DNE HEROIC CHARACTER IN JEWISH HISTORY.

After Him Was Shamgar, Which Slew the Philistines Six Hundred Men with an Ox-Goad" - Judges Chapter 3, Verse 21.



NE DAY WHILE Shamgar, the farmer, was plowing with a yoke of oxen, his command of whoa - haw - gee was changed to the shout of battle. Philistines, always ready to make trouble, march up with sword and spear.

Shamgar, the plowman, had no sword, and would not proiably have known how to wield it if he had possessed one. But fight he must, or go down under the stroke of the Philistines. He had an ox-goad-a weapon used to urge on the lazy team; a weapon about eight feet long, with a sharp fron at one end to puncture the beast, and a wide iron chisel, or shovel, at the other end with which to scrape the clumps of soil from the plowshare. Yet. with the iron prong at one end of the ox-goad and the iron scraper at the other, it was not such a weapon as one would desire to use in battle with armed Philistines. But God helped the farmer, and leaving the oxen to look after themselves, he charged upon the invaders of his homestead. Some of the commentaries, to make it easier for Shamgar, suggest that perhaps he led a regiment of farmers into the combat, ox-goad up and down, and this way and But the Lord does not need any of you to help in making the Scriptures, and Shamgar, with the Lord on his side, was mightier than six hundred Philistines with the Lord against them. The battle opened. Shamgar, with muscle strengthened by open air, and plowman's, and reaper's, and thresher's toil, uses the only weapon at hand, and he swings the ox-goad upand down, and this way and that; now stabbing with the iron prong at one end of it, and now thrusting with the iron scraper at the other, and now bringing down the whole weight of the instrument upon the heads of the enemy. The Philistines are in a panic, and the supernatnural forces come in, and a blow that would not under other circumstances have prostrated or slain, left its victim lifeless; until when Shamgar walked over the field, he counted one hundred dead, two hundred dead, three hundred dead, four hundred dead, five hundred dead, six hundred deadall the work done by an ox-goad with an iron prong at one end and an iron shovel at the other.

lifted from plow to throne. For what reason was this unpreccdented and unparalleled victory of a farmer's ox-goad put into this Bible, where there was no spare room for the unimportant and the trivial? It was, first of all, to teach you, and

The fame of this achievement by this

war, spread abroad, and honized him.

until he was hoisted into the highest

that Cincinnatus was not the or.ly man

to teach me, and to teach all past ages since then, and to teach all ages to come, that in the war for God, and against sin, we ought to put to the best | the side of the right, and one man in use the weapon we happen to have on hand. Why did not Shamgar wait until he could get a war charger, with neck arched and back caparisoned, and Christian work, do not make the misnostrils sniffing the battle afar off, or until he could get war equipment, or Head of the Universe. could drill a regiment, and wheeling them into line, command them forward to the charge? To wait for that would have been defeat and annihilation. So he takes the best weapon he could lay hold of, and that is an ox-goad. We are called into the battle for the right, and egainst wrong, and many of us have not just the kind of weapon we would prefer. It may not be a sword of argument, It may not be the spear of sharp, thrusting wit. It may not be the batteringram of denunciation. But there 's something we can do, and some forces we can wield. Do not wait for what you have not, but use what you have. Perhaps you have not eloquence, but you to use those means that we can best have a smile. Well, a smile of encouragement has changed the behavior of tens of thousands of wanderers, and brought them back to God, and enthroned them in heaven. You cannot set an example, and a good example has saved more souls than you could time. You cannot give ten thousand dollars, but you can give as much as the widow of the Gospel, whose two mites, the smallest coins of the Hebrews, were bestowed in such a spirit as to make and out of their profits will dedicate a her more famous than all the contributions that ever endowed all the hospitals and universities of all christendom, of all time. You have very limited vo.abulary, but you can say "yes" or "no," and a firm "yes" or an emphatic "no," has traversed the centuries, and will traverse all eternity, with good influence. You may not have the courage to confront a large assemblage but you can tell a Sunday school class of twoa boy and a girl-how to find Christ, and one of them may become a William Carey, to start influences that will redeem India, and the other a Florence Nightingale, who will illumine battlefields covered with the dying and the Again my subject springs upon us the

