

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS.—How do we know that the Holy Spirit is a person? What work does He do in conversion? What relation should He hold to the believer? What is necessary that we may be filled with the Spirit? What is the fruit of the Spirit?



LESSON 8.—AUGUST 20, 1899.

The River of Salvation.

(Lesson Text. Ezek. 47: 1-12. Commit to Memory Verse 12.)
(Compare Zech. 13: 1 and 14: 8, 9, and Matt. 13: 31, 33; also Rev. 22: 1-5.)

GOLDEN TEXT.—"Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."—Rev. 22: 17.

DAILY READINGS.—Monday: Ezek. 47: 1-12. Tuesday: Isa. 35. Wednesday: 2 Kings 3: 9-20. Thursday: Zech. 14: 4-11. Friday: Psalm 65. Saturday: Rev. 21: 1-7. Sunday: Rev. 22: 1-7.

CENTRAL TRUTH—Grace abounding, Psa. 84: 11, Zech. 12: 10, Jno. 1: 14, 17, Rom. 5: 15, Eph. 1: 6, 2: 7, Heb. 4: 16, 1 Pet. 4: 10.

SUGGESTIVE POINTS.—As the mountain gives freely of its waters, so God of His overflowing grace.—There is no better name for God than Giver.—Let us learn more and more to be receivers.—If you would swim you must learn to trust the water.—If you would make progress in grace you must learn to trust God.—The grace of God is the greatest fertilizer of human hearts.

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS.—Where in the New Testament do we read of a similar river? What promise did Christ make concerning living waters? What modern examples have we of the fertilizing power of grace? Where are Arabah, (R.V.) Engedi, and En-gehlaim?



LESSON 9.—AUGUST 27, 1899.

Returning From Captivity.

(Lesson Text. Ezra 1: 1-11. Commit to Memory Verses 2-4.)
(Read Ezra 2: 61-70.)

GOLDEN TEXT.—"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."—Psa. 126: 3.

DAILY READINGS.—Monday: Ezra 1. Tuesday: Ezra 2: 1 and 61-70. Wednesday: Jer. 29: 10-14. Thursday: Isa. 44: 21-28. Friday: Isa. 61. Saturday: Isa. 51: 9-16. Sunday: Psa. 107: 1-15.

CENTRAL TRUTH—God rules, Psa. 2: 6, 24: 7-10, 89: 27, Zech. 14: 9, Isa. 49: 7, 1 Cor. 15: 25, Rev. 1: 5, 17: 14.

SUGGESTIVE POINTS.—The hearts of kings are in the hands of God.—God reaches men through their spirits; the Devil reaches them through their bodies.—It is a wise king who recognizes the control of God.—God is never behind time. When the seventieth year ended, He took His people out of Babylon.

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS.—Whom probably did God use to suggest to Cyrus the making of this proclamation? How were the people led to respond to it? Who led the returning exiles? How many returned?



Periodicals.

THE *Treasury of Religious Thought* for June brings into foremost place the Collegiate Reformed Church of New York, which dates from the foundation of the city by the Dutch, and Dr. Donald Sage Mackay, the eloquent young pastor. Dr. Mackay's portrait makes the frontispiece of this number, and his sermon on "The Power of Conviction" gives some idea of the quality of one of the prominent preachers of New York. An interesting article on Korea, with fresh illustrations, is furnished by Dr. S. H. Chester, of the Southern Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. Sermons and parts of sermons are given by Rev. J. P. Gerrie, secretary of the Congregational Union of Canada; Bishop Samuel Fallows, of the Reformed

Episcopal Church; Rev. Cornelius Woeltkin, the eloquent Brooklyn pastor, and others; and Rev. R. T. Cross, of York, Nebraska, gives an able and scholarly introduction to the Epistle to the Galatians. Among the Names of Note, besides Dr. Mackay, appear Speaker Thomas B. Reed, Mayor Samuel M. Jones, of Toledo, Governor Hazen S. Pingree, of Michigan, and President Seth Low, of Columbia, now of the Peace Commission at the Hague. Prof. Walter Rauschenbusch, of Rochester Theological Seminary, contributes an able sociological article on "Social Ideas in the New Testament." Other interesting and able matter includes Dr. G. B. F. Hallock's Prayer Meeting Topics, Prof. Chas. H. Small's "Movements Among the Churches."

