Sunday School Lesson

April 28. Lesson IV.—The Suffering Servant of Jehovah—Isaiah 53: 1-12. Golden Text—With his stripes we are healed.—Isaiah 53: 5.

ANALYSIS.

I. THE COMING GLORY OF JEHOVAH'S SERVANT, Chap. 52: 13-15.

II. HIS HUMILIATION AND DEATH, Chap. 53: 1-9.

III. THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF HIS WORK IN THE WORLD, Chap. 53: 10-12.

INTRODUCTION—Throughout chapters 40 to 55 we meet the figure of Jehovah's servant again and again. He is called by the names "Jacob" and "Israel" (chs. 41: 8; 43: 1; 44: 1-2, 21; 45: 4; 48: 20; 49: 3), and seems quite clearly to be a personification of Israel as Jehovah's chosen people. He is represented as "chosen," "called," "not cast away," strengthened, helped, upheld by God, destined to render a great service to the world, both to the Gentiles, and to his own nation. Yet he is blind to the great things which Jehovah is doing in the world on his behalf, and deaf to the words of Jehovah's prophets who seek to instruct him. He has much to learn before he can accomplish his task. His blind eyes must be opened and his death ears made to hear (42: 19; 43: 8-10). Then he shall be Jehovah's witness to the nations that he is the supreme and only God as against the false and powerless gods they worship. That it is the people who are thought of as God's servant, and not an individual person, is clear from the passage above quoted (43: 10-12) where the plural pronoun is used ("Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen").

I. THE COMING GLORY OF JEHOVAH'S SERVANT, Chap 52: 13-15.

Israel, beaten, humiliated, enslaved in Babylonian exile is soon nto be delivered and restored to his own land. There he will be exalted and honored, to the astonishment and wonder of the other nations. The Hebrew text of this passage is in some confusion. The word rendered "deal prudently," or "deal wisely" (Rev. Ver.), should rather be rendered "prosper" (Rev. Ver. margin), as in Jer. 10: 21 and Prov. 17: 8. In v. 14 we should read "at him" instead of "at thee," as in two of the ancient versions. In the first part of v. 15 the ancient Greek version has "So shall many nations wonder at him," probably correctly.

These verses may be rendered more perfectly as follows:

"Behold my servant shall prosper, being exalted, lifted up, and very high.
For as many were appalled at him, so marred was he from the likeness of a man, and his form from that of the sons of men,
So shall many nations wonder at him, Kings shall do him reverence,
For that which never before had been told them shall they see, and that which they never had heard of shall they consider."

Israel in exile had suffered so terribly as to have lost the semblance of a nation of living men All the more wonderful, therefore, will be his deliverance and exaltation. The Hebrew expression "shut their mouths" (v. 15) simply means to hold in silent awe or reverence.

II. HIS HUMILIATION AND DEATH, Chap. 53: 1-9.

The many nations or their kings, who are astonished at Israel's deliverance and exaltation, are, apparently, represented as the speakers. The story they tell of Israel's humiliation and subsequent rise to a place of glory and honor among the nations seems too wonderful to be believed (v. 1). Verse 2 should be rendered as in Rev. Ver. "grew up," not "shall grow up." The reference is to Israel's past as a comparatively small and poor people. Moffatt renders:

"Why, Israel of old grew like a sapling,
Like a shoot springing from dry soil;
He had no beauty to attract our eyes,
No charm to make us choose him."

Now forlorn, captive, or dispersed among the nations, he is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows. The description fits perfectly Israel in the latter half of the sixth century, B.C., exiled in Babylon, in Egypt, and in many other lands.

People of other nations looking on thought Israel to be suffering entirely for his own sins, stricken of God, and afflicted. Now they know his suffering to have been on their behalf, that he might thus be qualified and prepared to teach them the ways of the Lord, that he might be God's prophet to them. In Babylonian exile the nation of Israel went down to death, and to the grave, vs. 8, 9.

It is true that this ideal of sinless sufferer was never perfectly realized in Israel. It remained to be fulfilled in Jesus Christ. He is the true realization and fulfilment of the prophet's vision. It is in him, in his life of service and of sacrifice, that we see completed Israel's ideal and hope as the servant of the Lord; in him the realization of Israel's ideal of character and of self-sacrificing, loving service to humanity. In that sense we may truly say that we have in these verses the most perfect prevision and portrayal of the suffering Saviour.

III. THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF HIS WORK IN THE WORLD, Chap. 53: 10-12.

The prophet tells us here that it was all a part of Jehovah's plan for the world's redemption. The meaning of v. 10 is simply, "It pleased the Lord, or it was the Lord's will, to bruise (or crush) him, making his life an offering (sacrifice) for sin." In days to come he will be revived and restored. He will see his posterity carrying out his mission to the world, and seeing that accomplished for which he had labored and suffered he will be satisfied. The knowledge which he has so hardly gained will be for the world's instruction, making many righteous.

