The International Sunday School Lesson For January 6th Is "John Prepares the Way For Jesus."-Mark 1:1-11.

By William T. Ellis-

Our Own Time's Make-up.

less time and substance to beauty

they could "recognize" him.

Holding a Job or Doing It.

they occupied; and contemporaneous

A Stick May Point.

A six months' journey through, vehicle, not the mair behind the the Gospel of Mark now opens palm branches, but only the forerun with the new year to every student ner, the servant who ran ahead on of the International Sunday School foot. He was not "It": he merely Lessons. And Mark's message to cried aloud that The One was comthe man or woman of to-day is aglow ing, and that all should be prepared with an illumination that sheds a for Him. He was not the kind of flood of light. upon the intricate press agent who puts flattering no tices of himself in print, when he

This gospel was put into the soul should be advertising the cause he of John Mark to give to the world. represents. He was a son of Mary of Jerusalem, a Jewish woman, and he was a cousin of Barnabas. Peter was his fathe gospel that it bears many signs tory. Of course, we see now-in his of Peter's quickening influence up- case, not in ours-that it is real wis-

It is probable that Mark's gospel was written about 55 A.D., and 'c: The person who sets himself up to be Gentiles particularly, rather than somebody that he is not is invariably Sunday school lesson is, "Point one another. tivity of Christ, as He is doing deeds of kindness, teaching the truth, and fighting evil."

Into the study of an inspired message with such marvelous fitness for may well enter with high expectation it would care a deal less about its the camel's hair cloth and the leather of discovering therein divine ideals position in "society," and a deal more girdle and brusque speech without

The Forerunner

Once upon a time there lived that first characteristic. rare wonder, a man who did not pretend to be what he was not. There was almost as much posing and prepass as some great one, and to re- to be prepared to answer the world's prologues or stereopticon shows. He ceive honor and reward, he doggedly inevitable question, "Who are thou?" just preached God to the hearts of I am going to take them." I replied

Pressed to declare himself a dis-

## OPEN NOSTRILS! END A COLD OR CATARRH

How To Get Relief When Head 2 a promising career. The Pharisees wrote: and Nose are Stuffed Up.

They would honor him with office And only a man, I say, County fifty! Your cold in head or and standing and their own gracious That of all mankind . I cleave to in the test. catarrh disappears. Your clogged nos- favor. trils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more snuffling, hawking, mucous discharge, dryness or headache; no struggling for breath

Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist and apply figures. But John was a person to a little of this fragrant antiseptic be reckoned with because he was cream in your nostrils. It pene- himself. He did not need an ecclesitrates through every air passage of astical job or a rich or fashionable the head, soothing and healing the pulpit; he had a message. And a

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or social graces or the approving seal. of the Sanhedrin. Nobody was ex-

perted to pay attention to him, but only to look and to go where he pointed. So the world conceived of gent sent to France landed in Eng-

as-I-please," devil-may-care attitude soldier appeared on the street he was thoughtlessly and ignorantly misdi- shouted in staccafo chorus. Our suprected a woman with a bundle ply of pennies had long since been through the wrong tunnel. Later, I depleted. An idea struck me. saw her toiling back with her load. Her useless and over-burdened tramp "We're only a lot of poor soldiers All this is enough to make this ther in the faith (1 Peter 5:13) and hairy man of the wilderness, John all these years I have remorsefully be giving away pennies. We need carried that memory in my mind. pennies worse than you do." But what of the more serious mistakes we unwittingly cause people, circle. Some looked abashed, others dom, and at least the glimmering of greatness, not to pretend anything. them the wrong way?

for the Jews. It is distinctively, as "taken down." It is better to seem straight! Point straight!" Bear "Can any little boy or girl in this Thompson of London Ont. Dr. Griffith Thomas points out, the less than you are, rather than more witness to the truth, the highest crowd give a poer soldier a penny to Thompson, of London, Ont. gospel that "Emphasizes the activ- than you are; the discovery of your truth you know. Without fear, as help him along to the war?" I asked ity, authority, and energy of Christ. real merits startles people into pay- without self-seeking, stand stead- quietly. fastly for your highest illumination. petition of "straightway." indicative to school to this uncouth desert decay. That is the way the king-If the twentieth century could go That is the way society is kept from prophet, the Baptist, it might give dom of heaven comes.

