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Good Description.

Little Emily's mother had gone shopping. Upon returning she brought home to Emily a pair of pink socks fashionable for smart children in summer.

Wonderful "Water Vine."

One of the wonders of the Guatemala jungle is the "water vine," a black, snake-like, leafless stem, dropping from the ceiba and mahogany trees to which it has climbed.

Trying to Be Resigned.

"So you've lost your nice pussy cat," sympathized grandma, hearing sad news. "Too bad! I know how you loved him. You miss him dreadfully, I suppose?"

His One Hope.

"Indeed," declared Mrs. Henpeck, "I guess I have just as good a chance of going to heaven as you." "Not if I get there first," replied her husband.

Discounted.

Maud—"Last night Jack asked me how old I was and I told him twenty-two." Marie—"You were always good at subtraction, dear."

Fatality of "Getting Even."

"Gettin' even wif an enemy," said Uncle Eben, "ain't gnetter do no mo' an add de waste of a whole lot of valuable time an' energy to de harm he has already done you."

Contagious.

Be good to the depths of you, and you will discover that those who surround you will be glad even to the same depths.—Masterlink.

GOOD ROADS

WHAT IMPROVED ROADS MEAN

Spells Prosperity and Happiness to Every Community Which Has Forethought to See Blessings.

(By R. E. CLDB.)

Good roads are conducive to better schools, live rural churches, pleasant rides, good markets, social advancement, a closer bond of sympathy and co-operation between the farmer and his city cousin who works at the forge, the lathe or the spindle.

Again, good roads annihilate distances and rob farming of the dread and drudgery of rural seclusion, this fact being notably apparent where a farmer is the wise and happy owner of a high-quality, dependable and economical motor car.

Then good roads save time, save horses and wagons, automobiles and gasoline. They enable the farmer to market, at minimum cost, in rain or shine, his perishable produce such as fruits, vegetables, milk, butter, eggs and meat.

In cases of acute illness good roads enable the physician to bring speedy relief to the sick annually and save the lives of hundreds of our men, women and children, a fact which more than trebly compensates any amount of money which we may spend as a nation, state, county, city or town.

As road improvement is of nationwide interest it should be supported by our national, state and county governments. This is notably true with interstate highways, for it is manifestly unjust to tax all the improvement to the abutting land, to the county or even to the state.

Good and patriotic men seem to be at variance as to what is the best system of building roads. Some advocate three or more cross-continent trunk highways to be built and maintained equally by the federal government and by the various states through which the trunk highways go.

The citizens of a given county could by this plan easily determine on the first ten miles of good roads to be built and maintained. Then the next five or ten and so on further away from the principal town or towns in the county until every foot of dirt road in the county is put in first-class condition.

The good leaven is working in the minds, hearts and consciences of the American people. Good roads, to them, now means more than ever before, the avenues which lead to national strength, prosperity and happiness to which every good citizen should be glad to give his due measure of enthusiastic support.

Kernel of Problem.

Water will change the best of earth roads into a streak of mud in a very short time and right here is the kernel of our road problem. How shall we keep the water from soaking into the traveled part of our roads? There are many who seem to be willing to tell us how, but very few are able to "show us." Tilling and dragging are the only good things that have "de-livered the goods" to date.

Kansas Rock Road.

The first mile of rock road in Kansas, running west of Garnett, when completed, cost \$1,415, and much of the work on it was done by the farmers themselves. The county contributed \$200, a city club \$100, and the residents of the town \$65.

Small Farms Best.

Some men think it a fine thing to own big farms, and so it is, provided one knows how to manage them to advantage, but a little farm kept well in hand fattens the bank account more than a big one neglected.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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

LESSON FOR JULY 13

MOSES PREPARES FOR HIS WORK.

LESSON TEXT—Ex. 2:11-25. GOLDEN TEXT—"Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth." Matt. 5:5.

Meekness does not imply any lack of aggressiveness; it does not imply a mildness of temper. Moses, we judge from a study of this chapter, was not as yet "meek above all men."

In last week's lesson we considered the birth, salvation, nursing and training of Moses as child. After Jochebed had nursed Moses (v. 9) he was returned to Pharaoh's daughter and "became her son," thereby obtaining all the rights, privileges and training of the Egyptian court.

I. His Qualifications. (1) He had a godly parentage and an early godly training. Do we appreciate the tremendous advantage of the child who is well born and well trained? True, environment is not all-sufficient, but it is a great asset. The psalmist emphasizes this when he exclaims "thou hast given me the heritage of them that fear thy name." Ps. 61:5.

