Rending. Family

He Leadeth Me

pastures green?" Not always Who knoweth best, in kindness leadeth

In weary ways, where heavy shadows

ful a body-guard as ever royal lady Out of the sunshine, warm and soft and

Out of the sunshine, into darkest night, I oft would faint with sorrow and affright,

Only for this: I know he holds m hand:

So, whether led in green or desert land,

I trust, although I may not understand. Beside "still waters?"-No, not always

Ofttimes the heavy tempests round me And o'er my soul the waves and billows

But when the storms beat loudest, and

he told me to do." I crv Aloud for help, the Master standeth by, the market-place where the small And whispers to my soul, "Lo, it is I!"

Above the tempest wild I hear him say, "Beyond this darkness lies the perfect

In every path of thine I lead the way."

So, whether on the hill-tops high and fair I dwell, or in the sunless valleys where The shadows lie, what matter? He

And more than this: where'er the pathway lead,

He gives to me no hopeless broken reed, But his own hand, sufficient for my need. his large long pole which he always

So, where He leads me, I can safely go; And in the blest hereafter I shall know Why in his wisdom he hath led me so.

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A TALE OF INDIA.

CHAPTER V.

Many an elephant has been trained to take care of a child. Wonderful stories are told in India of the docility and sagacity of these huge creatures, and of their tenderness with their charge. But never was there a more faithful servant than Chundah. Morning had come. The big elephant lay on a heavy litter of straw. By his side on a thick white rug, was baby Gracie, taking her morning nourishment from her gentle little foster-mother, who showed as much care of her nursling as though the wee babe were her own offspring. The shapely forefeet embraced her small charge, who soon slept calmly, lulled by the music of the waterfall, and the entrancing calm of the hot summer noon.

Archie with his faithful follower. pace towards the ravine, stopping now Mirza Lal, was sitting on a structure of bamboo and rugs, on the verandah, eating his ice, whilst his attendant was fashioning a cage for the bull finch which had been his "dear pretty mamma's." The cage had tumbled out of the howdah when the boy had been jumping about, to rid himself of the feeling of confinement in the small space to which he was put in his little parlour on the elephant's back.

opening in the thick edge of cactus, The pretty cage had come to grief, Chundah uttered a sound of delight, and "Bully" who was used to go with and going to the bedge of the slope, his gentle mistress when she walked put his trunk down and brought up abroad, seated in a tiny basket, with a Archie, crying softly but very bitterly, slendor gold chain round his body. then carried him gently, and laid him which his mistress held attached to her on the ground at Mirza's feet! wrist, was so tame that he was now hopping about the grass at Gracie's would come; but why have you been side, when suddenly seeing her, he se so long?" said the boy caressing the up his tune taught him by his kindly elephant, stroking his huge ears, and mistress, which seemed as though the kissing him wherever he could, which little creature welcomed them to their mightily pleased Chundah, for he present resting-place. Blithely and slowly walked round Archie, waving sweetly came the notes of "Home, his huge proboscis in endearment to sweet Home," vibrating softly through the tall trees, the mellow sounds entering the quiet little room where Lola was employed in putting into the safekeeping of a little casket her late mis tress's articles of jewelry which were her everyday adornments, the others being at the Bank of India.

"Ah, my dear, dear mistress, 'twas · Home, sweet Home, when you were with us! Ob, my darling Missie Nellie, why did you leave your dear little children, and your poor Lola? What shall I do if the Sahib Major does not come soon?" and the poor woman burst into a flood of tears.

walking before, she lifted her heart in By the time she had placed the valthankfulness for his safety. uables in their casket and sealed them them up, baby Gracie had awakened Archie never left Mirza's side when out with him after that time. and was tottering with pretty, uneven

steps towards the verandah, calling CHAPTER VI. in her musical treble voice for " Mammy, mammy !" but no danger On the deck of a beautiful ship, one could come to the dainty little white of the fine Peninsula and Oriental

bundle stumbling along, for Chundah

was walking gravely by her, as faith-

down the steps to his little sister, for

that he would take care of his baby sis-

ter, would tell her, "My papa said I

was to take care of my little sister, and

I must not break my promise, because,

you know, I should be ashamed to look

Archie had accompanied Mirza to

bazaars were kept for various edibles

in regular daily use, and the man was

about to return, when, looking around

for his little companion, he was nowhere

Mirza stood without power to move,

for he remembered a pedlar, who had

peered suspiciously at the children, and

such a terror seized poor Mirza as made

"Archie! Archie, where are you!

