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CHAPTER XI-Continued.

-12-"Precisely," answered Erskine, "and when?"

"At the first opportunity."

"From this moment I shall be walting for nothing else."

Barbara, reappearing, heard their last words, and she came forward pale and with piercing eyes:

"Cousin Erskine, I want to apologize to you for my little faith. I hope you will forgive me. Mr. Grey, your horse will be at the door at once, I wish you a safe Journey-to your command." Grey bowed and turned-furi-

Erskine was on the porch when Grey came out to mount his horse. "You will want seconds?" asked

Grey. "They might try to stop us-no!" "I shall ride slowly," Grey said. Erskine bowed.

"I shall not." Nor did he. Within half an hear Earbara, passing through the hall, saw that the rapiers were gone from the wall and she stopped, with the color fled from her face and her hand on her heart. At that moment Ephraim

dashed from the kitchen. "Miss Barbary, somebody gwine to git killed. I was wukkin' in de ole hisself. Jist now Marse Erskine went tearin' by de landin' wid a couple o' swords under his arm." His eyes too went to the wall. "Yes, bless Gawd, dey's gone!" Barbara flew out the

In a few moments she had found Harry and Hugh. Even while their horses were being saddled her father rode up.

"It's murder," cried Harry, "and Grey knows it. Erskine knows nothing about a rapier."

Without a word Colonel Dale wheeled his tired horse and soon Harry and Hugh dashed after him, Barbara walked back to the house, wringing her hands, but on the porch she sat quietly in the agony of waiting that was the role of women in

Meanwhile, at a swift gallop Firefly was skimming along the river road. Grey had kept his word and more: he had not only ridden slowly but he had stopped and was waiting at an oak tree that was a cornerstone between two plantations.

"That I may not kill you on your own land," he said, Erskine started. "The consideration

is deeper than you know."

They hitched their horses, and Erskine followed into a pleasant gladegrassy glade through which murmured a little stream. Erskine dropped the rapiers on the sward.

"Take your choice," he said.

"There is none," said Grey, picking up the one nearer to him. "I know them both." Grey took off his coat while Erskine walted. Grey made the usual moves of courtesy and still Erskine waited, wonderingly, with the point of the rapier on the ground. "When you are ready," he said, "will

you please let me know?" "Ready!" answered Grey, and he lunged forward. Erskine merely whipped at his blade so that the clang of it whined on the air to the breaking-point and sprang backward. He was as quick as an eyelash and lithe as a panther, and yet Grey almost laughed aloud. All Erskine did was to whip the thrusting blade aside and leap out of danger like a flash of light. It was like an inexpert boxer flailing according to rules unknownand Grey's face flamed and actually turned anxious. Then, as a kindly fate would have it, Erskine's blade caught in Grey's guard by accident, and the powerful wrist behind it seeking merely to wrench the weapon loose tore Grey's rapier from his grasp and hurled it ten feet away. There is no greater humiliation for the expert swordsman, and not for nothing had Erskine suffered the shame of that long-ago day when a primitive knife into this same enemy's breast, Now, with his sword's point on the earth, he waited courteously for Grey

to recover his weapon. Again a kindly fate intervened. Even as Grey rushed for his sword, Erskine heard the beat of horses' hoofs. As he snatched it from the ground and turned, with a wicked smile over his grinding teeth, came Harry's shout, and as he rushed for Erskine, Colonel Date swung from his horse, The sword-blades clashed, Erskine whipping back and forth in a way to make a swordsman groan-and Colonel Dale had Erskine by the wrist and was between them.

"How dare you, sir?" cried Grey hotly. "Just a moment, young gentleman,"

said Colonel Dale calmly. "Let us alone, Uncle Harry-I-" think it quite fair that you with your skill should fight a man who knows nothing about folls?"

"There was no other way," Grey said sullenly. "And you could not wait, I pre

sume?" Grey did not answer. "Now, hear what I have to say, and if you both do not agree, the matter will be arranged to your entire satisfaction, Mr. Grey. 1 have but one question to ask. Your country is at war. She needs every man for her defense. Do you not think your lives belong to your country and that it is selfish and unpatriotic just now to risk them in any other cause?" He waited for his meaning to sink in, and sink it did.

