THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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fext of the Lesson, Rev. 1, 9-20-Memery Verses, 17-18-Golden Text, Phil. 11. 9-Commentary by the Rev. D. M.

9. "I, John, who also am your brother and companion in tribulation and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ." Devoutly grateful for the privilege of two lessons in this most wonderful book of all the 66, fail not to notice its name in verse 1, "The Revelation of Jesus name in verse 1, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ," and remember that a revelation is no longer a mystery, but a mystery unfolded. Consider also in verse 3 the special blessing upon all who read or hear the words of this book. Observe that John was in banishment for Jesus' sake because of the word of God, and if you believe all that word today and are faithful in testimony you will find yourself exiled by many. *You will, however, have blessed company; only be patient and wait for the company; only be patient and wait for the kingdom.

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10. "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a great voice as of a trumpet." In the Spirit, led by the Spirit, taught by the Spirit, filled with the Spirit, are some of the privileges of every child of God, and only by the Spirit can we know God or His word. Compare Acts viii, 29; xiii, 2, 4; xvi, 6, 7; Ez. xi, 1, 24. The Lord's day may refer to the first day of the week, or it may mean that John was by the Spirit carried forward and caused to behold the events of the day of the Lord so often mentioned in the Old Testament.

11. "Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, and what thou seest write in a book and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia." The voice, then, was the voice of the Lord Himself, who thus came to His dear servant exiled for His sake. He is A and Z and all between; there is nothing that letters can appeal which Horville of the His needed.

who thus came to His dear servant exiled for His sake. He is A and Z and all between; there is nothing that letters can spell which He will not be to His people. As to "first and last" compare verse 17 and see Isa. xli, 4; xliv, 6; xlviii, 12; Rev. 22, 13, and let Him be first and last with you in all things. Learn also from the verse that what we see and hear of God is to be passed on to others (Ezek iii, 10, 11; Rev. x, 10, 11).

12. "And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned I saw seven golden candlesticks." If John had not heeded the voice and turned to see, he had missed this great sight. It was only when the Lord saw that Moses turned aside to see that God called unto him out of the midst of the bush (Ex. iii, 4). I doubt not that we would see and hear more of God if we were more ready to heed His slightest call and see His hand in every event. The seven candlesticks are explained in verse 20.

13. "And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the foot.

dlesticks one like unto the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the foot and girt about the paps with a golden girdle." The phrase "in the midst" is very suggestive of Him who is always in the midst when we meet in name (Math. xviii, 20) and who was in the midst on Calvary for us. He is our High Priest, as indicated for us. He is our High Priest, as indicated by the garment, and is still the girded one on our behalf, for He ever careth for us and maketh intercession for us.

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14. "His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were as a flame of fire." His head is suggestive of the internal purity of all His thoughts, or perhaps that He is the Ancient of Days (Dan. vii, 9), whose goings forth have been from of old from everlasting (Mic. v; 2). As to His eyes, see also chapters ii, 18; xix, 12, and remember that all things are naked and opened to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do (Heb. iv, 13).

15. "And His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters." Compare as to His feet Dan. x, 6; Rev. 1, 7; they may suggest his judging righteously, and also His righteous goings. As to His voice like many waters, compare Ezek. 1, 24; xliii, 2, and Rev. xvii, 15; the idea seems to be set forth in these verses as the voice of a host of people.

of people.

16. "And He had in His right hand seven 16. "And He had in His right hand seven stars, and out of His month went a sharp two edged sword, and His countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength." The stars are explained in verse 20, but whether paster or teacher or humble believer we are in His hand, from which no power can pluck us (John x, 27, 28). He also holds us as lights in His hand to shine for Him (Phil. Ii, 15, 16). Not only is His word a sharp sword, but He will make our mouths a sharp sword (Heb. iv, 12; Isa. xlix, 2). His countenance reminds us of the transfiguration and suggests the coming glory (Math. xvii, 2; xiii, 43).

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17. "And when I saw Him I fell at His feet as dead, and He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me: Fear not; I am the first and the last." Over 60 years before John had leaned upon his bosom and had also seen Him transfigured, but this is had also seen Him transfigured, but this is too much for him. It reminds us of Isa. vi, 5; Dan. x, 8; Job xlii, 6. But although He has been over 00 years glorified He is the very same Jesus, and so graciously laying His loving hand upon His servant He utters the old familiar 'Fear not,' See Gen. xv, 1; Ea. xli, 10, 18; Joel ii, 26; Dan. x, 12, 29; Luke v, 10; Mark v, 36, etc.

