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"Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON NOTES.

A very short paper is here given of the Sunday School Lessons; earnestly hoping the parents will see that their children learn the Golden Text, Collect, etc. Parents do well to read all the parallel passages with the children, or the elder brothers and sisters with the younger ones.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1890.

TITLE: JESUS BROUGHT INTO THE TEMPLE.

ST. LUKE 2, 25-35.

GOLDEN TEXT—A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.—St. Luke 2, 32.

Why was Jesus brought into the temple? What temple was this? Who built it? What was the character of the man Simeon? What was he told that he should see before his death? Who told him? What did he do when he saw the babe? What did he say? What was this babe to be to the Gentiles? Who are the Gentiles? What was he to be to the Jews? What distinguished the Jews from the Gentiles? What did Simeon tell Mary about this child? What about herself? What lesson on church-goers does this lesson teach?

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1890.

TITLE: CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH OF JESUS.

ST. LUKE 2, 40-52.

GOLDEN TEXT—Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.—St. Luke, 2, 52.

What feast was this that the parents of Jesus went up to? (Exodus 12). What is the meaning of Passover? When was this feast instituted? How was it kept? What did it commemorate? Of what was it a type? What is said of Jesus as he was growing up? What was his character? Would you not wish to have such a character? How far did the parents of Jesus go on their way before they missed him? Where did they find him? What was said by Mary and by Jesus when they met? What commandment did Jesus fulfil when he went with Joseph and Mary to Nazareth?

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1890.

TITLE: THE MINISTRY OF JOHN.

ST. LUKE 3, 7-22.

GOLDEN TEXT—Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.—St. Matt. 3, 2.

Whose birth caused the song of Zacharias? What did John the Baptist do to the people besides commanding them to repent? What did he warn them to flee from? What sort of fruit were they commanded to bring forth? What was to be done to the tree that brought forth no fruit? What did he command the people to do besides repent and be baptized? For whom was John preparing the way? What was to be the difference between the baptism of John and Jesus Christ? Who shut up John in prison? Who was the greatest person John baptized? What occurred when he was baptized?

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1890.

TITLE: THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS.

ST. LUKE 4, 1-13.

GOLDEN TEXT—In that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted.—Heb. 2, 18.

What is the meaning of "temptation"? How does St. James explain it? (St. James 1, 13-16). Compare verse 1 of the lesson and St. Matthew 3, 13-17. For how many days was Jesus tempted? What was gained by his temptation? (Heb. 2, 17-18; 4, 15). Who was the tempter? How many separate attacks on Jesus was made in this temptation? What will be the result if we resist the devil? (St. James 4, 7). What reward is due for us if we resist him? (St. James 1, 12).

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WHAT DOETH IT BRING?

"The New Year smiled, and spake  
With earnest, tender tone:  
"I shall be what thyself may make,  
And not myself alone.

"I bring thee love to keep,  
And duty to be done;  
And faith to guard, and fruit to reap,  
Till sets my closing sun."