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She Was Somebody's Mother.

The woman was of tall and gray. And about with the chill of the winter's day. The street was wet with the winter's snow. And the woman's feet were aged and slow. She stood at the crossing and waited long. Alone, unheeded for amid a throng. Of human beings, who passed her by. Nor heeded the glance of her anxious eye.

Down the street with laughter and shout, Glad in the freedom of school let out, Came the boys like a flock of sheep, Dailing the snow, piled white and deep.

Past the woman so old and gray Hastened the children on their way, Nor offered a helping hand to her, So meek, so timid, afraid to stir, Lest the carriage wheels or horses' feet Should crowd her down in the slippery street.

At last came one of the merry troop, The gayest laddie of all the group. He paused beside her and whispered low; "I'll help you across if you wish to go."

Her aged hand on his strong young arm She placed, and without hurt or harm, He guided the trembling feet along. Proud that his own were firm and strong.

Then back again to his friends he went, His young heart happy and well content. "She's somebody's mother, boys, you know. For she's old and poor and slow."

"And I hope some fellow will lend a hand To help my mother, you understand, "If ever she's old and poor and gray, When her own dear boy is far away."

And "somebody" in "her" bowed low her head. In her home that night, and the prayer she said

Was: "God be kind to the noble boy, Who is somebody's son and pride and joy."
—Author Unknown.

The Sabbath-School.

INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.
Second Quarter—Lesson 10.—June 5. THE MANNA.—Ex. 16: 4-12.
GOLDEN TEXT.—Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life.—JOHN 6: 35.

Just one month ago, the Israelites were singing songs of triumph; we now find them full of complaints and murmuring and crying to go back to Egypt.

How soon they forgot what God had done for them.
—Vers. 4-8. Then said the Lord: "I will rain bread from heaven. This marks the supernatural character of the supply. A certain rate every day. 'A day's portion.' That I may prove them. In the manner of giving, God was continuing their probation. Whether they will walk in my law. It was a test of obedience.

On the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in. It was bruised in a mortar, or ground in a mill, and then baked into bread. This process was to be performed on the day before the Sabbath.

Then ye shall know that the Lord hath brought you, etc. The Israelites had charged Moses and Aaron with bringing them out of Egypt, as if from their own motion. Moses, assures them, that they should soon have evidence that it was Jehovah who had brought them out.

In the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the Lord. This refers, to the manna which was found the next morning.

THE GLORY OF THE LORD.—Vers. 9, 10. A summons to all the people to appear in some open space near where the pillar of cloud usually stood.

The glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. An unwonted glowing fiery brightness appeared in the guiding pillar. The object was to show the people against how great and glorious a being they were murmuring. To show them how great and glorious a leader God was. To show them that the food to be given in answer to their desires was the gift of God.

THE QUALS.—Ver. 11. That very evening, from three o'clock till sunset, a great flock of quails came up and covered the camp. This was the common quail. The flesh is palatable, and not unwholesome when eaten in moderation.

THE MANNA.—Vers. 12. The manna came the next morning, as promised. It was "a small, round thing, as small as the hoar-frost upon the ground." "It was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made of honey."

It is well known that in the peninsula of Sinai, as well as in many other countries, there is a natural production which goes by the name of manna, and in some respects has resemblances to the manna described in the Scriptures. The manna of the present day is a gummy substance, which exudes, either naturally, or in consequence of punctures by certain insects, from the tender twigs of certain trees, and drops down upon the sand or leaves beneath in tiny flakes or grains, which, when the manna is

pure, are white. There are many kinds of trees which produce the substance; but the most prolific shrub in the peninsula of Sinai is the tamarisk. It often falls upon the ground, and is gathered both from the tree and from the earth. It has the flavor of honey.—It is abundant in rainy seasons; many years it ceases altogether. The whole quantity now produced in a single year does not exceed six or seven hundred pounds. The Bedouins still speak of it as "raining from heaven," because it falls from the trees.

The manna of Exodus was not he same, but miraculous; it was not found under the tamarisk tree, but on the surface of the wilderness, after the disappearance of the morning dew. The quantity which was gathered in a single day far exceeded the annual produce at present. The supply ceased on the Sabbath day. The properties differed from the common manna. It putrefied when kept, while the natural manna may be kept a long time. It appeared at all times of the year.

PRACTICAL HINTS.—Here are found the various experiences of the beginnings of the Christian life. These varied experiences are a part of the training necessary for taking possession of and enjoying the promised land.

How soon we forget God's past deliverances and mercies. The complaint is as old as literature, that the former times were better than the present; and it has always been as false as the murmurings of these Israelites.

God cares for our bodily wants as well as our spiritual. God brings us out of every difficulty into which he leads us in the way of duty.

The greatest need of man is bread from heaven. God has given us this true bread in the Lord Jesus Christ.

This heavenly bread must be sought by each one for himself. It must be renewed day by day; sought early. There is abundance for all. It satisfies all the wants of the soul.

