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International Sunday-School Lesson for February 22, 1891.

[Specially Arranged from S. S. Quarterly.]

LESSON TEXT—2 Kings 2:12-22.

GOLDEN TEXT—Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts.—Zech. 4:6.

CENTRAL TRUTH—The workers die, but the work goes on.

TIME—B. C. 892-890. Immediately after the last lesson.

PLACE—Gilead beyond Jordan, and Jericho.

CIRCUMSTANCES—Elisha had accompanied Elijah across Jordan, and was with him when he was taken up in a whirlwind to Heaven. Elijah had promised that if Elisha saw him when he ascended, his request for fitness to be his successor would be granted.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.—12. "Saw it:" Elijah's ascension. "My father:" showing the tender and loving side of Elijah's nature. "The chariot of Israel:" the chariotry, or army of chariots. Elijah was the true defender of his country. So ten righteous would have saved Sodom. "Rent them:" An Oriental token of grief. 14. "Where is the Lord God of Elijah:" A prayer that God would work through him as He had done through Elijah, as a sign that God would make him his successor. 16. "Fifty strong men:" of the sons of the prophets. The search would be long, arduous and dangerous. "Ye shall not send:" because he knew it would be useless. 17. "Found him not:" they expected to find his body, but it was changed into a glorious body. 19. "The situation is pleasant:" Jericho was in a most beautiful situation. It had lately been rebuilt, after lying long centuries in ruin (1 Kings 16:34.) "The water is naught;" old English for "bad." 20. "A new cruse:" dish, bowl; not the original word translated "cruse" in 1 Kings 17:12. 21. "Cast the salt in:" salt was a symbol of purifying. But salt in the spring would make it worse, if any thing. Nor could a little salt permanently affect a large spring like this. The healing of the spring was a miracle. It was a type of Elisha's work.

LESSON COMMENTS.

When the blinding scene of the chariot of fire, and the horses of flame, had passed away, and Elisha looked around him, he began to realize that his master had really been taken away from him. But lying on the ground was the mantle of the great prophet, the very same one that Elijah had cast over Elisha's shoulders when he appointed him a prophet in Israel (1 Kings 19:19). This seems to have been accepted by him as a sign that Elijah's promise was to be made good, for, picking up the mantle, he at once ventured to try his power. The Jordan had again resumed its course, after its parting by Elijah, and the first miraculous act of the new prophet was the same as the last of the old seer. "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" he exclaims, as he strikes the waters of the river. This is done not in unbelief, or even in doubt, but in full confidence that he is to have an answer similar to that which had been granted to his predecessor. The result that he desired followed, and he too passed over dry shod.

The sons of the prophets saw it all, and realized that he had become the leader among them in Israel. To him they did honor. Then in the text follows the story of the healing of the waters, a miracle of great benefit to all in that section of the country.

As in the lessons that are to follow we shall have abundant opportunity to study about the character of Elisha, we may this week well turn our attention to the way in which God's work in this world is carried on. We in our blindness often are tempted to think that upon the life of one man depends the prosperity of any good cause. This is a mistake. Men may come and men may go, but God's cause goes on forever. The whole story of revelation proves this, as also the whole of profane history. If the father of the faithful dies, God will care for Isaac his son, and even when Joseph, the great protector of his people in a strange land, lies on his death-bed, he says: "I die, but God will surely visit you and bring you out of this land." Joseph would have made a famous leader for the children of Israel, but God was not at his wits' end how to bring them out because Joseph was dead. So too, when Moses was called away, the natural man would have said: "Moses is dead; now therefore there is no use in trying to get into the land, and we had better turn back." But God said: "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou and all this people." So when Elijah goes, Elisha comes, and the truth prospers, and the kingdom of God suffers no real loss. It was expedient even for our blessed Master to go, for when he went the Holy Spirit came and carried on the work that he had left incomplete. God's work in this world covers great reaches of time and vast outlines of plan, and to the accomplishment of it no one human life is necessary. When Abraham Lincoln lay on his death-bed, the Nation wondered how it could be brought through the war. At last the martyr President passed away, and as Garfield addressed the multitude in Wall street, he began thus: "Abraham Lincoln is dead, but God lives still." This was a true saying, and many hundreds of times the church has had to learn that God is not bound by times, places, or men.

