### Our Story.

### THE HOUSEHOLD OF McNEIL

NY AMELIA K. HARR. Author of " Jan Valle" Wife." Danghter of Life, etc., etc." CHAPTER I.— I'M FAMILY OF MCNEH

Thou huse howing sea, Thou art speaking to me Ever strong, ever free, Is the breath of the sea . Ever rising with power To the call of the hour Is the swell of thy tides as they it iw.

Each man has some one object of parsuit, And lavishes his thoughts delightedly On the dear idol. Berdsworth

red and radiant, floating and fluming began to read with profound interest. above the pale, grey sea, and the pale; grey rocks, and the dark islands, low lying amid the waste of waters But came over the lonely land, and touched firm expanse of billowy sand, ribbed, point the, " thus far," boundary, of the itormy Sound of Jura-

They had been talking with much carnestness, but as the shadows grew clined to retrospection. Thoughtfully darker, they spoke in lower tones, and at longer intervals, the pauses being filly filled by the boom of the mult d birds-shrill, unknown, secret cries; lending a weirder meaning to the ilence

They were both noticeable men, and both men of authority in their own sphere. One wore the sombre dress of a Presbyterian minister; the other a handsome suit of dark brown broad cloth, with a tirtan plaid over his shoulders, and a bonnet, tipped with an eagle's feather, on his head. The latter was Archibald McNeil, Laird of Edderloch and Otterdale; and his companion was Dugald Brodick, mininter in Edderloch, the terror of evildoers, the friend and helper of all who

As they came nearer to the castle of LeNeil, they had to pass through a ling hamlet. The men, in a staid, noiseless manner, were moving towards the boats; the wo sen, standin the lone doors, watching them with a long, serious gaze.

The sea is a hard taskmaster, laird. It canna rest itself, and it gives no rest those who get their bread on it."

> at folks want to get a sight and them that never saw it very clear notions anent it. ng now of Shakespeare."

Wall ? Who knew it better? And unless it was in his dreams, when did be ever see it?'

Laird, I'll answer you in the words very wise man :-

"Think you mid all this mighty sum
"That nothing of itself will come
"That we must still be seeking?"

Besides, man, God Almighty yet gires to some of us the power of vision. the seculty divine, that was doubtless lest for the main part, in the abyss of the sea who never set mortal eye on it. Whate would that auld Arabian, Job,

does it." "You have made out your case, Doctor, and here we are at the doorstone; will you come in?"

"No; we have talked enough for one night."

which the castle stood. It was not an carry them into the finest atmosphere Baptist was beheaded (March A.D. 29). Why? imposing building though dignified their souls can breathe. with the name of "castle;" but its "And what is it ab thistorry redeemed it from all suspicion of meanness. And it had also one of the great reviews, and everybody is praising what he says. I do not Cesarea Philippi.

The survey of the strength and square, massive interest of the strength and square, massive interest of the strength and square, massive interest of the survey of the strength and square, massive interest of the strength and square, massive interest of the strength and square, massive interest of the square, masi rude strength and square, massive dearie?" as an old man has the look of his four-

score years. The door stood open, and almost involuntarily, as he entered, his eyes he attached no importance to the do trust much else.

and movement of his century had that I was constrained to veil niy eyes found him out in the green desert in adoration."

where his ancestors had lived and just their days come to them.

The had always been a careful, and ed tenderly down at the fair face, death. Christ did His duty, and saved the fair face, death face, death. Christ did His duty, and saved the fair face, death fa

tunate, man. He had the auriferous comes only from within. the constant service of Mammon.

