

Sabbath School.

BIBLE LESSONS.

Adapted from Peabody's Select Notes. FOURTH QUARTER. Lesson XI. Ec. 15. 1 Sam. 20: 32-43.

DAVID AND JONATHAN.

GOLDEN TEXT. "There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."—Prov. 18: 24. This Scripture includes chapters 18, 19, and 20.

EXPLANATORY. I. THE COVENANT OF FRIENDSHIP.—We have seen in the last two lessons some of David's schools and school-masters, which were preparing him for his great life-work.

32. "What hath he done?" He was good, while Saul was bad. He was to become king, while Saul was rejected and Jonathan was with him. So long as David lived and did well, there was no hope that Jonathan would succeed his father. And the better David was, the less was Saul's hope.

33. "And Saul," in his ungodly anger, "cast a javelin," a small spear, "at him." His own son and heir, for whose sake he wanted to kill David.

34. "So Jonathan arose from the table in rage." It was not the anger of passion, for he did not try to injure his father, but the anger of indignation, of grief, and of wounded love and respect. "And did not eat meat." He left the feast, and his feelings were too strong to let him eat. In quiet thought he could grow calm.

35. "Jonathan went out into the field," where David was hidden behind the rock Eshel, in the country not far from the capital, Gibeon. "At the time appointed with David." As it might not be safe for Jonathan to be seen going to David's hiding-place, they had agreed upon a signal by which David, unseen, could learn the state of things at the court. Jonathan was to take a boy out into a field near David's hiding-place, and shoot with bow and arrows as a mark, sending the boy after the arrows. If he shouted to the lad, so that the concealed David could overhear, "Behold, the arrows are this sign of life,"—then it was safe for David to return. But if he shouted, "Is not the arrow beyond thee?" then David must haste away.

36. "Make speed, haste, stay not." These were said to the boy, but meant as an urgent warning to David.

40. "Give him artillery." So bows, and arrows, and other weapons were called long before the invention of firearms.

V. THE PARTING OF THE FRIENDS.—"As soon as the lad was gone," so as not to carry a report to Saul. "Kissed one another," as men do in the East. "And wept." "Talk not of grief till thou hast seen the team of warlike men." "David exceeded," wept violently aloud, "was completely mastered by his grief," "he broke down."

42. "The Lord be between me and thee." As a witness and avenger, if I keep not the covenant we have made of perpetual friendship. Jonathan was to be watchman, umpire, arbiter between Jonathan and David. He should be the Dayman, to lay his hand upon the sword, and keep the covenant of love inviolate. "And between my seed," etc. He looked forward to the time when David, as king, might be tempted to destroy Jonathan's sons, or to seize an inheritance of the throne. Or if Saul killed David, Jonathan would protect David's children. How David kept this covenant is related farther on in the history. They never met again, save once, a year or two later, in the wilderness. When Jonathan went out in the wilderness to comfort his friend, and "strengthened his hand in God" (23). "Read I will a beautiful 'Song of the bow' as I have over my dear friend" (2 Sam. 1: 17-27).

NOTE concerning this friendship: (1) It was between persons of real worth and character. (2) It was formed and deepened by deep and devoted friendship to God. Only in the religious atmosphere and in supreme love to God can be found the deepest and most enduring friendship among men. (3) It was disinterested, unselfish, and mutually helpful. (4) It was a friendship in adversity as well as in prosperity. (5) It was faithful and constant to the end. True friendship never endures the rising sun, and turns its back on the setting. (6) The highest friendship is very precious. "Oh, friendship! of all things most rare." "All faithful friends went on a pilgrimage years ago, and some of them were the same." (7) It is distinguished and unequalled by its tenacity to make a person like the one he loves. Even a good book uplifts the character; how much more a good friend! We feel

"His being working in my own. The footsteps of his life in mine."

