Our Story.

THE HOUSEHOLD OF McNEIL.

BY AMELIA E. BATE, Author of "Jan Vedder's Wife," "The Daughter of Fife," etc., etc. CHAPTER XIV. - Concluded.

Not until this day had Grizelda heard of Lord Maxwell's second marriage. Whatever was undecided in her plans

this fear was on his tongue Peppo undoubt he had spoken the thought when expectedly came home. His dark, the whiskey was aboun the wit."

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Introduction.—How much time between the last lesson and this?

But directly after breakfast he walked down to the manse. There had been to the manse a good brush of rain in the night, and their pretty daughters. "No one but his hatred of Maxwell flamed up with a McNeil is good enough for the next tord.

But directly after breakfast he walked down to the manse. There had been a good brush of rain in the night, and the map. What is the date of this lesson.

Which is no delicated tord. all the intensity of a subdued force.

jewels. Consequently, I could make a He found him talking familiarly out." have not forgiven him."

wife's virtues, as well as her services.

to Scotland. Colin had Grizelda and rehearsing the fun. He strode impetu-her child in his loving care; Peppo, in ously to them. all the splendour of a new travelling suit, protected Caterina. The Donatas were to follow if their testimony was instanter. I'll pay you your wage, required, but Colin had come to regard and then you will be free to serve the Peppo's opinion of Maxwell as a defin- man you like best." itely true one.

He will go to the feet, milord Mcmay kick him away."

CHAPTER XV .- THE GIFT OF GLAD-NESS.

Measure thy live by loss instead of gain-Not by the wine drunk, but the wine poured forth.

Are thy dearest still
With thee on earth? do their sweet voices fil.
The house with singing? Let the fairest room!
Be for the Master's use, and from His shrine
Blessing and peace shall rest on thee and thine.

How poor were earth
If all its struggling sighs of sacrifice Were swept away?

Colin's departure for Rome left the Laird lonely indeed. Brodick's work his life-long friend.

But McNeil had come to a point at ed him from the very insignificance of what kind of a king he would make. which anger and grief had passed his grievances. silence. If Colin brought back any One night in a pitiful effort to make Saul had been sent to destroy the in other things. determined to call all the neighbourhood shame at it, he fairly broke down, and together to her burial, and tell the gath covered his eyes with his large hands people. Nothing could make them ered lairds at her graveside the story of to hide the tears that amazed himself, good. Therefore they were destroyed. the kingdom of heaven.—Peloubet.

gical death. He had other plans of ven- unknown beforegeance all alike foolish and out of touch Brodick let him weep. He took no because Saul had changed. God was with the changed feelings which his own in improvements had mainly induced. Surprising. These ancient tears, whose acted as a man would who repented. For he forgot that in bringing the vivid source lay so far back, would soften 12. Carmel: not the mountain, but a life of the nineteenth century into the and harmonise and temper the angry town seven miles south of Hebron. Quiet hills he had brought with it the man, would give relief to more thoughts Set him up a place: "a hand," a monu-

the could not help at the same moment recalling the poor handful of shrouded dust, and comparing it with the Grizelda sitting at his side, instinct with life, and crowned with beauty.

The Donatas and Caterina were the same moment them; the stir or stillness of the attention of the stir or stillness of The Donatas and Caterina were wondered they had not thought of the full of such thoughts.

Speedily taken into the plan for retribution. They were, indeed, an important tion. They were, indeed, an important wonder if they had not been really the depths proceed thy comforts and thy obedience of Saul.—His temptation. part of it. On their testimony all depended, if Maxwell was disposed to make any effort to fight the Nemesis unrelentingly advancing.

Peppo was the one uncertain factor. Colin feared that his support would be given to the highest bidder. But while fear was on his tongue Peppo un. In the page of the page

His hatred of Maxwell flamed up with a McNeil is good enough for the proud which is so delightful when there is subject: TRIALS AND TESTS IN OBEDI-all the intensity of a subdued force. lad," was said with a jocularity which sunshine and wind with it. The sea Would he go to Scotland to confound had much real bitterness in it. A large him? He would go to the end of the number in any open quarrel between The rocks echoed with bouncing water, earth for such a delightful object. How Maxwell and McNeil would side with as wave rolled after wave in torrent soon could he go? If milord McNeil Maxwell, from the simple considerapture.

Could settle the terms he could be eration that McNeil lived a selfishly He sto lonely life in his old castle, intent He pointed out with considerable only on amassing money and advancing pride that he had been faithful to Griz- his many new schemes, while Lord age breasting themselves as quietly on elda for six years, he and Caterina; that Maxwell had just brought home a stylish the tossing water as a hen site on her her famous jewels had been at his finger ends during the whole time, and his honour had been invincible to the temptation.

Naxwell had just brought hone a sylvan her famous jewels had been at his finger young bride who had already given nest.