pects of religious attempt, we must take omnipotence, and omniscience, and omniprenence, and all the other attributes of God into the calculation. Whom de you see on that plowed field of my text? One hearer says: "I see Shamgar." Another hearer says: "I see six hundred Philistines." My hearer, you have missed the chief personage on that and unpretending workers, before battlefield of plowed ground. I also see Shamgar, and six hundred Philistines, queens of God and the Lamb will lift but more than all and mightler than all, flashing coronet, and bow down in reand more overwhelming than all, I see God. Shamgar with his unaided arm, the Christian work for the world's rehowever muscular, and with that hum- clamation and salvation will be done ble instrument made for agricultural by people of one talent and two talents, purposes, and never constructed for while the ten-talent people are up in combat, could not have wrought such the astronomical observatories studyvictory. It was omnipotence above and ing other worlds, though they do litbeneath, and back of and at the point of the or nothing for the redemption of this the ox-goad. Before that battle was world; or are up in the rarified realms over the plowman realized this, and all of "Higher Criticism," trying to find the six hundred Philistines realized it, out that Moses did not write the Pen-and all who visited the battlefield afterward appreciated it. I want in heaven of the whale was not large enough to

Shought that in calculating the pres-

to hear the story, for it can never be fully told on earth-perhaps some day may be set apart for the rehearsal. while all heaven listens-the story of how God blessed awkward and humble instrumentalities. Many an evangelist has come into a town given up to worldliness. The pastors say to the evan gelist: "We are glad you have come, but it is a hard field and we feel sorry for you. The members of our churches play progressive euchre, and go to the theater, and bet at the horse races, and galety and fashion have taken possession of the town. We have advertised your meetings, but are not very hopeful. God bless you." This evangelist takes his place on platform or pulpit. He never graduated at college, and there are before him twenty graduates of the best universities. He never took one lesson in elocution, and there are before him twenty trained orators. Many of the ladies present are graduates of the highest female seminaries, and one slip in grammar or one mispronunciation will result in suppressed giggle. Amid the general chill that pervades the house, the unpretending evangelist opens his Bible and takes for his text; "Lord, that my eyes may be opened." Opera glasses in the gallery curiously scrutinize the speaker. He tells in a plain way the story of the blind man, tells two or three touching anecdotes and the general chill gives way before a strange warmth. A classical hearer who took the first honor at Yale, and who is a prince of proprieties, finds his spectacles becoming dim with a moisture suggestive of tears. A worldly mother who has been bringing up her sons and daughters in utter godlessness, puts her handkerchief to her eyes and begins to weep. Highly educated men who came to criticize and pick to pieces, and find fault, bow on their goldheaded canes. What is that sound from under the gallery? It is a sob, and sobs are

catching; and all along the wall, and all up and down the audience there is deep emotion, so that when at the close of the service anxious souls are invited to especial seats, or the inquiry room, they come up by scores, and kneel and repent, and rise up pardoned; the whole town is shaken, and places of evil amusement are sparsely attended, and rum holes lose their patrons, and the churches are thronged, and the whole community is cleansed, and elevated, and rejoiced. What power did the evangelist bring to bear to capture that town for righteousness? Not one brilliant epigram did he utter. Not one graceful gesture did he make. Not one rhetorical climax did he pile up. there was something about him that people had not taken in the estimate when they prophesied

the failure of that work. They had not taken into calculation the omnipotence of the Holy Ghost. It was not the flash of a Damascus blade. It was God, before and behind, and all around the ox-goad. When people say that crime will triumph, and the world will never sufficiency of the means employed, they count the six hundred armed Philisplace of power, and became the third of times on one side, and Shamgar, the the mighty judges of Israel. So you see farmer, awkwardly equipped, on the other side; not realizing that the chariots of God are twenty thousand, and that all heaven, cherubic, seraphic, archangelic, Deific, is on what otherwise would be the weak side. Napoleon, the author of the saying. "God is on the side of the heaviest artillery," lived to find out his mistake; for at Waterloo the one hundred and sixty guns of the English overcame the two hundred and fifty guns of the French. God is on the right will eventually be found stronger than six hundred men in the wrong. In all estimates of any kind of take every day made of leaving out the