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9. "Behold what great errors and extreme absurdities may do commit for want of a friend to tell them of them." "Two eyes see more than one." "A true friend answers Burns' wish, 'What comes power the gifts give us.' To see ourselves as others see us. It was free mounds a blunder free us. And foolish notion."

10. It cheers, and refreshes, and encourages the spirit.

11. The sincere love of any one person tends to universal good will, and the love of all. A candle shines not only on him who lights it, but on all within reach of its rays.

12. Friendship helps toward the love of God.

13. Friendship is kept and cherished by little acts of love, by mutual helpfulness, by dwelling on the virtues rather than the faults of friends, by mutual service in some noble cause, by love of God.

14. It is of the utmost importance to avoid false friendships and companionship with the bad. Every power for good in true friendship is a power for evil in the false.

VII. FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS.—The friendship of Jonathan and David teaches us lessons concerning the higher friendship with Jesus.

FIRST. We must be friends to him, as well as he to us. He loves us, whether we love him or not; but we are not friends unless we love him, nor can we claim the benefits of that friendship.

SECOND. Friendship with Jesus is based on worth. We love him because he is so good, so noble, so pure, so lovable. And he finds something in the poorest and weakest of his disciples to love, and possibilities of greater worth; but only as they grow like him can there be the truest friendship. John the Apostle was "the disciple whom Jesus loved."

THIRD. Friendship with Jesus implies self-sacrifice. Jonathan cheerfully relinquished his hopes of his father's kingdom for his friend David. Jesus left his heavenly kingdom to come down to us, and he died upon the cross that we might be kings and priests in his Father's kingdom. We, on our part, ask to show our love by sacrifices for his kindred.

FOURTH. The tendency of friendship with Jesus is to become like him. "We shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." Meditating on his character and goodness, loving the good shining in his character, we are conformed to his image.

FIFTH. Friendship with Jesus is full of refreshment, courage, strength, and cheer.

SIXTH. It leads us to love all for whom he died and whom he loves.

SEVENTH. It will endure forever.

The artist sits at his table with his clay before him, and with his fingers models the statue—the nose, the hands, the features, everything. He models it from without. Your soul, resting within your body, models your body. It models the fingers which grow flexible as the piano by the hand, the soul directs them to do; their fitness for service is made, not by fingers working on them from without, but by a soul working on them from within.

As the face is made by the soul that lies behind the face, if there is fire which flashes from the eye, or kindness which looks out from it, it is because the soul has fire or the soul has love; if there are grooves of care muddled in the brow or in the cheek, it is not by an external artist who shapes them, as Rogers shapes them in his statue. Your yourself, by your own spirit, have molded your face. No lines in nature, no plasticity, no thing there is a life, but the life resides within, not without. God does not stand external to nature, shaping it with exterior hands; did not in the creative days, does not today. Creative days, all days are creative days; today is a creative day; every spring is a new creation. In the ground are two seeds, which look so much alike that you can hardly tell them apart, not at all unless you are an expert; yet one will come up, the one flower with one color, and the other will come up another flower with another color. No artist stands with hand and brush paints the color, or with model and clay forms the form; the vital force is in the seed itself. That vital force which forms the flower, working from within, not from without, is God Himself—the life of the world. So everything in nature speaks of God, because God Himself is within speaking forth.

Lyman Abbott, D. D.

Sickness and limitation shut many in narrow places. "I am no longer of use to any one." "I am only in the way." "I cannot understand how such beautiful and useful persons can die while I am left, nothing but a hindrance." When ambition is sacrificed, and the most made of what we have; when those who are limited are willing to be small if God can fill a small place with them; when those who are sick are willing that God should use them as a means for developing tenderness and helpfulness in those who minister to them, then, according to their ability and opportunity, they will be servants in holy fellowship with Jesus Christ. You may not understand it, you may resist it, but nothing is clearer than that those who would be happy must cease to seek happiness, and seek only the privilege of giving. The song will rise in our hearts when we cease to live for ourselves and begin to live for the good that we can do.—Amory H. Bradford, D. D.

