of his life is falsehood. Because I

teil you the truth, ye believe me not. They wanted to be undisturbed in

their errors. Which of you con-

vinceth me of sin? Rather, convic-

single sin in his life, a single flaw

in his character. And they were

speechless. If I say the truth, why

do ye not believe? He that is of God

(as you say you are) heareth (to be-

do not hear them, therefore you are

they began to call him hard names.

Thou art a Samaritan, and hast a

devil. A demon. One possessed

And (but) I seek not mine own

glory; there is one that seeketh and

judgeth. He will not protest against

the dishonor they offer him; his

him (ver. 31), and it was to these

an end, but a change of existence.

man, to be fulfilled by my own power,

it would amount to nothing. But

Having thus answered the re-

proach, Thou glorifiest thyself, Jesus

comes to the principal question,

Art thou greater than our father

plainly reply: Yes, certainly, for

might see, in vision and in promise.

My day. The manifestation of

Christ; the coming of the kingdom

of God in its fulness. And he saw

it. The patriarch received the pro-

mise in which was contained the

coming of the day of Christ. By

faith he saw this day in the far dis-

tance (Gen. xv. 4-6; xxii. 16-18)

praises to God for its advent; and

ance of Moses and Elias on the

Mount of Transfiguration can feel

any difficulty in the words of this

verse) Abraham, too, saw it and re-

Thou art not yet fifty years old.

into the world was only a manifesta-

tion of his continued existence.

Then took they up stones. In con-

taken to himself the Divine Name,

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"Oh, I earned it all myself," was

it is my Father that honoreth me.

could make such an assertion.

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[FROM PELOUBET'S NOTES.]

Second Quarter,-Lesson 12.-June 20. JESUS AND ABRAHAM.—John viii, 31-38, 44-59.

Golden Text.—Your father Abraham re-joiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.—John viii. 56.

THE TEST OF DISCIPLESHIP .-Ver. 31. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him. Better, who had believed him. "They had the belief of the head, but not of the heart." "They believed him but did not believe in him," If ye continue in my word. Continue to receive it, to study it, to live by it, to obey it. My word. My teaching, the commands I give.

Then are ye my disciples indeed. A disciple of Jesus is one who takes him for teacher and master. To visit a school does not make one a member of it.

THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST. (1) Jesus himself is the teacher and master. He is a wise, learned, loving, faithfu!, helpful, constant teacher. (2) The lessons to be learned are to know Christ's will and to become like him in character (Eph. iv. 13; Col. iv. 12; 2 Tim iii. 16-17.) Thus to be an embodiment of the fruits of the spirit. (3) Our whole life is the term time. (4) The school books are the Bible and the discipline of life. (5) To become a member of Christ's school, to abide there and learn of him, is to be a Christian.

THE GLORIOUS LIBERTY OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD.—Vers. 32-38. And ye shall know the truth. This will be the result of continuing in Christ's word. They would know the reality of things. There is no other place where we can learn the truth except in continuing in Christ's word, loving, obedient, docile schol-Wool-Union ars in his school. And the truth shall make you free. Free from the bondage of ignorance, error and sin; free from the slavery of evil passions, grovelling views and corrupt propensities. The service of God is the highest freedom.

> They answered him, We be Abraham's seed. And therefore endowed with all the privileges of true Israelites, whose laws forbade the enslaving of their countrymen. And were never in bondage to any man. These words can only mean: Often as we have been under oppression (under Egyptians, Babylonians, Syrians), we have never acknowledged any oppressor as master, but have always submitted only from necessity, reserving our rights to freedom, and striving after it. Vers. 35.36 clearly prove that the hearers of Jesus were here thinking of neither their national independence nor their spiritual superiority, but of the civil and consequently individual liberty which they as Jews enjoyed. How sayest thou. They totally misunderstood the slavery and freedom to which he referred. Whosoever committeth sin. Lives in the commission of it. Is the servant. The bond-servant, the slave, of sin. Because his evil nature and bad

habits hold dominion over him. And the servant. Any bond-servant. The son. Any son. It should not begin with a capital in this verse. Abideth not in the house (household) forever. But the son abideth ever. In this verse the thought is that if they were really the children of Abraham, they would be of Abraham's spiritual nature, abiding in his home, and inheriting the promises made to him. They had not continued in the spiritual freedom of sons, but had departed from the house, and had become, spiritually, bondmen.

If the Son therefore shall make you free. It is the right of the son, as the representative of the family to pronounce the enfranchisement of the slave, and to raise him to the rank of a member of the family. If therefore the Son of God makes them free by his power and truth, then will they have true freedom, as he promised in ver. 32. I know that ye are Abraham's seed, or offspring, but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place. Hath not free course in you, because you do not allow my word of truth to enter your hearts and lives. The truth arouses opposition in you. The argument is that they were not frue children of Abraham, because they were not like Abraham in character and actions.

WHOSE CHILDREN ARE YE ?-Vers. 38, 44 50. I speak that which I have seen with my Father. He reports the truths he brought with him from heaven. They were divine. The son is like the Father. If you were really God's children through Abraham, you too would love in Murphy's, California, a lad about and receive these truths from your fourteen years of age came to the Father. Ye do that which ye have superintendent, and said: seen with (better, heard from) your father. They were the children of for you." Satan because they did the deeds of Satan. Ye are of (from) your father the devil. Because they are like his reply, and his bright eyes shone him, imitate him, serve him. Two with joy. respects in which they imitate him | "How did you earn it?"

are now named. He was a mur-"Last spring my mother had derer from the beginning. Abode more tomato plants than she wanted, not in the truth. Referring perhaps | and I asked her to give me some. I to the fall of the devil from being planted them, and when the tomaan angel of light in heaven. But, toes were ripe I peddled them. At more than this, from the beginning first I received three cents, then he deceived man. His first act to- two, and by-and-by one cent a pound. ward the human race was a false- Here is one dollar and a half; I hood, and he has been deceiving want it all to go for missions." them ever since. There is no truth

"But, Herbert, who told you to in him. The fountain and spring do this?" "I told myself."

