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#### WINTER WHEAT.

We must get more wheat out of the land now under cultivation. Though the total wheat production has increased enormously in America, it is not keeping pace with the increase in population.

A medium to heavy loam soil is best for wheat. This grain being a moderately deep feeder, the soil should be worked fairly deep. The soil should contain considerable organic matter in order to retain sufficient moisture to mature the crop. This organic matter also modifies the texture of the soil so that the air will circulate within the root growing area. For winter wheat plow as soon as the preceding crop is taken off, then the moisture will not be wasted by evaporation. If a legume crop, such as clover, cowpeas, beans, etc., has preceded the spring-grown crop, there will be considerable nitrogen in the soil, but if the preceding crop should have been early oats, barley or other grain crops, most of the plantfood will have been used up.

After preparing seedbed thoroughly, best results have been obtained by sowing the wheat with a drill, which insures planting at an even depth. The seeds are carefully covered in the process of drilling. The drilled wheat shows a greater percentage of survival than the broadcasted wheat after a winter of severe weather and a spring of alternate thawing and freezing. Where the wheat is sown sufficiently early, the tiny rootlets get a firm hold on the seed bed and are not so easily torn up, as are those of broadcasted wheat. The fertilizer for this crop should be distributed at the same time that the wheat is sown.

It is very important to use a fertilizer suited to both soil and crop. The typical wheat soils, well supplied with organic matter and in a good state of tilth, 200 pounds of fertilizer carrying a fair amount of nitrogen, a liberal supply of available phosphoric acid and a medium amount of potash will be found beneficial. Such fertilizer will analyze about 2-3 per cent. nitrogen, 5-10 per cent. available phosphoric acid and 2-4 per cent. potash. Frequently a mixture of green and clover seed is sown on the wheat in spring. This crop can also be sown in the fall by the addition of the

## GARDENS IN CITY INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Bring Joy and Pleasure to Care-worn Men and Women.

MANY PROVE PROFITABLE.

Cultivated Plots Furnish Ideal Place to Bring Up Children—Make Them Stronger Physically and More Intelligent—Exercise of the Best Sort.

Home, farm and garden—three words which touch every chord of the human heart. Farming has brought joy and health to many careworn men and women who have lost their health in a vain effort to keep the pace with the ever rushing tide of commercial life in great cities, says the Chicago Tribune.

If everybody who is advised to do so were to go to the farm the cities would soon be greatly depopulated and the country districts turned into a veritable garden city. Since this, for one reason or another, is not at all likely the next best thing for the city man to do is to bring the farm to the city. This he can do by buying a hoe, rake, spade, shovel and fork and using them to convert his back yard or nearby vacant lots into gardens.

Farming in the city can be made practicable and profitable. It can be converted into a moral and an economic force. It can be made a potential factor in preserving practical sanitary conditions in and about the homes in the cities, especially the homes in the poorer sections.

It can be used to raise the social and ethical standards of a community.



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CHILDREN WORKING IN CITY GARDEN thereby awakening an active and earnest interest in social betterment.

It increases the value of real estate, strengthens home ties and stimulates civic pride.

When it is desired to farm vacant lots or convert back yards and back lots into gardens it is necessary to keep them free from garbage, tin cans, etc. This materially adds to the standards of a community.

It lessens the breeding places of disease carrying vermin. Tin cans, when lying about such localities, usually contain more or less water. They furnish an ideal breeding place for the mosquito.

No disease disturbs physical efficiency more than malaria. Get rid of tin cans in the back yard and vacant lot and you have removed a great and common source of malaria.

It seems that every one must realize the influence for good which such an institution exercises. It stimulates bonds of friendly interest between neighbors by showing them that they have a common cause. It stimulates back yard conversation among neighbors over line fences, thereby breaking down and completely annihilating otherwise useless and chilly conventionalities.

It makes people real neighbors, and stimulates that sort of friendship which endureth even unto the end.

