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Pure Fiction. "We enjoyed your visit so much." "Say, Central, I've been waiting 20 minutes."

Names of Honorable Origin. The surname Mouse denoted at first a man of great courage; while Mr. Ratt got his name from the fact that the first bearer of the name was a wise person, who gave "counsel" to the king.

Might Say Many Men. "Some men," said Mrs. Possessio, "think that because they have one poor little woman bamboozled at home, that they possess great executive ability."

Easy Answer. Instructor (at night school)—"Give a sentence with the word 'metaphysical' in it." Shaggy-haired Pupil—"On his way home, Mr. Jones metaphysician."—Chicago Tribune.

Just See How It Works. Try being as polite to those with whom you are intimately associated as to casual acquaintances. You will be surprised to see how well it works.—The Watchman.

Farm Diplomat. "Do you want a job as a farmhand?" "No," replied Plodding Pete. "You have been kind to me in the past, and I think too much of you to make you an object of jealous hatred among all your neighbors."

Accounting for It. "I see your friends have been doing some hard mountain climbing of late; didn't you notice the marks on their faces?"

Gems In Verse

THE FAVORED. LIFE gave him hours of labor long With guerdons frail and few, And Fate no gift of precious song For cheer the gray years through, But God, who knew how soon the charm Of such gifts may depart, Gave him the greatest gift of all— A happy heart.

CHANGE THE SUBJECT. WHEN the troubles of life assail you And the morrow looks bitter and drear; When no prayers and no hope avail you, A path that is better and clear— Change the subject and take up another. You'll find this was the best. Count your fellow man as a brother And lay the old trouble to rest.

THE BEST OF FRIENDS. THERE are no friends like old friends To help us with the load That all must bear who journey O'er life's uneven road. And when unconquered sorrows The weary hours invest The kindly words of old friends Are always found the best.

THE CLOUDBURST. Born mid the crags and spires Of the lofty mountain peak, Born mid the lightning's fires, The dusty plains I seek.

WHAT'S THE USE? WITH every wind that blows! What's the use of wanting rain Every time it snows?

HOPE. PRESENTLY the sorrow Which besets you now Will be cleared away By this time tomorrow You may wonder how Care came yesterday.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 5

MOSES' CRY FOR HELP.

LESSON TEXT—Numbers 11:10-15, 24. GOLDEN TEXT—"The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in his working."—James 5:16.

This lesson is taken from the book of Numbers, "the book of journeyings," or aptly called the "book of murmurings." The events of Exodus and Leviticus cover perhaps one or two years, whereas those recorded in Numbers occupy about 38 years. Read in this connection Pa. 95:10 and I Cor. 10. From Sinai to Kadesh-Barnea are found four general murmurings. The first was at Taberah, 11:3, and the events of today's lesson which occurred at Kibroth, 11:34. The other two were at Hazeroth, 12:15, 16, and Kadesh, 13:26. This book is full of impressive warnings about worldliness.

Moses Was Human. I. Complaint and Controversy, vv. 10-15. Moses was great but he was human. No man is faultless, and in this lesson we have another incident illustrating the weakness of Moses. Yet despite all this we find inserted in the very next chapter God's estimate of his character, 12:3. Moses had been subjected to a terrible strain, the details of his leadership, the constant murmuring of the people under this load he gave way, just as he had previously yielded to impulse, Ex. 2:12, and as he did subsequently, Ch. 20:10-13. The Israelites are a striking illustration of the natural discontent of the human heart. Any affliction, and discomfort or privation, and we forget God's marvelous works on our behalf. His wonderful goodness. That God was displeased is indicated by verse 10, but that did not imply that Moses, too, was to lose his temper, to resort to murmuring, and to accuse God of being responsible for the burden or that he would not help to share the load, v. 11. God placed great honor upon Moses by calling him to this task of leadership and now he complains, and doubts for a moment God's sustaining grace, 2 Cor. 12:9; Phil. 4:13. The language here used, vv. 12-14, is wonderfully suggestive. The utter weakness of the Israelites, the promised goal, the hunger of soul and body, the sorrows of affliction are all graphically set before us. Moses' own weakness is revealed (v. 13) by his words, "where should I have flesh to give?" He seems to forget absolutely God's dealings with Israel before they reached Sinai (Ex. 16), as though God expected any such thing from him. The height of his petulance and bitterness is reached when he exclaims, "kill me I pray thee" and let me not see my wretchedness," v. 15.

