

Onlooker

The HALF OF A HALF AND A HALF



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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON FOR JANUARY 21

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.
LESSON TEXT—Luke 2:1-20.
MEMORY VERSES—In the city of David, which is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2:35.
About twenty centuries ago in an obscure village in Palestine, an event occurred which has had more influence upon the history of the world than any other event since time began. A child was born—not an unusual event surely. He was no child of distinguished parents, nor a prospective ruler of a world empire. He was born in a stable, and he lived a life of poverty and humility.

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FARMERS' SCHOOL IN SPECIAL TRAIN

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State-wide and woman suffrage bills to submit them to the people.

MEETZE GIVES VIEWS OF LEGISLATURE

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I am heartily in favor and, unless instructed by my constituents to do otherwise, I shall vote and work to have the convicts placed upon the roads and in the lime plants.

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Kensel Laws, of Front Royal, was in town Monday. Mr. Utterback, of Centerville, was in town Monday. A son was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Bell. The students of Eastern College enjoyed a sleigh ride Saturday evening. Dr. C. R. C. Johnson was in Harrisonburg last Friday on business. O. E. Newman has purchased a twenty horse power Hupmobile lately.

Miss Antonio Ford was a visitor at the home of J. B. Johnson on Monday.

Prayer meeting will be held in the Baptist Church to-night at 7:30 o'clock. Ernest Ransdell has taken a position at Quantico with his father, F. E. Ransdell. Mrs. Walter Sanders, of Cat-harpin, was a guest of Mrs. Beattie Elliot Wednesday. Miss Blanche Rogers, of Hamilton, was a guest of Miss Emma Johnson at Clover Hill last week. Jopling Adams has passed the examination in Richmond for the registered pharmacist before the State Board.

DEATH PARTS-DEVOTED SISTERS

The condition of Mrs. Fannie Metz was reported critical at a late hour yesterday afternoon. She is in a hospital at Washington. Mrs. Donation Liebau underwent a successful operation at University Hospital, Charlottesville, yesterday afternoon, and, it is believed, will regain use of her limb. The new residence being erected by Benjamin Hedrick, at Nokesville, is nearly completed and will be ready for occupancy by March 1. The structure cost about \$1,500.

Farmers' Business

We give particular attention to the business of farmers. A checking account with a bank is a convenience no farmer should be without. Our savings department is another excellent feature, affording, as it does, the privilege of withdrawals, together with the advantage of interest on your funds. Our commodious offices always at the disposal of our customers. We cordially invite the farmers to make this their Banking Home.

Peoples National Bank of Manassas

The Peoples National Bank of Manassas. A quarterly meeting will be held in the United Brethren Church at Aden, Saturday and Sunday, January 20 and 21. The conference will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. There will be preaching Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The meeting will be conducted by the Rev. A. S. Hammack, presiding elder, and the Rev. J. W. Brill, pastor in charge.

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Don't Suffer!

"I had been troubled, a little, for nearly 7 years," writes Mrs. L. Fincher, in a letter from Peavy, Ala. "but I was not taken down, until March, when I went to bed and had to have a doctor. He did all he could for me, but I got no better. I hurt all over, and I could not rest. At last, I tried Cardui, and soon I began to improve. Now I am in very good health, and able to do all my household work." TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic. You may wonder why Cardui is so successful, after other remedies have failed. The answer is that Cardui is successful, because it is composed of scientific ingredients, that act curatively on the womanly system. It is a medicine for women only. It restores weak and ailing women, to health and happiness. If you suffer like Mrs. Fincher did, take Cardui. It will surely do for you, what it did for her. At all druggists. Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn. For Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," send 1c.

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ART AND MEDIOCRITY

A NEW YORK girl, daughter of a well known actor, has decided to go on the stage. She says she realizes the work will be hard and that she probably will not succeed. The young woman has pronounced her own failure. She is seeking to gratify ambition and not to attain an ideal. Art has no reward for those grasping at fame. Neither are the secrets of art revealed to eyes blinded by the glitter of gold. The true artist never doubts his ability. It is inherent, as it is in his life. Art ignores mediocrity of which lack of confidence in self is a manifestation. Genius is a divine gift and is not to be acquired through any human agency. Expression of genius, poetry for illustration, teaches contemporary humanity, for the reason that the poet, inspired to prophecy, glimpses into the future revealing conditions as they will exist in an advanced age. Poetry is the soul of the artistic temperament. Failure, a discordant note, is not in the composition.

