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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 2ND.

JUDGES II. 11-23.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.—Heb. iii. 12.

CENTRAL TRUTH.

To depart from God is the way to ruin.

TIME.—The period of the Judges extended over 330 years from the death of Joshua, B.C. 1426, to the inauguration of Saul, B.C. 1095.

PLACE.—The religious capital was at Shiloh.

THE BOOK OF JUDGES.—(1) *So named* because it is a record of the doings of the judges. (2) *Its author* was probably Samuel. At least it was written under his supervision. (3) It *was written* probably during the reign of Saul, or first seven years of David's reign, B. C. 1075-1048. (4) It *extends* over about 280 years to the birth of Samuel, B.C. 1146.

THE GOVERNMENT.—There was no king or president, but the high-priest was the religious head of the nation. Each tribe was independent. Each town governed itself. There was no standing army.

RELIGION.—This was the worship of God according to the law of Moses. All the tribes were bound together by the duty of coming up to the tabernacle at Shiloh three times a year. The priests and Levites were the religious teachers and educators of the people.

CANAANITES.—Many of the inhabitants, idolaters, remained in Israel, and were a means of temptation as well as of suffering. Idolatry, by its visible deity, its splendid ritual, its license to every passion, attracted away many of the Israelites.

CIRCUMSTANCES.—The lesson is a picture, giving a bird's eye view of the whole period of the Judges for 330 years, the details of which are given to the rest of the books, and in Samuel.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.—11. *Baalim*: the plural of Baal, *i. e.*, lord or master. Baal was the sun-god. The plural form is used either from the number of his images, or, from his different offices, as Baal-Zebub, protector from flies; Baal-Peor, etc., or as a sign of honor. 12. *Bowed themselves*: prostrated themselves before the idol in worship. *Anger*: indignation at their sin and folly, and the disposition to punish. 13. *Ashtaroth*: plural of Ashtoreth, the female divinity corresponding to Baal. The goddess of the moon. Both Baal and Ashtoreth were worshipped with vile licentious rites. 15. *As the Lord had said*: Lev. xxvi. 15-17; Deut. xxviii. 25. 15. *Judges*: leaders raised up in an emergency, who thus brought into prominence, continued to exercise influence and authority. There were fifteen judges. 19. *Their own doings*: the way they thought happiest, instead of God's way.

SUBJECTS FOR FURTHER STUDY AND SPECIAL REPORT.—The book of Judges.—The characteristics of the times.—Baal and Ashtaroth.—Why the people forsook God.—The consequences of their sin.—Backsliding, its cause and cure.—God's anger.—God's efforts to save them from sin.

INTRODUCTORY.—Who was the author of the book of Judges? When was it written? Over how much time does its history extend? What did Joshua do for Israel just before he died? How were the people governed after Joshua's death? For how long?

I. THE BACKSLIDING PEOPLE (vs. 11-13.)—How did the Israelites treat their God? What had God done for them that made this forsaking God so much the worse? What idols did they worship? What account can be given of Baal and Ashtaroth? Who tempted them to this sin? (vs. 21, 22.) What neglect helped on this evil? (v. 10; Deut. vi. 6-9.) Is there great danger now in evil associates? For what idols do people now forsake God? What is backsliding? What leads to it in these days?

II. THE CONSEQUENCES OF BACKSLIDING (vs. 14, 15.)—What is meant by "the anger of the Lord?" How were the Israelites punished? Through whom? (vs. 20, 21.) Who are "the spoilers?" Through whom only can the Israelites be safe, and victorious? Where had the results of forsaking God been fortold? (Lev. xxvi. 15-17; Deut. xxviii. 15, 25.) What results now follow forsaking God? Does the punishment of sin often come through natural causes? Is it still from God? Can any one finally succeed with the hand of God *against* him?

III. EFFORTS TO SAVE THE PEOPLE FROM THEIR SIN (vs. 16.23.)—What was God's object in punishing the Israelites? (Deut. viii. 2.) Does God wish to harm the wicked? (Ezek. xviii. 23.) What did he do to help the people? (v. 16.) Who and what were these judges? How did these people act in view of God's goodness? Did God show great patience and loving kindness? Is God still patient with sinners? (Ps. lxxviii. 38; lxxxvi. 15; Lam. iii. 22.) Can they be saved unless they forsake their sins?

NEW TESTAMENT LIGHT.—What is said of backsliders in Rev. ii. 4, 5? What do we learn of God's long suffering toward us? (2 Pet. iii. 9; Math. v. 45; John iii. 17.)