18. "I am He that liveth and was dead, and behold I am alive forevermore, amen, and have the keys of hell and of death." With more light than Job had we can say, "My Redeemer liveth" (Job xix, 25). He is my life (Gal. ii. 20; Col. iii, 4; Phil. i, 21). A life that no power can touch and not

With more light than Job had we can say, "My Redeemer liveth" (Job xix, 25). He is my life (Gal. ii. 20; Col. iii, 4; Phil. i, 21). A life that no power can touch and not even the destroyer destroy. Not even death and hades can claim a body or a spirit without His permission, and the time is coming when death must surrender every body and hades every spirit at His command (chapter xx, 13).

19. "Write the things which thou hast Seen, and the things which had hades every spirit at His command (chapter xx, 13).

19. "Write the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter." Here is the threefold division of the book, if I understand it: Chapter i, the things which thou hast seen; chapters ii, iii, the things which shall be hereafter. Notice chapter v, 1, the last clause. Nothing is received merely for ourselves. All is to be written or spoken for the benefit of others.

20. "The seven stars are the angels of the Seven churches, and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are seven churches." This confirms His words in Math. v, 14. "Ye are the light of the world," and takes as back to the candlesticks of the tabernacle and temple, but especially to the peculiar self-supplying or constantly supplied candlestick of Zech. iv, with its two olive trees, suggestive of Christ, our Priest and King, and its wonderful central thought, "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." Both individually and collectively we shall shine for Christ only as we rejoice in Him as our Friest and acknowledge Him as our Hing, believing that He is ever in our midst.

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MR. A. L. BRUCE, son-in-law of Living ston, the African explorer, and promoter of the Emin Relief Expedition and of many African missionary companies, has died in

THE tallest of this year's British mayor s probably Mr. Charles Herbert Pedley, who has been elected for Crewe. He stands feet 3 inches. He is 30 years of age and

THE dryest season in half a century is the southwestern scaboard counties of Texas closed a week or so ago. The oldest inhabitants bear ample witness to its unprecedented character.

THERE died at Bridge of Allan recently Rev. Adam Lind Simpson, D.D., minister emeritus of the Presbyterian Church of England at Derby, in his 77th year. Be was a native of Edinburgh.

IN THE grounds of Drummond Castle, in Perthshire, a stately and much-prized tree, which was planted by Prince Charlie, was laid low by the recent terrible gale after standing the blasts of a century and a half. A 3,000-ACRE prune orchard which will

be the largest in the world, will be set out in San Luis Obispo county, Cal., next spring. The prune orchard of Baron von spring. The prune orchard of Earon von Schroeder, in the same county, is the larges in existence at present. CANON FARRAR is about to put up in St.

Margaret's Church, London, of which he is rector, a small but beautiful memorial to the lote Dr. Phillips Brooks. Canon Farrar says that he needs only £30 in addi-tion to what he has already collected for the memorial.

THE thoroughly English appearance of Lady Henry Somerset gives little histof her French ancestry. Yet her great-grand mother, Mme. d'Etang was one of the maids of honer of Marie Antoinette, and the Chevalier d'Etang was a devoted adherent of the unfortunate queen.

THE Coldstream Guards are so called from the town of that name in Berwickshire, where, in 1660, Gen. Monk raised the regiment, known at first as Monk's regi-ment. With the exception of the First Regiment of Foot, the Coldstream is the oldest corps in the British service.

MILLIONS of trees have been felled to the ground in Scotland by the recent great storm which swept over the United King-dom, the Duke of Sutherland alone losing o less 500,000 of various sizes and k Only the more sheltered nooks in the High lands were exempt from the general devastation.

A SIX FOOT vein of semi-anthracite coal, of excellent fuel qualities, has just been discovered in Southeastern Arizona by Dr. Comstock, director of the Arizona School of Mines. Coal is now imported into the serritory, and costs \$20 a ton, so that the liscovery means a revolution in the milling and reduction of precious metals there.

THE ordinary method of construction, by which the Spanish writer places adjectives which the Spanish writer places adjectives after nouns, has sometimes a droll effect, if he chance to adopt English words into his composition. Thus it certainly sounds odd to read in La Nacion, of the Argentine Republic, that "the Congress of the United States has finally disposed of the dangerous Bill Sherman," and in Il Comercio, of Lima, that "the American Congress committee has voted for Bill Wilson to kill Bill Mc-Kinley. Kinley.

COMING-OF-AGE festivities of a remarkable kind were celebrated at Whitnash, near kind were celebrated at Whitnash, near Leamington, England, last month. Twenty-one years ago the wife of a cattleman, the mother of thirteen children in all, gave birth to triplets. All three lived, and on the time mentioned they attained their majority. The medical authorities who have been consulted state that a case of triplets reaching the age of 21 is unprecednted in England.

