

A school has lately been established in England which is looked upon as an experiment that may have important results.

At Askov, in South Jutland, the leading one of the "people's high schools" has existed since 1903 as a flourishing institution.

Schools of this sort exist also in Norway and Sweden and ought to be tried in every country, for the desire to learn is universal and often cannot be gratified until the period of mature life.

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CONFOUNDING A BRAGGART.

Barber Given a Chance to Carry Out His Threat.

When Louis Napoleon was president of the Second French Republic, the officer in command at Lyons was General Castellane, a veteran whose stern rule kept in check the riotous spirits of that disorderly city.

One of the most boisterous citizens was a barber, who openly boasted that he only waited for an opportunity to rid the city of his stern commandant.

The general heard of the threat, and one afternoon ordered his coachman to drive to the barber's shop. Leaving his carriage, the general entered the shop unattended.

"Why didn't you arrest that man when I denounced him as a pick-pocket?" demanded the irate citizen.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, MARCH 9.

Lesson X.—The Destruction of Sodom, Gen. 19, 1-3, 12-29. Golden text, 2 Cor. 6, 17.

The chapter and verses immediately preceding our lesson passages refer to-day record the incidents connected with the birth of Ishmael and the promise to Abram of the birth of Isaac.

Verse 12. The men—The angels, that is, messengers of Jehovah. They urge Lot to lose no time in leaving the city, and to take with him all the members of his immediate family.

Verse 13. We will destroy this place—Their visit had been for the purpose of ascertaining the facts concerning the city's reputed wickedness.

Verse 14. Who married—Or, who were to marry.

Up, get you out of this place—Lot himself seems to have fully understood the urgency of the command to leave the city at once.

Verse 15. When the morning arose—At dawn. All that precedes had transpired while it was still night.

Verse 16. But he lingered—Reluctant to leave his home and the city which had been so long his place of residence.

Verse 17. Escape for thy life—Further flight is necessary to reach a place of greater safety.

Verse 18. Lot's plea to be spared the necessity of fleeing to the barren mountains, and to be permitted to remain in a little village some distance from Sodom.

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Verse 20. The omitted verses record Lot's plea to be spared the necessity of fleeing to the barren mountains, and to be permitted to remain in a little village some distance from Sodom.

Verse 21. Zor—Meaning, little.

Verse 22. Rained—Brimstone and fire—Brimstone is the word used uniformly in the Bible for sulphur, which is found in all volcanic regions both as an uncombined deposit and as one of the chemical constituents of gases as sulphur dioxide and sulphurated hydrogen.

Verse 23. The extensive occurrence of sulphur in the region of the Dead Sea corroborates the Bible statement that this substance contributed toward the destruction of the cities of the Plain—Sodom and Gomorrah.

Verse 24. The pillar of salt—Great ledges or cliffs of crystallized rock salt are to be found at the southwestern shore of the Dead Sea.

Verse 25. While still little more than a youth, though holding a captain's commission, Saffov led the left wing of the Bulgarian army into the battle of Slivnitza.

Verse 26. The Saffovs were a distinguished family, and he distinguished himself for honesty.

Verse 27. A matrimonial case at Chesterfield the wife said the first part of their married life was "as happy as a dove."

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HERO OF THE BALKANS.

Gen. Michael Savoff Is Grim, Secretive and Cold.

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Savoff is the son of a native Bulgarian family, in which the traits of the peasant blend themselves oddly with those of the nobility suddenly created by Czar Ferdinand.

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FROM MERRY OLD ENGLAND

NEWS BY MAIL ABOUT JOHN BULL AND HIS PEOPLE.

Occurrences in the Land That Reign Supreme in the Commercial World.

The late Viscount Peel left estate of the gross value of £128,175.

The year 1912 was one of unexampled prosperity in Great Britain.

"A man who can hold his tongue can hold anything," says Dean Inge.

A new Guildhall is to be built at Devonport at a cost not exceeding £70,000.

Since 1841 the area of the British Empire has increased by 2½ million square miles.

One sign of the undoubted prosperity in trade is the small number of tramps "on tour."

An Australian team will visit the National Rifle Association meeting at Bisley next July.

During 1911 boys to the number of 17,139 in excess of girls were born in England and Wales.

The King forwarded £25 to General Bramwell Booth for providing food for the poor at Christmas.

At the age of 106 a woman named Hale, has died at Rock Ferry, Cheshire.

About 8,000,000 men are employed in regular occupation in Great Britain.

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ished pianos, and stores of seasoned timber being destroyed, and damage totalling many thousands of pounds was done.

LIGHTHOUSE BUILDERS.

Romance of the Eddystone—The Early Illuminants.

The origin of the lighthouse is lost in the darkness of antiquity; but we have records of its existence before the birth of Christ.

The romance of lighthouse construction undoubtedly centres round the Eddystone.

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HOW TO LIVE TRIUMPHANT

Take the Life of Him Who Not Only Did No Evil, But Went About Doing Good

The way to counteract and conquer evil in the world is to give our own hearts to the dominion of good and work the works of God while it is day.

Diseases are not the only things that are contagious. Courage is contagious. Manly integrity is contagious.

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