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INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

THE PRAYER OF THE PEN ITENT.-Pe. 51:1-13. GOLDEN TEXT. - Create in me a cleun heart O God, and renew within

me a right spirit -Ps. 51:10. THE SIN AND CRIME. David had committed the two greatest sins against God, and crimes against man which one can commit against another, adultery and murder. It was a sudden and unexpected assault of temptation, contrary to the whole trend of David's life and common root. Is ever before me. That is, my sin plagues me, gives character. The sin was so black because of its contrast with the preme no rest, no peace. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned. The word vious life and character of David. 'only' is striking, considering how It was like the sudden opening of a dark and filthy chasm in the midst of a fair landscape. It is the story of a fall, swift and horrible, from the "holy hill of God into the very swallowed up in that. Face to face abyss of Satan." Moreover, it was the sin of one who was living amid special advantages and peculiar light and blessings from God. The sin of one who was living amid special advantages and peculiar light and blessings from God. The great sin of David is not to be excused.

For a year David made no public acknowledgment of his sin. But we learn from the 32d Psalm that all was not peace within. "When I kept silence my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day ong

David was brought to realize his guilt, to repent, and confess his sin by the prophet Nathan and his parable. The world often considers those blest who are shrewd enough not to be found out in their sin But the Lord knows that often discovery is the best possible thing for the sinner. The sequel, the earnest repentance, the prayer for renewal, the discipline of years by which the

the evil results are taken sway.] (2) All that comes from separation A NEW LIFE.-Ver. 13. Then. from God and from his direct dis- And not till then. The repentant pleasure is removed. All the evils sinner who has found his way into econd Quarter-Lesson V. - May 1. of sin may be removed in the world the light, can help others. Will I to come. For 1 acknowledge my teach transgressors thy ways. gressions: And my sin. Looked at then sinners will be converted. in one way he sees the separate acts of which he had been guilty ; looked at in another way he sees them all knotted together. No sin dwells alone; the separate acts have a

transgressions. Primarily this means would fain teach transgressors thy "For I know my transgression." ways. Such a desire is one of the All true confession is first to God surest signs of spiritual repentance. and then to man, so far as he has And sinners shall be converted unto been injured by the sin. Trans- thee. Whenever saints are revived, W. C. T. Anion.

> OUR MOTTO.-If God be for us. who can be against us.

Work and Workers.

BY MARGARET BOTTOME.

I am indebted to Miss Willard David had cruelly injured his fellow- for these suggestions for the workers' men. The words are to be explain- interests, so am glad to set them ed by David's deep conviction of sin afloat in The Union Signal to catch as sin. For the moment all else is what favoring winds they may.

Much is said (and not too much) with God, he sees nothing else, but about this and that work for the his holiness outraged, his love scorn- Master. Much is given (and none ed. Therefore he must confess and too much for this and that work), be forgiven by God before he could but have you ever thought how much even think of the wrong done to his is depending on the work or workers neighbor. All sin, as sin, is and in all these different kinds of work? must be against God. All wrong and how closely identified with the done to our neighbor is wrong done work these workers are? and how to one created in the image of God. much they need to be looked after? All wounding of another, whether for real workers are not very apt to in person or property, in body or think of themselves. I know of a soul, is a sin against the goodness woman at the head of a magnificent of God. In like manner, all love work in this country, and pleading to our neighbour is love to God, for the work to which she had given whom we love in him. "Inasmuch her life. of whom a noble man said : as ye have done it to the least of "Miss-does not look strong. these, ye have done it unto me." wonder if she travels in the easiest That thou mayest be justified, i. e. I way? I wonder if she has all the make this fullest possible confession nourishing food she needs, and the of my sins as especially against thee, delicacies she ought to have ?" and so that thou mayest be vindicated on inquiry he found that she was in the severest inflictions upon me. stinting herself to the last degree to When thou speakest, i. e. when thou give to her work, and he said to his

