

ELISHA'S DEFENDERS.
International Sunday-School Lesson for March 22, 1891.
[Specially Arranged from S. S. Quarterly.]
LESSON TEXT—2 Kings 6: 8-15.
GOLDEN TEXT—Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.—2 Kings 6: 15.
CENTRAL TRUTH—Many and powerful unseemly defenders guard God's people from evil.
TEXT—Probably between B. C. 850 and 854. Whether before or after the events of the last lesson is uncertain.
PLACE—Samaría, the capital and Dothan, a small city twelve miles to the north. Here Joseph was sold by his brethren (Gen. 37: 17, etc.).
HELPS OVER HARD PLACES—3. "The King of Syria," Benhadad II. "Warred" sent roving bands for plunder and to weaken his enemy. It was a kind of guerrilla warfare. "Beware that thou pass not such a place;" do not go there and expose yourself; or do not pass over it, but guard it. "The Syrians are come;" are coming. Such was their plan. "I, Elisha," Exceedingly. "Which of us is for the King of Israel?" as their plans were known only to the leaders, he was sure that some one of them must be a traitor. "Elisha... telleth the king;" they must have learned this from some of their captives, or the men of Israel with whom they came in contact. "Elisha is in Dothan." (See Place). "A great host;" great comparatively, for such a purpose. "The mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire;" the mountain was the hill on which Dothan was situated. The Syrians were on the surrounding hills. The space between them and Elisha was filled with the unseen defenders. The chariots of fire were symbols of the angels and spiritual beings, and secret forces of nature, which are always around God's people. "Which of us is for the King of Israel?" the word means not complete blindness, but a dazed and bewildered vision, that could not see things as they were. Elisha could not lead a host of totally blind people twelve miles... When Elisha, in the next verse, says that "this is not the way, neither is this the city," he spoke the plain, simple truth. Dothan was not Elisha's city, nor was it possible, defended as Elisha was, for them to find him there. He took them to his home city, and they found there the man they were seeking. The fact that they did not understand how it was to be done, and imagined some other way, does not destroy the fact that Elisha told them the plain, exact truth.
LESSON COMMENTS.
The main points of the story to-day are the plans of the King of Syria for the overthrow of Israel, and their repeated failure, owing to the supernatural knowledge of Elisha. Benhadad could not understand why he was so often frustrated in his designs, and thought there must be a spy in his own camp. When told the cause of all his failures, he at once set to work to capture Elisha himself. To this end he sends an army to Dothan to seize Elisha. One morning, on awaking, Elisha's servant is filled with alarm on seeing the Syrians all around the small city. He cries to Elisha in despair. Then, at the prayer of the prophet, the servant's eyes are opened so that he sees that the hosts of God are just as near as those of the enemy. Again, at Elisha's request, the eyes of the Syrian host are affected, and they are mystified about things, as not recognizing places or people. Elisha then (apparently) deceived them, and led them into Samaria, where they were completely in the power of the King of Israel. Elisha, however, refused to let the King fall upon them, but treated the Syrians kindly, and sent them safely home. Thus, for awhile, at least, the land was delivered from Syrian invasions.
How strangely Benhadad must have felt when he realized that all his most secret movements were perfectly well known to his opponent! Against such a man the King was simply powerless. All his armies availed him nothing; for Elisha's knowledge brought their plans to naught. So he rightly felt that, if possible, he must put this one man out of the way before he could again prosper. In this, however, he failed, for God helped His servant; and the result of it all was that the King's armies marched out and marched back again without having accomplished any thing.
Would we like to feel that any one knew all that we did, and even all that we wanted to do. There is no one who would like to be in that condition. We do too many sinful things, and think far too many evil thoughts, to make it pleasant for us to have any one know them all. Yet God knows them all, from our childhood until the present moment. What a record that is even for the best man that ever lived!
"My thoughts, before they are my own, are to thy God distinctly known: He knows the words I mean to speak: Ere from my opening lips they break."