We know but little of the seasons of the prophets who stood to view afar off, but we do know that they knew enough to recognize and at once to follow the new leader. This was wise on their part. Oh, that some of our Sunday-school scholars were as wise as they! Who does not know that often when one minister, or teacher, or superintendent resigns, there are those who say: "Well, it's no use, we are not going to like the new man, and we may as well resign at once." Did you ever meet any such person? Did you ever speak thus yourself? Well, then copy the example of these young men, who, without any more fuss or ado, accepted the new and turned their faces from the old.—Rev. A. F. Schauffler, D. D.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

1. Good men are the real defenders of their country.

2. We need not the forms but the spirit of the elder saints.

3. What God has done for our fathers is the assurance that He will fulfill His promises to us.

4. The world is like Jericho, beautiful to live in, but the sinful hearts of men send forth streams of evil.

5. The great need of individuals and of the world is a right heart.

6. It is wicked, base, degrading, and dangerous to mock good people and religious things.

OHIO LEGISLATURE.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 2.—SENATE.—Bills introduced: To authorize the formation of companies to plat real estate; relative to actions against common carriers; to reduce the salaries of the Assistant State Librarian and the Assistant Law Librarian; to reduce the penalty for delinquency in paying taxes.

HOUSE—Bills introduced: To authorize the city of Cincinnati to vote upon the question of keeping open saloons on Sunday between 1 o'clock in the afternoon and 12 o'clock at night; to amend Section 2289, so as to authorize county treasurers to bring tax suits in behalf of municipal corporations; to compel county commissioners to employ their surveyors as engineers; empowering the Governor to deed certain lands in Mercer County to Edward Palmer and James F. Monroe; to appropriate $604,418.75 for the expenses of the State Sinking Fund Commission and pay interest on the irreducible debt; to amend Section 1284, so as to provide that the chief deputy clerk of the Supreme Court shall receive an annual salary of $1,200, and second deputy $1,100, instead of $1,200 each as at present; to authorize gill net fishermen who were injured by the unlawful seizure of nets under order of the State Fish and Game Commission, to sue the State for damages; requiring persons who intend to bring a damage suit against a city to do so within thirty days; reducing railroad fares to two cents a mile and prohibiting the issuing of passes, and from giving discriminating rates; providing for the purchase of old school books by boards of education; increasing the compensation for securing drift timber.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 3.—SENATE.—Bills passed: Providing that when a County Treasurer acts as Treasurer of a city, his bond as City Treasurer shall be made a part of the records of the City Council, when accepted, and carefully preserved, and his bond as Treasurer of School Funds shall in the same way be made part of the records of the Board of Education; to give Justices of the Peace final jurisdiction in cases of prosecution for trespass. Bills introduced: To provide that organizations of laborers and farmers may use school houses for meetings when school is not in session; to provide that all credits shall be listed for taxation and the liabilities then deducted, failure to report a credit invalidating the claim; to provide for the appropriation of $25,000 for the construction of a fire-proof museum on the Ohio State University grounds for the Geological Museum, not to cost more than 250,000.

HOUSE—Bills passed: Amending Section 4023-5, so as to extend the provisions of the incorrigibility act so as to raise the maximum age from 14 to 16; making personal injury a ground for attachment for damages against a foreign corporation or a non-resident defendant; amending the eight-hour law; authorizing courts to order the production of documents in official custody from other counties; requiring that township trustees should be provided with the Revised Statutes; prohibiting sinking fund trustees from purchasing bonds except for their own benefit; extending the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in cases of controversy as to obtaining the cost of evidence for perpetuating the title to land.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 4.—SENATE—Bills passed: To provide for State inspection of private banks; to provide that refusal to pay tax on a dog shall be punishable with five dollars fine and that the dog upon which tax is not paid shall be killed. Bills introduced: To appropriate $75,000 to be used by the Food and Dairy Commission to prosecute violations of the law; to require telephone companies to make annual reports to the Commissioner of Railroads and Telegraphs; to reduce the penalties for delinquencies in the payment of taxes; to make it an offense to give a public exhibition of hypnotism, or to use the hypnotic power without the consent of the hypnotized person, or without the presence of a third person; to appropriate $15,000 with which to pay the expenses of the State Decennial Board of Equalization; to abolish the board of county infirmary directors, and vest their authority in the county commissioners and superintendent of infirmaries; to provide for the transfer of certain prisoners from the Ohio penitentiary to the Intermediate penitentiary, in accordance with the original intent of the law.

