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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 25TH.

THE COVENANT RENEWED.—JOSH. xxiv. 19-28.

Memorize Verses 26-28.

GOLDEN TEXT.—The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.—Josh. xxiv. 24.

CENTRAL TRUTH.

There is every reason why we should decide to love and serve God.

TIME.—B.C. 1426. Eighteen years after the last lesson.

PLACE.—Shechem, between mounts Ebal and Gerizim.

THE CAPITAL was still at Shiloh.

JOSHUA was nearly 110 years old, living at Timnath-serah, not far from Shechem. Here he lived eighteen years after the conquest.

PARALLELS.—The Assembly in the same place twenty-five years before. Josh. viii. 30-35; Deut. xxvi. 1-10; the covenant in the plains of Moab, Deut. xxix. 1 (including chs. xxvii-xxx; Elijah at Carmel, 1 Kings xviii. 19 39).

INTRODUCTION.—Towards the close of his life Joshua gives his dying charge to his beloved people. First he assembles the leaders and officers and addresses them (ch. xxiii). Then he summons another assembly of rulers and people at Shechem, where they had made a solemn covenant to serve God twenty-five years before, on their first entrance into Canaan. To-day's lesson contains a part of Joshua's address to this second assembly.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.—In the previous verses Joshua glances at their past history, and urges reasons why the people should serve the Lord with all their hearts.

(1) Gratitude to Him as the author of their nation; (2) His great power over all gods; (3) His preserving care; (4) His giving them possession of Canaan; (5) His hatred of sin (vs. 19, 20.)

19. *Ye cannot serve the Lord*: ye cannot in your own strength; ye cannot without great care and watchfulness. *A jealous God*: one who will have the undivided love of your hearts. *He will not forgive*: he will not allow you to go on in sin without punishing you. 22. *Ye are witnesses against yourselves*: your public promise to obey will be a witness that you know your duty, and accepted the condition of blessing for obedience and punishment for disobedience. This is still true of men; (1) Every sinner's conscience is a witness against his course. (2) The principles on which business men must act as the condition of worldly success, will witness against those who refuse to apply like principles to religion—principles which if lived out, would lead them to be Christians. (3) The fault-findings of men against good people show that these fault finders know what is right, and are to blame if they do not live up to it. (4) The principles on which good government is based indicate God's moral government in the world. (5) Our professions will be a witness. 25. *Set them a statute*: made this covenant a part of their civil law.

SUBJECTS FOR FURTHER STUDY AND SPECIAL REPORT.—Joshua.—The two assemblies.—Similiar assembles.—Josh. viii. 30-35 (Deut. xxvii. 1-10), 1 Kings xviii. 19 39.—Choosing whom we will serve.—Reasons why the Israelites should choose to serve God.—Reasons why we should serve God.—A jealous God.—Witnesses against ourselves.

QUESTIONS.

INTRODUCTORY.—What was the subject of the last lesson? How many years intervene botwen that lesson and this? How old was Joshua at this time? Where was his home?

SUBJECT: DECIDING FOR GOD.

1. THE DUTY OF DECIDING FOR GOD.—Whom did Joshua summon to come to him just before he died? (xxiii. 1, 2.) What great assembly did he govern after that? (xxiv. 1, 2.) In what place? Of what did he first remind the people? (vs. 2-18.) In view of this history what did he exhort them to do? (vs. 14, 15.) Between what things would he have them choose? Have we a like choice? Between what? Can we help making a choice? How did Joshua enforce his advice? (v. 15, l. c.)

II. REASONS FOR DECIDING FOR GOD (vs. 19, 20.)—What did the people reply to Joshua's exhortation? (v. 16.) How many reasons are given for this resolve? How would *gratitude* lead them to serve God? (v. 17.) What reason would be found in God's *great power* in overcoming those who trusted in other gods? What in God's *preserving care*? (v. 8, 17.) What in His *giving them possession* of Canaan? (vs. 13, 18.) What in God's *character* as a jeln-hating God? (vs. 19, 20.) What is meant by God's being jealous? What by not forgiving their transgressions? Do all these reasons hold why we should serve God? Apply each one to your own life and history.