If the King of Syria was astonished at Elisha's knowledge, no less was Elisha's servant amazed when his eyes were so opened that he saw into the spiritual world and discovered so many defenders of God's servant near at hand. He had thought all was lost, because he only saw the Syrian army. But he had only to see God's army to realize that all was well. Now there are hints in the Bible that leads us to believe that God's angels do watch over God's children in this world. In Heb. 1:14 the apostle says: "Are they (the angels) not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" Even children have guardian angels, for Jesus said: "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones, for I say unto you, that in Heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in Heaven" (Matt. 18:10).—Rev. A. F. Schaeffer, D. D.
PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.
1. We should be patriotic, and aid our country even when our rulers are imperfect.
2. God knows every secret thought and feeling.
3. This is a comfort to the friends of God, for he understands us while others misunderstand. He knows when we try to do right, whatever our failures.
4. It is a terror to be wicked, for no cloak of appearance can hide evil purposes and feelings.
5. There is vastly more in the Bible, in nature, in life, than appears to the ordinary sight.
6. The Christian has countless unseen defenders: (1) God himself; (2) the omnipotent Jesus; (3) the Comforter; (4) ministering angels; (5) the forces of nature.
7. If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink; for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.
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OHIO LEGISLATURE.
COLUMBUS, March 9.—SENATE—Bills introduced: To reduce about one-third the salaries of all registration officers; to allow the commissioners of Hamilton county, at an expense not exceeding \$15,000, to construct a free turnpike forty feet wide, between the Cliff and Ohio pikes, in Anderson township; to empower the county surveyor of Hamilton county to replace with stone landmarks the marking sections which have been destroyed.
HOUSE—The following bill of general interest was passed: To empower the commissioner of labor statistics, with the consent of the governor, to remove for cause any superintendent or clerk of a public free employment bureau. Thirty-three local bills were passed. Bills introduced: Amending section 6218, R. S., so as to provide that in cases of entry and detainer, where the property is restored to the plaintiff and the defendant again enters, that the same be made misdemeanor; to prevent any clairvoyant, medium, or other fortune-teller from taking money or other consideration for the practice of their so-called profession; providing for the disposition of the direct tax on the county of Adams, Ohio, from the date of its levy to the date of its payment; to guard railroads for bridges; to give police judges final jurisdiction in prosecutions for trespass; to provide that the tire of a wagon bearing a load of one ton over an improved road shall not be less than four inches in width, read for the county of Adams.
COLUMBUS, March 10.—SENATE—Bills passed: Providing that claims in excess of \$100 may be settled by arbitration in the probate court instead of being taken to the common pleas court; to authorize the purchase of a pumping engine for the Toledo waterworks, the cost to be paid out of the earnings of the works; to provide that if payment for the burial of an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine will leave his family without the means of support, the county relief commission shall pay the expense; to provide for the restoration of the destroyed records of Hamilton county. Bills introduced: To provide that when a talemaker are required, they shall not be appointed by the court, but by a commission shall pay the expense; to provide that the annual report of the county commissioners shall be published in two newspapers of opposite politics at the county seat.
HOUSE—Bills passed: Requiring boarding-school and college buildings of other two stories in height to have fire-escapes; providing for the organization of joint stock companies to insure live stock; authorizing land owners to lay pipe lines within the limits of the public roads and highways, under a special license, and under regulations prescribed by the county commissioners and township trustees; adding the word "explosives" to the list of accidents against which insurance companies may insure; providing that whenever the creditors of an assignor will not accept the assignment to the benefit of creditors desire to elect a trustee they shall give to the court some satisfactory reason why the assignee named in the deed of assignment by the assignor is not a suitable person or persons to administer the estate to the best interest of the creditors.
COLUMBUS, March 11.—SENATE—Bills passed: Rearranging and subdividing the statutes in reference to assignment cases; providing that when an inmate of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Home is unable to support himself, the county where he was sent; to require the burial of dead animals; to provide for the taxation of manufactured goods. Among the bills introduced were the following: Authorizing the city council of Cincinnati to declare the city a free water works, and to issue bonds for the amount of \$1,000,000 in four per cent. bonds; increasing the number of side-camp of the governor from twelve to fifteen; requesting the deposit, etc., to be made by mutual fire insurance.
