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INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

First Quarter-Lesson 6.-Feb. 5. THE TRANSFIGURATION.—Matt. 17 1-13.

GOLDEN TEXT .- And there came a

THE SCENE OF THE TRANSFIGURA-TION.—Ver. 1. And after six days. Six days after the conversation recorded in our last lesson. Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother . . . apart: from the other nine disciples, who were left at the base of the mountain. These three were Christ's only companions in Gethsemane; they alone witnessed the resurrection of Jairus' daughter.

Bringeth them up into a high mountain. The exact mountain is unknown, but most modern scholars think it was Mount Hermon, while tradition, placed the scene on Mount Tabor.

THE HOUR OF PRAYER.-Luke (9:28) tells us that the Transfiguration took place while Jesus prayed. So it was at his baptism; as he prayed the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon

THE REVELATION OF CHRIST'S GLORY .- Ver. 2. And was transfigured before; i. e., in their presence. The original word for transfigured is elsewhere in the New Testament (except in the parallel, Mark 9:2) rendered "transformed." It is a change not of substance, but of quality and appearance. The fulness of the Spirit was poured out over his whole being: the heavenly glory of his nature, which was still concealed under his earthly appearance, broke forth. And his face did shine as the sun. The face of Moses had shone (Ex. 34:29) but as the moon; but Christ's shone as the sun, with an innate, inherent light. And his raiment was white as the light: luminously white; with a supernatural whiteness.

Moses and Elijah Talking VITH CHRIST.—Ver. 3. And, behold there appeared unto them (i. e., the disciples) Moses and Elias: These persons were really present. Moses and Elijah were the appropriate representatives of the law and the

THE OBJECT OF THE TRANSFIGUR-ATION. 1. Encouragement to his disciples. He had promised them that he would come again in triumphant glory. Now he shows

them the truth itself. 2. Their fuith is strengthened by seeing the true nature of Jesus. Goods, will find it to their advantage to Hitherto they had seen Jesus only in his human form. It must have tried their faith semetimes, to believe that one in a human form like their own could be divine. Now they see his real nature, "his inherent and essential divinity.

3. The subject of the conversation, his decease, would enable the disciples to see the importance and necessity of that which they most EATHER Manufacturer, and dealer in dreaded. The atonement on the cross was the great event of the

world's history. 4. They learned by the examples before them something of what Jesus meant by his resurrection.

5. It showed them the real harmony and unity of the Old and the New Dispensations. How the Gospel was the fulfilment of Moses and the prophets; how the new kingdom was the flower and fruit growing on the old tree.

THE THREE WITNESSES OF THE Scene. - Ver. 4-8. Then answered Peter: just as the heavenly visitors seemed about to depart. And said unto Jesus : Lord, it is good for us to be here: so far, Peter spoke the simple fact. The experience was good, and would make him a strong-Our Stock is unusually large, em- er, better, more useful man all his

abode of the three heavenly ones, without any reference to saving they seemed about to do.-

the answer to Peter's suggestion. ner. A bright cloud: the symbol of the Or the reverse may be the case divine presence. Overshadowed the wife may be the economist and them : either the whole company or, the husband the careless party. as others think, only Jesus, Moses, Sometimes both prove poor managand Elijah. And behold a voice out ers, then the leak lets out twice as of the cloud, which said, This is my fast as the barrel lets in, and soon turbed at night and broken of your beloved Son. The same voice which there is emptiness or exhaustion. rest by a sick child suffering and crying had once before been heard at the with pain of Cutting Teeth? If so baptism. Such a confirmation of send at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. the great confession of Peter was never to be forgotten. Hear ye the dire penalty has to be paid. him: he is worthy of attention and

obedience. it. It cures Dysentery and Diarrhoea, ent awe and fear. And were sore money, or what a thing costs. They afraid. The manifestations of God's want it, and will have it. Nor are power fill the soul with solemnity. they content with a moderate-pric-

ing till then.

voice out of the cloud, saying, This is of Mal. 3:1 and 4:5. They accept- somehow tide over the difficulty, and Ho my beloved Son: hear him.—Luke ed the fact that Jesus was the Mes- think that they will do better in the

things: work a reformation.

listed: or "wished." They persecut- truism. Extravagance speedily pulls ed the very person to whom the down the vast accumulations. prophecy they interpreted pointed. set him at nought .-

PRACTICAL HINTS.

fulness is the ladder to heaven.

of revival, exaltation, Pentecostal for.—Presbyterian Observer. seasons, though in form they pass away, yet bless and inspire all the subsequent life. No one can do his best work, or come into his largest usefulness, without this experi-

We obtain glimpses of the glory that awaits us.

We have a hint of the employsent to earth on an errand of help-May it not be that in some such service all the redeemed shall engage in glory?

We shall know one another in the other world.

Peter, though he had but a is good to be here." But, oh! how infinitely good will it be to be in

We are not to seek to stay upon the Mount of Transfiguration, but must bring these experiences into daily life, to make as live better, to help us to do more good.

There are some truths which we cannot fully understand till other "Tell no man the vision," till you comprehend it yourselves.

Waste.

There is much of it in the world. It is caused either by thriftlessness or by extravagance.

In the first instance one may not intend to waste, but he lacks the power of judicious management. This defect is visible in almost every department of life.