Finds British Discord Growing in Egypt

Van Ek Reports Bad Feeling is Rife Over Question of Independence

Professor Jacob Ek of the University of Colorado, in a report, declares that political disagreement between Great Britain and Egypt is evident on every hand. The report, sent from Athens, declares that the difference between the two countries arise from a fundamental question, which is of the utmost importance to both parties.

"Egypt desires independence," he writes. "The leaders have undoubtedly succeeded in arousing the lower classes to the cause of nationalism and independence. The demand for independance and nationalism has evidenced itself in a very virulent form on several occasions during the last decade. On the basis of their past activities, I think it is safe to say that the leaders will not compromise their stand, which seems to be for complete independence.

"On the other hand, Great Britain seems to be convinced that control over Egypt is necessary for the maintainence of the British Empire. Hence she will continue to insist upon control over Egypt's foreign affairs, no doubt on the basis of the four matters which are now reserved to her control. It is also maintained that Great Britain desires to keep control over Egypt for the purpose of economic exploitation.

"At present, affairs seem to be at a standstill. The Egyptian Parliament has been suspended for three years from July 19, 1928, and Egypt is being governed by a dictatorship.

"Illiteracy is very widespread in Egypt. There are plans for a school system, but funds are not available for the realization of these plans.

"Mohammedanism is a great force. It affects every detail of the lives of the people.

"There is, however, a woman's movement, and no doubt this will be an influence for the improvement of woman's condition of life."

Michael, having spent a tiring day at the local fair, was driving home, when a great drowsiness overcame him, and he lay down in the cart and went off to sleep. The horse, finding that he could do as he liked, kicked himself free of the traces and ran away. When the Irishman awoke he found the horse was missing. While he was pondering the situation a stranger appeared on the scene. "Oh," said Michael, "am Oi Mike or aren't Oi?" "Oi'm sure Oi dunno," said the stranger. "Well," declared the other, "if Oi'm Mike, Oi've lost a horse, but if Oi'm not, Oi've found a cart."

Immigrants

The word immigrant has lost a great deal of its old significance in this country. Once it described one who was escaping from a life of suffering and hardship to an unknown land of freedom but of uncertain opportunities and possibilities. The modern immigrant it typified in the seven girls photographed above who were recent arrivals on the Canadian Pacific Duchess of Richmond. Their future as domestics in the city of Toronto was assured before they left their homes, and the comfortable quarters they occupied on the regal Atlantic vessel was a long cry from the accommodation they must have endured had they been but one generation earlier.

To Learn Canadian Farming

AN admiral's son and one of the "Young Ambassadors of the Empire", the latter having visited Canada last year with the British "Young Ambassadors" Party were amongst recent arrivals, at Halifax, of juvenile Britons coming to Canada for farm work.

The admiral's son was Edward G. B. Kiddle (right), son of Admiral Sir Charles Kiddle, R.N., and the "Young Ambassador" was Frederick T. Mace, (left), who completed a correspondence course in Canadian farming and who has proceeded to Winnipeg for placement.

The boys were among a party of 125 arriving on the Cunarder "Ascania" and who travelled westward over the lines of the Canadian National Railways. Their placements were handled under the auspices of the British Immigration and Colonization Association.

SIMPLE—SMART

You'll adore the simple lines of this slender blouse of chartreuse green wool jersey embroidered in deeper tone of same shade in cross-stitch pattern in wool jersey. It is striking to wear with plain black silk plaited skirt now, and later for active sports with white silk crepe skirt. It will be a lovely addition for your new Spring ensemble in plain silk crepe in honey-beige or bright red. A gay print in yellow-beige background with violet and orange-red is ultra-new. Georgette crepe, flowered chiffon, wool crepe, crepe satin, and handkerchief linen also appropriae for Style No. 408. It is designed in sizes 16, 18, 20 years, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust, and takes but 1⅞ yards of 40-inch material to make it for the 36-inch size. Pattern price 20c in stamps or coin (coin is preferred). Wrap coin carefully. Trans. No. 11131 (blue) 20c extra.

HOW TO ORDER PATTERNS.

Write your name and address plainly, giving number and size of such patterns as you want. Enclose 20c in stamps or coin (coin preferred; wrap it carefully) for each number, and address your order to Wilson Pattern Service, 73 West Adelaide St., Toronto. Patterns sent by an early mail.

LIMERICK CORNER

The Contest Is Closed

For the time being, the contest is closed.

Following is a very interesting letter from Miss Mattie Rabb of Palmerston, Ontario, offering some suggestions for a future contest:—

Palmerston, April 9th, 1929.