HOUSE—Bills passed: Authorizing the issue of \$25,000 of bonds to replace an overdraw amount in the general fund of Mahoning county; providing for a jury commission for Youngstown, Mahoning county; to increase the number of aldermen of the city of Youngstown from twelve to fifteen; to provide for the construction of water-works in Cincinnati, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000,000; to make it optional with county commissioners to give official printing to German newspapers, and to provide that county printing shall not be done by a German paper which has a circulation of less than 500.
COLUMBUS, March 12.—SENATE—Bills passed: Appropriating \$25,000 for an Ohio cottage at the Women's Relief Corps home, Madison; to cure a defect in the act for the Liberty street viaduct, Cincinnati, providing that the same be placed in force; to provide for the construction of water-works in Cincinnati, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000,000; to make it optional with county commissioners to give official printing to German newspapers, and to provide that county printing shall not be done by a German paper which has a circulation of less than 500.
HOUSE—The house devoted almost the entire day to the consideration of the Gerber county officers, and by bill, section in committee of the whole. The Springfield reorganization bill, introduced yesterday, passed the house to-day on the report of a special committee. The house passed Senator Hildebrand's bill authorizing the sale of Ashland and Ashland county, vote on a proposition to issue \$100,000 in bonds for improvement purposes. Mr. Bond offered a resolution, which went over under the rules, accepting the \$1,000,000 direct tax from the general government and authorizing the governor to accept the same.
COLUMBUS, March 13.—SENATE—Bills passed: To authorize the board of education of Middletown, Butler county, to issue \$50,000 bonds for the purchase of sites and the erection of school houses; to provide for the appointment, at an annual salary of \$1,500, of an assistant justice of the peace of Adams county; to establish a depository for the Tiffin city and school funds; to establish a depository for the Seneca county funds; to grant a right of way through the Ohio state university grounds to the Sandusky and Columbus, Lake Erie and Southern Short Line Railway; to amend the act relating to the father and mother when separated or divorced shall be considered as a common parent as to the care and custody of children; to appropriate \$500 to help in the erection of a tablet on the battle-field of Gettysburg to commemorate the bravery of the union troops who repulsed Longstreet's assault July 3, 1862. Adjourned until Monday.
HOUSE—Bills passed: Authorizing Tippecanoe, Miami county, to issue \$50,000 of bonds for park purposes; authorizing commissioners of Brown county to transfer funds from poor to building fund; amending sections 6411 and 6412 so as to enable guardians to make deeds in agreement proceedings when they have agreed with a corporation upon a price. Bills introduced: Providing that the records of the adjutant general of Ohio and the adjutant general of the United States be prime facie evidence of a soldier's enlistment; abolishing the office of county infantry director, and authorizing county commissioners to appoint a superintendent, whose powers are enlarged for control of infantry companies; to provide that the county, with governor and attorney general, to sell lands at not less than appraised value; amending supplementary section 6226 so as to make it obligatory on county commissioners, on completion of state board of health or local boards, to appoint inspectors of nuisances. Adjourned until Monday.
WILBUR HUTCHINS is in the Cleveland jail charged with trying to murder his aged grandfather for money. The hopeful youth is 16 years of age.
Miss IDA BURKEY, a young lady residing at Petersburg, Mahoning county, while standing in front of a grate, had her clothing ignited, causing injuries that resulted in her death after intense suffering.
JOE GARNETT, of Caldwell, was robbed the other night of \$500 while returning from East Liberty.
COL. ISRAEL UNDERWOOD died at Columbus from the shock of seeing the Elliott tragedy.

AVENGED.
Grim Justice Dealt to Hennessy's Alleged Murderers.
Indignant at the Verdict of Acquittal
A Mob Storms the Jail and Lynches Six of the Accused.
AN EXCITING SCENE.
NEW ORLEANS, March 14.—The people of New Orleans rose in their wrath and wreaked summary vengeance on the men whom they believed guilty of the murder of Chief of Police Hennessy. The parish prison was surrounded, the doors burst open and the Sicilian assassins taken out and lynched. Some were shot and others hanged. The killed are Manuel Politz, Pietro Monastoro, Antonio Scaffed, Joseph P. Machaca, Antonio Marchesi and Antonio Bagnetto. Incardona, Matranga and the Marchesi boy were not molested.
