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Text of the Lesson, Neh. iv, 7-20

Memory Verses, 19, 20-Golden Text,

Matt. xxvi. 41-Commentary Pre-

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meaning of his name, "The Comfort of

difficulties and discouragements-and

they were very many-he did find his

captains of the army and horsemen

and with authority to obtain what was

necessary to rebuild the wall of the

city, he spent three days quietly inves-

tigating before he told the rulers of

sends you about everything and then

do whatever He says (Prov. iii, 5, 6; John ii, 5). It is instructive to note

Nehemiah journeying with an escort

and Ezra without one, and God was

with each of them. In the New Testament story Barnabas sold his property

and put the money in the treasury.

while his sister Mary kept hers and

made it a house of prayer. We must not follow others, however wise and

good their ways may be, but follow

"Jesus only." Our hand in His and our whole being at His disposal, we

should say, as Nehemiah did: "The God

of heaven. He will prosper us." "Our

God shall fight for us" (ii, 20; iv. 20).

any one becomes specially in earnest

in the Lord's work, and he will do his

utmost to hinder, but there must be

is required of us are a mind to work

and a readiness for any manner of

service, and then God will surely ac-

complish His pleasure. Observe that

those who built this wall were gold-

smiths, merchants, apothecaries, wom en, etc. (iii, 8, 12, 32), most unlikely

people to build a stone wall, but be-

cause they had a mind to work and

God was with them they prospered,

and the work was finished in spite of

all their enemies, and God was glori-

such work their enemies had to con-

We must never forget that there are

great adversary seeking to destroy us-

7; I Pet. v, 8, 9; Eph. vi, 10-18; Mark

xili, 33-37. When there are weak and

discouraged ones among the Lord's own whose motto seems to be, "We

are not able" (10), matters are worse

than if there were only enemies with-

out. Such were the ten spies because

of whom all Israel became discour-

aged and were kept in the wilderness

many years (Num. xiii, 31-33). Our

motto should always be, "Our God is

able" (Dan. iii, 17), or, as in verse 14 of

God will always bring to naught the

sary, and take comfort from Isa. xil,

12. 13. "They that war against thee

shall be as nothing and as a thing of

naught, for I, the Lord thy God, will

hold thy right hand, saying, Fear not;

I will help thee." The words "every

one unto his work" (verse 15) make us

think of the words of our Lord in Mark xiii, 34, "To every man his work," and

I Cor. xil, 11, "To every man severally

(Phil. ii, 13; John xv, 5). From the

the sheep gate (iii, 1, 32) we gather the

suggestion that whatever work is not

begun, continued and ended in and by

Him who was led as a lamb to the

slaughter, and done by those who are

redeemed with His precious blood, will

not count. From chapter iii, 10, 27, 29,

we learn that we are to do the work

that is nearest to us, however lowly it

may be, "every one over against his

house," or as elsewhere, "Whatspever

manner of service, wholly at His

commandment" (Eccl. ix, 10; I Chron.

xxviii, 21). While some builded, others

ers had their swords girded upon them

(verses 16-18). Our whole life is a

warfare against the world, the flesh

compelled to wait or tarry by the stuff

while others work there is a word of

workmen, being far separated one from

the other, were to be ever listening for

the sound of the trumpet (verses 18-20),

so we, girt about with truth and with

These builders certainly worked a

full labor day, "from the rising of the

morning till the stars appeared" (verse

terest, or both, in some missionary on

the other side of the globe, who works

while we sleep, and vice versa, we are

earnestly living to complete the church.

Making It Pleasant.

remarked Bobby as he leaned back in

"Bobby," said his mother, "I'm

The visitor who was dining with the

family laughed heartily. "Bobby ap-

preciates the good things of life," he

"Don't you think it was a good din-

"Yes, indeed," the latter replied, with

"Mother said she thought you would,

because she didn't suppose you got

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The Japanese have many curious

a smile. "I enjoyed it thoroughly."

ashamed of your saying such a thing."

his chair with an air of repletion.

said "like all the rest of us."

very much at home."

ner?" Bobby asked the visitor.

"That's what I call a good dinner,"

held the weapons, and even the build-

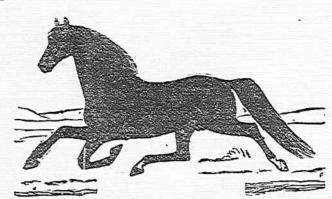
our lesson, "Be not ye afraid; remem-

God (vi. 15, 16).

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Compromising a Tenor. Czar Nicholas I. used to walk the streets of St. Petersborg alone wrapped in a large gray cloak. It was forbidden to speak to him, but the czar some-

times forgot that a subject could not

obey the prohibition if the emperor

Once the czar met in a park the tenor singer of the Italian opera and exchanged a few words with him. The moment the czar was out of sight the police arrested the tenor. That evening the czar attended the opera, where, Jehovah," for in the midst of all his after a long delay, the manager announced that the tenor could not be found. Nicholas guessed what had joy and strength in the ford. Having happened and sent an aid-de-camp to returned to Jerusalem, accompanied by

A few days after the czar again met the tenor and began with an apology: "I was very sorry"-"May I implore your majesty," the

release the singer.

Italian exclaimed, "not to speak to me? Your majesty will compromise me with the police."

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O hateful, vaporous and foggy night! in "The Rape of Lucrece." Or, again, take the twenty-seventh

Weary with toil, I haste me to my bed.

The dear repose for limbs with travel tired.

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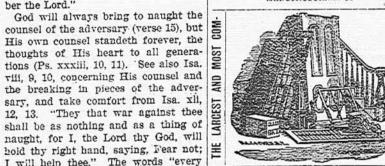
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