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CURIOS CONDENSATIONS

Illinois leads in the amount of internal revenue receipts. Liverpool last year imported 700,000 barrels of apples. South Carolina may adopt a compulsory education law. American vapor gas street lamps are being tried in Jerusalem. Cleveland may within a few months annex its suburb of Lakewood. France is talking of taxing paintings every time they change hands. The average weekly food bill for a family of five in Canada is estimated at \$7.40. The American Tract Society of New York is trying to raise \$500,000 to enlarge its work. A mammoth oil-driven harvester that is being tried on Australian wheat fields strips about 80 acres a day. Apparatus by which gas lamps can be lighted and extinguished by wireless waves has been invented in Germany. In 1913 the amount of caviar obtained by the Caspian and Volga markets was not more than 1,000,000 pounds.

FACTS AND FANCIES

A conservative is a radical who has been elected to office. Only a few men do anything well enough to disturb their amateur status. Sworn testimony often is discounted. Gossip usually is quoted at its face value. The fact that you can prove a thing by reliable witnesses is no indication that it is true. If a boy could marry at the age of twelve, he would, nine times out of ten, marry his school teacher. When a man is fifty the rattle in his ear and it becomes apparent to him that he hasn't drawn anything.

Gems In Verse

OLD FAVORITES.

CONQUERED FAME OF HEROES. WHEN I peruse the conquered fame of heroes and the victories of mighty generals, I do not envy the general, Nor the president in his presidency, nor the rich in his great house. But when I hear of the brotherhood of lovers, how it was with them, How together through life, through dangers, odium, unchanging, long and long, Through youth and through middle and old age, how unflinching, how affectionate and faithful they were, Then I am pensive; I hastily walk away filled with the bitterest envy. —Walt Whitman.

NATURE.

As a fond mother, when the day is o'er, Leads by the hand her little child to bed, Half willing, half reluctant to be led, And leave his broken playthings on the floor, Still gazing at them through the open door, Nor wholly reassured and comforted By promises of others in their stead, Which, though more splendid, may not please him more; So nature deals with us and takes away Our playthings one by one and by the hand, Leads us to rest so gently that we go Scarcely knowing if we wish to go or stay, Being too full of sleep to understand, How far the unknown transcends the what we know. —Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

STRIKE TODAY.

Rise! for the day is passing, And you lie dreaming on; The others have buckled their armor, And forth to the fight are gone. A place in the ranks awaits you, Each man has some part to play; The Past and the Future are nothing In the face of stern Today. Rise from your dreams of the Future, Of gaining some hard fought field; Of storming some airy fortress, Or bidding some giant yield. Your Future has deeds of glory, Of honor (God grant it may); But your arm will never be stronger Or the need so great as Today.

Rise! If the Past detains you, Her sunshine and storms forget; No chains so unworthy to hold you As those of a vain regret. Sad or bright, she is lifeless ever; Cast her phantom arms away, Nor look back, save to learn the lesson Of a nobler strike Today.

Rise! for the day is passing; The sound that you scarcely hear Is the enemy marching to battle— Arise! for the foe is here. Stay not to sharpen your weapons, Or the hour will strike at last, When from dreams of a coming battle You may wake to find it past! —Adeleide A. Procter.

FROM VAST ANTIPHONIES.

How sweet the strange recall From vast antiphonies of joy and pain Beyond the grave, to these old books again, That cozy lamp, those pictures on the wall! —Barthbound.

"GAY AND HAPPY."

I AM the girl that's gay and happy Whene'er I chance to be, And I'll do my best to please you If you will but list to me.

CHORUS

So let the wild world wag as it will, We'll be gay and happy still; Gay and happy, gay and happy, We'll be gay and happy still.

If the president should e'er beside me I'd sing my song with usual glee, Fools might laugh and knaves deride me; I will gay and happy be.

The rich have cares we know little of, And all that glitters is not gold, Merit seldom made a show of, And true worth is rarely told.

