THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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Part of the Lesson, Gen. iii, 1-15-Memory Verses, 13-15-Golden Text, I Cor. zv, 22-Commentary by the Rev. D. M.

1. "Now, the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the an, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not est of every tree of the garden?" In the first two chapters all is perfect, and God walks with man, and man communes with God. Now comes the wicked one in the guise of a serpent-full of hatred of God and man. See his aliases in Rev. xii, 9; xx, and his end in Rev. xx, 10. He begins his work by insinuating that God does not love his children or He would not keep any

thing from them. 2 "And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the We cannot blame the woman for talking with him, for she probably had not heard of him who spoke to her through the serpent. We know him and deserve to suffer if we hold any parley with him. See Eph. vi, 11; Jas. iv, 7; I Pet. v, 8, 9.

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2. "But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die." She both added to and diminished what God had said. Compare carefully chapters ii, 17, and let us give good heed to Deut. iv. 2; xii, 32; Jer. xxvi, 2. Our part is to be simply obedient and trustful and shun every insinuation

4. "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die." What a de-ilberate lie! When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own, for he is a liar and the father of it (John viii, 44). All liars shall have their portion with him (Rev. xxi, 8). One would think that such an attack upon God would have shown the woman that she was dealing with an enemy of God. But what shall we say of pro-fessed friends of God who today teach that

there is no hell and not even a devil?

5. "For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." This seems to have been his own ambition (see Isa. xiv, 14), and he will yet find a man willing to be filled with te (II Thess. ii, 3, 4). We know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him, and then shall we know even as we are known (I John iii, 2; I Cor. xiii, 12), but this is to be reached by death to self, trust in the sac-nifice of Christ and obedience to Him, never any other way (Acts iv, 12).

6. "And when the woman saw, etc., she gave also unto her husband with her, and be did eat." This is the history of every temptation and sin, the outward object, the inward commotion, the increase and triumph of passionate desire, the degrada-Mon and ruin of soul. So with Achan. He Adam and Eve had everything and yet sinned. Christ seemed to have nothing.

yet stood firm.
7. "And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made hemselves aprons." This was an eye opening that has left us blind by nature in the right direction ever since, as we need to be inted and have our eyes opened to beold spiritual things (Rev. iii, 18; Ps. cxix, What a contrast between the nts of light which they lost and these self made aprons! Fig leaves may well supresent profession without reality (Math.

8. "And they heard the voice of the Lord God, and Adam and his wife hid them-What a sight is this! God's dear children hiding from their loving Father and thinking that trees can cover them. What fools sin makes of us, and how blindd must be the mind that seeks to hide from the only true friend! Such has been the sinner's conduct ever since, vainly seeking to hide from God.

9. "And the Lord God called unto Adam and said unto him, Where art thou?" From the fall to the end of the Bible story it is a God of love seeking lost and straying people and man in his blindness hiding or runaing away from God. What does your soul say in response to "Where art thou?" Mine replies, Lord, thou knowest I am in Thee, and Thou art to me the Rock of Ages (isa. xxvi, 4 margin). Once and for a long time I tried to hide from Thee, but now Thou hast taught me to hide in Thee.

10. "And he said, I heard Thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." Here is the first fear in Scripture, and it follows hard on subelief and distrust of God. There will be no fear where there is confidence in God, for His perfect love casteth out fear (I John iv, 18); so that if our hearts can say, "Behold, God is my salvation," we should also add, "I will trust and not be afraid" (Isa. xii, Some are afraid of the voice of God in 3). Some are alread of the voice of God in Eis word because they prefer their own thoughts and ways.

1L "And He said, Who told thee thou

wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee that thou houldest not ent?" God of course knew he whole story, but before we can be foriven there must be on our part conviction d sin and confession of the same. This God would give to Adam and draw from to that He might forgive him (see Prov. Exviti, 13, and I John t. 9).

12. "And the man said, The woman whom then gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat." This sounds very adly. Adam, thou hast fallen very far ad brought us down with thee, for some of us have talked that way. But see the of us have talked that way. But see the can. He finds fault with the gift of God and lays the blame on her. Now see Jesus, who has taken upon Himself all the guilt of His body, the church, and borne is, that He might present her to Himself without spot (Eph. v. 27).

