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To smite that unschooled heart of thine-Through pain or want or sore distress, To teach sweet pity and redress,

That warm the wintry year, There is no soul in such duress But grief may come to search and bless, And love to crown the year. Dora Read Goodale.

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INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

First Quarter-Lesson VIII.-Feb. 23

OF THE TEMPTATION JESUS.-Luke 4 : 1-13. GOLDEN TEXT.-In that he himself hath suffered, being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted -Heb. 2:18.

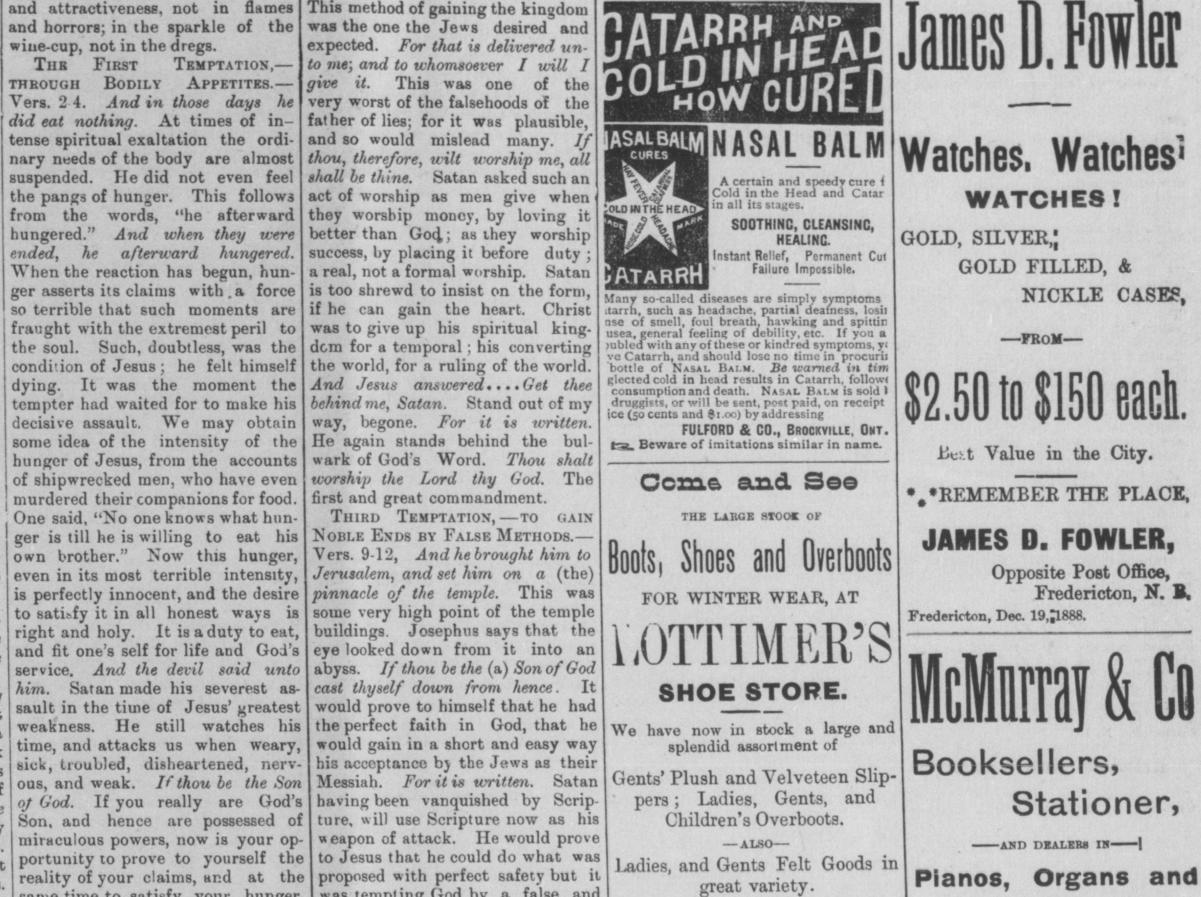
And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost, who descended upon him just after his baptism. Returned from Jordan. Jesus started to go back to Galilee after his baptism but this plan was changed by the leading of the Spirit. And was led by the Spirit. Probably in the same way that we may be led by the Spirit. He did not seek temptation. That is always wrong and dangerous. But he obeyed the Spirit's impulses, and went where he was bidden, even though it brought him into temptation. Into (in) the wilderness, where he could be absorbed in intense meditation, and fight for himself the great battle with temptation. Being forty days tempted of command. the devil The temptation continued during the whole period; and the Unless it was wrong, there was no gers, appeal to God for protection. three instances given are types of temptation in his hunger, but only It is insult and presumption to rush the temptations of the whole 40 an opportunity to satisfy it. It recklessly into danger, and then days. It is not probable that Jesus was wrong because he had taken trust that we shall come out unscath. lived 30 years in Nazareth without upon himself the nature of man, enduring many temptations and and the conditions and sufferings of sumes to break any one, even the overcoming them; but this period of mankind. For the Lord to have least, of the laws of God, and then temptation was in reference to his used his miraculous power to sus- expects God to save it from the great work as the Messiah. New tain his own life, would have been consequences of its disobedience, it responsibilities required a new test- to lift up himself above his own is not faith, but presumption. ing. If Jesus should enter safely sphere as a son of man. Such a upon his work as the Messiah, then the kingdom of God would come ity a mere appearance. And Jesus devil had ended all the temptation. and Satan's kingdom be broken for- answered him, saying, It is written. ever, and Satan could not let this These words, "It stands written," departed from him for a season. He crisis pass without exerting every are the first upon record that were awaited a new opportunity. Doubtpossible power to defeat the Son of spoken by our Lord after his en- less Jesus was tempted again and God and his mission of salvation. trance into his ministeria! office is Tempted of (by) the devil. The term an assertion of the authority of "the devil" is always used in the Scripture. That he maketh the Bible to signify an evil spirit. Scripture his rule, though he had be tempted with good, to yield to God is to live forever. which temptation would have been THE SECOND TEMPTATION,-TO evil in him, ruin to the universe. we all may possess. ed unto him all the kingdoms of the The Method of the Temptations. world in a moment of time. This (1) The temptations must have come term may very well signify tion of a man's life is fixed at seventy from without, and not from the that he made them appear years. Of course, we all know that mind of Jesus, if he was sinless. before the view of Jesus, in some people live to be eighty, ninety (2) The common view is that this is instantaneous succession, by a dia- or a hundred years old, and in very CLEAR a literal narrative, -""that Satan bolical phantasmagoria. And the rare cases to pass beyond the cen-SKIN really appeared in tangible form to devil said unto him. All this power tennial: and we know, too, that the Jesus, and proposed to him to con- will 1 give thee. All the power mejority die bofore reaching seventy. vert the stones into bread, carried which wealth, rank, splendor, armies, him bodily to the pinnacle of the thrones, could wield. And the glory | -- the eagle, swan, and raven-which temple, and showed him from some of them. All that gives them world- live to the age of a hundred or high eminence a view which at least ly glory and magnificence. Satan more. The paroquet and neron