"Colonel Dale, your nephew grossly insulted me, and your daughter showed me the door. I made no defense to him nor to her, but I will to you. I merely repeated what I had been told and I believed it true. Now that I hear it is not true, I agree with you, sir, and I am willing to express my regrets and apologies."

"That is better," said Colonel Dale heartily, and he turned to Erskine, but Erskine was crying hotly: "And I express neither."

"Very well," sneered Grey coldly. "Perhaps we may meet when your relfield an' Marse Grey rid by cussin' to atives are not present to protect you." "Uncle Harry-" Erskine implored, but Grey was turning toward his horse,

"After all, Colonel Dale is right." "Yes," assented Erskine helplessly, and then-"it is possible that we shall not always be on the same side."

"So I thought," returned Grey with lifted eyebrows, "when I heard what I



The Sword-Blades Clashed, Erskine Whipping Back and Forth in a Way to Make a Swordsman Groan.

did about you!" Both Harry and Hugh had to catch Erskine by an arm then, and they led him struggling away. Grey mounted his horse, lifted his hat, and was gone. Colonel Dale picked up the swords.

"Now," he said, "enough of all this-let ft be forgotten." And he laughed,

"You'll have to confess, Erskinehe has a quick tongue and you must think only of his temptation to use it.' Erskine did not answer.

As they rode back Colonel Dale spoke of the war. It was about to move into Virginia, he said, and when it did- Both Harry and Hugh interrupted him with a glad shout:

"We can go!" Colonel Dale nodded sadly.

Suddenly all pulled their horses in simultaneously and raised their eyes, for all heard the coming of a horse in a dead run. Around a thicketed curve instinct had led him to thrusting his of the road came Barbara, with her face white and her hair streaming behind her. She pulled her pony in but a few feet in front of them, with her

burning eyes on Erskine alone. "Have you killed him-have killed him? If you have-" stopped helpless, and all were so amazed that none could answer, Erskine shook his head. There was a flash of relief in the girl's white face, its recklessness gave way to sudden shame, and, without a word, she wheeled and was away again-Harry flying after her. No one spoke, Colonel Dale looked aghast and Erskine's heart again turned sick.

## CHAPTER XII

The sun was close to the uneven sweep of the wilderness. Through its slanting rays the river poured like a "Just a moment," repeated the flood of gold. The negroes were on colonel sternly. "Mr. Grey, do you the way singing from the fields. Cries, was there at the time you mention."

chaffing, and the musical clanking of trace-chains came from the barnyard. Hungry cattle were mooing and fulluddered mothers were mooing answers to bawling calves. A peacock screamed from a distant tree and sailed forth, full-spread—a great gleaming winged jewel of the air. In crises the nerves tighten like violin strings, the memoryplates turn abnormally sensitive-and Erskine was not to forget that hour.

The house was still and not a soul was in sight as the three, still silent, walked up the great path. When they were near the portico Harry came out. He looked worried and anxious. "Where's Barbara?" asked her father.

"Locked in her room."

"Let her alone," said Colonel Dale gently. Like brother and cousin, Harry and Hugh were merely irritated by the late revelation, but the father was shocked that his child was no longer a child. Erskine remembered the girl as she waited for Grey's coming at the sundial, her face as she walked with him up the path. For a moment the two boys stood in moody silence. Harry took the raplers in and put them in their place on the wall. Hugh quietly disappeared. Erskine, with a word of apology, went to his room, and Colonel Dale sat down on the

porch alone. As the dusk gathered, Erskine, looking gloomily through his window, saw the girl flutter like a white moth past the box-hedge and down the path. A moment later he saw the tall form of Colonel Date follow her-and both passed from sight. On the thick turf the colonel's feet too were noiseless, and when Barbara stopped at the sundial he too paused. She was unhappy, and the colonel's heart ached sorely, for any unhappiness of hers always trebled his own.

