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International-Uniform Sunday School Lesson, January 23, 1938

GOLDEN TEXT: "And he healed many that were sick." Mark 1: 34.
LESSON PASSAGE: Mark 1: 29-45.

At even, when the sun was set, the sick of the Lord, around Thee lay; O in what divers pains they met! O with what joy they went away! Thy touch has still its ancient power; No word from Thee can fruitless fall; Hear, in this solemn evening hour, And in Thy mercy heal us all.
—Henry Twells.

This Health Question, 29 - 31

If a survey were made of any well organized Canadian town or city, the following health agencies might be discovered: provincial and municipal health departments, waterworks department; general, isolation, orthopedic, and children's hospitals; nursing and rest homes, sanitarium; health departments in newspapers, books and magazines; health clubs and research laboratories; doctors including allopaths, homeopaths, osteopaths, chiropractors, drugless healers, faith healers, masseurs, herbalists, advocates of nature remedies; health clubs, gymnasia in schools, churches, Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.; drug stores; nurses; folk lore; medical schools and research laboratories. Sicknes costs hundreds of millions of dollars on the North American continent each year in lost time, care of the sick and in health and accident premiums. Modern society has not succeeded very well in preventive medicine though much is being achieved in remedial measures. Occasionally an epidemic sweeps across the country almost baffling human skill. Clearly the example of Jesus is that the sick should be healed and cared for if incurable.

A Community Picture, 32 - 34

At a given moment in almost any community the following sufferers might be listed: children afflicted with contagious diseases, aged invalids, victims of traffic accidents, chronic subjects to colds, pulmonary troubles, rheumatism, indigestion, falling sight or hearing, operation cases, cancer patients under sentence of death, convalescents from infantile paralysis, with each autumn thousands of sufferers from hay fever. It is not a very happy picture, especially when we know that much of the sickness is the direct result of human ignorance, sin and carelessness. At the close of Christ's busy Sabbath in Capernaum, when sunset made it legal to carry the sick, a motley crowd of sick bodies and sick minds gathered around Peter's door. They wanted healing more than teaching. They had little concern for bad tempers or wrong desires if only they might be freed from their aches and pains. Jesus wished to tell them about God but the crowd wanted miracles. When faith healers visited a Canadian town sufferers came by the dozen, the deaf, the crippled, some carried on stretchers, some hobbling on crutches. The need and desire for healing are evident.

Power Through Prayer, 35

Doctors, nurses and all helpers of the sick need rest periods and vacations. The strain upon body and spirit is very great. Nurses on twelve hour duty month after month, hurrying on foot most of the time and with constant drain upon their sympathy are often near the breaking point. A chaplain with the Canadian forces overseas said that the hardest work he saw done in the army was done by nurses in a surgical ward after a battle. Yet even in peace time the strain upon busy doctors and nurses is very great. They need physical rest but they need more. They are in need of spiritual renewal, the healing

of Nature, a reinforcement of sympathy and love, the consecration to idealistic service in their work, escape from economic motives. After this busy Sabbath in Capernaum Christ felt the need of prayer even more than of sleep. Rising up in the morning a great while before day, he went out into a solitary place to pray. He had to get in order to give. He had to be alone with God before he could be in public with people. Christ knew the necessity of prayer: how can his followers ever get along without it?

Insistent Crowds, 36 - 38

In Capernaum the physical needs of the people hindered the teaching ministry of Christ. When the disciples found him and reported that crowds were still seeking him, he decided to go to other places in order that he might preach. Where should the modern Church place the emphasis? Is it true that a minister is called by his ability to preach and judged by his sick-visiting? Does a forty year ministry of sick-visiting give a minister an unhealthy reaction to life? Should his full strength be given to the quiet proclamation of the good news of the gospel? Of course Christ did both but he discovered that physical needs might block spiritual opportunities.

Christ and the Lepers, 40 - 45

Mr. W. H. P. Anderson (a Canadian), General Secretary of the Mission to Lepers, has written a brief account of the work now being done among lepers in all lands. He tells of the beginnings of one of the Homes in Central India: "Medical help was absent and the missionary told simply and modestly how he dressed with his own hands the open sores of the sufferers and did what he could to alleviate their distress." Now, forty years after, that Home has cared for 5,000 lepers and rescued over 700 children, enabling them to take their places in the healthy community. The efforts of the Mission are now being directed specially on behalf of the child-leper, for the problem of the control of leprosy is found in the prevention of the disease in childhood. Or visit the Leper Home in Jerusalem. Over the great doorway are carved upon the stone two words: "Jesus—Heal." Its inmates are Mohammedans, Jews, Christians, a truly happy family. The nurse move day by day among the lepers: no work is too hard for them, no service too mean or trivial, doing everything for the helpless ones—washing, cooking, bed-making, bandaging. "Service is their motto, and to the service of Christ in these poor ones they have given their lives. They live Christ among the lepers, and they are happy." Thus does Christ still meet the physical needs of sufferers.

Questions for Discussion

1. What are the health agencies in your community?
2. Is sickness or sin the chief problem in your district?
3. How could doctors and ministers cooperate?
4. Is sick-visiting an aid or a hindrance to effective preaching?
5. Is leprosy being controlled on a world-wide scale?

NEW FAST SKI RUNS BUILT IN ROCKIES

Within a short time Jasper will offer the general public skiing conditions second to none in the world, according to members of the Jasper Ski Club, who are bubbling over with enthusiasm over what the future has to offer in this section of the country. The Canadian Rockies, for some years, have been the summer playgrounds of Canada, and local citizens are convinced that soon the lovers of winter sports will find the same setting featured as Canada's winter playgrounds.