(2) Moses had a knowledge of the conditions. Born and nursed in a slave's home he knew of the oppression of Israel. Reared in Pharaoh's court, he knew how the Egyptians feared these same Israelites (Ch. 1:9, 10). Moses saw (v. 11) the burdens borne by those of his own race.

(3) Moses had a heart of sympathy (v. 11). Seeing an Egyptian taskmaster evilly entreating a kinsman Moses' heart rebelled and at once he flew to his support and defence. Our Lord was "moved with compassion." A like righteous indignation impelled the Master to drive the money changers from the temple and to denounce the hypocritical Pharisees. Moses had not, however, learned self-restraint, and that he should express his sympathy at the proper time and in the most effective manner.

(4) Moses was brave and zealous, v. 12. But he acted before God told him to act. He "looked this way and that," but he did not look upward.

(5) Moses was educated. We have already seen how he was taught by his own mother and that he received the training of the Egyptians, Acts 7:22. Being brave and mighty in deeds was not enough; he was "mighty in words and deeds." Thus he was prepared to stand before Pharaoh (not the father of his deliverer, but another Pharaoh, v. 24), meet him on an equal footing, and intelligently combat his religion with that of Jehovah.

(6) Moses had assurance. True, he had not as yet received God's call (see Ch. 3) for particular work and his reliance upon force, his tit-for-tat policy was not God's method of working deliverance. But Moses was obedient, and as he obeyed, God honored each step of his faith.

Moses' Mistake.

(7) Moses was meek, e. g., teachable. To us this was his greatest asset. A man may be well born, well trained and know the needs and the resources at his command, but if he lack a teachable spirit he is doomed to failure. Moses made a mistake when he slew the Egyptian. At a later date when he had learned of God he undertook the same task and no difficulties daunted him. The change from a prince's position at the court to one of an humble shepherd, a despised calling, was as essential as had been those 40 years at the Egyptian schools.

II. His error. Moses endeavored to work relief by the strength of his own arm, a mistake many Christian workers are constantly making. Our warfare is not with carnal weapons. Moses had no warrant for killing the Egyptian. He was not obeying any command other than that of impulse. The life of Moses had been miraculously spared, nor had he been subject to slavery. Yet he did not know God's method nor was it God's opportune time to strike the blow for deliverance. It is true that the sufferings of the Israelites increased and that no one seemed to heed their cry. But God remembered.

III. His pilgrimage. Some one has suggested that Moses entered another school of patience which would cause him to exercise all of his meekness when he married Zipporah, Ch. 4:20-26. It is true that his father-in-law was more generous and proved a better friend than his daughter, Ch. 18:13-27. Moses gave evidence that he recognized his pilgrim character in the names he gave to his sons, v. 22 and Ch. 18:3, 4. The Christian needs constantly to be reminded that he is but a pilgrim and a stranger here below.

IV. A summary. Again we have brought before us God's wonderful method of preparing his chosen instrument for the carrying out of his promises. Not all, of course, is recorded. A life is saved and preserved. It receives a brief period of instruction at its most critical stage from the hands of its own mother. He becomes proficient in all of the learning of a rich and opulent court. Then comes a time when a definite crisis of responsibility, a sense of persons relation to the poor and oppressed of his own blood, forces him to make a choice. He is convinced of his own incompetence.

Church Notes

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. Morning sermon "The Divine Voice of Approval." Evening sermon "Sin Discovered."

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.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Mr. Wilbur Dean Elliott, student in charge. Sunday—Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon 11 a. m.; Holy Eucharist, second Sunday in each month. Week Days—Altar Guild first Tuesday in each month; Woman's Auxiliary second Tuesday in each month; Women's Guild first and third Wednesday; choir practice, Fridays, 8 p. m.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

In the morning a service of worship with preaching, at the close of this service we shall discuss the question of altering the present church building. Every member and supporter of the church is urged to be present and voice his judgment. Sunday school at noon. Miss Katherine Heckman will lead the discussion of the Endeavor topic, "Speak not evil one to another." Preaching service again in the evening. Prayer meeting subject, "Apostolic Christianity."

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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.

May Be Something in Dreams.

Belief in the prophetic power of dreams has run ring around a rosy. Men formerly thought dreams foretold future events, dreams gave good advice for the regulation of one's future conduct, dreams told where to find lost articles. Then as we grew more sophisticated we regarded dream omens as mere superstition. Lately some of the closest investigators of dreams have begun to switch to the former opinion.

Object of His Visit.

"Did Sir Alfred Murgatroyd come over here on business?" "Oh, no! It's only a pleasure trip. He came over here to swear at the country."—Puck.

All the World for a Market.

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Nice Distinction.

Lawyer—"Do you mean to tell me the plaintiff was drunk?" Witness—"Well, no; but you couldn't call him ostentatiously sober."—Judge.

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