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Outing for July is like a glance at green woods and a gleam of smiling waters. It covers every legitimate sport and pastime, and its fiction and travel departments are charming features. Many beautiful illustrations adorn *Outing's* pleasant pages. Notable features of a most satisfactory number include: "On a Pennsylvania Trout Stream," by Ed. W. Sandys; "Hunting Alaskan White Sheep," by Dal De Weese; "The Golf Clubs of Chicago," by A. J. Colman; "Remote Norway," by Elizabeth Taylor; and "The Launch of Columbia," by Capt. A. J. Kenecaly. The complete story is "A Surrender at Discretion," by Kent Warfield. The editorial and record departments are up to the usual high standard.

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DR. PIERSON'S article on "Ramabai and the Women of India," in the July number of *The Missionary Review of the World*, is one of thrilling interest and deserves a prominent place among the Miracles of Missions. It is profusely and uniquely illustrated from original photographs, and contains a great deal of information not contained elsewhere. Another timely article is that by Miss Belle M. Brain, "A Record of Fifty Years," giving the history of the Hermannsburg Mission, which was founded just half a century ago by Pastor Louis Harms. This also is well illustrated and well worth reading. The wonderful story of Metlakahle, an ideal missionary station among the Indians in Alaska, is told by Rev. Edward Marsden, an educated Christian Indian, and by Mr. William Duncan, the founder and director of the work. This village is a model settlement and is well pictured by pen and camera. The other articles in this number of the *Review* are scarcely less interesting and important. Rev. Arthur H. Smith and others write of "Recent Reform Movements in China." Egerton R. Young tells the thrilling story of "The Red Man's Search for the White Man's Book"; and Dr. Gracey gleams many helpful and striking facts from the life of George Muller.

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WITH its infinite variety of excellencies, the *July Ladies' Home Journal* appeals to every taste and touches upon every interest. It opens with "The Most Famous Little Town in America," which pictures many interesting spots in historic and literary Concord. A series of almost incredible narratives in "The Moonlight King" tells of the follies and eccentricities of Ludwig II. of Bavaria. Ian Maclaren discusses the pulpit and the pew in an article on "How to Make the Most of your Minister." The fiction of the *July Journal* includes a continuation of Anthony Hope's serial, "Captain Dieppe," the conclusion of "A College Courtship," the second of "Ol Peckham's Opinions," and a humorous portrayal of "The Valor of Brimley," by John Kendrick Bangs. "Entertaining in the Country," "How to be Pretty though Plain," "What it Means to be a Dressmaker," "Birthdays Parties," are seasonable, practical features. Mrs. S. T. Rorer writes on "Hasty Eating and Hurried Meals" and "Cooking Over All Sorts of Fuel," and Maria Parloa describes and pictures new and effective labor-saving devices for the home. "Pretty Stuffs for Midsummer Frocks" are described.

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PROFESSOR WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM, of Cambridge, England, opens the *July Atlantic* with a valuable paper on "English Imperialism, in which he shows the gradual development of English policy from the nationalism of a hundred years ago (which meant the exploiting of all colonies and possessions for the benefit of the mother country), to the cosmopolitanism of the present day, which seeks the greatest good of all through fair play and equal treatment to all men and all nations. Jacob A. Riis continues his Tenement House studies with a paper on "Curing the Blight," showing how, by persistent endeavor, the most recalcitrant landlords have been "driven into decency," and detailing the changes for the better, and the improved conditions that have resulted from sustained and intelligent effort. Charles Johnston discusses "The True American Spirit in Literature," analyzing and comparing the work of Mark Twain, Bret Harte, Cable, Miss Wilkins. Prince Kropotkin continues his Autobiography and treats of his experiences and sufferings in the terrible fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, and describes its character and its awful history, and relates in the most thrilling and exciting manner the means and methods by which he made his remarkable and fortunate escape therefrom. The Lanier-Taylor Letters continue with undiminished interest and value. Miss Johnston's vivid and brilliant new story, "To Have and to Hold," rapidly develops its exciting plot. Will Payne, Francis Lynde, and Elizabeth Washburn contribute lively stories and sketches, and Agnes Repplier adds a life-like picture of Revolutionary times, taken from the contemporary diary of a Philadelphia Quaker lady.