He walked through the wide stone hall with a questioning look. Though it was midsummer, there was a bright fire at the upper end, and a large chair, says. soft with deer skins, stood before it Every night in this cavernous entry the fire was pleasant, this night the chill Macker, mist driven up from the sea made it Strong are the ties of kindred and long con a doubly so, but McNeil did not accept Fachyotte the mute invitation of the comfortable chair. He went into a little room diverging from the hall, lighted the candles in a silver sconce, and took THERE had been a glorious sunset, from his locked desk a book, which he

It was a stoutly-bound book, secured by a brass lock, and was in manuscrip! In fact, it was his private ledger. It as it faded away, the eerie sense of the kept the sum of his gains and the Northern night with all its mysteries, total of his bank account. Its contents seemed to give him much solid satisthe hearts of the two men who were faction; and when at length he reslowly crossing the Soraba beach—a locked the volume, and replaced it in ins desk, it was with all the careful reand water lined, and which was at this spect which he considered due to the representative of so many thousand pounds.

His mood was now placed, and in

lingering the key which locked up the record of his wealth he walked to the window, drew apart the heavy curtains, billows or the cries of the watchful sea- and looked keenly into the night. A paie, watery moon was ren cied in the trouble and confusion; for I could not INTRODUCTION --What were some of pale, watery moon was reflicted in the fishing boats moved restlessly to and make my counts up for it." The mountains and moors had fro. now no beauty of colour, they looked desolate and dreary; but the bare, barren land, and the grey, mournful sea, she since the noon hour?" were fair in McNeil's sight. It was the country of the McNeils. He had a fixed idea that it always had been their country, and when he told him-

many acres of old Scotland were actually his own, he was aggressively a Scotchman. you.' " It is a bonnie bit of land," he muttered, "and I have done as my father, stay the words that be to come. Listen was? Meaning of "the Christ?" Laird Alexander told me to do. If we to them. You are to keep better ward Where did Peter learn this? (Matt. should meet in another world, I'll be over viewer. I like not Maxwell xvi. 17.) Whom do you think that able to give him a good account of He is but a stranger and an interloper Jesus is? What is He to you? Why

years ago this very night, he gave me the ring off his finger, and said, Archibald, I am going the way of all flesh. Be a good man, and grip tight." I have done as he bid me. There is £80 000 in the Bank of Scotland, and every mortgage is lifted. I an sure he would be pleased with me hear, and, indeed, I am very well with myself. There is none can say but what I have been a good

holder of Edderloch and Otterdale.

Not one I" His self-complacent reflections were cut short by the entrance of his eldest daughter, Helen; and he dropped the curtains together, and turned his face towards her. In that moment some thing finer came into it, the firm, square lower part broke up into lines that almost suggested smiles, and the eyes

glinted kindly at her. "Helen, my bird! I almost missed you, Helen. If I had not had a few very grave thoughts for company, I should have been seeking you ere this. What is that paper in your hand?"

"It is a letter from Colin. I also have had one."

"Whatever news has the lad to need two letters at one post?"

David? or the herdsman of Tekoa? or a little caressing motion no other living Galilee to Cesarea Philippi, twenty five this verse is true now? Tenemiah? or Habakkuk? or any of creature would have ventured upon or thuty miles to the north east. It SECOND (vs. 36, 37)—What question wonderful clear vision as to how it the power over him; for Grizelda year of His ministry. touched only his fatherly instincts, PARALLEL ACCOUNTS. - Matt. xvi while Helen appealed also to everything that was noblest and sweetest in his nature. In Helen's presence he in to viii. 26; including Matt. xiv to xvi. aged to leave him on good terms with 12, and John vi. 1-71. one night."

He turned away with the words; and McNeil stood a moment watching him descend the little acclivity on which the carrie stood. It was not an early store and seed to leave him on good terms with his conscience, and nothing is more in this conscience, and nothing is more in this conscience, and nothing is more in this conscience, and nothing is more in the first in the disciples of time to the disciples of time to the seed of the constitution.—While the disciples of time the disciples of time to the seed of the interval and more than that the average man and described in our last lesson, John the of those who are ashamed of Christ?

