

Sunday School

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. V  
MAY 1, 1904.

Prayer and Promise—Luke II: 1-11

Commentary.—I. Christ teaching... II. The parable of the importunate borrower... III. The disciples urged to persistency in prayer...

2. Day.—The beauty and value of the lessons in the Lord's prayer arise from 1. The tone of holy confidence...

11. If a son shall ask, etc. From that which the friend will do for him, the Father will do for him...

3. Give us.—The good things of this life are the gifts of God. This teaches us our dependence upon Him...

4. Forgive us our sins.—Sin is here represented as a debt. Man has nothing to pay. If his debts are not forgiven, they must stand charged against him forever...

ness and insensibility, from its unspirituality and rebellion, from its hardness and its punishment; from all that dishonors God and ruins the soul...

7. Trouble me not.—The trouble made him insensible both of the urgency of the case and the claims of friendship in bed—we leap from travelers' beds...

8. His importunity.—Literally, his shamelessness; that is, his unblinking persistence. Farrar. His perseverance in asking and stating his own inability to supply a friend...

9. I say unto you.—We have it from Christ's own mouth, who knows his Father's mind, and in whom all promises are yes and amen. Ask...

10. Everyone who receiveth, etc.—Christ binds himself to hear and answer. No man can expect that he will pray to God as directed...

11. If a son shall ask, etc.—From that which the friend will do for him, the Father will do for him. The Holy Spirit is a divine person, and truly God...



Miss Alice Bailey, of Atlanta, Ga., tells how she was permanently cured of inflammation of the ovaries, and escaped the surgeon's knife, by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

The universal indications of the approach of woman's great enemy, inflammation of the ovaries, are a dull throbbing pain, accompanied by a sense of tenderness and heat low down in the side, with occasional shooting pains. On examination it may be found that the region of pain will show some swelling. This is the first stage of inflammation of the ovaries.

Another woman saved from a surgical operation by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Read what she says: 'DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I cannot thank you enough for what your Vegetable Compound has done for me. If it had not been for your medicine, I think I would have died.'

mission of sin. It calls for protection and deliverance. But even a perfect prayer could not be offered by His listeners without difficulty. Perhaps Jesus saw that by the necessity of continued prayer along with the sluggish faith of his children might be aroused to leap the chasm of its own indifference and bring back the long waiting answer.

The Markets

Toronto Farmers' Market.

The market to-day was very dull, the only offering being a load of goose wheat, which sold at 83c, and a load of oats at 82c. Hay is unchanged, with sales of 20 loads at \$10 to \$11.50 a ton...

Following are the quotations: Wheat, white, bush, 98c; wheat, red, bush, 97c; wheat, spring, bush, 90 to 92c; oats, bush, 87 to 88c; peas, bush, 68 to 70c; barley, bush, 48 to 49c; hay, timothy, per ton, \$10 to \$11.50; hay, clover, \$8 to \$9; straw, per ton, \$10; seeds, aleike, bush, \$4.50 to \$5.75; seeds, red clover, bush, \$6 to \$6.35; seeds, timothy, 100 lbs., \$2.25 to \$3.25; dressed hogs, \$6.25 to \$6.75; eggs, per dozen, 17 to 18c; butter, dairy, 19 to 22c; butter, creamery, 22 to 25c; chickens, per lb., 12 to 13c; geese, per lb., 12 to 13c; ducks, per lb., 12 to 14c; turkeys, per lb., 17 to 20c; potatoes, per bag, \$1 to \$1.15; cabbage, per dozen, 40 to 50c; cauliflower, per dozen, \$1.25 to \$1.75; celery, per dozen, 40 to 50c; beef, hindquarters, \$7.50 to \$9; beef, forequarters, \$5 to \$6.50; beef, choice, carcass, \$7 to \$7.25; beef, medium, carcass, \$6 to \$6.50; lamb, yearling, \$10 to \$11; mutton, per cwt., \$8 to \$9; veal, per cwt., \$8 to \$9.50.

Wholesale trade at Montreal this week has been moderately active in some departments. The manufacturers are busy on goods for the coming season. Large shipments of merchandise are being made to the Northwest. Collections are only fair.