Many a man who boasts what he would have done had he been in my place is plucking the forbidden fruit every day of his life totally unconscious that in the multitude of his sins, he is even worse than Adam.

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Prayer Meeting Topics for Dec. 4-5. B. Y. P. U. Topic.—"How long does it take to become a Christian?"—Heb. 11: 7-18.

C. Endeavor Topic.—"God's triumphs in the Mission field." (Missionary).—Pa. 67: 1-7.

B. Y. P. U. daily Bible Readings recommended by Baptist Union. Monday, Dec. 9. God's righteousness (vs. 13) Isa. xlv. Compare Isa. 40: 1-2; Jer. 17: 24.

Tuesday, Dec. 10. God's judgments irresistible. Isa. xlviii. Compare Mal. iv. 1; 2 Pet. iii. 7.

Wednesday, Dec. 11. Call to obedience (vs. 17, 18) Isa. xlviii. Compare Ps. 119: 8-10; Deut. vi. 4-9.

Thursday, Dec. 12. Light also to the Gentiles (vs. 6) Isa. xlii. 1-12. Compare Isa. lx. 3; Acts xxv. 17, 18.

Friday, Dec. 13. The Lord will not forget His own. Isa. xlii. 13-26. Compare Ps. 135: 2; Jer. 1: 16.

Saturday, Dec. 14. What is my tongue for? (vs. 4) Isa. i. Compare Ec. iv. 11, 12; Rom. xiv. 11.

MILWAUKEE 96.—Our genial friend Foster of the C. F. Rail way is already in correspondence with our committee in regard to the trip to the next B. Y. P. U. Convention. You will hear her long from the committee and will be surprised at the interest which the Colorado Endeavorers are getting the cash ready for C. E. Convention in Washington.

THE S. L. C.—How grandly the plan outlined in the World's preparation for the Messiah. The Book will be read with a new interest by the members of the S. L. C. classes.

LECTURES.—We are not hearing from your Societies in regard to the lectures Are you omitting these?

THAT PLEDGE.—A correspondent in this issue argues against the Pledge. We are sorry for him. We are sorry that any Societies once taking the Pledge should regard it too binding. A little nearer to Jesus come and your pledge will not be a burden. Hearts glow with love to Him, who for your sakes died, and the Pledge is a glad thing to be a delight. Our correspondent seems to think it not Scriptural; as much so as our church covenant. Shall we do away with these?

FOR THE NEW YEAR.—Just a word of counsel. Your Society will probably during the month be planning your officers for the next year, anticipating the Annual Meeting of your church, at which meeting most likely your nominees will be confirmed. Our Societies must keep their relation to the church as a whole in mind when making their plans. It is right for the Society so to do. It is right as an organization that is a part of the church. Do not forget then to be all ready for the Annual Business Meeting of the church. Then go to that meeting. Be ready with your reports. Let the church hear what you have attempted, how you have succeeded, what your plans are. Thus you will secure for 1906, the sympathy of the church as a whole.

WHO SHALL BE OUR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1906? The success of a Society's success will depend on having the right members in the right place. While our aim should be to get all interested that will not always be done by appointing one to a position, a little wisdom, and much experience is required. There are positions that only certain ones can successfully fill, and if these have to be continued in these same positions year after year, better so do than give the places to untried and incapable. The President, the Secretary, the Chairman of "Look Out," Prayer Meeting and Social Committee, that you now may be best continued another year. Think about these places of responsibility. Pray about the matter. Then choose. "Covet earnestly the best gifts."

Correspondent, P. E. I.

We as a society, have great reason to congratulate ourselves that we have done for us. Through the efforts of Mr. Marple, evangelist, eight of our associate members have found Christ and signed our active membership pledge. But while we thank the Lord for answering our prayers as fast as we are not yet satisfied. We still long and pray for others. Oh, that God would send us showers of blessing. We have entered upon another year of study, greatly cheered and encouraged. We are somewhat behind in the lessons, but hope to be able to catch up in a few weeks. We find them very interesting and profitable and hope to do more for the cause of Christ than ever before.