The verdict of the jury, rendered Friday, acquitting six prisoners and reporting a disagreement as to the three others, was received with general disapproval and rage and for a time it was apprehended that an attempt would be made to wreak vengeance upon the prisoners at once, but this was averted for the time. The evening newspaper extras were filled with intimations that the jury had been corrupted. It was asserted that not less than \$75,000, and probably as much as \$100,000, was contributed by Italians all over the country for a defense fund. Thousands of dollars, it is said, came from Chicago and New York, and farm laborers in this vicinity were taxed two dollars a head. These statements only served to infuriate the enraged populace still more, and as a consequence a call appeared in the morning papers, signed by 100 prominent citizens, for a mass meeting to assemble at the Clay statue at 10 o'clock "to take steps to remedy the failure of justice in the Hennessy case." "Come prepared for action" was the concluding injunction in the call.
When the hour for the meeting arrived the neighborhood of the statue was black with a dense concourse of excited people all anxious to wreak vengeance on the accused prisoners. Just at the stroke of 10 a shout went up from the people stationed at St. Charles street, and a number of gentlemen, among whom were W. S. Parkerson, John O. Wickliffe, and others, who signed the call, came marching along and began walking round and round the railing of the Clay monument.
"Fall in!" "Fall in!" was the deafening cry, and amid deafening shouts several of the crowd formed the procession, which went around the railing of the Clay monument. The view from that altitude was imposing. Not a bad word escaped the lips of the gentlemen who had mounted the steps. They stood erect, motionless, surveying the surging multitude, from whose serried ranks there gleamed faces full of resolve and determination. There were fully 3,000 persons within earshot and more could be seen struggling, pushing and turning here and there on the neutral ground. Street cars were unable to pass through. Carriages, carts, wagons, cabs and vehicles of all descriptions were halted. The people were about to exercise their mighty prerogative of sovereignty and were in no mood to get out of the way. Theirs was a fixed purpose: to hear what they expected would be said and to do what an outraged community felt should be done.
Mr. Parkerson spoke first. He said that once before he had appeared before the people in grand mass meeting assembled to discuss matters vital to the interest of the community, and again he faced the people of New Orleans to denounce the most infamous act which was consequent upon the most revolting crime in the criminal annals of any community. That act was the finding of the jury in the murder trial and that crime was, as everybody knew, the foul assassination of the chief of police. "I desire neither fame nor name nor glory," said Mr. Parkerson. "I am a plain American citizen, and as such and as a good citizen I am here."
The crowd was yelling itself hoarse. Fury ungovernable was evident throughout that immense assemblage, which, by that time, numbered fully eighty thousand people. "Shall you protect yourself?" "Yes." "Self-preservation is the first law of nature!" "This is the time for action, not talk!" "Let's go, let's go!" "Come on, Wycliffe!" "Come on, Parkerson!" "We are ready!"—were some of the cries which escaped from the throng.
Mr. Wycliffe then spoke, and as he concluded there was just the slightest momentary lull in the storm. Then some one yelled:
"Shall we get our guns?"
"Yes, yes, get your guns," said Mr. Parkerson. "Get your guns and meet us in Congo square immediately." Loud cheers were given as Mr. Parkerson and the other gentlemen moved down the steps. Then an ominous silence reigned, and the steady tramp, tramp of men falling into line and marching along was heard and the crowd followed the leaders along Canal street to Rampart. They marched down Rampart to a place where weapons were obtained and then Congo square was in sight.
The parish prison was reached at 10:30 o'clock. The wooden door on Marais street was broken in with a large billet of wood used as a catapult and heavy rocks were also poured against it. After the door had been broken down there was a wild rush for entrance. Two men, however, stood at the door and prevented anyone from going in except those that carried shotguns and Winchester. The prisoners were then quickly reached and dragged from their cells. The avengers possessed upon the six already mentioned and inside

of ten minutes they had all been either riddled with bullets or hanged.
After the assassins had been put to death Mr. Parkerson addressed the crowd, urging them to return to their homes or respective places of business without further demonstration.
Joe Machaca had a pistol and shot Sergeant Herron in the neck, inflicting a slight wound. Politz is hanging to a lamp post, at Tremé and Stan street; Bagnetto to a tree in front of the prison. The others were shot in the cells.