This way, my dear boy," and he waved

carried when going any distance, and

to which he had attached his white

hankerchief: but no little voice res-

pended to his call, and trembling at

what Lola would say, he ran quickly

home, in hope that the boy might have

But no gay boy's voice saluted poor

Mirza when he entered the palisades,

and Lola was startled by his agonised

cry of "Archie, oh, Archie, come to

"Where is my boy? What is it?

Mirza told her how he had suddenly

Lola's love for her foster child quick-

ened her perceptions. whilst giving to

her sensitive heart such stabs of cruel

pain as made her cry out in her misery.

calling Mirza she went into the ele-

animal one of Archie's tunics, whisper-

ed to Chundah that the boy was lost,

and that he must find him. "Find

Chandah, find!" Looking round at

Lola, he threw up his trunk and,

trumpeting loudly, set off at a sharp

and again, with low flopped ears to

The tangled leaves and branches

were ruthlessly separated by his trunk,

and panting along and staying to make

the low sound of endearment he

used when playing with his little favor-

Directing his heavy steps to an

'Oh daddy, dear daddy, I knew you

"How came you to leave me, Mas-

came close to me, and I ran and ran

a long way after it, and then I fell

down. It was such a pretty one, l

wanted it for baby Gracie, and when I

ter Archie?" said Mirza.

finger, look ?"

ites, Chundah at length stopped as

low sobbing met his ear and Mirza's.

listen if there were any sound.

But a thought had struck her, and

on turning round to hasten the boy's

What have you done with him, Mirza?

Answer me, pray answer me."

steps found that he was alone.

him cry out as if in pain :

returned there.

to be seen!

liners, was a handsome young Hindoo woman with what appeared to be her two children, a baby girl of two years old, and a fine bright boy of seven, who Archie, followed by Mirsa Lal, ran was closely followed in his erration movements by a quiet-looking man of whom he had a protecting love above colour, who seemed the brother or near his years. He would often take her in relative of the woman, they were so his arms to carry her, here or there, much alike in feature. and when Lola would try to take the They were Lola with her charge babe, saying she was too heavy for him, Gracie and Archie, protected with all the little lad faithful to his promise

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fealty and kindness, by the ayah's brother, Mirza Lal.

Crowded by passengers, and filled with the baggage, the beautiful vessel had been warped into the stream, while a lovely golden haze was over land and at papa if I had forgotten to do what

Lola had not dared to forego the use of the uckroot juice, but now that they were fairly en voyage, she hoped by careful bathing to see them restored to their own proper selves.

The time had passed anxiously with the ayah and her brother. Reports o the fearful atrocities of the mutineers at many stations, had reached them at different times, and once a wandering Hindoo devotee had asked food at the little round-house in the valley, who had peered suspiciously at the children but on seeing Mirza bad appeared satisfied and gone on his way.

But no news came of the major, and Lola was almost beside herself with

The dreadful days of that fearful period being passed, the ayah determined to reach Calcutta, and there take ship to England, hoping by som lucky chance to find the major's mother and sister. There were many trials to be passed through before they were able to start, one of which, the most painful was the selling of Chundah the

Lola felt she was quite justified in doing this, as it was quite impossible to take the animal with them, and the price he would fetch would help very materially in the great expense about to be incurred in the journey to Eng-

When Archie knew that they were going in the great ship to England, he was frantic with delight.

'What a big place we shall want for dear old Chundah, mamma Lola,' said phant-house and showing the noble

'Archie, my dear, Chundah will not go with us; it would take too much money; besides, when we arrived there we should have no place for him,"

and then broke forth into a fit of grief and temper that threatened to end the blush of shame on his cheek, and

'Archie! Archie, why are all these tears, and I am grieved to see it, this bad temper. Do you think that I am pleased to leave my country and to She was taking her farewell of Chunbe obliged to part with poor Chundah? dah by giving him cakes and sweeties No, my child, Lola's heart is very sad, which Mirza had provided to please the but she promised your dear mamma children. that she would always take care of you and baby Gracie, till she could give you to your papa.'