Again, my subject springs upon us the thought that in God's service it is best to use weapons that are particularly suited to us. Shamgar had, like many of us, been brought up on a farm. He knew nothing about javelins, and bucklers, and helmets, and breastplates and greaves of brass and catapults, and ballistae, and iron scythes fastened to the axles of chariots. But he was familiar with the flail of the threshing floor, and knew how to pound with that; and the ax of the woods, and knew how to hew with that; and the oxgoad of the plowman, and knew how to thrust with that. And you and I will do best handle; those weapons with which we can make the most execution. Some in God's service will do best with the pen; some with the voice; some by extemporaneous speech for they have make a persuasive appeal, but you can the whole vocabulary of the English language half way between their brain and tongue; and others will do best count in a year, if you counted all the with manuscript spread out before them. Some will serve God by the plow, raising wheat and corn and giving liberally of what they sell to churches and missions; some as merchants, tenth to the Lord; some as physicians, prescribing for the world's ailments; and some as attorneys, defending innocence, and obtaining rights that otherwise would not be recognized; and some as sailors, helping bridge the seas; and some as teachers and pastors. The kingdom of God is dreadfully retarded by to many of us attempting to do that which we cannot do; reaching up for broadsword or falchion, or bayonet, or scimeter, or Enfield rifle or Paixhan's gun, while we ought to be content with an ox-goad. I thank God that there are tens of thousands of Christians whom you never heard of, and never will hear of until you see them in the high places of heaven, who are now in a quiet way in homes, and schoolhouses, and in praying circles, and by sick beds, and up dark alleys saying the saving word, and doing the saving deed; the aggregation of their work overpowering the most ambitious statistics. In the grand review of heaven, when the regiments pass the Lord of Hosts, there will be whole regiments of nurses, and Sabbath school teachers, and tract distributors, whom, as they pass, the kings and cognition and reverence. The most of

swallow the minister who declined to call to Nineveh, and apologizing for the much to capture this world for God as the ox-goads.

Go out against the Philistines. We must admit the odds are against ussix hundred to one. In the matter of dollars, those devoted to worldliness and sin, and dissipation, when compared with the dollars devoted to hollness and virtue-six hundred to one. The houses set apart for vice, and despoliation and ruin, as compared with those dedicated to good, six hundred to one. Of printed newspaper sheets scattered abroad from day to day, those depraving as compared with those elevating, are six hundred to one. The agencies for making the world worse compared with the agencies for making the world better, six hundred to one. But Moses in his song, chants, "How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight?" and in my text one ox-goad conquers six hundred uplifted battleaxes; and the day of universal victory is coming, unless the Bible be a fabrication, and eternity a myth, and the charlots of God are unwheeled on the golden streets, and the last regiment of the celestial hosts lies dead on the plains of heaven. With us, or without us, the work will be done. Oh, get into the ranks somewhere, armed somehow; you with a needle. you with a pen, you with a good book; you with a loaf of bread for the hungry; you with a vial of medicine for the sick; you with a pair of shoes for the barefooted; you with word of encouragement for the young man trying to get back from evil ways; you with some story of the Christ who came to heal the worst wounds and pardon the blackest guilt, and call the farthest wanderer home. I say to you as the watchman of London used to say at night to the householders before the time of street lamps came: "Hang out your light!" "Hang out your light!"

A SNAKE THIEF.

