

erickton Reporter says - body and Sankey will campaign in New Hampshire next Nov. 4th. They have combination with four or five and exhorters, and will move simultaneously. The evangelists will be in the habit of preaching, but the Liverpool papers state is the case, and the notices of his address go to show with what good effect the matter of fact merchant introduces smiles derived from mercantile life. The following is from the Liverpool Journal:

A GREAT IRON MERCHANT IN THE PULPIT.

Many of our St. John readers have seen the name of Mr. W. S. Caine, of Liverpool, in circulars and in English papers as that of a great iron merchant. They would hardly expect to find that he was in the habit of preaching, but such the Liverpool papers state is the case, and the notices of his address go to show with what good effect the matter of fact merchant introduces smiles derived from mercantile life. The following is from the Liverpool Journal:

Lay preaching is one of the distinctive features of the religious life of the present day. Cultivated mainly by the nonconformists, it is found to be a religious agency of great value. The mission services, by means of which the more active churches and congregations seek to reach the lower classes of their districts, are carried on almost entirely by laymen. The success which so often attend services of this character is perhaps to some extent due to the fact that laymen conduct them. Very many persons, particularly amongst the poorer classes, have a strong preference for lay preachers. In listening to some merchant or cotton broker who devotes his leisure to preaching, few doubts arise in their minds as to the purity of the motives which prompt him to address them. They know at least that he derives no pecuniary advantage from his preaching, and they the more readily attend to his ministrations. There are some indications that in the future lay preaching will not be confined to the important, if quiet and unobserved, sphere of mission services. A large, well attended and popular place of worship in Liverpool—the Texteth Tabernacle—has been founded and is carried on entirely by laymen. Special services of various kinds at the larger chapels are more frequently than ever conducted by laymen, and occasionally they undertake an ordinary service. This was the case yesterday at Pitt street Wesleyan chapel, where a sermon was preached, has announced by placard and advertisement, in the morning by Mr. W. S. Caine. Mr. Caine is a good specimen of the better class of lay preachers. His presence and voice are by no means unsuitable to the pulpit. With his general style as a platform speaker most of our readers are familiar. Transferred from the platform to the pulpit he remains very much the same. He affects none of the highest graces and refinement of speech. No flowers of language dot his periods. There is a plainness and simplicity in his utterances which are obviously intentional. Indeed in the course of his remarks yesterday, he laid down the principle that plainness was an essential element of success in preaching. His sentences all constructed upon one model are short, crisp, vigorous. With a few simple words he expresses exactly what he means his hearers to understand. His ideas come out with singular clearness. The homely vigor and simplicity of his illustrations are sometimes remarkable. His text yesterday was taken from the Gospel according to St. John, xiv. 6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life;" and in the course of his remarks he wished to illustrate the proposition that the truth of a promise was the fulfillment of it. A £5 note he said is a promise on the part of the Bank of England to pay £5 in gold on demand, and the truth of that promise was the receipt of five sovereigns. Christ, he went on to say, was the truth of all the promises of the Old and New Testament. Let them then, "cash the note," and take to themselves as their own promises and their own right all the blessings of the gospel. Then speaking of the blessings which followed a close walk with Christ, he said that if they looked at a page of a child's copy book they would see that the first line written was pretty good, but lower down as the child got further away from the printed heading, the writing got worse and worse. "So it was with the Christian life; the nearer they kept to their example Jesus Christ, the better would they be." If not a brilliant, Mr. Caine is undoubtedly a strong and forcible preacher. His general treatment of his theme showed that he had carefully thought it out, at any rate all its more important features. His leading idea was that it was we are justified in accepting the declaration of the text in its full-

OBITUARY.

AFFECTION IN MEMORY OF ARCHIBALD MORTON.

often presents itself to an mind, "Why are lengthened in written of persons, who remarkable for piety or usefulness that can be fall, oberece to many, who have years burning and shining Church of Christ, "and many to righteousness shall stars for ever and ever." One question may be, "Why al testimony from the feeble have been living witnesses of the gospel of Jesus Christ to sanctify the life, and make useful. Their memory is med in the affections of all ge it has been to have been their godly example and pts. They are had in ever- brance, and being dead yet

any living, with whom the Morton has been a house- their earliest childhood, ir pleasantest reminiscence is that of the "old Argyle school, and its honored and videntent." They remem- ing zeal, his loving, yet firm and his unwearied efforts for of all beneath his care. How words of encouragement the energies of the teacher, scholars to diligence, which could be felt, so deeply by the it seldom failed to produce decorum.