The sight calmed him and uplifted he then do? What was his punish-him also. He went into Brodick's presence ready to ask his counsel, but also class care that McNeil's lobster fleet sence ready to ask his counsel, but also II. Saul's Second Trial and

pects by the anchor head a great soul, Caterina, rehad not had a great soul, Caterina, reheet how much we should have lost!
But I had pity upon miladi. I have
heen the soul of honour about those with the size of a mental si But I had pity upon miladi. I have lounging about the bar giving orders been the soul of honour about those with the air of a proprietor

think of that sneering wolf in men's spite of all that McNeil could say, the clothing I am happy, Caterina. I am landlord of the McNeil hotel was on going to have a little pleasure. The the most obsequiously familiar terms brute tried to steal the jewels—ah. I with him. Fuarumhers the stone of the course for us? Where good bargain to-night. And when I with his fishers and stonemasons. In with him. Everywhere he turned, He went away sorrowful. And his did Samuel find Saul? How did Saul Maxwell's face or words, his carriage, first attempt to think out the subject greet him? Was he unconscious of brute tried to steal the jewels-ah, I with him. Everywhere he turned,

jewels where they could not be at his feelings to influence his sense of iusfinger ends-she permitted him to tice. Two of his fishers were seen by claim with complaisance all the good him in a state of pleased excitement qualities he had no right to, unless, in- over Maxwell's chat with them. He deed, a husband may rightfully claim a could hear their laughter, and he suspected that Maxwell had been making In three days they were on the road ridicule of him, and that they were

"Sandy Locke and James Begg, you can drop your nets and leave my boats

He knew he had made a mistake the moment he had spoken. But for Neil-he will go to the feet, and you nothing would he retract the words, and the men were sure of it. They took their money sullenly, and went to Maxwell, who turned their heads and set their tongues loose at both ends by his munificent reparation of McNeil's

"You should not have put a weapon in Maxwell's hand, McNeil," said Bro-

"I would rather do that, Brodick, and know by the act that I have some natural feeling left, and I am not going to acttle my feelings by square and rule, ingly to others, B.C 1079.) so you need not advise it. If I am pleased, I'll say so, if I am hurt, I'll

show it. But in days so haunted and vexed by was now all that his hands and heart petty personal worries, it was impossicould manage, and it was so methodi- ble for McNeil to gather any mental cally arranged that almost every hour strength. The fret and jar made his had its own claim. Generally, how-life's wheels move heavily. He was ever, at evening he might be seen going unhappy and when he tried to analyse towards the eastle to talk awhile with the sources of his discomfort his temthe sources of his discomfort his temper suffered, and his magnanimity failed him from the magnanimity failed him from the magnanimity failed of a king him as to as wicked.

remains of his poor Grizelda, he was Brodick understand his trouble, and his Amalekites, a wild heathen nation south

her wretched married life, and her tra- as much as if they had been a relief II. It repenteth me. That is, God

first to think of them; and to regard lessons! At early dawn he awoke from

He stood still a moment to watch them, or rather to watch the sea-pyots in their dainty black and white plumage breasting themselves as quietly on

n your own room and think it | Saul's?

"It is a big sum, Brodick."

Sabbath School Work.

LESSON HELPS.

LESSON vii, August 18, 1889.

r Sam. xv. 10-23.

COMMIT VERSES 22-23. GOLDEN TEXT.—Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king.— 1 Sam. xv. 23.

CENTRAL TRUTH. God proves and tests us whether we will obey him or no.

DAILY READINGS. M. 1 Sam. xiii. 1-23. Tu. 1. Sam. xiv. 1-23. IV. 1 Sam xiv. 24-52. Th. 1 Sam. xv. 1-23. F. 1 Sam. xv. 24-35. Sa. Ps. li. 1-19. Su. Ps. i. 1-6.

Time.—Probably BC. 1065; ten years after Saul began toreign. (Accord

PLACE.—Gilgal near Jericho. SAMUEL about 80 years old living it Ramah. A prophet and priest. SAUL about 50 years old. Reigning at Gibeah, four miles north of Jer-

usalem. For his family, see xiv. 49. Introduction.—Ten years have Be sure your sin will find you out."

Passed away. Saul has done much as V. Sin leads man to be revealed.

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HELPS OVER HARD PLACES. -

changed his actions toward Saul quiet hills he had brought with it the selfish, timeserving, politic spirit which is part and parcel of it.

He said to himself, "When my grandfather fell out with Black McAllister, every laind far and near stood shoulder with McNeil. They would have drawn their dirks in his quarrel as if it had been their own; and they made McAllister's life so miserable that his friend, there was glad enough to get out of their slip of paper that Helen had given him.

