Our Story.

HIS MONTH AT POKE ISLAND.

on the people of the shore-towns. Louding been settled at Barnbury; that and varied were the comments made on the affair by the by-standers. Brierly for years, and not a temporary asylum expressed no opinion publicly, but the chairman of the standing committee, who had listened intently to the reading, went home with his blood tingling at the insinuation the shrewd reporter quietly dropped as to where that minister might be now. In the Ensign there home and, unexpectedly, found him was no favourable notice of the presence there. It was owing to a strained flew from house to house.

Phineas Dustin had finished his pre marked: "Then our parson isn't the count is given in r Chron. chaps. xiii, paration for the next day. He was re- Barnbury parson, after all!" The xv, xvi. solved to do his utmost best for his chairman towered, he threatened, he INTRODUCTION.—David was now Master, and strive not only to please, but showed the reporter how great was the firmly established on his throne. His Master, and strive not only to please, but to help the people who should assemble at the house of God. His meditations were interrupted by the entrance of the chairman, who bluntly announced his errand. There was a divinity student stopping at a hotel on Brant's to have him occupy the pulpit to-more to have him occupy the pulpit to-more nervous shock, but he readily consented to stand aside and let the young man to stand aside and let the young man to bleat the house of God. His meditation had blew a linguist of the Church. Brierly only shrugged his the Church. Brierly only shrugged his the capital was fortified, his palace built. He had conquered several enemies. Shoulders, laughed a little and blew a cloud of tobacco smoke toward the ligion, and thus bind the nation of Obed-edom? Describe the way it was brought to Jerusalem. (I Chron. chaps xv. and xvi.) Where was it put? (I Chron. xv. I.) How did David treat the people? (v. 19.) How would he ark in Jerusalem benefit the nation? What were some of the polity of the Ensign came in, having driven down from Jackson Junction to tell Brierly what a mistake had been made, and to forestall the indignation which he felt sure would be aroused when the whole to stand aside and let the young man to the store anything. We

that of last Sunday and all the week, of all Poke Island. But he laid the burden on the Lord, The Rev. Phines and laid himself down in sleep, hoping his callers in the sitting-room of Deacon the law (Num. iv. 15; vii. 9).

What reason can I give for doing so? suffered. Yet how can I stay?

brought in the mail, which had just ar- and the faces were full of sympathy. rived. There were two letters for the parson. One was from his dear little wife; he knew the writing and but the missive in his pocket to enjoy when missive in his pocket to to the deacon, who read it aloud, as shame-facedly.

and denounced. A word to the wise, Dustin to become their pastor.

There was no signature.

to excuse them from making such little age. explanation as they might make, for at least another day, at the same time pastor and wife a reception in the vestry assuring him of their sympathy and of the church. All the town was there esteem in words and manner unmistak- except Tom Brierly. He has gone out ably sincere.

and challenge his unknown correspond- was made to the late unpleasant ruis-ent to tell his tale and let him meet it take in identity, and only once or twice grief. What was this terrible thing the and then in a low tone by some of the time set in the letter, and then perhaps he could sift the matter. With prayers and tears, and not with sleep he passed

refrained from talking about the matter, Iguided by it.—Em

but, a cautionary measure, had employed the divinity student to preach the previous Sunday. Then he had written to several well-informed clergymen in the denomination, and had interviewed the editor of the Jackson En-

was no favourable notice of the presence there. It was owing to a sprained and work of the Rev. Phineas Dustin, ankle which forbide him the pleasure an omission which helped to confirm the of going out on search for gossip. The suspicion which now with rapid wings chairman read the reporter the letters he had received. He listened with on the road to Joppa. Late Saturday afternoon the Rev. amused interest, and then coolly re-

Sunday saw a greatly diminished congregation in the church, and a certain there, and learned that the Poke Island tect of religion. David prepared a What are some of the blessings religion.

Now the clouds were cleared away iy walk on the shore and sat down to supper with a heavy heart, though he tried hard to conceal it.

During the meal a neighbour's boy platform he faced a crowded house—

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displeased; the death of Uzzah broke up all David's plans and was a great disappointment to the people. This Endeavour flouris'

alone. The other letter he opened and mon. He did not refer to the cruel read at once. He frowned, he smiled, matter of the past week publicly, and a fuller description, see t Chron. chaps. and a tear started to flow down his was quite displeased when several of xv. and xvi. Ps. xxiv, lxviii, cxxxii, and cheek, but was quickly whisked away. the crowd who came up after the serthe hymns given in 1 Chron. xvi. (the
He passed the letter without comment mon to shake hands, spoke of the affair same as Ps. cv. 15; xcvi; and cvi.

follows:

