

The Proper Use of Helps.

There is a great deal of talk nowadays in Sunday School conventions about "the return to the Bible," and impassioned oratory is heard denouncing the substitution of a leaflet or quarterly for book itself. Among the sanest utterances which have come to our notice is this by Rev. Robert J. Burdette, who says:

"I don't decry the 'lesson helps,' God bless the teachers who have devised these helps for the busy men and women, the busy housekeeper, the busy merchant, the tradesman, and the mechanic, the salesgirl and the seamstress, the wage-earners who teach in the Sabbath Schools with such

scant time for study, and that time taken from their rest and sleep and hours of recreation. We must have these helps. Blessed be the restaurant and the cannery. Use all the helps you can get. But do not set the canned things on the table uncooked. And do not open the cans in the class. Get them ready for the table, as the women do the nice things they buy in the market place. Serve them in the daintiest china, in the clearest crystal. Do as the women folks do, even in the preparation of a dish they have prepared a thousand times; they ask other women if they know of any new way of cooking it. Exchange recipes with your neighbors; that's what Sunday School conventions are for—to learn new ways of serving old dishes."

LESSONS AND GOLDEN TEXTS—SECOND QUARTER.

Studies in the Book of Acts.

Lesson 1. April 5.—PAUL'S FAREWELL TO EPHESUS. Acts 20: 28-38. Study vs. 17-38. *Commit* vs. 31-34. (Read vs. 1-16.) **GOLDEN TEXT:** Acts 20: 35. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

2. April 12.—THE RESURRECTION. 1 Cor. 15: 20, 21, 50-58. *Commit* vs. 55-58. (Read the whole chapter.) **GOLDEN TEXT:** 1 Cor. 15: 20. Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept.

3. April 19.—THE LAW OF LOVE. (A Temperance Lesson.) Rom. 13: 7-14. Study vs. 1-14. *Commit* vs. 9, 10. **GOLDEN TEXT:** Rom. 13: 10. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

4. April 26.—PAUL'S JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM. Acts 21: 3-12. Study vs. 1-16. *Commit* vs. 11, 12. **GOLDEN TEXT:** Acts 21: 14. The will of the Lord be done.

5. May 3.—PAUL ARRESTED. Acts 21: 30-39. Study vs. 17-39. *Commit* vs. 30-32. (Read Acts 21: 40-22: 29.) **GOLDEN TEXT:** Pet. 1: 16. If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed.

6. May 10.—THE PLOT AGAINST PAUL. Acts 23: 12-22. Study vs. 10-25. *Commit* vs. 20-22. (Read Acts 22: 29-23: 9.) **GOLDEN TEXT:** Acts 23: 11. The Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer.

Lesson 2. May 17.—PAUL BEFORE FELIX. Acts 24: 10-16. Study vs. 10-27. *Commit* vs. 14, 16. (Read Acts 24: 1-9.) **GOLDEN TEXT:** Ps. 23: 4. I will fear no evil: for thou art with me.

8. May 24.—PAUL BEFORE AGRIPPA. Acts 26: 19-29. *Commit* vs. 27-29. (Read the whole chapter.) **GOLDEN TEXT:** Acts 26: 22. Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day.

9. May 31.—THE LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT. Rom. 8: 1-14. *Commit* v. 1. (Read the whole chapter.) **GOLDEN TEXT:** Rom. 8: 14. For as many as are led by the spirit of God they are the sons of God.

10. June 7.—PAUL'S VOYAGE AND SHIPWRECK. Acts 27: 33-44. Study vs. 1-44. *Commit* vs. 41-44. **GOLDEN TEXT:** Ps. 107: 28. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

11. June 14.—PAUL AT ROME. Acts 28: 16-24, 30, 31. Study vs. 16-31. *Commit* vs. 30, 31. (Read Acts 28: 1-15.) **GOLDEN TEXT:** Rom. 1: 16. I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ.

12. June 21.—PAUL'S CHARGE TO TIMOTHY. 2 Tim. 3: 14-4: 8. *Commit* vs. 12-14. (Read the epistle.) **GOLDEN TEXT:** 2 Tim. 4: 8. There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness.

13. June 28.—REVIEW. **GOLDEN TEXT:** 2 Tim. 4: 18. The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me until his heavenly kingdom.

ORDER OF SERVICES—SECOND QUARTER.

OPENING SERVICE.

I. SILENCE.

II. RESPONSIVE SENTENCES. [Psa. 30. 1-5, 10-12.]

SUPP. I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

SCHOOL. O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

SUPP. O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave:

SCHOOL. Thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

SUPP. Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his,

SCHOOL. And give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

SUPP. For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life.

SCHOOL. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

SUPP. Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me:

SCHOOL. LORD, be thou my helper.

SUPP. Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing:

SCHOOL. Thou hast put off my sackcloth, and

SUPP. girded me with gladness.

SUPP. To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent.

SCHOOL. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

III. SINGING.

IV. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, OR THE APOSTLES' CREED.

V. PRAYER, followed by the Lord's Prayer in concert.

VI. SINGING.

CLOSING SERVICE.

I. SINGING.

II. RESPONSIVE SENTENCES. [Phil. 4. 6, 7.]

SUPP. Be careful for nothing;

SCHOOL. But in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

ALL. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

[Study also]

Acts 20. 28-38

28 Take heed to all the flock
hath made you
God, which
blood.

29 For I know
shall grievously
sparing the flock

30 Also of
speaking per-
ciples after the

31 Therefore
the space of
every one night

32 And no
God, and to the
to build you up
among all the

33 I have
or apparel.

34 Yea, ye
have ministered
them that were

35 I have
so laboring ye
to remember to
he said, It is
ceive.

36 And when
down, and pray

37 And they kiss
neck, and kisses

38 Sorrowing
which he spake
more. And to
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Time.—Pro-

58. Place.—

thirty-six miles

M. Address

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28-38.

W. Elders ex

Th. Strength

F. Warning