The young woman before the shrine of art hesitates in sacrifice, saying she wishes that the work will be hard, conveying the inference of drudgery. Not drudgery, but work, but consecration, that is the expression of the artist—devotion of life to exclusion of all else, sacrifice of every material appeal, for the spiritual joy of all else, sacrifice of every material appeal, for the spiritual joy of creating the beautiful. That is art for art's sake. That makes possible the "triumphant selfishness of genius." That is why genius is "half angel, half devil, and all child."

The stage-struck girl does not wish to use her family name because she fears failure.

Millet, of Paris, the greatest painter the century has produced, is the son of a kindly and uncommercial old gentleman who used to run a little printing office in a basement around the corner in an obscure street in Kansas City. The child painted pictures in colored inks on scraps of paper. The youth limned his visions in oil on canvas. The man made his name illustrious.

The way to success through the stage-door is closed to those who fear failure. "Mediocrity" goes barnstorming on the kerosene circuit. "Very Good" tours the provinces in night stands. "Genius" alone is recognized and received where art rules the play.

MEETZE MAKES GOOD

The Hon. C. J. Meetze, Delegate from Prince William County, already has made his influence felt in the Virginia Legislature. He was active in the bitter fight for Auditor in the Democratic caucus last Thursday night, and in a strong speech seconded the nomination of Hon. C. Lee Moore, of Alexandria. Mr. Moore has since been elected Auditor of Public Accounts by the Legislature by a vote of 68 to 61 over his opponent, the Hon. C. A. Johnson. In another telling speech, Mr. Meetze seconded the nomination of Colonel Richardson for re-election as register. Colonel Richardson has since been re-elected by the Legislature. Prince William County is ably represented by the Hon. C. J. Meetze. He is making a record that is an honor and a distinction to the County and himself. A communication from Mr. Meetze in this issue of THE DEMOCRAT, is worthy of careful reading by every citizen of the County. It shows that the interests of Prince William County are being safeguarded and advanced in the Legislature, by the Farmers' Delegate.

PROGRESS

The progressive Southern Railroad is sparing neither effort nor expense in developing the territory tributary to its lines. While it is true that in so doing the Southern is developing its own resources, the fact remains that the movement directly benefits every person affected by it, by establishing a closer reciprocity of interests between the carrier and the shipper. One is indispensable to the other, and each represents a force in the upbuilding of the section by association. The Farmers' Institute train to be operated by the Southern over its lines presents an illustration. Improved methods of agriculture and dairying will be demonstrated by authorities. The intrinsic value of such instruction consists in greater production and increased revenue for the farmer and heavier shipments and increased revenue for the railroad. It means co-operation to develop to highest productivity the territory upon which each is dependent for existence. The Farmers' Institute Train is an effective movement.

AGRICULTURE FIRST

MORE than \$750,000, in addition to their regular annuities, will be required by educational and charitable institutions of the State to carry out their immediate work, according to a schedule presented to both houses of the Legislature by Governor Mann in a special communication. Although not listed in the schedule, the State Agricultural High Schools are entitled to apportionment from any additional appropriation for educational purposes. Agriculture is the chief industry of Virginia, our greatest resource, and so the Agricultural Schools are the most important educational institutions. Farmers expect that the Agricultural Schools shall be recognized in the proposed measure for increased appropriations.

GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE

WITH reverence the South tomorrow will honor the memory of her illustrious patriot, General Robert E. Lee, upon the one hundred and fifth anniversary of his birth. Christian soldier and peerless citizen, the name of General Robert E. Lee stands for all that the South cherishes in honor and chivalry. Monumental to his memory are his achievements in war and in peace. Immortal is the gratitude that crowns memory of the leader of the Southern Confederacy who fought to preserve the institutions and traditions of that fair land—to protect its residents from an invading foe. His broad humanity distinguished him as soldier and as statesman.

EXCELLENT

CITIZENS of Haymarket are manifesting the kind of civic enterprise that accompanies results in town building. They are to vote on a proposed issue of bonds to construct permanent sidewalks—a fine improvement. It is a most commendable example of civic pride and civic spirit.