HOUSE—Bills passed: Establishing a board of equalization for Crestline; imposing a special levy of one-twentieth of one mill on the grand duplicate of the State for an "Ohio State University fund."

COLUMBUS, Feb. 5.—SENATE.—Bills passed: To prevent unjust discrimination in freight rates; to require private banks, in accordance with Supreme Court decisions; to return for taxation all deposits without deducting liabilities; providing that ten days' notice need not be given before transferring a prisoner from one county jail to another for safe-keeping; to enlarge the powers of the State Canal Commission. Bills introduced: To provide that township trustees shall give bond in $500 each, and that one trustee shall not sign an order for another trustee; to appropriate $600 for the widow of the late Senator Zimmerman; to allow county auditors one-half of one per cent. of the amount collected for the collection of the Dow tax.

HOUSE.—Bills passed: Paying the daughters of the late Senator Robertson one year's salary—$600; restoring the fee system in Cuyahoga County, as to the Clerk, Sheriff and Probate Judge; providing for the foreclosure of claims of the State, for the benefit of the County School Funds, upon school lands that have been sold, and where the requirements of the sale have not been complied with. Among the bills introduced was one by Mr. Braman, providing that the Presidents of Boards of County Commissioners shall assist in assessing railroads.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 6.—SENATE.—Bills introduced: To authorize the formation of joint stock companies for the insurance of live stock; to exempt farm products from taxation for one year after their production, if they are still in the possession of the original producer; to require commissioners of counties consisting in whole or in part of Virginia military lands to have them platted; to require keepers of boarding-houses to provide convenient and safe means of escape for their boarders in case of fire; to authorize the municipality of Cincinnati to issue bonds to the amount of $150,000 for the improvement of the Montgomery road. The Senate adjourned to 4 p. m. Monday.

HOUSE.—The Brice resolution was killed by a trick in referring same to committee of one. Adjourned to Monday 4 p. m.

FIFTY women employed in the Bell Bros.' pottery, of Findlay, went on a strike the other morning because the management refused to treat with the male employes of the works, who have been out since the first of the year. The entire factory is now closed, and nearly 200 people are on a strike because of a reduction in the wage schedule.

MRS. JAS. CROHEN, of Bucyrus, fell and struck her head against the stove at her home, and after suffering from constant convulsions for twenty-four hours died next morning.

AT the home oratorical contest of the Ohio University, held the other evening to select a representative to the State contest, F. W. Bush, of McConnellsville, was decided as the winner.

THE U. S. Senate has passed a bill providing for an increase of the limit of the cost of the public building at Portsmouth. The increase is $25,000.

THE Ohio Legislature contains 40 lawyers, 40 farmers, 11 newspaper men, 10 physicians and 1 minister.

THE Hamilton County Fair will be held August 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 this year.

THE common pleas court of Franklin County, has announced a decision affirming the action of the Masonic Blue Lodge in expelling German members.

AT Lima a Mennonite refused to serve as a juror, and was fined for contempt. The Mennonite stuck and went to jail. The fine was remitted.

OHIO STATE NEWS.