MRS. LITTLEDALE, accompanied by her MRS. LITTLEDALE, accompleted the most adventurous journey ever undertaken by a woman. Starting from Constantinople in January last, she has crossed the entire continent of Asia, including Russian Tarcontinent of Asia, including Russian lar-tary, Kashgar, the Pamirs, Thibet and Western China, to Shanghai. The journey was undertaken from a love of exploration and sport, and, unlike other trips of this character, will not be followed by the pub-lication of a book of travels.

IN AN important meeting of clergymen and others in London to consider the question of a "living wage," or the "Christian organization of industry," as an example of the discussion Canen Scott Holland moved that "the Christian organization of labor involved the maintenance of a living wage." The conference was told that this meant "such a wage as shall enable the workers to maintain healthy and human homes." The first thing to do was to discover the "lowest wage possible for healthy living, and to see that wages do not go below that." ion of a "living wage," or the "Christian

A SCIENTIFIC man says that he has made discovery. It is that the worst air is found in two strata: one near the ground—every-body knows that—and the other at a height of about 90 feet. This height represents the average altitude of the discharge of gas, smoke and oftensive fumes given off by the factories and other industrial appurtenances of a city. It has also been found, within a few years, that one is just as apt to get malaria if he lives on a dry, well-drained slope above a marsh or stagnant water as if he lived in the marsh.

Except. in two strata: one near the ground-every-

EMPEROR WILLIAM has just issued an EMPEROR WILLIAM has just issued an edict which has created considerable amusement, not only in Berlin, but throughout Germany. It is directed against the women of the ballet and others of less reputable character, and prohibits in the most stringent manner their customary practice of adopting aristocratic names. Even the nobiliary prefix of "von" is sternly forbidden, and anyone found making use thereof without lawful right will incur the penalty provided by an old-time statute which has long been regarded as a dead letter. letter.

When I was a young man," said Jonathan

Gray.

"If a fellow took physic, he knew it, you bet.
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A Perilous Trip Through the Whirlpool-A Ride Into the Jaws of Death-" The Hero of the Rapids,"-The Names of His

It was on April 1, 1861, that one of the It was on April 1, 1861, that one of the most thrilling events in Niagara's history occurred. Between the Canadian and American banks of the river there had plied for many years a little steamboat known as the Maid of the Mist. The vessel was built on the American side, and all the time it had floated around on the rough waters here it never went more than a half mile from the spot where it was constructed and launched. The reason for this is very simple. It could not move up stream because of the falls, and it could not go down further than the new suspension, or foot bridge. If it ventured too far in this direction it



How the Maid of the Mist evaded here was liable to get caught in the swift current, carried down to the whirlpool rapids and then to the whirlpool itself—certain death for everyone on board. The vessel was not a success in financial way. Not as many people visited the falls then as now, nor were there so many willing to brave the dangers of a ride on a small boat in these turbulent waters, knewing that if the machinery should give way the craft would soon be swept to destruction.

The builders of the boat had never been paid in full. They grew thred of waiting for the balance, secured the necessary papers, and were about to attach the boat. The owner, however, got wind of the affair, steamed over to the Canadian side and anchored there. Efforts were made to patch up a truce, but without success. Something had to be done. The owner could not afford to let the vessel lay in the dock and rot. The boat could get no passengers unless it was allowed to land on the American side. This was impossible on account of the officers who were there right and day ready to pounce upon it the anoment he poked its nose into port.

The owner, who also acted as captain and pilot, was a man of nerve. He saw there was but one way to get the boat away from the American creditors, and that was to move it from the falls. But how was this to be done, was the question. There was but one route and that was through the wild rapids and the wilder whirlpool. He consulted the engineer and fireman. Would they aid him in the attempt to make

He consulted the engineer and fireman. Would they aid him in the attempt to make the perilous passage? Yes, they would and they did. All the men had grave doubts as

would they at a min in the attempt to heave the perilous passage? Yes, they would and they did. All the men had grave doubts as to how the journey would end, but they did not propose to back out. They settled up their affairs and prepared for the trip. One morning before the sun had risen the Maid of the Mist was throwing great clouds of smoke from her stack. People who saw her thought the difficulties had been settled and that the boat was about to resume business at the old stand. The officers on the other side thought the captain had given up the fight and was ready to surrender. Suddenly the lines wore cast off and the steamer snorted out into the stream. She ran up toward the falls, the route always taken when starting for the other side. She tipped and tossed about up near the cataract for a few seconds, then wheeled around and pointed straight down stream. As she whizzed by the waiting officers the captain doffed his cap and smiled. Could the people aboard be mad, or were they just playing a joke's asked the men who were around at the time. They would run down a short distance and then return, of course. Surely they could not be thinking of foreing a passage through the whirlpool and expect to come out alive. Down the vessel went, though, and she never came back.