When a city man has a garden to care for as soon as his day's work is over he hurries home, dons his garden clothes and spends his spare moments working among his beds of vegetables and flowers. After his evening meal nothing is more ideal than to spend the twilight hours roaming among his flowers.

To utilize effectively and efficiently the back yard and vacant lots for gardening purposes, it is all important that proper regard for garden planning should be had.

It is just as necessary that the plans when once adopted should be carefully followed. Nothing succeeds without regard to order, and especially is this true with regard to successful farming. Gardening is nothing but farming on a small scale.

By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department, The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

LESSON FOR JUNE 29

THE VICTORIES OF FAITH.

READING LESSON—Acts 7:9-16; Heb. 11:20-22.

GOLDEN TEXT—"This is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4.

The reading lessons for today are a New Testament commentary upon the past quarter's work. The first lesson is taken from that marvelous defense of Stephen the first martyr. As he traces the history of the people of Israel, he shows God's continued activities and purposes from the hour he called Abraham until the holy one of Israel came to fill to their fullness all of these same activities and purposes. Stephen also shows us that alongside God's activities was the equally persistent disobedience of the people which culminated in the betrayal and murder of that holy one. In the portion selected he sets before us how Joseph is sold into Egypt, yet God was with him and delivered him; how the famine came and Jacob is thereby brought into Egypt only later to be carried back into the land of promise.

Teach Faith. The second lesson is taken from that great catalogue of heroes as recorded in the Epistle to the Hebrews. Here we have set before us the fact that God's eternal purpose with man is ever that of faith. Isaac, Jacob and Joseph are here mentioned and the faith of each set before us.

Leaving out the Easter lesson we have covered a period of about 50 years, eight lessons dealing with Joseph, and four with Jacob.

Attention has been called to Joseph as one of the most remarkable types of Christ to be found in the Old Testament (see comments on lesson of April 27). As we have also suggested Jacob is not so grand a character as Abraham yet is much more like the average man.

It is interesting to go over these lessons and follow God's purposes and to observe how like Christ Joseph was.

In LESSON I we behold Jacob at the instigation of his mother deceiving his poor old father and being compelled to fly that he might save his life. Rebekah thought she could execute God's purposes; but it is never right to do evil that good may result.

In LESSON II Jehovah appeared before this conscience smitten refugee and again promised that the blessing, yes, his own divine purpose, would be worked out in Jacob's life. This is a lesson on the grace of God.

LESSON III sets Jacob before us after twenty-one years' service and separation from his brother Esau. This is a great lesson on God's desire and transforming power. He transforms Jacob to Israel a "prince" and softened the heart of Esau. Faith overcame and is strengthened and confirmed.

In LESSON IV we first behold Joseph particularly loved and favored and as bitterly hated; he was thrown into a pit to die but is taken up (typical of the resurrection) and sold into slavery. The development of envy and the persistent, delivering purpose of God are here presented in strong contrast.

LESSON V shows Joseph's entering that dark maze beyond which God was to highly exalt him. By faith he overcame that fierce temptation and his treatment of his fellow prisoner was God's useful agency though it seemed accidental and insignificant.

God's Continued Purpose. LESSON VI is the completion of Lesson V, and in it we see Joseph seated in the place of power, able to save the country and also his brethren.

LESSON VII shows us God's continued purpose and the beginning of the fulfillment of his word that the descendants of Abraham were to dwell in captivity (Gen. 15:13).

LESSON VIII is a continuation of Joseph's dealings with his brothers in which their guilty consciences are still further pricked and God reveals to us his immutable purpose.

LESSON IX is a tender one of the meeting of Joseph and Benjamin while at the same time it suggests to us the certainty of the fact that we may "be sure your sin will find you out." Unless covered by his forgiving blood our sin is mercilessly upon our track.

In LESSON X we behold Joseph made known to his brethren and those in fear are urged to draw near. Joseph's faith in God saved him from arrogance and retaliation and inclined his heart to tenderness and love in his dealings with his brothers. Even as Joseph revealed himself to his brothers so will Christ reveal himself.

