

HORNET'S MISSION The Lesson of Trivial Irritations.

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage on Small Annoyances.

Minor Troubles of Life Which Test Christian Fortitude.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—This sermon by Dr. Talmage deals with a subject which appeals to all classes and conditions of men. His text is Deuteronomy vii, 20: "The Lord thy God will send the hornet..."

The Perilous attempted to conquer a Christian city, but the elephants and the beasts on which the Persians rode were assailed by the hornet, so that the whole army was broken up, and the besieged city was rescued.

THE RETAILERS OF GOSSIP. Again, the small insect annoyances may come to us in the shape of friends and acquaintances who are always saying disagreeable things.

Nothing but the furnace will ever burn out of us the clinker and the slag. I have formed this theory in regard to small annoyances and vexations. It takes just so much trouble to fit us for usefulness and for heaven.

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ance? But remember that little as well as great annoyances equally require you to trust in Christ for succor and for deliverance from impatience and irritability.

PATIENCE IS REQUIRED. How many touches did Mr. Church give to his picture of Cotopaxi or Heart of the Andes, suppose about 50,000 touches.

DOMESTIC IRRITATIONS. Perhaps these small insect annoyances will come in the shape of a domestic irritation. The parlor and the kitchen do not always harmonize.

These small insect disturbances may also come in the shape of business irritations. Men here are used to cautioning through the 24th of September, 1889, and the panics of 1873 and of 1893 without losing their balance.

CONQUER SMALL THINGS. Our national government when it wanted money did not think it better to print a new kind of currency, or to tax on these men stood up and felt almost defiant, but their life is going away now under the swarm of these pestiferous annoyances.

WAKE US FROM LETHARGY. These annoyances are sent on us. I think to wake us up from our lethargy. There is nothing that makes a man so lively as a nest of "yellow jackets."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

LESSON IV.—October 22. GOLDEN TEXT.

The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek Him.—Ezra 8: 22.

THE SECTION includes the whole story of Ezra and his work.

HISTORICAL SETTING. Time.—Ezra left Babylon in March, B. C. 458, and reached Jerusalem four months later, in July.

Place.—Babylonia and Jerusalem. Rulers.—Artaxerxes I., called Longimanus, the Long-handed, king of Persia.

Contemporary History.—Socrates was born B. C. 488. Pericles, the great Athenian statesman and orator, was born B. C. 470.

EZRA'S JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM. LEEM.—Ezra 8: 21-32. Read chapters 7 and 8: 15-36. Commit verses 21-32.

21. Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of Him a (b) right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.

22. For I was ashamed to (c) require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way; because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all them (d) for good that seek Him; but His power and His wrath is against all them that forsake Him.

23. So we fasted and besought our God for this; and He was entreated of us: 24. Then I separated twelve of the (f) chief of the priests, (g) Sherebiah, Heshabiah, and ten of their brethren with them.

25. And weighed unto them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, even the offering (h) of the house of our God, which the king and his counselors, and all Israel that were present, had offered:

26. I even weighed (i) unto their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels a hundred talents (k) and of gold a hundred talents: 27. (l) Also twenty (m) basins of gold, of a thousand (n) drams; and two vessels of fine (o) copper, precious as gold.

28. And I said unto them, Ye are holy unto the Lord; (p) the vessels are (q); holy also; and the silver and the gold are of free will offering unto the Lord (r) of our fathers.

29. Watch ye, and keep them, until ye weigh them before the (s) chief of the priests, (t) of the fathers, (u) of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the Lord.

30. So (v) took the priests and the Levites (w) the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem unto the house of our God.

Passover of our Easter in March or April. GUIDING QUESTIONS.

(For home study and for oral and written answers. Do some work daily). Subject: Volunteers for the Lords Work.

I. Ezra, the Bible Teacher.—How many years since the last exiles returned? Who was Ezra? (See also: 10: 25, 28; Neh. 8: 2.) Why did he propose to go to Jerusalem? (9: 3, 9.)

II. The Volunteer Movement.—How many volunteered to go with Ezra? (8: 1-20.) What kind of men were they? (7: 28; 8: 19, 20.) What great gifts were freely offered?

III. Preparations for the Journey (21-30).—Why was the journey preceded by a fast? Why were the measures cared for as they were? Why did Ezra refuse a guard?

IV.—Ezra in Jerusalem (vs. 31-32).—How long was the journey? (vs. 31: 7, 8, 9.) What reforms did Ezra make? (9: 1-4; Neh. 8: 1-9.) What kind of a man was Ezra? How was he fitted for his great work? Why were volunteers likely to be the best for such a mission? Compare Ezra's care of the gifts entrusted to him with that of Paul. (2 Cor. 8: 16-23.) Compare Ezra's expression of his trust in God by refusing a guard with Nehemiah's in accepting a guard. (Neh. 2: 9.)

SHIP NEWS. PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived.

Oct 10—Str Forest Home, 1543, Russell, from Marport, Wm Thomson and Co. rails. Str. (N. Y.). 315, Doring, from Sydney, R P and W F Starr, coal.

