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Orderly people go through life without a thought of it.
They simply enjoy it without so much as being grateful for it.
Orderly? Why, of course, they are orderly—the very idea of not being orderly!
But there are others and very dearly they pay for their really inexcusable shortcomings.

Oh, yes, of course, inexcusable. To the orderly person all disorder is quite inexcusable.

They never know the agony of being unable to find their purse when they are missing a train because they can't find it.

JOLTS AND JABS

One proof of the advance of culture in this country is the fact that our citizens now buy de luxe editions instead of gold bricks.

Possibly some one can explain why a man will travel 100 miles an hour in an aeroplane when he is not going anywhere in particular.

Golf is a state of mind which enables a man to sweeter under a hot sun and still feel pity for the poor slave who lolls about a cool office while an electric fan sends refreshing breezes athwart his spine.

FACT AND FANCY

Persian bread is made in bags.

The best get-rich-quick concern is a wealthy marriage.

The tall live longer than the short.

Americans have the smallest feet. Germans the largest.

The fortunes of war nowadays are the moving-picture rights.

Gems In Verse

OLD FAVORITES.

"DIXIE."
I WISH I was in de land of cotton.
Simmon seed and sandy bottom
Look away, look away, away, Dixie land!

In Dixie land, where I was born
In
Early on one frosty mornin',
Look away, look away, away, Dixie land!

CHORUS:
Den I wish I was in Dixie,
Hooray! Hooray!
In Dixie's land we'll take our stand.
No ibs and die in Dixie.

Old missus marry Will de Weaber.
William was a gay deceiver.
Look away, look away, away, Dixie land!

His face was like a butcher's cleaver,
But dat did not seem to krah'er.
Look away, look away, away, Dixie land!

While missus libbed she libbed in clober,
When she died she died all ober.
Look away, look away, away, Dixie land!

Buckwheat cakes an' stony batter
Makes you fat or a little fatter.
Look away, look away, away, Dixie land!

Now, if you want to drive way sorrow
Come an' hear dis song tomorrow.
Look away, look away, away, Dixie land!

To Dixie land I'm bound to trabble.
Look away, look away, away, Dixie land!

THE EAGLE.
HE clasped the crag with crooked hands;
Close to the sun in lonely lands,
Ring'd with the azure world, he stands.

THE WRINKLED SEA BENEATH HIM CRAWLS.
His writhes from his mountain walls,
And like a thunderbolt he falls.

"A NAME IN THE SAND."
ALONE I walked the ocean
strand.
A pebbly shell was in my hand.

AND so, methought, 'twill shortly
be
With every mark on earth from
me.

THE MOUNTAIN TO THE PINE.
THOU tall, majestic monarch of the
wood.

POETRY.
TO me the world's an open book
Of sweet and pleasant poetry.

THEY SHALL LAST.
THE deeds we do, the words we say,
Into still air they seem to fleet.

THE TIDE RISES AND FALLS.
THE tide rises, the tide falls;
The twilight darkens, the curlew
calls;

DARKNESS settles on roofs and walls;
But the sea, the sea in the darkness
calls;

THESE morning breaks; the steeds in their
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Stamp and neigh as the hostler calls;

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

LESSON FOR AUGUST 31

ISRAEL AT SINAI.

LESSON TEXT—Ex. 19:1-6, 16-21.
GOLDEN TEXT—"Let us have grace whereby we may offer service well-pleasing to God with reverence and awe."—Heb. 12:28 R. V.

The securing of water at Mount Horeb, the battle with the Amalekites and the visit of Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, are the intervening events between this and last week's lesson. A suggestion as to the historicity of the Exodus story is indicated in verse 1 of the lesson. "In the third month," these are not the words of an impostor but of the careful historian. The place, Mount Sinai, was a familiar one to Moses. It was at the base of this range of mountains, "at the back of the desert," that he had met and received his commission from God. (Ex. 3:1-12; Acts 7:30, 38.) Let us consider the entire chapter.