and attractiveness, not in flames This method of gaining the kingdom and horrors; in the sparkle of the was the one the Jews desired and wine-cup, not in the dregs. THE FIRST TEMPTATION,— to me; and to whomsoever I will I THROUGH BODILY APPETITES.— give it. This was one of the GOL Vers. 2.4. And in those days he very worst of the falsehoods of the And, where thou enterest, shalt thou find | did eat nothing. At times of in- | father of lies; for it was plausible, suspended. He did not even feel shall be thine. Satan asked such an the pangs of hunger. This follows act of worship as men give when from the words, "he afterward they worship money, by loving it hungered." And when they were better than God; as they worship ended, he afterward hungered. success, by placing it before duty; When the reaction has begun, hun- a real, not a formal worship. Satan CATARRH ger asserts its claims with a force is too shrewd to insist on the form, ger asserts its claims with a force is too shrewd to insist on the form, so terrible that such moments are if he can gain the heart. Christ fraught with the extremest peril to was to give up his spiritual king. fraught with the extremest peril to was to give up his spiritual kingthe soul. Such, doubtless, was the dcm for a temporal; his converting condition of Jesus; he felt himself the world, for a ruling of the world. dying. It was the moment the And Jesus answered .... Get thee tempter had waited for to make his behind me, Satan. Stand out of my decisive assault. We may obtain way, begone. For it is written. some idea of the intensity of the He again stands behind the bulhunger of Jesus, from the accounts wark of God's Word. Thou shalt of shipwrecked men, who have even worship the Lord thy God. The murdered their companions for food. | first and great commandment. One said, "No one knows what hunger is till he is willing to eat his NOBLE ENDS BY FALSE METHODS .-

