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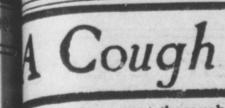
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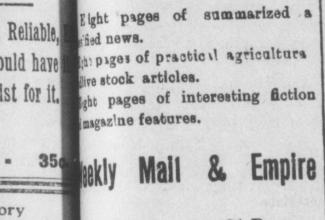
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Which shall it be? The home life sweet, Gay with the patter of tiny feet; Or the squalid tap-room, grimy and grim The drankard's curse, or the children's hymn?

Wrecked lives, or the strength that never flags,

Peace and plenty, or ruin and rags? Which shall it be, lads? which shall it be? Which shall it be? Two paths lie here-The right leads upwards, the left, ah where?

Others may give you counsel true, But the choice, dear lads, is for you, for vou !

And remember now in your seeding-time; The sot's bent back, or the saint's bent knee-

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The Sabbath School

INFERNATIONAL LESION Fourth Quarter Lesson 2, Oct. 13 1901

JOSEPH IN PRISON .- Genesis 39 : 20-40 : 15,

GOLDEN TEXT. -But the Lord was with Joseph, and showed him mercy. -Gen. 39 : 21.

HISTORICAL SETTING.

Time. - Thirteen years, B. C. 1729-1716. Ten in slavery, and three in prison.

It is generally thought now that

# RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

thousand serving each for a king's of the government, and with the body-guard. Potiphar was probably general condition of the people. the captain of one of these thousands, and a man of great honor These men dreamed a dream both of and influence. Joseph felt the them. They told their dreams, and degradation of a slave. Three lessons Joseph interpreted them, asking as

which he needed in later life. 1. He learned to obey. No one member him and procure his release. can govern well who has not learned to be governed. 2 He learned how those governed | ister to the sorrow of others.

or employed should be treated.

improve their condition ; how hon- ers proves that he still believed in his esty, faithfulness, unselfishness, love own. Had henot yethoped that someto elevate them.

wise, so faithful, so blessed of God, will on'y set you into difficulties." that he was soon raised to a high ! p sition in Potiphar's household, and had general control of all his became the fulfiller of his own affairs. When his fellow-servants were squandering the golden mo- was tried. Like his great grandments, Joseph was filling them with father Abraham, he was tested activities.

in a hovel as in a palace; faithful- success. ness, truth, courage, honor, are no more noble on the throne than in a factory or on a farm ; love, gentleness, self-denial, are as blessed in the kitchen as in the parlor. TRUST IN GOD. - We are told, conwas with him." He had learned to him ; with those who are righteous her dim eyes. for his sake; with those who open their hearts to him. Joseph had reason to cling to God in his adver. sity. He had had opportunity to meditate upon him, and his law, let me do that for you. and commune with Him, while he

was in a strange land, speaking a keep close to his God.

outward restraint. Lawless love

God; and (2) by recognizing the

fact that it was treachery toward

have been to lose all he had gained,

PATIENCE AND FAITH .--- Vs. 20-

waters, I will be with thee; and

was popular and common.

the events of Joseph's life took THODS -The work Jo eph had to the day will come when I can't nd thoroughness. Wide range of elect

A LESSCN OF INSIGHT -- Vs 5-8 Joseph learned in this school, all of a return favor that the chief butler who was to be restored should re-

> Notice 1 That the best way to assuage his own sorrow was to min-

2. "Joseph's willingness to inter-3. He learned how they could pret the dreams of his fellow-prisonte God, could do more than all else how God would bring truth out of them, he would surely have said, FAITHFULNESS.-Joseph was so Don't you believe in dreams; they

3 Joseph in becoming the interpre er of the dreams of other men

4 For two years longer his faith again and again, waiting for deliver-The lesson is that faithfulness in ance. God's providence was over

little things is the only way to great him, leading him in the best and things. Piety is just as beautiful surest way to his life-work and

## Eyes Open.

Rachie went off to school, wonder ing if Aunt Amy could be right.

I will keep my eyes open, she cerning Joseph, that "the Lord said to herself. She stopped a moment to watch old Mrs. Bert, who love and serve God in his youth, sat beside her door binding shoes. and he s ill served and loved him. She was just now trying to thread The Lord is with those who obey a needle, but it was hard work for

Why, if there isn't work for me ! exclaimed Rachie. I never should have thought of it if it hadn't been for Aunt Amy. Stop Mrs. Bert;

Thank you, my little lassie. My poor old eyes are worn out, you see. strange tongue. Joseph learned to I can get along with coarse work yet, but sometimes it takes me five

BUSINESS PRINCIPLES AND ME- minu es to thread my needle. And

How a Sunday School Committee May Help the Sunday School.

1. They can make a thorough canvass of the district in which the church is located, for recruits to the Save school. A full list should be kept of the names of children who are not at ending any school, that they may be visited again, if they fail to accept the first invitation.

2 They can be at the door of the Sunday school room every Sunday, to welcome new scholars, supply them with hymn-books and Bibles, and assign them to classes.

3. They can organize a class of volunteer teachers-those who will pledge themselves to study the lessons and to supply the places of the regular teachers when the latter are absent.

4. They can invite the older scholars to attend the C E meeting. This can be done either by visitation, or by sending a note of invitation, sent to each teacher, to be read before the class.

These are only a few of the can be dones that will suggest themselves to a wide-awake Sundayschool committee. In many places important missions have grown out of the labors of these committees in opening and maintaining schools in neglected neighborhoods. There is scarcely a society that could not well undertake such a work, if it were under the guidance of a wise committee.-Christian Guardian.