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understand it, but then it must be true, because he proves it all by such clever calculations."

sought the quaint stone letters above by figures, Helen, he is apt to be right, lately killed by Herod. Ettar. Elijah, sought the quaint stone letters above of states, see a specific of the fights and fancies about the promised forerunner of the Messiah habit which had become a kind of them. You can always tell what you (Mal. iv. 5). 29. Thou art the Christ. I. No opinions are so superstition with him; though usually trust much else?

there: "A.D. 1449. I, man, have the father. You have something in your for (1) some would make Him a king, the world. end of all wisdom. I trust in God." soul far above such mechanical things (2) others oppose Him all the more. III. Christ tells us the trials, as well as figures. At the "exercise" list 31. Teach them: show them the real as the joys, of His service. The dissent in his mind. They had night I shall never forget how your face nature and work of the Messiah. 33. IV. We are to renounce the world nietmed to him truthful as words could glowed when you read that winderful Get thee behind me, Saton. not that as master, but to use it as servant. be. For the first time he felt the chill description of the rainbow. "It com- Peter was Satan, but his suggestion was V. Every one has a cross to beat. of some mental antagonism. It was passeth the heaven about with a gloti- from Satan. 34. Will come after me: VI. "Christ's cross is the sweetest uniform the state of the state

gold, and Dr Brodick had been tell then Helen said softly, "Colin is commess and pleasures which give value to ing him that night that he was already ing straight home. He will be here by life, sa e his life means get pleasure or rich enough, and that the carrying out the afternoon packet to morrow. And profit at the expense of right or reliof certain new plans which he had he is bringing a stranger with him, gion. Shall foreit shall fail of his formed would be apt to bind him to Shall I have the best guest room made end, shall lose eternal life, which is the ready for him? " Who for?"

" Mr. George Selwyn."

be Sixin altogether, no doubt. Put and the new was firmly established him in the east room. I wonder what John lived till after that, and all the ever makes our Colin take up with disciples till after Pentecost. strange men."

and he is a gentleman. The McNeil - The central question, What think ye is not used to ask his guest 'Whose son, of Christ? - I'he atonement the central

McNeil has two homie daughters, it is ing the life - I using the life - The exonly right for him to ask questions he change for the soul -Ashained of would not ask if he had not such a Christ.-Christ's coming in glory.charge-and that minds me of Giz- The kingdom of God come. ielda. Where is she? I have not seen her or heard her or heard tell of her since the noon hour.'

She was practising all morning." surely bought a pianoforte to my own they carrying out?

What sweet songs 'Zelda sings, and how 14 to viii 26) In what season of Superior advantages afforded in

"I'm not denying it. Where was

"She went riding, and she met Lord Maxwell and they took the Bruff road, and got out of the way. She came self—as he did at that hour—that so home a bit tired; but she is well rested now, and supper will be ready very soon, and you ought to be with us in the parlour, father; it is lonely without

"Helen, there is no use in trying to over your sister. I like not Maxwell. | xvi. 17.) Whom do you think that Edderloch and Otterdale. Thirty here. Let him bide in Galloway, where is it very important to have correct he comes from."

(To be continued.)

### Sabbath School Work.

LESSON HELPS LESSON ix, March 3, JESUS THE MESSI Mark vill. 27-38; iz. 1.

COMMIT VERSES 36-38. GOLDEN TEXT,—Whosever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.—Mark

CENTRAL TRUTH.

in heaven, must follow Him on earth, crosses have we to take up? Why is

### PAILY READINGS.

M. Mark vi. 7.56. Tw. Mark vii. 1-37. W. Mark viti. 1-26.

Th. Mark viii. 27 38. F. Matt. x. 24 42.

Sa. Rev. vii. 9 17.

13 38; Lukeix. 18 27.

and the disciples returned to Jesus and "And what is it about, Colin, my to Capernaum. Jesus sought retire change was to take place in Christ's ment with His disciples, first near Beth- outward condition? When will Christ