own brother." Now this hunger, Vers. 9-12, And he brought him to even in its most terrible intensity, Jerusalem, and set him on a (the) is perfectly innocent, and the desire pinnacle of the temple. This was to satisfy it in all honest ways is some very high point of the temple

Command this stone that it be made unwarranted use of the promise. bread. Pointing, probably, to one It is said. Jesus shows from the

right and holy. It is a duty to eat, buildings. Josephus says that the and fit one's self for life and God's eye looked down from it into an service. And the devil said unto abyss. If thou be the (a) Son of God him. Satan made his severest as- cast thyself down from hence. It sault in the time of Jesus' greatest | would prove to himself that he had weakness. He still watches his the perfect faith in God, that he time, and attacks us when weary, would gain in a short and easy way sick, troubled, disheartened, nerv- his acceptance by the Jews as their ous, and weak. If thou be the Son Messiah. For it is written. Satan of God. If you really are God's having been vanquished by Scrip-Son, and hence are possessed of ture, will use Scripture now as his miraculous powers, now is your op- weapon of attack. He would prove portunity to prove to yourself the to Jesus that he could do what was reality of your claims, and at the proposed with perfect safety but it same time to satisfy your hunger. was tempting God by a false and



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From Jude 6 we infer that he is a the fulness of the Spirit above created being of a higher order than measure. That man shall not live man, who had fallen away from by bread alone. Not by ordinary, Gcd. It is no more unreasonable visible food alone. Other things to believe in a personal devil than are far more necessary to true livin bad men. Satan and his angels ing. The bread must be bread with were once in heaven (2 Pet. 2:4; honesty, truth, holiness, divine ap-Jude 6). Satan is the father of lies proval, or man cannot live by it, but (John 8:44). Satan blinds men's only die. But by every word of spiritual vision (2 Cor. 4:4). God. This quotation originally Satan can assume very winning applied to the Israelites when they forms (2 Cor. 11:14). Satan is the had been bitterly complaining of great tempter and adversary of hunger in the wilderness, and God men (1 Pet. 5:8; Luke 22:31). had sent them the miraculous sup-Satan is very powerful (Eph. 6:12). ply of manna. God by his word How could a Holy Being like can supply food out of the ordinary Christ be tempted ? In every act of way. We live not by our ordinary sin there are two distinct steps. food alone, but by whatever food (1) There is the rising of a desire God may send in his own way and

which is natural, and, being natur- time. We may perfectly trust God al, is not wrong. (2) There is the to supply our wants if we do his indulgence of that desire in forbid- will. God could give Jesus food den circumstances, and that is sin. from heaven, as he gave the Israel-Sin is not in the appetites, but in ites manna. It means that true the absence of a controlling will. life comes from obedience to God, He was not temp:ed with evil, but and trust in God, and communion with good; with inferior forms of with God. To eat wrongly gotten gcod. I do not believe that the food is to die spiritually, and to die Son of God could be tempted with spiritually is to die forever, while evil, but I do believe that he could to die physically in the service of

