

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 30 REVIEW—GOD'S REDEEMING LOVE.

LESSON TEXT—Read Psalms 123; 124. GOLDEN TEXT—With Jehovah there is loving kindness, and with him is plenteous redemption.—Ps. 136:1.

The lessons of the past year are the only ones in the six years course which are divided between the Old and the New Testament; therefore, at the close of this year we will review only the last two quarters, emphasizing the fourth which has just been completed.

Like Moses on Mount Nebo, let us glance over the whole period of the monarchy and note the progress and development of the Jewish people. The Jewish race is the marvel of all times, a nation without a country, scattered and peeled, chastised and driven from sea to sea, even slain in large numbers; yet possessed of a vitality which has caused them to endure through the centuries.

The united kingdom with its three kings, Saul, David and Solomon, lasted from about 1100 B. C. to 938 (Melech), a period of 120 years. Then begins the divided kingdom—Judah and Israel side by side, a double experiment in the progress of the kingdom of God.

This period extended from about 922 B. C. to approximately 723, or 721 B. C. Judah had a territory of about 8,400 square miles; Israel 9,400. Judah's capital was Jerusalem; in which was the temple; Israel's capital was Samaria, while it had two centers of false worship. Judah was more sheltered than Israel from close contact with heathenism, especially politically and religiously.

There are no signs visible that the seventy-five busy years of his life rest heavily upon this distinguished West Virginian and national figure in Republican party politics. He declared to his friends that he did not feel them a burden upon him. His old friend of other times, Mark Hanna, would probably have said had he been alive to pay a congratulatory visit last Tuesday, "the same old Scotty." That is what more than one said to himself, in fact, after leaving the flower-fringed offices of the president of one of the Capital's biggest trust companies on the birthday anniversary.

"On the job and turning in a man's work every day," said the former senator. "So many of the young men have gone from the bank into some branch or other of the service, and the government has called so many of our other assistants, women as well as men, that it is up to those of us who are left to keep busy."

J. W. Neltercirt, of Huntington, has set up at 11th and F streets, the latest safety traffic signal device that his firm, which is located in Huntington, has put on the market. The purpose of the demonstration is to interest the police commissioners here in it and to have them adopt it.

On the strength of an appeal from M. K. Duty, of Rice county, made in behalf of Edgar Urban Berger, of Pennsylvania, Congressman Stuart F. Reed called on Secretary Daniels yesterday. Berger was born in Belgium and was brought to this country by his parents at the age of three years. His father, who died eight years ago, was a glass blower. The elder Berger had taken out his first naturalization papers, but died before he could become a full-fledged, legalized American citizen. The son recently enlisted in the navy, passed the examination, but when it was discovered that he was of Belgian birth and that his father had never become an American citizen, he was refused. Senator Duty vouched for him in a fine tribute to the young man written to Congressman Reed, and the latter showed the letter to Secretary Daniels, and appealed to the latter to issue a waiver for Berger so that he could get into the naval service. This will probably be done, it was intimated by Secretary Daniels, shortly.

David Berry, Jr., of Elkins, at present temporarily located in Detroit, has been recommended for appointment in the aviation service by Senator Howard Sutherland.

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WASHINGTON NEWS GOSSIP

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Three of the members of the West Virginia delegation in Congress will spend the Christmas holidays in their homes and offices here, Senator Howard Sutherland glad that the vacation will enable him to catch up with the voluminous work in his office which makes an eight-hour union day a grim joke so far as he personally is concerned.

Among the West Virginians here are A. R. Yarborough, of Charleston; Dr. R. J. Hersey, of Wheeling; Rev. D. L. Bird, of Omar; State Commissioner of Agriculture James H. Stewart, of Charleston; and Flavius Davison, of Bridgeport.

Congressman Reed spent the first day of the Christmas recess making a round of the departments attending personally to routine business for some of his constituents. At the Pension Bureau he had up for consideration with officials there the applications of Mary I. Randolph, Laverna J. Adams, Jane Cable, Martha Atkins and Mary Schutte, all of Clarksburg. In the same line of business, on the last day of the session, Mr. Reed offered in the House resolutions passed by the House, resolutions passed by the House, resolutions passed by the House, resolutions passed by the House.

J. B. Nickerson, private secretary to Congressman Neely, will leave tomorrow for Charleston to visit until after Christmas. Mrs. Nickerson is visiting her sisters there.

An application for Albert C. Rollins, of Buckhannon, was filed with the Pension Commissioner today by Senator Sutherland. The latter has also received notice that an original widow's pension has been allowed Mrs. Sarah J. Pugh, of Metz, at the rate of \$12 a month from January 7, 1917, and \$25 a month from October 6, 1917.

Herbert Markie, general manager of the Appalachian Power company and who makes his headquarters at Bluefield, is in the city on business before the priority board in regard to expediting shipments of supplies to his company at Bluestone Junction.

An application for a pension increase was filed today at the Pension Bureau by Congressman Woodyard for Frederick Bettsell, of Parkersburg. Notice was also received by Mr. Woodyard from the same department stating that a pension at the rate of \$20 a month dating from last January had been allowed Mrs. Nancy E. McDade of Evans, Jackson county, and \$25 a month from last October; also, pension accrued due her husband at the time of his demise.

At the last meeting of the House committee on pensions it favorably reported out two special pension bills which were introduced by Congressman Geo. M. Bowers. One provides a pension of \$30 a month for Daniel W. Thurston, of Parsons, and the other a pension of \$38 a month for Pary McNair, of Bruceton Mills.

A marriage license was issued here to James B. Deeds, of Jumping Branch, W. Va., and Maud Talley, of Trevilian, Va.

The following West Virginians have had issued to them commissions as postmasters of the fourth class: Mary E. Tallman, of Kincheloe; John W. Pratt, of Chattahoo; Howard Cook, of Lorado, and James Ressegar, of Ross.