"Little girl!" he called, and no lover's voice cor'd have been more gentle. "Come here!"

She turned and saw him, with arms outstretched, the low moon lighting all the tenderness in his fine old face, and she flew to him and fell to weeping on his breast. In wise silence he stroked her hair until she grew a little calmer.

"What's the matter, little daugh-

"I-I-don't know."

"I understand. You were quite right to send him away, but you did not want him harmed."

"I-I-didn't want anybody harmed." "I know. It's too bad, but none of us seem quite to trust him." "That's it," she sobbed; "I don't, either, and yet-"

"I know. I know. My little girl must be wise and brave, and maybe it will all pass and she will be glad. But she must be brave. Mother is not well and she must not be made unhappy too. She must not know. Can't my little girl come back to the house now? She must be hostess and this is Erskine's last night." She looked up, brushing away her tears.

"His last night?" Ah, wise old colonel!

"Yes-he goes tomorrow to join Captain Clark at Williamsburg on his foolish campaign in the Northwest. We might never see him again." "Oh, father!"

"Well, it isn't that bad, but my little girl must be very nice to him. He seems to be very unhappy, too."

Barbara looked thoughtful, but there was no pretense of not understanding.

"I'm sorry," she said. She took her father's arm, and when they reached the steps Erskine saw her smiling. And ismiling, almost gay, she was at supper, sitting with exquisite dignity in her mother's place. Of Erskine, who sat at her right, she asked many questions about the coming campaign. Captain Clark had said he would go with a hundred men if he could get no more. The rallying point would be the fort in Kentucky where he had first come back to his own people, and Dave Yandell would be captain of a company. He himself was going as guide, though he hoped to act as soldier as well. Perhaps they might bring back the Hair-Buyer, General Hamilton, a prisoner to Williamsburg, and then he would join Harry and Hugh in the militia rf the war came south and Virginia were invaded, as some prophesied, by Tarleton's White Rangers, who had been ravaging the Carolinas. After supper the little lady excused herself with a smiling courtesy to go to her mother, and Erskine found himself in the moonlight on the big portico

with Colonel Dale alone. "Erskine," he said, "you make it very difficult for me to keep your secret. Hugh alone seems to suspect -he must have got the idea from Grey, but I have warned him to say nothing. The others seem not to have thought of the matter at all. It was a hoyish impulse of generosity which you may regret-"

"Never," interrupted the boy, "I have no use-less than ever now."

"Nevertheless," the colonel went on, "I regard myself as merely your steward, and I must tell you one thing. Mr. Jefferson, as you know, is always at open war with people like us. His hand is against coach and four, silver plate, and aristocrat. He is fighting now against the law that gives property to the eldest son, and he will pass the bill. His argument is rather amusing. He says if you will show him that the eldest son eats more, wears more. and does more work than his brothers, he will grant that that son is entitled to more. He wants to blot out all distinctions of class. He can't do that, but he will pass this bill."

"I hope he will," muttered Erskine. (TO BE CONTINUED.)

Probably Had. He-"Haven't I seen you somewhere some time?" She-"Oh, very likely. I IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

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## **LESSON FOR OCTOBER 29**

MESSIAH'S MINISTRY (WORLD'S TEMPERANCE SUNDAY)

LESSON TEXT-Iss. 61:1-9. GOLDEN TEXT-Righteousness ex-alteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.-Prov. 14:34. REFERENCE MATERIAL-Matt. 7:15-20: Rom. 14:13.

PRIMARY TOPIC-How Four Boys Became Healthy and Happy.-Dan. 1:3-20. JUNIOR TOPIC-Destroying the World's INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC

-The Next Step in the Prohibition Campaign. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC -Progress of Prohibition Throughout the

The lesson committee has gratui tously named this lesson "World-wide Prohibition." Neither the text nor the context, directly or implied, says anything about prohibition as we understand the use of the word. However, when Messiah shall reign upon the earth the rum traffic with all other iniquitous practices will be abolished. 1. Messiah's Commission (v. 1).