13. "And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done! And the woman said, The serpent beguilted me, and I did cat." She did not ask, as some do now, why God allowed the serpent

some do now, why God allowed the serpent to come to her, and why God did not keep her from falling, but she makes confession and pieads guilty. And both having now sonfessed the way is open for the revela-tion of God's solvation by grace (Rom. iii,

14. "And the Lord God said unto the orpent, Because thou hast done this, thou ort cursed above all cattle," etc. What hind of a creature the serpent was before this and of what form we are not told. But it is evident he did not go upon his belly as now. Eve will tell us when we see her if is worth while to know.

13. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed. He shall between thy seed and bor seed. He shall between thy seed and bou shalt bruise his heed." The Lard first peaks to the enemy in the screent and in see first clause declares the woman's restoution to first and her batted of the devil, all brought about by fixed Hinnelf, who may, "I will put."

HIS PARTY CALL

He tore him from the merry throng Within the bifliard hall; He was gotten up regardlessly To pay his party call.

His thoughts were dire and dark within,
Discourteous to fate.

"Ah, me! These social debts incurred
Are hard to liquidate."

His boots were slender, long and trim; His collar tall and swell. His hats were made by Dunlap, And his coats were cut by Bell;

A symphony in black and white, "Of our set" the pride, Yet he lingered on his way— He would that he had died.

His feet caressed the lonely way, The pave gave forth no sound. They seemed in pitying silence clothed. West endward he was bound. He approached the mansion stealthily: The steps looked cold and chill. He glanced into the vestibule,

He fingered nervously the bell, His cardcase in his hand. He saw the mirror in the hall-Solemn, stately, grand.

But all was calm and still.

Suddenly his spirits rose;
The drawing room looked dim;
The menial filled his soul with joy
With "No, there's no one in." With fiendish giee he stole away:

His heart was gay and light, Happy that he went and paid His party call that night. His steps turned to the billiard hall; Blissfully he trod. He entered. "What, returned so soon?" Replied, "She's out, thank God!"

Sixteen cues were put to rest Within their upright beds, And sixteen different tiles were placed On sixteen level heads; Sixteen men upon the street In soild phalanx all,

And sixteen men on duty bent To pay their party call. When the fairest of her sex came home At early dawn, I ween— She slowly looked the cards all out;

They numbered seventeen. With caim relief she raised her eyes, Filled with grateful light;
"Oh, merciful Fate, look down and see
What I've escaped this night!"

A Smart Servant.

The other day a man of gentlemanly appearance called at a house in a well known uburb of a provincial town. In answer to his knock the housemald came to the door "Is Mr. P. int" said the gentleman.

"He's just gone out, sir."
"Is Mrs. P. at home?"

'No, sir; she went out with master." "Dear me, how unfortunate! I wanted particularly to see one of them. Can I leave a note?"

"Oh, yes, sir. Come in, please," replied the girl, ushering the visitor into the dining room. But instead of leaving him alone she rang for another servant, whom she de sired to bring writing materials.

The gentleman wrote his note, inclosed it n an envelope, addressed it and left it on

This being done, he departed with a pro fusion of thanks to the maid, who escorted him to the door. On returning home Mr. P. found the note

awaiting him. It ran thus: "Your servant is no fool!"

This compliment was fully justified by a paragraph in the next day's paper giving an count of the plunder of a neighboring mansion by a similar visitor.—Tit-Bits.

Her Reason.

The other day I was told of a little girl who attended a distribution of prizes given to Animals. She had won, you must know, a book as a reward for writing the best essay on the subject given, and, with the other successful children, was undergoing a viva voce examination.

"Well, my dear," said the gentleman who had given away the prizes, "can you tell me why it is cruel to dock horses' tails and trim

"Because," answered the little girl, "what God had joined together let no man put asunder."-Leisure Hour.

A Play on Words.



The Right Field. Foyer-You say your ambition is to be come a finished actor? You ought to start for the far west at once then.

Hamtolette Ruskin-Why the far west? Foyer (with emphasis) - Because after one dose of such acting as you gave us tonight an audience out there would be apt to finish you in no time.—Buffalo Courier.

Overheard at the Club.

"Do you know young Gontran?" "Not particularly." "Do you think he is well off?"

"That he is and no mistake. He never borrows less than 50 louis at a time."—Vol-

He-Oh, darling, I know it is very late, but I simply cannot tear myself away. She-Well, then, break away, George.