doctors, massage artists, barbers, manicurists, tailors and jewelers, but The Man With Something to Say. it assuredly would give greater heed In the wilderness, John came to to the real qualities which make for self-realization and acquired his mesabout its standing before God. Utter, the message. But the message alone complex and challenging days in honesty, which enabled him to re- it the thing. To hear that, the world spect himself in the solitudes of the would seek out a man in the remotwilderness as well as amid the crowds ed wilderness, or will not shrink by the, Jordan's bank, was John's from the most fashionable of churches. Why is it that Philadelphia

crowds flock every Sunday to hear Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins, while our out confessing to the child as well. That was the query flung at John as the people, and the multitude which firmly. "Stand aside, please!" soon as he began to make a stir. The gathered in hunger goes away fed. him to produce surh credentials that there was the old appeal, "Repent handed over the pennies and took

ye." Then there was the warning back her baby. John was drawing crowds; that the axe was already lying at the straightway the same peril loomed tree of hereditary religion, ready to his time would open its arms to him there was the promise of the greater pence into the hand of the little ble." and take him into its suffocating em- One who was to come. John offered lady.
brace, and soon reduce him to its his time Christ. That was its need "Well, I'll be dawned!" exclaimcognition" has been the end of many

who went out to examine John wanted to make him of their own crowd.

And to Him will I cleave alway,

"But if Jesus Christ is God,

These Pharisees were known for And the only God, I swear, and hell, religious life has plenty of analogous The earth, the sea, the air."

Publisher is Acquitted. Brockville, Dec. 31 .- Before Judge Reynolds George Mason, proprietor swollen or inflamed mucous membrane, giving you instant relief. Head colds and catarrh yield like magic. Don't stay stuffed-up and miserable, of elocution, either), and the world will resort to him. The man with a disabarged of the Prescott Journal, was arraign- about the thrilling story of the life Get Rid of Bad Breath, Sour Stom-

vital message-which possession makes a true preacher—is as rare as Guelph electors approved a by-law he said: "I may be mistaken. It els and sweeten your stomach." You the sartorially immaculate, carefully drilled pulpit ornament is common. proposing a change in the mode of may not be so bad as I think." And eat one or two, like candy, before go-

no chameleon. He flew his own flag and requiring statement of the hold- the door." and stood by it. A servant fore run- ers' destination and dependents.

be not crooked, may point. John Fire Insurance Company, is dead.

PATRIOTIC CHIEDREN

Canadian Officer Has Touching Ex-

Coming One, and crying "Behold! - landed, for souvenirs in the shape of in Ontario, and said: "You don't Everybody points somewhere. The In a few hours, writes F. McKelvey one now, you've got to have one." least of us cannot escape standing for Bell, our small coin was likely to besomething. The very first office of come extinct and our buttons merely life is bearing witness. One's "do- things that used to be. Every time a is rather checked by the thought that instantly surrounded by a bevy of one is pointing somebody somewhere. insistent and persistent mendicants. At a railway station I once as a boy "Penny, sir! penny! penny!" they

"See here," I said in serious tone.

A sudden hush fell upon the little because our trend of life has pointed curiously uncertain, a few sympathetic. The silence lasted a full min-As I conceive it, the burden of this ute. We all stood still looking at liant career as a medical student at

Again silence. Finally a little ragdeep in the pocket of her frock, differences, the approval of the peo brought out a penny and ha'penny ple is added testimony to the solid

"Look here," he said sternly, "do you nation, confident in its power, agmean to say you'll take that money gressive in its war policy-and from a youngster?"

"I do," I replied, without a smile. "I wont' permit it," he cried... Here was an embarrassing situation. I couldn't explain to him with-

Some hody's vehicle to proper the doctors of the law and the ecclesias. It was a plain (sermon that Mark rescue. Moe saluted stiffly and step-

before him which confronts every cut down should they prove un- had none; a few looked sheepish and

own level of mediocrity. "Social re- then; it is the supreme now. As ed Moe. "Here's another penny for Richard Watson Gilder so beautifully you," and he handed the bewildered child haif a crown.

"The drinks are certainly on me!" Moe cried. About turn!" Sometimes when I feel that the world is sordid and mean I go to my trunk and look at those two coins, the jobs they held and the positions I will follow Him through heaven and I know that somewhere, in a frail little body, beats a generous

A Devoted Missionary.

