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HALIFAX, N. S., JANUARY 21, 1874.	I	ing to verse 14. And did the signs. no	babes and sucklings thou hast perfected	Plain owns and drives the most intelligent
BIBLE LESSONS FOR 1574. INTERNATIONAL SERIES. EUNDAT, January 25th, 1874. Doubts Removed Exodus iv. 1-9; 27.	revealed himself. Verses 6.7We have here the second miracle, which, like the preceding, was to be a sign that Moses was the Lord's ser-	that is, of the assembled elders, and their reverent worship of God The secret hope and proyer of their hearts is answered.	Address, with following arrangement upon blackboard :	Shetland pony it has ever been our good fortune to see. On entering the barn, we were formally introduced to this prince of pets, when the following by-play took place between mistress and por y:
31. Guines Terr _" Now therefore go, and	vant, and that the Lord had appeared for Israel. The white leprosy is thus describ- ed: "It begins with mealy crusts and scurly scabe, originally not larger than a	QUESTIONS - How did Moses receive his cali? Chap iii. 11 What promise did God make him? Chap iii. 12. What did God reveal as to his own name and nature?	our low estate." Where? " In all place of his dominion "	"Dick, these ladies do not belong here ; put them out !' Dick came stamping toward us with his mane crect, seeming determined to protect his house from in
I will be with with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say." verse 12. COMMIT TO MEMORY: Verse 27-31.	pin's point, a little depressed in the skin (Lev. xini. 3, 30), and covered with white hairs (Lev. xini. 20). These spots rapidly	did Moses here give answer? What ob- j ction did he now raise? What was the	How? " Sing unto the Lord, bless his	determined to protect his home from in- vasion. "That will do; now come back, and show them your pretty face." Dick walked
SUMMARYIn the day of God's power Moses was made willing, and the Hebrews took heart.	spread, and produce wild flesh (Lev. xiii. 8, 10, 14). The leprous symptoms appear most frequently on the hairy parts of the	Vs. 2-4. What was the first miracle wrought? What was the meaning of it? Why should this rather than any other	day." Who? "Let everything that bath breath	demurely to his mistress' side, turned around, and peeped slyly through his fore locks.
ANALYSIS1. The changed rod. 11. The changed hand. 111. The charge to Moses. 1V. Aaron and Moses.	ground, the whole thin appears glossy	Vs. 5. What was the miracle to effect? Why is the name, God, so often repeated in this verse? Vs. 6. 7. What was the second miracle?	SINGING." School, choir, and congregation, " All hail the power of Jesus' name."	"There is one side of your neck very handsome; show it to the ladies " Turp- ing his head, he exhibited a large, pure- white spot, which he seemed exceedingly
non was on "the call of Moses." It seems	white at the forehead, nore, etc., tuberated, thickened, dry like leather, but smooth. Sometimes it bursts, and ulcers become	should such a milacle bave been wrought i	Sclect eleven children, from ten to twelve	proud of. "Now, what is mistress proud of when
not a fit person for the task (chap. in. 11). But God encouraged him, told him the name by which he would be known, re-	fail off, the eyelids bend backwards, the bair covers itself with a fetid rind, or goes	signs would create confidence in Mo-es? What is meant by the roice of these signs? Vs. 9 The third miracle? Why this?	one hundred and fiftieth Psalm, and recite it in the following manser: All standing before the congregation, in	around, he lashed his long black tail back and forth in a very decided manner.
gave him explicit directions what to do, and finally predicted how the escipe was to	off entirely (L v. xiii, 42). All external senses are weakened, the eyes lose their brightness, become very sensitive, and are	was the effect? Vs. 11-17. Vs. 27. 28. Where did the brothers meet? Describe the interview.	nounce their parts as follows : 1. "Praise ye the Lord." 2. "Praise God in his sanctuary."	Down went Dick's nose to her pocket and, with his teeth, he drew out th missing erticle, gently placing it in th
be made. (Chap. i. 12.22). Our present lesson finds him at this point, and shows us what followed.	constantly bleating. From the nostrils runs a fluid phlegm. In some cases the disease heals of itself, the leprous matter	Vs. 29 31. What did the brothers do? The effect? The lesson for us? Abridged from the Laptist Teacher.	 3. "Praise him in the firmament of his power." 4. "Praise him for his mighty acts." 5. "Praise him according to his excellent 	lady's hand. " It you would like some oats, you mus speak for them." A long, sharp neig
Verse 1And Moses answered. An- swered God, or the angel, as to all that he had just said. Behold, they will not	breaking forth suddenly and violently, and covering the patient from top to toe with white ulcerations (Lev. xiii. 12, and foll).	SUNDAY, February 1st, 1874Jehovah's PromiseExodus vi 1.8.	greatness." 6. "Praise him with the sound of the trampet"	was his answer, when he was supplied with the article wanted.
believe me, nor hearken to my voice. Faith, stops not to ask what will be the conse-	The leprosy in its various forms was and still is very prevalent in Egypt. The hardships and exposure of the Hebrews		7. "Praise him with the psaltery and harp." 8. "Praise him with the timbrel and dance."	must let me drive you up to Dick's birth place, so you can see how well he remem
quences of obedience, but at once obeys.	would tend to aggragate the disease. This		9 . Praise him with stringed instruments	bers his old home."