Oct 10—Sch President, Dickson, for New York. Sch. Rosa Mueller, McLean, for New York. Sch. Parsonburg, West Wind, 24, Pohl, from Digby; Yarmouth Packet, 75, Shaw, from Yarmouth; Sea Flower, 19, Thompson, from Digby.

CANADIAN PORTS. Arrived. At Hillsboro, Oct 9, sch Wm Marshall, Hunter, and Roger Drury, Dixon, from St John; Glis, Tutta, from Hopewell Cape.

FOREIGN PORTS. Arrived. At Devonport, E. Oct 8, str Zanibar, Robinson, from Mobile via Norfolk.

MEMORANDA. Passed out at Digby, Oct 9, sch Minnie R. from Annapolis for Boston.

NOTICE TO MARINERS. WASHINGTON, DC, Oct 8.—Notice is given by the Lighthouse Board that on or about Oct 15, 1899, the color of the red brick towers at Annapolis Harbor and Egg Rock light stations, in Annapolis Harbor and Boston Bay, respectively, will be changed to white.

BOSTON, Mass. Oct 10.—Notice is given by the Lighthouse Board that the bell buoy, sixteen feet of Pollock Rip (north part), is being replaced by a black buoy, and the black buoy, sixteen feet of Pollock Rip (south part), is being replaced by a white buoy.

PORTLAND, Oct 10.—From Nash Mills, Me., notice is hereby given that the bell buoy, sixteen feet of Pollock Rip (north part), is being replaced by a black buoy, and the black buoy, sixteen feet of Pollock Rip (south part), is being replaced by a white buoy.

REPORTS. BUCKSPORT, Me. Oct 10.—The sch Annie O. Quiner arrived today from Newfoundland.

HIGHLAND LIGHT, Mass. Oct 10.—The schooner Howard J. Holder, laden with 2000 lbs of coal, from Liverpool, N.S., for New York, is ashore north of Cabot's Hollow light, and is in danger of being wrecked.

NEW YORK, Oct 11.—The steamer Salerno, from Newcastle, which has arrived here reports Oct 10, lat 40.42, lon 68.42, passed direct brig-ada Maud, from Chatham, N.B., for New York, waterlogged, decks awash and main hatch open, masts, spars and rigging apparently in good condition.

MARRIAGES. BARKER-CRAIG.—At Newcastle, on Wednesday, Oct 11th, by the Rev. P. G. Snow, Harry H. Barker, of St. John, N. B., and May, eldest daughter of Samuel Craig of Newcastle.

DEATHS. FERGUSON.—At Newcastle, on Wednesday, Oct 11th, at the residence of his wife, Mrs. F. Ferguson, aged 11 months and 3 days, of scarlet fever, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Ferguson.

SMITH.—At Sussex, N. B., Oct 10th, Anne Jane, beloved daughter of William S. and Mary Smith, aged 77 years.

WALTE.—At Annapolis, Victoria Co., at the residence of his grandfather, Mrs. Geo. W. Murphy, on Monday, Oct 9th, Alton Vere Walte, only son of Mrs. C. L. Walte, aged 14 years and 8 months.

WILLIAMS.—Suddenly, in this city, Oct 11th, William A. Willard, in the 56th year of his age.

BLAIR CRAWFISHES. After Violating His Solemn Agreement With the C. P. R.

MONTEREAL, Oct. 10.—The Canadian Pacific authorities this morning received notification from the general freight agent of the Intercolonial that the regulations concerning freight handled by the Intercolonial at St. John for points east had been withdrawn.

MONTEREAL, Oct. 10.—Mr. Shaughnessy discussed the latest developments in the railway situation, today, as follows: "The agreement between Mr. Blair and myself, with respect to handling winter port business at the port of St. John, which was made September 15th, stipulated distinctly that the arrangements which existed at that time were not to be disturbed during the coming winter. We were to handle our export traffic at St. John as heretofore. Pursuant to this arrangement, we made our traffic arrangements with various steamship companies, and of course, no matter what action the minister of railways or the Intercolonial officials may take now, we will faithfully carry out our portion of the agreement for the present season."

"After this agreement became effective, neither the minister of railways nor any official of the Intercolonial railway was at liberty to give any instructions or to take any action that would in the slightest degree interfere with the traffic relations as they existed at the time the agreement was signed."

"Ten days after that date, orders were issued to agents at the Intercolonial railway and notice was served on the general traffic manager of our road which radically changed those relations. Upon a vigorous protest from myself, these orders were withdrawn, or, at any rate, were temporarily suspended."

"But, again, within the past three or four days new instructions were given, which not only deprived us of the west-bound freight connection as it existed before Sept. 15th, but absolutely destroyed our east-bound business, by imposing local rates on business which came over our line from St. John and Halifax."

"Indeed, these instructions were even made to apply to goods in transit on the date when they were issued. We were advised yesterday that the government had again withdrawn the instructions about east-bound freight, but as yet the west-bound freight order still remains in force and has not been restored to the position in which it was at the time the agreement was signed on the 15th of September."

"It is unnecessary for me to say that while this backing and filling may be done without the full knowledge of the minister of railways, the effect upon our traffic is most serious, because on our line no shippers who use our line can possibly know where they stand from day to day. "This whole business is exceedingly annoying, but at present I do not care to say anything about it."