III.—THE DECISION MADE (vs. 21-28.)—What promise did the Israelites make? How many times did they repeat it? How were they witnesses against themselves? Will all sinners be witnesses against themselves? How did Joshua confirm this covenant? What two memorials did he make of it? (vs. 26, 27.) What similar promise was made in the same place twenty-five years before? (Josh. viii. 30-35; Deut. xxvii. 1-10.) What similar decision on Mount Carmel 600 years later? (1 Kings xviii 19-39.)

NEW TESTAMENT LIGHT.—What choice does Jesus bid us make? (Matt. vi. 33; Rev. iii. 20; xxii. 17.) Must we choose between God and the world? (Matt. vi. 24.) Why should we choose God as our portion? (Matt. xi. 28-30; Rom. ii. 4; xii. 1; 1 Cor. i. 23; John iii. 16.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

I. True religion is of necessity a matter of free choice.

II. But every reason is in favour of serving God.

III. We should cast our personal influence and example on the side of God.

IV. We should choose *to-day*.

V. God's goodness, care, power, providence, and holiness are all arguments why we should serve Him.

VI. Every sinner will be a witness against himself.

VII. There is a great advantage in being placed where we must make a decision.—*Peloubet.*

Nassagaweya Council.

Township Hall, Nov. 5, 1888.

The council met in this place to-day pursuant to an adjournment. Members all present. The reeve in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and sustained.

Moved by Mr. Norrish, seconded by Mr. Marshall, that the persons residing in road division No. 51, who are charged on the collector's roll for the nonperformance of statute labor, be exempt from the same, they having performed said work.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Norrish, seconded by Mr. Marshall, that the following accounts be paid, viz: Murray Crawford, for plank and timber having been delivered on the town line between Esquesing and this municipality in road division No. 52, a similar amount having been charged to the township of Esquesing.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Norrish, seconded by Mr. Marshall, the following accounts were ordered to be paid, viz: Robert Shaw, for plank and repairing culvert in road division No. 31, $2.50; John Roberts, for plank and repair of culvert in road division No. 19, $3; D. Wheelihan, for 432 feet 3-inch plank for road division No. 45 to May, 1887, $4.32.

Mr. Norrish moved, seconded by Mr. Marshall, that whereas this township has expended the sum of $60 for labor and $540 for timber for culvert and gravel on lots 24 and 25 on the township line of Esquesing, and also $8.75 on lot 27 on the same line in June last, making the total sum of $72.15, and that our treasurer will charge the township of Esquesing with half of this sum and furnish them a copy of the resolution.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wheelihan, seconded by Mr. Marshall, that the sum of $25 be paid to John Lakings for labor done on the town line between the township of East Flamboro and this municipality, the county of Wentworth having expended a larger amount.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hutcheon, seconded by Mr. Wheelihan, that the treasurer be and is hereby instructed to collect from the municipality of the township of Puslinch the sum of $2.50, said amount being one-half of what was paid for stumping on the town line between the aforesaid municipalities opposite lot 20 in the township of Nassagaweya.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Hutcheon, that David Cox be paid $2 10, for provisions furnished to Mrs. Curran, she being in poor and indigent circumstances.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Wheelihan, seconded by Mr. Hutcheon, a by-law making provision for the nomination and election of the municipal council for the year 1889 was introduced and read the usual number of times and passed.

On motion of Mr. Norrish, seconded by Mr. Wheelihan, the sum of $8.38 was ordered to be paid to Franklin Ramshaw, that being two-thirds the value of one sheep killed by dogs, said claim having been duly certified.

The council adjourned to meet again on the 15th day of December next at 1 o'clock p. m.

COLIN CAMERON, Clerk.

QUICK AND SIMPLE.