The Highest Source.
I. "A peculiar treasure," vv. 1-6. Thus far there has been no law to guide the Israelites except the word of God by the mouth of the prophet. As a nation they must have laws and the proper time has now arrived to promulgate those laws. But it is necessary to impress the nation with the source, the sacredness and the strength of law. Its source is the highest—God; its sacredness is in the nature of its source—God; its strength is in the matter of their obedience.

"Moses went up" and "the Lord called." When we seek the place of separation from man and the place of seclusion with God we may expect to hear him calling us. (Jas. 4:8.) Once before God had called to Moses in this place (3:4) and Moses was taken by surprise. Now it is the man of experience who joyfully seeks the Lord that he may receive a message for his waiting people. God begins by reminding him of his acts in Egypt and at the Red Sea (v. 4) and by his figure, "eagle's wings," he emphasizes the fact that none else but Jehovah wrought this deliverance. Even as the eagle bears its young upon its wings so has he borne out of Egypt this nation which is as yet but a babe.

It is yet to be, however, his peculiar treasure and upon one condition only—obedience. They are to be a kingdom of priests, persons with a right access to God, spiritual sovereigns and a holy nation set apart to preserve the knowledge and worship of God if they obey his voice.

"A peculiar treasure," on the condition of obedience Israel was his peculiar people, how sad that they ever departed from that lofty privilege. In this present age it is the church which is called out to be a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation and the people for God's own possession. (1 Peter 2:9, 10 R. V.; Tit. 2:14; Eph. 1:11 R. V.; Rev. 1:6; 5:10; 20:6 R. V.)

II. A sanctified people, vv. 7-15. That the Israelites might believe Moses forever, God was to come and converse with him from a thick cloud. Before this took place, however, they must cleanse themselves, set guards about the mountain lest any draw too near and be put to death (v. 12). God's revelations to men are never made to those who with lust in their hearts cling to their sins.

Trumpet Not Material.
III. A wonderful revelation, vv. 16-25. God's descent was signified by every object of grandeur and awe that imagination can conceive. The burning mountain suggests the consuming fire to the transgressors of the law about to be revealed. The booming thunder and flashing lightning amid the stillness of the wilderness would arouse universal attention, and has not the law thus attracted the attention of ages? The enveloping cloud reminds us of another mountain experience, see Matt. 17:5. The trumpet emphasizes the supernatural, that it was other than a material trumpet blown by human breath. Read in connection with this lesson Isa. 6. Our God is not alone a God of love but he is a being of infinite majesty and holiness, "a consuming fire," Heb. 12:29. Too often we have presented an emasculated God; we need to emphasize, in this day, both sides of his character. At least two locations are pointed out, each of sufficient area to accommodate those gathered under Moses' leadership (v. 17). Though he trembled (Heb. 12:21) yet he approached with confidence, 1 John 3:21. This interview with God. No sooner had he gone a little way up the mountain than he is ordered to return in order to keep the people from breaking through the bounds to gaze, vv. 21, 22.

Summary. The murmurings at Rephidim (ch. 17) seem incredible so soon after the song of Moses (ch. 15) and the supply of manna (ch. 16), yet how soon darkness makes us forget the brightness of bygone light, imminent danger to forget previous deliverance. Man alone cannot cope with these emergencies; God alone can provide. God's revelation and declaration have in this dispensation been repeated in almost identical language to the heavenly people, the church of Christ. (1 Pet. 3:9. His methods, though seemingly stern, are those of grace and mercy.

Church Notes

Sunday Services.

The Union Service.
Adjutant Edith Dennis of the Salvation Army will have charge of the evening service at the Baptist church. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a women's meeting for women and girls over 16 years on "Why Girls Go Wrong," at the Baptist church.

The evening sermon will be on "Twice-born Men." Let everyone come.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Worship with sermon Sunday morning. Bible school at noon. Miss Maud Bateman will open the discussion on "Missionary Essentials" at the Endeavor meeting. We shall join with the other churches in a union service in the Baptist Church Sunday evening. At this the final union service of the summer a representative of the Salvation Army will speak. Prayer meeting topic for Wednesday, "Joint Heirs With Christ."

