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THE LIGHT THAT IS FELT.

A tender child of summers three, Seeking her little bed at night, Paused on the dark stair timidly. "O mother! Take my hand," said she, "And then the dark will all be light."

We older children grope our way, From dark behind to dark before; And only when our hands we lay, Dear Lord, in thine, the night is day, And there is darkness nevermore.

Reach downward to the sunless days, Wherein our guides are blind as we, And faith is small, and hope delays; Take Thou the hands of prayer we raise, And let us feel the light of Thee !

John Greenleaf Whittier.

The Sabbath-School.

INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

[FROM PELOUBET'S NOTES.]

Third Quarter. - Lesson 6. - August 8.

GENTILES SEEKING JESUS .- JOHN xii: 20-36.

GOLDEN TEXT. - And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.-JOHN xii : 32,

GENTILES COMING TO JESUS .--- Vers. 20-22. And there were certain Greeks. The original word "Hellenes" means persons of Greek nationality. They may have come from Greece, or from some of the Greek cities nearer by, of which there were several in Decapolis. Among them that came up to worship at the feast. That were accustomed to go up. They had been admitted **F** URNITURE, Carpets and Crockery, all at lower prices. 650 doz. Meakin's White Granite, reduced 10 per cent. 100 doz. Milk Pans and Flower Pots, 20 per cent lower. 2 doz. Library Lamps, (Pol-ished Brass), from \$3.25 upwards. 2 cases Silver Plated Ware, (Toronto Silver Plate Co., standard goods). Every article guar-anteed. Prices reduced. Four large ware-rooms full of Parlour. Chamber, Dining to the privileges of Judaism. They belonged to the class known as "Proselytes of the Gate," so named from the phrase in the law, "the stranger that is within thy gates." These were not circumcised, but accepted Judaism, attended the feasts, acknowledged the one God. The same came therefore to Philip.

Why to Philip ? Probably because they may have had some slight acquaintance with him. Philip and Andrew are Greek names, and the only ones of Greek origin among the disciples. Sir, we would see

is life." Whosoever believeth in interests and resources, all comhim hath eternal life.

Though, as we have seen, Christ had his own death in view, he yet speaks of the principle in its universal application. He that loveth his is found in Christ crucified. (1) life shall lose it. To love one's life | Heroism which always attracts men. or soul, according to Christ's meaning, is so to make self first and chief, that self-gratification becomes the law of all action. To do this is to sin, which never seems so evil as lose the life or soul. He that hated when seen in the light of what it his life in this world. Treats it as if costs God to save from it. (4) The he hated it, sacrifices it to his better | forgiveness of sin and reconciliation life, when they come in conflict. with God. (5) The hope of ever-

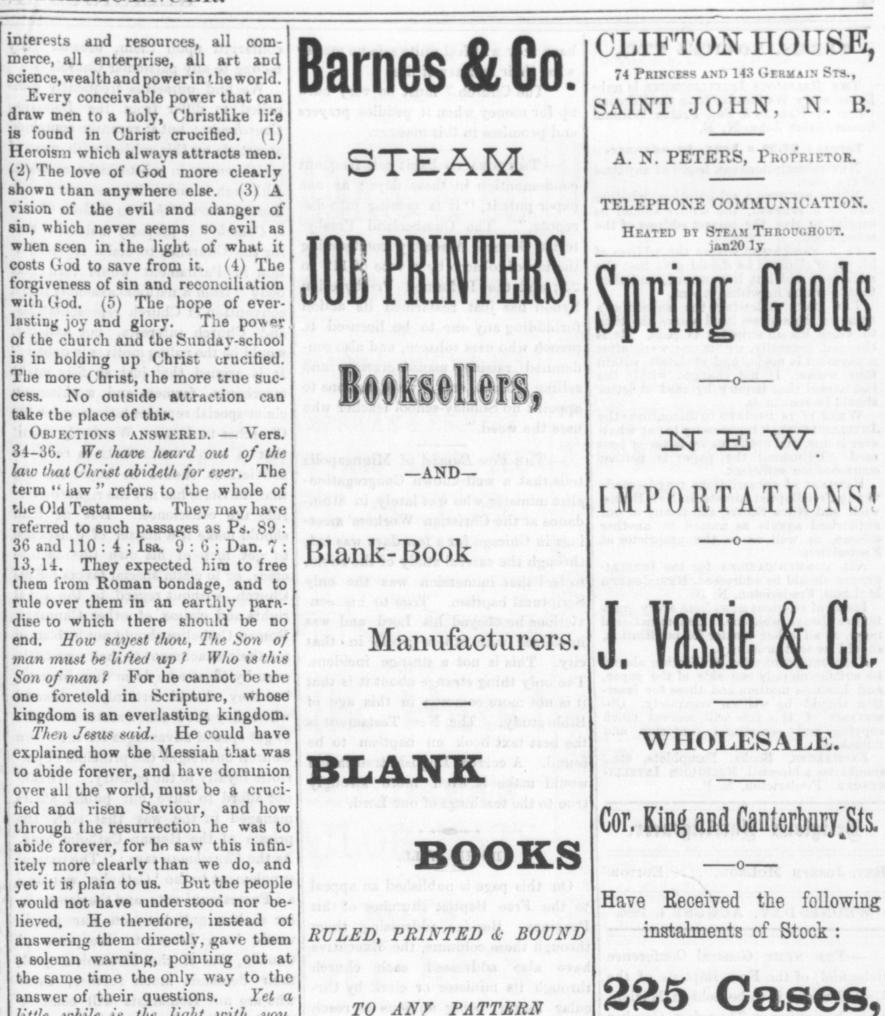
If any man (would) serve me, let lasting joy and glory. The power him follow me. Service of Christ is of the church and the Sunday-school to be sought, not by secret inter- is in holding up Christ crucified. views, but by practical following of | The more Christ, the more true suchim. And where I am. In charac- cess. No outside attraction can ter, in glory, in his kingdom, in take the place of this. companionship on earth, and in OBJECTIONS ANSWERED. - Vers. heaven. There also shall my servant 34-36. We have heard out of the