He was appointed by the Lord, God's plan for the world is a time of peace and blessing.

II. Messiah's Program (vv. 1, 2). Messiah's program is twofold: to "proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God," The careful reading of Luke 4:18-21 will show that Jesus suspended reading of this passage at the comma, in Isaiah 61:2. His first coming opened up the day of "grace and the acceptable year of the Lord," and His second coming will usher in "the day of vengeance of our God." (II Thess. 1:7-10; cf. Mal. 3:1-3).

1. Proclaiming the Acceptable Year of the Lord (vv. 1, 2). In His ministry of grace He preached (1) "good tidings to the meek." "Meek" here means not only a grace, but a condition, that is, those in poverty and affliction. (2) "Bind up the brokenhearted." "Bind up" signifies healing. (3) "Liberty to the captives" The figure of deliverance from the Babylonian captivity is used to describe deliverance from sin and death (Heb. 2:15). (4) "Opening of the prison to them that are bound." Messiah's work was to give deliverance to those who were enslaved by the consequences of their sins. (5) "The acceptable year of the d." This means a space of time in which God would accept all who repent of their sins and come to Him.

Proclaiming the da of God (v. 2). While the day of mercy is lengthened out, the time of judgment will surely come. The day of vengeance will break upon the world when the Lord shall be revealed from heaven (II Thess. 1:7-10). The period of mercy is called "year," while the period of vengeance is called "day." showing that the period of mercy is much longer than the period of wrath. III. The Blessings of Messiah's

Kingdom (vv. 3-9). 1. "Comfort all that mourn" (v. 2). The day of vengeance will bring sorrow to many, but they shall be comforted when they shall see the King on the throne.

2. "Give unto them beauty for ashes" (v. 3). This peculiarly applies to Israel.

3. "Oil of Joy for Mourning" (v. 3). Israel has been mourning for centuries. When the Messiah shall reign as King they shall be glad. 4. "Garment of Praise for the Spirit

of Heaviness" (v. 3). Instead of wearing the symbol of the burden of sin they shall be clothed so as to indicate their joyfulness. 5. "Called Trees of Righteousness" (v. 3). These trees represent Israel

as planted by God and bearing fruit,

not as reeds bowed down with sor-6. "They Shall Build the Old Wastes" (v. 4). Israel shall return to their own land and shall rebuild the city of Jerusalem and the cities

of Judah which lie waste, 7. "Strangers Shall Stand and Feed Your Flocks" (v. 5). In the time of the kingdom the Gentiles shall render voluntary service unto Israel so that Israel may devote her whole time to the service of God.

8, "Ye Shall Be Named the Priests of the Lord" (v. 6). God chose Israel to be the priestly nation to represent Him to the Gentiles.

9. "For Your Shame Ye Shall Have Double" (v. 7). Instead of the shame and confusion which Israel has experienced for centuries she shall have double honor and rejoicing.

16, "I Will Direct Their Work, and Make a Covenant With Them" (vv. 8, 9). God will vindicate His people and cause the Gentiles to see the divine favor upon them.

## False Prophets.

Believe not every spirit but try the spirits if they be of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world .- John 4:1.

Unjust Things.

He that speaketh unjust things cannot be hid, neither shall the chastising judgment pass him by.-Book of W4sdom, 1:8.

In the Sight of All Men. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.-Romans 12:17.

#### The Same Old Backache!

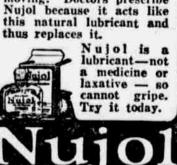
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Had to Be Careful.

Youthful president of the Oriole Sporting club-Has anybody any objections to Hickey becoming a member of the club?

Jimmie-Yeh, I have! One day I was swipin' apples outa Moure's orchard and Hickey sneaks up and stoled me whole bag full. Now, I don't think we oughter have guys in we can't

trust. Chorus of Members.—Jimmle's right! We don't want no crooks in this club. A guy like that would give us Orloles an awful black eye .- Life.

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