HIGHWAY

It is with the understanding that Manassas raises \$6,000 of the \$150,000 required for the construction between Washington and Richmond that the route of the great Quebec-Miami International highway has been established through this town. It will be the best investment that this community has ever made, opening an avenue of lasting returns. The commercial and social advantages leading from this great highway will more than compensate the territory, our natural field, closed to us for prolonged periods because of impassable roads. Highways direct the current of commerce. This great road will develop Manassas as a suburban town through adequate access by highway with Washington, by proximity to our logical urban point. The prestige gained from the route through Manassas, attracting attention of persons of large means who, on tours by automobile will visit Manassas, is most valuable publicity. It will present our superior advantages and unequalled attractions to the view of persons of abundant capital waiting but to be convinced to invest. Viewing the proposition from this one of many points of vantage, \$6,000 invested in any other method of publicity would not bring returns so great. The construction of this great highway will give impetus to movements for the road improvement throughout all Prince William County—all roads leading to Manassas. No difficulty should be encountered in raising the \$6,000. An excellent opportunity to formulate plans for the financial campaign is presented by the smoker and business meeting of the Manassas Business League tomorrow night.

The route virtually has been established through Manassas in the event the \$6,000 is raised. Two other roads in course of construction are competitors against the route by way of Washington, Manassas, Fredericksburg and Richmond. Manassas must act immediately. Fredericksburg is planning a Rally Day. Why not have one here?

PARAGRAPHS

CLEAR the sidewalks of snow and ice.
THE next President will be nominated at Baltimore.
THE nipping air tempts occupants of the water wagon to do likewise.
"LUCK is something we blame when we fail and deny when we succeed"—Selected.

THE announcement that diamonds will not be cheaper may be attributed to Leap Year.

"THE sublime in art is the most helpful to mortals, for it elevates the mind"—Joubert.

IF, as Government attorneys say, the indicted packers concealed their profits, the public paid for the hide.

IT should take little wire-pulling and less talk to secure Government ownership of the telegraph systems.

THE destruction by fire of a summer hotel in Michigan, may be taken to mean that winter has come to stay up there.

FROM a man without Presidential aspirations the people are paying a great deal of attention to what Bryan has to say about the campaign.

"THE soul is the center and secret of all that we call valuable. Take out the soul and you bankrupt the business of the world."
The Rev. Charles C. Woods.

FEDERAL aid for good roads is the most important measure to be discussed by the American Automobile Association in convention at Washington. Improvement of the highways is as deeply important as improvement of the waterways.

A WESTERN Progressive Republican Senator, according to a press dispatch from Washington, declares that "Roosevelt will be the nominee of the Republican party in Chicago, and he will be elected." It appears that this optimistic Senator lacks the courage of his convictions, as he is quoted anonymously.

CONDITIONS in towns and cities frequently are identical. We leave to a guess the name of another place to which the following dispatch would apply: "The cold snap brought snow and later sleet to the Capital. It was rather trying to most people, for the Washingtonians have a happy way of waiting for the sun to clean the sidewalks. On the morning of January 9, there was not a sidewalk in the business quarter of Washington cleared of snow and ice, although some benevolent storekeepers and householders put ashes and clinkers on the sidewalks."

THE steel trust is pronounced a failure by Louis D. Brandeis, the Boston anti-trust lawyer, in advocating the La Follette bill as a preventive in the formation of a trust. Any organization, monopolistic or not, which counts dividends at the cost of human misery ultimately shall fail. After declaring that the steel trust has failed in economic efficiency, Mr. Brandeis says: "Socially its record has been even worse. While it has accumulated for or disbursed to stockholders in ten years more than \$650,000,000 in excess of a fair return upon capital, and has enriched promoters, it has subjected the laborer to grossly excessive toil and deprived him of industrial liberty. Having driven out unionism, it has taught the American worker what an 'iron master' really is. To work men twelve hours a day, seven days a week—with an occasional 24-hour work day when the shift is made, makes not only 'old men at 40,' but necessarily degenerates the race, physically, intellectually and morally. The steel trust indeed has been the prince and the pauperizer."

YOUR CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT

Readers of THE DEMOCRAT are offered an opportunity to express their preference of aspirants for the Presidential nomination. Whom would you like to see the standard-bearer of your party? Fill out the Presidential ballot below and send it to THE DEMOCRAT, Manassas, Va. Do not delay. Let us have a real "primary" to learn whom the people of Prince William county want for President of the United States. Any one can vote who will have a vote next November. Sign your name, or initials at least, that we may know the ballot to be a genuine expression of sentiment. The result will be declared on Thursday, February 29.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOT

VOTE your first, second and third choice for President, and your first and second choice for Vice-President on the ballot below: cut out and mail or bring to the office of THE DEMOCRAT. Indicate choice by writing figures 1, 2 and 3 opposite the names of your favorite candidates.

For President	For Vice-President
1	1
2	2
3	3

Signed: _____

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