How a Reptile Stole the Milk from a

Fine Jersey Cow. W. L. Hewey, living up in the Cross Lake country, has a fine Jersey cow, which usually keeps the family supplied with an abundance of milk, says a Shreveport (La.) paper. On Monday last Hewey noticed a falling off in the milk supply and for every day thereafter there has been a steady diminution. Thinking that perhaps the pasturage did not furnish sufficient nourishment for the cow, Hewey began to give her an extra quantity of food at night, but in vain Every evening she returned to the pen with an empty bag. At last Hewey came to the conclusion that some negro in the neighborhood farmer with an awkward weapon of be converted because of the seeming in- must be in the habit of milking the cow before she left the pasture; so he set about discovering the guilty party. Yesterday his investigations were rewarded, the thief proving to be a singular one, indeed. In the middle of the afternoon Hewey went into the pasture, taking his stand behind a big oak tree whence he could keep an eye on the cow without being himself observed. For a long time there seemed no chance of solving the mystery, as no one appeared in the pasture. Finally Hewey was about to give up the search as a bad job, and drive the cow to the pen, when he saw a big black-andwhite-pied snake glide out from the thicket behind him and make its way across the pasture to the Jersey. Following after as rapidly as he could, what was his astonishment to behold the snake wrap itself around the Jersey's hind legs, holding them hard and fast, and then grasp hold of the bag, sucking away at the teats like a hungry calf. Hewey is a new man to this section, and this singular conduct on the part of a reptile surprised him beyond measure. Since consulting with his neighbors, however, he has ascertained that the snake, called a "cowsucker," is a very common variety, causing much loss among cattle-raisers and milk men in this section.

MISSING LINKS.

Lord Kelvin maintains that the earth is 100,000,000 years old.

The skeleton alone of an average whale weighs twenty-five tons. At a Japanese banquet it is a compliment to ask to exchange cups with a

A Dundee, Scotland, man is working on a flying machine that is built on the

The total public debt of the self-governing British colonies amounts to something like £300,000,000. Out of every 100 hotels in England,

eighteen are "White Harts," ten "King

Arms." and eight "Crowns."

Men attending the pans in salt works are never known to have cholera, smallpox, scarlet fever or influenza. A recent report shows that 11,530 con-

victs last year parsed through the forwarding prison at Truman, Russia. The wings of an owl are lined with a

soft down that enables the bird to fly without making the slightest sound. It cost Kentucky \$114 to secure the ex-

tradition from Ohio of Napoleon Bonaparte Shackleford, who stole a \$2 hog. The mud baths of Dax, in France, have existed and been more or less celebrated since the time of the Romans. A carp taken out of the water may be kept alive for twelve hours by a piece of bread soaked in brandy placed in its

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POINTERS.

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Cutting Dogs' Ears.

It was probably first introduced when Almighty for certain inexplicable bulldog fighting became a fashionable things they have found in the scrip- amusement, and the earflaps were altures. It will be found out at the last most totally removed to prevent them that the Krupp guns have not done so from being torn and mangled by contending dogs-for the same reason, in fact, as was the combs of fighting cocks and the hair cropped close from the heads of pugilists. But this discreditable pastime is now abolished; so there is no occasion for ear cropping, even in the case of bulldogs, and certainly no valid excuse can be offered for this exhibition of depraved taste with regard to other breeds of dogs, and especially terriers-animals which, as their name implies, have need for the pendulous ear to guard the entrance to the auditory canal while bur-

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Bismarck as a Reporter.

Bismarck was for a time an official reporter for one of the courts of justice. of pressing a young lady to his manly Once, when questioning a witness, the bosom, says the Chicago Post, when latter made an impudent retort, wherethe young lady's sister entered the upon the embryo chancellor exclaimed room. Of course he desisted at once, angrily, "If you are not more respectbut he was not embarrassed. The ful. I shall kick you out of the room!" young lady's sister said, "Excuse me." "Young man," said the judge, inter-and started to leave the room, when he rupting him, "I would have you underfelt that he ought to say something, stand that this is a dignified court of justice, and if there is any kicking to be done, the court will do itl" "Ah, you see," said Bismarck to the witness, if you are not more respectful to me,

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