God's blessings spoil, if we hoard them selfishly. They keep and increase by use.

Prosperity and abundance are as really a part of our trial and training as adversity and want.

Teach Children Obedience.
Many a passionate child rules the household. The little baby on its mother's knee goes into a passion because its dinner is withheld from him, or some toy denied him. He shrieks, and strikes his mother, and the mother says: "Poor little boy, he has such a passionate nature, he can't be crossed," and yields to him. She ought to spank him—spank him hard—for being in a passion, and give him nothing till his passion has cooled. The child, though he be so young that he cannot speak, if he be old enough to lift his fist and strike a blow, deserves punishment, needs to have a lesson of repression taught it. The mother who neglects this increases the chances of her son's going to the gallows. When the child is older, there are better disciplinary punishments than spanking; but when the child reaches such an age that they are useful, it may be too late, his temper may have grown into a dominating force in his character that cannot be eradicated. Mothers sometimes say when a child shows a vile temper and shrieks a good deal, that it would endanger his life to punish him; perhaps so, but you still more endanger his future if you don't punish him. Many a gallows tragedy has had its beginning on the mother's lap.

A Story for Mothers.
The Fullers—we do not give the real name—were an influential family. They were wealthy, cultured people, and among the most prominent members of the principal church in the western town in which they lived. Every Sunday they filled their pew, gave liberally to church and other charities, and the minister was always welcomed to their table.

Mrs. Fuller was a sincere Christian woman. No one acquainted with her daily life could question her sincerity. But she was peculiarly reserved and sensitive, with an extreme dislike of obtruding on the reserve of other people. Her son was her constant companion as he grew to early manhood—a clever, spirited boy, keen of apprehension, and eager for knowledge.

His mother discussed every subject, but that of religion, freely with him. He had been sent constantly to Sunday-school, and had been taught the chief facts of Jewish history that relate to the life and mission of Christ. But she had never asked him to consider the relation in which he himself stood to God, or urged him to take Christ as the guide and model of his life—his Friend and Master.

There had been times when she felt almost driven to do this, but

when the lad was at her side, and they were surrounded by the atmosphere of every-day life, her courage had failed her, and the subject had been deferred. He was a handsome, perfectly healthy young man, a noted athlete, with a life full of plans and hopes before him; there was plenty of time shelt, for such counsel and entreaties.

Last October the boy was struck down with diphtheria. On the second day the physician told him that he had not an hour to live. While he lay stunned and silent, some one spoke to him of Christ as a Saviour.

"Saviour? Why, I never thought of him!" he cried. "He is no Saviour of mine. Mother, why didn't you talk to me of him?"

These were his last words. In a few moments his senses were clouded, and before the hour was over he was dead.

Every mother will understand the intolerable legacy of remorse that was left by these words. Yet how many mothers, although religious women in their profession and habits of life, never break the silence between themselves and their sons on this subject! They defer it to a more convenient season, and soon the tender boy is a hardened man, and has left home and passed from under their influence.

If a man's mother has not cared for his soul, who will? *Youth's Companion.*

The Teetotaler.
My father said: "I became a temperance man in early life, because I noticed in the harvest-field that, though I was physically weaker than other workmen, I could hold out longer than they. They took stimulants, I took none."

A brickmaker in England gives his experience in regard to this matter among men in his employ. He says, after investigation: "The beer-drinker who made the fewest bricks made 659,000; the abstainer, who made the fewest bricks 746,000. The difference in the half of the abstainer over the indulger, 78,000."

There came a very exhaustive time in the British Parliament. The session was prolonged until nearly all the members got sick or worn out. Out of 652 members, only two went through undamaged. They were teetotalers.

A Surprised Father.
A fine looking man of noble physique, and clad in an overcoat, gloves and stout boots, was walking out the other day with his little three-year-old daughter, a pale-faced child, with bare neck and arm, and morocco slippers. A neighbor, meeting them, began to ask, with great apparent concern after the father's health, adding: "But I am glad your little one does not inherit your feeble constitution."

"Feeble constitution!" exclaimed the astonished parent. "Why, I was never sick a day in my life; while, as to my daughter, we fear she has her mother's consumptive tendencies."

"Indeed!" replied his friend, with a sly twinkle of the eye, "you take extra care of yourself from the cold, while she goes bare-necked and in pasteboard shoes. I inferred that it was you that inherited the mother's consumptive tendencies, and not she."

Why He Never Was Late.
"How is it that you are never late at Sunday-school, Edwin?" His Sunday-school began a quarter before nine in the morning, and I concluded that many of the children found it hard to be prompt, as they came straggling in all through the opening service; Edwin never—he was always in time.

"Oh, I always plan to come; I put the polish on my boots over night. I find my Bible and question-book, and place them in a safe corner beforehand. I brush and put on my Sunday clothes before breakfast. So after breakfast and prayers I start in time to get there before the superintendent rings the school to order."

"And you don't lag by the way?" "Never," said Edwin. "It is better to be five minutes too early than one minute too late."

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