north wind which sweeps over plain

covered with marshes and become

overcharged with moisture. The ef

and disposition of the inhabitants. The

irritability and ill humor it excites it

porary derangement of their faculties

classes it is always remarked that

more frequent during the north winds

than at any other time. Even mur-

of their foul deeds. No sooner, how-

ever, does the southwest wind, blow-

ing from the dry and snowy summits

of the Andes, set in than health and

The Prairie Dog.

works with more intelligence than the

ror of making his mound in a place

a western Kansas town a small boy

caught a young dog and fixed a home

for it in the cellar of his father's house.

The dog went to work almost at once

to dig a tunnel to the open air. It

went down under the stone wall of the

cellar and up to the surface at a point

about 100 feet from the house. But it

found that its point of exit was in the

middle of a well traveled road. It went

back and dug another gallery in an

oblique direction from the first, emerg-

ing in a plot of grass. The earth car-

ried back into the cellar in this digging

would more than fill a wagon box.

For several years the dog lived on the

premises, making the cellar its base of

operations, but going to the open air at

will through its gallery.-Kansas City

What He Was Up To.

who ever committed suicide?" asked

the story teller. "You know it is said

that Irishmen never commit suicide,

him started a search. When he got to

ers and saw his man hanging with a

'What are you up to, Pat?' he

"'Oi'm hanging meself, begobs!' the

". Why don't you put it around your

"'Faith, Oi did, but Oi couldn't

braythe,' was the unsmiling reply of

the man from the Emerald Isia."-Lou-

Didn't Know It 411.

"Oh," sneered the self important

lawyer who was cross examining, "you

"Not quite," replied the witness.

manage to secure an occasional client."

think you know it all, don't you?"

rope around his waist.

isville Courier-Journal.

Irishman replied.

asked.

neck?

"Do you know of the only Irishman

There is no burrowing animal which

comfort and peace are restored.

#### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON XIII, FOURTH QUARTER, INTER-NATIONAL SERIES, DEC. 25.

Text of the Lesson, Isa. ix, 1-7-Memory Verses, 6-7-Golden Text, Isa. P., and turned upon the child that ix, 6-Commentary Prepared by Rev. basilisk gaze before which the hearts

[Copyright, 1964, by American Press Association.] The memory verses give us the heart of the lesson and of the whole Bible story. Not only at Christmas, but at all times, it is a most appropriate study, | sistently. "Have not you got a nurse?" purpose of God as revealed therein, by the imperative, "Pick up my ball." of His father, David, and reign over the house of Jacob forever and of whose kingdom there is to be no end. He is the lion of Judah and the root of David of Rev. v. 5; the root and offspring of David and the bright and morning star of Rev. xxii, 16; the King of kings and Lord of lords of Rev. xvii. 14; xix, 16. He is the Creator and possinners, the Judge of all mankind.

children and all who attend the Sun- the violator of the tomb is told that day school are apt to hear a good deal "he will be accursed of God forever" about the Babe in Bethlehem, but they or that "he will give account to God, are not apt to hear that the child Jesus who will judge the quick and the was born and was crucified as the King dead." There is one which perhaps of the Jews (Matt. ii, 2; xxvii, 37). will rather provoke a smile. The of-Even though our lesson today is from fender is threatened with the curse the prophecy of Isaiah, whose message of all the fathers of the Nicene counwas primarily to Judah and Jerusalem cil. "He that throws rubbish in this (chapters i, 1; ii, 1), it is probable that inclosure," the inscription runs, "has very little may be said about Judah or the anathema from the 318 fathers as Jerusalem, yet the throne of David at an enemy of God." Jerusalem is the central place in the

Verses 1 and 2 take us on to their fulca asking for prayer that while learning the language of the people they (walking in darkness) might see in him a great light, even Christ made manifest in him. Would it not be a good prayer for each of us that Christ might so live in us that all about us who are still in darkness might see the light of His life in us and be drawn to Him. Verses 3 to 5 tell of the joy of the

people when their Great Deliverer shall have broken the yoke of every oppressor. The first part of verse 3 should be, "Thou hast multiplied the nation, and Thou hast increased the joy." See revised version. It will be by an overthrow of their enemies, for it will be the day of vengeance upon their enemies, but of redemption for Israel (Isa. xxxiv, 8; xxxv, 4; lxiii, 4). There is no abiding joy to a nation or individual apart from that which only He can give. The Spirit loves to tell of Israel's future glory: "The ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isa. xxxv, 10; li, 11). "The Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended" (Isa. lx, 19, 20).

"Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given," had its fulfillment, or at least the first clause had, when the angel said to the shepherds on Bethlehem's plains, "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke ii, 11). Let us not fail to notice the words "unto you" or in our lesson "unto us." It is Israel first and then all people. The Sixty-seventh Psalm is almost without significance unless the oft repeated

"us" of verses 1 and 7 is seen to refer "The government shall be upon His shoulder," "Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end upon the throne of David," etc. This must be taken as literally as "Unto us a child is born." There is no other honest way to treat it. All other interpretations are perversions and wrongs done to the word of God, from all which the Lord deliver us! Let the Lord's own message to David and the message of Gabriel to Mary stand in all their sublime simplicity and grandeur (II Sam. vii, 12-16; Luke i, 30-33), and do not hesitate to believe that it shall be just as God says. Rejoice to

shall be peace and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever" (Isa. xxxii, 1, 17). He shall be seen to be "wonderful in counsel and excellent in working," "Great in counsel and mighty in work" (Isa. xxviii, 29; Jer. xxxii, 19). He is the mighty God and the everlasting Father, and He is saying to us even now, "Call unto Me, and I will answer thee and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest | sick man. not" (Jer. xxxiii, 3), and it becomes us to say, "Ah, Lord God, behold Thou your check in full for my last bill."hast made the heaven and the earth by Thy great power and stretched outarm." He is the Prince of Peace, the God of Peace, the Peace of God. Happy those who can truly say, "He is our peace," "He is my peace" (Eph. ii, 14), and happier still all who have learned to "let the peace of God rule in their hearts" (Col. iii, 15). Whether men may accept God's purpose for Israel or not, the zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform it (verse 7). Let us dwell between His shoulders (Deut. xxxiii, 12) and allow Him to carry us and all our burdens, too, sure that when He gets the lost sheep on His shoulders He will not fail to bring it home with rejoicing (Luke xv, 5, 6) and tell the children that He carries the lambs in His bosom (Isa. xl. 11) and that He is just the same as when on earth He took little children

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Find the Rainbow. I have seldom seen a sky without

some bit of rainbow in it. Sometimes I can make others see it, sometimes not, but I always like to try, and if I than that they have not had their eyes examined and fitted with glasses which would at least have helped their vision. -W. D. Howells.

He Picked Up the Ball.

One afternoon when voyaging to India K. of K. was dozing in his deck | CURIOUS PLACES SELECTED FOR HIDchair, when a little lady of three or four summers let her ball fly into his face, whence it rolled to his feet. Lord Kitchener woke up, says M. A. of strong men have often turned to water. But the child was in nowise abashed. "Pick up my ball," she said imperatively. Lord Kitchener frown-

ed and answered not. "Pick up my ball," relterated the small damsel infor we cannot understand our Bibles said Lord Kitchener in an awful voice. unless we keep before us the plan and | The interrogative mood was answered The seed of the woman of Gen. iii, 15, Lord Kitchener looked round despairis the Son of Abraham, the Son of Da- ingly, but re-enforcements were not in vid of Matt. i, 1; the Son of Mary of sight. "Where is your mother?" he Luke i, 30-33, who is to have the throne said weakly. "Pick up my ball," repeated the girl. The ultimatum was deivered in crescendo tones, which suggested the imminence of something worse to follow, and Lord Kitchener meekly complied. Then he fled incon-

tinently to the smoke room. Early Christian Cursings. Cursing, it may be observed, continsessor and controller of all things, the ued in full vigor in Christian times, of-Redeemer of Israel, the only Saviour of ten harmonizing ill with our modern notions of Christianity. Some are al-At the so called Christmas time the most horrible in their ferocity, as when

Sidney Smith once alluded to a forty parson power-of preaching, if we remember aright-but the anathematizfillment, or partial fulfillment, recorded ing ability of 318 Nicene fathers is a in Matt. iv, 14, 16, and as to a practical much more appalling idea, and there application of them to our own daily is a ludicrous contrast between this life I am reminded of a request that terrible but vague penalty and the very came to me from a missionary in Afri- prosaic and familiar offense.-Macmillan's Magazine.

