Sunday School Lesson

March 23. Lesson XII—Jesus Teaching and Healing—Matthew 15: 21-31. Golden Text—Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.—Matthew 7: 7.

ANALYSIS.

I. A MOTHER'S IMPORTUNITY, 21, 22.
II. THE APPARENT REFUSAL OF JESUS, 23-27.
III. THE REWARD OF FAITH, 28-31.

INTRODUCTION—After the last lesson the opposition to Jesus increased very much, and it was getting more and more difficult for him to escape the forces that were arrayed against him. Even Herod, the ruler of Galilee had been aroused against him. Accordingly Jesus decided to leave the territory of Herod for a while. His visit to the coasts of Tyre and Sidon were therefore not undertaken for any missionary purpose, but in order that he might be free from political troubles that might arise. The time had not yet come for him to face the authorities at Jerusalem. Also he wished to have a time of quietness with the disciples.

I. A MOTHER'S IMPORTUNITY, 21, 22.

V. 22. In Matthew the woman is called a Canaanite, which is equivalent to the Phœnician. In Mark she is spoken of as a Greek and a Syrophœnician. By this we learn that her language was Greek, while her nationality was Phœnician, and her province Syria. She was, therefore, a Gentile without any direct share in the privileges of the Jews. Her coming to Jesus was really a great victory for: (1) She had all the national prejudice agianst a foreigner, which even still persists with us. This healer was not one of her own folks, and she disliked asking a favor of such anone. (2) Also the disciples were not very well inclined to her. They are impatient of this interruption and ask Jesus to send her away, though it is probable that we are to understand that they hope that Jesus may grant her request, and send her off. (3) There was also this apparent reluctance of Jesus to pay any attention to her. But in spite of all these difficulties in her way she persists. She likely had heard of the many cures which Jesus had wrought in Galilee, and she had hopes that he might be persuaded to do at least one more miracle. But above all else there was her mother love, which was ready to face any peril and endure any insult for the sake of her daughter who was so grievously afflicted. It is often the way that trials and sorrow will drive people to actions which result in greatest blessing. At any rate we see in this woman the value of persistence. Jesus had himself taught the value of importunity in prayer, and this woman was determined to get her request answered.

II. THE APPARENT REFUSAL OF JESUS, 23-27.

V. 23. Thus far we have seen Jesus answering every appeal for help, and healing all who came; but now there is an apparent change in his manner. First of all, he remains silent and says not a word, as if he were indifferent to what she says. When she repeats her request he replied with what seems to be the voice of extreme national exclusiveness, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." The Jews had been God's chosen people, and the Messiah had been sent first to this people. The earthly life of Jesus was to be limited to this one task. There was no chance of broadening out his work to include all the world. Also if he went to the Gentiles the Jews would not have listened to him. But the time was coming when the gospel would be offered to all the world, and then the real purpose of Christ would be revealed.

V. 26. The saying about the dogs must not be regarded as a sign of the way in which Jesus regarded other nations. There was no narrow nationalism about him; he was the Son of man and revealed God as the Father of all mankind. It is true that the Jews spoke of the Gentiles as "dogs," and it may be that Jesus here reminds the woman of the general attitude of that day. Perhaps, also, there was a smile on his face as he uttered the words.

III. THE REWARD OF FAITH, 28-31.

V. 28. Jesus evidently saw that the woman had the quality of faith which was fit to be rewarded and purified. He desired to lead her to a worthier view of religion. His answer was not inspired by any harsh feeling; but he saw that her faith could be raised to a higher level. Besides this, Jesus wished to give the disciples a lesson. Some day they would be world missionaries, and they must learn to overcome their narrow nationalism. In this woman they saw that faith and goodness are found among all peoples, and he would stir up their pity for this one foreigner, hoping to educate them thus in more liberal views. They were to see that virtue lies concealed in many in whom it is least suspected. Jesus speaks of her great faith. It was another foreigner to whom Jesus said, "I have not found so great faith, no not in Israel," Matt. 8: 10.

As Printers See It

Some Misprints Are so Apt You Can't Think They Were Really Slips

Every editor has received, at some time or other, letters from readers pointing out printers' errors which have appeared in the columns of his journal. But it is very often the mistake which has never reached the general public that shows the genius of the printer at its best.

