INSURANCE .

By M. QUAD

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One day there appeared in the vil

lage of Highlands a stranger who gave

opening an agency for the London and

Liverpoot Cash Down Accident Insur-

Mr. Bacon looked prosperous. He

was smiling and suave. He shook

hands with everybody and hoped their

He attended church the first Sunday

wives and children were well.

be sent to the heathen of Africa.,

Monday morning Mr. Bacon was

ready for business. He had hinted

right along that his insurance differed

from any ever presented before, but

had refused to give out particulars.

He would now do so with the greatest

"It will be a waste of time," said the

landlord of the inn. "We carry fire

insurance here, but none of the other

· "I shall hope to do considerable busi-

ness here." was the confident reply.

"This morning in driving a nail you

"You have it tied up in a rag, but it

would have drawn this very day had

world, and that is the Cash Down. It

permits its agents a latitude that no

other insurance company does. For in-

stance, if I had explained its plans to

"I dunno about that," was the reply.

"And when you mashed your thumb

this morning you'd have held it out to

me and asked, 'Mr. Bacon, how much

cash are you going to allow me on

"And I'd have taken a brief glance

at it and replied, 'Mr. Boniface, that

mash is worth \$10 to you, and here's

Not a person was asked to insure.

Mr. Bacon simply watched and wait-

my company I should say to you:

accept this \$20. That is \$5 a week

"But why in tarnashun haven't I

"Because I'm not saying much yet.

I look upon it as my fault that you

haven't got a policy, and I insist on

"Shoo! You goin' to pay me \$20?"

"But mebbe 'tain't quite right to

"Don't you worry about that! The

Britishers want to show the Yankees

that some things can be done as well

as others. When your knee is quite

stable, leaned over the pigpen to emp-

ty a pail of swill into the trough, and

agent of the Cash Down Accident In-

"I believe I did hear somebody say

"And why not? Because I had not

called on you and explained the liberal

policies we issue. For instance, they

contain what we call the 'pig clause,'

which permits every holder, man or

woman, to bend over a pigpen as often

as they wish. Your wife will be dis-

abled for at least four weeks. It was

"Yes, sir; that's the way we English

"Say no more now. By and by we'll

And after two or three more cases

like the above be was ready to talk

ie sold insurance to 250 different peo

And when the first accident happen-

ed to a policy holder Mr. Bacon slid

ple at three times its value.

pany it couldn't be found.

mobbed those who badn't been.

my fault. Here is \$20 for you."

so, but my wife was not insured with

"Here's the money, deacon."

well we'll talk about a policy."

eral about the settlement."

heard about such a company?" shout-

hit your thumb with the hammer."

will be sore for a couple of weeks."

"Yes; I was just fool enough."

you been insured with me?"

kind. You can't give it away."

ance company.

be arrived.

the ladies.

of pleasure.

"Yes. durn it."

"Not a red cent."

that," said the landlord.

policy at once."

the cash."

knee and said:

for four weeks."

ed the deacon.

take it!"

making good to you."

she fractured a rib.

it?" was asked.

surance company?"

"By thunder!"

do business."

"But-but"-

to something.

talk about a policy."

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Lesson XII.—First Quarter, For March 22, 1914.

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his name as Bacon and his business as Text of the Lesson. Luke xiii, 18-35. Memory Verses, 18, 19-Golden Text, Matt. vii, 21-Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

The topic of this study is entitled "Lessons by the Way." and in the verses for today we have lessons for all the way, always centering upon Him who is "the way," hated by His adversaries, rejoiced in by His people On Thursday he attended a sewing society and made himself agreeable to (verse 17). There is much in the lesson concerning the kingdom, for which He taught us to pray to our Father in On Saturday he called on the two ministers and handed them \$5 each to Heaven, saying "Thy kingdom come." We must distinguish between the present age, during which the kingdom is postponed and which our Lord spoke of as "the mystery of the kingdom of God" (Mark iv, 11), and the kingdom itself to be set up on this earth at His second coming in glory.

