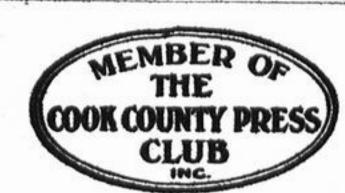
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might," is one of their favorite sayings, and among others might be men-

"Strangers forgive: parents forget." Two happy days are seldom broth-

"Crooked chimneys send the amoke

up straight."

"Only the nightingale can under stand the rose.

"One's own pain is better than an

other's happiness."

"The lame man laughs at the man with no legs at all."

"When the cloth is woven the loom

goes to the garret."

"Before God you may say I cannot, but not before men.

"Better the child should weep than

the mother of the child."

"If a man is doomed to live the medicine to cure him will be found."

"The Greek will fall because he onets; the Bulgar because of his pig-

a rich one to support her, a mely one to love her, and a fleres me to beat her."

## IN AND ABOUT THE CITY

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## Downers Grove Reporter RESOURCES OF NATION **BEING STUDIED**

Large Amounts of Field Work Being Carried on by the United States Geological Survey in all Parts of the United States.

Questions of material development of the value and best use of land or of the utilization of the country's latent resources-occupy a prominent place in the public thought these days. Among such questions are those relating to the location or development of gold and silver deposits, or oil wells, or artesian water supplies; to the value of coal lands; to the possibilities of developing the water power on rivers; to the use of land for dry farming; and to the proper location of transmission lines of interurban railways. On all these questions and others relating to the earth's surface, its rocks and minerals and ores, to water and its best use, the United States Geological Survey is the court of last resort. In an swering these inquiries the Survey distributes over a million printed reports and maps each year and an swers thousands of letters concerning areas not covered by printed reports.

Some 25,000 inquiries are received by the Survey every year from the General Land Office as to the character of lands-whether these lands are valuable for coal, mineral deposits, or agricultural use, or have any possibilities for the development of water power or reservoirs or for ir rigation, as the classification of the City Water and Light public lands is by law made one of the primary functions of the Geological Survey.

To prepare these maps and reports and to answer these letters of inquiry requires an intimate, first-hand knowledge of the questions involved that can be had only in the field, so that, at this season of the year, the Washington office of the Survey is almost deserted and the men are scattered from Maine to Californiafrom the lava slopes of Hawaii to the snow fields of northern Alaska.

The work is carried on in three

The topographic branch makes maps showing the surface of the earth, with its streams, rivers, lakes, Trains every 15 minutes roads, houses, towns-maps that are being used by the geologists as base maps, by engineers to locate railroads, ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE roads, canals, sewers or drainage ditches, water power and irrigation projects, by automobilists and trampers as road maps, and for a hundred other purposes. The demand for these maps may be judged from that most of the eastern states have appropriated or are appropriating money to help pay for them, the states paying one-half or more of the cost, and by the further fact that, though the maps are sold, over half a million of them are distributed each year.

> The geologic branch is studying the earth's rocks, their history and contents and, with this foundation, is mapping the whole United States so as to show, ultimately, just where gold and silver and other precious and useful metals do or may occur where coal, oil, gas, phosphate, pot ash and other salts lie; where clays, building stones, and other structural materials of the highest grade can be found. A large share of the work is in the West, where the public lands are being examined for classification at the rate of 10 million acres a year so that the Government may know which are coal, phosphate, oil and mineral lands, and thus dispose of them under the proper provisions of

The water-resources branch studies the underground waters for the purpose of determining their availability for domestic use or for irrigation; the surface waters to determine their amount and fitness for use as water supplies of cities and towns; and for power or irrigation; and also makes saved them. studies bearing on flood control and similar projects.

At present a large share of the Survey's funds is expended in examining and classifying the public lands in the West, this expenditure reducing the work in the Eastern states much below the amount formerly done. In fact, a large part of the work now under way in the East is done in states that contribute onehalf or more of the expense of the work. It is, of course, to be regretted that lack of funds will not permit the continuance of the work in the East on the former scale and at the same time the carrying forward of the much-needed classification work in

When She Wakee Up. Once a woman realizes that it is a very awkward and wasteful method to wash dishes with the drainboard on her right and the dishes piled on her left, she will have the drainboard changed to her left and stack her dishes on the right side where they will be most quickly get-at-able. And if than have their sin go unforgiven. Go she will go at her dishwashing job with the idea of eliminating every minute of waste-labor, she will also quickly learn the importance of ad-

justing her dishpan to the right

height.

Sofla's Lost Opportunity. Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, might have been Constantinople, if the Ro- a mistaken people. There is also presman emperor, Constantine, had adhered to the preference he felt at one time for it. Several places were thought of as the site for the new Rome before the unrivaled natural advantages of Byzantium secured the honor—among them Troy and

dica in Mossia, now known as Sofia.

# INTERNATIONAL

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

## **LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 21**

THE GOLDEN CALF.

