It is a veritable shipper's guide, and all points reached by the Southern aud connecting lines find place in two well arranged lists-the alphabetical and division. Another great convenience to the shipper is to be found in publicaing building with no apparent means of tion of class and commodity rates.

> Pleased With Negro Labor in Cotton WEILL.

CHARLESTON, S. C., November 31 .-After the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Vesta Cotton Mill, held

in this city yesterday, it was announced that the owners of the property were well pleased and satisfied with the operation of the mill with negro labor. About two years ago negroes were employed entirely in the mill and the experiment has been thoroughly tested, with the result that the stockholders are of the opinion that their judgment was wise. While the mill made money last year no dividend was declared, as the money was used in permanent improvements for the plant. A party of prominent capitalists from the east who have money invested in the mill came here to attend the meeting and they were evidently impressed with the idea that negro labor could be made a success. They expressed the belief that the property would pay better hereafter, as the negro operatives are now familiar with the handling of the delicate mill ma-

> chinery. Before the reorganization of the Vesta, mill negro labor was given a short experiment, but it did not seem fiscal year the Postmaster-General sets to work well. After the property was aside the sum of \$8,500,000 for the sold, however, and reorganized under extension and maintenance of the rural the name of the Vesta company, negro free delivery service, a branch of the labor was used altogether, and this has general postal scheme which has develproved successful, as shown by the for- oped into magnitude and importance mal announcement from the manage- during the last few years. While it is ment.

Stamp Taxes are Going, so the Republicans Say.

can membership of the ways and means among taxpayers of moderate means over last year. There are 140,000 negro nest L. Adams, a brakeman on the The sub committee of the Republicommittee has not yet completed the which has been manifesting itself more Baptists in the State. The contributions South Carolina and Georgia extension draft of the bill to reduce stamp taxes strongly year by year has also developed but is making progress.

It is understood that in addition to suburbanites pretty well into the reductions heretofore mentioned, the country. increase of 60 cents per 1,000 on cigars | Electric and steam railway service will be removed; also that the stamp has kept pace with this natural setaxes on steamship tickets will be taken quence of urban growth and has fur- flourishing and 1.500 students are at- way, and was instantly killed. The off, because the revenue received does nished conveniences equal almost to not justify the difficulties of collection. those enjoyed in cities. It seems proper, Members of the committee have been therefore, that free delivery in the rural asked to remove the stamp taxes on sections should be installed where conforeign bills of exchange and bills of ditions warrant it. The year about to Baptist Female Institute and 49 acadelading, and it is possible that the mat- close has brought nearly 4,300 rural mies, some of the latter having as many ter may be reopened. The tax on par- routes, and plans now formulated con- as 800 students.

**Rural Free Delivery.** 

Baltimore Sun. In his estimate for the forthcoming essentially a losing venture it is nevertheless a convenience of broad scope and justified in most cases by the circumstances of its creation. The of church members with this conventendency toward suburban residence tion is 167,000, an increase of 7,000

lieve him. Glancing at the floor he "It is like the case of any newspaper saw a croquet ball and, prostrating him-

. Osteopathy.

disregard it.

### Disquieting News from China.

It is becoming apparent that the Mr. Bryan said that his second reason question of indemnity presents the cersuspension of hopes of peace and a ous Empire. The United States is hoping to win favor and power by kindness and consideration-a worthy part to play. We hear of rebellions and plots and sedition. No one really knows what are the relations of the Empress and the Emperor; nor do we know what a day may bring forth.

#### **Baptist State Convention.**

the seventieth annual one. It met here the attention of physicians for some last in 1892. Rev. Dr. R. H. Marsh, time. of Oxford, will preside. The number

Baptist Female University at Raleigh, Oxford Female Seminary, Chowan

papers promiscuously or individually. the bong structure, and, this derange- mately submit to being sliced up. She He is now writing for pay. This policy, ment being skilfully removed, the is dazed now, but she will awaken, and he says, he adopted at the close of the malady caused by it disappears. The nothing in the world can stop her then.

North Carolina Furniture.

Mr. J. Elwood Cox, of High Point, in an interview with a Times man stated that there are 23 furniture factories at High Point, and all are doing well This has been a development of the past 10 years, for in 1890 one could almost count on his fingers the furniture factories in the State. It is in the development of such industries that the State is enriched and made prosperous. If we devote all our capital and energies to the manufacture of cotton, when a depression comes in that industry it means serious loss. But if our industries are diversified it would take the most severe and far-reaching depression to cause disaster. Mr. Cox himself has developed one of the smaller industries -the manufacture of, shuttle blocks; and he probably makes more of them than any other man in the South.

#### A Woman, Though Only 20, Dies of Old Age.

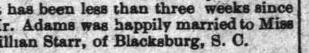
Miss Fannie O'Kennon, daughter of Peter O'Kennon, died at her father's home, in Matoaca, near Petersburg, this morning.

Miss O'Kennon, the doctors say died of old age although it was in April that she celebrated her 20th birthday. Her case was remarkable.

She had not grown in stature since she was 2 years old, and her faculties at the time of her death were those of a child. She was two feet, two inches tall, and could speak only such words as she was able to articulate at the age of 2 years. She played picture books and toys, and in all her actions was a perfect child. Her face was wrinkled The Baptist State Convention, which like that of a woman who had lived meets in Raleigh December 5, will be many years: Her case has attracted

Ground to Death by Engine Wheels. CHARLOTTE, N. C., Nov. 26 .- Mr. Er for foreign, State and home missions railroad, was ground to a pulp under an extension which carries some of the during the year aggregate \$45,000, an an engine at Catawba Junction, S. C., increase of \$5,000 over last year. This about 4:30 Saturday afternoon. Mr. does not include educational collections. Adams was riding on the cow-catcher All the Baptist educational institutions of the freight engine, preparing to make are flourishing and 1,200 students are a coupling, when he slipped, in some tending them. They include Wake pony-trucks and driving wheels passed Forest College for Young Men, the over his body and his mangled form, lifeless, was drawn from under the engine.

This death is a particularly sad one. It has been less than three weeks since Mr. Adams was happily married to Miss Lillian Starr, of Blacksburg, S. C.



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