

Sunday School

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. 1
JULY 5, 1903.

Commentary.—1. The Israelites desire a king (vs. 1). Samuel was both a prophet and a judge in Israel. He was brought to the tabernacle when very young and put under the care of Eli, the high priest. Samuel was the last and best of the Hebrew judges. "When he assumed charge of Israel, the twelve tribes were in a low condition both morally and politically. He induced them to abandon their idolatry, freed them from the Philistine yoke, administered justice with wisdom and impartiality, promoted education and true religion (II Chron. xxxv. 18), united the tribes and raised them higher in the scale of civilization."

2. Joel.—The meaning of the names of Samuel's sons may be taken as indications of his father's pious feelings. Joel, "Jehovah God." Abiah, "Jehovah is father." Bezabab, "Their chief seat was there, as Samuel's was at Ramah."

3. Not in his ways.—Samuel's sons did not follow in the footsteps of their godly father, but were bad men, who disgraced his name by dishonest proceedings. After lucra, etc.—The three evils here mentioned cannot be too strongly reprobated in a judge.

4. Elders of Israel.—Before the exodus Israel possessed an organization of elders to whom Moses was directed to deliver his message (Ex. lii. 16). The title gradually acquired an official significance; in the wilderness Moses appointed a council of seventy to represent the whole body. After the occupation of Canaan we find mention of (1) elders of cities who acted as civil magistrates; (2) elders of tribes, or districts; (3) the elders of Israel, or united body of the elders of the tribes.—Cambridge Bible.

5. Thou art old.—Although not so greatly advanced in years, yet Samuel appears to have been worn out, having spent his strength in the cares and burdens of public business. Make us a king.—What higher tribute of esteem and confidence could a people show their governor than to submit entirely to his hands the reorganization of their government, and the selection and appointment of a king?

6. Displeased Samuel.—Because, I. Samuel saw that they were about to reject the divine Government of God. 2. He was affronted to Samuel, their aged leader, who had spent his life in untiring devotion to their interests. 3. It was a disappointment to Samuel that the people should reject God and choose another leader.

7. Hearken.—God was displeased with them, but allowed them to have their way. "God withheld in His displeasure which He withheld in His mercy."—Clarke. Not rejected thee.—From this we judge that Samuel in his prayer had complained that the people had rejected him and were dissatisfied with his administration. But he did not merely reject Samuel, but they had rejected God and their ruler. "They failed to see that their misfortunes came not from lack of care on the part of Jehovah, but because of their own sins."

8. 9. Have forsaken me.—All the sins they had committed since they left Egypt were against God. Unto thee.—Samuel was faring no worse than God himself. This he speaks for the purpose of comforting and vindicating Samuel. Protest solemnly.—If they persisted in their rebellious course they must do so with their eyes wide open to the consequences. God still warns sinners, but they have it in their power to persist in their wickedness and go to destruction.

10. Words of the Lord.—vs. 10-18. Do not speak his own words or give his own opinion. He told the people plainly what they might expect if they persisted in their determination to have a king similar to the nations around them.

IV. The reply of the people (vs. 19-22). The people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel. They were determined to be like the nations around them, and were willing to submit to the demands which a king might make upon them. Samuel then took the matter again to the Lord, after which "he sorrowfully dismissed them to their homes, that he might have time to take the necessary measures for effecting this great change."

Teachings.—The most godly parents cannot transmit their godliness to their children. Men generally prefer the visible to the invisible—the material to the spiritual, and thus are easily led to forget God.

PRACTICAL REVIEW.
When God called Abraham and said to him, "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee, and I will make thee a great nation," it is evident that his design was to raise up a "peculiar people," a people to be "his peculiar treasure."

Slowly yet surely His wondrous plan was carried out. He had declared to Abraham, "Thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that was not theirs, and shall afflict them four hundred years." Yet during these years "in all their afflictions He was afflicted, and the angel of His presence saved them; in His love and in His pity He redeemed them." He declared again: "For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God; the Lord thy God has chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth."

