Sunday School. conscience. Good will-God has shown his good will by sending the Messieh. Toward Men-We should show good will both to God and Man.

III. The visit of the shepherds. (vs. 15-JANUARY 7,1996

ards Find Jesus-Luke 2:1-20.

Commeatary.—1. The birth of Christ (m. 17). In those days.—After the lifth of John and before the birth of Roman emperors. All the world will of the Roman world. At that time the Roman empire extended further than all of the Roman empire of the whole all of the Roman empire of the whole arch." Taxed—Enrolled, or registered robably with a view of taxing.

2. First made—There must have been so enrolments. Cyrenius—This is the Greek form of chronological difficulty are. Quirinus or Quirinus, was governor of Syria, in A. D. 6, ten years later than this, and at that time he took a tensus to which St. Luke refers in Acts.

37. Many explanations have been suggested. "The most satisfactory explanation of the matter seems to be that wirinius was twice governor of Syria, and his has been made almost certain by rely antiquarian researches.—Philipshaff. 3. Into his own city—The Roman custom was to enrol persons at the lace of residence, but the Jewish custom required the enrolment to take place the native city. 4. Went up—From the lace of residence, but the Jewish custom required the enrolment to take place the native city. 4. Went up—From Envird was born. 5. With Mary—It is uncertain whether her presence was obligatory or voluntary, but it is obvisua that, after what she had suffered Clatt. i. 19), she chose to cling to the presence and protection of her husband.—Farrar. Expeused wife—Better, who was betrothed to him.—R. V. 6. While there—Caesar Augustus was but an instrument in the hand of Providence to fulfil the prophecy of Micah (chap. v. 2) with respect to the birth-place of the Messiah.—Lange.

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The field—They undeubtedly had tents or booths under which they dwelt.—Clarke. Keeping watch. by night—Or. "Keeping might watches."—R. V., margin. They watched by turns, against wild beasts and robbers. The feet that the shepherds were in the fields affords no ground for concluding that the nativity did not take place in the winter. The average temperature at Jerusalem for five years was, in December, 54 degrees. 9. Angel—Divine messenger. Came upon them—Stood over them.—Clarke. Glory of the Lord—That extreme splendor in which the Deity is represented as appearing to men, and conclimes called the Sheehinah—an appearance frequently attended, as in this case, by a company of angels.—Bloomfield. It is likely that the angel appeared in the air at some little direstance above them, and that from him the rays of the glory of the Lord shone round about them, as the rays of light are projected from the sun.—Clarke. Sore afraid—Terrified with the appearance of so glorious a being." There is no proof here that the shepherds were morally impure and afraid that divine justice was about to be meted out to them. Even holy men tremble when they come in contact with the supernatural.

10. God Tidings—The literal meaning of "gospel." I am come to declare the loving kindness of the Lord. My message will cause great joy. It is a message to "you" (Jews) first, and it also reaches to "all the people" (R. V.), to the whole human race. See Gen. xii., 3; Matt. xxviii., 19; Luke, ii., 28-32, 24-46, 47 Col. i., 21-23. 11. Is born—Isa ix., 6; John i., 14. "David's greater Son begins his earthly career in his ancestor's home. Seven hundred years before, a prophet had predicted the Messiah's birth at Bethlehem" (Micah v., 2). A Saviour—I. A delivered. 2. A restorer. 3. A preserver. See Matt. ii, 21. "Not shall be' a Saviour, but her holy Ghost." Christ was anointed for the sign and offer him floring that would have caused them to doubt was made the sign an

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15. Let us now go—There is no time to lose. Let us go now. "This is the language of obedience, desiring to receive assurance and strength," by seeing for themselves "this thing wauch is to come to pass." 16. With haste—Filled and thrilled with holy joy they could not linger. And found—"It is probable that by communicating their experiences to one another their faith was greatly strengthened."

17. Made known abroad—As soon as they had seen the child they began 'o tell the glad news to every one they met. They were true preachers of the gospel. 18. wondered—The story of Jesus is the most wonderful story to which human ears eve. listened, and it still causes those who hear it to wonder. 19. Pondering them—weighing or carefully considering them Every circumstance was treasured up in her memory. 20. Glorifying and praising—These symple men returned to the care of their flocks giving glory to God for all they had seen and heard.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS.