But where is my papa?' why does he not come to take care of Gracie and

Lola could not answer this question, therefore deftly returned to the subject of the elephants, telling the boy stories of their docility that filled him with amazement.

'Chundah will be so sorry,' said the child, because I know that he loves baby and me too. Do you remember that day when the jackal came from the wood beyond where the nice clear water comes down, creeping, creeping near to baby Gracie, who was asleep on her rug with Baba beside Chundah, There was such a beautiful bird how he watched the sly creature as he come closer and closer to my little sister, when ' (here Archie clasped his hands, and bent his head (orward) 'Yes, in a minute, dear old daddy (Archie's pet name for the elephant) came back to Mirza, I could not find him. There, that's all-but I tore my 'he lifted Gracie with his trunk to the other side, and gave Master Jackal Poor Lola had suffered no end of such a knock with his trunk, and when affection, thought it better in part to torment, the poor woman was almost he rolled over, daddy put his beautiful humour him. Putting the children on beside herself with grief, but when she great foot upon him, and there was an his back, Chundah then rose to his

what shall we do without him? What will he do when he goes away with Mirsa alone?' was that the scoop at

time when Lola had thought best for Mirza to depart with Chundah as the children would then be in bed and they would be saved the pain of parting with their friend. at anaroni sharbadi

But Archie knew from Mirza that he was going that night, and when Lola was about to prepare them for repose Archie begged to be allowed to stop and see the last of his dear old daddy.

Without waiting for permission Archie, taking Gracie by the hand, went down the verandah steps to where Chundah stood ready prepared for the journey. Going up to him Archie put his arms round the animal's trunk, telling him with many tears how sorry he was to leave him. 'Oh, dear old daddy, Archie is very miserable. First it was my own pretty mamma, and I can never see her again, because they laid her under the pretty flowers for God to take up to heaven; then my pony went away, and my own papa too; and now, oh dear, dear,' said Archie overcome with grief, ' now you are going, Oh, what a poor drefful boy I am!' and throwing himself on the grass, Archie fairly sobbed aloud. But the way he was comforted was touching to see.

Baby Gracie, seeing her brother's grief, sat down beside bim, and raising her little pinafore she tried to dry his eyes, saying, in her pretty baby lisp, 'Poor-poor Ar-chie, Gracie ky too, Putting her pretty dimpled arms round his neck she kissed and comforted him, at last smiling in his face, saying, Archie good boy, now Gracie good

Chundah, seeing that something was amiss, caressed the children, passing his trunk tenderly over their arms and shoulders, and making that peculiar endearing noise which means affection. But when Mirza appeared, rattan in hand, ready to begin his journey Archie fairly broke down, losing command over himself entirely.

'You shan't take my elephant away you wicked Mirza. It is not yours it is mine, because it is my papa's In his childish fury Archie quite forgot himself, he stamped his foot and clung to Chundah's trunk, saying he would not let him go.

Mirza was perplexed; he would not take the child away by force, but time was passing.

Lola, who had witnessed part of the scene from the verandah, now came upon the grass, and standing quite stilwith a grave face, and uplifted finger cried, 'Archie, my boy, Archie!'

The loving, but distressed tone o voice spoke to the little lad's heart as n harsh treatment would have done, and The boy looked at her for a moment loosing his arms from Chundah's trunk he ran to Lola with streaming eyes and crying, "Mammie Lola, oh, dear mammie!' hid his face on her kindly breast.

Meanwhile, to expedite matters, Mirza had taken baby Gracie in his arms

Chundah took the goodies, thanking the little creature in his own peculiar way. Putting Grace down, Mirza retired for a few moments and then appeared in his snow-white turban and travelling shawl, prepared to depart.