"Rev. Sir. Your game is up. You are known. Poke Island is small, but eloquent," "learned," "gentlemanly"; not small enough for you to hide in. If such were the expressions heard at the you remain in town forty-eight hours meeting, which voted unanimously to longer you will be publicly exposed extend a call to the Rev. Phineas

The call was accepted, and his labours began at once. He left town only Deacon Purkis and his wife were very long enough to get his wife and their indignant that such a letter should be household effects in Huckins and transsent their guest; but they begged him port them to the Poke Island parson-

of the newspaper line. The chairman, Soon after the parson went to his the deacon and the squire each made a room and did not return for the even- neat little speech; but by request of coronation was the event of to-day's only does the Sunday School Committee of the Rev. Phineas Dustin no reference and challenge his unknown correspond. -then would come moments of bitter was it mentioned at the supper-table, people believed him guilty of-he so young people who were glad that for

In all this time the chairman had -it is prepared and ready for you. not been idle. He thought that there The sun was made before you were, must be some foundation for the rumour and it keeps it course; and so conthat the Rev. Phineas Dustin was a stantly will God's own light shine to near us-God, the Bible, the Church- us when nightfall comes, and His comfallen and disgraced minister, yet he you without your contrivance or care and we not be blessed by them. 4 did not see how it could be true. He for anything but to seek, receive and be

Sabbath School Work.

LESSON HELPS. LESSON ii, October 13, 1889.

Su. Ps. xxiv. 1-10.

TIME.—About n.c. 1042, six or seven years after David became king over all Israel.

PLACE.—The ark was at Kirjath-jearim, ten miles north-west of Jerusalem

PARALLEL ACCOUNTS.—A fuller ac-

truth came out. He did not go to t 18. See Less. II. Third Quarter.) restlessness in the people, which the minister was not the man he had supplace for the ark on Mount Zion, in gion-brings? (Mait. vi. 33; xix. 29, young man, with all his elequence, posed, so he had hurried at once to Jerusalem (1 Chron, xv. 1.). 1. The Mark. x. 29, 30; 1 Tim. iv. 8; 1 Cor. The editor viewed the matter from a different standpoint than did Brierly. He had more at stake in his paper, and he was more of a man. So, when he had nothing to do during the entire Sabbath. At the close of the service only two or three came forward to shake his hand, and they did so in a constrained, unwilling manner that puzzled and hurt him. The squire was not out for the day. What it could all mean the parson could not imagine. He went to rest that night crushed, so great was the revulsion of feeling from that of last Sunday and all the week.

The editor viewed the matter from a different standpoint than did Brierly. He had more at stake in his paper, and he was more of a man. So, when he had read the letters the chairman had received he readily consented to go to Parson Dustin and explain and apologize. Brierly sneered at his weakness, but was a little disconcerted when his chief quietly informed him that he need send no further communications to the Ensign, as none from him would be received. He kept his word to the joy of all Poke Island.

The editor viewed the matter from a different standpoint than did Brierly. He had more at stake in his paper, and the kingdom. 2. From: describing the return to Jerusalem; the assembly gathered here. Baale of fudah: the same as Kirjath-jearim (forest city) (I Chron. xiii. 6.) See Place. That dwelleth between the cherùbim: on the mercy-seat over the ark. Here God had been accustomed to mannfest him self. 3. Set the ark upon a new cart: in the same way in which it was brought by the Phillistines (I Sam. vi. 7). But the Phillistines had no means of knowing the law. The Israelites should for obedien sat in the pulpit, and at the request of The editor viewed the matter from a presentatives from all parts of the ing the law. The Israelites should The Rev. Phineas Dustin received have known that this was contrary to and laid himself down in sleep, hoping things would be explained on the morrow, if, indeed, it were not all a matter of his imagination, aroused by the fact that another man had been put in his place. He chided himself for such an un Christian spirit.

The morning did not bring relief, nor did the days that followed. He found that wherever he went the women were shy of him and the men did not well-come him. So sharp was the contrast to last week that he was overwhelmed with agony. He asked himself many times: Shall I leave and go home? It is showed the four how much he had the men is callers in the sitting-room of Deacon and his wife remaining by request. The editor told it, and the law (Num. iv. 15; vii. 9). 4-Abinadab: the man in whose care the maining by request. The editor told its was placed. He was probably dead, and his descendants took charge of the ark. Gibeah: not a proper name; it means a hill. 5: Played: danced to instrumental and vocal music. Ptalments and vocal music. It is not a proper name; it means a hill. S. Played: danced to instrumental and vocal music. Ptalments and vocal music vocal music The anger of the Lord: not passion, October 5th., is to be devoted to the but indignation against sin. And Christian Endeavour Society. Morn-God smote him: as by a lightning ing, afternoon, and evening sessions By the middle of the week he found and he was again to preach. Carefully stroke. The punishment was severe, will be held, and ten city ministers, but (1) Uzzah should have known bet-Deacon Purkis and wife. With them By Sunday the news had spread ter. (2) Neglect of the law at the be- cicties in ten denominations have been there was no change at all. Wedness among the people and that day they ginning of a new era like this would selected as speakers. Mr. Moody will day afternoon he returned from a lone-seemed to feel that as a matter of pen bringine glect, and error into the whole also speak at both the morning and