Joseph's provision for his fathers and his brethren, LESSON XI, is a rich suggestion of our father's bounty and care for all who are "in Christ Jesus." By faith Joseph who had become great in a strange land, identified with all of its power and splendor makes provision that when God's purpose shall be executed and the sons of Israel shall be delivered from Egypt, his bones shall be carried into the land of the people to whom he belonged and from whom he has so long been separated. Faith is the secret of victory. Joseph as a type teaches us the lesson of faith.

## Church Notes

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

"Obedience" is the subject of the Sunday morning sermon. This will be in connection with the regular communion service.

"What is Man?" is the second in the series on great questions of life. This is an address on the nature of man—what differentiates him from the animal? This is a serious attempt to answer this all-important question. The morning service begins at 10:45 p. m.

The evening service begins at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is welcome.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST.

Sunday service, 11 a. m.; Wednesday, 8 p. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m. The reading room is open to the public on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 to 4 p. m. The Bible and Christian Science literature may be read or purchased of the one in charge. Visitors are welcome.

GERMAN EVANGELICAL ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GROVE ST.

The coming Sunday, June 29, is devoted to the Sunday school. We will have a rally of the Sunday school members at 9:15 a. m. and of the congregation and their friends at 10:30 a. m. The public is kindly invited to these services. Our English services during summertime will be continued on every first and third Sunday of each month. G. FAHL, Pastor.

FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

Leo Schmitt, pastor, Sunday services: Sunday School at 10 a. m. Sermon at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Junior Y. P. A., 2:45, and Senior Y. P. A. at 6:45 p. m. Mid-week meetings: Wednesday at 8 p. m., and Thursday at 7:45 p. m. Choir rehearsal at 8:45. German preaching service every second Sunday of the month at 3 p. m.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. J. H. Williams, pastor, Sunday services: Class meeting at 10:00 a. m. Public worship at 10:30 and 7:30. Sunday school at 12:00 m. Epworth League, at 6:30 p. m. Mid-week meeting, Wednesday, at 8:00 p. m. Women's Missionary Societies, first Thursday afternoon of each month. Ladies' Aid Society, second Thursday afternoon of each month. Choir rehearsal, Friday, at 7:45 p. m.

Sunday Services. ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

E. A. Lemaine, Rector. Week days: Altar Guild the first Tuesday of each month. Woman's Auxiliary, the second Tuesday of each month. Woman's Guild, first and third Wednesday. Choir practice Friday at 8 p. m. Sunday. Sunday School.....9:45 a. m. Morning Prayer.....11:00 a. m. St. Andrew's Junior Club.....5:00 p. m. St. Andrew's Club.....6:00 p. m. Evensong.....7:00 p. m. Choral Eucharist, the second Sunday in each month.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

June 29, morning worship with preaching; in the evening a service of song. Bible school at the noon hour. Mr. Earl Prince will lead the discussion of the Endeavor topic, "Our Nation's Glories and Perils." On Wednesday evening, July 2, the quarterly business meeting will be held. As matters of exceptional importance will come before us, every member of the church is urged to be present. We shall observe communion at the morning service on July 5. During the pastor's vacation the morning service, the Bible school, the Christian Endeavor, the mid-week prayer meeting continue as usual. We shall join with the other churches in union evening services.

Quite Naturally. A funny mistake occurred lately in printing labels for a meat-preserving company. The printer had been in the habit of labeling tins of beef or mutton, as the case might be, with the words "without bone" prominently displayed. The company having added kidney soup to its list, the new article was duly ticketed as "Kidney soup—without bone."

Useful Life. Any Christian spirit working kindly in its little sphere, whatever it may be, will find its moral life too short for its vast means of usefulness.—Charles Dickens.

Daily Thought. Let friendship sweep gently to the heights; if it rush to it, it may soon run itself out of breath.—Thomas Fuller.

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