It may be asked why did God say to Moses when giving the statutes, commandments, ordinances, etc., "Which thou art come unto the land, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are about me; thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the Lord thy God shall choose"; then condemn them when nearly four hundred years later they asked Samuel to make a king over them? I answer, God's foreknowledge did not necessarily foreordain the rejection of His kingship. "God often grants that in His displeasure which He withholdeth in His mercy."

The fearful sin, "And the Lord said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all they say unto thee; for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them." To turn away from God who had so signally fought for them and caused them to triumph over "seven nations, greater and mightier than they," and who had fulfilled every promise—and "there failed not ought of any good which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass"—was indeed a grievous sin.

May the God of all grace preserve us from such a sad ending, and may we be finally presented to Him in pure church, "not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing."—S. K. Chesbro.

In the Wrong Room.
At a railway shareholders' meeting in London a gentleman insisting on making a long speech. When he had concluded the chairman quietly asked the verbose orator whether he had quite done.

"Yes, sir, quite!" was the indignant reply.
"You will, consequently, permit me to answer you, sir?"
"Oh, certainly, if you can; but I defy you to do that."

"Well, then," said the chairman, calmly and with measured voice, "I have to inform you that you are in the wrong room and addressing the wrong company. The speech you have just made should have been delivered in No. 6, first floor."—Book of Blunders.

"BLOOD WILL TELL" of its own impurity, when blotches and eruptions mark the face and neck, and Weavers' Syrup make short work of blood and skin troubles.

GLOISTEIN UMPIRES
A BALL GAME
(New York Sun.)
The baseball game last Sunday between the Pretzel Varnishers, composed of employees in a pretzel bakery in Rivington street, and the Cab Boys, made up of drivers in Forty-second street, which took place in a field on the Canarsie road, broke up in a row in the third inning owing to dissatisfaction with the umpire. There was a general fight, during which the umpire was roughly handled. His eyes were blackened and his clothes torn from his back.

The unfortunate umpire, who acknowledges that it was his first and hopes that it will be his last experience in that capacity was August J. Gloistein, president of the Gloistein Fishing Club. The match was arranged several days ago, and as Gloistein was acquainted with the cab drivers as well as the bakers, his selection as umpire was agreeable to both sides. The bakers' nine was composed exclusively of Germans, and the other consisted mostly of Irishmen, who could wield shillelachs as well as bats.

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At the next throw the batter knocked a foul towards the right field.
"What is that?" shouted O'Connor.
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"Well he hid id, and if he hid id, I must be a hid. Id's a hid," announced Gloistein, who allowed the batter to reach first base in spite of the protests of the Cab Boys and their friends.
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The climax came when Gloistein announced this decision. The Cab Boys made a rush for him and his East Side friends ran to his rescue. There was a rough and tumble fight which resembled a football rush. There were no police in sight and the fight lasted about ten minutes. Gloistein was finally convicted and escorted to a place of safety. The Cab Boys were vanquished and there on a scurrying all around to get away when some one shouted "Police!"
"I will never be a sporting man again," said Gloistein last night.

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home run and proceeded to run around the bases. Gloistein followed him as far as first base, and then stopped at the half barrel of beer. When the batter reached home Gloistein was asked for a decision.
"Well he clumped on tree bases undt dot was tree runs," announced Gloistein. "I didn't see id, but Chaskey Schmidt says it was all right."
At this juncture there was a howl from the Pretzel Varnishers.
In the next inning, when the catcher of the Pretzels caught a foul Gloistein declared that both innings were over and the score was 3 to 3 in favor of the Pretzel Varnishers. He was cheered to the echo by the spectators.

By this time the half barrel of beer at first base was emptied and Gloistein ordered another one placed there. Until it was secured from a nearby hotel he ordered a cessation of the game.
When the new barrel was placed in position he ordered another recess for fifteen minutes, and players and spectators were allowed to help themselves. When the Cab Boys went to the bat in the third inning the score was still tied, according to Gloistein.
The Cab Boys hit the ball easily, and in a few minutes had three runs

The Markets.