dost speak as a judge, condemning. wife : "I will look after her and Be clear when thou judgest. Be re- thus help the work." garded as being pure and holy and I can scarcely write, for the tears Organs, for which we make a special right in the judgment thou sha't always blind my eyes when I think count both to the church and clergyman. make. Behold, I was shapen in ini- of one who gave her life for a noble quity, etc. David does not mean work, and cared for her poor lost write us for prices. terms, etc. to throw the blame of his sins upon sisters till she breathed her last; another, but to say that he belongs but she never thought of herself, to a sinning race. He was tainted and after she died we said : "Oh, why didn't we do this or that ?" The depth and blackness of his I write this because of a nob'e sin is seen when he looks from his woman doing missionary work in own sin to the pure law of God, the this city of New York. who has just picture of what he ought to have passed out of my presence. She been. Behold, Thou desirest truth came to thank me for the interest I in the inward parts. Sincerity, true had taken in trying to get a poor holiness, heart fidelity are the de- girl a situation (the girl was no more mands of God. Inward parts. The to her than to me); she could hardly mind. And in the hidden part thou said : "What is the matter ?" and Watches, Watches shalt make me to know wisdom. The she told me she could only describe Holy Spirit can write the law on the pain in her feet by saying that our heart. He can put the fear of both feet had a hard toothache. I the Lord within, and that is the be- said : "Are you much on your feet?" ginning of wisdom. Purge (cleanse) she smiled as she said : "Always i GOLD, SILVER, me with hyssop. A plant used by the street." I said : "Don't you the priests in pronouncing ceremoni- take the cars when you have to go ally clean one who had been freed a distance?" She answered : "Sel from leprosy, or who had been de- dom." "Why not?" I asked. She filed by contact with a dead body. replied : "It costs five cents, and I David saw in this a symbol of the can't afford it." A mement after, divine cleansing of his soul. Wash with much delight, she showed me a me, &c., denoting perfect purity. ten-dollar bill that had been given Snow is white below as well as on her for a case of distress. I simply the surface. Make me to hear joy said : "I wish the wealthy lady had and gladness. Make him hear the given an additional five dollars for voice of forgiveness, which would you." I picked up a few coppers give him double joy. There are few from the table and slipped them in-* *REMEMBER THE PLACE joys greater than that of reconcilia- to her bag that she might ride in tion with God, and the assurance of the cars that day. Now, I admit forgiveness. That the bones which that it is thoughtless in helping a to excuse his sin, or to apologize for thou has: broken may rejoice. The work, and not being thoughtful for JAMES D. FOWLER, it. It was guilt that was before his crushing of the bones being a very the worker. I could give instance strong figure, denotes complete pros- after instance that has come under is not until we see the light shining tration, mental and bodily. His my own observation, and I have no Fredericton, Dec. 19, 1888. wounds were no mere flesh wounds. doubt under yours. As a worker, I A PRAYER FOR A NEW HEART AND have been uncommonly fortunate. Calvary that melts the hardened LIFE -- Vers. 9-12. Hide thy face, My lot has been cast among the THE U i. e. thy face of wrath; do not look thoughtful, and that is why I can saves sinners, not his dreadful upon them in anger. Blot out all speak for others. It might not have mine iniquities. Treat them as if given you pleasure, but it did me, they did not exist. Create. The when a circle of young Daughters herewith announced : whole spiritual being of the man of the King told me they had sent had fallen. He wanted his whole (among other work) a lovely hall spiritual nature made over anew. lamp to an humble parsonage; but The regeneration of the soul is a went back in memory to humble work of creative power. Create in parsonages where the little, thoughtme a clean heart. A holy heart in ful attentions were so much to me.

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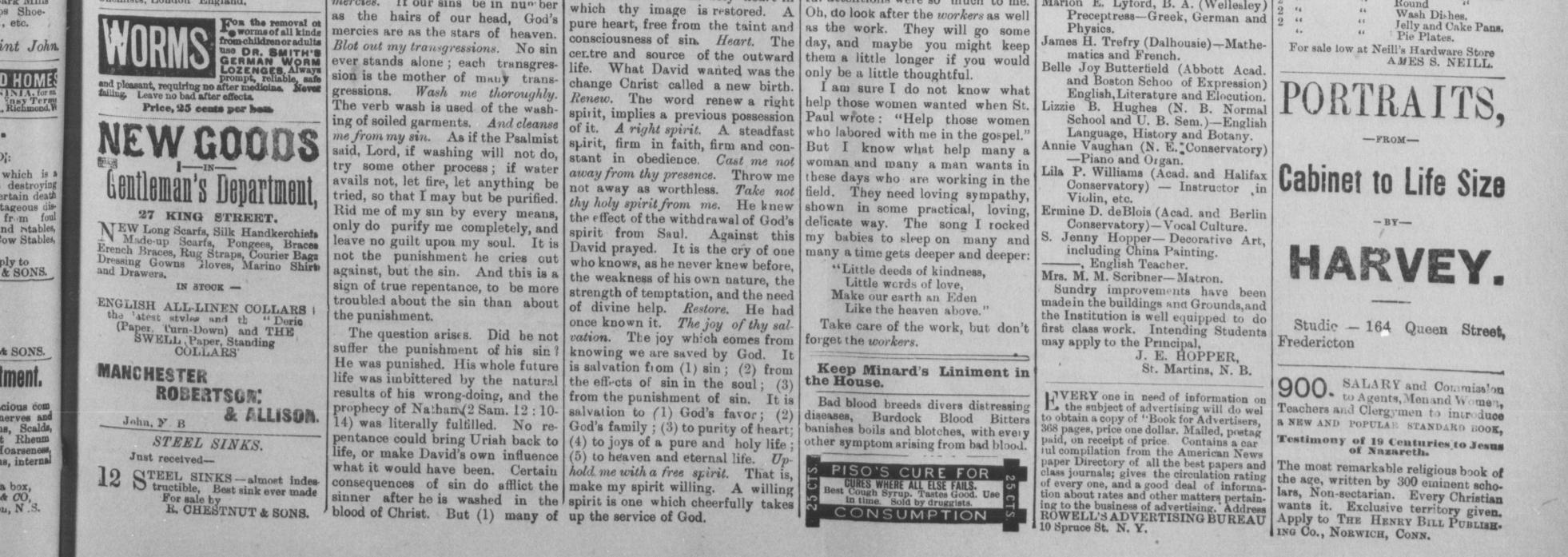
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