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My dear Sir: You are perhaps aware that with the opening of the year 1887 the lessons of the International Course of Bible Study begin the Bible once more; as you can see from the schedule inclosed herewith. You also will recognize the fact that never before was the popular interest in the critical and the scientific aspects of Old Testament study so extensive or so deep seated as at present.

This being the case I am desirous of giving a higher class of helps to Bible study in connection with the new course of lessons, in the columns of The Sunday School Times;

and I am now planning accordingly. Already I am promised weekly expositions of the lessons from Prof. Franz Delitzsch of Leipzig, Prof. S. R. Driver of Oxford, and Prof. W. Henry Green of Princeton, during the first six months of the year. In addition to this, I am hoping for special articles on particular phases of the Bible record from the more eminent specialists of Europe and America; including such names as Professors König, Zöckler, Euthier, ^{Meyer,} Sonnenschein, and Fried. Delitzsch, of Germany, Paul Reinaud of France, and Sayce, Rawlinson, and Probst of England.

I greatly desire from your pen an article on 'Indications of Man's Mental Condition', as throwing light upon the question whether ^{modern} scientific research seems to show that man has developed from the lowest plane of civilization, or ^{that he} has deteriorated from a higher plane. Your words on this subject will have great weight with intelligent Bible students. Whatever is the truth, ought to be recognized by such students.


Let me say, just here, that the circulation of The Sunday School Times is larger than

ever before; and that it will probably be still larger with the opening year. Its readers now include the leaders of religious thought throughout America; a very large number of college presidents and professors, and ^{of} professors in theological seminaries, as well as clergymen of every denomination, being on its list of subscribers. Hence what you may say through its columns will be a word to the teachers of teachers far and wide.

It would be necessary for me to have the article early in December; and I should also be glad to know as soon as possible that I may hope for it then; in order to announce your name with the names of other eminent scholars who are to supply the desired helps in special lines of Bible study. Say from 1,500 to 2,500 words would be about the right length for our pages.

I have herewith a check for fifty dollars as an honorarium; and I sincerely hope that you will see your way clear to render the service to the cause of truth which an article from your pen would be sure to supply. Yours with high regard,
H. Gray Drumhull
Editor-in-Chief.

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INTERNATIONAL LESSONS FOR 1887.

Studies in the Old Testament.

FIRST QUARTER.

January 2.

1. The Beginning. Gen. 1 : 26-31 ; 2 : 1-3. Memory verses : 2 : 1-3.
Golden Text. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
Gen. 1 : 1.

January 9.

2. Sin and Death. Gen. 3 : 1-6, 17-19. Memory verses : 17-19.
Golden Text. By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin.
Rom. 5 : 12.

January 16.

3. Cain and Abel. Gen. 4 : 3-16. Memory verses : 9-12.
Golden Text. Am I my brother's keeper ? Gen. 4 : 9.

January 23.

4. Noah and the Ark. Gen. 6 : 9-22. Memory verses : 17, 18.
Golden Text. Noah did according unto all that the Lord commanded
him. Gen. 7 : 5.

January 30.

5. The Call of Abram. Gen. 12 : 1-9. Memory verses : 1-3.
Golden Text. I will bless thee, and make thy name great ; and thou
shalt be a blessing. Gen. 12 : 2.

February 6.

6. Lot's Choice. Gen. 13 : 1-13. Memory verses : 8-11.
Golden Text. Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness.
Matt. 6 : 33.

February 13.

7. God's Covenant with Abram. Gen. 15 : 5-18. Memory verses :
5-7.
Golden Text. Fear not, Abram : I am thy shield, and thy exceeding
great reward. Gen. 15 : 1.

February 20.

8. Abraham Pleading for Sodom. Gen. 18 : 23-33. Memory
verses : 23-25.
Golden Text. In wrath remember mercy. Hab. 3 : 2.

February 27.

9. Destruction of Sodom. Gen. 19 : 15-26. Memory verses : 15, 16.
Golden Text. Escape for thy life. Gen. 19 : 17.

March 6.

10. Abraham Offering Isaac. Gen. 22 : 1-4. Memory verses :
10-13.
Golden Text. God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt-offering.
Gen. 22 : 8.

March 13.

11. Jacob at Bethel. Gen. 28 : 10-22. Memory verses : 15-17.
Golden Text. Surely the Lord is in this place. Gen. 28 : 16.

March 20.

12. Jacob's New Name. Gen. 32 : 9-12, 24-30. Memory verses : 28-30.
Golden Text. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.
Gen. 32 : 26.

March 27.

**13. Review ; Temperance Lesson, Gen. 9 : 18-27 ; Missionary Lesson,
Gen. 18 : 17-26.**

SECOND QUARTER.

April 3.

1. Joseph Sold into Egypt. Gen. 37 : 23-36. Memory verses : 26-28.
Golden Text. But the Lord was with Joseph, and showed him mercy.
Gen. 39 : 21.

April 10.

2. Joseph Exalted. Gen. 41 : 38-48. Memory verses : 38-40.
Golden Text. Commit thy way unto the Lord ; trust also in him ; and
he shall bring it to pass. Psa. 37 : 5.

April 17.

3. Joseph Makes Himself Known. Gen. 45 : 1-15. Memory
verses : 13-15.
Golden Text. Overcome evil with good. Rom. 12 : 21.

April 24.

4. Joseph and His Father. Gen. 47 : 1-12. Memory verses : 10-12.
Golden Text. Honor thy father and thy mother, which is the first com-
mandment with promise. Eph. 6 : 2.

May 1.

5. Israel in Egypt. Exod. 1 : 6-14. Memory verses : 12-14.
Golden Text. He increased his people greatly ; and made them stronger
than their enemies. Psa. 105 : 24.

