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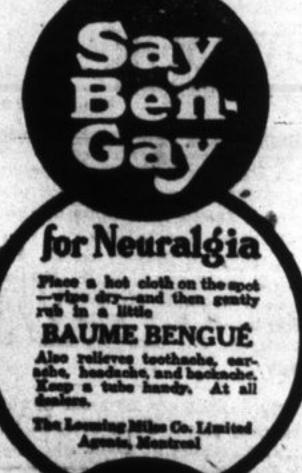
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Of course, love laughs at any accident soever which throws two hearts so close that ons phrases. In other words he we a they beat together! Into the white and blue of the Winter day they fared, the boy and girl, all unsuspecting that another rode the shining runners a-flying down the hillside. A handclasp, a smile—no more than that between them. Then the sudden swerve, the fall. The tumble in the cold, cold snow only brought them closer, closer. And his arms holding found himself "caught with the her as if he never, never again would let her go! And she so willing to be held! And Love 300ds," he began to blame "the

THE LITTLENESS OF A BIG MAN.

The International Sunday School Lesson for March 9th Is: "The Reign of Saul."-I. Sam., Chapters 8-15. By WILLIAM T. ELLIS.

fingers of one hand, with some fin- character. Modesty marked him. day School Lesson, which many mil- so great before God, a sensible, tions physically, being head and ever quaffed by mortal, went a weakling in character.

of the tragedies to be observed in archs: and not all of them are public life. Most men who start politics, either. premisingly upon a great career soffer from arrested development. Any wide observer of life can call an extended roll of men in politics, in the pulpit and in the arts, who once gave every sign of eventual greatness, but who stopped too soon. The reason? Only God knows. Sometimes it was self-complacency; sometimes lack of courage; sometimes contentment with small attainments; sometimes secret sin.

tions of this truth are now in the public eye. Disobedience spells disasier. Sin is a crack in the mainshaft of the engine of life, "Young man keep your record clean!" were the last words of John B. Gough. As Moses prayed, so ambitious youth should daily repeat, "If Thy presence go not with me, carry me no up hence."

Like a Movie Actor. What a screen figure Saul would have made-handsome, Huge, heroic. He had all the physical requirements of greatness. If he were in college to-day he would be centre and captain of the football team. On the stage he would become a patinee idel. In politics he would be kept to the fore by the party managers. As a minister, unless he proved an utter wind-bag, he would be called to a prominent church. It would be utter folly to shut our eyes to the clear truth that the man or-woman who is well equipped physically enjoys a real advantage in the race of life."

One of the penalties of pursuing . In the beginning of the story, journalism is the loss of many il- when we first meet Saul in search lusions. Close contact with "big" of his father's asses-and finding a men reveals the smallness of most kingdom on the way-and he hid of them. The ablest of the Washing- among the baggage when the naton correspondents wrote this tion was voting for a sovereign, as morning that the real personalities the lot fell on his father's house, he in that city could be counted on the was - undoubtedly an attractive gers left over. In this week's Sun- He was little in his own sight, and lions will study, the veil is strip- diligent, secret-keeping, humble ped aside and the essential little | young man, with most of the best

ness of an eye-filling big man ra- traits of noble young manhood. But vealed. Saul was of king-propor- success, the most dangerous wine shoulders above his fellows, as he his head, as it has done a million was of king-position in the state. | times since. He soon came to regard This handsome and heroic first king as proper personal perquisites the of Israel proved, in the test, to be honors that belonged only to his office. The "divine right of kings" Yet he might have been all that is a doctrine that is held in some he seemed to be. This, too, is one degree by more officials than mon-

> When A Nation Followed the Back of this Saul story is the

other tragic tale of Israel. It had grown tired of being a theocracy and a democracy. It wanted to be in the fashion. The surrounding na-



the people. But the patient God acts. calmed him down with the assurance that Israel was not really rejecting pharisaically, Samuel cut in with the its prophet, but its God. Nevertheless dramatic query, 'What meaneth then -and this is all the story of life- this bleating of the sheep in mine when the nation would not accept Jehovah's best plan, he let it have which I hear?" The evidence of the a second best. Such is the Divine for-bearance that is our human

As we watch these mutton-minded old Jews muddling the beautiful plans of God, despite all warnings and entreaties, we wonder whether to-day we also, as a nation, are in an era of the second-best choice. Has Christendom, within the past five years, definitely spurned its highest international possibilties; and deliberately turned again to the stupid old fashions that the war should have ended? Real heartsearchings come to us as we pursue the record of Israel, and contemplate present parallels. Is it still true that most men would rather be "regular" than rig't; that they would prefer to "go along" to coming out? Are we bent on following fashion, even though we thereby be fashioned to folly? Are we walking in the beaten path of the Israelites who wanted a king, even at the sacrifice of their highest destiny. simply because lings were the

"Long Live The King!"

