inisters fail in the word of truth. They e class only and the e greater part of e left without spirer of Christ has to in Zion, to strength. e wayward, to conto win the children w necessarly then w to rightly divide he may be successnd that he may be people.

he word of truth is the mind of the passages of God's deavor to explain. omised to take of reveal them untoine assistance and ill impart it unto ations shall from h the portions of several states re-

ethren all this is a continual and study. To show God. STUDY to not to be ashamvide the word of be students, life ld not have you hationary course h "no more need xpected that as office of a Chrise thorough stunature of your e to do this. If needing not to b to keep alreast sh to be useful in saving precious ve the well done MUST STUDY." e charges which s always on their get that a ministhe gospel, and tion to the study er, while the serening to. Let me ren to have your d let nothing inpreparations for ou come forth to has entrusted at both you and considerably by conduct. And the end of the or the Sabbath, ing. Remember unbeaten oil in all your studies esence of God, his kingdom and

f truth in the he better able with all the ho have distin-Biblical Science sisted.

y, and then thus

s work God will

ours in his vine-

humble depend-Divine and ever he will abundyou a blessing. able ministers d I pray also crowned with

RICKING A

following achis wonderful raph." an apmanent mould rill reproduce at any time in which the g phonograph was singing lephone, when e sent the fine er. That set ald record the end the point erward, I saw rould not talk. rst on a strip ound that the I shouted the nto the mouthover the steel int 'Halloo! letermined to ld work accutants-instruc-I had disat me. That told them (a the man who would give e if I didn's thout a break. That's the

covery came

he finger."

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

JULY 13.

THIRD QUARTER: STUDIES IN LUKE'S GOSPEL.

A. D. 26. LESSON III. MINISTRY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST; or, Witnessing of the Son. Luke 3, 15-22. July 21.

EXPLANATORY.

VERSE 15. EXPECTATION. Or suspense.

They were uncertain whether this prophet

on the bank of Jordan, whose weird aspect and rough garb reminded them of the ancient Elijah, could be their promised and expected Messiah. The wonderful portents which announced his coming, and the bold originality of his message, stamped him as a divinely commissioned messenger. Mused in their hearts. Or, reasoned, debated. John. John prophets in the Old Testament dispensation. He was the son of Zacharias and Elizabeth, both of whom were Levites of the priestly line. His birth and name, "John, grace of the Lord," were foretold to his father by the angel Gabriel in the temple. He was born either at Hebron or Juttah, in the south of Judah, and brought up secluded in the wilderness unministry lasted less than two years, though it aroused all the land of Palestine, and sent its echoes throughout the Jewish world. He denounced sin and self righteousness, exhorted to repentance and reform, and proclaimed the near approach of the Messiah. Whether he were the Christ. The Jewish people had ever cherished a hope and belief in Christ's coming, as their deliverer and prince. The time, "seventy weeks," foretold by Daniel (Dan. 9, 24) was now completed, and the "scepter departed from Judah," (Gen. 42, 10) and throughout the land his immediate appearing. It is not wonderful that when the clarion-tones of

tent to be the herald of the coming King. Said Scotland's greatest preacher, " Let Chalmers' name be forgotten, and Christ's alone be remembered." (1) The greatest men on hearth have been the most unselfish and humble. Baptize. Baptism was known among the Jews as a part of the rite for receiving proselvtes into the church. John adopted it as the token of renunciation of sin and a cleansing by divine power. Latchet. To stoop down and loosen the thongs which fastened the sandals to the feet was the duty of a slave, or of one greatly inferior in rank. In Oriental countries sandals are generally removed on entering a house, and left in charge of a servant, who brings them again when needed. Thus John, the most prominent public man of his day, and henored by the acclamations of all the multitude, announces himself as not worthy to perform the humblest services for Jesus. [Teacher, show how Christ honours us by calling us to be his friends and followers.] Baptize you with the Holy Ghost. The promise of a baptism from on high, the direct manifestation of divine power upon men, fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. (Acts 2 1.4.) (2) Still is it the endowment of the church, a privilege of which we are heritors. With fire. On Pentecost the tongues of fire fell on the heads of the disciples, purifying and inspiring them, burning away the dross from their hearts, and brightening the gold. Some commentators suggest that the "baptism of the Holy Ghost" refers to the church, and the "baptism of fire" to the godless worldthe wheat purified, the chaff burned up. (3) "He sits in the hearts of his people as a refiner's fire: he is among his enemies