honor. As he honors Christ ; mak- the Old Testament. They may have ing him partaker of the joys and re- referred to such passages as Ps. 89 wards of him whom he serves.

darkness of the death which is at

be. There is no other way to where law that Christ abideth for ever. The Christ is. Him will my Father term "law" refers to the whole of

36 and 110:4; Isa. 9:6; Dan. 7 Now is my soul troubled; and 13, 14. They expected him to free what shall I say? The word ren- them from Roman bondage, and to dered " soul " is the same word as rule over them in an earthly parathat rendered "life" in ver. 25. It dise to which there should be no is the seat of the natural feelings end. How sayest thou, The Son of and emotions, and, as the fatal hour man must be lifted up? Who is this approaches, our Lord is in that Son of man? For he cannot be the region of his human life troubled. one foretold in Scripture, whose There is a real shrinking from the kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. Then Jesus said. He could have hand. Father, save me from this explained how the Messiah that was hour. That is, the agony of his to abide forever, and have dominion trial and crucifixion. There was a over all the world, must be a crucireal struggle between this earthly fied and risen Saviour, and how life or soul, and his spiritual consci- through the resurrection he was to ousness. "No;" he says, "I can- abide forever, for he saw this infinnot say this." For this cause. 'To itely more clearly than we do, and fulfil the duties, and bear the agonies yet it is plain to us. But the people it brings. Came I unto this hour. | would not have understood nor be-But I will say (ver 28). Father, lieved. He therefore, instead of glorify thy name. Not my will, but | answering them directly, gave them thine be done. Do what will most a solemn warning, pointing out at glorify thy name on earth, at what- the same time the only way to the ever cost to me. Others make both answer of their questions. Yet a to be prayers. The result is first a little while is the light with you. prayer under the influence of fear, This may refer to the opportunity Save me from this hour. Compare they yet had as a nation to repent "Let this cup pass from me" (Matt. | and accept the Messiah, and be saved 26:39), and then a prayer under from the destruction that was imthe influence of ready obedience. pending. It was not yet too late, Glorify thy name. Through my but it soon would be. "The last sufferings. Then came there a voice hour of the day of salvation had from heaven. The plain implication arrived, the sun was about to set for of the narrative is that this was an Israel." Within forty years Jeruarticulate voice, the words of which | salem and the temple were destroyed. were understood by others than Then it was that darkness came upon Jesus, though not by all. The whole them, and they knew not whither multitude heard a noise; but the they were going, or what was to bemeaning of the voice was only per- come of them. "Since then Israel ceived by each in proportion to his has wandered in the wilderness of spiritual intelligence. I have both this world, like a caravan without a glorified it, and will glorify it again. goal and without a guide." While ye have light, believe in the by giving Jesus daily and hourly light. Accept it as God-given, and the power to do and to bear all that act accordingly. Or, while you have had been laid on him up to that the light of opportunity, believe in moment; and he would glorify it by him who is the light of the world. continuing to give him the power to That ye may be. Rev. Ver., "That do and to bear all that should be ye may become sons of light," implying a process of growth. Jesus departed. This was the farewell of Jesus to Israel. He then retired and did not reappear on the morrow.