The mob first approached the front door of the prison, but found it held by the sheriff. The leaders made speeches saying that they did not want to hurt the officials. Then the rioters repaired to the back door, where the police offered only slight resistance and an entrance was made. The next thing heard was firing within. The mob was quiet and undemonstrative throughout. No masks were used.
After completing its work of vengeance on the Italians the mob marched to Canal street and disbanded. Another mass meeting will be held at Clay circle to decide what shall be done with O'Malley, the private detective who is accused of bribing the jury.
FOSTER GOES TO SPAIN.
His Mission Is the Completion of a Reciprocity Treaty with Cuba.
NEW YORK, March 14.—The fact that Hon. J. W. Foster, ex-minister to Spain, and James G. Blaine, Jr., started for Europe last Wednesday on the Teutonic was kept rather quiet, and little save the fact that they had gone was published. The mission of the former is an important one and of general interest, for he goes to Spain to further the reciprocity treaty between the United States and Cuba through the mother country, Spain. Mr. Foster has been prominent in the reciprocity negotiations with South American countries. His experience in Spain as minister and his connection with the Latin-American countries has made him very valuable to Mr. Blaine and the state department. It is a well-known fact that the next reciprocity proclamation will be with Cuba, and Mr. Blaine has bent his greatest energies to this end. Mr. Foster goes over to smooth out and arrange some of the final matters. The sugar question with Cuba is becoming of vital importance. The enormous production of beet sugar in Europe has so seriously affected the cane sugar production of Cuba that, with the exception of the Spanish peninsula, Cuba is completely crushed out of the European sugar market. Hence the island is now practically dependent on the market of the United States. Cuba is bound up in this trade, all her interests, such as plantations, railroads and hundreds of minor industries in the agricultural and mechanical trades, depend upon it, and hence her great desire for this treaty. Mr. Blaine has been very busy on it, and the departure of Mr. Foster means that the negotiations are nearly completed.

Floods and Storms in Russia.
ST. PETERSBURG, March 14.—Floods which have followed the recent heavy snow-storms have destroyed one-half the winter crops in many places in southwest Russia. The Vistula has overflowed its banks and has inundated a great part of Warsaw. The inhabitants of that city are in distress owing to the floods, the severity of which can be judged from the fact that the ramparts which form a part of the fortifications have been in parts destroyed by the rising waters.
Huston still in Office.
WASHINGTON, March 14.—Treasurer Huston returned to Washington Friday afternoon from a visit to his home in Connorsville, Ind., and resumed his duties at the treasury department. Mr. Huston said he did not know how long he would retain his present office. He tendered his resignation to the president February 24 in order that his successor might be appointed during the session of the senate and he has not heard from the president one way or the other since.
Absconder Pope Reported Caught.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 14.—It is reported here that W. H. Pope, former teller of the City national bank, who disappeared March 1, 1890, with \$70,000 of the bank's funds, has been caught. An indictment has been found against him, and it is believed the papers are now in the hands of officers who know where Pope is and will shortly return him here. It is said that a part of the money will be recovered.
His Body Found in the River.
TRAER, Ia., March 14.—Two months ago Ralph Pierce, a young man of this place, became insane and was taken to a hospital in Ogden. Through carelessness of the manager he escaped, and for six weeks his mother has been carrying on a fruitless search for him. Friday a telegram came stating the body of the young man had been found in a river near Ogden.
Capture of a Noted Bandit.
EL PASO, Tex., March 14.—News has been received here of the capture Tuesday last of the noted bandit, Guardo Nevramont, who some time ago entered a jewelry store in Chihuahua and after killing the proprietor robbed the store of a large quantity of diamonds and gold and silver articles.
Ballinger's Body on Its Way Home.
OTTUMWA, Ia., March 14.—A cablegram received from Hong Kong announces that the body of Senator Ballinger has been disinterred, embalmed and shipped on the steamship City of Rio for San Francisco, where it is expected to arrive about April 4.
The Failure Record.
NEW YORK, March 14.—The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days number 973, as compared with a total of 965 last week. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 252.

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