

Sabbath School. BIBLE LESSONS. SECOND QUARTER.

(Condensed from Palouche's Select Notes.) Lesson XI. June 12. Dan. 6: 16-28.

THE DEN OF LIONS.

GOLDEN TEXT. "No manner of hurt was found on him, because he believed on his God."—Dan. 6: 28.

EXPLANATORY.

16. And they brought Daniel. The execution of the sentence was carried out, according to Oriental custom, on the evening of the day in which the accusation was made.

17. And the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords. In the days when very few could read or write, signets were used instead of writing the name.

18. The GREAT DELIVERANCE. The king passed the night fasting. The idea that lies at the basis of fasting is grief so deep that it takes away the desire for food.

19. The king arose with trembling as well as haste; so the word implies. 20. Cried with a lamentable voice. Full of grief and anxiety. Servant of the living God. The God who is the source of life, a personal living being.

21. O king, live for ever. The common salutation in addressing a king. This might be more than mere form in this. Did he have any thought of himself here, that repentance upon life on the part of the king, which would open to him the door to true living forever?

22. Sent His angel. Daniel does not say whether the angel was visible or not, but it is probable that he was. This would be to him a manifest token of the favor and protection of God. It is no more absurd to suppose that God employs angels to defend His people, or to impart blessings, than that He employs one human being to convey important blessings to another.

23. Then was the king exceedingly glad. That the evil consequences of his folly had been warded off; that his best friend and counsellor was preserved; that he had such a man at the head of his government, no manner of hurt was found on him. This is said to show the perfectness of the miracle.

THE REACTION.—24. They brought those men which had accused Daniel. Not the whole 120, who were doubtless scattered over the kingdom, but only the accused who had yielded by instigating the king to his course. Their children and their wives. According to the barbaric custom of the time, which may have grown out of the prevalent feeling that the son was bound to avenge the shedding of the father's blood.

drunkenness of a husband is a thing quite as revolting. It is impossible wholly to escape from the fact of which the above practices are exaggerations and excesses. Every member of a family is affected by the sins and by the virtues of any one member.

At this point Josephus introduces a singular feature into the story. He observes that the satraps, on hearing sentence pronounced against themselves, remarked to the king that the lions had been recently fed, and for this reason failed to devour Daniel.

25. I make a decree. He publicly acknowledged the truth. The decree contained expressions which sound very much like Daniel's, which is very natural; for in all probability Daniel, as prime minister, was commissioned to draw it up.

28. Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius. Which, however, lasted only two years.

Yesterday and To-Day.

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To most Americans the world is altogether a greater world than it was twenty-five years ago; not because they have travelled, but because they have learned to use their eyes.

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SOME MINOR RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS.

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While disease at one front of battle is every yielding to the advances of medical skill, at another it is every retreating to the progress of hygiene. To-day the physician is asked not only how the sick may be healed, but how the well may stay well. From year to year in the United States (German Reformed), strictly preventable, and diptheria, or typhoid only linger to mark the neglect of well-understood precautions.

There are a good many people who know their lung tissues to be delicate, or whose heart action is so irregular, or who suffer from some other constitutional weakness. Among this class the custom is gradually spreading of consulting a physician, not when acute disease has broken out, but when such infirmity is detected and periodically thereafter.

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CHRISTMAS AND EASTER.

A correspondent, whose style as well as his subscribed initials will be familiar to our readers, contributes to this issue an article under the caption—'The Idolatry of Christendom.'

INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE CHURCHES.

The independence of each Baptist church is pretty well understood and quite generally asserted. Illustrations of the value placed upon this doctrine are quite frequent.

testing from the pulpit against the observance of Christmas and Easter. But many other pastors take a different view of these things.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

As the years come and go the observance of the Queen's birthday becomes more general and hearty. This is due first to the personal popularity of the Queen during her long reign of nearly fifty-five years.

observed. Yet he met with stern rebuke from the prophet because an important change had been made in the Divine injunction. 'To obey,' said Samuel, 'is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of rams.'

that dual membership is shut out by mutual arrangement. Better attention can be given to the work in each province, and the duties of the boards will be the lighter.

Home Missions. \$3,900 IN TWO MONTHS AND FIFTEEN DAYS. The accounts of the Home Mission Board will close on the 10th of August.

Notes by the W. The plan of the brotherhood of raising extra foreign mission in this year is wise and effective.