He took leave of Lola and the children, telling them how soon he should be back, and lifting Archie up to take a farewell embrace of old daddy, and then Gracie, he mounted and urged Chundah forward, Lola opening the gate to pass

But Chundah would not move Coaxing, threatening, all was of no use The kindly nature knew he was parting with the little ones who had been his playfellows for so long, and Mirza was obliged to dismount, and then a curious scene occurred.

Chundah leisurely bent his front feet kneeling, then he turned his head to where the children stood, and making a low noise like an entreaty, thus mutely asked them to come with him.

Mirza and Lola, touched with the docile, affectionate animal's fidelity and met the boy and Mirza, Chundah end to the nasty ugly thing. Oh, feet, thus showing what it was he wanted. council just mentioned.

They then passed through the palisades and Mirza took him to the little lakelet formed by the torrent to drink. Whilst The evening came, which was the he was thus employed the children were slipped quietly one by one from his back, whilst Mirza talked to him and wiped his huge sides with straw to cover the retreat of Archie and baby Gracielo eno si monar aniwellat oca

It had been a sad breach to Lola, the breaking from her country and friends but the love she had borne to her dead mistress calmed her thoughts and made her faithful to her trust.

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Bible Lessons for 1883. FIRST QUARTER.

Lesson IX.-MARCH 4, 1883. PERSECUTION RENEWED.

COMMIT TO MEMORY: Verses 27-29.

GOLDEN TEXT .- " We ought to obey

God rather than men."-Acts v. 29. DAILY HOME READINGS. The Lesson. Acts v. 17-32.

T. Rulers Restrained, Acts v. 33-42.

W. Words of this Life, Rom. ch. 10. T. Human Witnesses,

1 Pet. iii. 8-17. F. A Divine Witness, John xvi. 1-15.

Suffering for Jesus, 8. Working for Jesus,

THE HOLY SPIRITS WORK IN TESTIFYING BEFORE THE RULERS.

2 Cor. vi. 1-11.

LESSON OUTLINE. -I. Prison Doors Opened, Vss. 17-21. II. Fear of the People, Vss. 21-36. III. Word and Deed, Vss. 27-32.

QUESTIONS .- Where did the church meet? What seemed to be the pros-

Vss. 17-21.—What enraged the rulers? What was their feeling toward Christ and his church? Why were Sadducees specially hostile? What did they do? How were the prisoners released? Who are angels? What is their work? What did the angel command? Why in the temple?

Vss. 21-26. - What assembled in the morning? How had this body treated Jesus? What discovery was made How did the rulers feel? What news came? Why were the officers so gentle in the second arrest?

Vss. 27-32.—With what disobedience were the apostles charged? With what had the Jews said to Pilate about the blood of Jesus? What reason did the apostles give for their conduct? Vs. 29. What was the apostles' testimony? Vs. 30-32. What is meant here by "obeying Christ"? Is baptism a part of this? Acts ii. 38. What was the charac ter of the rulers? Why this solemn public testimony? What was its first effect? Vs. 33.

Scripture Searchings. - From our Lessons thus far find out: What is involved in "obeying Christ"? What works had the Holy Spirit wrought in the midst of Israel? What steps in opposition had the rulers taken?

The growth of the church at Jerusalem, which now met within the pre cincts of the very Temple itself (vs. 12), and the popularity of the apostles, with the apparent prospect that the church might soon become predominant in Israel, roused the rulers to action.

The BIGH PRIEST Was, ex-officio, Presi dent of the Great Council, and had the power to call a meeting of it. SADDU CEES, COUNCIL-(B. D.) Prisons were guarded then, as now, by KREPERS Some of these stood before the outer door. The TEMPLE was "God's house, and until the PEOPLE (Israel) should be utterly rejected, it was the most suitable place to preach the gospel to them. In that country and climate, men were up and astir at a very BARLY hour.

Nor3.-Vs. 17 -Rose up : proceeded to act. They that were with him: his party or adherents in the Council. In dignation: envy or jealousy, afraid of losing power and influence. Unbelieving Sadducees were always foremost in opposing Christ and his church. Unbelievers and (so-called) "liberal Christians" are often the bitterest opponents of the gospel. Laid, etc.: arrested. The apostles: this time all the twelve. Common: public. This prison was under the control of the Council. The "keepers" may have been from the " temple guards."

