

seem a very small thing is large enough to shut God away—a little ugly temper, a little white lie, a little disobedience. "Cease to do evil," Samuel said. But to go in the upward way we must "learn to do well." How do we learn a lesson? By study. So we must study to learn to do right things.



Tell of the great revival meeting at Mizpah, the offering of the sacrifice, Samuel's prayer to God, and the enemy that came to fight against them.

Only God can help, and he always helps those who mean to turn from sin. On the board make a stone in the shape of a cross, "Eben-ezer" above, and teach that all our help comes from Jesus crucified.

Berean Methods.

The Teachers' Meeting.

Give the connecting history. The adventures of the ark, from the time of its capture until the time it was brought into the "house of Abinadab in the hill." ... The grounds for Samuel's pledge that God would deliver the Israelites out of the hands of their enemies, if they would reject their false gods. ... What were Baalim and what were Ashtoroth? ... Explain the ceremonies described in verse 6. ... Why the Philistines always came up against the Israelites when the Israelites were "gathered together." ... What light is thrown on ancient military strategy by this lesson? ... The characteristics of the Philistine conquest. The sort of servitude in which the Israelites were kept by them. ... The religious lessons of the erection of the stone Eben-ezer.

ILLUSTRATIONS: True worship in all nations and ages has been in constant danger of degenerating into mere forms and rites. The Romish Church and most of the Protestant denominations have again and again brought the "ark of God" into their theological struggles, instead of seeking the true presence of God by prayer and humiliation.

References. FREEMAN. Ver. 3: Ashtoroth, 304; Baalim, 222. Ver. 12: Monumental stones, 49. ... FOSTER'S CYCLOPEDIA. Prose, 1616, 1617, 2532, 2568, 3811, 7582, 7535, 7536, 7538, 7543, 8135. Ver. 8: Prose, 4560. Ver. 12: Prose, 5673, 9518, 11945.

ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.

Seven Traits of a True Revival.

- I. SORROW FOR SIN.
Israel lamented after the Lord. v. 2.
"Godly sorrow worketh repentance." 2 Cor. 7. 10.
- II. RENUNCIATION OF SIN.
Put away the strange gods. v. 3.
"Let the wicked forsake his way." Isa. 55. 7.
- III. CONFESSION OF SIN.
We have sinned against the Lord. v. 6.
"Render your heart, and not your garments." Joel 2. 13.
- IV. PRAYER TO GOD.
Cry unto the Lord for us. v. 9.
"Seek ye the Lord while ... found." Isa. 55. 6.
- V. VICTORY FROM GOD.
The Lord thundered; ... discomfited. v. 10.
"Then shall the Lord go before thee." 2 Sam. 5. 24.
- VI. WORKING WITH GOD.
Men of Israel went out. v. 11.
"Work ... it is God which worketh." Phil. 2. 13.
- VII. GRATITUDE TO GOD.
Hitherto hath the Lord helped us. v. 12.
"Who delivered ... will yet deliver." 2 Cor. 1. 10.

THOUGHTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

True Repentance.

1. True repentance is usually brought about by the faithful witness of some godly man.
2. True repentance is always characterized by the rejection of Baalim and Ashtoroth and all other false deities.
3. With true repentance always comes outspoken confession of sin.
4. True repentance depends for successful reform on prayer and faith.
5. True repentance is associated with entire consecration.
6. As a result of true repentance comes victory.

HOME READINGS.

- M. Samuel the reformer. 1 Sam. 7. 1-8.
Th. Samuel the reformer. 1 Sam. 7. 9-17.
W. Intercession of Moses. Exod. 17. 8-16.
Th. Exhortation to repentance. Acts 3. 19-20.
F. Turning to God. Isa. 1. 13-20.
S. The two ways. Psa. 1.
S. John preaching repentance. Luke 3. 1-9.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Cease to do evil; learn to do well. Isa. 1. 16, 17.

TIME.—1141-1120 B. C.

PLACES.—Gibeah, in the house of Abinadab; or, as also called, Kirjath-jearim. Mizpeh. Shen.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Conitron for sin.

LESSON HYMNS.

- No. 11, Dominion Hymnal.
Jesus! the Name high over all,
In hell, or earth, or sky.
- No. 118, Dominion Hymnal.
Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace.
- No. 285, Dominion Hymnal.
We're marching to the promised land,
A land all fair and bright.

Praise for his greatness.
Come, Holy Ghost.
Holy Spirit, faithful Guide,
Deep are the wounds.
Come, ye sinners.
I do believe.
None but Jesus.
Jesus, my Lord.
O for a heart.
Jesus, Lover of my soul.
Yield not to temptation.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. Repentance.
How long was the ark in the country of the Philistines? 1 Sam. 6. 1.
Why was it sent back? chaps. 5 and 6.
To what place was it returned?
How long did it remain there? 2 Sam. 6. 2. See chronology of David's reign.
What is meant by the statement in ver. 2?
What was the final effect of their sorrows upon all Israel?
What had been the cause of their sorrows?
How did they show the genuineness of their repentance?
What principle is illustrated by the statements of ver. 6, and what follows? James 5. 16.