Cor-sec.

Retrospection or Progression. The secretary of the Amherst B. Y. P. U. writes: "At the last regular business meeting of our Union it was resolved to drop the pledge. What does this resolution imply—retrospection or progression? Are we thus clearing the way to shrink out or removing an obstruction to a nobler kind of service? A few notes may help us to decide in regard to these questions. There is nothing like the pledge to be found in the New Testament. 2. The pledge is not essential in order to be loyal to Him who died for us. 3. Experience has shown that the pledge is of no real

value. 4. The pledge implies that all Christians are not under obligation to Jesus to do all that the pledge requires. Statements one, two, and four are now clear to all, but three may not be so all as yet. Experience will make it plain. In our opinion the Amherst Union has made a move in the right direction. And would it not be well for other Unions to, at least, give the matter an honest consideration? The abolishing of the pledge, does not imply a desire to do less, but a recognition of the "New Testament" plan. S. W. St. John.

Christian Endeavor Notes. Texas now has a Christian Endeavor Society in the State prison at Huntsville.

A novel Christian Endeavor Society exists in the insane asylum at Independence, Mo. It is composed of the attendants.

Christian Endeavor now illumines the land of the midnight sun. The first society in Norway was formed a few weeks ago in Christians.

Tennessee Juniors are circulating pledged among the mothers, asking that all the eggs laid by the fowls on Sunday be given to them for missionary purposes.

Thirty-seven members of the Christian Endeavor Society in the Texas State Prison have asked to be enrolled as links of the World's Christian Endeavor Prayer Chain.

Some Colorado Endeavorers have organized a Washington 96 Club to which each member contributes five dollars monthly towards his Convention expenses next July. 'On to Washington!'

Six noon evangelistic services that resulted in many conversions and a revival, were held in the little town of Westminister, Md., during the recent Convention.

Good literature to the extent of seventy-five thousand or one hundred thousand pieces, in the shape of papers, magazines, and books was distributed last year by the Chicago Good Literature Exchange, box 1013, Chicago.

The missionary spirit so marked among Christian Endeavorers in America is not peculiar to this land. At the recent Convention of the New South Wales Union twelve delegates offered themselves for service in the Foreign Mission field.

How is this for an expression of Christian fellowship? At the Convention of the New South Wales Christian Endeavor Union greetings were received from the United Society in America, from Texas, Iowa, China, India, Ireland and all the Australian Colonies.

July 8-13 will be the dates of next year's Christian Endeavor Convention in Washington. Probably one of the first resolutions that will be introduced into the new congress will be one granting the use of the White lot and the monument grounds at the Capitol for the Christian Endeavor tents.

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How many things are clear to us today. That yesterday we saw through mist of tears; How many things are better than our fears. What sunbeams through our self-wrought shadows play. Not one fair, earnest hope is laid away Within its shroud of weary, wasted years. But from the tangled grass above it peers, Full noon, some blossom redolent of May. We stretch beseeching hands to heaven and pray That this, or that, be granted, whilst we plead; We turn with empty hands from prayer and say: "We are unheard, forgotten, lost indeed!" Whom lo! within our reach some price-less gift. For which imploring palms we dared not lift.

—Harriet E. Pritchard.

IN SPEAKING OF THE TERROR in which Hindu women stand because of persecution from men, Miss Swift, of Madras, says: "I wonder how many of our professing Christian women in America would attend a cottage meeting for a church service if they were sure of a merciless beating and a thousand petty persecutions from the men in whose power they live."

We have read somewhere of an Indian whose heart the Lord had moved under the preaching of a missionary, who at the close of the service came up and, turning the preacher's face toward the light, exclaimed: "Let me see your face, so I may know you at the resurrection."

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