16. SAYING UNTO THEM ALL. He would

not for a moment receive the honor which

he felt belonged to another, and was con-

as a consuming fire."—Burkitt. 17, 18. WHOSE FAN. In the East the wheat and chaff are separated by the simple process of casting them up in the air against the wind, when the chaff and straw are blown away, and the wheat falls on the floor. Sometimes, however, one man throws up the wheat, while another waves a large fan to create a draft of air. Purge his floor. The prophet realized that there was a defect in the thoroughness of his own work; that, of the masses who flocked to his baptism, many were merely "following the crowd," many were formal and not hearty in their repentance, and many were only superficial and fickle in

hearers that the coming One will draw the lines sharply and distinctly between saint and sinner. (4) In our churches the good and the evil may be mingled, notwithstanding our care; but in Christ's true invisible church every member is holy. Fire unquenchable. While we may not comprehend the full meaning of these symbolic words, yet from the tenor of all Scripture we can infer that they point to a terrible hereafter. (5) Our unbelief will not quench the fire which God's law and "the nature of things" kindles. Many other things. While many of the words of the bold preacher are unwritten and lost to the world, their influence remains in a current which still flows over the earth. (6) Words may be forgotten, but are not, therefore, powerless.

19. But. This and the following verse are not placed in chronological order, as John's imprisonment did not take place until some months after Jesus' baptism the Baptist, the last and greatest of the | They are inserted here in order to com plete the record of John's ministry. Herod, Herod Autipas, the son of Herod the Great and Malthace of Samaria. He received by his father's will the government of Galilee and Perea, and reigned over those provinces until dethroned and banished by the Roman Emperor Caligula to Lugdunum, on the border between France and Spain, in which latter province he til the age of thirty years. His inspired | died. On a small scale he was a true Orityrannical. He met Jesus at Jerusalem, on the night before the crucifixion, mocked him, and sent him back to Pılate. Tetrach. "The ruler of a fourth part;" dominions were not large enough for a kingdom. Reproved by him. He who had rebuked the sins of the people did not spare those of the king. (6) Those who deliver God's message need courage. When John Knox lay in his open grave, the regent of Scotland pointed to his grave and said, "There lies one who never feared and the world there was an expectation of | the face of his fellow man." Herodias. The granddaughter of Herod the Great, being daughter of his son Aristobulus. John's preaching aroused the people, they | She was first married to her uncle, Herod should begin to question whether this was | Philip, who was living as a private citiznot the promised Messiah. [Teacher, ap- | en; but forsook him to live with another ply the thought of looking for, and ex- uncle, Herod Antipas, the tetrach, whose supposition, especially the fact that he and afterward murdered. (Matt. 14, 3-12.) came of the family of Levi, and not of | She persuaded Herod to go to Rome and and dethronement she voluntarily accom- produced. panied him ro his place of exile. She was ambitious, cruel, revengeful, and utterly devoid of principle. Shut up John. At Macherus, a gloomy castle overlooking the southern end of the Dead Sea, where after a few months his noble head fell under the sword, to satisfy the whim of a dancing girl. His life seemed a failure, but only seemed, for it was a glorious success in awakening the land and pre-

paring the path for the Gospel. 21. WHEN ALL. Not meaning that all had been baptized before Jesus. Literally, "During the baptism of all the people." Jesus also being baptized. The scene of Christ's baptism was Bethabara. on the eastern bank of Jordan, a few miles north of the Dead Sea. Christ received baptism 1. To take his place among men; though sinless, making himself one with sinners. 2. To honor by his divine commendation the Baptist and his mission. 3. To receive a public and solemn induction to his office, as priests were anointed under the old dispensation. Praying. (7) Prayer should accompany every public act of consecration. (8) He who was sinless prayed, how much more should we who are sinful! He who needed nothing communed with the Father; let us who need all things go to him. Heaven was opened. There was an appearance of opening in the arch of the sky, in the midst of which the light gathered in the form of a dove.

22. THE HOLY GHOST DESCENDED. Thus all the three persons in the Godhead were represented—the Father in the voice, the Son in the prayer, and the Spirit in the dove-like appearance. Dove, An appropriate form for his appearance, who comes to usher in peace on the earth. Well-pleased. A message which may yet come to us, honored by brotherhood

with Christ, if we are found faithful. GOLDEN TEXT: For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. Luke

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION: The person

ality of the Holy Ghost. The next lesson is Luke 4, 16-30.

THE PAIN-KILLER.-We have long known the high character of this medicine, and that it is used with great success and satisfaction in our very best families. It is the favorite medicine of our missionaries in heathen lands, where they use it more than all else together for the diseases that abound in those warm climates. It should be kept in every house, their feelings. He could not discern the and should be in readiness for sudden atrecious from the vile; but he warns his tacks of sickness.—Christian Press.

