

Sunday School

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. 11. JANUARY 10, 1904.

The Preaching of John the Baptist. COMMENTARY.—I. A call to repentance (vs. 1-4). 1. In those days...

2. Repent ye.—Repentance includes (1) conviction, (2) contrition, (3) confession, (4) reformation, and leads to conversion, John, Jesus, Peter, and Paul all preached repentance.

3. Esau.—The Greek word for Esau is the same as the word for the voice. The voice draws attention to the work rather than the worker.

4. Had his garments dyed.—The appearance of John was like that of the great prophet Elijah in the popular mind.

5. The Kingdom of God.—The Kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom, which shall never be destroyed. Established without human consent, this kingdom is destined to break into pieces and consume all other kingdoms.

6. Many confessions made.—John was preaching, and he was very successful, and the heart of the whole nation was turned to him.

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8. Think not to say, etc.—The natural impulse of the Pharisees, Sadducees, and Herodians was to mock Jesus, and to bring down the man who was so great that all men expect a speedy and awful judgment.

him requiring and representing an inward spiritual change.—Speaker's Com. He that cometh.—The preaching of John was preparing the minds of the people for the coming of the Messiah, and they began to ask themselves whether he were the Christ.

The appearance of John the Baptist marks a distinct and important epoch in the history of the world's redemption.—the point of meeting and digression of two magnificent dispensations.

The Kingdom is spiritual. Jesus Christ when questioned by Pilate declared both the fact and nature of his kingdom when he said, "My kingdom is not of this world."

The Kingdom is permanent. This is that which appeared in vision to Nebuchadnezzar, and was interpreted and prophesied by Daniel.

The Kingdom is comprehensive. "Ask of Me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

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THE CONQUEST OF THE SAHARA

France has found a way to assure her supremacy over the Sahara. By treaties with other nations she is recognized as supreme in authority over three-fourths of the great desert; but until recently France has been almost helpless against her enemies, the Tuaregs.

Of all the expeditions which the French have organized on the desert to penetrate far into the interior, the most successful was that carried out by the Marechal Lamy party with 1,000 camels and many tons of supplies.

About two years ago a number of French army officers in the extreme southern part of the Algerian Sahara came together to discuss the unsatisfactory situation.

"Now the Tuaregs go lightly laden. They train their camels, and the animals they ride can cover three times as much ground in a day as the ordinary pack camel.

The idea was perfectly novel, but it seemed to be good sense and was nearly approved by all the officers. The plan was adopted and measures were taken to test its efficiency as soon as possible.

The experiment has been a great success. There is now no baggage train in the French army of the Sahara. The new camels are sent. Each camel carries from two to three weeks' supply of food and water.

These bands of light camel caravans are now being organized in the Algerian Sahara and among the many thousands of animals they picked out those that were built for fast travel.

thither from Calcutta to work on the sugar plantations. Its use has led to so much crime that some of the colonial governments have prohibited its cultivation.

The Markets.

Toronto Farmers' Market. The offerings of grain on the street to-day were small, and prices generally are unchanged.

Wholesale trade on Montreal is a bit quiet, as is usual at this time of the year. The wholesale trade here, through the active demand for holiday goods, affected a good clearance of stocks.

"Regular Practitioner."—Mr. result.—Mrs. Annie C. Chestnut, of Whitby, was for months a rheumatic victim.

"I'm anxious to get the names of all present," said the reporter. "Will you oblige me with the week little man, you may put down Mrs. Henry Peck and husband."

DANGEROUS WEEDS. Ganjah Smoking Causes Victim to Try to Commit Murder. New York is threatened with a new vice compared with which "hitting the pipe" is a harmless amusement.

Let Barbers Beware. Superintendent Sloan of the institution is in a bit of trouble. The institution seems to be short of barbers.

THE JAPANESE NAVY.

Island Empire Will Soon Build its Own Ships. In 1888 Queen Victoria presented a steam yacht to the Emperor of Japan, detailing some British blue-jackets to the duty of instructing the Japanese in the management of that class of vessel.

Her seamen are men of intelligence, resource and sea lore, and capable of quickly acquiring sufficient mechanical skill to enable them to control the complex mechanism of their modern machinery.

It is as hard for a crooked politician to do a straight thing as it is for an empty bag to stand on end.

OPINIONS OF A CYNIC.

The constituency that is not represented in Parliament by a deputy deserves to be congratulated.

When a politician is running for Parliament he shakes hands with the electors; after he is elected he shakes hands with himself.

When a politician imagines he knows it all, he has fallen on evil days.

There are times when the politician lifts the poker by the wrong end.

The man who has no leaves or dishes to give out is never type-high with the ordinary politician.

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