I. "A Saviour" (v. 11). I. Incarnate. "Born ... a Saviour" (v. 11). The beloved Son of God became the "first-born son" of Mary (v. 7). The Divine One became the human sufferer, subject to physical law, mental pain and spiritual trial.

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II. The saying (v. 12). The message of the angels was a model for a sermon.

It was.

1. Comforting. "Fear not" (v. 10). The angel came not to punish sin but to proclaim a Saviour. The first Old Testament "fear not" is in connection with the promise of the miraculous gift of Laac, type of the beloved Son (Gen. xv. 1.5).

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2. Inspiring. "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy" (v. 10). The joy of the Lord is great in its source (John xv. 11; Gal. v. 22.)

3. Personal—The angel said, "I bring you good tidings" (v. 10). "Unto you is born a Saviour" (v. 11). 'A sign' unto you; ye shall find" (v. 12). Conviction and comfort are in the pronouns of the Bible, "Thou art the man," Nathan said to David (2 Sam. xii. 7). "I go to prepare a place for you," Jesus said to the sorrowing disciples (John xiv. 2). Gospel preaching is to the heart.

III. "The Shepherds" (v. 15). The shepherds believed. Their faith was.

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4. An ardent faith. "They came with haste," God says, "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily," (Cel. iii. 23), with a holy urgency of spirit, as a faithful, loyal lover of your Lord.

5. A rewarded faith. "They....found Mary and Joseph and the babe in a manger" (v. 16), God bids us, "Taste and see" (Psa. xxiv. 8).

6. A spoken faith. They made known (v. 17) what the Lord had "made known" (v. 15) to them. The news was too good to keep. It belonged to all people.

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The angels, Angels have always taken an interest in the affairs of this world. We frequently read of them in the Old Testament. An angel appeared unto Zacharias announcing the birth of John and to Mary announcing the birth of Christ. An Angel appeared to Jesus in the garden and to the distributions of the trust comparises of the State January (v. 15). Christ. An Angel appeared to Jesus in the garden, and to the disciples at the sepulchre and at the ascension. Jesus on one occasion said He could call twelve legions of angels and we have the blessed assurance given that He gives His angels charge over us to sustain us in the hour of temptation and danges. Abbie C. Morrow.

CHURCH FEDERATION.

CHICAGO MINISTERS MAY BAR THE UNITARIAN CHURCH.

Chicago, Dec. 25 .- Five hundred Chicago ministers met yesterday to consider steps toward church federation in the city. No definite action was taken looking toward the exclusion of the Unitarian denomination, which was barred on doctrinal grounds from the recent condoctrinal grounds from the recent con-ference on church federation held in New York city, but the sentiment of the meeting was strongly in favor of the ex-clusion.

Each of the speakers had been a dele-gate to the New York conference and each referred to the action of that con-ference in terms of the warmest appro-bation.

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The meeting was called by a joint committee representing the ministerial associations of the various denominations and the central department of the Y. M. C. A. A committee of four was appointed to re-construct a plan for the

MURDERER SHORTES.

WARD OF PENITENTIARY,

A Kingston despeich eage: Valentine Shortia the murdeter, one of the four prisoners transferred from St. Vincent De Paul to the penitentiary lust week, has been temporarily placed in the insane word. Shortis sang to himself while being driven from the railway station to the penitentiary. He is quite simple minded, but retaine all the marks of a gentleman.



CANADIAN.

Mrs. Balkewell died at the residence of her son, ex-Premier Greenway, at Crystal City, Man.

The work of double-tracking the Grand Trunk Railway between London and Hyde Park is very nearly completed. Steel on the Temiskaming & Northern Railway is laid forty miles beyond New Liskeard.

Plans for a steamship to be placed on the Pacific route have been prepared by the Canadian Pacific Railway. Principal Sheraton of Wyeliffe College, Toronto, is suffering from an attack of nervous prostration. Trade returns for the last five months

show a gain of \$26,000,000, of which exports contributed \$18,000,000. The late Larratt W. Smith, President Toronto Consumers Gas Co., left an estate valued at \$114,992.13.