Burden Distributed. II. Comfort and Counsel, vv. 16-18, 24, 25. Moses had been warned not to bear the entire burden of leadership by his father-in-law, Jethro, Ex. 18:17, 18. Now that he is unwilling to take the full honor of undivided leadership God most graciously grants his request and appoints others to share the burden and responsibility. There was no more power, however, but more machinery. God distributed the burden and revealed the fact that Moses' power was in proportion to his burden. Human nature always looks for the arm of flesh upon which to rely, but such a reliance usually brings a curse not a blessing upon those who seek it, Jer. 17:5. God dealt in mercy with Moses. Notice how gently he passes by this exhibition of infirmity and notwithstanding this lapse, bears testimony to his faithfulness (12:7). Yet he is impartial in chronicling his faults and thereby giving us an incidental and thereby giving us the truth.

What a suggestion in the words "I will come down and talk with thee," yet that is the privilege of the believer in Christ, John 14:16, 17 and 18:12. God calls a "tent meeting," v. 16 R. V., but before he meets them they must sanctify themselves, for so only is one prepared to meet God, Ex. 19:10, 15, 22. These people had been lusting for the food of Egypt even as today many who have professed to accept Christ are forever longing for the pleasures of time and sense. They forget the bitterness of past slavery in the privations of the present, entirely forgetful of the goal of luxury and freedom, Rom. 10:28, 2 Cor. 4:17. God granted their request, v. 18, to their sorrow, v. 20. The whole trouble was then "rejected the Lord," v. 20 R. V. The granting of material prosperity tends to loanness of soul, Pa. 106:15. It frequently happens that God does not answer our prayers because he knows that to answer them actually and literally would spell disaster in our lives.

Conclusion. This lesson brings Moses very near to us. Such a remarkable man as he is he sometimes seems to be far removed from our actual experiences in life. Yet as we consider him faltering for a moment beneath his staggering, crushing burden of responsibility, with strength and courage gone, we share our sympathy with him and he seems to enter into the actualities of our daily life. God reveals himself as one who understands perfectly, one who knows exactly all that his servant felt, and one who in tender compassion had not a word of rebuke.

Church Notes

Sunday Services.

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

Next Sunday October 5th. We will observe our annual Missionfest by a rally of the Sunday school 9:15 A. M. and three services: 10:30 A. M. German mission sermon by the local pastor, 3:00 P. M. German mission service Foreign mission by Rev. H. H. Moeller, Chicago. Home mission by Rev. J. A. F. Harder, Fullersburg, 7:30 P. M. English mission service by Rev. J. G. Moeller, Naperville. Let us all be present and bring our offerings for the Lords kingdom. Our confirmation school begins Monday Nov. 6th. 3:45 P.M. in the church.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

"The Master's Call" is the subject of the Sunday morning sermon at the Baptist Church. This will deal with the basis of comfort and compassion. It precedes the regular communion service. Union of the Methodist and Baptist Service.

The Methodist and Baptist churches unite to celebrate the birthday of Frances Willard, the W. C. T. U. comes in a body, the pastor of the Baptist Church gives the address on "The Angel of the Broken Home." Every one is invited to attend. There will be special music and an interesting and helpful service for every one. Come and do honor to one of God's great heroines. The morning service at 10:45 a. m. The evening service at 7:30 p. m. at the Baptist Church.

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.

FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

The prayer services of last week were well attended and proved to be refreshing hours of great spiritual power. The evangelistic services of this week are highly appreciated by goodly audiences, and the interest is increasing. The old fashion gospel is being preached with ever new vigor for the salvation of souls. Meetings every night at 8 o'clock, Monday and Saturday excepted. The public is most cordially invited to the services on Sunday and also during the week. The revival meetings will be continued during next week.

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.

ST. ANDREWS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Mr. Wilbur Dean Elliott, 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; Woman's Guild first and third Wednesday; choir practice, Fridays, 8 p. m.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Sunday morning we shall observe the Lord's supper; in the evening worship with preaching, theme "Readiness," a message especially for the young people. The Sunday school urges every scholar to be present to help in observing Rally Day. Mr. Edward Lacey will lead the Endeavor meeting, following the topic, "Co-operation With Others." The church meets for prayer and conference Wednesday evening; we shall use the subject, "Christ and Work." The Chicago Association meets Oct. 7th in the New England Church. This church is easily reached and we want a large delegation of visitors to go to this interesting meeting.

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