Thrashing Trollope. tom for the junior clerks to take turns stored the beggar's savings, amountsome complaint, and she went away of a well known deputy. much displeased and upset by what she considered to be the gross rudeness with which she had been treated

waiting room duty, two stalwart young Mott had a wooden leg, and an examimen appeared, and, having ascertain- nation of this limb revealed ten sovered that they were in the company of the clerk who had been in attendance was a very wise one, for it came out there on the previous day, they shut the door and proceeded to give A. T. a most severe thrashing. The pair together completely overpowered the fu- if it had not been so artfully and efture novelist, whom they informed, fectually concealed. when they had sufficiently chastised him, that this was punishment for his the parsimony of an old lady who, insolence to the young woman who wherever she went, carried with her had called at the office on the previous an old box, apparently full of odd day and who was their sister.-West-

The First Atlantic Cable. The original 1858 cable weighed ninety-three pounds per mile and had a conductor of seven copper wires of twenty-two and a half gauge; price of deep sea wire per mile, \$200; pr yarn and iron wire per mile, \$265; cost of outside coating of tar and gutta percha, \$25 per mile; total cost per mile, \$485. At \$485 per mile the total cost of the 2,500 miles of deep sea wire was \$1,212,500. To this add twentyfive miles of "shore end" wire, costing \$1,450 per mile, and we find that the first ocean cable, exclusive of instru-

ments, cost \$1,250,000. The Eye of a Jellyfish. The eye of a jellyfish is so primitive that we can hardly say whether it sees or feels-that is, when a floating jellyfish begins to sink below the surface of the water as the shadow of an advancing ship falls upon it it is probably affected by the sensation of darkness, but perhaps the pressure of the onrushing wave has something to do

with it. A Few Big Words.

syllable words in the English language: Anthropomentamorphosis, antisupersay, "I believe God that it shall be even as it was told me" (Acts xxvii, 25). naturalism, anticonstitutionalist, anhydrohepsiterion, iatromathematician, in-"A king shall reign in righteousness, comprehensibility. individualization, \* \* \* and the work of righteousness syncategorematical, unconstitutionality, unintelligibility, valetudinarianism and vicissitudinality.

> A Mean Advantage. "Mr. Skinner," said the family physician, "I must positively refuse to undertake to cure you unless you promise solemnly to obey me." "I solemnly promise," replied the

"Very well. Now, first of all, give me

Philadelphia Press.

Looking Forward.

Unless one has something to look forward to it is difficult to live. When the joy of looking forward is gone the zest of life ebbs and fails. The days are evil and we have no pleasure in them unless on time's horizon some bright day burns like a star.

Woolgathering. "When a person's woolgathering that means he's lazy, doesn't it, pa?" "Not necessarily, my son. He may be gathering the wool off the lambs in Wall street."-Philadelphia Ledger.

Temperance in eating and drinking is a cardinal virtue. The majority of mankind saturate their own death warrants with their cups and dig their graves with their teeth.

He Caught Cold.

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The Beauty of a Face. There are faces so fluid with expression, so flushed and rippled by the half of the sea floor lies at a depth of a play of thought, that we can hardly little less than three miles. Some of When the delicious beauty of linea- ocean bed. One of these in the south ments loses its power it is because a Atlantic covers 7,000,000 square miles. more delicious beauty has appearedthat an interior and durable form has globe. The Indian ocean is a great been disclosed.

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It is only a comparatively short time since M. Boussigue, a Parisian, discovered a nice little treasure concealed in one of the very last places where he would have expected to find it. He had inherited from an aunt a small statuette to which he attached little value, but which nevertheless he placed as an ornament in one of his rooms. As luck would have it, his maid in dusting the statuette one day dropped it on the floor and, presto! out rolled from its hollow interior a package which on examination proved to contain notes of the value of 11,000 francs as well as a costly diamond ring.

This is by no means the only occasion on which a statue has been made to serve the purposes of a bank. A few years ago an art collector of Kharkov, Russia, purchased a statue of the Apollo Belvedere, of which he was very proud. One day his children when playing upset the statue and broke it beyond all possibility of repair. The father when he saw his prized statue in fragments was furious, but consolation came to him in a most unexpected form, for on examining the fragments he found concealed in a hollow limb a roll of Russian bank notes of the value of 3,000 rubles. With the notes was a memorandum by a Chevalier Prokheroff, dated 1848. to the effect that the concealed money was the fruit of gambling and that it was his intention to use it in the building of a church.

