

Our Story.

THE HOUSEHOLD OF McNEIL.

Then he wrapped his plaid round his breast and left the castle. He was tossed and troubled in mind with the fretful worries and perplexities he shared with McNeil, and they chilled his enthusiasm and made all life's objects appear small and irritating. But there is always something very impressive in passing from light and human society into the dim spaces of the night and the solemn company of the stars, and ere he reached the manse and the duty he had appointed there, he had quite recovered that elevation of spirit which made it not only possible, but welcome and pleasant.

last idea and carefully nursed it; for when a girl is bent on a course of ingratitude and selfishness, the first thing the devil teaches her is to debase all the past love which she is violating, and to find for every forbearance and every kindness a selfish motive. The following day Lord Maxwell had an interview with the Laird. They met with a determination on both sides to think the best of each other. McNeil for his daughter's sake, wished to do so; and Maxwell was not inclined to indulge his temper at the price of the £60,000 which might otherwise be Grizelda's fortune. Neither was he so much in love as to be financially overgenerous in the matter of future provision for his wife. McNeil's question as to the settlement which he intended to make on her was promptly met with one as to the fortune he intended to give Grizelda. "I am not prepared to say what I shall give Grizelda," was the answer. "You are aware, my lord, that my consent to her marriage has been in a manner forced from me. When I am satisfied that it is a good marriage and a happy one, I will amply provide for your wife and her possible heirs. Until then I shall keep her money where I can put my own hands upon it."

Sabbath School Work.

LESSON HELPS. LESSON V. May 5, 1889. THE COMMAND TO WATCH. Mark xiii. 24-37. COMMIT VERSES 35-37. GOLDEN TEXT.—Take ye heed, watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is.—Matt. xiii. 33. CENTRAL TRUTH. To watch and pray, is our privilege our duty, our safety. DAILY READINGS. M. Mark xiii. 13-37. W. Matt. xxiv. 29-51. Th. Luke xxi. 25-36. F. 1 Thess. i. 16-18; v. 1-11. Sa. 2 Pet. iii. 3-18. Sv. Rev. xxi. 1-5, 10-27. TIME.—Tuesday afternoon, April 4, A.D. 30. PLACE.—Mount of Olives. CORRESPONDING SCRIPTURES.—Matt. xxiv. 29-51; Luke xxi. 25-36. CIRCUMSTANCES.—This lesson is a continuation of the last lesson. Jesus, in full view of Jerusalem, two days before the crucifixion, is giving comfort and instruction to his disciples.

IV. BECAUSE THE TIME IS UNKNOWN (vs. 32-37).—Who only knows the exact time of the coming? Show how this is a reason for watching and prayer. By what parable did Jesus enforce this truth? Relate it as told by Matthew. Who are the servants? What work is given to each of us? How are we to watch? (Matt. xxiv. 46.) What will be the consequences of not watching? (Matt. xxiv. 48-51.) How will praying help us to watch? PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS. I. Dark and troublous times are sure to come before the kingdom of God can be established. II. These should not discourage us but bring comfort and faith, as signs of the coming. III. Jesus Christ is surely coming in His kingdom, successful and triumphant. IV. Nothing in the universe is so sure as the Word of God, its promises and warnings. V. The uncertainty of the hour is the inspiration to duty, for the only way to be certainly prepared when the Lord comes is to be always prepared. VI. True watching implies performance of duty and serving the Lord as perfectly as if conscious that His eye is upon us. VII. We should watch for the coming of the Lord, for opportunities to do good, for the end of life. VIII. We should watch against sin, temptation, unfaithfulness, neglect.—Peloubet.

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