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LESSON XIII. INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES, MARCH 26.

The Government's Advance and Persons Who Played Their Part Between 536 B. C. and 427 B. C.-Commentary on the Lessons by Rev. D. M. Stearns,

LESSON I.—Home from Babylon (Ez. 1, 1-11). Golden text (Deut. xxx, 3), "The Lord thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee." The gifts and calling of God are without repentance (Rom. xi, 29); whatsoever He purposes shall in due time be accomplished.

ance (Rom. xi, 29); whatsoever He purposes shall in due time be accomplished, and everything shall come to pass exactly as He says (Isa. xiv, 24; Ps. xxxiii, 11). He doeth according to His willin heaven and on earth, and finds willing servants, both among men and angels (Dan. iv, 35). The rebuilding of the temple is suggestive of the temple now being built, the church of God (Eph. ii, 19-22).

LESSON II.—The Temple Begun (Ez. iii, 1-13). Golden text (Ez. iii, 1-1), "They praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid." Remember the key to the book of Ezra is "The house of the Lord," a phrase used fifty times in the book. The thoughts of this lesson cluster around the work, and the workmen, and the offerings, and the willing hearts. Jesus delighting to do the Father's usil and always about His Father's business (Ps. xl, 8; John viii, 29) is our pattern in all our daily life.

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LESSON III.—Encouragements (Hag.
ii, 19). Golden text (Ps. cxxvii, 1) "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it." Read the four texts of Haggar Zechariah Ezra and cept the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it." Read the four books of Haggai, Zechariah, Ezra and Nehemiah. Those who are used of God must be strong and of good courage—strong to do—and this will come only by a knowledge of God Josh.; 7, 9; Dan. xi, 32). Israel, like the ten spies, saw the discouragements, but we must be like Caleb and Joshua, and see only God and make His business the first concern of our lives. When we put our affairs first, all will come to naught.

Lesson IV.—Joshua, the High Priest (Zech. iii, 1-10). Golden text (Heb. iv, 14), "We have a great High Priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus, the Son G God." One of satan's ways of discouraging people is to point them to their sinfulness and tell them that God cannot use such unworthy ones as they

of God." One of satan's ways of discouraging people is to point them to their sinfulness and tell them that God cannot use such unworthy ones as they are. It is all too true that we are sinful and unworthy, but Jesus, our High Priest, is our righteousness (II Cor. v. 21) and our comeliness (Ezek. xvi, 14), and having accepted Him He stands for us against all accusers, and will use just such as we are as vessels through which He will accomplish His pleasure (Phil. ii, 13; Heb, xiii, 20, 21).

LESSON V.—The Spirit of the Lord (Zech. iv, 4-10). Golden text (Zech. iv, 6), "Not by might, or by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." No work of God can be done by human wisdom. Moses had no say whatever in the design of the tabernacle, nor had David or Solomon in the temple; the former was to be made according to the pattern shown him in the mount, and the latter was given to David by the Spirit of the Lord (Ex. xxv, 40; I Chron. xxviii, 19).

LESSON VI.—Dedicating the Temple (Ez. vi, 14-22). Golden text (Ps. cxxii. 1), "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Haggai and Zechariah, the Lord's mesengers, being strengthened themselves by the words and visions of the Lord, so encouraged the people that the building was finished, and with great joy dedicated unto the Lord.

LESSON VII.—Nehemiah's Prayer (Neh. i, 1-11). Golden text (Ps. xxx, 10). "Lord, be Thou my helper." Nehemiah in the desolations of the Holy City, the wall broken down and the people in great affliction and reproach, and he is so affecied that he weeps and mourns and fasts and prays for several days. Identifying himself with his people, he confesses their sins and reminds Jehovah of His promises.

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LESSON VIII.—Rebuilding the Wall (Neh. iv, 9-21). Golden text (Neh. iv, 9), "We made our prayers unto our God and set a watch against them." Both men and women of all occupations were ready and joined Nehemiah in the work of building the wall, for the people had a mind to work (Neh. iv, 6). But when anything is really being done in the Lord's name the adversary becomes very active, and the opposition at this time was something tremendous.

