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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson II.—First Quarter, For Jan. 10, 1915.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Judg. iv, 4-16. Memory Verses, 14, 15—Golden Text, Ps. xxxiv, 17—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

The one great aim of God in His word is that we may know Him and let Him through us make Him known to others, those who will not read His word being able to read of Him in our lives. For that end He chose Israel and brought them into Himself that they might be unto Him a kingdom of priests, ministering unto Him and finding in Him their inheritance (Ex. xix, 4-6; II Sam. vii, 23; Ps. cxlviii, 20). The end of the story, after centuries of failure on man's part, will be that Israel shall know Him as never before, and all nations shall know Him through Israel (Ezek. xxxvii, 21, 22, 28; xxxix, 7, 21, 22, 25, 28, 29; xliv, 7; Jer. iii, 17). In all the past history of the world since Adam sinned, whether before the call of Abram or since the birth of Israel as a nation or during the present age of gathering a people for His name from all nations, those who have known Him have been comparatively few, the vast majority doing what seemed right in their own eyes, which is always evil in the eyes of the Lord (Judg. iii, 7, 12; iv, 1; xvii, 6; xxi, 25).

The Lord is always looking over the whole earth to find any one who is whole hearted to Him, who will walk before Him and be sincere, as He exhorted Abram to do (II Chron. xvi, 9; Gen. xvii, 1). To that end He is ever proving His people to see if they will turn to Him alone or to their own thoughts and ways (Deut. xiii, 2, 3, 16; Judg. ii, 22; iii, 1, 4; Isa. lv, 8, 9), and His cry ever is, "Oh, that my people had hearkened unto me and Israel had walked in my ways!" (Ps. lxxxi, 13). So full of compassion is He that when people are in trouble because of their sin if they turn to Him with the whole heart He hears them and sends deliverance (Judg. ii, 16; iii, 9, 15, 31). The rest which He gave Israel from time to time (chapter iii, 11, 30) might have been theirs all the time if they had not turned to their own ways.

Our lesson today shows us the Lord delivering by the hand of a woman Deborah, the prophetess, and also us, another woman who feared God more than man and preferred to stand with God at any cost, Jael, the wife of Heber, the Kenite (chapter iv, 4, 5, 17, 21). Let the sisters note for their encouragement the stories of Huldah the prophetess; Priscilla, the teacher, the daughters of Philip, the host of women who publish the word of God and those women laborers in the gospel whose names are in the book of life (II Kings xxii, 14; Acts xviii, 26; xxi, 8, 9; Ps. lxxviii, 11; R. V.; Phil. iv, 8). Let the brethren be better believers than Barak, who said that he would not go unless Deborah went with him (verses 8, 9). Yet Barak is mentioned among the men of faith in Heb. xi. Oh, how great is the grace of God which uses such weak ones as we are and gives us credit for what He Himself does in and through us!

Note in lesson, verses 7, 14, 15, 23 that it was the Lord's victory and deliverance, and so they sang of it in chapter v, 2, 3. There was just one thing that Israel did that was worth mentioning—they willingly offered themselves (verses 2, 9), and this reminds us of I Chron. xxix, 9, 17; II Chron. xvii, 16; II Cor. viii, 12; Ex. xxv, 2; xxxv, 29, and of the question in I Chron. xxix, 5. There were some who came not at all to help, and a curse was pronounced upon them (verse 23). What about the many professing Christians today who do nothing whatever to help deliver the oppressed from the power of the enemy? May there be great searchings of heart (verses 15, 16) and a readiness to say, "Thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my Lord the king shall appoint." "For any manner of service . . . wholly at thy commandment" (II Sam. xv, 15; I Chron. xxviii, 21). Some jeopardized their lives unto the death, as did three of David's mighty men and as we are commanded to do (verse 18; II Sam. xxiii, 17; Rev. ii, 10). The saying in chapter v, 12, "Lead thy captivity captive," makes us think of Ps. lxxviii, 18; Eph. iv, 8, and of Him of whom all deliveries were the faintest foreshadowings. The desire that those who love Him should be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might (verse 31) makes us think of the great morning of victory, when He shall finally deliver Israel, make wars to cease and the righteous shall shine forth as the sun (II Sam. xxiii, 3, 4; Ps. xlv, 5, margin, 9; Mal. iv, 2; Matt. xiii, 43). Then shall all the enemies of the Lord perish and the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, and there shall be rest everywhere (Ps. cii, 15, 16; civ, 35; Rev. xi, 15, 18; xix, 1-6). Our Lord is still calling for followers, for such as will love Him more than all others, or even their own lives. He is saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" and He will gladly welcome all who willingly say: "Here am I. Send me!" (Isa. vi, 8).

The present European conflict will probably lead to the recognition of Israel as a nation. We are seemingly at the beginning of the end of the times of the gentiles.

HOUSEHOLD HELPS.

Tea stains should first be washed out in cold water, then in boiling water.

After boiling corned beef, let two carrots remain in the water to absorb the salt. Then the liquor can be used for soup.