Toronto Farmers' Market.
June 27.—The wet weather prevented farmers bringing in grain and other products to-day, and prices are in consequence purely nominal.
Dressed hogs at steady, light selling at 88 to 88.25, and heavy at 87 to 87.25.
Following is the range of quotations: Wheat, white, bushel, 75c to 76c; do., red, 76 to 77; do., goose, 69c to 70c; oats, bushel, 35c to 36c; barley, bushel, 42c to 44c; peas, bushel, 75 to 78; hay, ton, 18 to 20; straw, per ton, 88; apples, per barrel, \$1.50 to \$2.50; dressed hogs, light, \$7.75 to \$8.25; eggs, dozen, 18 to 20c; butter, dairy, 16 to 19c; do., creamery, 20 to 23c; chickens, per pair, 75c to \$1.00; turkeys, per lb., 12 to 14c; potatoes, per bag, \$1.30 to \$1.40.

Leading Wheat Markets.
Following are the closing quotations at important wheat centres to-day:
New York 85 5-8
Chicago 79 3-4
Toledo 80
Duluth, No. 1 N. 84 3-4
Duluth, No. 2 N. 84 3-4

Receipts of strawberries are heavy to-day, and the demand only fair. Prices ranged from 4 to 6c per box. There was a good supply of cherries. Sour are worth 75c; sweet, \$1.00 to \$1.25. Cucumbers are still scarce, and are worth \$2 a basket. New potatoes, 75c per basket or \$2 per bushel. Pineapples firmer, at \$3.25 to \$3.75 per crate. Bananas, bunch, \$1.50 to \$2.50. Lemons, box, \$2.75 to \$3.25. Gooseberries, basket, 50c. Muskmelons, case, \$3.00 to \$3.50. Asparagus, a dozen bunches, 75c to \$1.00. Tomatoes, \$1.75 to \$2.00 per case.

British Live Stock Markets.
London, June 27.—Live cattle firm at 11c to 11 1/2c per lb. for American steers, dressed weight; Canadian steers, 10 1/2 to 11 1/4c per lb.; refrigerator beef, 8 1/2 to 9c a lb.; sheep, 10 1/2 to 13c.

Toronto Live Stock.
Export cattle, choice cut., \$4.50 to 5.00
do medium, 4.20 to 4.70
do cows, per cwt., 3.30 to 4.00
Inferior cows, 2.75 to 3.25
Butchers' picked, 4.00 to 4.80
do good to choice, 4.40 to 4.50
do fair to medium, 3.25 to 3.75
Good cows, 4.10 to 4.30
do fair to medium, 3.25 to 3.75
do rough, 2.50 to 3.00
Bulls, per cwt., 3.00 to 3.50
do medium, 3.75 to 4.25
do light, 3.00 to 3.50
Feeds, short cut, 4.00 to 4.60
do medium, 4.00 to 4.60
do light, 3.00 to 3.50
Stocks, choice, 2.50 to 3.00
do common, 2.25 to 2.75
Milk cows, each, 30.00 to 50.00
Hucks, per cwt., 3.75 to 4.00
do ewes, 3.75 to 4.00
Culls, each, 2.50 to 3.50
Spring lambs, 4.00 to 4.50
Calves, each, 2.00 to 3.00
do per lb., 0.04 to 0.05
Hogs, selected, 5.75 to 6.00
do fat, per cwt., 5.50 to 6.00
do light, per cwt., 5.50 to 6.00
do sows, per cwt., 4.00 to 4.25

Liverpool Markets.
Liverpool, June 27.—Wheat, spot steady; No. 2 red winter, 6s 3 1/2d; No. 1 northern spring, 6s 3d; No. 1 California, 6s 8 1/2d; Futures, firm; July, 6s 3 1/2d; Sept., 6s 4d.

CAKE-WALK CRAZE IN PARIS

Gay Capital Quite Captivated and Performing Strange Antics.
But then the cake-walk started and "a feeling of sadness and longing" began to creep upon us as one after another of twenty-four couples came out into the circus ring and made glowing idiots of themselves as in American to the tunes of "Whistling Rufus," "You Are My Honey-suckle," "Georgia Camp-meeting," "A Hot Time in the Old Town," and the rest of the old familiar, American at its worst never imagined such a rag-time epidemic as is raging in Paris to-day. The manager of the Nouveau Cirque—an American, by the way, who knows a business proposition when he sees it—told me later in the evening that it is the greatest fad he has ever seen in twenty-five years as a circus and theatrical manager. That he has given his public rag-time and cakewalk now for seven months without a change of bill, and that it gets more and more popular every day and that the Nouveau Cirque has set all business records in theatrical Paris.