Work on the winter feature has been progressing for some time, and already one of the most natural ski runs on the continent is available on the Whistlers mountain, less than two miles from Jasper station. Fall and early winter work has prepared a 150 foot wide and 1,000 feet long run which will be extended to a 2,500-foot slide just as fast as the most daring would wish. This slide, with a 45-degree slope at the top, offers everything the real ski addict could desire.

Skiing in Jasper offers every type of varied ski running, declared Fred Brewster, noted trail rider and outfitter, whose lifetime has been spent in the Rockies. "From Jasper station, headed by guides that know the territory, a party can ascend by stages to Tekarra valley, 8,000 feet. From there the party can proceed by motor, then six miles over the ski trail to the first basin on the north and east slopes of Maligne range.

"The next lap would be four and a half miles along mountain ridges to Big Shovel Pass where the first night would be spent in a warm cabin. Then on to Little Shovel Pass where the Maligne Ski Club has a cabin. The third night, Maligne chalet would be reached. It is pointed out that no kind of a ride can quite compare with skiing down the seven mile run in Shovel Pass country," declared Mr. Brewster. Skiers are therefore offered two types of their favorite sport. Either a few days in the mountains with plenty of fun sliding the slopes and spending the nights in comfortable cabins, or staying in Jasper and enjoying the skiing on the slopes of the Whistler and Signal mountains. The snow conditions are excellent and with fine accommodation always available in the town of Jasper, skiers have plenty of fun-in store for them during the winter months.

ROAD WORK TRUCKS MUST OBEY LAWS

Trucks engaged in highway construction work must comply fully with the rules of the road as laid down in the Highway Traffic Act, ruled Magistrate W. P. Woodliffe in Toronto township police court on Tuesday when James Sherman, Dixie, was tried on a test case.

Charged with driving on the wrong side of the road by Provincial Officer A. S. Andrews, Sherman is employed in construction work on New Middle Road.

"Truck drivers have made a practice of driving along the left side of the road to avoid a long trip around the boulevard sections," declared the officer. "We have warned several drivers against it but they seem to think they have a right to do it."

"That road was built at considerable expense for the safety of the public," said Magistrate Woodliffe, "and there may be serious accidents if that sort of driving were allowed to continue. The case is perfectly clear according to the Highway Traffic act, and there will be a conviction."

Sherman testified that he had not heard the warnings and knew nothing of them until summoned. He was given suspended sentence on payment of \$1.50 costs.

Speeding Up

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GENERAL NEWS

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The Hanover Post is well represented on Hanover Council, with its editor, Clayton Schaus, and its mechanical superintendent, Bert Scarborough, both occupying seats on the board.

"Shin plasters," the small 25 cent paper bills so sought after by tourists and children, are to bid farewell to Dominion's money markets. Instructions have been issued to banks across Canada to return to the mint at Ottawa all "shin plasters" received in deposits. The small five-cent pieces, the large two-dollar and five-dollar bills, and large coppers are also being called in by the mint authorities.

At a meeting of Alton ratepayers, held after postponement owing to the illness of the secretary, John Beer was returned school trustee for school section 15. Although meetings of former years had been marked by considerable discussion, this year's meeting was one of the quietest on record.

Magistrate McKay, of Hamilton, insists that the license plates belonging to the car of an offending motorist be turned in to the court. They will be held for an indefinite time, along with the operator's permit. This deprives the owner of the right to allow anyone else to use his car. The magistrate is determined to stop reckless driving in that city.

A verdict of accidental death was returned at Kingston on Monday by a Coroner's Jury which investigated the death of Edward Major, Ferndale Park, Cheltenham, killed on the Bloor highway on Christmas Eve, when hit by a car driven by John Hoxton, 2001 Bloor Street, Toronto. Coroner Dr. W. K. Penton presided.

County tax levy, due on December 15, amounting to \$295,430, has been paid, with the exception of the \$18,000 due from the township of Albion. A larger percentage of the tax levy was prepaid this year than in several preceding years.

Mr. Kenneth Brady, of Burlington, who has been engaged at farm work near Brampton for the past three months, suffered an accident Thursday afternoon last when his hand caught in a buzz saw and mangled two fingers on his right hand. After medical attention he left for Toronto where he will remain with his sister, Mrs. Wm. Bowman, until able to resume his duties. Mr. Brady's parents left for England four weeks ago where they will visit for the next three months.

There was a twofold celebration at the Black homestead at Nashville on New Year's Day. In true Scottish custom the Black family and their friends would ordinarily celebrate only the birth of a new year, but on Saturday this major event was eclipsed in the celebration of John Black's 90th birthday. The affair, an open house during the afternoon and evening, was held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Arthur E. Johnston. Anthime Elgras, 102, of Brownson, Quebec, and his wife, 85, have been married for 74 years. Elgras attributes his lifelong perfect health and advanced age to abstinence from liquor and tobacco. Hard work is another factor, he says. He is a native of Hermas, Quebec.

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Treasurer's Sale of Land For Taxes

TOWNSHIP OF ESQUEWING COUNTY OF HALTON

By virtue of a Warrant issued by the Reeve of the Township of Esquewing, bearing date the 13th day of September, 1937, a sale of lands in arrears of taxes in the Township of Esquewing will be held at the Council Chamber in the Village of Stewartstown, at the hour of Ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 8th day of February, 1938, unless the taxes and costs are sooner paid.

NOTICE is hereby given that the list of lands for sale for arrears of taxes has been prepared, that copies of the said list may be had at my office, that the list of lands for sale for arrears of taxes is being published in The Ontario Gazette on the 6th day of November, 1937, and the 4th day of December, 1937, and that in default of payment of taxes and costs, the lands will be sold for the said taxes and costs.

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