"Didn't your mother ask you to do this?"

"No; but she encouraged me." "Are you perfectly willing that teth me. By this question he asserts, all this money should go to missions, and none of it for marbles, toys, by implication, his sinlessness; he defies his opponents to point out a candies, etc. ?"

"Yes, sir." "How long are you going to keep this up?"

"I guess as long as I live." "One more question: Do you lieve and obey) God's words. You love Jesus? Have you given your heart to him?"

With a modest and serious exnot of God as you assert. Then answered the Jews. They could not pression on his face, he replied 'Yes, I have." answer his argument, therefore,

Ah, here was the secret: The boy turning aside from just so much play time, from games and fun with with a demon would naturally the other boys, to work in the garspeak slanderous and bitter words, den, carefully watching and tending and bring unjust charges, as they the vines till they yielded the bright and red fruit, then peddling it from I honor my Father. By doing house to house because he loved deeds and speaking words worthy of Christ his Saviour.

God, his Father. His teachings THOUGHT IT MADE NO DIFFERENCE were true. His character and ex-

ample were such as to honor God, "That tenen does not fit the whose reflections they were. And mortise by a quarter of an inch," ye do dishonor me. They had said an employer to a young carpenspoken and acted toward him ter who had just begun to work for in a disrespectful and insulting him. manner, as if he were an impostor.

"I thought that for a garden gate you would not be particular, and it would make no difference, answered the young man.

But it did make a difference. It made just the difference between GREATER THAN ABRAHAM.—Vers. the young carpenter having a steady 51-59. It is evident that with the summerjobat good wages and having last word of ver. 50, Jesus had for his time unoccupied upon his hands. the present done with his present The employer found no further questioners. But he knew that fault; but when the gate was finamong those Jews who believed ished he paid the maker without anthere was a certain number who other word and dismissed him. fulfilled the condition laid down by The next day there was another man in his place. He happened to that he addressed the promise of ver. 51. There shall be to him no a difference how everything was end of existence, no cessation of life done; he always did his best; and and joy. Physical death shall be to he kept his situation till the end of him but the gate to eternal life, not

So it happens. Frequently some Then said the Jews, Now we know. little thing which was not expected To their minds none but a lunatic to attract attention is noticed by some one to whom the excellence of Art thou greater? Can you do for the work has commended itself, and others what all the heroes and saints the man who has made painstaking of the past were unable to do even the rule of all his labor, is surprised for themselves? Whom makest thou by a sudden and unlooked-for accesthyself? Whom and what do you sion of good fortune. He has been pretend to be? Jesus answered, If brought into note by some uncen-I honor (glorify) myself, my honor sidered trifle, which was well done (glory) is nothing. Christ's reply merely because it was his habit to is as if he had said, If I had made do everything as well as possible. this wonderful premise of myself as a

On the other hand, many a man who is lamenting his ill fortune, and does not know what to attribute it to, owes it to some such carelessness in the way of doing his work as that which doomed the young carpenter wholesome. to a summer of profitless idleness. Men are by no means always told Abraham? and hesitates not to by what particular act they are judged; but any good performance after being the object of his hope on is always liable to make, and any earth, I became that of his joy in bad performance is always liable to paradise. Rejoiced to see. That he mar, a fortune.

GOD FIRST.

A young boy lived with his parents in a hovel in great poverty. One bitter day they were without fuel. The mother requested him to cut down for their use an aged peartree which stood near their dwel-In the fulness of time the day ling. The child heard the request, dawned; the heavenly host sang twice repeated, in silence. After his mother had the third commanded him, he said : (none who remember the appear-

"Mother, I ought to obey you, but I must first obey God. The tree is not ours. It belongs to our landlord. God says, 'Thou shalt not steal.' "

The mother answered nothing, but for two days longer endured the The meaning is: Thou art not yet cold, and then commanded that the an old man. Before Abraham was, tree should be cut down. The boy I am. Because he always existed with the Father, and his coming

" Mother, the Good B einghas often supplied our wants when we have been in trouble. Let us wait sequence of his last words. They until this time to-morrow, then if see clearly what he means. He has we do not find some relief I will cut down the tree in obedience to

and they prepare to stone him for your command." The mother yielded, and the boy blasphemy (for which stoning was went into his little room, and kneelthe Jewish punishment). But Jesus ed down and asked his Heavenly hid himself. Most likely by ming-Father for help, expecting to receive ling with the multitude, and thus that for which he pleaded. The next concealing himself from his opposmorning, near by, a cart containing ers (compare Luke iv. 30), and went a load of coal was broken down. out (more exactly, went forth) of the Going out to assist the man he confided to him his trouble. The owner of the coal, touched by the tale of distress, left it all there for the boy At a Sabbath-school convention and went on his way.

That which makes heaven so full of joy is that it is above all fear; and "I've got some missionary money that which makes hell so full of horror is that it is below all hope.

Be pleasant and kind to those around you. The man who stirs his cup with an icicle spoils the tea and chills his

OUR BREAD IN DANGER.

The Alarming Increase in Baking Powder Adulterations.

Among recent important discoveries by the food analysts is that by Prof. Mott, U. S. Government Chemist, of large amounts of lime and alum in the cheap baking powders. It is a startling fact that of over one hundred different brands of baking powder so far analyzed, comprising all those sold in this vicinity, not one, with the single exception of Royal Baking Powder, was found free from both lime and alum-

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