"Wonderful!" I exclaimed, and turned again to where fashionable Paris was disporting itself in the circus ring. Some of the women were beautiful, some and managed to make themselves as attractive as a woman can be in that unbecoming dance. But the men! Well, the most melancholy sight on earth is a man—a well-dressed, well-groomed, well-behaved, ordinarily dignified man—making himself a laughing crowd the amusement of a leering crowd. He looks weak, helpless, simple, pitiable, and all the time he seems to half realize it and to be laboring to overcome it. The only man in that crowd of twenty-four fashionable cakewalkers that I didn't feel profound pity for was the one who was entirely encased in a grotesque bear-hide. Everybody knew everybody, and the conversation between the ring and the boxes was general, indiscriminate, and entertaining, and everybody was evidently very happy. The whole house glittered with jewels and beautiful women. Every seat in the big auditorium was occupied, and everybody was in evening dress, and the effect was almost startling in its brilliancy. A row of seats had even to be put around the inside of the ring for the accommodation of a couple of hundred unaccompanied bachelors who made a nice study in black and white sitting close together side by side in a complete circle.

—Eleanor Franklin's Paris letter in Leslie's Weekly.
Evidence of Sympathy.
One rainy day, when little Helen was naughty because she could not go out and play, her mother told her that God felt sorry for little children who were naughty.
After meditating for a minute, she said:
"He must feel very sorry for me, for just see Him cry."

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Negro's Release From Prison Was Not Due to His "Busting Out."
Ex-Governor Hodge Tyler, of Virginia, whose term expired in December last, says the New York Times, was especially generous in granting pardons. From many of them he derived much pleasure in the gratitude of the unfortunate, and often received material for an amusing story. One of these he tells was of a negro from Richmond convicted of some slight offence who had convinced the Governor that he had been sufficiently punished and was accordingly granted a pardon. The pardoned prisoner's young brother learned of his release before the convict could reach home and rushed to tell his mother the good news.
"Oh, mammy, he cried, 'Boys' dun got out and 's mos' heah now.'"
"Bless de Lad," exclaimed the mother, "but how'd he git out? He ain't dun busted out, is he?"
"Naw, mammy; de gunvor jst sint down an' axed his pardin and told him to go home."

Woman Not a Person.
Brooklyn Eagle.
Not long ago a woman applied to be admitted to the examinations for a solicitor in Scotland and the Scottish law courts thereupon decided that a woman is not a person. That is to say, the act of parliament which regulates the terms on which anybody is admitted to practice law in Scotland speaks always of "persons," and the judges held that this word should apply only to men. Much the same decision was given a good many years ago in England about medical students, and that matter was put right for the women who wished to become doctors by parliament passing an act stating definitely that women could be admitted to all medical examinations where the heads of the professions were willing to admit them.

England's Twilight.
One of the first things a newly arrived English girl noticed was the printed announcement in all our papers: "Time to light bicycle lamps, 7.30." She ran to fetch a London paper she happened to have with her. It was over a week old, consequently belonged to a time when the days were a trifle shorter, yet it said, "Time to light bicycle lamps, 7.30." Here is a land of long twilights. With us it begins to be dark soon after sunset. These little things bring home the differences between the two countries, —Chicago Evening Post.

Canned Cherries.
Prick each cherry. To three quarts of cherries make a syrup of a quart of a pound of sugar and a half-cup of water. Put the sugar and water over the fire until the sugar is dissolved, then turn the cherries carefully into the syrup, and bring very slowly to the boil. Boil gently for five minutes, pack the cherries in jars, and fill those to overflowing with the boiling syrup. Seal immediately.

One Advantage of Riches.
Washington Star.
"Is there any real advantage to being a millionaire?" asked the philosopher.
"There is," answered Dustin Stax. "You can wear your old clothes without exciting comment, which is a great economy."
Insane From Cigarettes.
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