of the difficulties. Moses had reason to expect difficulties. Ilis people would not listen to him before he left Egypt ; he had now been gone iorty years ; unknown-in a desert land. They will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto him. Of course they will. Why not? What else can they do? It is so easy for any one to pretend to be a deliverer!

Verse 2.- What is that in thine hand? This is asked preparatory to the miracle about to be wrought. A rod. This is usually supposed to have been his shepherdstaff, or crook; but it may have been a mere walking-stick. It appears from existing monuments that E yptian gentlemen used to carry walking-sticks. At the monstery in Mount Sinai there is still sold a wood which tradition declares to be the same as that of which the staff of Moses was made.

became a serpent. The ancient Egyptians were familiar with the art of taming serpents, which has been preserved to our time. God chooses to work a miracle in the same line with the wonders of the tyrant nation, in order to assure first Moses, and then the Hebrew people, and finally is not only a match, but much more than a match for the pretended gods of Egypt. the rod or staff which Muses had long carried is turned into a serpent. We admire equally the perfect fitness and triumphant greatness of the miracle. We

We think as Moses did, of the effects upon would tend to aggravate the disease. This ourselves, of the probable success or failure, uiracle teaches that God has power over this disease to make it appear where it had not before been, and to cleanse those who had suffered with it. And as leprosy stood also as the symbol of moral uncleanness, the miracle may have been designed to show God's power to free from moral defilement, though it could hardly be in. tended to teach that he would create such defilement.

Verses 8, 9.-These signs, as already said, were not for Moses alone, but for the Hebrews, and for the Egyptians. God knew how difficult it would be to make either the llebrews or the Egyptians feel sure that the Almighty had visited them in downright earnest. Hence, to the two previous signs he adds another more dreadful. The river Nile is the very source and cause of all the fertility, life, and power of Egypt. It shall become blood, the sign of death. God thus shows his power to strike at the Verse 3.- Cast it on the ground, and it root of all the glory of the mighty empire, shows how quickly and effectually he can

blot it out of existence, or make it a stench and a shame; and not only that he can do this, but, if needfal for his people, he will. ilow appropriately in these verses are these signs spoken of as having voices ! How clear and terrible the language which they the Egyptians, that the God of the Hebrews speak-terrible to the oppressors, but comforting to the oppressed. It is Gid's way to speak not simply in words. but also in even where they were strongest. Hence deeds. The Bible is a record of the eloquent deeds of God-of the works which pro. claim to us his character and his purposes. So solid is the foundation on which we

Verse 10 - Eloquent. Margin reads, mark here Divine wisdom. Verse 4. - Put forth thine hand and take " a man of words." Heretofore. Literalit by the tail. At first he fled from it ly, in the margin, " since yesterday, nor (verse 3) in terror; for it appeared like a since the third day." Slow. Literally, venomous, deadly serpent. Now God calle " heavy." We are reminded of Paul, who him to lay hold of it. Well might he dare | represents his opposers as contrasting his to do this at the command of One who had letters with his personal address. The idea just called the serpent into existence, and of Moses seems to be that he cannot do the so proved his supreme control over it. He work given him, because he has not in

build.

Exodus iv. 1-9; 27-31. 1. Of what is the serpent a type, and where in the Bible do we meet the first scrpent?