There it lay a dead hone, a dead trust the pass of the small cares are often the best respectively. Sulfand, "a monutation are principal short one should are permissions of the small cares are often the small cares. Saul laid shopping slays of the week. Saul laid shopping slays of the week. It is a change that, like many others, has long been deemed desirable, but it required some song classics. Also, Classic enars of the way are stated that is a great delight, etc.: no gifts or sacrifices. The object of the sacrifices was to help the paper to be was to help the principal shopping slays of the week. It is a change that, like many others, has long been deemed desirable, but it required some desirable, but it required some desirable, but it required some education to get everyone there is a great delight, etc.: no gifts or sacrifices. The object of the sacrifices was to help the paper to be was to help the principal shopping slays of the week. It is a change that, like many others, has long been deemed desirable, but it required some of the sacrifices to cat. Doubtless they desirable, but it required some some slages of the way it is a great delight, etc.: no gifts or sacrifices to each open are selected which the principal shop of the week. It is a could. To delay her own vindication was now to cloud his birth and imperil his inheritance. Colin's clear mind took in at once all that was to be done, and Grizelda put herself entirely in his hands.

Secrecy was still the first necessity, and therefore it was thought best to late to the sacrifices as few years too late to l anow the funeral rites to proceed.

"Though we know not whom we honour, blessed is the man who is merciful to the dead," said Colin quoting the pious proverb of his race. But he could not help at the same moment recalling the poor handful of shrouded dust and several merciful to the dead, and shrouded dust and several merciful to the dead, and shrouded dust and several merciful to the dead, and shrouded dust and several merciful to the dead, and shrouded dust and several merciful to the dead, and several merciful to the few sticks blazing on his lonely hearth, he was startled by terrange of it, so sudden and imperative that he trembled through all the depths of his spiritual nature.

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His excuses.—Obedience and sacrifice.
—Saul's punishment.

INTRODUCTION .- How much time

I. Saul's First Trial and Failure (xill. 2-15).—What great army was arrayed against the Israelites? (vs. 4, 5.) Where were they, and where was Saul and his army? (Note. Michmash was about three miles north of Gibeah.) How had they treated Israel? (xiii. 19-22.) How did the Israelites feel? How long was Saul commanded to wait

case. He made Peppo and Caterina such a stupendously generous offer that they were almost beside themselves with joy. The farm and vineyard, the fine stone house with porticees, which had been Peppo's most extravagant dram, was a certainty. For the money was to be deposited for him in a Roman Bank ere he left for Scotland, and three months after date he could draw it.

"How excellent a thing it is to be indeed to the unfortunate," he said to Caterina, as they discussed their prospects by the kitchen hearth. "If I had not had a great stoul, Caterina, reflect how much we should have least to the date of the carriage are flect how much we should have least to the fleet him setting to defend his own of himself to duth the minister of Helen's bequest. He went over the arguments which had the bequest the went over the arguments which had the bequest the went over the arguments which had the went of Helen's bequest. He went over the arguments which had the went over the argu

How did Samuel learn of Saul's disobedience? (v. 11.) How did he feel about it? What did he do? Is Course in English (in one vol.) Wilkin and the feel about it? What did he do? Is the substant of the substa have not forgiven him."

Caterina heard all this self-applause with that sublime patience and restraint good wives learn. She never reminded him of her own entreaties on Grizelda's behalf—never alluded to the fact that she had often felt compelled to put the Canadian Agents and the subject of this horses or his yacht troubled him—was not in the line Brodick indicated. Helen had said, "Give the money to God's poor." He sought for an exclusion of the will. God's poor." He sought for an exclusion of the will. (To be continued.)

Saul lay the blame? Was this mean? Was the same way before? (Gen. iii. 12.) What reason did save the duty which they might have to pay it ordered from the Canadian Agents at the American publishers or these, no advance to order to the God's poor." He sought for an exclusion of the will. (To be continued.)

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How are we tested as to whether we will obey? Is this the meaning of much of our lives? (Deut. vili. 2.) Are we being educated by being tested and proved?

IV. THE FRUITS OF DISOBEDIENCE (vs. 22, 23).—What did Samuel say about disobedience? Can any forms or sacrifices take the place of obedience? Why not? To what did Samuel compare disobedience? What was the penalty inflicted on Saul? (vs. 23, 28.)
Was it just? Was he fitted to be the king of God's people? Did Saul after this grow worse and worse? Did he ment. 12mo. Frice, \$1.50 met. repent? (vs. 24, 30.) Was it too late?

V. NEW TESTAMENT LIGHT.-What kingdom • has God prepared for us? (Luke vi. 20.) Will it be forfeited by disobedience? (Matt. xxi. 43; 1 Cor. vi. 9, 10.) What parable teaches us about vain excuses? (Luke xiv. 16-24.) An example of repentance coming too late. (Heb. xii. 16, 17.)

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS. I. God has prepared a kingdom for

II. He proves and tests us whether we are fitted to use and enjoy it.

III. The great question of life is whether we will obey God or not. IV. Sin is certain to be revealed.

V. Sin leads men to be mean as well VI. Obeying a portion of God's commands is no excuse for disobeying

VII. No sacrifices or forms are sub-

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