> 47, 48) belong to this occasion. SUBJECTS FOR SPECIAL REPORTS .-How the ark came to be at Kirjathjearim.—The reasons why David wished the ark to be in Jerusalem.—How the danger from ignorance of the Bible.-Uzzah's sin.—Why it was so severely than in America. punished:-How the rest suffered too. -The ark in the house of Obed-edom.

OUESTIONS. REVIEW.-Describe David's coronation. What are some of the things he

did for his nation?

HEART, THE HOME, AND THE NATION.

I. THE ARK AT KIRJATH JEARIM.innocent. He decided that he must once the male gossip of the place had wait with patience the forty-eight hours' fired a hoomerang.—N. Y. Independent.

Sam. iv. 1-11, chaps v. and vi.) In teachers and scholars, and the use of the Bible, insisted on by the Society, tomo You do not need to devise in the lesson?' Was it away from the tabermorning how to create your own light nacle? (1 Sam. xxi. 1-3) What does this show about the state of religion?

description can you give of the ark? Where did David wish to bring it?
Whom did he assemble for this purpose? What instruments of music were bootsellers are mean. used? In what way did they carry the six out of every ten pairs of are sait. Let us tuckle down cheerfully to the year's what led them to this? (I Sam. boots are shams—pasted stock, and boot needly said to be now, complete and boots are shams—pasted stock, and boot needly said to be now, complete and boots are shams—pasted stock, and boots needly said to be now, complete and boots are shams—pasted stock, and boots needly said to be now, complete and boots are shams—pasted stock, and boots needly said to be now, complete and boots are shams—pasted stock, and boots needly said to be now, complete and boots are shams—pasted stock, and boots needly said to be now, complete and boots are shams—pasted stock, and boots needly said to be now, complete and boots needly said to be now IN TWO CHAPTERS.
CHAPTER II.

Friday evening there was the usual company of men and boys at the grocery when the mail arrived; and Briefly took advantage of the opportunity to read aloud the Entiry's and alout the Entiry's alove reproach, standing high in the proper credentials, forcing themselves on the people of the shore-towns. Loud and varied were the comments made in the people of the shore-towns. Loud and varied were the comments made and varied were the comments made in the people of the shore-towns. Loud and varied were the comments made in the people of the shore-towns. Loud and varied were the comments made in the people of the shore-towns. Loud and the people of th

HI. THE ARK WITH OBED EDOM,—RELIGION A BLESSING (vs. 10, 11).— Where was the ark left, when the great did its pre ence have upon Obed edom? saving at the spiggot to waste Of what is the ark a symbol? How at the bung. does religion in the heart bless us? How does religion in the home bless the home? What are some of the best ways of cherishing religion in the home? can't buy shoddy boots, be-How do religious institutions bless the cause they don't sell them, nation? Would this blessing from the ark remove David's fear, mentioned in ark remove David's fear, mentioned in

V. NEW TESTAMENT LIGHT.-What

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

I. The institutions of religion are of the greatest value to the nation.

II. The family altar is a blessing to

III. The greatest blessings may be close by us, and we receive no good from them.

IV. Neglect of Bible study is dangerous, and leads to great evils. V. Good intentions are no substitute

for obedience to God's law. VI. God's sudden punishment of

ence meeting in Chicago, one day, THE STORY OF CREATION:

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-Why he was blessed.-The ark in The constitution of the Society of Christian Endeavour has been transthe house and in the nation.—Description in Chronicles of bringing the lated into German, French, Tamil, ark to Zion. Chinese, Japanese, Zulu, Turkish and into various dialects of Southern India. THE SOCIETY AND THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School is beginning to feel the beneficial influence of the Sotee in many places do much to enlarge SUBJECT: THE ARK OF GOD IN THE the numbers and increase the efficiency limit of the Sunday Schools, but the pledge for faithful service in the Society, ac-RELIGION NEGLECTED .- How did the cording to the testimony of many, pro- 1800. had it been there at the time of this has "greatly improved the work of the Isniah and the Higher Critics. teachers."

God's presence is enough for toil Is it said that Abinadab's family was and enough tor rest. If He journey blessed by it? Can the best things be with us by the way, He will abide with ind we not be blessed by them.

panionship will be sufficient for direction.

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