Nor is that genius always misguided—there are times when a printer's error may enrich the language. For instance, in one of the great newspaper offices the other day it was noticed that the word "barbarians" appeared on a proof as 'carbarians."

The discoverer of the error hardened his heart and corrected it, but later on one of the paper's leader-writers offered it to the public as the perfect word for motorists who drive to the public danger.

"The Little Lass——"

Sometimes, indeed, a misprint is so apt that one can hardly believe it was the result of a slip. The compositor who converted "candid friends" into "candid fiends" had probably suffered from the belligerently truthful. Malice may also be suspected in some cases—as when an American printer made "battle-scarred veteran" into "bottle-scarred veteran."

One letter can make a lot of difference. Sir Edmund Gosse has become "Sir Edmund Goose"; and "the most romantic figure in history" been rendered as "the moist romantic." And once an advertisement of a firm which specialized in stained glass came out as follows—and in a Church newspaper: "Painted Widows Make the Best War Memorial."

But it is not fair always to blame the printer when an error occurs. When a certain Admiral was described as having two sons, one at the Imperial College, Windsor, and the other at Dartmoor (the great British penal institution)—Dartmouth (the naval academy) was meant—it was probably the handwriting that was at fault.

The Optimistic Mr. Thomas

Edinburgh Weekly Scotsman (Cons.): Mr. Thomas may profess that the present employment slump is due to rationalization and reorganization of industry, but that is not the whole story. Industry was beginning to lift up its head with the prospect before it of easier rating and the conviction that unfair competition would be eliminated; but those hopes of security have been shattered and industry reacting again to the depressing fear of higher taxation in consequence of the lavish squandering of money on palliatives for unemployment. Mr. Thomas has not been able to fulfil the frequent boast that a speedy remedy for unemployment was in the Socialist bag; and it is somewhat pathetic to find him trying to be optimistic.

"A sky-pilot is still a sole-saver."

Farm Notes

Frozen-Pack Strawberries

Some rather interesting and apparently satisfactory results are reported in connection with recent experiments relating to the cold storage handling of strawberries.

A feature at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair last year was the fine appearance and uality of apparently fresh Canadian-grown strawberries as an item on the menu of the All-Canadian Products Dinner. These berries had been grown in British Columbia in June and had been kept in a frozen condition in cold storage.

An Ontario jam factory recently received a consignment of the same pack of berries, which they report were received in good condition.

The surplus crop of strawberries was sent by the British Columbia growers to the Government Experimental Plant, where the fruit was washed and graded under government supervision, packed in barrels with sugar, sealed and then put in cold storage where they have since been kept at a temperature of 155 degrees F. above zero. Last year's pack amounted to 2,100 barrels.

The results of this experiment indicate that the berries kept sufficiently well to be used as fresh fruit and marketed as a really first-class article.

The Prince of Wales' Exhibit

One of the feature attractions at the forthcoming World's Poultry Congress to be held in London, England, in July of this year will be the exhibit supplied by His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales.

The exhibit will be essentially a Canadian feature as it will be a reproduction in miniature of the famous "E.P." ranch at High River, Alberta. The exhibit will employ the latest developments in exhibition display and will have unique and novel lighting effects. It will occupy a space of about 100 0square feet and has been placed in proximity with the Canadian exhibit.

The quality of the Prince's exhibit has made such an appeal to the Management of the Crystal Palace, where the Congress will be held, that they have agreed to let it remain as an exhibit for a period of twelve months following the Congress.

Building Up Bee Colonies

One of the most effective ways of building bee colonies up to full production strength is the importation of package bees. C. B. Gooderham, B.S.A., the Dominion Apiarist, in a pamphlet on package bees now available at the Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture, states that the transportation of bees by package is proving quite satisfactory, and may be done safely anywhere in Canada. With proper care and management they will build up into strong producing colonies the first season.

In the prairie provinces and other areas where the main honey flow comes late there is a longer building up period and package bees will often equal overwintered colonies in production. In regions where the main flow comes early package bees are unable to build up to full strength before the flow starts and cannot be expected to store such large crops.