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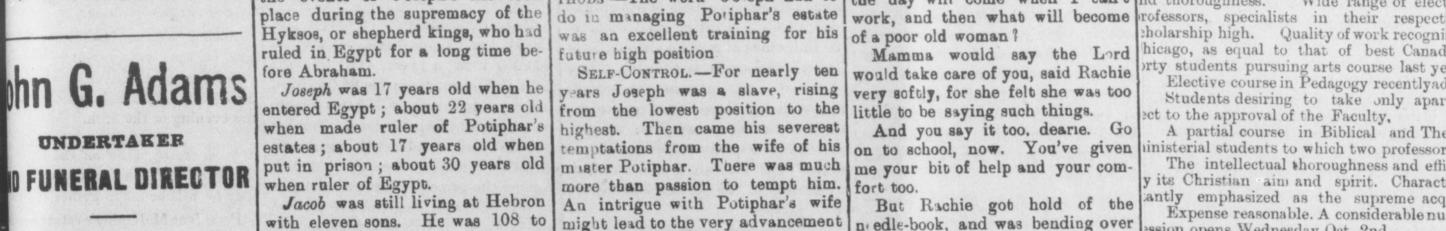
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LES:ONS JOSEPH LEARNED.

In our last lesson we left Joseph in the hands of the Midianites, who had bought him as a slave. It was a great change for him from being a favorite son of a wealthy sheik to the rough treatment and hard fare

of a slave; and it doubtless was a great mystery to him why God should have permitted it. The wicked seemed to triumph, and the his master. To have yielded would righteous to be defeated.

In studying this portion of and blot out his unknown future. porch Joseph's life, note two things : In every life there are two elements 23. And Joseph's master .... put Rachie, going to her. intertwined, the divine element and hin into prison. The immediate the human. God's providence and result of faithfulness was a loss of life, the kind of success, depends accusations, a slur upon his religion, slate. upon both. All the open doors in and worse suffirings than he had the world are of no use if we have hitherto endured. Joseph's imprisnot prepared to enter them. We onment seems to have been at first to carry ten. See? have seen the human element in very severe. He was bound in Joseph's life his faithfulness, purity, fetters. The Lord was with Joseph. cipline. He was what is usually "When thou passest through the called a self-made man.

seen. All through his life there was overflow thee; when thou walkest many ways there were of doing a providence and guidance. It through the fire, thou shalt not be kindness which went far toward opened doors, it prepared ways, it burned; neither shall the flame making the day happier. Try it, directed the concurring actions of kindle upon thee. For I am the girls and boys, and you will see for

While God was preparing a place [Israel, thy Saviour" (Isa. 43:2,3). for Joseph in which to accomplish Gave him favour. Through his Bridget was sitting on the porch, his life-work, he was also preparing | character, manners, and past con- looking dolefully at a bit of paper him for the place. There were duct. So that the jailor released which lay on the kitchen table she thirteen years of schooling needful, [ Joseph from his fetters and dungeon. ] had carried there. in a very hard school. Joseph was Committed to Joseph's hands all the It's a letter I'm after writing to gold ore that must pass through prisoners. This gave him new me mother, an' its fearin' I am the smelting furnace to get rid of power for good to help others. she'll niver be able to rade it, bethe dross.

ousness, Sleeplessness, Ner-Prostration, Loss of Energy, with the sheep, with the sling, with like the chief butler and baker. all the afternoon I've been at it. Fag, Faint and Dizzy Spells, the lyre, in the open fields, in Saul's Joseph was now 27 years old. He, Rachie tried with all her might of Memory, Melancholia, court, in outlaw banishment, as a doubtless, was praying and hoping to read poor Bridget's queer scrawl, essness. After Effects of La Pe, Palpitation of the Heart, preparation for his kingdom.

WZATION .- Egypt was at this time so long delayed. But the time was Bridget, she said. I'm going over

was an excellent training for his of a poor old woman?

would take care of you, said Rachie years Joseph was a slave, rising very softly, for she felt she was too

And you say it too, dearie. Go temptations from the wife of his on to school, now. You've given master Potiphar. There was much me your bit of help and your com-

But Rachie got hold of the might lead to the very advancement needle-book, and was bending over he sought. Joseph was lonely. He it with busy fingers.

desired to please. Expressions of See! she said, I've threaded six love and sympa hy, admiration and needles for you to go on with, and ecognition, met a craving of his when I come back I'll thread some spiritual nature. There was little more.

May the sunshine be bright to your eyes, little one ! said the old woman as Rachie skipped away. Joseph resisted temptation, and kept his self control (1) by recogniz-Come and play, Rachie, cried ing the fact that it was sin against many voices, as she drew near the play ground.

Which side will you be on?

But there was a little girl with a very downcast face sitting on the arteen years of age.

What's the matter, Jennie, asked

I can't make this add up, said Jennie, in a discouraged tone, pointman's free choice. Our success in reputation, suffering under false ing to a few smeary figures on her

> Let me see; I did that example at home last night. Oh, you forgot

So I did. The example was finished, and energy, skill, courage, piety, dis- Jast as he was in Potiphar's house. Jennie was soon at play with the others.

Rachie kept her eyes open all the The divine element is as clearly through the rivers, they shall not day, and was surprised to find how Lord thy God, the Holy One of yourselves.

Will you look here, Miss Rachiel much better to retain their loving

Many of these men were not cause I can t rade it mesilf. Can Compare David's early experience criminals, but political prisoners, you rade it at all, Miss Rachie? It's

for release (Gan. 40: 14, 15), and but she was obliged to give it up. THE INFLUENCE OF A NEW CIVIL- wondered why the deliverance was I'll write one for you some day,

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