LESSON TEXT-Ex. 32:15-20, 30-85. GOLDEN TEXT-"My little children. guard yourself from idols."-I John 5:21.

It is incredible that these Israelites should turn aside after gods made with man's hands in the very midst of such a demonstration of the holiness, majesty and glory of Jehovah. Yet in life it is always but a step from glory to degradation, and one of the easiest moments in which to trip up the saint is at the time of his greatest ecstacies. The human heart is absolutely unreliable, unstable, nay, it is wicked and is desperately deceitful, Jer. 17:9. Following the giving of the decalogue God gave Moses a series of laws and ordinances which are an application of that fundamental law and which form "the book of the covenant." Then the elders of Israel are called up into the mountain, given a vision of God, and given to eat and drink in his presence, symbolizing communion (Ex. 24). After this Moses and his servant Joshua leave Aaron and Hur in charge of the peodays during which time he received the pattern of the tabernacle and the order of worship. It was during this period of time that the people sinned. The first part of this chapter tells us the fact of the casting of the calf, vv. 1-6. God's righteous anger and Moses' prayer of intercession, vv. 7:14. Israel's boast, 19:8, 24:3, 7, is now revealed as being but utter weakness and illustrates the worthlessness and unreliability of human nature. The drunkard's promised sobriety, the unclean man's promised purity, alike melt in the flerce heat of temptation. Their sin was a direct, positive violation of the first commandment, and in it they also broke the second. They did not want to substitute but rather sought a similitude of God. Aaron here appears in a poor light; he did not like their proposition (vv. 7, 8), but did not have strength of character sufficient to stand against it. Aaron is like those in the church and out of it who prefer to control a movement which is bad rather than to combat the movement in its entirety.

#### Human Fickleness.

Notice Aaron's attempt to link old ideas with this new fangled religion, this "modern expression," "tomorrow is the feast of Jehovafi," v. 6. Men and women are today attempting to gloss evil teaching and open ain by associating with it the name of Christ. To call such an association scientific is a travesty. The fact, however, that Aaron gave the Israelites what they asked for shows that he had some idea at least of God's attitude towards his people. We have here presented also the fickleness of human gratitude. Moses is with God on their behalf (Heb. 7:25), yet they forget him and God who had performed such mighty signs on their behalf, and demand new to God, John 4:24.

to make possible this calf which was and Peace.' doubtless a representation of the Egyptian god Apis and may or may Oct. 5 not have been life-size, and may have been solid or only veneer, but neither such earnestness nor sacrifice

God's Word Immutable,

Moses' prayer of intercession, vv. 11-14, is wonderful. It centers about the idea that Israel is "Thy people" (v. 11), and that God's word is immutable, "Remember," etc. (v. 13). Moses was moved with pity and had a passion for the honor of God's name. As Moses and Joshua approached the camp they heard music, v. 17. What a commentary upon the debasing use of one of God's noblest gifts to man, the gift of music. Reaching the camp, they beheld the fullness of iniquity and depravity which was the development of this disobedience, v. 25. See also Rom. 1:21-25, Rom. 6:23, Jan. 1:15, Moses' passion also manifested itself against their sin by breaking the tables, grinding the calf to powder and compelled them to drink the water into which it was flung.

In order to complete this story we should call attention (vv. 30-85) how Moses returned into God's presence, made a confession for the people, truly taking the place of intercession when he desired to be blotted out rather on into the next chapter, vv. 13, 14. and read his great heast cry and God's answer of grace.

The Teaching, We have here a stony of the frailty of human nature an the feebleness of human resolutions. We see in Aeron the weeknes of a refligious leader who attempts to compromise or to yield to the clamor of ent in this lesson the possibility of prostituting right things. The Israel ites made a proper request in their de stre to go forward. They lacked patience, and made the mistake of de siring something that appealed to their senses. We thus see the disaster of disobedience, even though the and desired be a good one.

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ed from the Philippines, will preach at the Episcopal church Sunday, September 14. His many friends will be glad to welcome him.

#### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

evening. The Sabbath school assemnew leadership (v. 1 and Ps. 106:21). bles at 12. Mr. Dwight Cox will lead Art has a place in religious life, but the Endeavorers in discussing "How a spiritual worship alone is acceptable to Get the Most from this School Year." The church meets for prayer It was a sacrifice (vv. 2, 3) of gold Wednesday evening: topic, "Christ

We shall observe the Lord's Supper

Quarterly business meeting Oct. 1 The Bible school will observe Promotion Day Sept. 28; Rally Day Oct. 5.

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Antiquities in Danger, Hidden away in the national museums and libraries, and zealously guarded are a number of priceless manuscripts and books which, but for a fortunate chance, might have been lost to the world. The chief treasure of a museum at St. Petersburg is the oldest known Greek manuscript of the New Testament, which was about to be burned by the monks of a Syrian monastery, when, by a lucky chance, one of the priests, struck with the antiquity of the manuscript, interfered in time to save what had been thought valueless,

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