May 8.

6. The Child Moses. Exod. 2 : 1-10. Memory verses : 7-10.
Golden Text. The Lord is thy keeper. Psa. 121 : 5.

May 15.

7. The Call of Moses. Exod. 3 : 1-12. Memory verses : 2-5.
Golden Text. I will be thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.
Exod. 4 : 12.

May 22.

8. The Passover. Exod. 12 : 1-14. Memory verses : 13, 14.
Golden Text. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. 1 Cor. 5 : 7.

May 29.

9. The Red Sea. Exod. 14 : 19-31. Memory verses : 19-21.
Golden Text. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with
thee ; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee. Isa. 43 : 2.

June 5.

10. The Manna. Exod. 16 : 4-12. Memory verses : 7, 8.
Golden Text. Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life. John 6 : 35.

June 12.

11. The Commandments. Exod. 20 : 1-11. Memory verses : 3-11.
Golden Text. Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God
with all thy heart. Matt. 22 : 37.

June 19.

12. The Commandments. Exod. 20 : 12-21. Memory verses : 12-17.
Golden Text. Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Matt. 22 : 39.

June 26.

**13. Review ; Temperance Lesson, Lev. 10 : 1-11 ; Missionary Lesson,
Exod. 35 : 20-29.**

Studies in the Gospel according to Matthew.

THIRD QUARTER.

July 3.

1. The Infant Jesus. Matt. 2 : 1-12. Memory verses : 7-11.

Golden Text. Thou shalt call his name Jesus : for he shall save his people from their sins. Matt. 1 : 21.

July 10.

2. The Flight into Egypt. Matt. 2 : 13-23. Memory verses : 19-21.

Golden Text. He delivered me, because he delighted in me. Psa. 18 : 19.

July 17.

3. John the Baptist. Matt. 3 : 1-12. Memory verses : 11, 12.

Golden Text. Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance. Matt. 3 : 8.

July 24.

4. The Baptism of Jesus. Matt. 3 : 13-17. Memory verses : 13-17.

Golden Text. This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Matt. 3 : 17.

July 31.

5. The Temptation of Jesus. Matt. 4 : 1-11. Memory verses : 1-4.

Golden Text. He is able to succor them that are tempted. Heb. 2 : 18.

August 7.

6. Jesus in Galilee. Matt. 4 : 17-25. Memory verses : 18-20.

Golden Text. The people which sat in darkness saw great light. Matt. 4 : 16.

August 14.

7. The Beatitudes. Matt. 5 : 1-16. Memory verses : 3-11.

Golden Text. Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. John 1 : 17.

August 21.

8. Jesus and the Law. Matt. 5 : 17-26. Memory verses : 17-19.

Golden Text. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets : I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. Matt. 5 : 17.

August 28.

9. Piety Without Display. Matt. 6 : 1-15. Memory verses : 7-15.

Golden Text. Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. 1 Sam. 16 : 7.

September 4.

10. Trust in Our Heavenly Father. Matt. 6 : 24-34. Memory verses : 31-34.

Golden Text. Casting all your care upon him ; for he careth for you. 1 Pet. 5 : 7.

September 11.

11. Golden Precepts. Matt. 7 : 1-12. Memory verses : 7-11.

Golden Text. Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them. Matt. 7 : 12.

September 18.

12. Solemn Warnings. Matt. 7 : 13-29. Memory verses : 13, 14.

Golden Text. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Matt. 7 : 19.

September 25.

13. Review ; Temperance Lesson, Rom. 13 : 8-14 ; Missionary Lesson, Matt. 4 : 12-16.

FOURTH QUARTER.

October 2.

1. The Centurion's Faith. Matt. 8 : 5-13. Memory verses : 8-10.
Golden Text. I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. Matt. 8 : 10.

October 9.

2. The Tempest Stilled. Matt. 8 : 18-27. Memory verses : 24-27.
Golden Text. Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Matt. 8 : 26.

October 16.

3. Power to Forgive Sins. Matt. 9 : 1-8. Memory verses : 4-7.
Golden Text. The Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins. Matt. 9 : 6.

October 23.

4. Three Miracles. Matt. 9 : 18-31. Memory verses : 23-26.
Golden Text. According to your faith be it unto you. Matt. 9 : 29.

October 30.

5. The Harvest and the Laborers. Matt. 9 : 35-38 ; 10 : 1-8.
Memory verses : 36-38.
Golden Text. Freely ye have received, freely give. Matt. 10 : 8.

November 6.

6. Confessing Christ. Matt. 10 : 32-42. Memory verses : 37-39.
Golden Text. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 10 : 32.

November 13.

7. Christ's Witness to John. Matt. 11 : 2-15. Memory verses : 2-6.
Golden Text. He was a burning and a shining light. John 5 : 35.

November 20.

8. Judgment and Mercy. Matt. 11 : 20-30. Memory verses : 27-30.
Golden Text. Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matt. 11 : 28.

November 27.

9. Jesus and the Sabbath. Matt. 12 : 1-14. Memory verses : 10-13.
Golden Text. It is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. Matt. 12 : 12.

December 4.

10. Parable of the Sower. Matt. 13 : 1-9. Memory verses : 3-9.
Golden Text. The seed is the word of God. Luke 8 : 11.

December 11.

11. Parable of the Tares. Matt. 13 : 34-30. Memory verses : 27-30.
Golden Text. The harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. Matt. 13 : 39.

December 18.

12. Other Parables. Matt. 13 : 31-33 ; 44-52. Memory verses : 44-46.
Golden Text. So shall it be at the end of the world : the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just. Matt. 13 : 49.

December 25.

13. Review ; or, lesson selected by the school.