2. On what other occasion did Moses lift up a cerpent?

This serpent in the path of Moses filled him with fear, and he fled from before it; and yet, when he grasped it in faith, it. ceased to be terrible. It was no longer a serpent, but a rod, with which he afterwards wrought wonders-

3. What less in did God mean for Moses and for us by that serpent in the path? The second sign was the leprous hand, which instantly was restored to health again-

4. Tell what you know about leprosy. and why this second sign was so clear a proof of God's power.

Aaron, it seems, was sent to meet Moses in the wilderness-

5. Who was Aaron, where had he been, and why was he made spokesman instead of Moses?

One of the signs that Moses and Aaron were to show before Pharaoh was the changing of water into blood-

6 What was Christ's first miracle, and what does it teach as to Moses and Christ ?

PRAISE TO GOD. BY REV. I. C. WYNN, NEW JERSEY. A Bible service for a Bible-school. ANTHEM BY CHOIR .- " Praise waiteth for Thee." Sabbath Bell, page 276. SCRIPTURE READING OF PSALM XXXIV. 1-8.

PRAYER. Singing by school. Pure Gold, page 19. "We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love.

RECITATION OF PSALM CVII. Let five pupils be selected to commit and recite this Psalm, as follows :

First pupil may recite verses 1-7. Whole school, in concert, verses 8, 9, Second pupil may recite verses 10-14.

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9 ... Praise him with stringed instruments and orgins "

10 " Praise him upon the loud cymbals." 11. " Praise him upon the high-sounding cymbals '

Then let the whole school, rising at the si, nal from the leader, say in concert-" Let everything that bath breath graise the Lord. Praise ve the Lord." The organist giving the chord-let all present join-"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

BENEDICTION.

Jouths' Department.

THE WATCHMAN.

A little girl with sunny hair, With eyes of heaven's own blue so rare, Came snivering through the icy street. Pierced by the wind and snowy sleet. A home of wretchedness she'd left, Of warmth, of food, of all bereit, Except a dying mother's love, Toat taught her faith in God above. With childlik : faith, with prayer and song The chill had waited all day long, Believing God, so great, so good, Would surely send them coal and food ; But as the weary hours wore by. And neither friend nor aid came nigh, She climbed upon the dying bed, And to her mother, whispering, said : .. The Father will not hear my prayer, For our poor home He does not care ; But in the church on Sabhath-days He listens when the preacher prays ; And, mother dear, I'll go the e now, And in his place I'll humbly bow, Till the who is the children's friend Shall help, by some bright angel, send."

She kissed the lips whence came no breath Not knowing they were closed in death, And went forth in the wintry storm With trembling steps and shivering form Nor paused till she had reached the spot-Which she so eagerly had sought. The night-watch on his lonely beat Had shelter sought from snow and sleet Beneath the arch that roofed the door, In hope the storm would soon be o'er, Seen through the darkness of the night, He stood before her clad in white ; And when the child beheld him there She knelt in attitude of prayer, And said; " O Saviour ! Jesus dear ! Whole school, in concert, verses 15, 16, Third pupil may recite verses 17.20. I knew that I should find you here ; Whole school, in concert, verses 21, 22. I've prayed all day for you to come Fourth pupil may recite verses 23 30. And bring us food or rend us some. Whole school, in concert, verses 31, 32. We are very cold and hungry too. Fitch pupil may recite verses 33, 34. Dear Jesus, and I've come for you. Let this last recitation be followed Because I know that you are gad, That you can give us fire and wod. promptly by the choir, with the authem Last night we are up all our bread ; -"Oh that men would praise the Lord."-We had no fire, so went the bed. This morning mother could not rise ? " U, come with me before the dies ! ANNOUNCEMENT OR REPORT. She has not tastid food to day ; Singing by school. Pure Gold, page But all day long I've heard her pray. 55, " I'll sing the glory of the Lord." That you, dear Jesus, soon would come, Let a representative of each class, or il And take us to a better home." the number of classes is not too large, The watchman lister ed with surprise, several from each class, recite a text o And tears of pity filled his eyes. Scripture involving the subject of praise He lifted up the little form, And bore her quickly through the storm Where warmth and food and willing hands Psalm li. 15. lvii. 7. And generous love met all demands. lxvi. 1, 2. Then quickly sought and found the dead, Ixvi. 8. And pitying hearts came round her bed ; Ixxxix. 1. And sobs and tears were in the room, xcii 1-.5 As strangers dressed her for the tomb. xcv. 1.5. zevii. 1-5. And in his home the orphan child c. 1.5. Who came to him that night so wild cin. 1-5. E'er proved a sunbeam, whose bright ray These selections may be continued to Could chase the darkest clouds away. -Mrs. Levi Wade.

