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If your parents have forbidden You to be out late at night, And you feel like disobeying. Stop and ponder, Is it right ?

When in any sort of mischief You begin to take delight, Stop right then a ndask this question-Is it right? Is is right? -Cumberland Presbyterian.

#### The Sabbath-School.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Fourth Quarter-Lesson IX.-Dec. 2. ISRAEL UNDER JUDGES .- Judg. 2: 11 23.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.-Heb. 3:12.

THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE ISRAELITES WERE PLACED. The government was a theocracy; i. e., God himself was the chief ruler, and there was no visible central supreme power. Each tribe was independent. The people were divided into hereditary clans, something like the clans of the Scotch Highlanders. Each village was complete and independent. The laws were the laws given them through Moses, and no new ones were made. The priests were the ultimate appeal in cases of dispute. They could not any ionger stand : There was no standing army, and in battle. The previous successes no provision was made for war.

There was a central place of reli- the favor of God; and when that

#### whom they owed their very exist- and instructing their children in ence as a nation. Bowed themselves | re igion and righteousness, the effect unto them : "publicly worshipped." wil appear in the crimes and suffer-

Provoked: did that which moved irgs of their descendants. The World. Money, Pleasure God to punish them. To anger: but to indignation and punishment. Self, are the Baals whom modern Ashtaroth : the plural of Ashtoreth, men worship.

There is great danger in making as Baalim of Bial, and probable for the same reasons. Ashtoreth, was intimate friendships with the world, the female deity corresponding to its customs, and fashions. Baal, the moon or the planet Venus,

The progress of the church of our risen Redremer is hindered by noth-Applications. Like the forsaking ing else so much as by neglects of of God by these Israelites, our de- engagements and forgetfulness of partures from God show *ingratitude* promises and derelictions of duty.

When good people depart from for his mercies; foolishness, to make an enemy of the greatest Being in their integrity and comply with the the universe; treason, to rebel sinful customs of the evil, they bring [Choice Quinces, against our true king. The Israel- upon themselves not only the judgites fell before the difficulties and ment of God, but also the contempt temptations, by overcoming which of those whom they seek to prothey might have been the leading pitiate.

God hates sin with infinite hatred over the very steps God has given | and indignation.

The better the being, the hotter THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR | his anger at iniquity.

FALL.-Vers. 14, 15. And the There can be no sin without evil anger of the Lord was hot. The consequences.

From whatever source the punish. Lord's indignation at their sins was ment comes, it is still from the intense, like a burning fire. He could not love righteousness and hand of God. Even bad men may not be indignant at sin. The more become God's instruments.

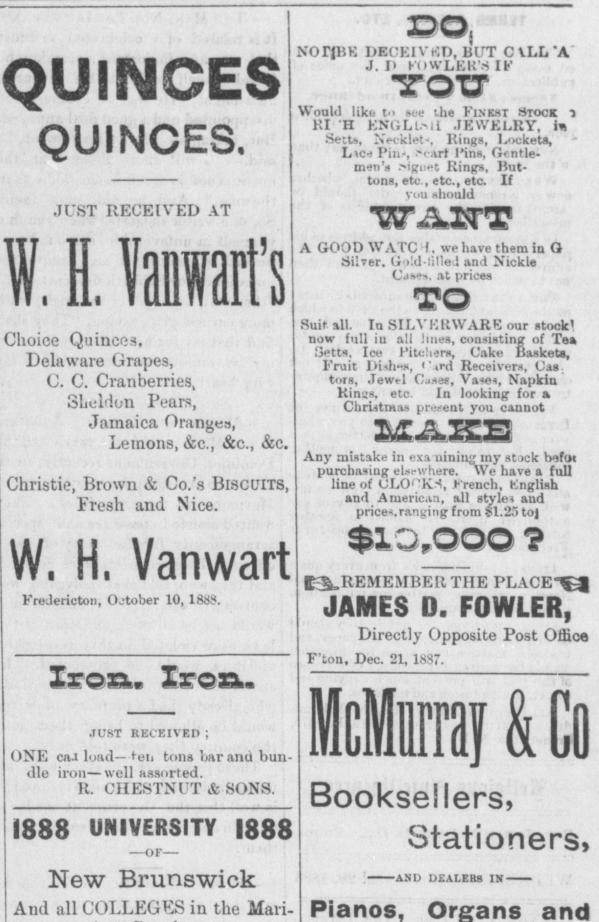
All our success in life depends on also the indignation. If feelings | God's favor.

God desires all men to be saved then the love also is a feeble thing. from their sins and troubles, and He delivered them: for punishment. uses every means to help them. Their enemies were the instruments As soon as any one is willing to in the hands of God. Into the repent and return to God, he is hands of spoilers : those who took | ready to welcome and forgive.

Our sins themselves become the plundering bands. Modern warfare instruments of our punishment.