On a Lady Barber.

Before this newer age began We thought the art tensorial Belonged, by right of hirth, to man

From ages immemorial. But she has come, with fixed intent. To prove to all the nations That man is not pre-eminent In barbar-ous operations.

Oh, shaving is a sweet delight Since she the rance wishied! My heart unto her charges so bright

Has altogether pickled.

And though she thinks 'tis only gush-My centanies amore her— I had her Queen of Comb and Brush And Gosphens of the Rasor.

Some day, with inther on my check clock is the plan I harbor, (Such is the plan I may I shall convergencely seek The hand of my fair bar'ar. The hand of my fair bar'ar.

But if she has already found Some tax to love and praise her. Her "No" would "cut" me, I'll be bound, More deeply than her rator.

No. 396.—Numerical Enigma. 5, 8, 8, 2, 3 is a criminal. My 10, 6, 8, 1, a place from which we get

My 7, 9, 3, 6, forlorn. My 4, 2, 3, 6, departed. My 10, 9, 3, gained. My 10, 2, 9, 7, an article of commerce.



The above represents the names of four well known writers. What are they?

No. 398.—Crossword.

My first is in man, but not in boy.
My second is in animal, but not in toy.
My third is in naughty, but not in good.
My fourth is in eating, but not in food.
My fifth is in toe, but not in head.
My sixth is in move, but not in fied,
My seventh is in up, but not in down.
My whole names a Canadian town.

No. 399.-Transposition and Acrostic. When the following words are trans-osed, their initials, read downward, will form the name of a well known bird: NUGSKPIC-Flowers.

EIXB-A horned animal. GGNNAILTIEH-A sweet singing bird. SSMARGEO-A filmy substance. NRUFODEL-A sea fish. NEIALDC-A European island. AANESUCP-A kitchen article. RRGHIEN-A sea fish. TEELH-A girl's name. IOORREHSCN-A large wild animal.

No. 400.-A Star Pussie.

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1. A letter. 2. An article. 3. Exhibited in a showy or ostentatious manner. 4. The universe. 5. Low hills of drifting sand. 6. Places in an upright position. 7. To pull or tear down. 8. In this manner. 9. A letter.

No. 401.—Missing Letter Puzzle. by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty plied, the whole will form a verse from a poem by Tennyson:

W *o *o *1 *b * A *e * m *i *f *i *, S *n *i *g *1 *n *, C * m * i * g * e * h * i * U * d * r * h * s * a, * n * g * l * e * c * r * W *t *a *o * b * f *e * r * O * a * h * o * e?

No. 402.-Word Puzzle. - doth boast its ancient lore.

-, its gems and pearls, -, its great conqueror. -, its dukes and earls, - of richest fabrics wove

of its Vatican,
chants with its crested wave,
sings of Thaddeus brave, -, of Ah Che Lan.

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No. 403.-Anagrams. Characters from Shakespeare:

1. Dude's master.

2. Lions cut loose; run Fost 3. Given us harsh

4. Scour in a dust tin. Bid us hope. 6. Dol, I try me arm.

7. Tired muse. 8. Ripe corn for a nag. 9. First baron.

10. Alik, a slim raw sheep.

11. Close ruin. 12. A charm'd one.

13. I knew a harsh hatter.

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eoins. 2, 9 nuts. 3, 18 days, 18 men. 4. A, 27 dollars. B, 18 dollars. No. 300. - Numerical Enigma: Hippopot-

No. 380,-Arithmetical Puzzles: 1, 3

No. 391 .- A New Year's Motto: Always be on time. No. 392 -Quotation Puzzle: "Who lives without folly is not so wise as he th'uks." No. 396. - Double Acrostic: 1. New. 2.

Africa. 3 Pint. 4 Ochre. 5 Lobster. 6 Earl. 7. Outdo. 8 Negro. No. 204.—Disguised Proverbs: 1. "The early bird catches the worm." 2. "Prom-ise little, but do much." 2. "Too many cooks spail the broth." 4. "Look before you less." 5. "Many hands make light work." 6. "Where there's a will there's a

No. 300.—Hidden Birds: 1. Thrush. Owl. 5 Hawk. 4 Linnet. 5. Hen. 4. Swan. 7, Pellmn. 8 Heron. 9. Dova Furnas County Herd



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