What has God done to lead us to repentance? (Rom. ii. 4; John iii. 14-16.) Are afflictions and sorrows meant for our good? (Heb. xii. 10, 11; 1 Pet. i. 7; 2 Cor. ix. 17, 18.)

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

I. The World, Money, Pleasure, Self, are the Baals whom modern men worship.

II. To forsake God is to walk in the way of destruction.

III. God hates sin with an infinite hatred and indignation.

IV. The better the being the hotter his anger at iniquity.

V. God's nature and providence are against the sinner.

VI. From whatever source the punishment comes, it is still from the hand of God.

VII. Yet God desires all men to be saved from their sins and troubles, and uses every means to help them.

VIII. As soon as any one is willing to repent and return to God, He is ready to welcome and forgive.—*Pelouet.*

Trafalgar Council.

Met in the township hall Nov. 12, pursuant to adjournment.

All members present.

The Reeve in the chair.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Moved by Messrs. Husband and Savage that $22.25 be paid to Thomas Shea for building bridge at Lot No. 9, Con. 2, N. D. S., and repairing another, teaming and furnishing part material and $2.00 to Sergeant for teaming material and repairing bridge in road division No. 02.—Carried

Moved by Messrs. Carrique and Savage that having heard the statement of Thos. Prentice with regard to work performed by him in road division No. 25, it is resolved that the sum of $2.25 charged him for statute labor be and is hereby struck off.—Carried.

Moved by Messrs. Savage and Husband that the following bills be paid having been certified to by commissioners, viz: to J. C. Hardy $26.00 for drawing material and building bridge at J. Conover's and repairing bridge on the ninth line in division No. 12½, to David Winter $101.00 for mason work at above bridges and one culvert and $7.00 to Charles Hall for drawing sand and water lime for the Conover bridge and $1.00 for stone.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Husband and Dr. Buck that $20.75 be paid to Wm. Ockerman for teaming for this municipality as per contract and $1.50 to Joseph Wilson for work performed on town line bridges, Nelson paying an equivalent.—Carried.

Moved by Messrs. Savage and Carrique that the sum of $2 be paid K. M. Munn for lot in burying ground for the burial of an indigent.—Carried.

Moved by Dr Buck and Mr. Husband that the sum of $17.55 be paid to J. W. Orth for the support and burial of the late Robt. Simpson and $13 to H. Robinson for the late Andrew Coote, indigents.—Carried.

Moved by Messrs. Carrique and Savage that leave be granted to introduce by-law No. — for the purpose of appointing returning officers and polling places relating to the municipal elections for 1889 and that the same be read a first time.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Savage and Dr. Buck that the sum of $3 be paid J. W. Bussell for one road leveller furnished road division No. 57 and 75 cents for material furnished in said road division.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Husband and Dr. Buck that this council go into committee of the whole on the second reading of by-law No. — providing for holding municipal elections for this municipality of Trafalgar for 1889.—Carried.

Moved by Messrs. Savage and Carrique that the bill of Wm. McCrae & Son amounting to $29.55 be paid, said amount being for lumber for the use of this municipality.—Carried.

Moved by Messrs. Savage and Husband that by-law No. — to provide for holding municipal elections for Trafalgar for 1889, just read second time in committee be now read a third time and passed.—Carried.

Moved by Messrs. Carrique and Savage that this council do now adjourn to meet on the 15th day of Dec. next.—Carried.

The Canadian Militia.

SIR,—A great deal of discontent, bordering on despair, prevails throughout Canada, regarding the administration of the Militia under the present Minister, who, always an autocrat during the long period he has been in office, has now developed into an utterly callous tyrant. There is no inclination on the part of this Minister to listen to remonstrance; he appears to be utterly indifferent to public opinion. Appeals from officers commanding regiments, and from the staff of the various military districts, are either unheeded or treated with downright insult. Gen. Smyth and Gen. Luard in their day were powerless to effect reforms which they considered absolutely essential for the efficiency of the force and Gen. Middleton now appears to be equally helpless in his endeavors to place the defence of the country on a proper footing. Our obsolutely armed forts are fast falling into decay; stores which have been expended, or which have become useless from age, are not replaced; the rank-and-file are armed with useless weapons; our accoutrements are more or less unserviceable; such a thing as war material practically does not exist; in fact, Canada at the present moment is utterly defenceless, even from a Fenian raid. The permanent corps are in a most dejected state, and, in spite of protestations, receive no redress. The action of the Minister is most effective; he simply refuses to take any notice of communications, and at the different headquarters there are hundreds of official letters unanswered, although in many cases replies have been urgently solicited over and over again—the duties of the office are wholly neglected. It is notorious that the general officers who have been from time to time sent out from England to command the Militia find themselves helpless. Sir Selby Smyth, Gen. Luard and Sir Fred Middleton, all good men, have been treated as nonentities, their recommendations have been disregarded, their remonstrances treated with contempt. The permanent force is constantly receiving additions from unqualified habitant officers to the exclusion of the highly trained graduates of the Royal Military College; preference is given to French Canadians in everything. The Quebec battalions are kept up to their full strength throughout that Province, and some of the corps are directed by the Minister to enlist only Frenchmen. This the majority do not [illegible] much about, but they are crying [illegible] for a change in the direction of [illegible], and entreat that some responsible British Canadian should now hold office, one who is above race prejudices and who would only care for the true efficiency of the Militia and the security of the Dominion.—I am, etc.,

