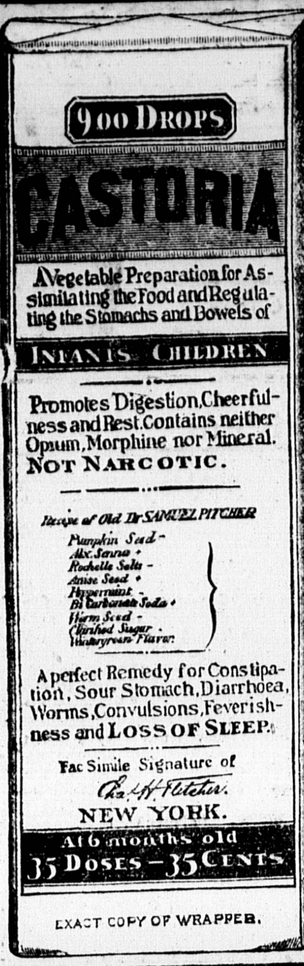

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CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST

1. Each contestant, or his or her family, must be a paid in advance subscriber to The Guardian, during the continuance of the contest, in order to qualify for membership in the International Newspaper Bible Study Club and this Local Club.

2. Each contestant in this Local Club must answer each of the written questions for 52 consecutive weeks, commencing for Sunday August 23rd and the answers must all in two weeks of the close of this period, which allows two weeks grace after the close of the contest.

3. Each question must be answered separately, and the paper written on one side only. No answer must contain more than two hundred words and may be less. It will be a convenience if students will write their answers on letter paper about 8½ inches by 11 inches.

1. Each answer must have the name and address of the writer at the bottom of the answer, together with the date label of a current issue of The Guardian so it can be identified, giving a number, registered, and then the name will be cut off so the examiner may know it by number only.

5. Students should be careful to understand the question before answering. To do this the lesson text must be read and especially the verse or verses, upon which the question is based.

6. The answers from this Local Club must be delivered to The Guardian office, and they will be collected at the close of the contest and forwarded to headquarters for independent examination by competent examiners. The prizes will then be awarded according to the highest number of marks, won by members of The International Newspaper Bible Study Club, and prizes which may be awarded to members of this local Club will be given out from this office.

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S. S. LESSON.

Dec. 20th, 1908.

Solomon's Downfall—I Kings xi:4-13

Golden Text.—Thou shalt have no other gods before me.—Ex. xx:3.

Verses 4-5.—Should a Christian man ever marry a worldly woman?

If a Christian marries a worldly woman and really loves and respects her, delighting in her company, is it possible for him to be a holy man?

As a matter of fact, is it possable for two to be united into one, as marriage contemplates, if they are not one in God? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Suppose Solomon had selected, godly Hebrew women for his wives, what would have been the result upon his religious life?

Did Solomon sin in marrying more than one wife?

In what sense did David's heart remain true to God, seeing that he, too had a number of wives?

If a strong man can keep from us strong man can keep from undue love of women, to what extent is that a guarantee of the favor of God, with health, long life, and prosperity thrown in?

Why is one man for one wife, God's ideal for the marriage relation?

Verses 6-8.—Apart from his polygamy, in what other respects did Solomon so signally sin against God?

Why is it that a man's loyalty to the true God, is such a factor in his appiness and to the continuity of his worldly success.

Hundreds of strong brainy men are serving long terms in penitentiaries; what proportion of them would be there if they had been true to the Christian's God.

The chief sin with which Solomon is charged here is not so much his polygamy, as that he allowed his heathen wives to turn his heart from he true God; now it is true, that disloyalty to God is the very worst moral crimes, as it is the foundaon of every crime?

Is polygamy a social crime because he Bible says so, or does the Bible say so, because it is so; that is, is it a crime in the nature of things?

A devout Mohammedan is necesarily a polygamist, now would you say that all such are under the ban of God.

Verses 9-10—Can anything happen to disturb the natural complacence f the eternal God?

What is that operation in God, or in the law of God, which answers to anger in man.

How do you account for Solomon's apostacy, in view of God's marvellous appearance to him, and of God's ondrous dealings with him, giving im wisdom and riches and vast inuence?

Verses 11-13—On what conditions did God promise Solomon and his sons prosperity, and the establishment of his throne forever?

In how many respects did Solomon reak his part in the covenant?

What is the only condition of every an's continuous prosperity?

Lesson for Sunday, Dec. 27, 1908—eview.

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