FRATERNAL NOTICES

Knights of Pythias—Mountain City Lodge No. 48. Meets in Third floor, Fleming Bldg., Tuesday evenings, 7:30. P. H. Hall, Master of Finances; R. C. Miller, K. of R. and S. Marion Lodge No. 21. Meets at Market and Merchant streets, First ward, every Tuesday evening. Monumental Lodge No. 201. Meets in Pythian Lodge room, Barrackville, every Tuesday evening.

Woman's Benefit Association of the Maccabees—Marion Review No. 30. Meets every Tuesday evening, Maccabee hall, Main street. Mrs. Olive E. Harden, record keeper.

Brotherhood Railway Trainmen—O. C. Willis, president; E. D. Holden, secretary. Meets second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p. m. and last Sunday of each month at 7:30 p. m., in the Red Men's hall.

Loyal Order of Moose—Fairmont Lodge No. 9. Meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Moose Home, 415 Jefferson street. R. D. Harden, Sec'y.

Modern Woodmen of America—White Camp No. 5473. Modern Woodmen of America. Meets every Friday evening at their hall in the Skinner Bldg. C. W. Walker, Clerk. Modern Woodmen of America Monongahela Camp, No. 14627. Meets every Monday, 7:30 p. m. Hall on Merchant St. Mont Devault; Ralph Courtney, Sec'y.

The Protected Home Circle—Fairmont Circle No. 616. Meets every Monday evening at 7:30 in the Maccabee's hall, Main street.

A. O. U. W.—Meets on the second and fourth Monday in each month. J. H. Kinkead, Rec.; W. A. Crowl, Rep. G. Lodge. Degree of Honor, auxiliary to the A. O. U. W., meets first and fourth Monday of each month. Mrs. A. P. Jones, Lady Chief of Honor.

B. P. O. E.—Fairmont Lodge No. 294. Meets at Elks Home, 419 Main street, near Madison, every Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Charles D. Barry, Sec., 228 High street.

I. O. O. F.—Marion Lodge No. 11. Meets every Tuesday in Odd Fellows Hall. W. S. Pitzer, Sec. Palatine Lodge No. 84. Meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in Odd Fellows Hall, corner Main and Monroe streets. H. W. Stoneking, Sec'y. Mountain City Encampment No. 5. Meets in Odd Fellows Hall on the first and third Fridays of each month. C. H. Riggle, Scribe. Patriarcha Military. Meets in Odd Fellows Hall Thursday evenings. J. C. Glascock, Captain; W. S. Pitzer, Clerk.

every Friday evening at Red Men's Hall, First ward.

Library Association—The Board of Directors of the Fairmont Public Library Association meets in the Library Parlor the first Monday evening of each month at 7:30 o'clock. The officers are: President, Mrs. N. R. C. Morrow; vice president, Mrs. George DeBolt; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. Walter Barnes. Other members of the board are: Mrs. Jennie Engle, Mrs. Francis E. Nichols, Mrs. Charles Baird Mitchell and B. L. Butcher.

Commercial Travelers—Fairmont Council No. 497, United Commercial Travelers, meets first Saturday evening in each month in Maccabee Hall. L. E. Bennett, Sec'y.

Order of Owls—Fairmont Lodge No. 1622. Meets every Thursday in old K. of P. Hall, McKinney Bldg. W. H. Randolph, Sec'y.

A. O. H.—Meets every second Sunday at Knights of Columbus Hall. M. J. O'Neal, Rec. Sec. Boutlon Division, Ladies Auxiliary. Meets first Friday of each month in K. of C. Hall.

Knights of Columbus—Fairmont Council meets every Monday in old Masonic Hall, corner Main and Madison streets. James T. Murphy, recording secretary, 14 McKinley St.

Woodmen of the World—Meets in K. of P. Hall, Fleming Bldg., H. T. Jones, Clerk, 203 Albert Court.

Marion Co. Medical Society—Meets last Friday of each month in the Fleming Bldg. President, Dr. L. C. Hollang; vice president, Dr. L. D. Howard; secretary, Dr. H. R. Johnson; treasurer, Dr. W. H. Sands; board of censors, Drs. L. N. Yost, J. E. Offner, Wm. P. Boyers; delegates to West Virginia State Medical Association, Drs. H. H. Carr, A. L. Peters; alternates, Drs. E. P. Smith, C. W. Waddell.

American Insurance Union—Meets each second and fourth Tuesday of the month in the K. of P. Hall on Main street.

V. M. C. A.—Fairmont Avenue and First Street. J. M. Hartley, president; B. L. Butcher, Secretary; J. O. Watson, treasurer.

K. O. T. M.—Showalter Tent No. 7. Meets every Friday evening in McKinney Bldg.

Pythian Sisters—Mountain City Temple No. 5, meets every second and fourth Tuesday evening in K. of P. Hall in the Fleming Building. Millie K. Evans, M. of R. and C.

German Beneficial Union—Meets first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p. m. All dues and assessments must be paid on or before the first day of each month. Ernest Schwane, pres.; August Friederich, Vice Pres.; T. J. Fast, Sec'y.

Knights of the Golden Eagle—Mussgrave Hall. Meets every second and fourth Tuesday of each month. J. L. Shackelford, Master of Records.

Ladies of Modern Maccabees—Dent Hive No. 753, Ladies of the Modern Maccabees. Meets the first and third Fridays of each month in K. of P. Hall.

I. O. of R. M.—Setting Sun Tribe No. 16. Meets each Thursday evening at Red Men's Hall, First ward. H. Ernest Hawkins, K. of R., 188 State street, First ward. W. Oneta Council No. 6, Degree of Pocahontas. Meets

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