MACDONALD & CO

IMPORTERS OF CAST AND

LLEABLE IRON

With Fittings of every description.

BRASS AND COPPER TUBES, SHEETS ETC.. STEAM JAND VACUUM GAUGES, HAND AND POWER JUMPS. Rubber Hose and Steam Packing. MANUFACTURERS OF ALL KINDS

ENGINEER BRASS FITTINGS.

Also-The heavier description of

BRASS and COPPER WORK

FOR STEAMSHIPS, RAILWAYS, TANNERIES, ETC.

Nos. 166 to 172 Barrington Street, - - - - Halifax.

Victoria Steam Confectionery Work WATERLOO STREET

We call the attention of WHOLESALE DEALERS and others to our STOCK OF

PURE CONFECTIONS

ental despot, sensual, unscrupulous, and Some of which will be found entirely new to the trade. We invite their inspec tion and solicit a share of their Patronage.

WHOLESAL ONLY.

J. R. WOODBURN & CO... a title bestowed upon a monarch whose Victoria Steam Confectionery Works, Waterloo St., St. John

R. WOODBURN.

(dec. 15)

H. P. KERR.

"METHODISM

FIRST VOLUME.

Being a History of the Rise and Progress of Methodism in Nova Scotia, pecting Christ as our Saviour and Re- lawful wife was still living. Thus in New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, and the Bermudas, deemer.] Or not. If there were strong every respect their connection was wicked with collateral facts and characters in these Provinces, down to the year 1813. reasons for supposing John to be the and abominable. Through her influence The Second Volume, now being prepared by the Author, will bring the History Messiah, there were stronger against the John the Baptist was thrust into prison down to the period of Union-1874.

Impartial readers, not members of the Methodist Church—men of high Judah, as was the prophecy concerning | seek the title of king, and on his failure | literary standing-have pronounced this the best History Nova Scotia has ever The Book has been put in the Market at a price which covers but little

more than the actual expense incurred by the author in its publication. The style is clear, methodical and often eloquent. As an accurate epitome

of dates and circumstances, it has been verified by competent judges. Sold, or sent post-free, at \$1.50. Discount to Minisers, Sabbath Schools

METHODST BOOK ROOM

125 GRANVILLE STREET, HALIFAX, N.S.

LIBERAL TERMS TO ACENTS NOTICES OF THE PRESS.

This work will be found a most interesting volume, especially to Methodists. The time for its appearance had fully come. Such works as Mr. Smith's, connect them selves with general literature, and they become of interest, not merely to the denomi nations whose careers they describe but to every one interested in tracing the rise and progress of a people.—Reporter, Halifax.

As Methodism in the East and West is now consolidated into one organization, this history of Mr. Smith's is well adapted to make the Methodists of the West better acquainted with the origin and history of Methodism in the East, and thus bring them into closer sympathy with the work of our brethren in the East. A fuller knowledge of that work will be a bond of fraternity and unity. The volume is highly creditable to both the author and the publisher. It is got up in good style. We bespeak for it a wide circulation among the readers of the "Guardian"—Guardian, Toronto.

It would be a means of grace, as well as a source of valuable information to our people; and ought to be in every Methodist family.—Rev. C. Stewart, D. D. Prof, of Theology, Mt. Allison.

with a judicious chapter on the Origin and Characteristics of Methodism, and then, chapter after chapter, gives the history of the evangelistic efforts and operations of the Methodists, from 1769 to 1813. Mr Smith has evidently bestowed great pains on this work. It is minute and comprehensive and appears to do ample justice to the subject. We trust his services will be heartily appreciated and that he will thus be encouraged to prosecute a task for which he seems peculiarly well qualified.—Presbyterian

It is needless to say that the book is interesting, especially so to our Methodist friends. While the main object kept in view by the author has been to present an authentic and reliable history of Wesleyan Methodism, he has necessarily embodied in his narrative many historical facts of a general character, bearing upon the condition of the country socially, morally and religiously, which are calculated to render it valuable as a history to people generally as well as to Methodists. The book is deserving of a wide circulation and careful perusal.—Chronicle, Halifax.

Its typographical appearance reflects credit upon the establishment from which i emanates. The work is ably written, and the information to be derived from it is invaluable.—Reporter, Fredericton.

We recommend our readers to procure it for themselves. It will do good both t their heads and their hearts — Canada Methodist Magazine.

This book ought to be in every Methodist Sabbath School, side by side with the first books in real merit.—Rev. D. D. Currie. If our readers want to possess a history of heroic struggles and glorious triumphs let them procure this book. We trust that it will have a wide circulation, especially

among those for whom it is chiefly written.—Recorder, London.

