

Israel in Egypt if the lesson on the Passage of the Red Sea were omitted on the Sunday before Christmas. The Lesson System, therefore, gives an optional lesson for that Sunday—one on the Exodus, the other on the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem. Schools, therefore, may take their choice of these two, or, indeed, may combine them both. It will be observed in The Banner there are full notes on both these subjects. Our own feeling is that it is better to keep up the historic continuity of the lessons, as there is no danger of Christmas being forgotten nor its hallowed teachings ignored. In song and festival, in poem and story, in our Sunday School papers and Sunday School anniversaries this great central fact of Christendom is sure to be duly recognized.

A Successful Teacher.

FEW aspects of the life of the late W. E. H. Massey were more marked than his devotion to duty. Some men born to affluence, as he was, would have sought a life of ignoble ease, or of more ignoble pleasure. Not so Walter E. H. Massey. His life has been one of strenuous toil up to and beyond the measure of his strength.

Mr. Massey placed first things first. He recognized the supreme and primary importance of his duty to God, next his duty to the family God had given him, and then his obligation to the vast secular interests in which he was engaged. While diligent in business he was fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. This service found beautiful expression in his church relations. He was found, whenever possible, at the mid-week as well as the Sabbath services of the church. His late pastor, the Rev. W. H. Hincks, states that the first night of his week service Mr. Massey took his hand and said, "I want you if ever you see anything in my life or conduct inconsistent with the character of a Christian man to tell me." He was ever ready to give counsel, sympathy, financial help to the interests of the church of God and to every worthy cause. His pastor says:

"As a key to his character let me mention that he was pre-eminently a man of prayer. This was so marked in his life and was one of the secrets of his calm amidst the strenuous life he lived in the business world. Many of you knew him as a man who administered the largest



WALTER EDWARD HART MASSEY

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manufactory of its kind in the British Empire, touching from his desk Australia, Germany, France, Austria, Great Britain, and this vast Dominion. We knew him in the evening at his home, and at his prayer service, where in the church he touched the throne of God in simple, direct, earnest prayer. About his prayer there was always a deep, earnest humility, tenderness, reverence, and self-effacement. He greatly prized the privilege of ministering to others in eternal things. The Bible class on his Dentonia Farm Farm, at which some seventy of his employees and friends gathered every Sunday during the summer, was an example of this."

A FRIEND TO YOUNG MEN

He was a friend to young men; he was not satisfied with teaching them on the Sabbath, but earnestly desired to reach them in the week, so in the reconstruction of his beautiful home on Jarvis Street he had a large room specially fitted up for "my boys," as he called them, and every Tuesday of each week, busy as he was, he gave himself up to entertaining these young men, in which work he was enthusiastically joined by his devoted wife. He followed his boys out into life after they left the city, both by letter and expressions of love, and they frequently brought their troubles to him, and not in vain.