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O January ! first of this new year,

What scenes are hidden in thy coming

hours? We greet thee with a mingled joy and fear.

Knowing thou hast for us both thorns and flowers;

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thee. To Him we leave it, glad to march along, Feeling that what is best alone will be. And as we onward pass, kind wishes fall, That this may prove a happy year for all. -SOPHIE L. SCHENCK.

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INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

First Quarter-Lesson I,-January 6

THE MISSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST -Mark 1:1-11.

crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye in the East, and this must always the way of the Lord.-Mark 1:3.

THE COMING OF CHRIST .- At the Confessing their sins. The very act my beloved Son. Thus the baptism JAMES EPPS & Co., Homeopathic coming of Christ the world was of baptism was a confession of sins of Christ was the occasion of his peculiarly prepared for him and his and a promise of repentance, but work. There were many lands, but doubtless they also, as Alford says, nearly all the world was subject to made "a particular and individual the one government at Rome, so confession;" not, however, made well pleased. This voice from that the preachers of the Gospel privately to John, but before the heaven assured Jesus that he was could travel in safety, and be pro- people. No one truly repents who indeed the Son of God, and had tected in their work. The world does not also confess,-to God the was at peace, so that the Gospel sins against God. to man the sins could have free course. The Greek | against man, ever also making re ATIBELL FOUNDRY GO language was spoken everywhere stitution as far as possible. BLYMYER MANUFACTURING CO with the native languages, so that, the Gospel could be heard and read fession strikes at the root of the ELLS CHURCH SCHOOL FIRE ALARM by all. The Jews had been dis- matter, showing that we ourselves persed through all lands, carrying are to blame for our sins. It A. ROBB & -O S Amherst. N. S., the Old Testament, which bore wit- honors God before men, no longer Agent f * Maritime Provinces ness to one God, and held the pro. imputing to him the evils which be-9 Gords 10 HOURS phecies of the Messiah. And they long to ourselves. It confirms and had established synagogues in al- strengthens us in our new life. It most every town, so that there was is a barrier against returning again a place in which to preach the to sin. It tends also to convict Gospel, and a people who could be others of sin, and to lead them to own heart and in the community. BY ONE MAN. Greatly improved. Also TOOL for filing saws whereby those least experienced can-not make a mistake. Sent free with machine. To easily reached. It was a time of repentance. great intellectual activity, and there not make a mistake. Sent free with machine. To others, for common cross-cut saws, by mail \$2.60. Hun-dreds have sawed \$ to 9 CORDS daily. We want all who burn wood and all interested in the timber business to write for our Illustrated Free Catalogue. We have ex-actly what you want. the greatest labor-saver and best-selling tool now on earth. First order from your vicin-ity secures agency. No duty to pay. We manufacture in Canada. FOLIMNG SAWING MACHINE CO., 303 to 311 So. Canal Street, Chicago, U.S. A. existing religions. MCSHANE BELL FOUNDRY Fleest Grade of Bells, Chimes & Peals for Churches, Colleges, Tower Clocks, etc. Fully warranted; satisfaction guaranteed. Send for price and catalogue. HENRY MCSHANE & CO., BALTIMORE, Md., U.S Mention this paper. IN THE SELECTION OF CHOICE GIFT For Pastor, Parent, Teacher, Child, or Friend, both elegance and usefulness will be found combined in a copy of Webster's Unabridged. VARIOUS STYLES ICTIONARY OF BINDING

tative of his whole work. Baptize, If one so deeply, though hitherto preach. An explanation of quietly, devout, had stayed away how John performed the duty of from the ministry and baptism of to forerunner, according to the pro- the new prophet, it would have phecy. Baptism of repentance; i. e., been setting a very bad example, ently | a ceremonial washing, which denot- unless explained. Jesus was the ome- ed a profession of repentance, or a example for his disciples to imitate; thorough change of mind with re- and as baptism was to be an ordighel spect to sin. Remission of sins. nance of perpetual obligation in the and It is more than the taking away of new dispensation, we see in the

God as to a loving father, who treats was going up the bank of the river. us as if we never had sinned.