A still more curious hiding place for treasure was that chosen by Pere Antoine, a hunchback beggar who used to hang about the church doors of Paris soliciting alms. When the hunchback died his nephew applied to the authorities demanding that a postmortem examination should be made. The request was granted, with the result that During Anthony Trollope's early it was found the hunch was false and days in the postoffice it was the cus- that in its fraudulent interior were in the waiting room to answer ques- ing to 96,000 francs. Pere Antoine, it tions. One day, when Trollope was was also discovered, was an ex-convict on duty, a young woman came to make who owed his freedom to the influence

An inquest held at the St. Pancras coroner's court some time ago on Walter Samuel Mott revealed another treasure-a small one, it is true-con-Next day, Trollope being again on cealed in a most remarkable place. eigns concealed in it. The precaution in evidence that for some weeks the deceased had been rarely sober, and it would have fared ill with his treasure

There was considerable method in pieces of scrap iron. The box was a subject of jest and ridicule among her neighbors, but the old lady could afford to smile at their jokes, for it was, in fact, the most valuable box anywhere in the district. When she died the box was found in an outhouse, open to any one who cared to inspect it, and under the surface layer of old iron were found 3,000 golden sovereigns, the savings of a lifetime.

In another case known to the writer, after the death of an old woman in the north of England who had for years been in receipt of outdoor relief from the parish, a sum of £800 was found in a number of pincushions scattered about her one room. When Miss J., a notorious Devonshire miser, died, it was found that her pillow contained securities and bank notes of the value of over £18,000, while at an auction sale of the effects of a Lewisham lady of miserly instincts the purchaser of her piano stool found a small mine of gold in the horsehair stuffing, and a gentleman who bought her bedstead discovered £900 hidden away in one of

its hollow legs. A sensation was caused at Jassy, in Roumania, some time ago by the death of a Mme. Balsch, whose eccentricities The following are examples of eight had for years been the gossip of the town. Although it was more than suspected that she was a rich woman, she had lived in the most sordid and miserable manner and was generally regarded as a miser. When her few belongings were examined after her death not a trace could be found of her supposed wealth, until, on going through her articles of clothing, it was discovered that one of her petticoats seemed stiff, as if heavily lined. The petticoat was ripped open and revealed notes of the value of 200,000 francs sewed under the lining.

This discovery naturally stimulated the zeal of the searchers. Further petticoats were examined, and in all large sums in notes were found concealed. The total amount of the treasure which had served as lining for Mme. Balsch's petticoats was no less than 3,000,000 francs.-London Tit-Bits.

Not Epicures.

A city woman who had decided that she would keep some hens as a profitable amusement during her long summers in the country asked the farmer of whom she bought them what they could eat.

The man looked at her in silent amazement for a moment before he replied.

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Judge-Have you anything to say, or, I expect what you say'll be plenty.

Murder In the Air. RUSSIAN WOLFHOUNDS. In the neighborhood of Buen Ayres, in South America, there is

They Are Known as the Aristocrats of the Canine Family. Beyond any question the aristocrat of the canine family is the Russian wolfhound, otherwise the borzoi or in general lassitude and relaxation barzoi, which is the Russian name for The pores of the skin are opened, in coursing dog. There is a refined elegance coupled with the indication of speed and strength about the Russian of perspiration. The damp wind of wolfhound which no other breed pos-La Plata seems to affect the tempel sesses.

In western Europe he is merely the

ornamental companion that he is in them amount to little less than a tenr eastern America. In the coyote section of our continent he can be made as It is a common thing for men among useful as he is in Russia, and to assist the better classes to shut themselves in clearing off that scourge of the catup in their houses during its continuatile ranches. When the borzoi was first tion and lay aside all business till if brought to this country he was hailed has passed, while among the lower as a natural born wolf destroyer, and we started business under the imprescases of quarreling and bloodshed are sion that all one had to do was to let a borzoi see a coyote and the latter's death warrant was as good as executed. derers are said to lay to it the blame The result was a natural failure, because, like a bird dog, the wolfhound must be trained to the work. Amer ican purchasers have no occasion to worry about that, however, for the dog's high courage is the result of education and encouragement; without it they are docile and obedient and fit companions for the ladies of the house, a role which they are pre-eminently prairie dog. He never commits the er- fitted to fill by reason of their handsome and unique appearance.-Country which may be submerged by water. In Life In America.

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and when the argument was advanced in a crowd of that nationality he was Curiously enough, they reserve their so unstrung that he decided to show his spinning powers for their nest buildopponents that Irishmen do sometimes ing, entirely disdaining the use of webs commit a rash act. He accordingly disfor the trapping of their prey. Their appeared, and the man who employed feeding time is at night. They go out to seek their food, prepare to leap upon the barn he looked up toward the raftand devour any living creature that they come across. Their name comes from the fact that they have been found in the act of devouring small newly killed birds clutched closely between their hairy claws.

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