This man claimed to be merely a electing the Mayor and Council and how Mr. Davis said: "I took out ing to bed and in the morning your woice"—crying in the wilderness, increasing the size of the Council. my purse and paid him his fee, and head is clear, tongue is clean, stom-He was only himself, and claimed New passport forms are in use at he put his arm round my shoulder ach sweet, breath right and cold gone.

pennies and buttons became violent. have saints, you Baptists; you have

Some-body's vehicle to prepare the tical aristocrats would have liked reports John as preaching. First ped back. The little girl gravely

personality, that the Good Society of worthy of thir fathers. And then hung their heads. I slipped a six- prints are now considered more relia-

A shout of surprise and dismay went up from the other children, who realized too late that they had failed

heart, and I feel that after all, part of the world is worth while.

shock when the doctor in London

ner, a mere messenger of the great The Halifax newspapers, crippled coming One was he, and nothing as they were by the catastrophe, have be were by the catastrophe, have be were reading thinking at all what ousness indigestion, bad breath and as they were by the catastrophe, have issued commendable special New he was reading, thinking always of constitution.

What could be done for his wife and Mothers s Hugh Cant an ex-Mayor of Gult, children, and when his wife came tempted to doubt God and the Bible

Thames. Then Mr. Davis overcame perience in England

all that feeling so that his life became a triumphant shout from beginning to end under the most dread-When the first Canadian contin- ful conditions a man could know." The French-Canadian Roman Cathis man, girt with camel's hair and land, as related in "The First Can- tholic doctor who had charge of him subsisting on anchorite's fare, as adians in France," the passion of the came at his own expense all the way pointing, pointing, pointing to the children of Devenport, where they from New Brunswick to his funeral

An Heroic Doctor.

Reference has been made in the British press to the heroic conduct of Dr. Ian Thompson, surgeon of the British destroyer Strongbow, during the recent naval engagement in the North Sea, when she was sent to the bottom by a German cruiser. He was instrumental in saving no fewer than 16 lives from a watery grave, and after one of his limbs had been badly shattered, continued to care for the wounded and suffering while in danger of instant death.

Dr. Thompson is a son of the late W. H. Thompson, Esq., of Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, and had a bril-

Canada, a Nation

"A nation that has made the sacged tot of about eight years of age, rifices of Canada in the war possesscarrying a baby in her arms, turned es a great heart and a great soul, to her companions and said: "Here, and now that the opportunity has hold the baby for me and I'll give come to test the country's judgment the poor fellow a penny." She dived on the patriotic act of sinking party (her total wealth) and held it out to lity of its national sentiment and sound public honesty. Canada is Lieutenant Moe stepped forward, to-day a rejuvenated, strengthened united."-Winnipeg Tribune,

Constituents of Soot. Soot consists chiefly of carbon, tar Some men make their living by down-town churches are almost em- I wished to gauge how much patriot- and mineral matter, with smaller protending and "bluffing" in his day as hunting up, or making up, distin- pty? Simply because he has a mes- ism beat in those little hearts, what portions of sulphur and nitrogenous in ours; but nevertheless this re- guished genealogies for persons— sage about God. He does not re- sacrifice they were prepared to make compounds, and frequently has an acid markable man would not "put up a suished genealogies for persons— sage about God. He does not reaction. The proportion of the varifront" that was not genuine. With antipodes of the Baptist—who, havall the opportunity in the world to also social distinction. They desire space in the newspapers, nor have I daren't either withdraw or explain. different factors, such as the nature of "I must have the pennier, Moe, and the coal, the completeness of combustion and the distance from the fire at

> Identification. "I shall try to leave footprints on the sands of time," said the man who is earnest, but not original. Some of the children declared they "Very good," replied the absent-

which the soot was deposited.

City Clerk Lusted of Windsor

of opinion that only male ratepayers are eligible to the City Council. Dr. Wilfrid Campbell, LL.D., F.R. S.C., the Canadian poet, died at Ottawa on Tuesday.

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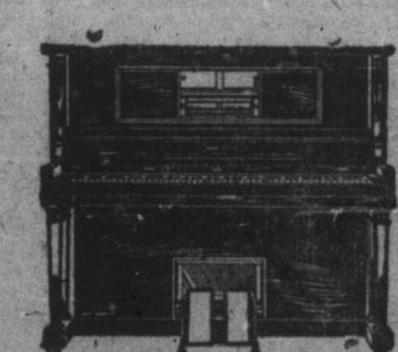
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shows the forward portion of No. 8 lying on soft ground. The travelling links are loaded with soft earth.