

In the Sunday School.

By W. P. CHAMBERS.

Occupying the elevated ridge, inland from the eastern end of what is now called the Mediterranean Sea, and along both sides of that strange, deep gash in the surface of the earth along which flows the Jordan River, for hundreds of years had dwelt a peculiar people. They had no general government, no king and no ruler. They were separated into tribes, yet had a common language and a common and peculiar worship. They were monotheistic in religion, utterly repudiating the gods of the nations around them. They were not a warlike people, yet on occasions, when a portion of their people became oppressed, they would unite and drive out the oppressors. But as soon as the danger was over they resumed their tribal relations, with no tie to bind them together save a religious one.

select a king to rule over them,—to lead them in battle, and judge them in times of peace. Though demurring, and trying to dissuade the people from their purpose, the prophet yielded, and a king was chosen, even such a king as the people desired. When he had fought a great battle and won a magnificent victory, delivering a portion of the people from a grievous impending peril, he was crowned in the midst of national rejoicing.

But it soon developed that the new king was self-willed, stubborn, full of greed and vanity, and careless alike of the people's good or the glory of God. And when he fought another great battle, overcoming the inveterate and immemorial foes of his people, he deliberately disobeyed God, in order to gratify his own ambition. For this disobedience, he was rejected from being king. The old prophet was directed to anoint another ruler in his stead, and being divinely guided, he anointed a shepherd lad, the youngest of a large family of boys.

Afterward we find this lad, while visiting the army where his brothers were serving, fighting and killing a great giant of whom every one was afraid, and becoming armor bearer to the king. The king became jealous of his young officer and tried to kill him. Through the intercession of the king's son, between whom and the young captain a strong friendship had grown up, a reconciliation was brought about and a marriage between him and the king's daughter was consummated.

Soon afterward, however, the king, whose mind was unbalanced at times, again became enraged at his son-in-law, and he was driven away from home, and his wife was given to another man. For seven years he was hunted as relentlessly as any wild beast was ever hunted, and there was no longer a hiding place in all the land.

On more than one occasion, the fugitive could have slain his pursurer, but with the fear of God in his heart, he refrained from lifting his hand against the Lord's anointed, believing that when the proper time came, the Lord would remove him. He also respected the civil law of the land, even though it sorely oppressed him.

In process of time the prophet died. When an immense army of invasion had entered the most fertile region in his dominions, the unhappy king vainly sought guidance from above. But the

God whom he had so greatly dishonored gave him no answer, and he turned to the powers of evil for help. Seeking a witch, he asked that the prophet be called up from the grave. But there was nothing but despair in the message from the dead man's lips. Knowing that defeat for his army and death for himself and his sons was inevitable, the half demented king met the onslaught of the enemy, and died by his own hand everything was lost.

When the outlawed officer, who was then in a foreign land, heard of the death of his former master,—his deadly foe,—he made no effort to profit by it until he had sought divine guidance. For more than seven years he had waited for the promise, yet he would not take it till the Lord had spoken. And even then, the promise was but half fulfilled; another wait of seven years was still before him. At last, however, in the fullness of time, in the prime of a vigorous manhood, chastened by adversity, schooled by discipline, and wholly relying on the everlasting arms, David came to his own.

A period of forty-seven years is covered by the quarter's lessons.

NEWS FORECAST FOR THE COMING WEEK.

New York, September 19.—Among the important news events scheduled for next week are the following:

Sunday.
Anniversary of entrance of Italian troops into Rome, will be celebrated by Italians everywhere.

Monday.
Annual conference of eastern bank examiners will be held at treasury department, Washington.

Annual conference of United States port appraisers will begin its sessions in New York.

Fifth International Congress on Tuberculosis will begin in Washington to last until October 12.

Sovereign Grand Lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows will convene in Denver.

Annual convention of the United States Brewmasters' Association begins in Albany.

International Congress of Press Clubs opens twelfth annual session in Berlin.

Twenty-fourth Trades and Labor Congress of Canada will convene in Halifax.

Supreme Council of the Young Men's Institute opens in Louisville.

Third Interstate Fair opens in Nashville.

Tuesday.
President Roosevelt and family will leave summer capital at Oyster Bay for Washington.

National League of Republican Clubs will convene in Cincinnati for session of three days.

Fourth biennial convention of United Irish League of America meets in Feneuil Hall, Boston.

International Fisheries Congress will begin its sessions in Washington.

National Association of City Accountants meets in Louisville.

Upper Mississippi Improvement Association convenes in Clinton, Ia.

Democratic state convention of Utah will be held in Logan.

Wednesday.
Papal Jubilee international athletic competition begins at the Vatican grounds in Rome.

International Moral Education Congress convenes in London for a session of four days.

Canadian General Synod of the Church of England will meet in Ottawa.

Society of the Army of West Virginia convenes at Huntington.

Thursday.
National Farmers' Congress will meet in annual session at Madison, Wis.

National Association of Wholesale Druggists will convene in Atlantic City.

Friday.
New Jersey Republican state convention to select presidential electors will be held in Trenton.

National Good Roads Conference will begin in Atlantic City, to last two days.

Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen will hold jubilee celebrations in several cities.

Illinois State Fair opens in Springfield.

Saturday.
First day of the Jewish New Year 5669 will be observed by Hebrews everywhere.

Ohio Democrats will open campaign with great rally at Mansfield.

Annual International Fair opens in San Antonio.

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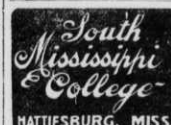
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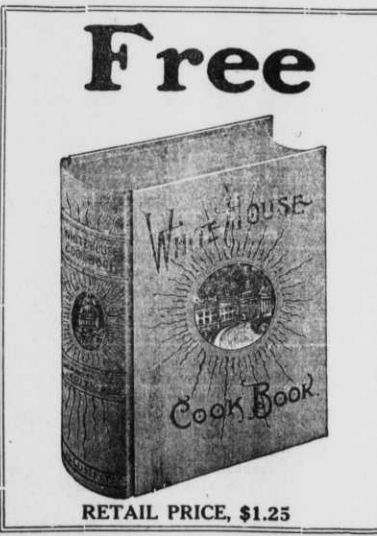
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