

## THE ROD TURNED TO A SERPENT.

This was the first miracle of the Exodus, a miracle that hurt nobody, and if Pharaoh had obeyed, all would have been well.

Moses and Aaron went in to ask that Israel should be let go, that God had commanded it. Pharaoh asked them to prove by a miracle that He did. Aaron threw down his rod and

it became a serpent. The king was startled, but he did not want to yield to God, so he said it was only a trick, that his jugglers could do that, too. He called them in, and since he seemed determined to disobey, God allowed the same thing to be done by them, and Pharaoh was confirmed in his disobedience.



Then came miracle after miracle, not harmless ones like the first, but sore plagues until he had to yield.

Can we not learn some lessons from the picture.

1. If men are determined to disobey God he may permit them their own way, but they only bring upon themselves greater evil.

2. If we do not listen when God calls by his

word He may send loss and trial, and suffering as His messengers to bring us to our duty.

3. The potsherd's may strive with the potsherd's of the earth, but woe to him that striveth with his Maker.

4. God has called to you, young people, as He did to Pharaoh, are you listening and obeying, or are you disobeying His call and resisting His will.