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

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Leo Schmitt, pastor, Sunday services: Sunday School at 10 a. m. Sermon at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Junior Y. P. A., 2:45, and Senior Y. P. A. at 6:45 p. m. Mid-week meetings: Wednesday at 8 p. m., and Thursday at 7:45 p. m. Choir rehearsal at 8:45. German preaching service every second Sunday of the month at 3 p. m. Sunday A. M. Sermon: A Divine Offer—Unlimited. Y. P. A. Topic: Favorite Verses in the Prophetic Book. Evening Service: We join with union meeting at Baptist church.

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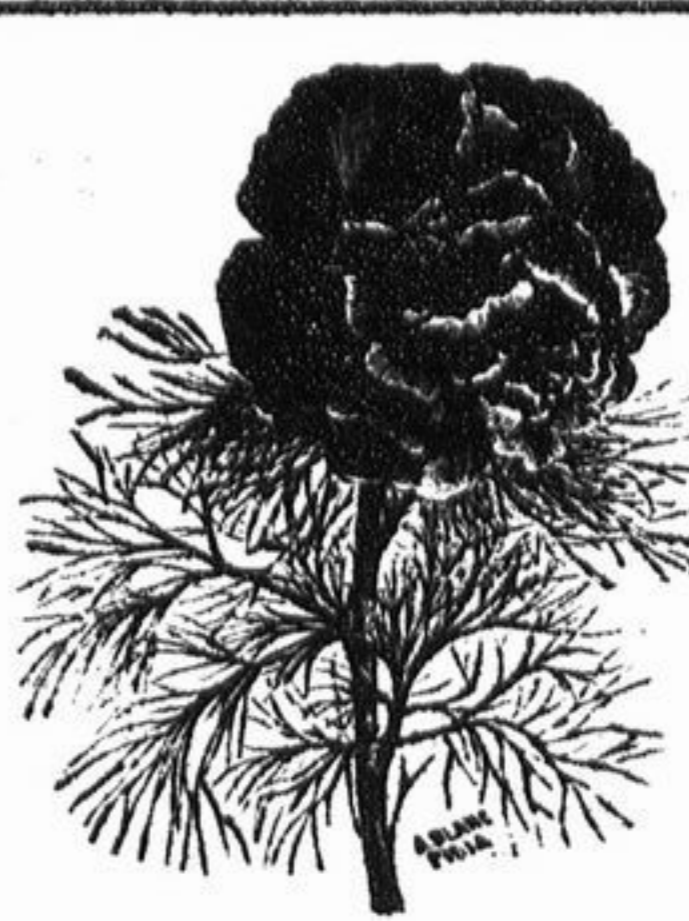
Rev. J. H. Williams, pastor, Sunday services: Class meeting at 10:00 a. m. Public worship at 10:30 and 7:30. Sunday school at 12:00 m. Epworth League, at 6:30 p. m. Mid-week meeting, Wednesday, at 8:00 p. m. Women's Missionary Societies, first Thursday afternoon of each month Ladies' Aid Society, second Thursday afternoon of each month. Choir rehearsal, Friday, at 7:45 p. m.

ST. ANDREWS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Mr. Wilbur Dean Elliott, pastor. Sunday—Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon 11 a. m.; Holy Eucharist, second Sunday in each month. Week Days—Altar Guild first Tuesday in each month; Woman's Auxiliary second Tuesday in each month; Woman's Guild first and third Wednesday; choir practice, Fridays, 8 p. m.

Dog Caused Boy's Death.

A boy was drowned by a dog he had on a leash jumping into the water and dragging him and his brother, walking with him, after it. The boys and a companion were walking along the towing path of the canal, at Rochdale, Lancashire, England, and had passed the lock, before the accident happened. An alarm was at once raised, and one of the brothers was speedily rescued by some boys who were playing near. An elder brother of the boys came on the scene and plunged into the canal. He succeeded in finding the other body, but artificial respiration proved unavailing.



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