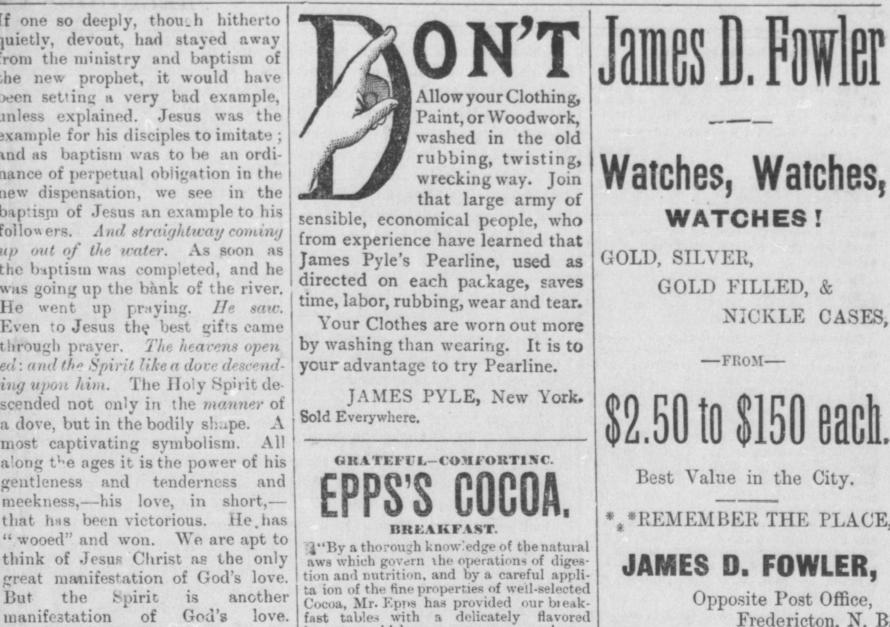
FOURTH. Large Numbers were brought to Repentance, and so prepared to believe on Jesus. And were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan. The place (five miles northeast of Jericho) was known as Bethabara, "the house of the ford." Fords do not change in a river like GOLDEN TEXT .- The voice of one the Jordan; roads are never altered have been, as it is now, the place of

PROVIDENTIAL PREPARATIONS FOR passage from Jericho to Gilead.

the punishment due for our sins. | baptism of Jesus an example to his It is the being received back into followers. And straightway coming the family of God, as his true chil- up out of the water. As soon as dren, so that we may draw near to the baptism was completed, and he

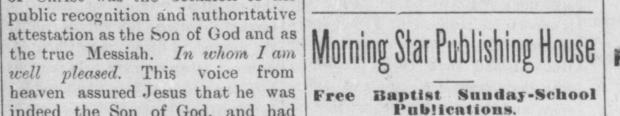
He went up praying. He saw. THIRD. He awakened a General Even to Jesus the best gifts came Interest among the masses. There through prayer. The heavens open And as we blindly meet each new-born day, was a wide ferment of thought and ed: and the Spirit like a dove descend-We ask for guidance o'er the untried way. feeling and hope, and this was a ing upon him. The Holy Spirit denecessary preparation for the recep- scended not only in the manner of Welcome, New Year ! Faith bids each tion of Christ. And there went out a dove, but in the bodily shape. A unto him all the land of Judea. A most captivating symbolism. All For God will order all that comes with popular description of the multi along the ages it is the power of his tudes, -- representatives from all gentleness and tenderness and parts, city and country, and of all meekness,--his love, in short,-classes. And they of Jerusalem. that has been victorious. He has Even the highest and most educated "wooed" and won. We are apt to and wealthy classes were drawn to think of Jesus Christ as the only great manifestation of God's love.

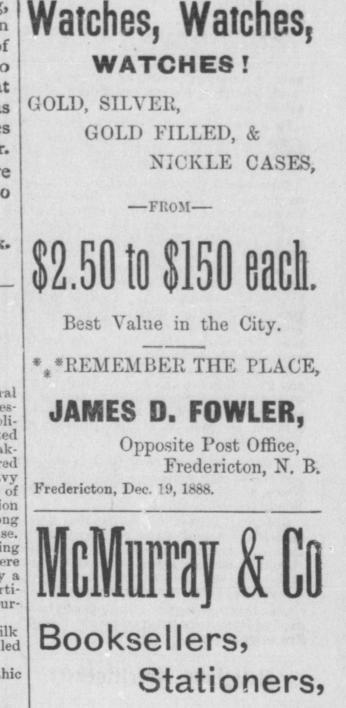
> And the Spirit produces, in the hearts of those who dwell in the Spirit, the dove-like nature, -gentle, may be gradually built up until strong loving, attractive. And there came a voice from heaven. Three times during our Lord's earthly ministry in the courts of the temple during Passion Week. Saying, Thou art thus public recognition and authoritative



beverage which may save us many heavy dectors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a was a voice heard from heaven : at his baptism ; at his transfiguration ; in the courts of the temple during Sold only in packets by Grocers, labelled