the most steadfast members dist Church in Halifax, and have been scattered far and ng the lamp of a consistent fession with them, and may e had an abundant entrance ngdom of Heaven, were d through the instrumen- connection with the "old Sabbath school," and later the Sabbath school, which Mr. nued to superintend for some member the prayer-meetings- tion with these school- many who went forward for, and to be instructed from the wrath to come," early childhood found Jesus l who maintain their Chris- to this day. As a city mi- nity alone can reveal how h his instrumentality, have h from the power of dar- been translated into the od's dear Son. As a chie- can the record begin, of his own, deep experience of fullness of the love and grace alated his classes to prove a fience, than otherwise they ver attained.

at speak of his influence in prayer-meeting. His voice lately heard, to be soon fo- We esteem an intimate life-long acquaintance with as one of the blessings for all ever be thankful. His piety and words of kindly ad- ever been deeply prized by gh we felt bereaved, when we ce of his death, we knew for

"Only a crossing over, and wide, fearful billows, peace on the other of anguish and sorrow in dark, found of singing, softened by happy ing over, sadness and shroud and of parting, ere he could speak of trial borne on the swelling tide, aims of glory safe by the Savior's

est and widest meaning. Such practical preaching can hardly fail to do good, and congregations will not suffer if qualified laymen are more frequently invited to occupy the pulpits of the regular places of worship. At the close of the service, and also of the evening service, at which the Rev. Charles Garrett preached, there was a collection on behalf of the Indian famine fund.—Tel.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

THIRD QUARTER: STUDIES IN EARLY CHURCH HISTORY.

A. D. 62. LESSON VIII. PAUL IN THE STORM: or, Trust in God. Acts 27, 14-26. November 25.

EXPLANATORY.

NOT LONG AFTER. Probably while the vessel was still off the southern coast of Crete. Tempestuous wind. In Greek, "a typhonic wind," with whirling eddies and sudden changes in direction. Euroclydon. One of those furious storms still common on the Mediterranean, and known as a "Levanter." So in life, "the gentle south wind of to-day may be followed by a storm to-morrow."—Starke. The ship was caught. Being whirled helplessly in the changing blast. Could not bear up into the wind. Literally, "could not eye the wind," from the fact that a pair of eyes were generally painted on the prow of ancient ships. We let her drive. As the vessel could not face the storm, it must needs be swept on by it.

RUNNING UNDER. That is, under the lee or shelter of. A certain island called Claudia. A small isle near the southwestern extremity of Crete. Much work to come by the boat. Found it difficult to hoist on board the little boat which was towed astern. These little details show that an eye-witness wrote the history Undergirding. By passing strong ropes tightly around the vessel to aid in holding it together. The quicksands. Two large sand-banks off the coast of Africa, called the Upper and Lower Syrtes, and greatly dreaded by navigators. Strike sail. Lowered the rigging, in order to free the ship. Lightened the ship. By casting overboard all articles not absolutely necessary. With our own hands. A work in which not only the sailors, but also the prisoners and passengers took part.

NEITHER SUN NOR STARS. Thus they could neither take observation, nor reckon whether they were drifting at the mercy of the gale. "Yet one star shone for Paul, the promise, 'Thou must bear witness at Rome.'"—Besser. Many days. We learn from verse 33 that the gale lasted a fortnight, an uncommon, though not unprecedented, period for a Levanter. All hope taken away. Hope clings to the last blessing; when that leaves, despair alone remains. "The strain both of mind and body, the incessant demand for labor, the terror of the passengers, the hopeless working at the pumps, the laboring of the ship's frame and cordage, the driving of the storm, the bonning effect of the cold and wet, make up a scene of ordinary confusion, anxiety, and fatigue."—Comyns and Henson.

LONG ABSTINENCE. Probably not entire, but partial; from the difficulty of preparing food, the constant need of labor, and the general dejection of spirits. Paul stood forth. In times of trial true character comes to the front. Dangers and distress which conquer common men, only inspire great souls. Ye should have hearkened unto me. He reminds them of this, not as a rebuke, but to impart confidence in his present words. Be of good cheer. Not only is the believer himself cheerful, but he carries cheer to other troubled hearts. There stood by me the angel. "Paul knows not where he is himself, but God's angel knows where to find him out."—Henry. God, whose I am. Would that all disciples might boldly confess their Lord before all men! Whom I serve. Noblest among the sons of men, Paul proudly acknowledged himself a servant.

BROUGHT BEFORE CESAR. "Man is immortal till his work is done;" Paul's career is not complete until he has borne testimony for Christ before the highest in the Roman realm. God hath given thee all. He had doubtless prayed for their safety, and received assurance of an answer. Even sinners may be thankful that saints are in the world. I believe God. It is easy to believe God's word in prosperity, but to rest on the promises in adversity tests faith. A certain island. The result is revealed, but not the particular plan. What island Paul knew not, though he knew that God was guiding the shattered bark over the waste to some land of rest. Inspiration and prophecy have their limits.

GOLDEN TEXT: What time I am afraid. I will trust in thee. Ps. 56, 3.

DOCTRINE: The ministry of angels. Heb. 1, 14; Ps. 103, 21.

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