

AUCTION SALE

A pair of steelyards with a broken hook. An old can fashioned like a shepherd's crook. A rocking-chair with patchwork cushions on.

The Sunday School Lesson

MONDAY, APRIL 23rd

LAWYERS FOR THE NEW NATION

Golden Text—Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people. Prov. 14: 34.

Lesson Text. Ex. 18: 19-24; 19: 3-8.

Time. 1491 B.C.

Places. The Wilderness, Sinai.

Exposition I. Jethro's Advice to Moses, 18: 19-24.

Jethro was Moses' father-in-law.

He came to visit Moses and, seeing his great responsibilities, gave him human advice (18: 1-18).

But if God does lay responsibilities upon us, we should not shift them off upon others, no matter how heavy they seem.

Our Lord Himself bore responsibilities that His best friends, even His mother, thought He ought not to bear (Mk. 3: 31-35).

Jethro's judgment "Thou wilt surely wear away" was all right from a purely human standpoint, but it left God out of the reckoning and overlooked God's sustaining grace.

He was right when he said to Moses, "The thing is too heavy for thee," but it was not too heavy for God, and however far beyond our own power that may be God has laid upon us, we should never forget that we "can do all things in Him that strengtheneth" us (Phil. 4: 13; 2 Cor. 9: 8).

It was true, Moses was not alone and God was quite able to perform it through Moses.

What he needed was not human help, but Divine help.

"Hearken now unto my voice," Moses should have hearkened to the voice of Jehovah, not to the voice of Jethro though he was his father-in-law, and though he was a priest.

Jethro's counsel as to the kind of men that should be provided as helpers is worthy of careful study "able men, such as fear God, men of truth hating unjust gain."

It was a question, however, whether such men could be secured among the Israelites.

The apostles gave to the Church even wiser counsel as to the kind of men that should be selected for the work (Ac. 6: 3).

Jethro's chief consideration seemed to be Moses' own comfort and ease.

But that is not the question whether it will be "easier for ourselves," but will it be better for others and more to the glory of God and above all, it is what God would have us do.

Jethro added, "If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure."

Moses would have been able to endure without doing this thing, provided God called him to bear all the burden alone and he relied upon God for strength.

Jethro put God's command in the matter in an entirely secondary place, when it should have been put in the first place.

"If I will obey my voice" 19: 3-8.

Deeply significant are the words, "Moses went up to God."

Like the greater Prophet of whom he was the precursor and type, he constantly sought separation from man and communion with God (ch. 20: 21; 24: 15-18; 34: 2; Deut. 5: 5, 30, 31; 9: 11, 18, 19).

When Moses went up unto God then "Jehovah called unto him."

When we draw nigh unto God, He is always ready to draw nigh unto us (Jas. 4: 8).

This is not the first time that Jehovah had called unto Moses out of this mountain (ch. 3: 4).

Moses was taken by surprise. Jehovah compares Himself to the eagle bearing his young upon his wings.

The figure is full of suggestion. He had not merely brought them out of Egypt, He had brought them unto Himself (v. 4).

There are many who understand only the negative side of separation, separation from the world, but do not know the more blessed positive side of separation unto God.

The "therefore" in v. 5 brings out the truth that what Jehovah was to do for them was on the ground of what He had already done.

The promise had a condition: "If ye will obey my voice."

THE SECRET OF EVERY GREAT BLESSING (ch. 23: 22; Deut. 11: 27; 28: 1; 1 Sam. 15: 22; Isa. 1: 19; Jer. 7: 23, 11: 4, 7; Job 14: 15-23; 15: 7; Ac. 5: 32; Heb. 5: 9).

God's covenant with Israel had two parts, first, what He would do for them; second, what they must do for Him, as a condition of His doing the part that He had promised for them.

They therefore must keep His covenant as well as Jehovah keeping it (Dt. 10: 17, 18).

Israel did not keep his covenant and therefore missed its blessing. But God in His wondrous grace will make a new covenant with them conditioned only upon His faithfulness, and

therefore Israel ultimately will realize the blessing (Jer. 31: 31, 33; Heb. 8: 6-13).

On condition of obedience Israel was to be Jehovah's "peculiar treasure."

His inheritance (Deut. 4: 20; 7: 6; 14: 2; 28: 10; 32: 8, 9; 1 Ki. 8: 53).

They were to be a "kingdom of priests," that is to say persons with the right of access to God and standing as mediators between God and other men.

They were to be "an holy nation." For a time by their own faith, Israel fell from this lofty calling, and in the present dispensation, it is the Church which is called out of all nations to be a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, the people for God's own possession (1 Pet. 2: 9, 10; Th. 2: 14; Eph. 1: 11; Rev. 1: 6; 5: 10; 20: 6).