Went out: from Bethsaida and Galilee. When did the kingdom of God come He asked: in order to lead them thus with power? (Acts ii. 1-4; iv. 41 18 Richmond Stroot Wost. "And if a man can prove his words to the truth. 28. John the liaprist . Matt. xxili 36 38.) he attached no importance to the de-claration which his forefather had put "You never do yourself justice, 30. Tell no man: it was not time yet, atoning Saviour suffering for the sins of

in many ways a very prudent and for bright with that invisible light which men, even though it cost Him death on the cross. So must we. 35 touch, all his ventures had ended in. There was a moment's silence, and Save his life life means the blessed true life. Real life must grow out of a pure and holy character. . le that "He is an English gentleman from loses this may gain temporary pleasure London- a very good man, Colin and that only, but must lose all true and latting blessedness, 38 Adul Humph! Would you put an En- terous: unfaithful to God Of him glishman in the room where a Stuart shall the Son of man be ashamed behas slept? I'll not hear tell of it. I am cause he has proved himself unworthy not the mae to lift a quarrel my fathers of Christ Cometh in the glary at the dropped, but I'll not have any English day of judgment, His second coming. Situation healthy, beautiful and commanding body in the Saurt's room. It's not Seen the kingdom of God come fully es ukely, Helen. What is the man's tablished and showing its power. This was by His resurrection, the day of Apply to Pentecost, and completed at the des . "Schoyn ' There's no Scotch Selectruction of Jerusalem forty years later, wyns that I ever heard tell of. He will when the old dispensation passed a way,

> SUBJECTS FOR FURTHER STUDY AND "From what Colin says he is good Special Reports.—Cusarea Philippi doctrine. -Get thee behind me, Satan Wait a wee, Helen. When the Self-denial -Bearing the cross.-Sav-

### OUFSTIONS.

Rrvnw-Where were Jesus and "She was practising all morning" | His disciples in our last lesson? What Applications now received—a favourable "I know that right well. I have new plan of preaching the Gospel were term to enter, as new classes will be organized. His disciples in our last lesson? What

the events which took place between "But then in the evening, father! that lesson and this? (See Mark vi what year did to day's lesson occur?

SUBJECT FOLLOWING JESUS.

I. WHOM WE ARE TO FOLLOW. THE CENTRAL PERSON (vs 27 30.)—From what place did Jesus go out? To what place was He going? What question did He ask his disciples on the way? What were the various answers? What wrong ideas do people now have about Christ?

Whom did Peter say that Jesus ideas of Jesus?

II. THE WAY IN WHICH HE WENT THE CENTRAL DOCTRINE (vs. 31-33.) What revelation did Jesus now begin to make about Himself? Where was this foretold of the Messiah? (Isa. (3) Was this the movessary way to Amazine atoning Sav-chand doctrine and Call Cor. 1, 23, Com. 1 10; John iii. 16) How did Peter receive this statement of

Jesus? What did Jesus say to him? III FOLLOWING JESUS. THE CEN-TRAL DUTY (v. 34.)—What must we do in order to be a disciple of Christ? What is it to deny ourselves? What is it to take up the cross? How did Those who would reign with Christ Christ take up His cross? What we can be Christians? How does it test us, so that we may know whether we are Christians or not? What is it

to follow Christ? IV. REASONS FOR FOLLOWING JESUS (vs. 35.38; ix. 1)

Sa. Rev. vii. 9 17.

Sw. Matt. xvi. 13 28.

First (v. 35.)—What is meant here by life? What by saving His life? College.

Time—Summer of A.D. 29. Several What is it to lose the life? What is it sight of such mountainous bil- "Only good news, father." She months after the last lesson. to lose the life for Christ's sake and the lose as come down Jura Sound? or laid her head against his shoulder with Place.—On the way from the Sea of Gospel's? Show how the statement of

with McNeil. But to him his daughter was named after the emperor Cosar, of profit and loss is here asked? Is it such that the many of the property of the profit and the pr presences r liney never saw the Athumanity. Not even his youngest city.
such things? What is it to gain the
narrow water-ways; but they had a
child, the beautiful Grizelda, had half

JESUS 32½ years old, in the third whole world? How much of this
narrow water-ways; but they had a world do men gain that lose their souls? What is it to lose the soul? In what ways do men lose their souls in seeking to gain the world? How would you! answer the question in v. 37.

THIRD (v. 38)-How would the disciples be timpted to be ashamed of

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