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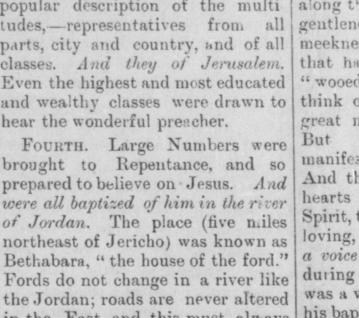
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And John was clothed with camel's was a widespread disbelief in the hair. Woven into a garment, a their message. mantle or tunic such as the Bedouins

THE ONE FOR WHOM JOHN CAME still wear. Not the elegant kind necessary to remission of sins. TO PREPARE.-Ver. 1. The begin- of cloth made of the fine hair of the ning of the gospel. This verse is a camel, which is thence called camtitle to the book of Mark. It is let, but a coarse stuff manufactured equivalent to the liturgical phrase from the long and shaggy hair (shed] "Here beginneth" the Gospel, etc. every year) of those animals. And The preaching of John the Baptist with a girdle of a skin : i. e., of unwas the beginning of the announce- tanned leather, like that worn by ment of the Gospel by Jesus. The the Bedouin of the present day. gospel. Shortened from "good And he did eat locusis. The comspell," i. e., good story, news, tid- mon brown locust is about three ings. Jesus Christ, the Son of God. | inches in length, and the general This is the full title of our Lord, a form is that of a grasshopper. Locomplete description of our glorious | custs have been used as food from | Saviour. Jesus (meaning Saviour) the earliest times. And wild honey. was his personal name, showing his Wild honey is common in the but professed it in God's way; and human nature. Christ (meaning forests of Eastern Palestine, or just every true follower should follow anointed) is the Greek equivalent of where John was baptizing. John's him both in the kind of religion and

se ding persons to prepare the way vants to bind on, to loose, and carry snake-charmers will have anything satisfaction. in Leather a for the march of a monarch through about their master's sandals. The to do. By attracting its attention. Ache they would be almost priceless to those READ SOME SAMPLE PRICES Walnut Parlor Suits, a wild and uncultivated region. general sense is, "I am not worthy with one hand, it may be easily NEURALGIA who suffer from this distressing complaint Marble Top Chamber Suits 35 25 and sold on This consisted of leveling hills, fill- to perform for him the humblest seized round the body with the other; but fortunately their goodness does not end Woven Wire Mattrasses, 3 00 here, and those who once try them will find SCIATICA, ing valleys, putting roads in order, offices." I indeed have baptized you and so long as the hand or any other Brussels Carpets, 95 cents per yard, cut to match and made up free of charge. these little pills valuable in so many ways that they will not be willing to do without them. John, N. I and getting everything in readiness. with (or in) water. I have adminis- object is kept moving before its But after all sick head Dinner Sets from \$7.50 up. NERVOUS HEADACHE, etc. Make his paths straight. Level up tered the outward rite, that ex- eyes it will never turn to OUSE presses your repentance, but cannot bite the hand that holds and straighten the ways. JOHN THE BAPTIST PREPARING renew your hearts. But he shall it. This is the simple fact the is the bane of so many lives that here is where main Sts., Persons who wave been troubl- THE WAY FOR CHRIST .- Vers. 4.8. baptize you with (or in) the Holy knowledge of which the charmers White Granite Cups and Saucers, 59 cts. we make our great boast. 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He led the People to he was now about 30 years old The charmers say that the adder of per bottle. Deep Conviction of Sin, and thus (Luke 3: 23), the age at which the the East, the Daboia, has no ear for · athartic made the people feel their need of a Levites began their ministry, and music, because they cannot operate CURES RHEUMATISM Saviour. John. Called the Baptist the rabbis their teaching. And was on it as they do on the cobra. It is SALE Compound in Matthew. This name, the Bap- baptized of John in Jordan. It is rather interesting to note that this FREEMAN'S tizer, was of course given him in uncertain where, but "probably at has been the be'ief since David's IT CURES LIVER COMPLAINT, BILIOUS DISORDENS, ACID STOMACH, DYSPEPSIA, LOSS OF APPETITE, consequence of the remarkable rite a ford near Jericho, where John had time at least, -- "like the deaf adder WORM POWDERS. STROYS AND REMOVES WORM EDHAY SICK HEADACHE, CONSTIPATION OR COSTIVENESS. he performed, which attracted uni- been baptizing. Why Jesus was that stoppeth her ear, which will ALL KINDS IN CHILDREN OR BRANDON, Man., 21st Oct., 1896.—I find Campbell's Cath-artic Compound the best article I have ever used for costive-ness or biliousness, and easy to take. I am, yours truly, A. N. McDonald. ADULTS SWEET AS SYRUP AND CANNOT HARM THE MOST versal attention, and was repeatedly baptized. Matthew says it was in not harken to the voice of charm-Are pleasant to take. Contain their own Purgative. Is a safe, suro, and effectual used as the characteristic represen- order "to fulfil all righteousness." ers."-Nature. Seid by dealers in family medicines everywhere Seic. per botile. lins's destroyer of worms in Call and " duits