Here is a man in business. He is sober, industrious and honest, He seems to prosper. He has a good trade, or occupation, or profession. He minds the odds and ends. But somehow his household expenses increase. More and more his family's wants multiply. It takes so much tokeep his wife and children fed, clothed and educated. Larger and larger drafts are made upon his purse. Debts now press him. Creditors demand payment. And soon he is put into bankruptcy. Inquiry is instituted as to the cause, and it is found that the leakage If thou wilt, let us make here began at home; that the mistress three tabernacles: or booths, made was no manager; that she was careof bushes. Like those at the Feast less about servants and clothing ef Tabernacles, they were for the and table; that things were used to retain them lest they depart, as that the children were not trained to frugality; and that everything While he yet spake. Here was was done in a very thriftess man-

It matters not who is to blame, or where the fault lies, the point is, the funds have been squandered and

The other source of wastefulness is extravagance. Some persons They fell on their face: in rever- have no notion of the value of Jesus came and touched them. Be ed article; they must have the very They saw no man: the two jewels, provide the most sumptuous jun161y. Conversation and Explana somehow the purse will hold out precept.

TIONS .- Ver. 9-13. Tell the vision and be refilled in due season. They the thing seen) to no man, until the have no just conception of what Son of man be risen: because they economy means; never look ahead could not fully understand its mean- live merely in and for the present gratification; and take little ac-His disciples asked him, saying, count of the day of settlement. They occupying one of the largest Stores in the pile up accounts, and when pay day largest variety of Why then say the scribes that Elias pile up accounts, and when pay day must first come? On the strength arrives they feel the pressure, but siah, but wanted to understand how future, yet the days and months and this could be, since Elijah had not years roll by, and no improvement appears, and at last the threatened | Chamber Suites, \$12 to \$120. Elias truly shall first come: just collapse occurs, when the splendid as the scribes said. And restore all furniture, magnificent mansion and possessions are sold at a sacrifice Elias is come already: as they and pass into other hands. Spendsoon understood, in the person of thrifts soon consume a colossal for-John the Baptist, who came "in tune. Many, left their thousands, the spirit and power of Elijah" He are in a few years penniless. Num- Tapestry, Union, All Wool (Engdid for this generation what Elijah | bers who have become suddenly rich had done for his. They knew him in speculation have in a short not: refers to the Jews, especially period been reduced to want. What to the scribes. Whatsoever they comes easy goes easy, has become a

Wastefulness is a sin. To spend Woven Wire Mattrasses, \$0.25. Likewise shall also the Son of man | foolishly or needlessly has no Bible suffer of them. That the scribes did sanction. God gives abundance, not recognize and accept John the but He requires its right use and Baptist as Elijah was no proof that proper preservation. He commits Elijah had not come; neither would | His good things to us in trust. He it any more be proof that Jesus was regards what we have as loaned, not not the Messiah because the scribes owned. He calls us His stewards, Bedding of all Kinds not proprietors. He holds us responsible for our possession and acquisi-Only those who have served tions. He who squanders his reve-Christ faithfully in the valleys of nues commits a gross offence, and daily duty, and have lived near to has a terrible account to render. him, can climb with him the Mount | Large substances wasted are a terriof Transfiguration. Daily faith- ble thing for which to answer at heaven's bar. Riches are not intend-Our richest and most heavenly ed to minister to extravagance, or to experiences come in and through be lavished on self without regard to a hereafter; but are a gift to be Those higher experiences, times divinely employed and accounted

Caution in Punishment.

Punishment should never be the expressions of the parent's irritation. and slapping children too often the from \$2.50 up. The stock is too large to mode of expression, should always enumerate. Must be examined to be apbe avoided. A sharp, stinging blow only arouses rebellion, although ment of the redeemed. Two were prudence may prevent its expression; and the obedience is dearly fulness,—came to cheer the Son of bought that awakens the worst God as he set out for his cross. feelings of the little heart. A mother should always control herself before she attempts to control her child; and, if chastisement must be inflicted, it should be after her own excitement has cooled down and she can look at the fault glimpse of glory, yet he saith, "It only partially. Many a poor little one, is the scapegoat upon whom This preparation is well known throughthe sins of the family are visitednot consciously, perhaps; and the very presentation of the thought is, it may be, arousing the indignation of the reader, but I appeal to the consciences of the mothers who see this article. Is it not true that when the baby is fretful, and the servants have been contrary, and things have been made plain to us. the sewing that you have been so long over has to be ripped out, and you feel overburdened with your many cares, a very little fault on the part of an older child- his noisiness, restlessness, his failure to obeybrings down upon him punishment quite disproportionate to the fault? And are not faults discerned in him that would not be noticed in more prosperous times? Bitter, indeed, would be your remorse should you, even by accident, inflict upon him a lasting physical injury, but remember that the harm done daily to his spiritual nature by your hasty words and deeds cannot be estimated. Should a sculptor, in a moment of annoyance from outside disturbances, mar by angry strokes of the mallet the beautiful statue he was at work upon, you would feel his

Duties of a Sunday-School, Teacher.

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She is carving a soul into an angel,

and her work is to last throughout

eternity and to bear the light of

heaven.—Parish Visitor.

- 1. Be punctual; tardy teachers make tardy scholars.
- Find Christ in every lesson, Christ to be believed on for the
- Be enthusiastic about your work; believe in it; cultivate love for it. It is high and holy work.
- 4. Seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit: without that your best work will be a failure; with that you can not fail.
- 5. Never be absent from a session of the school unless it is absolutely unavoidable. If you are to be absent, provide a substitute.
- 6. Make thorough preparation for teaching the lesson. Have your class in mind as you prepare. The successful marksman takes aim.
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