The Churches in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and the Bermudas have found a painstaking historian in Mr. Watson Smith, who traces their rise and progress, and chronicles the names and doings of the pioneer missionaries with loving care .- Recorder, London.

Books, Pamphlets, Society Reports, etc. PRINTED AT THIS OFFICE, AT VERY MODERATE PRICES

SPRING STOCK

STATIONERY

Per "Devonia" from Glasgow we have just re-

10 CASES ASSORTED STATIONERY which is offered Wholesale and Retail at Low

FOOLSCAP. LEGAL CAP, POTT, LETTER, NOTE, CREAM WOVE,

CREAM LAID, Ruled or plain. ENVELOPES.

COMMERCIAL OFFICIAL COURT-sizes. Foreign Linnear Note Water Lined, in 5 quire packages, white or assorted colors.

Linnear Envelopes, TO MATCH-4 packages, 100 Envelopes, in a Neat Box. white or assorted colors. NEW STYLE SPECIAL.

Imitation of Parchment or Hand Made papers very popular.

Albany, Rutland, New Commercial and New ENVELOPES to match Albany and Rutland Court sizes.
Commercial and New Official Ordinary Shape.

Brunswick Note and Envelopes. (Rough surface) in Boxes-cach box contains 2 quires Note and 2 Packages Envelopes square and ordinary shape.

STEEL PENS,

Collins & Sons, No. 746 in Gross Boxes Rough, Ready and Expert, in quarter gross boxes Brunswick, Imperial, Crown, and Royal in quarter

Mourning Note & Envelopes. Dollar Bill and Manuscript Cases.

Six Different Sizes. VISITING CARDS, Ladies and Gents sizes. Printed to order, if desired, at short notice.

MEMORANDUM BOOKS. In Great Variety at low rates per dozen. STEPHEN'S CELEBRATED INKS

In Quarts, Pints and Small Sizee. GOLD PENS, EAGLE LEAD PENCILS, PENHOLDERS, PENCIL and INK ERASERS

METHODIST BOOK ROOM. 125 Granville St., Halifax, N.S.

GOLD Any worker can make 12 dollars at home Costly outfit free. Address TRUE & Feb 9. 1 year

C. W. TREADWELL. BARRSTER & ATTORNEY AT LAW CONVEYANCER, &c., &c.

OFFICE: Corner of Charlotte and Union Streets, Saint John, New Brunswick. Accounts collected in all parts of the

the Province. Conveyancing and all other legal busig ness carefully attended to.

AGENTS WANTED. For the Book that Sells'

HOME MEMORIES. A work brim full of the choicest reading in the English language. Bright and Cheerful through-out. Wise counsel and rare entertainment for old and young. In everything it is varied, plea-ant, suggestive, truthful. A book to create and efine taste, to fill Head and Heart at the same ime. Rare chance for men and women to make money. Address

J. C. McCurdv and Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

NEW SCHOOL BOOKS THE

MARITIME READER. All Numbers of the latest Editions are in Stock. Large Discount to Teachers and Dealers

Retail Price as follows First Primer, 32 p p......price 3 cts Third Book, 200 pp. extra Fcap cloth
Fourth Book, 232 pp. extra Fcap cloth
"

Colored30c GREENLEAF'S ARITHMETICS. New American Edition with additions and improvements.

The New Practical......0.75 Books sent by Mail Postage 4 cents per pound. ■METHODIST BOOK ROOM.

HYMNA⁸L!

SUNDAY SCHOOL EDITION.

JUST PUBLISHED -AT THE-

HALIFAX BOOK Smaller and cheap edition of "THE HYM-A NAL" prepared by members of the Eastern Section of the General Conference Book Crimittee, and published at the Book Room in February last. The Larger Edition has been well received, and

s used in Prayer and Social Meetings on our principal Circuits. A number of excellent hymns have, special request, been included in the S. S. In contents, size, type and binding, it is more uitable for our schools than any book on sale. And its very low price, compared with such books pubshed elsewhere, brings it within reach of all. Price in Cloth limp Covers, single copy, 8cts.

Per dozen, 85cts.
The larger Hymnal is still on sale—In Cloth ards, 20cts., in Paper 15cts.

Agents Wanted for Dr. March's Works ble. Home Life in the Bible, and our

Father's House. No Books ever published have received such universal approval from the Press, Ministers and leading men everywhere. The choice readings, fine steel engravings, and superb bindings, make them welcome in every Home. ONE SAMPLE SELLS ALL. end for terms. Being a paying business at once. J. C. McCURDY & Cc., Phila lelphia, Pa.