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Suggestive Questions for April 16, 1911

April 16th, 1911.

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Joash, the Boy King, Crowned in Judah. 2 Kings xi: 1-20.

Golden Text—Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. Ps. 119:2.

(1.) Verses 1-3—Who was Athalia; her parentage, position, character, etc? (2.) When a child turns out bad whose heredity and environment were as vile as they could be, how much is he or she to be blamed?

(3.) Whose son was Joash?

(4.) Who was Jehoiada?

(5.) Who was instrumental in saving the child Joash from the murderous intent of his grandmother Athalia, and how was it done?

(6.) Verses 4-12—If an individual, a company, or a nation is established and carried on by unrighteousness what will be the probable results?

(7.) Can you give from your own experience, or from history, any instance where wrong actions have brought about right results, or can you conceive of such a thing as possible?

(8.) When those who are in authority are usurpers, and when the regular legal processes fail to dispossess them, what should the people do?

(9.) On what grounds do you justify the high priest Jehoiada for planning the death of the reigning queen, and, by force, putting the boy Joash on the throne?

(10.) What can you say from this history in favor of the possibility of right environment overcoming in a child the worst kind of heredity? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

(11.) What can you say for, or against, private citizens carrying fire arms?

(12.) Verses 13-16—How did Ahab and Jezebel, the father and mother of Athalia, die?

(13.) What are the chances that those who practise violence will themselves receive violent treatment?

(14.) Why, as a rule, is it impossible for us to get from others any different kind of treatment to that which we give them?

(15.) Verse 17—What are the chances for national success when both rulers and the people are serving the Lord?

(16.) What is the probability for national greatness when the rulers and the people are corrupt?

(17.) Verse 18—What relation does the success of a people bear to their religion?

(18.) How many centuries will the prosperity of this country continue, if we forsake the precepts of Jesus Christ?

(19.) Verses 19-20—Why is it impossible for a really happy people to be turbulent and revolutionary?

(20.) What is the relation of the present day Christian Church to the prosperity of the masses?

Lesson for Sunday, April 23rd, 1911.
Joash Repairs the Temple. 2 Kings xi: 21—xii: 16.

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PALATIAL STRUCTURES BURNED

Five Thousand Houses in Ruins—District Under Special Municipal Surveillance, Japanese Method of Solving Social Evil.

Tokyo, April 11.—The notorious Yoshiwari, the principal quarter of Tokyo inhabited by the licensed hetairae, was destroyed by fire. Many of these houses were almost palatial in appearance, and a thousand of them were burned in a little more than three hours. Six thousand women were rendered homeless. The fire spread over a vast area. Altogether it is estimated that 5,000 houses are in ruins, covering an area of four square miles.

A large number of women were severely injured. Five hundred troops are guarding the territory.

The world-famed Yoshiwari lies about one mile to the north of Asakusa park. The district presented a spectacle probably unparalleled in any other country with its gorgeous structures, guarded by iron bars, directly on the street line, and its thousands of gaily bedecked residents. This whole quarter is under municipal surveillance, with the result that at all times perfect order prevailed, enabling strangers to observe, while walking through the streets, the manner in which the Japanese have solved in their own manner, one of the vexing questions of all the ages.

Two Hundred Die in Bombay Fire.

Bombay, British India, April 11.—Two hundred men, women and children were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a thatched structure in which they had gathered for a festival. Five hundred persons were in the building. There was only one exit and a panic ensued.

CONVICT MINERS DIE IN PIT

Explosion in Alabama Coal Shaft Entombs 128 Men.

Littleton, Ala., April 11.—With the precision of clockwork, a trained corps of rescuers is bringing a steady stream of bodies from the Banner mine, in which a disastrous explosion occurred.

It is believed that 128 is the number of victims, mostly negro convicts.

There is no longer hope of finding men alive underground. Of the 128 dead only fourteen were whites. A score of bodies have been brought up, including Lee Jones and O. W. Spradling, both white. The general belief is that powder caused the explosion.

There are practically no mourners at Banner, none of the convicts having relatives near, but a few curious negro women stood around the opening and would break in a low, mournful chant when the bodies were brought up.

The first party of ten government rescuers, headed by Dr. J. J. Rutledge, had a narrow escape from death. An accident occurred to the boiler used for the fans and the air was stopped for a few minutes. Within a few seconds a faint cry for help was heard from below and men with oxygen helmets hurried down. The entire party was overcome by the afterdamp and when brought to the surface physicians worked over them for nearly an hour before they were able to be moved to the rescue car.

73 BODIES RECOVERED

Disaster in Colliery Much Greater Than at First Estimated.

Scranton, Pa., April 10.—A revised list of dead shows that seventy-three men and boys met their deaths in the fire in the Pancoast colliery at Troop, near here. A canvass of the victims' families shows forty-five widows and 137 orphans.

It is said that every corner of the workings, which a fleeing victim might have reached in his search for pure air, has been entered and every body has been removed.

COSTLY FIRE AT DALTON, GA.

Missouri Man Jumps From Third Story and Is Saved by Telegraph Wires.

Dalton, Ga., April 11.—The principal business block here was destroyed by fire which started in the Dalton hotel at midnight. The loss is estimated at \$250,000. C. V. Downing of Kirksville, Mo., jumped from the third story of the hotel to escape the blaze within, but telegraph wires broke his fall and he was only slightly injured.

Failed to Deface Stamps.

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 10.—After being out only about an hour a jury in the United States court returned a verdict of guilty in the case of the United States against E. E. Benson, a pool hall proprietor of Hurley, who was tried on an indictment charging that he had failed to deface the internal revenue stamps on six empty cigar boxes from which he had sold cigars in his place of business. He was given six months and fined \$50.

MacVeagh Scores War Pensions.

Philadelphia, April 8.—The civil war pension list was attacked by Franklin MacVeagh, secretary of the treasury. In an address at the opening session of the fifteenth annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science here when he advocated a civil service pension for government employees.

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