As soon as he struck the road, he started into a rapid trot ; and it was really amusing to see the little fellow strain and pull, trying to pass every team upon the road.

Of his own accord he turned up the broad carriage-drive leading to his former home, stopped in front of each door, listened, looked up at the windows, vainly trying to see some familiar face ; and when at last he reached a level green where a pertion of his babyhood had been spent, he looked anxiously over it, neighed long and mournfully, then walked toward the road.

Dick is ten years old, weighs five hundred pounds, is of a dark chestnut color bordering on black, with a black mane, and tail that sweeps the ground, and he knows no more the use of a whip, than as though one had never been made. - Our. Durab Animals.

DO BIRDS THINK ?

The farm house where I have been spending the summer has a sort of " stoop " or veranda, running along its sixty leet or so of low-browed front. Under this, and over the door in the centre, last year, a jair of robins built their nest, managing to raise their brood in spite of much tribulation from the continued presence and threatened a-sults of the neighborhood cats.

Well this present summer, a pair of robins, confidently believed to be the old tenants, ieturned to their customary hotweather resort, made their appealance at the usual time, but not to rebuild on the perilous ledge above the duor.

About a dozen paces from the porch stands a well grown acacia-tree, widebranched and thorny. Now, who ever heard of robins, or any other birds, so lost to common prudence and so void of all ornithological appreciation of cats as to build a nest in the lowest crotch of a large tree, scarcely fourteen feet from the ground? but these birds did it, and, what is more, their experiment was a complete success, to the extent of four young robins.

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janes	caught it, and it became a rod in his hand. The Egyptians represented the Eternal Spirit Kneph, the author of all good, under	himself natural powers of persuasion. Verse 27.—It thus became needful that Aaron and Mosesshould meet, and arrange	Whole scho Third pupil Whole scho Fourth pup
* ****	the mythic form of the serpent; but they applied the same symbol for the god of revenge and punishment (Tithrambo.) and for Typhon, the author of all moral and	with reference to their united work. Hence, the Lord said to Aaron. That is, put it into his heart, in what way we know not, that he should go into the wil-	Whole scho Fitch pupil Let this 1 promptly by t
	physical evil. The change of the rod of Moses would thus indicate that the power of inflicting punishment was supremely in	derness to meet Moses, and he guided him in like manner on his way, unless Moses had made known to his family where he	" Oh that me Shawm, page ANNUT
	the hands of the Hebrews' God, and that this power was for the Hebrews' protection and support.	dwelt. Moses meanwhile had returned to his father-in-law, and had dealt fairly and truly with Jethro, and Jethro with him;	Singing by 55, "1'll sing Let a repre
	Verse 5.— The special purpose here mentioned would naturally be accomplished in the way just indicated. This verse shows that the Hebrews had even in their	mount of God, where Jehovah appeared in the burning bush.	the number several from Scripture invo
	servitude preserved from generation to gen- eration the knowledge of God's promises to the fathers, and had in bondage cherish- ed the hope that some time they should have full freedom " in the promised land."	brothers making ready for the business be- fore them. There seems to be no envy or suspicion between the two. Moses acts honorably, and tells just how the case	1 Cor. xvi. 9. 1 Cor. xvi. 29. Psaim vii. 17. " viii 1. " ix. 1. " xxxiv. " xxxiv.
	And if these hopes did not grow more bright and clear as the bondage became more intolerable, the desire for the promised	Verse 29.— Gathered together, etc. Ac- cording to the command in chapter iii. 16.	" xxxiv. " xivii. 6. " xivii. 1 These sele

ef inbecome more intense. fluence. The old men naturally cherished meet the requirements of any school. Let

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WATCHWORDS OF LIFE.

Hope-while there's a hand to strike ! Dare-while there's a young heart brave ! Toil-while there's a task unwrought ! Trust-white there's a God to save ! Learn-that there's a work for each ! Feel-that there's a strength in God ! Know-that there's a crown reserved ! Wait - though 'neach cloud and rod ! Love-when there's a foe that wrongs ! Heip-when there's a brother's need ! Watch-when there's a tempter near ! Pray-both in word and deed !

A desire for learning, is not learning, and a desire for virtue is not virtue. Such desires, it is to be hoped, will lead to wisdom and to godliness, but a Christian character cannot be assumed in a moment when the desire is awakened. And amid the excitement of death beds there is hardly opportunity for the awakening of a calm and earnest purpose.