I envy neither great nor wealthy; Poverty I ne'er despise, Let me be contented, healthy, And the boon I'll dearly prize.

I care for all, yet care for no man; Those who do will ward off fear, I love a man and like a woman; What else makes this life so dear. —Unidentified.

ALADDIN.

When I was a beggarly boy And lived in a cellar damp I had not a friend nor a toy, But I had Aladdin's lamp, And I could not sleep for cold I had fire enough in my brain And bulged, with roofs of gold, My beautiful castles in Spain. Since then I have toiled day and night I have money and power good store, But I'd give all my lamps of silver bright For the one that is mine no more. Take, Fortune, whatever you choose— You gave and may snatch again— I have nothing 'twould pain me to lose. For I own no more castles in Spain. —James Russell Lowell.

A SUMMER PICTURE.

NOTHING but sky appears, so close the root And grass of the hilltop level with the air— Blue sunny air, where a great cloud floats, laden With light, like a dead whale that the white birds pick, Floating away in the sun in some north sea. Air, air—fresh life blood, thin and searching air— The clear, dear breath of God, that loveth us! Where small birds rest and winds takes their delight. —Browning.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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

LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 28

REVIEW. Deliverance and Disobedience.

READING LESSON ONLY—Nehemiah 9:3-21. See also Acts 7:30-34. GOLDEN TEXT—"Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy."—Neh. 9:17 (Am. R. V.)

The lessons for the past quarter begin with the deliverance of the child Moses and end with the apostasy of the golden calf and cover a period of approximately 80 years. In almost every lesson there is something prophetic or typical of Christ, but two things may be mentioned with special emphasis, viz., the passover, lesson VI, see I Cor. 5:7, and the bread from heaven, lesson VIII, see Matt. 26:26, I Cor. 11:23, 24.

For the younger classes a most fascinating story can be told when presenting this review. Describe Miriam watching the ark, Pharaoh's daughter spying the ark, sending the babe to its mother and later adopting it as her son. Tell of the day when Moses made his great choice, of the time he thought he could free his brethren, but failed, not yet having the necessary power from God. Then the 40 years as a shepherd (John 10:14), the revelation at Horeb, the conflict at Pharaoh's court, the passover, and the flight by night, the crossing of the Red sea, the gift of the quails and the manna and that dramatic scene of the giving of the law. Enough is here presented to more than occupy the lesson period.

Four Episodes. For the older classes. The lessons of this quarter seem to group themselves into four general episodes: (1) Moses, his salvation, education, flight and call; (2) Pharaoh, his pride, humiliation and the passover; (3) the flight, at the Red sea, being fed in the wilderness, and (4) the law, God's holiness, his commandments and the great apostasy.

The following brief review is suggested: Have one class member tell of the steps leading up to the Israelite slavery in Egypt. Let another pupil present either orally or written, an account of the life of Moses up to the time of his appearing before Pharaoh with his apparently audacious request, "Let my people go." Let that student not only recite the historical facts but also show God's dealing with this son of an obscure slave. He might illustrate by alluding to others whom God has raised up to "do exploits" in his dealings with men, Daniel 11:32. This will cover four lessons. Another pupil should then present as concisely as possible that remarkable conflict which God, through his representative Moses, worked out with Pharaoh. This whole episode was treated as lesson V, the text being Ex. 10:23-36, and in lesson VI the record of the passover. This latter, the great feast of the Jews and Christ who is our passover ought to be carefully and yet emphatically presented. Let us not neglect to present the Bible teaching on this, one of the greatest truths ever revealed to man by a gracious, loving, heavenly father, Heb. 9:22.

Member as Spokesman. The third episode can be presented if in class by a student, or if the review is a general one by the whole school. Let some particular class select one of its members as spokesman. This embraces lessons VII and VIII and is a gracious revelation of God's protecting care and also his abundant supply for our every need. In this section is another and a most beautiful suggestion of that "living bread" so freely provided for all who will accept.