What a stirring scene was that at l'izpah when Israel got a king after tions had kings, so the Israelites I its own heart, a towering giant; and demanded of Samuel that he give | Saul got a throne. At least, he was them a king likewise. Samuel pro- given the title of king; in reality, he tested, and pointed out the folly of went back home, and was only Saul's story is one of the com- being second-rate imitators, when colled from his plowing, like Cinmonest in history. Would that this God had designed the nation to be cinnatus, when his country had dire Lesson might burn into the con- an originator and a pattern. The need of him. The Ammonites had sciousness of youth the conviction whole episode resembles the expe- encamped against Jabesh- Gilead, that the only path to the real rience of parents with daughters and threatened to put out the right heights is the narrow way of un- who want to follow silly styles be- eye of every man of them. A cry for deviating probity and of loyalty to cause "all the girls are doing it." succor ran throughout Israel; and the word of God. Tragic illustra- Youth somehow cannot learn the Saul proved his kingliness by lead. exceeding preciousness of individ- ing the united nation victorious against the Ammonites. great acclaim, a formal coronation was held at Gilgal.

> Even there Samuel overtopped this giant-king, as he formally abdicated his lead:rship. This farewell address of Samuel un chapter twelve of the First Book of Samuel) is a majestic document; and the more pertinent because of recent revelations at Washington, An administrator with a spotless record is a true success, though he die in the poorhouse. Samuel closed his farewell on the high note, "As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against Jehovah by ceasing to pray for you."

Then began Saul's self-inflation He got "biggoty" as the negroes say. Apparently, he lost his sense of humor (for the man who never laughs at himself is a ludierous spectacle) and took seriously all the flattery of his courtiers. He even arrogates to himself the office of the priest, in offering sacrifice, This kind of arregance among the rich and power-

By Juanita Hamel ful is as old as the pyramids and as modern as to-day's newspaper. Saul not only thought himself above the clear requirements of the Divine command, but he also felt free to patronize the Lord Almighy. After his great offence, when he had failed to annihilate the Analekites as commanded, and had kept the interdicted foot for himself, he condescendingly greeted God's prophet Sunday school Galley three

with, "Blessed be thou of Jehovah!" The impious fashion of permitting merely rich or eminent men to speak condescendingly of God is still in vogue. Any donkey who has amassed a million dollars feels free to pat the Almighty on the head. Churches even print and quote this patronizing approval from men of unchristbusiness men," whom he names, give to name some of them. Bleating was a decided success. it their endorsement—even though Sheep always follow the offender. Irvine Chapman, who underwent they do not practice it.

himself obedient to the Divine command, he only affronts Jehovah, as did Saul of old. No contribution to son is given by Dr. Ellis over the life itself in clear obedience. "Your WFI Philadelphia, 395 meters. sword first!" said Napoleon to the defeated general who approached offering his hand. "Unconditional sur-

An Ancient King- Grafter.

This pious prating of Saul recalls a friend's description of a politician who could "open a poker-game with prayer." Saul cloaked his disobedience and his graft with sanctimonihypocrite. Like every other hypocrit, he was a Har. He pretended he had saved the Amalekite spoil for purpeople." The essence of moral deterioration is unwillingness to ac-Dear Old Samuel got wroth with cept respensibility for one's own

While the king was palavering ears, and the lowing of the oxen

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obedience. A man may build cathe- though crowded, while Samuel death, at Peterboro, of the Rev. H. drais or endow philanthropies or be- mourns him living as though he Spence, who occupied the pulpit of stow alms or write books or speak were already dead. What if there the Methodist church here severe glowingly to God, but if he is not should thus be open sorrow for all years ago. the dead souls in living bodies!

OPERATED ON IN KINGSTON.

From Appendicitis. Bath, March 5 .- M. H. Mellow has but a hyprocrite of words.

ian life as though God should feel king's guilt could not be hidden or returned from a business trip to Toas tlattered as apparently His min- evaded. What a sermon a preacher ronto. Robert Stevenson, who has isters do. I know an erratic layman could deliver or an editor write, in been seriously ill with pneumonia, who makes a cult of this sort of the light of present conditions, upon is improving. The dance held in the thing. His chief argument in favor the subject of "The Bleating Sheep." Masonic hall on Thursday evening of Christianity is that a lot of "big I wish I had left myself room here last, in aid of the public library.

Their cries drown the Adam-old ex- an operation for appendicitis at the Out upon such stupid sycophancy: cuses of the disobedient. Eternal Hotel Dieu, Kingston, last week, is This Lesson has the clear word for Justice sees to it that the bleating improving picely. Mrs. Walter Rikit: "Behold, to obey is better than sheep are heard; and that eventual- ley, who has been ill in the Hotel sacrifice." The first and absolutely ly, the guilty get their punishment. Dieu, Kingston, for some time, is not necessary requirement for the serv- Poor Saul: -once so big and soon much improved. Many people here ice of the Lord is sheer and simple so little! We leave him, doomed learned with regret of the sudden

Harry Lisson, of the Royal Bank A supplemental talk on the Les- staff, left last week for Prescott, having been transferred there. Miss religion, is acceptable until it has radio every Saturday night at nine Hazel Hawley, trained nurse, of been preceded by the offering up of o'clock. He speaks from Station Kingston, has been in attendance upon Robert Stevenson. Grippe in quite prevalent here now.

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