As far as where the cantilever bridge now stands the trip was comparatively a quiet one. Here, though, the water commenced to seethe and foam; there is a big fall in the river bank and the current is as swift as at any place in the world. The men on the boat were lashed to their respective positions and every pound of steam that fire and water could make was

spective positions and every pound of steam that fire and water could make was on. The captain gave the signal and away went the Maid of the Mist on her journey over the angriest-piece of water to be found on this or any other continent. The Maid dashed into the boiling, founing mass and on this or any other continent. The hand dashed into the boiling, foaming mass and for a few seconds kept gallantly on her keel. Then she struck the curve in the river where the water seems to leave the bed and shoot into the air. She raised on the crest of a gigantic wave that is always formed here by the curve and the currents and many cross-currents, and for an instant her keel was visible its entire length. She gave a plunge, diving down deep enough, it seemed, until her nose could touch the bottom. It appeared as if she would never rise from the trough of the awful sea, but an instant later she commenced to climb the next great wave, so steep it was that her prow was pointed to the sky. Up she came and down she went again, the whole vessel being lost to view occasionally behind the mountains of water.

Thus far the engine had worked nobly, Thus far the engine had worked nobly, the steam had held out well, the boat's nose had been kept to the front, and the nerves of the men on board were still like steel. Forward went the little steamer, tipping on her sides at times until her smokestack would almost touch the top of a neighboring wave, nearly standing on her prow one second and the next rushing along on her stern. That she missed striking one of the many rocks and being crushed to splinters was a miracle. Providence and a good pilot kept her on her proper course.

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The trip through the rapids was ended, but the most perilous part of the voyage was yet to come. As the Maid approached the whirlpool the black smoke that went up from her stack showed that she was preparing for the final plunge. Down she went at a speed so great that the fast-running waves could not catch her. She wavered as she struck the ever whirring waters, toppied over to leeward as the twisting torrents met her and for a moment it looked as if the engine would be powerless to drive the boat through; that the gallant vessel would be whirled around on the rocks where the brave trie would meet certain death. The little wheel, though, made itself felt, and in just sever.

In Athens every citizen, under severe penalties was compelled to teach his sons to read and to swim. Meep Minard's Linimont in the House.

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seconds the Maid was safe on the other side of the whirlpool, and in four minutes from the time she started from the talls she had completed the most perilous trip made by any vessel before or since. No boat nor no person ever went through these angry waters before and came out alive, and, with the exception of a man who made the trip in an iron barrell, no one has ever attempted the voyage since.

Just as the good people were beginning to stir at Lewiston the Maid of the Mist hove in sight, coming leisurely down the stream. She steamed to Niagara on the lake, at the mouth of the river, and anchored. When the pilot, the owner of the boat, grasped the wheel that raorning as the journey was commenced his hair was raven black, but when he stepped on land at the end of the voyage it was gray. The men, however, beyond being somewhat bruised and weak from the excitement of the trip, were uninjured. They are all yet living. The Maid after a few days proceeded to Port Dalhousie, where for many years she was engaged in towing on the Welland canal.

The name of the daring navigator who conceived this awful trip is Joel R. Robinson. The voyage earned for him the sobriquet of "the hero of the rapid," and it is by this title that he is still known James McIntyre was the engineer of the Maid on this memorable trip and James H. Jones was the engineer of the Maid of the Mist went arough the rapids there has

Jones was the fireman, Since the Maid of the Mist went wrough the rapids there has the Mist went surough the rapids there has always been more or less controversy as to whether this body of water could frequently be navigated by stanch little craft. Mr. Robinson unhesitatingly says it could not; that it was simply a miracle that the Maid went through in safety and that there is scarcely one chance in a million of a vessel coming out bottom side down.

Bishop of British Columbia. Bishop of British Columbia.
The newly-appointed bishop of British
Columbia, the Rev. William Willcox Perrin. vicar of St. Luke's, Southampton, in
1871, by the Bishop of Winchester, Dr.
Wilberforce. He remained curate of St.
Mary's until 1881, when he accepted the
living of St. Luke's from which vicarage he



has now been appointed bishop. Mr. Perrin has hitherto held the offices of chairman of the Southampton school board and warden of the refuge in addition to having the care of the Home of the Good Shepherd and other church institutions. The new bishop is well known all over England as a streucous temperance advocate, and is, besides, a very hard worker in parechial matters. His appointment to the diocess of British Columbia was made by the archbishop of Canterbury, to whom the power of appointment was delegated by the synod of the church in British Columbia. The diocesse is practically conterninous with the island of Vancouver. Formerly The diocese is practically conterminous with the island of Vancouver. Formerly it embraced a far larger extent of territory but the original diocese, which included the mainland and island, has been divided nto the sees of New Westminster and Cale donia. Bishop Hills, whose resignation created the vacancy, was the first bishop, and held the position for 34 years. Bishop Hills is now in England.

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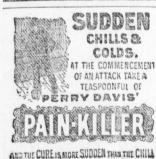
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