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Fredericton, - N.B., Importers and Dealers in GO House-Furnishing Goods, -IN-CARPETS, after God. -IN-Brussels, Tapestry, to him, and away from the world. Wool-Union The more clearly a church sees Jesus, the nearer they will be to AND HEMP. being a true and perfect church. If the world would see Jesus, their Cocoa Mattings. prejudices against religion would be Floor Oil-cloths removed. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew and Linoleums, The two were of the same city (John i: 44). The fact that Philip takes WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. Andrew with him is one of the not unfrequent indications of the awe AT LOWEST PRICES. Agents for the Celebrated M. R. & A. Unlaundried with which, despite the fulness and even familiarity of his love, Christ inspired his most intimate disciples Dollar Shirt, (Luke ix: 45; Mark ix: 32, etc.). Andrew and Philip tell Jesus. Jesus AND THE POPULAR PERFECT FITTING NEW YORK was undoubtedly, at the time this request was communicated to him, DOMESTIC PAPER PATTERNS. in the court of the women, in which Inspection invited. he frequently taught, and where he Tennant, had just before spoken of the widow's Davies & Co. mite, for the treasury chests were in that court. Here these Greeks could not enter. On this account Jesus JUNE, 1886. must go out into the court of the Gentiles to meet these strangers. JESUS GLOBIFIED THROUGH HIS Summer Stock DEATH.---Vers. 23-30. And Jesus

Greeks who had made it. Probably **BOOTS & SHOES** the Greeks came with the disciples. The Lord unfolded the deepest sig-ABOUT COMPLETE AT nificance of their request in relation to the consummation of his own Lottimer's Shoe Store.

Jesus. Not merely to look at him, but to have a private conversation with him on religious subjects. Why did they seek to see Jesus ? Possibly curiosity may have had some influence. Having witnessed the triumphal entry, and his miracles, etc., they may have been inclined to believe that he was indeed the Messiah, and wished to learn the truth with greater certainty. They may have gone further, and have desired to do him homage as their king and Saviour. It was one of the first demonstrations of the heathen world in favor of the Gospel. It was one of the signs not only that the doors The Father had glorified his name of the Kingdom of God were to be opened to all nations, but also that the nations were beginning to seek WE WOULD SEE JESUS. This should be the desire of every heart. Seeing Jesus will attract our hearts laid on him to the end.

> The people said that it thundered. The general crowd heard the sound, but they were not prepared spiritually to understand its meaning. Others said, An angel spake to him. These comprehended more than the others, and recognized that it was a voice speaking in some language, but they did not know its meaning. This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. To give you a striking and indubitable proof that I am the Messiah, that you may remember it when I am departed, and be yourselves comforted, supported, and saved.

THE ATTRACTIVE POWER OF THE CRoss.-Vers. 31-33. Now. "The hour " of ver. 23, which culminated at the crucifixion. Is the judgment of this world. The eventful period when it shall be determined who shall rule this world. There has been a long conflict between the powers of light and darkness. Satan has so effectually ruled that he may be said to be the prince of this world. But my approaching death answered them. Both the disciples will destroy his kingdom, will break who brought the request and the down his power, and will be the means of setting up the kingdom of God over man." Now shall the prince of this world. He rules the worldly influences, the powers of selfishness and sin. Be cast out. work. The hour is come that the His kingdom shall be destroyed. It Son of man should be glorified. Hour does not mean that then his reign is here equivalent to the more gen- over all men should entirely cease, eral word time or era. The prophets but that then would be the grand the poorest mechanic to this church

PRACTICAL HINTS. The desire of every one should be to see Jesus. It is wise to ask others to help us to see him. To be with Christ in service and

in self-denial is the way to be with him in his glory. The way to serve Christ is to fol-

low his example and his precepts. There are often great and severe conflicts in the souls, even of the good; but they that seek first the glory of their heavenly Father will gain the victory.

All decisive hours, hours of great choices and great temptations, are judgment days. The power of the church, of the

preacher, and of the teacher, for good is in proportion to their experience and teaching of a crucified and risen Redeemer.

Now is the accepted time.

SALVATION OF CHILDREN. I hate to hear people say, " They have received a pack of children into the church." " A pack of children !' Yes, and if Jesus carries them in His bosom, surely you are not imitating Christ, nor exhibiting much of His spirit when you look down upon them or despise them. To me one soul is as good as another. rejoice as much in the addition of