A development of importance in this connection is the establishment of the fact that it is now possible to ship package bees without comb, the advantage of the new method being that it prohibits the possibility of the introduction of disease. While the beginner may have a little more trouble with package bees than he had with bees already established on combs, he is at least certain that his bees will be free from disease.

When purchasing package bees it is extremely important that the hives should be ready to receive them when they arrive and also that there is sufficient continuous supply of food for them until they can gather enough for themselves.

Increasing Egg Production

The opportunity for the poultry raiser to meet the increasing demand for eggs both for home consumption and export lies not in increasing the number of birds but in improving the production ability of the birds we have, is the opinion of Mr. F. C. Elford, Dominion Poultry Husbandman of the Federal Department of Agriculture.

There has been a remarkable increase in egg production of late years, closely associated with the improvement in quality which has followed grading. In fact the demand for home consumption alone is to-day greater than the supply and at the same time there is a real opportunity for Canadian eggs on the British market.

Repeated tests at the Central Experimental Farm show that the pullet is more valuable as an egg producer than the older hen. It has been found that the yearly profit for a pullet is $4.34 as compared with $1.66 for a hen, or, to put it another way, that it costs 20c a dozen to produce eggs through pullets as compared with 35c5 a dozen to produce eggs through hens. —Issued by the Director of Publicity, Dom. Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Ont.

The Two Romes

Manchester Guardian (Lib.): (The "rapprochment" between the Fascist and Vatican Governments has been still further strengthened by the visit of Mussolini to His Holiness.) The religion of the Church and the religion of the nation-State in its Fascist form are incompatible; their natural battleground is in the school. But questions of ultimate philosophy have a way of being soothed to sleep when workaday expediency calls. Church and State in Italy have great need of each other at present. The prestige of both is linked with the success of the Lateran experiment. Neither side can well afford a breakdown, so that further conversations will have to take place to remove the difficulties revealed by this year's expereince. The differences are so great that a successful issue must remain in doubt, but the Vatican could have no better spokesman than Cardinal Pacelli, who became Secretary of State on Monday. He has just concluded a particularly difficult concordat with Protestant Prussia. If any man can, he should succeed in Rome.

The Conservative "Party"

London News-Westminster (Lib.): The Conservative Party is now split up into three separate fratricidal groups: the Baldwin group, the Beaverbrook group and the Rothmere group. It could scarcely be described as a trinity in unity, though its incomprehensibility is only too manifest. Lord Beaverbrook stands for a Big Stomach Tax and a modicum of Mr. Baldwin; Lord Rothmere stands for High Protection and to the guillotine with Baldwin; Mr. Baldwin stands for Mr. Baldwin and a bit of both the other two policies and yet not precisely one thing or the other. The country will thus have a very pretty choice at the next Election.

Success

London Evening News (Ind. Cons.): Whether a man is successful or not in life is not nearly so important a question as we sometimes think. There are easy successes that are merely the outcome of puny aims; yet the applause that follows such successes is often tremendous in a world like this. It often happens that a man is misled by that applause into thinking he is a fine fellow who has done something really worth doing. That delusion may last for life, though here and there one sees pathetic signs of an inner bitterness and distress in a certain type of successful man whose eyes are open at last to the littleness of the things to which he has given nearly all the years of his life.

The Last Stage of Free Trade

London Observer (Ind.): Nearly every considerable Protectionist country has recovered from the War while we welter. The initiative and responsibility rest, for the presumptive two years or more, with the Government and with their Liberal allies, or rather associates, as we may now call them. The last chance for the free-importing system depends upon the utmost endeavor of Liberalism and Labor in the present Parliament to prove what can be done by "rationalizing," by Imperial enterprise on the guarantee of British credit, and by deliberately diverting the present vast and growing cost of unemployment to the creation of re-employment.

Prison Visitor—"And what are you in here for, my good man?" Prisoner—"Flattery, madam; caught imitating another man's signature on a cheque."

Sports Dress Accents Youth

Of Wearer—Pique Collar and Cuffs Contribute Interest

By ANNETTE

It's true beige with just a dash of brown in rough surfaced woolen that is extremely light weight. The belt that marks the normal waistline is leather in the brown shade, that matches grosgrain ribbon tie of neckline.