Coming now to the last great episode of this quarter, the events in connection with the giving of the law, we embrace lessons IX, X, XI and XII. Before God gave them the various commandments he sought to emphasize his majesty and his holiness by the smoking mountain, etc. We then have two lessons on the decalogue, a most fitting arrangement inasmuch as the first part deals with the God-side of life—man's relation to his creator—and the second part has to do with man's relations to his brother man. The last lesson is a terrible illustration of this dual fact. The utter inability of the natural heart to fulfill its high sounding promises, its exceeding sinfulness and the necessity of right relations with him who alone can keep it pure is, it seems to us, the important lesson of the setting up of the golden calf.

The two reading lessons give us the true light of the divine patience and the divine persistence.

The golden text is also an epitome of the spirit of these lessons.

Outline: 1. Moses (a) Training, Lesson I; (b) Fugitive, Lesson II; (c) Called, Lesson III. 2. Pharaoh (a) Commanded, Lesson IV; (b) Humbled, Lesson V; (c) Conquered, Lesson VI. 3. Flight (a) Deliverance, Lesson VII; (b) Fed, Lesson VIII. 4. Law (a) Holiness and Majesty, Lesson IX; (b) (c) Commandments, Lesson X, XI; (d) Apostasy (Golden Calf), Lesson XII.

Church Notes

Sunday Services.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST.

Sunday service, 11 a. m.; Wednesday, 8 p. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m. The reading room is open to the public on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 to 4 p. m. The Bible and Christian Science literature may be read or purchased of the one in charge. Visitors are welcome.

FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

This week prayer services are held at the church in preparation for the revival services to begin with next Sunday evening. Evangelistic services will be continued every evening of the week excepting Mondays and Saturdays. A missionary program of the Y. P. A., led by Miss Ella Diener, will precede the Sunday evening gospel service. The public is most cordially invited to the services on Sunday and also to the revival meetings during the week.

The choir of the First Evangelical Church and their pastor held a double surprise at the home of Mr. George Eberhardt on two young couples recently married, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kubitz and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boldebeck. They were presented with fancy cut glass bowls, after which refreshments were served and a most enjoyable time was had.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

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, 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. Rev. E. A. Sibley, recently returned from the Philippines, will preach at the Episcopal church Sunday, September 14. His many friends will be glad to welcome him.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Preaching service at 10:30 in the morning and 7:30 in the evening. The Bible school will observe Promotion Day with an interesting program. Be sure to come. The grand rally of the Sunday school takes place Oct. 5, Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m.; topic, "Giving"; leader, Margaret Knox.

Every member of the church should be present at the quarterly meeting, Wednesday evening, Oct. 1. At that time the building committee will present a complete report with recommendations concerning the alteration of the present building.

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet at the home of Dr. Childs Thursday, Oct. 2.

We celebrate holy communion Sabbath morning, Oct. 5.

The Chicago Association of Congregational Churches meets at New England Church Oct. 7.

GERMAN EVANGELICAL ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GROVE ST.

Sunday school every Sunday, 9:15 a. m.; German service every Sunday, service, 10:30 a. m. English service, 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, 8:00 p. m., choir practice. Every first Monday of each month Brotherhood; every second Thursday of each month, 2:00 p. m., Ladies' Aid; 8:00 p. m., Young People's Society. Visitors always welcome.

G. PAHL, Pastor.

Daily Thought. There is no life so humble that it is not true and genuinely human and obedient to God, it may not hope to shed some of his light.—Phillips Brooks.

Profit in Ostrich Raising. That an ostrich farm is of more value than a good cattle ranch is shown by an authority who puts the value of a beef animal at \$40 at five years of age, while an ostrich of the same age is worth \$300.

Scated It. Mrs. Robinson—"And were you up the Rhine?" Mrs. De Jones—"I should think so; right to the very top. What a splendid view there is from the summit!"—The Bits.

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