GAIN SUCCESS BY DOING WRONG. The Reality of the Temptation. And the devil. taking him up into a real temptation, as real as our temp- literally went up, or was taken in of Satan. tations, and without miraculous aids spirit, in either case the vision must After the battle and victory come to victory, but only such aids as be regarded as supernatural. Show- sweet blessings from heaven.

the power in his hands which his the Lord thy God. That is, thou Boys and Children's wear. after life showed that he had at shalt not try him, dare him; or, thou shalt not, by throwing thyself into

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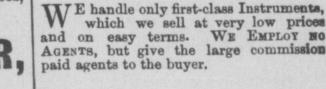
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The Bible is the Christian's armory of defence. He should so thoroughly learn his Bible as to be prepared for every attack. The Christian ignorant of the Bible is always in danger.

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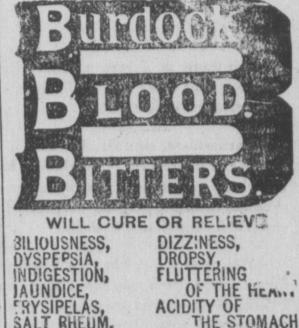
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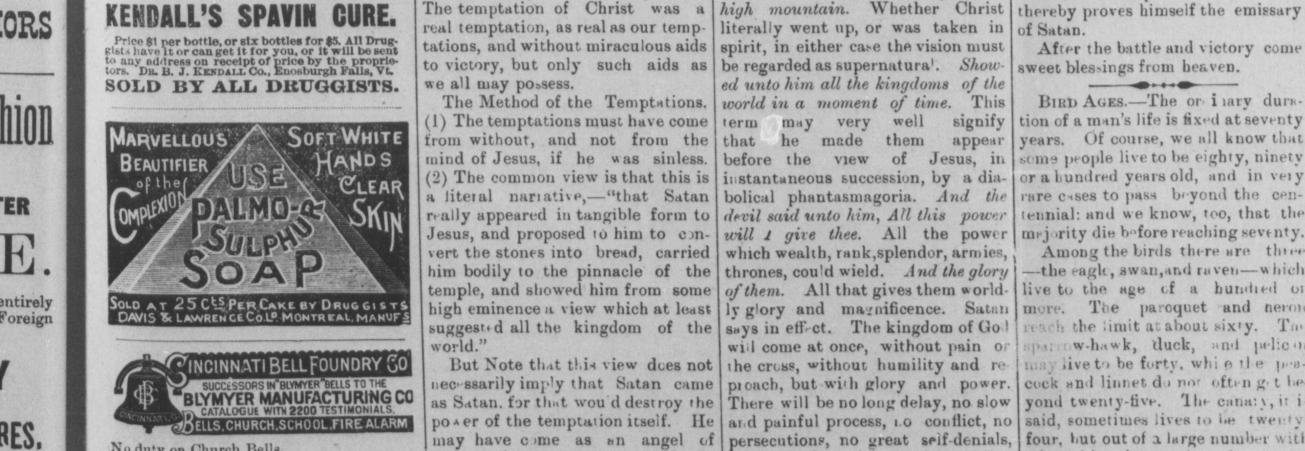
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power of the temptation itself. He and painful process, no conflict, no said, sometimes lives to be twentymay have come as an angel of persecutions, no great self-denials, four, but out of a large number with light, and he may have used the no martyrdoms, no soul lost; but whose histories we have been perimagination of Christ, as well as his literal vision, in showing him all the kingdom of the earth. Christ pealed to the noblest feelings and the kingdom of the earth. Christ the kingdom of the earth. Christ pealed to the nobiest feelings and years. Perhaps in a free state their was tempted "like as we are," but purest aspirations of Jesus, offering lives are longer, and they do live to Satan never comes to us in his own him, apparently, the very things he be over twenty; but it is to be

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