The brief bodice is decidedly youthful fashion and is emphasized by flat hipline of circular flaring skirt.

It's unbelievably easy to make, for it means you practically have a two-piece skirt to be seamed and stitched to a two-piece bodice.

This sportive model Style No. 236 is designed in sizes 16, 18, 20 years, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust.

It is very striking in woo jersey in dark purple shade with collar and cuffs of beige faille silk crepe piped along edge in red-dahlia shade crepe, and worn with a red-dahlia shade leather belt.

Printed silk crepe, plain silk crepe and canton crepe appropriate. Later for resort, it can be made of men's shirting, shantung, silk pique, silk broadcloth, printed cotton pique, linen or Chinese silk damask.

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.

"Did you have any thrilling experiences in the Alps last summer, Mr. Brown?"

"Oh, yes, Miss Jones. On one occasion I was forced to act as the chauffeur of a snowslide."

Love Not Lost Art

The greatest change for the worse that has taken place in the world in this generation is that people have stopped talking about love and started talking about sex. Love between the sexes is a sexual phenomenon. It did not need the wisdom of daring or even the youngest novelist to inform the world of that. But what is equally true, and far more important, is that love is sex and—something more. It is the something more that matters most.

We live in an age of abolitions, and the latest thing to be abolished. I gather from my reading, is Romantic Love. (But reading is one thing, and the reading of life another. Fiction has a habit of ignoring fact.)

Not only fiction writers are guilty The psychologists and the sociologists, and for all I know, the other variety of 'ologists, have lifted up their voices about sex; too many of them have forgotten about love.

The Mainspring of Life

A German Count has just told us that Romantic Love is dead in the United States. I am expecting a Dutch Uncle to tell us that it is dead in Britain.

I know very well that Romantic Love is not dead in the United States, any more than it is dead in Siberia, or in Papua, in London, or in Wigan. There are certain basic impulses which simply refuse to be abolished. If they were to die, humanity itself would die with them. And of all the impulses of life, love is the most central and vital. Love, mind you—not simply sex. It is love, the romance, not sex, the instinct, that makes the world go round. When the young man falls in love with the young woman he is not conscious solely or primarily of sex; he thinks of beauty, and service, and ideals.

It is fashionable nowadays—especially among the 'ologists just mentioned—to asseverate that "everything is sex." It would be just as true to say that because the solar system was once a sprawl of fire everything is still gas.

The Mistake We Make

What counts is not the material origin but the spiritual result. If affection and loyalty and self-sacrifice have in some way developed out of that it has been, or will be, killed by sex equality. That sort of contention is based on a popular misconception of romance. The idea is that woman cannot be admired as a comrade, but only as a doll or a drudge; that she is remote and mysterious and adorable when huddled up in the absurd flounces and fur-belows of the nineteenth century, but cocmmonplace in the common-sense clothes of to-day.

Yet what a very poor romance it would be which could be destroyed by the shortening of skirts or the shingling of hair.

Cries the Clock!

"Tick-tock, tick-tock," cries the clock,
"Seize each passing minute;
Take the chance before it goes
To pack some good things in it.
Sixty seconds passing by
Never more returning,
Do your work, and do it NOW
While the light is burning.

"Tick-tock, tick-tock," cries the clock.
"Ev'ry hour is flying,
In the market-place of life
Wares you should be buying.
Sixty minutes full of fun,
Full of work and sorrow,
There are duties to be done
Ere we greet tomorrow.

"Tick-tock, tick-tock," cries the clock,
"Day to night is giving,
Do not think of years to come,
NOW'S the time for living.
Do not wait for better days,
That hope may delude you,
Use the minutes as they come—
They cannot elude you."

"Taking the conceit out of one is a good thing and golf does that."—John D. Rockefeller, sr.

"To brand the liquor buyer as equally criminal as the seller is now of prime importance."—Bishop Cannon.

Enthusiasm is the leaping lightning, not to be measured by the horse-power of the understanding.—R. W. Emerson.

MUTT AND JEFF— By BUD FISHER

The Lobster Turns On The Hot Water.