Wholesale trade at Winnipeg, as reported to Bradstreet's, is showing considerable expansion. Siding of wheat has begun. In Hamilton the wholesale trade is rather more active in some departments than in others. Large shipments of goods are being made. The cutting business is fair, but would improve with fine, warm weather. The outlook is bright.

There is a fairly good sorting demand at Ottawa from the retail trade for spring goods. Prices are firmly held. OYSTER FARMS IN VIRGINIA. Natural and Artificial Beds in Eastern Part of State.

In eastern Virginia there are several thousand acres of oyster farms, where oysters are raised by artificial methods on artificial beds. The 'natural' oyster bed is where the oyster breeds and matures naturally. There are thousands of acres of such beds in the Chesapeake Bay system of salt water. In such beds the oysters breed by the millions, and as they are too close together there they cannot all reach a satisfactory growth. If taken when small from these 'natural' beds and strewn along on the bottoms, where there are no oysters naturally, at the rate of 600 to 1,000 bushels per acre, such young oysters mature and ripen off for the market, some in one and a half years, some in two years.

There is a profit in such work, which is intelligently managed, of 25 to 35% per cent. Probably more than 100,000 acres of artificial oyster beds are made to grow an oyster crop, in addition to the acreage employed in the 'natural' beds. The area of 'artificial' beds is increasing rapidly each year. One singular feature about the oyster is this: They all look exactly alike; there being no difference between the male and the female externally or internally. In fact, the male and female are not different in any way. The female is called 'spawner' and the male is called 'spawner'. An ordinary full grown oyster is supposed to lay a million eggs a year. In these eggs, and when the 'milt' of these eggs, and when the 'milt' of the spawner is in contact, and the water is at the right temperature, life is imparted to the microscopic egg, and it is dropped to the bottom, where it succeeds in grasping hold of something, such as another oyster, or shell, or rock, or anything to hang on to, its tiny creature begins to form its shell, and in a few weeks becomes visible to the eye.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The widening of London Bridge by about twelve feet, which cost £109,000, has been completed.

The first Christian Science church in England was opened in London yesterday. Gold dredging on the Fraser River is reported to yield good results near Lillooet, B. C. The Canadian Underwriters have decided to raise rates in Toronto 75 per cent., beginning last Tuesday midnight. The trouble over a French shoreland in the Anglo-French agreement has been settled to the satisfaction of Newfoundland.

Engineer Robertson, of the C. P. R., was injured in the yards at Regina last night as a result of a collision between two engines. Messrs. Deroome & O'Brien, boot and shoe manufacturers, of Quebec city, have assigned, with liabilities of \$12,126, and assets of \$2,745.

The joint committee of the Canadian Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches has passed a resolution favoring organic union. The British Government will protest against the Russian edict forbidding correspondents to use wireless telegraphy in the far east war zone. 'Death from natural causes,' was the verdict of the coroner's jury at Masonville in the case of John Howings, the old fish peddler, found dead near his home in that village a week ago.

McAdam, N. B., railway junction village was swept by fire last evening. The buildings destroyed are the Roman Catholic Church, two general stores, Forest's Hall, the old station building, now disused, and fourteen dwellings. The total loss is \$25,000 to \$50,000. Previous to their departure for Toronto, where Rev. W. J. McKay goes to become editor of the Canadian Baptist, his congregation at Stratford presented him with an address and a handsome gold watch, and a case of silver knives and forks to Mrs. McKay.

Judge Wurtzle, who is presiding over the Cooke-Blackley case at Law, Montreal, became seriously ill of hemorrhage of the stomach shortly after dinner last night. There is some anxiety as to the result. The Cooke-Blackley trial has been on now for about two weeks, and has proved a severe strain on the aged judge. ELECTING A BISHOP. Synod of Rupert's Land Make Selections.

Winnipeg, April 25.—The Synod of the Anglican Bishop of Rupert's Land, elected for the selection of two candidates for the vacant Archbishopric, continued today. The first ballot again resulted in a deadlock between the two names suggested for second choice, viz., Bishop Grisdale and Archbishop Fortin. It was then decided to call on two new names, Rev. Dr. Eden, Bishop of Wakefield, England, and Rev. Prof. Cody, of Toronto. The first ballot resulted in a small majority for Bishop Eden, but not sufficient for election. Three ballots were taken this afternoon, the fourth of the session, resulting in Bishop Eden's selection in a total vote of 145 to 32.