WAS THE WEDDING OF RIGHT HON. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN AND MISS ENDICOTT AT WASHINGTON.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Quietly and simply, in the presence of the bride's relatives and personal friends, a few members of Washington official society, and of several hundred of the general public, Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain and Miss Mary Endicott were married at two o'clock this afternoon in St. John's Episcopal Church. The church was absolutely without floral or other decorations, and the awning stretched across the sidewalk to the carriage step was the only sign of any unusual event. No cards or formal invitations had been received. There were no best men or bridesmaids, and the entire service was characterized by extreme simplicity. Such of the friends of the family as had been verbally invited to attend took the body of the church half an hour before the cermony began. The Cabinet meeting was ended at an early hour so as to permit the members to be present at the service, and they were in most cases accompanied by their wives. The President and Mrs. Cleveland entered the church just before two o'clock, and were escorted to seats in one of the pews in the first row. Members of the Endicott family and relatives were seated immediately behind, while as many of the public as could find room in the little church filled the gallery and hall-ways. Mr. Chamberlain entered the church at two o'clock, and waited at the chancel. His appearance was the signal to the organist, who immediately began to play the wedding march from "Lohengrin," and the bride leaning on her father's arm, entered in a pearl gray travelling dress and wearing a dark bonnet, passed up the right aisle, and, joining the bridegroom, knelt before the alter. Rev. Dr. Leonard, assisted by Rev. Mr. Franks, of Salem, Mass., performed the service. Both bride and groom gave back the responses in a firm and audible voice. Prayer was pronounced, and Joseph Chamberlain and Mary Endicott were man and wife. Again the organ pealed forth, and to its strains the party slowly passed along the left aisle out of the church and into the carriages, and were driven immediately to the house of the bride's parents.

A reception was held at the residence of the secretary, and the newly married couple received the congratulations of the invited guests. After the reception Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain drove to the Pennsylvania Railroad station, and it is supposed that they went to New York, although their destination was not known even to the bride's parents. They will return to Washington within a week, and be the guests of Secretary Endicott for a few days. On the 26th they will sail for Europe.

The Duke of Argyll has a habit of star-gazing with his hands folded behind him. One day he was in this posture, with a fine bunch of grapes in one hand, when a monkey belonging to his coachman sneaked up and stole the fruit.

Some time ago Professors Morse and Sweet, of South Chicago, agreed to eat crow if Harrison was elected, provided Messrs Smiley and Kendall, two prominent citizens of the place, would do the same upon the election of Cleveland. On Saturday the losers each ate a crow nicely toasted, and declared the dish was equally as good as duck. Each mouthful was washed down with a good gulp of wine.

Notes on Christmas Magazines.

It is pretty well understood that the conductors of HARPER'S MAGAZINE always intend to issue a Christmas number which shall be not only complete in itself, but arranged on lines somewhat different from the those followed during the rest of the year; and the articles in the Christmas Number for 1888 were selected, evidently, with this end in view. The result is an issue strong and novel. The originality of its pages is, perhaps, most striking in the short stories (the serial stories all ended in the November Number)—as in "The Christmas Story of a Little Church," by Grace King; "Sosrus Dismal," by W. W. Archer; and "The Front Yard," by Miss Woolson—this last being a daring comparison of Italian and New England natures and ways. In poetry, too, the number is exceptionally good. Artistically, it has never been surpassed.

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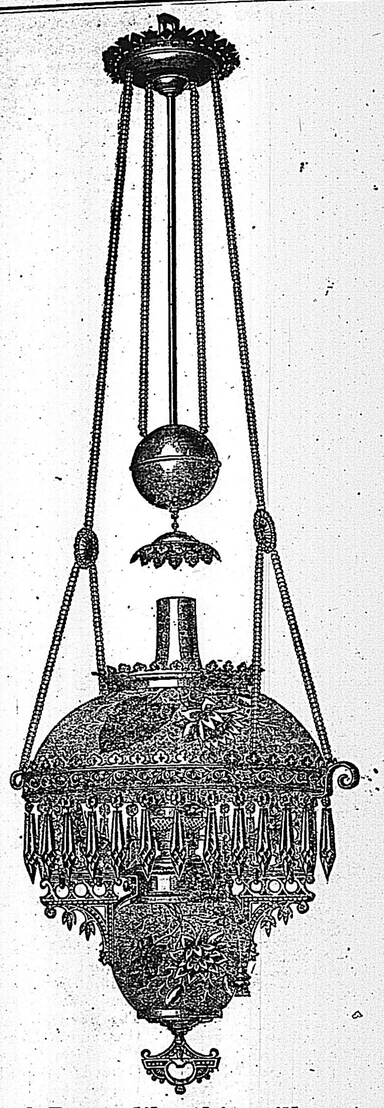

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