Ottawa, Oct. 5th. CANADIAN.

—*Broad Arrow and Naval & Military Gazette.*

Mr. Gladstone has gone to Hawarden and will not return to Parliament this session.

The people of Hamilton are making preparations to welcome Lord and Lady Stanley.

The grading of the Portage extension of the Red River Valley railway has been finished.

An American vessel loaded with petroleum took fire and blew up at Bristol, three men being killed.

The Baseball Rules.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—The Joint Rules Committee of the baseball clubs in convention at the Fifth Avenue hotel went into session shortly after noon and by three o'clock had completed the largest part of its work. An endeavor was made by some few delegates to re-introduce the high and low ball system; but the majority were against the idea and quickly voted it down. The pitcher will be compelled to put the ball over the home plate or have a ball called on him. One of the most important subjects discussed was the position of the pitcher. During the past season some players complained that the pitcher was not far enough away from the batsman and that a position three or four feet back would be more suitable. A motion to that effect provoked a warm discussion and was voted down. As the pitcher is now placed he has to turn slightly to command a view of first base. This turn slight as it is, is just the thing which gives a batsman a chance to run. If the pitcher was placed back a few feet he would be able to watch both the home plate and first base without turning, thus considerably lessening the chances of the batsmen getting to first base. Since it was decided that an umpire should stand behind the pitcher, he has interfered with rather that helped the batsman. When a batsman has hit a fair ball, sending it over the pitcher's head and hitting the umpire, he has no allowance and is compelled to run. The pitcher has only to stoop and pick up the ball in order to throw him out at first. To remedy this the committee decided that the struck ball constituted a base hit and gives the batsman a base when it hits the umpire. In order to improve the order of pitching the committee has reduced the balls to four for next season. The three strikes remain as usual. The rule regarding foul tips has been abolished and hereafter a man will be allowed to run on them.

Canvas or Cotton Targets.

The following information relating to Cotton targets similar to those used on the Rifle Ranges at Ottawa, is published for the information of Rifle Associations and Corps in other portion of the Dominion.

The cotton used for covering targets is the ordinary Factory Sheeting obtainable at any dry goods house in the Dominion; it can be had the required width for second class (*i. e.* six feet square) targets.

The cotton is cut into lengths (for second class target) of 6 feet 4 inches and stretched on the target frame, tacking the sides first so as to reduce the lenght to 6 feet 2 inches, the top and bottom are then tacked in the same way.

The back of the target is then covered with brown paper, and when dry, the front of the target is covered with white paper, again leaving it to dry.

The centre of the target should then be found by drawing lines diagonally from the corners, the intersections being the centre, from this the required circles should be drawn, and the bull's eye pasted in the centre. An intrument for drawing to circles can be improvorished with a lath, a bradawl and a carpenter's pencil—driving the bradawl into the lath at about 8 inches from the end for the centre, measure therefrom the radius of the circle required and make a hole in the lath at that point large enough to admit the pencil, then strike the circle, and then measure off in the same manner the radius for the next circle required and procedeed in the same way until all the circles are made.

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Scribner's Magazine FOR 1889.

The publishers of SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE aim to make it the most popular and interesting of periodicals, while at all times preserving its high literary character. 25,000 new readers have been drawn to it during the past six months by the increased excellence of its contents (notably the Railway articles), and it closes its second year with a new impetus and an assured success. The illustrations will show some new effects, and nothing to make SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE attractive and interesting will be neglected.

THE RAILROAD ARTICLES will be continued by several very striking papers; one especially interesting by Ex-Postmaster-General Thomas L. James on "The Railway Postal Service," Illustrated.

MR. ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON'S serial novel "The Master of Ballantrae," will run through the greater part of the year. Begun in November.

A CORRESPONDENCE and collection of manuscript memoirs relating to J. F. Millet and a famous group of modern French Painters will furnish the substance of several articles, Illustrated.