Gentlemen:—Accept hearty thanks for the Dollar I received yesterday, April 8th, being prize in "Limerick Contest". I see by last week's "Palmerston Spectator" that the Contest is closed, I think it was a splendid feature and would liked to have seen it continued for awhile longer. A real good contest is a Picture Title Contest, prizes to be given for the most clever or original title. You could give, say, several prizes each week ranging from $5 to $1 or whatever amount you saw fit to give. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes, and then say five of one dollar each. Allow each contestant to submit three titles each week if they wish. Nothing to be written on the post card but the titles and name and address, have no strings or restrictions attached, simply that each person trying the contest must write their titles on a post card and send in up to a certain date each week, this is really an excellent contest, lots of fun and interest is aroused in it, or another good one is to have the four lines of a limerick printed on a certain article and the contestant is to supply the last (fifth) line, and prizes to be given for the best last lines. Another good contest is to have some certain line of goods in an advertisement and a certain phrase in double quotation marks will be in these ads and the contestant is to pick out the phrase in the ads and then make up rhymes or jingles on the product or firm represented and for the best jingles or rhymes prizes to be given each week. Any of these contest are good. I would very much like to see some one of them continued for a time. If there are any instructions or more information I could give you in regards these contests I would be pleased to do so. I remain yours Respectfully.

(Miss) Mattie, Rabb,
Box 113, Palmerston, Ont..

We will be glad to hear from those who have taken part in the contest just closed or have enjoyed reading Limerick Corner. Let us know what you think of Miss Rabb's suggestions or send along some of your own.

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Following are a few more prize winning libericks:—

Wrigley's Gum

There was a sweet maiden of Ketter,
Whose nerves were to her as a fetter,
But after each meal
A few minutes she'd steal,
To chew Wrigley's, which made her feel better.

T. T. Ferguson,
Bancroft, Ont.

Big Ben Tobacco

Big Ben is tobacco supernal,
Perfection unto the last kernel,
Its flavour's assured
For it's perfectly cured,
As you learn from the ad. in this journal.

D. A. MacIntosh,
Dornoch, Ont.

Christie's Biscuits

The wisest of brides is my Daisy,
She cares not if folks say she's lazy,
She serves Christie's Biscuit
And says she will risk it
For housekeeping now is made "aisy."

Mrs. A. D. O'Malley,
R.R. No. 1, Wallacetown, Ont.

Swift's Breakfast Bacon

Said she, "When a boarder I take on,
I want food I can make no mistake on."
So each morning at eight,
Never one minute late,
She serves slices of Swift's Breakfast Bacon.

Mrs. L. E. Clement,
R.R. No. 2, Maple, Ont.

Ogilvie's Flour

There was a trim dame of Globower,
Whose friends said, "Wherein lies your power
To make such good buns
From the crust to the crumbs?"
She replied, "I use Ogilvie's Flour."

Miss Jessie L. Pomainbille,
Box 168, Buckingham, Que.

Minard's Liniment

An old man with pains in his kneeses,
Said "Maw can do just as she pleases,
But for me I'm content
With 'Minard's Liniment,'
To cure all my aches and diseases.

Mrs.. Jerry Connor,
224 Arthur St.,
Oshawa, Ont.

Sun Life Insurance

Quoth Susan, "Pray list to my ditty,
Should you miss the good news 'twere a pity.
If your life you'd insure,
Then the 'Sun Life' procure
Whether living in country or city."

Mrs. Lida E. Robb,
Palmerston, Ont

Palmolive Soap

If you're pining for someone's affection,
Want beauty in all its perfection,
Want beauty in all its perfection.
Use Palmovile Soap
And then you may hope
To keep that sweet schoolgirl complexion.

Mrs. Miln,
Beamsville, Ont.

Bon Ami

There was an old woman called Maisie,
Who cleaned till she drove her man crazy.
She said, "'Bon Ami'
is a good friend to me,
It makes the house fresh as a daisy."

Mrs. Miln,
Beamsville, Ont.

The Director of Colonization,
With a view to promote immigration,
Is offering men
From mountain and glen.
Now farmers, please make application.

Miss Effie McCormick,
Parkhill, Ont.

Tariff Revision

Philadelphia Ledger: The weight of opinion, as shown in the House hearings, favors an immediate and upward general revision of the Tariff Act. The Administration is not in sympathy with a sweeping revision. Administration policy, so far as is known, points toward limited changes. The agricultural duties must, of course, have an overhauling in connection with farm relief. The cement industry seems to be listed for immediate help. Textiles, apparently, are marked for immediate attention. However, the plan has been to hold back from and discourage any general and thoroughgoing redrafting of the present tariff law.

Judge—"The speed limit signs read fifteen miles an hour." College Student—"But how could I read it when I was going forty?"

MUTT AND JEFF— —By Bud Fisher. The Little Fellow Has To Get Some Fun Out Of This Week's Stunt.