LESSON IX.—Reading the Law (Neh. viii, 1-12). Golden text (Ps. cxix, 18), "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." The temple and the walls may be built, but they may be thrown down again. There is just one thing on earth that can never pass away. "The Word of our God shall stand forever" (Isa. xl, 8). We are to read it, and believe it, and thus understand it, and then do it, for "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever" (I John ii, 17).

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LESSON X.—Keeping the Sabbath (Neh. xiii, 15-22). Golden text (Ex. xx, 8), "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." One-seventh of our time and one-tenth of our money should be cheerfully given wholly up to God for His service as the very least we can offer on these two lines. If we are redeemed, then we are all His, all time, money, talents, everything; but it is best to make Him sure of the seventh and tenth to begin with. Let us as individuals see that we conscientiously keep the Lord's day on the lines of Isa Iviii, 13, 14, and pray for our rulers that they may have grace to do as Nehemiah did.

LESSON XI.—Esther before the King (Est. iv, 10-17; v. 1-3). Golden text (Prov. xxxi, 9). "Judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy." From this book we learn that God is on the field when most invisible; that He is able to deliver when deliverance seems impossible; that those who dig pits for the righteous will fall into them themselves.

LESSON XII.—The Vanity of Graven Images (Isa. xiv, 9-20). Golden text (Isa. xiv, 5). "I am the Lord, and there is none else; there is no God besides Me." When people turn from the truth, they lay themselves open to every delusion. Whatever is more to us than God becomes an idol. Often it is some work of our own hands. If we have learned to know the true God it is not merely for our own benefit, but that we may make him known to others. The Saviour's great command to preach the Gospel to every creature is binding upon every one of us, and if we are willing to be used by Him, His "all power," and His "Lo, I am with you," are ours for His service. Our daily prayer and constant aim should be to know Him.

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SOCIAL PROGRESS.

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The saloon is the machine through which
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of the rich man's taxes; and through which
the municipal government seizes a share of
the carnings of the poor washerwoman,
wrested from her by force and spent over
the bar to help pay the license extorted by
the community.—[Des Moines, Ia., Daily
News.

PROHIBITION DOES PROHIBIT.
Our press dispatches say, "Prohibition is a failure in Opolika, Ala." Oh, no! prohibition is not a failure in Opelika or elsewhere. Whisky mayors, rum councilmen, and bear-bloated police—pliant tools of political parties and supple servitors of the slums—may be failures, but prohibition never fails. Real prohibition party to enforce it. A prohibitory law with Democratio or Republican politicians to administer it, is prohibition with a "string to it."—[Demorest, Ga., News.

THE DISTILLERY RULED OUT.

It was rumored that a model distillery would be set up under cover of the agricultural department of the World's Fair. Collector of Internal Revenue McMer's tatteation being called to it, he prenounced the scheme illegal, saying, "We have no authority for making such a grant, and if a still were put up in Jackson Park without our consent, it would be confiscated by the Government, and the directors would be made defendants in the proceedings that would be instituted against the person who sought to evade the law." The extremes of the liquor business—the still and the sot—are not to be permitted inside the sacred precincts of the Columbian Exposition.

RETRIBUTION.

Retribution for evildoing is sure to come, but seldom is it so sure and speedy as in the following true tale: At the beautiful little town of Garfield, Whitman county, Washington, nearly six months ago an effort to establish a saloon was opposed by all except two of the business men of the place, who gave as their reason that "it would injure their business." The saloonist thus secured his license, paying \$1,000, and commenced his work. A loved son of one of the above mentioned business men became intoxicated with whisky from the soloon, and suffered exposure, which brought on a disease from which he died. In December nearly a half dozen boys of the town went to the saloon, some of whom were good in disposition when sober; they became drunk, and, attacking a harmless and honored citizen, killed him. This citizon was the other business man of the town, who had feared to "injure his business!" These sorrowful and impressive facts need no comment.—[Union Signal. RETRIBUTION.

INTERMITTENT DRINKING.

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There would be little use in my describing what I believe to be the cause and the course of intermittent drinking unless I set forth my experience as to the various methods in use to check or cure the disease. It may be asked, "Has not a man a will power, and can he not of his own volition abstain from what he knows to be simply self-destruction?" My answer, unhappily, must be that a man who has once fairly fallen into the drink habit, whether constant or intermittent, has scarcely any will power while the fit is on him, and, as I have said, each fit leaves his will feebler and less able to withstand the temptation of a sedative of which he has proved the power, and of which he is too prone to forget the danger.