The two parables of our lesson must be studied in the light of their setting not only here, but as first recorded in Matt. xiii. The closing verses of our lesson chapter tell of the desolation of Jerusalem until He shall - come again. But when the kingdom comes Jerusalem shall be the throne of the Lord, a city of truth and a praise in the earth (Jer. iii, 17; Zech. viii, 3; Isa, Ixii, 67). In Ps. cii, 16, it is written that the Lord will build up Zion when He shall appear in His glory. The "Do you know how much cash you kingdom was at hand when our Lord was here in humiliation, as was preached by our Lord Himself, and by His apostles, as well as by John the "Ten dollars, sir. I told you this Baptist, but because they rejected English company was different from Him and killed Him He plainly told any we have. It looks almost entirely them that the kingdom would not come after the small accidents and cases of till His return from the far country temporary illness. There are no blanks (Luke xix, 11, 12). He did not begin to fill out. There are no affidavits to to speak in parables until they determined to kill Him (Matt. xii, 14). Then "I never heard of a company like follows in Matt. xiii the seven parables describing this age of the mystery of "There is only one company in the the kingdom. The parables of the mustard seed and of the leaven in this lesson are repetitions of two of those, the former speaking of a great tree with birds in the branches and the latter of leaven in the food.

you yesterday you'd have taken out a In explaining the parable of the sower our Lord said that the birds represented the wicked one (Matt. xiii, 4, 19), and a symbol once explained stands. We have seen in a recent lesson that leaven is always a symbol of evil. The teaching therefore is that in this age of the mystery of the kingdom or the time between the rejection and the coming of the kingdom, many followers of the wicked one will profess to be interested, but the teaching will become thoroughly corrupt, and tares, the work of the devil (Matt. xiii, ed. Deacon Pilgrim fell off a load of 88, 39), will be found with the wheat hay and injured his knee. The doctor till the end of this age. To all these advised him to hang around the house deceived and deceiving ones He will for four or five days and rest it. Mr. . have to say, "I know you not whence Bacon went to see the deacon and the ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity" (verses 26, 27). Many "Yes, your knee may be all right in shall come from all parts of the earth a few days, but if you had a policy in to share and enjoy the kingdom, while many who thought themselves deserv-"Deacon Pilgrim, when a man close ing of it shall find their place where to fifty years of age injures his knee there is weeping and gnashing of teeth it may get well in a week, or it may

(verses 28, 29). take a month. I shall insist that you We must ponder well and lay to heart the words of our Lord to one of the best and most religious men of his day, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John iii, 5).

Judging from the denial in our own times, of the fundamental truths of the gospel, it is to be feared that many church members and many ministers and missionaries have never been born again. It is not for us to talk about few or many being saved, but it is essential that each one should know for himself that he is saved by receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, and that appropriating the great truth "The Son of God loved me and gave Himself for me," "His own self bare my sins in His own body" Mrs. Glazier, wife of the town con- (Gal. ii, 20; I Pet. ii, 24). He is able to say, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," "I know whom I have believed" and, "having come to Him, I "My dear sir," said Mr. Bacon to the am not cast out" (Job xix, 25; II Tim. victim's husband. "I propose to be lib- i, 12; John vi, 37). It is still the accepted time, and the day of salvation "But what have you got to do about for all who will come, but when once the door is shut it will be too late. "You may have heard that I am an There will come a time when the despisers and haters of truth shall call and get no answer, shall seek and shall not find (Prov. i, 24-31). Our Lord said that unbelievers shall die in their sins, and thus dying, cannot come where He is (John viii, 21, 24). As in the days of Noah, it will be shut in or shut out.

In this age of the mystery or the postponement of the kingdom, the Spir-It is, like the servant of Abraham, telling of the riches of the Father and the Son and seeking a bride for the Son, or, in other words, gathering from all nations by the preaching of the gospel of the risen Christ the church or body of Christ, but we must never confound the church with the kingdom The church will reign with Christ in the kingdom, but the kingdom will include all nations, as it is said in Dan. vii, 27, "The kingdom and dominion and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven." and did talk. He talked so well that There may be some great surprises awaiting us when we shall see Abraham, and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and the twelve apostles on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel (verse 28 and chapter xxii, 30).

And when they hunted for the com-His reference to the two days and the third day (82) may point to the And those who had been swindled 2,000 years of this age, and the next Something for nothing always leads | thousand, which will be His reign of righteousness and peace.



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