The brief and papers written last year by Robert Louis Stevenson, will be replaced by equally interesting contribution by different famous authors. Mr. Thomas Bailey Aldrich will write the first of them for the January number.

Many valuable LITERARY ARTICLES will appear; a paper on Walter Scott's Methods of Work, illustrated from original MSS., a second "Shelf of Old Books," by Mrs. Jas. T. Fields, and many other articles equally noteworthy. Illustrated.

Articles on ART SUBJECTS will be a feature. Papers are arranged to appear by Clarence Cook, E. H. Bashfield, Austin Dobson, and many other. Illustrated.

FISHING ARTICLES describing sport in the best fishing grounds will appear. Salmon, Winninish, Bass, and Tarpon are the subjects now arranged. The authors are well-known sportsmen. Illustrated.

ILLUSTRATED ARTICLES of great variety, touching upon all manner of subjects, travel, biography, description, etc., will appear, but not of the conventional commonplace sort. Illustrated.

Among the most interesting in the list of scientific papers for the year will be a remarkable article by Professor John Trowbridge, upon the most recent developments and use of PHOTOGRAPHY. Illustrated.

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On Satuday last E. J. Noyes, Hugh C. Baker and Mr. Dickson went out to Waterdown to see the manuscript, and large photographs were taken of each paper. It is understood that Mr. Dickson proposes having them published in the Century Magazine as a sequel to the series of letters on the same battle which appeared in the last number.

GODEY'S.

With the closing of the year GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK issues a superb number, running over with seasonable attractions of the most brilliant kind. The exquisite steel-plate frontispiece, "The Parting Promise," illustrates a capital story, by Max Vander Weyde. Emily Lennox's illustrated story, "Reggy Did It," is a gem in its way. So is Emily Read's "Stratagem." "Inasmuch" is very touching. "A Woman's Way" will be greatly enjoyed.

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There were 2,267 boiler explosions in the United States in the ten years from 1870 to 1880, in which 4,090 persons were killed and 4,710 injured.

Edward Harrington, M. P., was fined $2,500 by the Parnell Commission for contempt, consisting in the publication of an attack on the Commission in his paper, The Kerry Sentinel.

The International Baseball Association at its annual meeting last week dropped out Troy and Albany and admitted Detroit and Toledo to take their places. Stringent rules were adopted fixing a salary limit considerably below the range of salaries paid in the last two seasons.

Mr. F. Henry, a farmer of the Township of Elms, while putting his grain in the barn last harvest, in some unaccountable way covered a young heifer in the mow. She was missed a few days after, and search was made everywhere, but it was not until one day last week that she was discovered by the threshers while threshing out the grain, buried in the straw, and alive, but reduced almost to a skeleton.

On Saturday 17th inst, the Detroit Railroad Tunnel Company was incorporated with a capital stock of $1,500,000. Luther Beecher, the well-known Detroit capitalist, is at the head of the venture, which has for its object the construction of a tunnel under the Detroit River between Windsor and Detroit. Tracks will be run from the tunnel to the northern end of Detroit and there connect with every railway entering the city.

From the Report of the Walkerton Jail for the year ending Sept. 30, 1888, we get some interesting statistics. The total number of prisoners committed during the year was 101. The charges against them were: Witness in criminal cases 1, lunatics 7, debtor 1, civil process 1, sentenced for any period by all courts 78. The balance were discharged. Of the 78 convicted, 12 went to Central Prison, 1 to Penitentiary, 2 to the Boys' Reformatory, and 63 to the Common Jail. The crimes of which they were convicted, were: Assault 5, contempt of court 6, drunk and disorderly 15, forgery 2, obtaining money on false pretenses 2, horse stealing 5, larceny 11, perjury 1, non-payment of fines 23, vagrancy 3, other offences 6. Last year the number committed was 79, and the number convicted 51. The increase this year is made up most exclusively of those committed for non-payment of fines under the Scott Act. Apart from this, the yearly increase of population is proportionately greater than the increase of crime in the county. The nationalities of the 101 commitments, were: Canadians 70, English 6, Irish 10, Scotch 2, United States, 3, other countries 10. There is no account of our German friends in this table. They probably passed themselves off as Irishmen. Their religious denominations were: Roman Catholics 23; Church of England 18; Presbyterians 25; Methodists 24; other denominations 11. Those who think that the use of liquor is the chief cause of crime, will be surprised to learn that 73 of the total number were temperate. The twin idea of social reformers, that education cures crime is not sustained by the figures, for only fifteen of the entire 101 were illiterate.—Bruce Herald.

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