The names to go before the House of Bishops for selection will, therefore, be Bishop Matheson, of this city, and Bishop Eden, of Wakefield, England. Mme. NORDICA'S DIVORCE. Zoltan Doeme Seeks to Have Interlocutory Decree Set Aside.

New York, April 25.—The hearing in the action brought by Zoltan Doeme to have set aside the interlocutory decree of divorce obtained by Madame Nordica was begun today. J. R. Stoley, attorney for Madame Nordica, read from an affidavit by his client, setting forth that Doeme, since he married the singer, had filled no engagements, and that his only income had been from Madame Nordica's singing. The affidavit further set forth that Nordica had given Doeme upwards of \$300,000 in the past five or six years, she transferring to him at his request on one occasion \$40,000, which she had on deposit with a trust company.

GREAT RAILWAY STRIKE.

Traffic on Hungarian State Lines is Stopped. Budapest, April 25.—As a thousand railroad employees have been arrested in connection with the strike of railway men, which began yesterday on the Hungarian Western Railway. The strike became general, and on all the Hungarian State railroads to-day traffic is at a complete standstill. The Southern Railway, which is not owned by the Government, alone managed to start trains out of Budapest. Six trains due last night have not yet arrived. The strike committee by telegraph ordered all traffic to stop at midnight, and all trains to be abandoned by their crews at the stations where each happened to be at that hour.

The railroad stations are now guarded by troops. The prices of provisions have risen. The men in the workshops of the Western Railway joined the strikers, who have disconnected the telegraph instruments at various points. A band of 750 employees seized a train at Bin-Torbagy, brought it to Budapest and reported themselves to the police, who began criminal proceedings against them. Awful Experience with Heart Disease.—Mr. L. J. Law, Toronto, 'can't write: "I was so sorely troubled with heart disease that I was unable for 18 months to do down in bed but 1 smother. After taking one dose of Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure I retired and slept soundly. I used one bottle and the trouble has not returned."—99

WANTS TO PAWN HIS BODY. Central Ontario Man Makes Strange Request to Queen's. Kingston, April 25.—Queen's medical faculty had a strange request before them at their last meeting. It was in a letter from a Central Ontario man who desired to mortgage his body and to sign a deed of it to the Queen's medical faculty, who would own it so soon as he had no longer any use for it. This is the first time that Queen's has ever been honored with such a request. The man making the proposal has been to Kingston often. The medical faculty decided not to entertain the proposition.

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MAY FIRE ON BLUEFIELDS. British Cruiser Retribution to Return There. Kingston, Jamaica, April 25.—The British cruiser Retribution, which, under instructions from the Imperial Government, sailed from Kingston April 11 for a Nicaraguan port, in connection with the seizure of six Cayman turtle schooners and the arrest of their crews by Nicaraguan officials, returned to Port Royal after ascertaining that the vessels and crews had been sent to Bluefields. The captain of the Retribution accused the Nicaraguan commandant, under whose orders the schooners were seized, of piracy. There is consternation among the Nicaraguan officials over the affair. The Retribution will sail for demand the release of the prisoners and the boats, and also the immediate compensation for the illegal seizure and detention. It is rumored that, should it be found necessary, the Retribution will bombard the port of Bluefields.

Submarine Disaster. Portsmouth, Eng., April 25.—As a consequence of the sinking of the British submarine torpedo boat A1 near the Nab Lightship, off the Isle of Wight, on March 18, and the death of all on board, eleven officers and men, a coroner's inquest was held, and a verdict that the victims were 'accidentally drowned' was rendered. The coroner's jury added a rider to its verdict, expressing the opinion that submarine torpedo boat manoeuvres should not be held in a narrow fairway. THE LONELY CZAR. Apart from his wife and mother, who are said to be the only members of his family in whom the Czar can place implicit trust, his only other bosom friend is Prince Ukhtomski, the proprietor and editor of the Vidomosti, which is the organ looked to throughout the whole empire as the real exponent of opinion in court circles. The prince accompanied the Czar when still czarovich on his tour in the far east, and afterward wrote a most high-falutin' book about it. An unsparing critic of England, he is also a Teutophile of the first water, and avowes all the present troubles to the Chinese policy of Germany. He has accustomed the Czar to regard India as the ultimate heritage of the Slav race.