

## COURSE OF SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR 1853.

## FIRST SERIES.

- Feb. 13.**—*Scripture to be read*—Gen. xxviii. 10-17. *To be committed*—John xiv. 6. *Subject*—Jacob. *Prominent topics of the Lesson*—Jacob an exile—stones his pillow, but his sleep such as the Lord gives his beloved—his vision, (Christ the way, John xiv. 6)—promises renewed to Jacob—he rejoices with trembling.
- Feb. 20.**—*Scripture to be read*—Gen. xxxvii. 23-30. *To be committed*—Romans viii. 28. *Subject*—Joseph. *Prominent topics of the Lesson*—In connection with the verses read, trace the principal events of the history of Joseph—see in the result an illustration of Rom. viii. 28. Joseph a type of Christ the Deliverer.
- Feb. 27.**—*Scripture to be read*—Ex. i. 22, ii. 1-10. *To be committed*—Ps. cxxxvi. 1, 23, 24. *Subject*—Moses. *Prominent topics of the Lesson*—Extreme distress of the captives—time of deliverance come—means employed—the preservation of Moses—by the Egyptians themselves—apply Ps. cxxxvi. 23. Low estate—man's extremity—God's opportunity—He remembereth us in our low estate—to us too a child is given.
- March 6.**—*Scripture to be read*—Ex. xii. 29-32. *To be committed*—Matt. xxvi. 26-28. *Subject*—The Exodus. *Prominent topics of the Lesson*—The last plague (what were the others?)—at length effective—people delivered not by their own strength—deliverance to be remembered—Passover—Christ kept it—connexion between it and the Lord's Supper—as they were eating he took bread—while they were doing that in remembrance of the deliverance from Egypt, he interrupted them, and said, do this in remembrance of me. 1 Cor. v. 7.
- March 13.**—*Scripture to be read*—Ex. xvii. 1-7. *To be committed*—1 Cor. x. 3, 4. *Subject*—The Rock in Horeb. *Prominent topics of the Lesson*—They journeyed according to the command of God, and yet at this station no water—right way, not always the easy way—explain the sufferings—people thought they were chiding Moses—they were tempting God—Moses in his strait cried unto God—his faith—he did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. Apply, "that Rock was Christ."

## SECOND SERIES.

- Feb. 13.**—*Scripture to be read*—Luke iv. 22-37. *To be committed*—Heb. iv. 12, 13. *Subject*—The word of God quick and powerful. *Prominent topics of the Lesson*—Refer to the history of the widow of Sarepta (1 Kings xvii.), and to Naaman (2 Kings v.) Show the design and effect of telling these events—it touched their pride—they claimed exclusive right to favor, Acts vii. 54—the possessed—the word of Jesus.
- Feb. 20.**—*Scripture to be read*—Luke v. 12-26. *To be committed*—Luke v. 31, 32. *Subject*—Mighty works show forth themselves in Him. *Prominent topics of the Lesson*—The leprosy—Lev. xiv., Isa. i. 5, 6. Retired to pray—follow his steps. The paralytic—the faith of his friends—their zeal and perseverance—(explain the way they let him down)—pardoning sin the prerogative of Deity—strange thing.
- Feb. 27.**—*Scripture to be read*—Luke vi. 43-49. *To be committed*—Pro. iv. 23. *Subject*—The tree and its fruits. The two foundations. *Prominent topics of the Lesson*—The corrupt tree and evil fruit—apply to evil heart by nature and consequent wicked life—so with good tree (engrafted) and good fruit, 1 Tim. i. 5—all things new—the two foundations.
- March 6.**—*Scripture to be read*—Luke viii. 40-56. *To be committed*—Amos iv. 8, 9. *Subject*—Judgments leading the distressed to the Source of mercy. *Prominent topics of the Lesson*—One people puts away Christ, another receives him—Jairus—a ruler—John vii. 48—Child—age—only—dying.—It was then that Jairus sought for Jesus—an affliction blessed (briefly note the parenthetic narrative.) Ruler's family no faith—Master likes to be "troubled" thus. Encouraged the feeble faith of Jairus—and satisfied him.
- March 13.**—*Scripture to be read*—Luke ix. 51-62. *To be committed*—Mat. v. 44, 45. *Subject*—The false spirit and the excuses. *Prominent topics of the Lesson*—Ready to suffer, ch. xii. 50—Samaritans, 2 Kings xvii. 24-33.—John iv. 9. 2 Kings i. 10.—Their spirit—and did not know it.—Follow Christ through poverty (v. 58), with a love stronger than nature's affection (v. 59-62).

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