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SUNDAY, JULY 12.
Lesson Text.—I Samuel 10:17-27.—“Saul Chosen King.”

over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.—II Samuel 10:24.

Time.—Shortly after the last lesson, about 1100 B. C.

Place.—The election of Saul as King took place at Mizpah, a few miles north of Jerusalem.

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our lesson is but a part. The lesson is a fragment of the splendid beginning of a life's work. We find God guiding to the leader, the preparation of the man for the kingship, Saul's election as King, the proof of his fitness for the position, and his election confirmed and renewed.

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In the last lesson we learned only to be brought face to face with the real miseries of life and to be placed a house of toil and shame.

tion has the opportunity of choosing a king; it generally comes but once. The thought of choosing a king brings with it other thoughts. How is it to be done? The first thing Samuel had to do was to find the man who was fit to be the king and with God's help he found

Next thing was to gather the people and tell them about the man and have the people call him to the work. This Samuel arranged for, a great mass meeting was held and Samuel addressed the people. He reminds them of their rejection of God as their leader and then the tribes pass before him.

The tribe of Benjamin is chosen and from this tribe the family is selected and from the family the

ness,) who are opposed to Saul but to their insults he gives no attention. If we go on into the next chapter we learn of the proof of the fitness of Saul and of his coronation.

Often little things in life change the entire drift of one's journey, like the railway switch, a little thing, but it changes the destination of the train. An ax careless-

Mayflower changed the direction of the ship and the pilgrims landed at Plymouth instead of New York. It is said "that the flight must be run down."

Allure children with agreeable pictures of what is right rather than attempt to drive them with repulsive pictures of what is wrong.

of birds from north to south decided the course of the ships of Columbus and the settlement of the southern half of this western hemisphere was the result. God's providence chose the Northern Continent for a people with an "everlasting Bible."

Samuel's position in all these preparations was a trying one. Saul was to supplant him. Yet the prophet was sincere in presenting the king as a pious man. So Socrates and Seneca tells us that of all the pupils, he was the most devoted. He was a poor boy and unable to give his teacher costly gifts as his fellow students did. He said to Socrates: "Master, I have no money."

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