

SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. 11. JANUARY 8, 1905.

The Witness of John the Baptist to Jesus—John 1: 19-34.

Commentary. — I. The testimony of John the Baptist (vs. 19-29). 19. This is the witness (R. V.). The sentence means this is the testimony that John bore...

20. Not the Christ—The form of speech in this verse implies a very positive and unmistakable assertion. We have in this and the following verses a full description of himself, that they may be able to give a proper answer to the Sanhedrin.

23. The voice—He was not the "word," but merely a "voice." He was called a voice because, I. He was uttering God's thoughts. 2. The importance lay chiefly in the message, not in the messenger.

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CHINA BACKING JAPAN. WILL PREVENT A NEW INVASION OF MANCHURIA BY RUSSIA. Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—The American Board of Foreign Missions made public to-day a report from its oldest missionary in Japan, Rev. D. C. Greene, D. D., of Tokio, in which Dr. Greene states that there are now 1,000 Chinese students, including 500 military cadets, in Tokio under the auspices of the Chinese Government.

60 Specialists on the Case.—In the ordinary run of medical practice a greater number than this have treated cases of chronic dyspepsia and have failed to cure. Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets (60 in a box at 25 cents cost) have made the cure, giving relief in one day. These little "specialists" have proven their real merit.

ERITREA'S NEW CAPITAL. Italians Establish a Fine City in Their Colony on the Red Sea. The Italian colony of Eritrea in Africa, fronting on the Red Sea, has a new capital. The distinction has been taken from Massawah, which is centrally situated on the coast, but is one of the hottest towns in the world and has a very unhealthy climate.

ICE-BREAKER A SUCCESS. Test of the Steamship Montcalm at Quebec. Quebec, Dec. 26.—On Saturday morning a practical demonstration of the power of the new ice-breaker, the steamer Montcalm, was made in the ice-covered River St. Lawrence, and everything went to show that the vessel is a valuable aid to winter navigation.

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Market Reports of the Week. Toronto Farmers' Market. Business in grain on the street was quiet to-day, with prices as a rule unchanged. Wheat steady, 100 bushels of white sold unchanged at \$1 to \$1.05 per bushel.

Leading Wheat Markets. New York ... 1.18 1.13 1.03. Do. No. 2, bushel ... 1.18 1.13 1.03. Toledo ... 1.16 1.11 1.00.

BORGIAN POISON POWDER. It Causes People to Stagger and to Fall. New York, Dec. 26.—A special to the Sun from Paris says: M. Grebanval, a municipal councillor of Paris, has been the victim of a strange experience which recalls the mysterious poison powder used by the Borgias.

CHURCH UNION. COMMITTEES TO BE APPOINTED TO REPORT. Toronto despatch: The representatives of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches, who are meeting here have been unable to come to any definite agreement upon organic union of the churches and this morning it was agreed to appoint five standing sub-committees, which will endeavor to work out the details of the scheme.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC. Grand Trunk Shareholders Formally Guarantee Issue of Gold Bonds. London, Dec. 26.—A special general meeting of the Grand Trunk Railway shareholders was held to-day for the purpose of sanctioning and confirming the resolution in relation to the Grand Trunk Pacific passed by the directors at the November meeting.

TO CHECK FAMINE IN IRELAND. Government Believes Distress Will Not Be Acute for Weeks. London, Dec. 26.—With reference to the resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Irish Parliamentary party in Dublin on Dec. 16, calling upon the Government to extend aid and institute works to afford employment for those in the west of Ireland who have been rendered destitute by the failure of the potato crop, the Irish office here states that while there has been a partial failure of the potato crop in Ireland, Government returns show that the distress, if it occurs, will not be acute before the end of January.

MANY PREFER DEATH. Terrible Scenes Are Witnessed in Poland. Paris, Dec. 26.—Great precautions continue to be taken in Poland to prevent the real situation provoked there by the Russo-Japanese War from becoming known to the outside world.

FIVE FIREMEN HURT IN A DISASTROUS FIRE AT COLUMBUS, OHIO, TO-DAY. Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Fire to-day on High street, near Broad, destroyed \$225,000 worth of property in the business district, and in an explosion during the fire five firemen were injured.

METHODIST CASES. Appeals Heard Yesterday—One of Them a Hamilton Case. Toronto, Dec. 26.—The Court of Appeal of the Methodist Church of Canada, presided over by Rev. Dr. Carman, after two sessions in the Wesley Buildings, on Tuesday and Wednesday, gave decisions in four cases submitted for argument, last night.

BOG SLIDE IN IRELAND. Farm Houses Inundated by Moving Marsh—Inhabitants Flee. Dublin, Dec. 26.—A bog calamity is reported from Castlereagh, Roscommon County, west of Ireland, in which much property has been destroyed and many lives were placed in danger.

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