Boil all corks before bottling pickles or preserves. While hot the corks may be pressed into bottles and when cold they swell, thus ensuring air-tightness.

Vases stained with flower water can be cleaned with tea leaves moistened with vinegar.

Satin slippers of the most delicate colors can be cleaned with denatured alcohol.

In cleaning clothes with gasoline a ring is sometimes left. The ring can be removed by steaming over a teakettle.

A yard of cheesecloth soaked in kerosene oil, with a little linseed oil added, makes an excellent dust cloth, and leaves a bright surface.

Use ammonia water always instead of soap if you are cleaning white paint. It has the advantage of not dulling the surface.

Well cooked rice and macaroni can well take the place of potatoes when the old ones are poor and the new ones are expensive.

When boiling potatoes in their jackets peel one row around the potato, and when they are cooked the rest of the jacket will come off almost whole.

Fruit is best eaten in the morning. Bananas are easy of digestion to some, and very nutritious; grapes are especially good for brain workers, and oranges are of great benefit to people afflicted with rheumatism.

To make nut sandwiches, chop the nuts very fine, using almonds, English walnuts and hickory nuts; butter the bread, slice and put on it a thin layer of the chopped nuts, a little salt, and sprinkle of grated cheese; put another piece of bread over this, and press slightly.

When a bowl of mashed potatoes is left over try making scones of them for supper or breakfast. Add a little hot milk and remash the potato, add a little more salt, then flour enough to mold the mixture into flat cakes. Toast them slowly so they will not burn and eat hot, with butter.

VARNEY.

Mr. J. Lennox has been laid up this week with a severe attack of quinsy. We are glad to hear that he is improving.

Norman Kerr, Varney's progressive miller, has installed a new gasoline engine, and is now ready for all that come his way. Who made the pitch-hole outside of Mr. Tom Gray's residence? Ask McCabe.

HOW TO CLEAN WALL PAPER.

Grease spots can be removed from wall paper by rubbing gently with soft bread crumbs. Pick the crumbs lightly in a small ball and work with a rotary motion. If the stain is very obstinate spread with a paste of potter's clay, water and ox-gall; dry and renew paste until the stain disappears. Wipe down the walls with a clean old pillow case tied over a broom.

McWILLIAMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Watson spent New Year's with the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Eccles. Mr. and Mrs. John Andrews spent New Year's with the former's uncle, Mr. Thos. Andrews, of the 10th of Egremont.

One day last week, as Mrs. Donald Watson was attending to her household duties, she heard the dog barking at something and opening the door, she was surprised to see a large red fox and calling her sister they each grabbed a broom and gave chase and soon, with the aid of the dog had captured him, and belaboring him over the head with their brooms, killed him and bore him home in triumph. This seems quite a feat for a couple of ladies with brooms, as sometimes two or three men, with half a dozen dogs will spend days trying to get one.

Mr. Allan Kennedy lost a valuable horse one day last week. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Edward Parkes, who last week took unto himself a wife in the person of Miss Mary Bogle, of Varney. We wish them a long life of happiness and prosperity.

Miss Annie Whitmore has gone to Walkerton to train for a nurse. We wish her success.

Mr. Wm. Buchanan of Williamsford, accompanied by his aunt, Miss Elizabeth Scott, spent an evening last week at the home of Mr. W. R. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Watson and Master Clark, spent New Year's at Mr. Donald Watson's.

Miss Susie Halpenny of Toronto spent the holidays with her parents here.

Miss Viola Rennie has gone to teach near Collingwood for the coming year.

HOLSTEIN.

The new teachers of the Public school here arrived for duty on Friday of last week. Mr. Gilmore and Miss Atkinson taking charge of the senior and junior rooms respectively.

Irene Drummond returned to Listowel Monday to continue her studies in the High school of that town.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner of Walton, accompanied by Mrs. Clark and two children, were the guests at the manse over New Year's

The elections for 1915 are over. There is not much change in the township council of Egremont the only change being J. A. Ferguson taking the place of C. McRobb Reeve—J. McArthur; Councilors—T. Gordon, W. Ferguson, C. W. Robb and J. A. Ferguson. There was a contest for village trustees, six being in the field. Those elected are: Dr. Ferguson, J. W. Hunt and Dr. Ellis. There is some talk of a general upset in this contest but we trust that those leading in the agitation will use their better judgment and not further disturb the tranquility of the village.

H. D. Main, P. Ross and G. Main have gone to their schools for 1915.

Mr. J. A. Mather left Friday of last week for his home at Fort Stewart. Mrs. Mather will follow later.