It is reported at Halifax that the C. P. R. will make that city a winter port for their new Atlantic passenger steamers.

Chas. Brown was murdered at Spence's Bridge, Victoria, B. C., yesterday by a gang of toughs hovering about a rail-way construction camp.

The Collingwood Board of Education has appointed Mr. George Hammill, principal of the Collegiate Institute, in succession to Inspector Mills.

While Mr. and Mrs. Barilla, of Pittston, were at a wake, their home was destroyed by fire, and their eight-year-old son was burned to death.

Rev. R. P. Bowles, pastor of Sher bourne Street Methodist Church, Toron-to, has been appointed profesor of hemi-letics in Victoria University.

At the London, Ont., City Council meeting, Mayor Campbell Announced his retirement. It is understood he will be appointed Post Office Inspector at London.

Miss Bennett of the staff of the Montreal General Hospital, has been appointed matron of the Brockville General Hospital out of a large field of applicants. She will take office on January 15.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The Alians are going to build two new steamers for the Atlantic service.

The 275th anniversary of the founding of Cambridge was celebrated there to-day.

The Hungarian parliament met again to-day to be prorogued until January 13 by royal decree.

The plant of the sewer pipe company, East Liverpool, Ohio, was burned early to-day, causing a loss estimated at \$10,000.

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2. An active faith. "Let us now go." A gentleman was asked, "How do you accomplish so much in life? 'His answer was, "My father taught me when I had anything to do to go do it."

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The steamer Mariposa, which arrived from Tahiti yesterday, brought the news that a rumor is current throughout Tahiti that the United States Government has offered France \$4,000,000 for the island.

public a call for reports of the condition of the trust companies of the State, January first next.

At Sebastopol new mutinies have occurred and 1,600 soldiers have been disarmed and under guard. The troops at Kharkoff have revolted and the inhabitants are still administering the city.

The Tangier correspondent of the Echo de Paris, says that the pretender to the Moorish throne, Bu Hamara, is preparing to atack the Sultan's troops with a numerous army near the Algerian frontier.

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On account of some confusion the general strike was proclaimed at Moscow today at noon instead of to-morrow and was inaugurated there with a complete suspension of the street railroad service.

The ferry house of the Delaware, Lack-awanna & Western, at the foot of West 22nd street, New York, was completely destroyed, and that of the Jersey Cen-tral badly damaged by fire at noon to-day.

day.

The U. S. State Department has received bitter complaints from fishing vessel owners regarding their treatment in Newfoundland, and it has been exchanging notes on the subject with the British Government.

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The Polish Nationalists have come to the decision that the Jews in Poland must be transformed into Poles and the Nationalists therefore issued a proclamation calling on all Israelites to discontinue speaking Yiddish and to learn the Polish language.

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All is quiet in Shanghai to-day Business has been resumed but the volunteers and sailors landed by the warships in port remain on duty as a precaution against a renewal of the rioting. The U.S. gunboat Villa Lobes has arrived to reinforce the Baltimore.

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The hoiler of a freight engine on the Wilmington & Northern Railroad, blew up to-day near Birdsboro, Pa, killing William E. Hesser, the fireman, and fatally scalding H. W. Leinhach, the engineer, and Win. T. Alderman, a brakemas.

At the home in New York of John A. McCall, President of the New York Life Insurance Company, yesterday, a manner of the family said that Mr. McCall was not suffering with pasqueuts, as had been reported, and that except for a slight cold he was in the best of health.

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Re experienced farmer has learned that some grains require far different soil than others; some crops need different handling than others. He knows that a great deal depends upon girth. deal depends upon right planting at the right time, and that the soil must be kept enriched. No use of complaining in summer about a mistake made in the spring. Decide before the seed is planted.