God's help and approval in all his difficult mission. It was also a testimony to John and to the people, that this Jesus was the true Messiah for whom they had been looking.

PRACTICAL HINTS.

It is a terrible thought that there are souls close by us which have not in their own hearts.

It is the duty of every one to prepare the way of the Lord, both in his

True teachers are a voice, calling attention, not to themselves, but to

True repentance is always accompanied by the confessing and the forsaking of in. It is a change of mind, of heart, of life.

Of all acts, is not, for a man, repentance the must divine? The f none.

There can be no success in saving men except through the baptism of the Holy Spirit on the part of the teachers and the taught.

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of 118,000 Words, 3000 Engravin ed him. The dress was probably nature. Once a year, during the rainy A Gazetteer of the World JOHN THE BAPTIST FORETOLD IN deliberately adopted by the Baptist season, the cobra lays from twelve cating and describing 25,000 Places, St. John, N B THE SCRIPTURES .-- Vers. 2, 3. As as reviving the outward appearance to twenty eggs. In one specimen A Biographical Dictionary PILLS it is written. in the prophets ver. 2, of Elijah. And preached. John shown by Mr. Phipson, the young 10,000 Noted Person is from Mal. 3: 1, and ver. 3 from did much more than baptize; he one is seen just as it is emerging **A** Dictionary of Fiction HARK ! Isa. 40:3 Behold, I send my mes- warned, and entreated, and persuad- from the egg. The tooth with und only in Webster, All in One Book. songer before thy face. As heralds ed men to repentance, and pro- which it cuts its way out is shed as went before the oriental kings pro claimed the coming Christ. There soon as it has served its purpose. 3000 more Words and nearly 2000 more Illus trations than any other American Dictionary. Sold by all Booksellers. Pamphlet free. claiming their coming, and bidding cometh one mightier than I. He When born the young cobras Sick Headache and relieve all the troubles inci-G. & C. MERRIAM & CO., Pub'rs, Springfield, Mass. every one to make way for him. called attention away from himself, measured about seven and one half dent to a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea. Drowsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While their most remarkable success has been shown in curing The poice. (Isa. 40: 3-5.) John is who was but a man, to the divine inches long, and were about nine STEEL NAILS. called "a voice" because he was the Saviour, who was able to save them inches in length, but had lost all ONE Cor Steel Nails just received and utterer of God's thought; he called from their sins. The latchet of their plumpness. It was very reattention not to himself, but to his whose shoes, or rather, sandals. markable that the original nutrifor sale low. at message. Of one crying in the "Latchet." a word now obsolete, ment got out of the egg should be NEILL'A Mardware Store. dropped lower in prices. Headache, yet CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS wilderness. The thinly inhabited was the "thong" or "lace" with able to sustain them so long. On are equally valuable in Constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint, while they also correct all disorders of the stomach, regions. Prepare ye the way of the which shoes or sandals were fasten- account of its timidity and the great stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels. Lord. The figure here used is ed. I am not worthy to unloose. It ease with which it can be tamed, it REMED Even if they only cured founded on an eastern custom of was the business of the lowest ser- is the only snake with which the

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