GROWN FREAK CABBAGE

WELLAND, Ont. (CP)—A Fenwick district farmer grew a cabbage to end all freak vegetable stories.

Normal on the outside, the cabbage was discovered to have 33 separate heads under the outer leaves.

COLLEGE BUYR BUILDING

WINNIPEG (CP)—The Music and Arts building at Broadway and Hargrave Streets will be the new location for St. John's College, but the college school will continue to operate in North Winnipeg.

Sale price of the new building was understood to be \$75,000.

EGGS FOR CIVILIANS AUSTRALIAN PROBLEM

SYDNEY, Australia (CP)—Except for invalids, people will be fortunate to get one egg each week next winter, says a Sydney poultryman.

The problem, apart from cold storage, is almost wholly one of bran and pollard. Few producers are getting sufficient of these mill offals. If supplies are cut further, nearly all flocks will have to be reduced. Meat meat is nearly unobtainable.

The fact that Australia produced 30,000,000 dozen more eggs this season than last means nothing to civilians, because of the tremendous needs of the services.

ACTIVE FRONTS

An Army cook had just whipped up orders of scrambled eggs for a hungry mob of soldiers. Wearing by his heroic efforts, he sat down under a nearby elm tree, lit his pipe and wrote a note to his sweetheart "Darling," he began, "For the past three hours shells have been bursting all around me."

EXPERT HELP

A man and wife, hiking in the woods suddenly realized they had lost their way.

"I wish Emily Post were here with us," said the woman. "I think we took the wrong fork."

LIEUTENANT GENERAL N. M. RITCHIE



Lieutenant General N. M. Ritchie, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Commander of a British Corps in France, at his H. Q.

Twenty Years Ago

From this issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 23, 1925

The snow and ice storm put a damper on gardening operations for a few days.

A crowded house greeted the amateur play presented by the Women's Institute last Thursday evening. "Dust of the Earth" was well presented by Acton talent.

Acton Hydro system as shown in the annual statement is very profitable. The report shows a net profit of \$2,547.68 on the year's operation and an overpayment to credit of \$1,323.22.

The School Board decided to adopt Daylight Saving Time on and after May 4.

A demonstration of electric cooking was given at the Hydro shop on Tuesday by Mrs. E. McLean, of Hamilton representing the Moffat ranges.

BORN GOLDHAM In Georgetown, on Sunday, April 12, 1925, to Mr and Mrs. H. Goldham, a daughter.

DIED FORBES On Wednesday, April 15, 1925, at Saginaw, Mich., Sarah J. Atkins, wife of John R. Forbes, formerly of Acton.

PREPARING POULTRY FOR MOST PROFIT

The attractive appearance of a well-packed box of poultry is not a matter of accident. It represents a high measure of art and the exercise of exacting care throughout a chain of activities. So much so, that even when the greatest pains have been taken in the feeding, fattening, killing, dressing and packing, the fine bloom and sales appeal of the poultry may have been spoiled if the correct methods had not been adopted in processing and pre-cooling. Clean boxes neatly stencilled and of correct size should always be used.

To assist farmers and all connected with the poultry industry in turning out the best product, the Dominion Department of Agriculture has revised and published the publication on "Standard Methods for the Preparation of Market Poultry." The publication has several illustrations and deals with killing and bleeding, cup and head weights, plucking, cleaning and flushing, pre-cooling, head wrapping, selecting birds for packing and packing, lining, and stencilling the boxes, with a note on frozen storage. A copy of the Publication may be obtained by writing to Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Lack of cargo space prevented the export of Canadian certified seed potatoes to some countries, but for the year ended March 31st, 1945, exports were made to the United States, Cuba the Dominican Republic, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

WILLIE TELL TAMED

VANCOUVER (CP)—A 13-year-old lad who fancies himself as another William Tell has been warned by the police to cut it out. Neighbors called in the police when they saw the lad shooting with his air rifle at an apple poised on the head of a nonchalant playmate.

KINSELLA, Alta. (CP)—Arthur Schultorpe shot a 12 pound eagle which he spotted flying over Lake Vernon. The bird had a seven-foot wingspread.

THE CASE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY

WHAT CANADIAN WAGE-EARNERS RECEIVE



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Canada has the use of your savings to help to win victory. (You will have this money to use for your own needs later.)

Perhaps you wish you could have done more. Well, you will be asked to do more. Men who have come back will tell you that there is lots to do yet. Canadians are on active service, on the fighting fronts. More money is needed to support their effort.

You are asked to keep on working and saving and you will be asked to put more savings into Victory Bonds. They are the best investment any Canadian can make; an investment that every Canadian should make.

Get ready to buy VICTORY BONDS

8th Victory Loan Opens April 23rd NATIONAL WAR FINANCE COMMITTEE