The best time to remedy wasting conditions in the human body is be-fore the evil is too deep rooted. At the first evi-dence of loss of flesh

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White Plains, N. Y., Dec. 25.-Rev Bernard A. Brady, paster of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church at Yonkers, was Roman Catholic Church at Yonkers, was indicted for grand lareeny by the Grand Jury to-day. It is charged that he fradulently secured a bequest of property worth \$10,000 for the use of his church at Yonkers. Mrs. Margaret Brady died recently leaving a \$10,000 estate, and a will was offered for probate giving this entire property to St. Joseph's Church.

Miss Viola Hess, of San Francisco, who is to be Mrs. Brady's only surviving relative, contested the validity of this will and brought the case before the Grand Jury.

Abraham H. Hummell, the New York lawyer who for several days has been on trial in the Supreme Court on a charge of conspiracy in connection with the Dodge-Morst divorce litigation, to-day elected to allow his case to go to the jury solely on the evidence submitted by his accusers.

CRISIS OF GIRLHOOD A TIME OF PAIN AND PERIL

Mics Emma Cele Says that Lydis E Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has Sayed Her Life and Made Her Well



Girls' modesty and oversensitiveness often puzzle their mothers and baffle physicians, because they withhold their confidence at this critical period.

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Miss Emma Coleof Tullahoma, Tenn., writes:

If you know of any young girl who is slek and needs motherly advice ask has to write Mrs. Pinkham, Lyon, Missa, and she will resive free glates which will put her on the right road to accom-healthy and happy wessanhand.

Market Reports The Week.

Terento Farmers' Market. Business on the street market, was fairly active, with price change ow About 100 bushels of fall told at 78 to 78c per bushel, amushels of goose brought 10c a lariey was steady, 300 bushels sell to 15 to 5te a bushel. bushels of goose brought for a bushel Barley was steady, 300 bushels solding to to 51c a bushel. Two hundred bushe of cats sold at 314 a bushel. Teas brough 75c per bushel, about 100 bushels changing hands. hands.

There was a good demand for hay, 4 leads selling at \$3 to \$10 per ton for No 1 thouthy, and \$5 to \$8 for mixed or clover Straw sold at \$10 to \$11 per ton.

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Toronto Live Stock. Trade for common cattle of all kinds was ow at low prices. Experters—Prices ranged from \$1.50 to \$1.50

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in the prosperity of the ferming community, which has never been in a better financial position than it is to day.

Toronto: Wholesale trade here has been quiet at the moment, and is likely to continue so until after the new year. Wholesale dry goods men have about finished their stock-taking. The result is rather more than fairly satisfactory and shows that the trade of the past year compares well with that of a year ago. The Christmas trade in fancy lines, etc., has been exceedingly heavy. There has been a good movement in hardware lines, while groceries are quiet. Metals are very firm in tone, and all lines are advancing. Sugare have advanced shiplated by during the past week. Country and efty retail trade is laisk, although the former would benefit by more snow. Calcops continued to plunder the holesale civeles, owing no doubt to the annual stock-taking, which is pretty general at present. The scasson just cleasing is reported satisfactory, and favorable results are expected.

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Winnipeg: Fine seasonable weather has given a big imposus to the holiday tradehere. Wholesale trade is quiet. Boot and shoe houses report great activity, and there is also a good time to the grocery trade. The hardwars and dry goods trades are quiet.

Victoria and Vancouver: Business generally has a quiet tone throughout the province. Trade, however, is on a sound basis, and wholesulers feel that after a good senson they can afford to wait unit the opening out of spring trade, which

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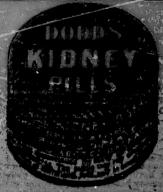
Montreal: All lines of wholesale trade ontinue to show a quiet tone here, at hough there is aiready something of a c-order trade in some Christman gonds, stock-taking has been general during the mast week, and results show, as was expected, that the husiness of the past year corrious seasons. Remittances are indirectly that the husiness of the past year corrious seasons. Remittances are indirectly that the husiness are indirectly favorably with that of revious seasons. Remittances are indirectly favorably with that of revious seasons. Remittances are indirectly favorably with that of the past year homears very favorably with that of the past year homears are returned for the past year homears to the future on this point. Investers are returned for the reaming from the prosperity of the forming companies and they speak very hopearly of the forming companies and proposed the prosperity of the forming companies.

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