THE official figures just given out by Secretary of State Ryan show the population of the thirty-three Senatorial Districts to be as follows: First, 374,573; Second, 74,065; Third, 124,273; Fourth, 63,452; Fifth, 76,369; Sixth, 68,497; Seventh, 107,360, Eighth, 112,419; Ninth, 91,791; Tenth, 151,046; Eleventh, 99,314; Twelfth, 107,422; Thirteenth, 103,912; Fourteenth, 71,910; Fifteenth, 82,361; Sixteenth, 70,464; Seventeenth, 45,720; Eighteenth, 73,321; Nineteenth, 64,203; Twentieth, 78,243; Twenty-first, 101,736; Twenty-second, 98,444; Twenty-third, 98,352; Twenty-fourth, 75,379; Twenty-fifth, 309,970; Twenty-sixth, 81,957; Twenty-seventh, 68,037; Twenty-eighth, 60,144; Twenty-ninth, 60,295; Thirtieth, 120,002; Thirty-first, 94,518; Thirty-second, 203,223; Thirty-third, 266,542. A full Senatorial ratio is 104,924, and a three-quarter ratio, without which a district is not entitled to a separate representation in the Senate, is 78,693. It will be seen that there are fourteen districts which fall short of a three-quarter ratio, namely: The Second, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Fourteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth. In apportioning Senators for the ensuing years the Board, consisting of the Governor, Auditor and Secretary of State, must scrutinize the districts in their numerical order, beginning with the first, and ascertain how many Senators each district is entitled to for the ensuing five Legislatures. If they find a district containing less than 78,693 population the Constitution requires them to annex "the district adjoining it having the least number of inhabitants." Consequently the Second will be attached to the Fourth, the Fifth to the Sixth, the Fourteenth to the Nineteenth, the Sixteenth to the Seventeenth, the Eighteenth to the Twentieth, the Twenty-fourth to the Twenty-sixth, the Twenty-seventh to the Twenty-eighth, and the twenth-ninth to the Thirty-first, making eight joint districts instead of five, as at present. Each of these joint districts would be entitled to one Senator in the next Senate. Thirteen single districts will have one Senator each in the next Senate, namely: The Third, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fifteenth Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-third and Thirtieth. The First will have three, the Twenty-fifth three, the Twenty-second two and the Thirty-third two—a total membership of thirty-one.

NEAR Louisville, about twenty miles east of Caldwell, a bad wreck occurred on the Bellaire, Zanesville and Cincinnati railroad, in which the coach of a freight train was thrown over a steep embankment, completely demolishing the car and breaking the ribs of several passengers, but killing no one. Henry Erbin, a hardware dealer of Zanesville, was among the injured.

A FEW days ago H. W. Thompson, Senator-elect from the Twelfth District, wired Governor Campbell, declining to serve, on account of continued serious illness, and knowing he would be unable to attend to his duties, therefore considered it best for the district and State at large to take this course, which was urged by his physician. A new election will probably take place soon to fill the vacancy.

THERE are 2,592 saloons in Hamilton County, who paid as taxes for the half year $314,397.18.

JOHN ZUMSTEIN has been nominated postmaster at Cincinnati.

THE total bonded indebtedness of Butler County is $327,000.

BLOODED draft-horsemen from all over the State met at Findlay, the other afternoon, and organized the Draft-Horse Breeders' Association with the following officers: President, I. H. Kahl, Glandorf; vice-president, Philip Waldron, Milton Center; Secretary, J. E. Hesser, Beaver Dam; treasurer, J. E. Huntington, Mortimer. A committee was appointed to draft rules and regulations for the association, which adjourned to meet again in Findlay February 27.

J. U. CHAFFER was appointed postmaster the other day at Mecca, Trumbull County.

CAPTAIN D. A. MILLER, superintendent of the Hocking Canal, died suddenly, at Logan, the other day of apoplexy.

FOR four weeks East Liverpool has been having the most remarkable revival in its history. Thus far there have been over 1,100 converts.

AT Findlay, Mrs. George Carlin has sued James Clifford and Jacob Gossman, to recover $15,000 lost by her husband in gambling.

A committee from the Ohio Legislature, consisting of eight Senators and thirty-six Representatives, accompanied by Lieutenant-Governor Marquis and John G. Doren, Secretary of the State Board of Charities, arrived in Mansfield, a few days ago, en route to the reformatory at Elmira, N. Y., after which the intermediate penitentiary in Mansfield is patterned. The legislators were met by a delegation of one hundred citizens, and were taken on a special train to the intermediate penitentiary grounds, where the buildings, its surroundings and its further needs were examined. The expression was general among the legislators that the institution has now reached a stage that necessitates its completion according to the original designs, though none committed themselves on the subject of granting the $200,000 appropriation that is asked.

THE depot of the Lake Erie and Western railroad was destroyed by fire a few days ago at Findlay. Loss $12,000.

THE Dueber Watch Company, at Canton, will start up again in a few days.

CLEVELAND'S "Rotten Row," a block where nearly 500 Italians, negroes and Turks congregated, was purified by a sweeping fire.

THE Farmers' Alliance at Youngstown, declares that the Milk and Food Inspector must make the manufactured butter fly.

SEVERAL hundred acres of land in the vicinity of Bucyrus have been leased by oil speculators, and it is now said will be tested.

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