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The intermittent drinker as soon as he has abstained for a few weeks forgets the disastrous effects of his last attack. He believes himself as temperate and discreet a man as any of his friends who takes his pint bottle of claret at dinner and seldom takes more. He does not see why he should not do likewise. It is the hardest thing to convince an intermittent drunkard, who is able to abstain for a period, that he can never by any chance become a moderate drinker. Nevertheless the principle of his drinking is distinct from that of a moderate man.

man.

If he tries to return to his two or three glasses of claret, he is absolutely certain to go on to his secret "nip" of brands or of whisky, and his "nips" will increase, and he will find himself back again in the old road to ruln. The patient, if he really wants to be cured, must clearly make up his mind that it must be total abstinence or self-destruction—gradual, perhaps, but not the less sure.—[National Review.

AGAINST COMPENSATION.

Gold.

Martin Daly had become quite discouraged. Like many another miner in the far west, he had made money and lost it. He imagined sometimes that the clouds had a silver lining, but the storms always came sooner or later. He meditated thus as he lay under the tree and finally, more dead than alive from want and exhaustion, fell asleep.

Two men passed along under the brow of the mountain by the tree. They were tall and straight, and from their dark hair and skin it was easy to perceive their Indian blood.

blood.
"The white man is dead," said one of the men as he bent on his knee beside the

sleeper.

"No, there is a twitching of the cyclids,"
said the other. "He is pale and sick I will
take him home, and Mimosa will care for
him."
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him."
The conversation, although carried on in low tones, awakened the miner.
"Come with us, and you shall have food and shelter," said the friendly Indian.
Scarcely able to bear his weight, Martin leaned upon the arms of the two men and soon found himself in the Indian cabin.
"Mimosa, here is a stranger. Take care of him. Red Cloud never left a human being to die. He will get well, and then we will send him to his people."
A shy, pale Indian girl came forward and did as she was bidden. She did not speak, but looked very pityingly out of her fawnlike dark eyes. When Martin had been placed in the simple bed she prepared food and fed him as though he were a child, but doing gently the things which only a woman's hands can do.
After a time the miner, still a young man, gained in strength and began once more to hope for a successful future.
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"But I want no money. I shall be happy because you are well again and happy."
"I shall find gold, Mimosa. I used to think I should be rich, and then I became poor and sick and lost heart. You wear a ring on your finger and semetimes a chain about your neck, both of beaten gold. Did the metal come from mear here?"
"My father gave them to me," she replied, and no hing more could be learned from her on the subject.

"Would you care, Mimosa, if I wore the ring until I went away? Perhaps I can find the place where the gold came from?"
"You may wear it until you come back rich," she said, smilling.
Days grew into weeks, and the time drew mear for the miner to say good bye to the girl who had become his comrade as well as deliverer. Tears filled her eyes as they perted.

"You will forget Mimosa," she said.
"No, I will bring back the ring, and you shall give it to the man who makes you his bride. I shall never forget Red Cloud and his daughter."

Strong and hopeful again, Martin took up life, obtained work and believed once more that he should find gold. So sweet and blessed a thing is hope, giving luster to the eyes and quickening the flow of blood along the veins.

But he missed the Indian girl. The pines on the snowy mountain peaks whispered of her. The evenings seemed longer than formerly, the conversation of the miners less interesting. He was becoming discouraged again. He even began to fear that Mimosa was married, and his soul awakened to a sense of loss. He would go back just once and see her, and on his journey. The moon was rising as he neared the old tree where Red Cloud had found him.

"What alls Martin?" said one miner to another. "He must be in love—no fun in him as in the old days. Going to quit the camp, he says."

"Atter Martin had decided to go to see Red Cloud his heart seemed lighter. If Mimosa

"I have brought you rich yet? You were to mosa."

"And are you rich yet? You were to keep it until you were rich."

"No, but I would be rich perhaps if you would tell me where the gold in the ring was found, dear."

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very quietly. "Mimosa, would you love me if I were rich "Perhaps I should be afraid of you if you



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