Vs. 19 .- The angel: an angel. Angels minister to God's children, but are not sent to preach the gospel-that great honor is given to men.

Vs. 20 -In the temple: solemn testimony to the nation. Life: the gospel shows the way of eternal life-" wonderful words of life."

Vs. 21.- Early, etc.: at early dawn.

Senate: eldership. The same as the

Vs. 24.- Doubted: were much per-

Vs. 26.—Captain; of the temple guard. The people of Jerusalem were noted for turbulence and mob-violence. especially on religious questions.

Vs. 28 .- Straitly : strictly. Doctrine : preaching. Intend to bring, etc.: intend to fix upon us the guilt of murdering an innocent man-viz. : Jesus-and (perhaps) to bring on us popular vengeance. If the apostles' work continued to prosper, they had good reason to fear infamy and loss of power.

Vss. 30, 31 .- Hanged on a tree: i.e., crucified. The cross was made of timber from a tree. Crucifixion was probably originally suggested by the earlier practice of literally "hanging on a tree." Peter boldly charges home on them this very guilt (of murder, etc., vs. 28); but his words breathe mercy, not vengeance. Christians desire not vengeance on opposers, but their salvation. Alas! the rulers had no thought of repentance. Long continuance in unbelief and sin had hardened their hearts against the clearest evidence. It has the same effect now.

Vs. 32.—The apostles were human witnesses; the Holy Spirit was a divine witness by his gifts and works. Christians now are to be witnesses for Christ; and the Holy Spirit testifies by his wonderful work in human souls and lives. Obey him: i. e., obey Christ, (Cf Heb. v. 9; Acts ii. 38). The rulers were fixed in impenitence and hostility: but it was fit that by word and deed the Holy Spirit should cause a full and public testimony to be given before them. It left rulers and the nation without excuse. The people were friendly, but not converted. In order to be lost, it is not necessary to be an opposer. Beware! Nothing but real submission to Christ will avail.

Help for Parents, or for the Teacher of the Primary Class.

Read the verses between the last lesson and this, and see what wonders the apostles wrought, and how more and more believers were added to the church. Vs. 11-17.

All this frightened the high priest, and especially the Sadducees who were in the council. They understood very well that the apostles claimed that the reason that the name of Jesus had so much power, was because he was "exalted," or raised to heaven. They said to themselves, "If he whom we slew is exalted, woe unto us." For they could not understand the wondrous love which could forgive even his murderers, though Peter and the rest continually taught it. They professed to expect a " Prince," in their Messiah, but they did not care for a "Saviour." So they took no notice of such offers of pardon as in vs. 31. They were offended because the apostles said they had seen him themselves after he had risen from the grave, and that they had seen him ascend to heaven. They would not have such things taught to the people, who would soon be taking vengeance on them for putting "this man" unjustly to death. They forgot that they had said, "His blood be on us"; and their guilty consciences made them fear that, if it were possibly true that Jesus was indeed alive, that a higher power would hold them to account for his death.

But the lesson shows us how, instead of putting out the fire, they made it burn hotter. For they were the means of another wonderful miracle, the news of which was wide-spread and much talked of, and so their hatred was overruled for the glory of Christ.

Notice the boldness of the Christians and the cowardice of the officers; for, though they could not make the apostles fear, they were afraid themselves, (vs. 26), though there were six times as many councilmen as apostles, to say nothing of the "senate," or "elders" whom they had called to their help. And the secret of it all lay in that one word Jesus, which the council curiously contrived to avoid, as if the speaking of it would soil their lips. But to the apostles, it was "a name above every name," which they used as a shield over their heads in all their troubles.

There is scarcely anything more satisfactory to the human mind than a clearcut, concise definition or explanation Hence, after all the speculations, guesses and statements in regard to Gambetta's death, it must be a source of intense relief to the deeply interested and anxious community to be assured that the illustrious statesman came to his end from simple pepityphilite pericolite. The consciousness of setting at rest a vexed question in such a lucid manner must be a matter of mutual congratulation by the physicians who made the autopsy, and the public will ery, "Blessings on them."-National Baptist.

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