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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.—April 2.

(For Questions see Star Quarterly and Lesson Papers.)

THE MISSION OF THE TWELVE.

DAILY READINGS.

M. The mission of the twelve. Matt. 10: 1-13.

T. The apostles called. Matt. 10: 1-13.

W. The apostles sent. Matt. 10: 1-13.

F. Paul's counsel. Acts 20: 22-31.

S. Peter's exhortation. 1 Peter 4: 1-11.

S. Paul's prediction. Isa. 62: 1-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me."—Matt. 10: 40.

MARK 6: 1-13.

(Revised Version.)

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