

The Sunday-School.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS, 1888. FOURTH QUARTER. Sunday, Dec. 18.

RUTH'S CHOICE. Ruth 1:16. MORO TEXT.—And Ruth said, Estrait me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whithersoever thou go, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. Ruth 1:16.

Coming after the war and famine and bloodshed of the book of Judges, the tender and beautiful story in this short book is all the more striking. Yet not small, it is a story full of story time. The Holy Spirit lifts the veil from the home life of the people of Israel, and behold! this beautiful picture of love and faithfulness. The story which we are to read can be briefly told. There was a famine in the land, no doubt in some of the times of Israel's apostasy. Elimelech, a prominent man in Bethlehem, had wandered into the land of Moab to avoid it, taking his family with him. There his two sons married Moabitish women. Although there is no mention of Elimelech for his move in the brief history, yet we are not allowed to connect his death, and especially the death of his two sons without children, with his leaving the land of Judah, and allowing his two sons to marry strange men. But that Naomi maintained her place in the land in a strange land is evident throughout the whole story.

The greater part of the attention and comment on this story is directed to Ruth's character. It is, indeed, a beautiful character, and worthy of commendation. But for that that Naomi is the noblest and best of women, and she is the real heroine of the book. Two years passed away in Moab. It is probable that Elimelech died soon after they settled in the land of Moab, for that the two sons lived (1) a short time before their mother's going back to her own home. Poor and bereft of husband and children, Naomi decided to return to her people and the worship of her God. She shows her humility and piety in this resolve. She had gone out "full," and she returned "empty," for she had given up her husband and her property to those who were to marry her sons. But she cared not for that, she is going back to her people and her God.

Her two daughters-in-law resolve to go with her. Nothing shows like the beauty and strength of Naomi's character more plainly than the love which she had for her two young women. All they could do for her was to go with her, and she was willing to leave them to their own devices to labour for in her poverty. Naomi allows them to accompany her for a part of the way, but she was unwilling to leave them to their own devices to labour for in her poverty. Naomi allows them to accompany her for a part of the way, but she was unwilling to leave them to their own devices to labour for in her poverty. Naomi allows them to accompany her for a part of the way, but she was unwilling to leave them to their own devices to labour for in her poverty.

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Books.

The Word-Gods Year. By Miss Nellie Roy. N. L. Lunt: National People Publishing Company, Philadelphia. Price \$1.50. This work is written in story form, with the design of illustrating the life of the Christian character. It will be found before the holidays to be a handsome souvenir binding.

The Wicked World. By Lippincott Series of Select Novels. Lovell Cameron. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. Mrs. Cameron is a Swiss writer, and some of her books we have enjoyed very much. This novel shows her usual power, but we do not like the plot. We are sick to death of stories in which a married man or woman is in love with some one besides the law of God. However, this one is not in favour of Mrs. Cameron, she does not make us foolish, but she makes the wicked destroyer of a family's happiness in the nick of time.

Akkad and Anwered. Price 50 cents. The Sea in Blue. Price 40 cents. New York: American Tract Society. These are two more of these dainty little books which are so helpful to little tokens to be sent to friends at Christmas. They are both illustrated with pictures beautifully coloured. The first is an account of the life of a young man in the year, and gives an answer for each day in the month. Questions and answers both being taken from the Bible, and they are so arranged that they are easy to read, and with special reference to God's power over the world.

And they said, "Is this man?" We have received from E. P. Dutton, of New York, two little books, "The Philosophy of the New Birth," by John Edwin Briggs. This is an account of the hypothesis of evolution will be the foothold of contempt. Already it is ceasing to be the faith which certain persons made of it. It is an account of the hypothesis of evolution will be the foothold of contempt. Already it is ceasing to be the faith which certain persons made of it. It is an account of the hypothesis of evolution will be the foothold of contempt. Already it is ceasing to be the faith which certain persons made of it.

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"I am not a thanksgiving day for a house-keeper, father! I am not a thanksgiving day for a house-keeper..."

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