#### -----Qualifications For Marrying.

He sold them. As the judge was R. J. Burdette gives the following used to sell the criminal, or the advice to young men: "You say creditor the debtor, for a slave. you demand a domestic, useful woman as your wife. If that is so, marry Nora Mulligan, your launof Israel had been gained only by dress' daughter. She wears cowhide shoes, is guiltless of corsets, never had a sick day in her life, takes in washing, goes out house cleaning, and cooks for a family of seven children, her mother and three section men who board with her. I don't think she would marry you, because Con Reagan, the track walker, is her style of man. Let us just examine into your qualifications as a model husband, after your own matrimonial ideas, my boy. Can you shoulder a barrel of flour and carry it down cellar? Can you saw and split ten cords of hickory wood in the fall so as to have ready fuel all winter? Can you spade up a half acre of ground are expressly denounced against for a kitchen garden? Do you them in case they should thus know what will take the lime tas'e out of the new cistern, and can you patch the little leak in the kitchen roof? Can you bring home a pane PEOPLE. - Vers. 16-19. Neverthe- of glass and a wad of putty and repair damages in the sitting room window? Can you hang some cheap paper on the kitchen? Cac you fix the front gate so it will not swag? Can you do anything about the house that Con Reagan can? My dear, dear boy, you see Nora a succession of executive officers Mulligan wants a higher type of true manhood. You expect to hire men to do all the man's work about al qualities, assumed the supreme the house, but you want your wife to do anything any woman can do. Believe me, my son, that nine-tenths of the girls who play the piano and sing so charmingly, whom you in CARTERS your limited knowledge set down as mere butterflies of fashion, are better fitted for wives than you are for ance of Israel, the personal ascenda husband. If you want to marry a first class cook and experienced house keeper, do your courting in judges in all. Eight were military the intelligence office. But if you want a wife, marry the girl you love, with dimpled hands and a priest and Samuel the prophet stand face like the sunlight, and her love apart with peculiar missions. Out will teach her all these things, my of the hand (the power) of those that boy, long before you have learned one half of your own lesson.' PROTECT THE CHILDREN.-If be saved from the consequences of pierce the young leaf of a shoot of their sins, but not willing to leave a plant with the finest needle, the the sins, at least only for a time. prick forms a knot which grows. Then the Lord was with the judge: | with the leaf, becomes harder and as he was with Moses and Joshua. harder, and prevents it from obtai. All their victories were from the ing its perfectly complete form. Lord, so that the people might be Something similar takes place after persuaded to return to their only wounds which touch the tender inevitably follows decay of faith. hope. For it repented the Lord. germ of the human soul and injure In the sight of the Lord : evil that He changed his method out of pity the heart-leaves of its being. There



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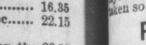
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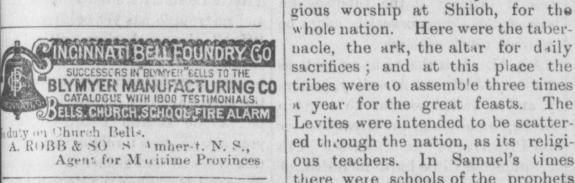
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The Canaanites, though conquer ed, were only partially subdued. They remained in considerable force in the country. Then, too, the life and culture and wealth of the Canaanites would have a fascination to many of Israel, and lead them astray.

The Fascinations of Idolatry seem to have presented great attractions to many of the Israelites. Idols presented a visible, tangible representation of God, with a sensual ceremonial. In the revels of idolaters there was no restraint, no confession of sin but they could serve every evil in the name of their gods. THE' ISRAELITES FALL INTO The St. Croix Soap M'f'g Co., St. Stephen, N. B. IDOLATRY.—Vers. 11-13. And the children of Israel did evil. The Israelites failed to resist temptation, ONE Car Steel Nails just received and and fell into idolatry. They first forgot God, and then evil actions followed .- Practical infidelity follows swiftly upon the heels of speculative infidelity. Decay of morals

favor was withdrawn, the nation was utterly weak. Sin and punishment are inseparable. Sometimes the punishment is a judgment from without, sometimes the natural outgrowth of sin within. In the case of Israel, both. From the root of idolatry grew up licentiousness, pride. etc., and ultimately God permitted invasion and conquest by idolatrous powers. The hand of the Lord was against them : his power and influence. God could not bless a disobedient people. As the Lord had said. Particular reference is had to Lev. 26: 15 17 and Deut. 28:25, where these very judgments

as Baal was the sun.

nation of the earth. We stumble

intense the love, the more intense

gainst sin do not flame and burn,

the spoils of war; also robbers,

is sufficiently horrible; but the an-

cient was tenfold more horrible.

us by which to climb to glory.

apostatize. God is as true to his threats as to his promises.

WHAT GOD DID TO SAVE THE less: in spite of all the people's sins and although God sent the punishment. The Lord raised up judges : in various ways, by various means. The term Judges, which occurs here for the first time, does not signify a mere judicial officer. It is used for who, by the inspiration of the spirit of God, combined with great naturcontrol, and aroused them to throw off the yoke of oppression. The nation had no fixed capital, and the judge selected his own place of residence. They received no salary, imposed no tributes, made no laws, but merely exercised, for the deliver-

ency conferred upon them by "the Spirit of God." There were fifteen heroes, five seem to have led more peaceful lives; while Eli the highspoiled them : took their property as a spoil of war. Yet they would not hearken : They were willing to

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