Last week we referred to the annual entertainment of the Methodist Sunday school. We omitted to refer to the orchestra that rendered a number of selections much to their credit. During the evening, Mr. W. J. Sharp, Bible class teacher, was called to the front and presented with the following:

Dear Teacher.—Your scholars of the adult Bible class in connection with the Methodist Sunday school feel that we cannot allow this Christmas festival to pass without giving you some token of our appreciation of your services as our teacher. For many years you have been a most faithful attendant and have given your time and talents the cost of which to you we can never estimate. God alone knows this, and He alone can and will reward, but the good results of some of your efforts are plainly apparent to us, and we feel that the least we can do is to tender you a grateful acknowledgement of same. We appreciate you as our teacher, and as the instrument of giving us truer conceptions of life, higher and nobler ideals, and for helping and directing us in our strivings for those blessings which make rich and add no sorrow; and in helping us to understand the beautiful lessons which come before us Sabbath after Sabbath. As a more tangible form of our appreciation we wish you now to accept this sapphire and pearl tie pin, the sapphire being your birthday stone, and our prayer is, that God may add from his abundant store all blessings you stand in need of, and that you may remember that no toil for God is in vain. Yours in behalf of the Bible Class—Mrs. John Orchard, Minnie Petrie, T. Hargraves Ibbott. The receiver thanked all for their thoughtfulness in his behalf.

PRICEVILLE.

The old year is past, and numbered with the dead, and now we have entered on the New Year. We know in part of what happened during the past year, but we have no idea of what is to happen during 1915. At the beginning of 1914 there was no such a horrible event as war, but now it's war, war news in every paper we take hold of. How many of our brave young men have fallen on the battle fields since six months ago is more than can be properly accounted for, and still the call is made for more young men to go to the front, while the old ones are left to fight their own battles, taking care of themselves at times.

January winds are always blowing cold, and so far it has not failed to be up to the mark in keeping up its reputation. The snow is quite deep in places, and roads badly drifted but we may expect them to be worse before the 1st of March. However, we are looking for a January thaw, which would be very acceptable, as the water is getting low and scarce.

We notice the Classic City writer put down a Happy New Year in newsy order. He makes reference to a Hielan man. Did we tell the story before? An Englishman and a Hielan man met one time long ago on a part of the road where it was almost impassable. The Englishman ordered the Hielan man to get off the road and let him pass on, at the same time saying that he was the judge of the county. "Aye, aye," said the Hielan man, "don't ye know that I'm Tonal McTougall from the 4th line of Vespra? Half road, please, or else I'll give ye the whole of the ditch." So the high-class judge was obliged to give Donald half road, or else he would act as judge for himself in pulling the English judge out of the rig. We are pleased to read Mr. B's letters always, only they are like hen's teeth, few and far between.

Quite a number enjoyed their holidays at their different homes near and in this place, and they felt far more cheerful coming than going back, for the Christmas holidays seemed so short that they had to return so soon to their different schools.

Miss Jane Wright, an old faithful teacher of many years was at the old home of her sister, Miss Wright, of this town.

John L. McKinnon, student at Queen's University, Kingston, spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. M. McKinnon, south Glenelg, and returned Monday.

Miss Little, and Mr. Miller, teachers in this town, spent their holidays in their different homes. Miss Little near Chatsworth and Mr. Miller near Toronto.

Mrs. McKinnon, of the post office here, packed a big box of goods of different kinds to be sent to the sufferers in Belgium. The donations were made by the liberality of different parties in the locality. Mr. Brander very graciously gave the box free of charge. Mrs. McKinnon deserves for the trouble she took in taking the goods from the different parties and in packing them up properly so as to arrive in safety at

the end of their long journey.

Monday is a fine day, but cold and frosty.

The funeral of the late Lachlan McLachlan, who died suddenly in the west a couple of weeks ago, took place on Sunday, December 27, to the cemetery in this town. He was a lifelong resident of the township of Glenelg, where he was born about 44 years ago. The Rev. Mr. Matheson officiated at the funeral, the remains being taken to the Presbyterian church, where he was a faithful attendant before leaving this part.

We wish the Editor and all concerned a happy New Year. Miss Becca McMillan, south line left for her school at Harriston on Saturday.

Quite a number left their horses in town on Saturday, and took the train for Durham. Among them we noticed Mr. and Mrs. C. McKinnon from the west. Mrs. McKinnon, nee Miss Hunter is a lady in every respect, while her good fellow lacks nothing of being a gentleman. Joe Black, our popular hotel man here, was also of the number, and many others.

The present conductor on the C. P. R. from Saugeen Junction to Walkerton is a real gentleman, and obliging to those travelling, in seeing them safely on and off the trains.

No election in Glenelg or Artemesia to-day and we can stay comfortably at our different homes. Thanks to those that resigned.

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|------|-----------|----------------|----------|--------|
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| 3.14 | 6.34 | " Maple Hill " | " 12.43 | 10.13 |
| 3.24 | 6.43 | " Hanover " | " 12.35 | 10.05 |
| 3.33 | 6.52 | " Allan Park " | " 12.25 | 9.53 |
| | | | A.M. | |
| 3.48 | 7.07 | " Durham " | " 12.11 | 9.41 |
| 3.59 | 7.18 | " McWilliams " | " 11.59 | 9.29 |
| | 7.21 | " Glen " | " 11.56 | 9.26 |
| | 7.31 | " Priceville " | " 11.46 | 9.16 |
| | 7.45 | " Saugeen J. " | " 11.35 | 9.05 |
| | 11.20 Ar. | Toronto Lv. | 7.45 | 5.05 |

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