

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Daniel and Belshazzar — Dan. 5:17-20.

Commentary.—I. The handwriting on the wall. Belshazzar, only sixteen or seventeen years old, was the ruling king in the city of Babylon. Secure within his defenses he felt confident of safety, and therefore engaged in revelry at feast which he made to a thousand of his lords. In his drunken folly and wickedness he called for the golden and silver vessels which had been taken from the temple at Jerusalem, that he might drink from them as a token that his gods had given victory over the God of the Jews. During his profane revelry a hand appeared and wrote upon the wall. This filled the king with fears, and he declared that the wise man who should interpret the meaning should be clothed with scarlet and have a chain of gold, and be third ruler in the kingdom. When all had failed, the queen, mother of Belshazzar, came in and persuaded her son to send for Daniel, to whom, when he came, the king repeated his promise made to the wise men.

II. Daniel reproving the king (vs. 17-24). Let thy gifts be to thyself, and thy rewards to another (v. 17). In his person Daniel was fair, well favored, the admiration of Ashpenaz, Melzar and Arioch, the object of their tender regard. In his demeanor courteous, dignified, deferential, reverent and respectful, in his character abstemious, serious, devout, courageous, unblemished in private life, incorruptible in public office; a pattern of faith, prayer, wisdom, holiness and righteousness; in his attainments skilled in learning, ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers (Dan. 1, 20) that served in the king's realm.

III. Sentence revealed. "Mene: God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it" (v. 20). The sinful man shall not live out half his days (Psa. 55, 23), for sin finished brought forth death (James 1: 15), and at death the angels will number and finish. Tekel: "Thou art weighed in the balance, and art found wanting" (v. 27). Belshazzar was weighed by his conscience—"his thoughts troubled him" (v. 27); by the thoughts of his father, who had warned him (vs. 19-21); by the prophet, who had warned him (vs. 17-24); by the angel, who had written on the wall which pronounced his doom (vs. 25-28). He was weighed and found wanting. "Thou... hast not humbled thine heart... but hast lifted up thine pride against the Lord of heaven" (vs. 22, 23). Pride, lifting up self above God, is the opposite of humility.

IV. Sovereign reward. "They clothed Daniel with purple and made a proclamation concerning him" (v. 29, R. V.) Jesus Christ, having thereon his plea for the establishment of deacons of the second grade, the two qualities of equality and freedom were needed in the spiritual work of the Church, and there ought to be provision made for such of the laity as wished to take part in this work. If measures of the kind he proposed had been adopted in the eighteenth century the Methodist schism would never have taken place. An order of permanent deacons would not only establish a number of agencies in the work of the clergyman, but would also serve as a recruiting ground for the higher orders. Men were needed to carry on the work in the West. The Missionary Society had not the funds to place in the field the requisite number of clergymen, and he thought his proposal would be found a practical solution of the difficulty. Deacons of the second grade would not proceed to the higher orders of the Church unless they passed the requirements for deacons of the first, and consequently there would be no interference with the present order.

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NO ACTION ON THE APPENDIX.

Upper House Refused Concurrence at Synod.

No New Order of Deacons to be Formed.

Preamble to Canon Voted Down by Lower House.

Quebec despatch: The General Synod to-day disposed of the question of an appendix to the Book of Common Prayer and the question of the diaconate. At the evening session a large amount of routine matter was disposed of.

The report of the Committee on the Diaconate was presented by Mr. Chas. Jenkins. The report included the recommendation of a canon whose adoption by the Lower House was asked on the report having been read. In brief, the canon proposed to give more prominence to the order of deacons by creating a second grade. The first grade would be restricted, as at present, to those members of the order who proposed going into the higher orders of the Church, the second to such as would continue permanently in the order of deacons. For the latter it would not be necessary that they surrender their secular calling, and they would be exempted from certain demands of examination asked of candidates for the higher order; they would work gratuitously under the direction of the clergyman of the diocese to which they belonged.

In laying the report before the house, Mr. Jenkins explained the early functions of the deacon in the primitive Church, having thereon his plea for the establishment of deacons of the second grade. The two qualities of equality and freedom were needed in the spiritual work of the Church, and there ought to be provision made for such of the laity as wished to take part in this work. If measures of the kind he proposed had been adopted in the eighteenth century the Methodist schism would never have taken place. An order of permanent deacons would not only establish a number of agencies in the work of the clergyman, but would also serve as a recruiting ground for the higher orders. Men were needed to carry on the work in the West. The Missionary Society had not the funds to place in the field the requisite number of clergymen, and he thought his proposal would be found a practical solution of the difficulty. Deacons of the second grade would not proceed to the higher orders of the Church unless they passed the requirements for deacons of the first, and consequently there would be no interference with the present order.

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Dr. Langtry and Rev. C. E. Lloyd, Saskatchewan, were equally emphatic on the need of the proposed change. The motion asking for the adoption of the preamble and the canon was lost by a vote of 25 to 30 against, and the canon was then and then disposed of for the present session.

During the afternoon a message was received from the Upper House, stating that after taking into consideration the statements made by the report of the Lower House, the Upper House was still of the opinion that the matter of an appendix to the Prayer Book should be deferred. A message was also received stating that a cheque for \$500 for the Missionary Society had been received from Mr. G. C. Thomas, one of the members of the recent delegation from the church in the United States.

At the evening session a motion of concurrence in the message of the Upper House relative to reciprocity in the beneficiary funds of the various dioceses was passed unanimously. The motion was moved by the prolocutor, Canon Farthing, who for the time being vacated the chair. The object of this reciprocity, he explained, was to permit a clergyman of good standing in his own diocese to secure an equal standing in any part of the diocese to which he might move. If his name had stood for ten years on the beneficiary fund of the diocese, he would attain the same standing in the second diocese. This reciprocity was now in force between the Dioceses of Huron and Niagara, and had worked admirably.

Relative to the message from the Upper House on the appendix to the Prayer Book, it was moved by Canon Worrell that the Lower House concurs in the message, but regrets that their Lordships were of the opinion that consideration of the question should for the present be deferred. The report of the Committee on the Work of the College of the Church of England in Canada was adopted, after slight modifications in the recommendation. These, in brief, are that each diocese set apart a room for a recruiting ground for the higher orders. The purpose of a special collection for the colleges, that the needs of the colleges be placed more prominently before the public, and that an effort be made to unify the work of the colleges throughout.

Principal Rexford stated that the main requisite of the college was not money but men. Money might be subscribed quickly, but the problem of a Canadian Church would soon have to face where to find men for the work. The training of men for orders was a matter of years, and some way must be found to increase at an early date the output of the colleges.

Canon Murray urged that the central connection be established between the Church as represented by the Synod and the colleges. He attributed the generous support of Presbyterians to college work to the fact that the colleges were directly in touch with the Church as a whole. Canon Richardson

The Spanish port officials have been ordered to isolate ships coming from Hamburg and Antwerp, and to adopt precautionary measures against their crews and merchandise, owing to the spread of cholera.

Three storms, while attaining the velocity of a typhoon, have swept Cores. The town of Geasen is flooded, and at some points the water has been driven and many buildings destroyed. The traffic has been interrupted.

THE MARKETS.

Toronto Farmers' Market.

The receipts of grain to-day were about 1,200 bushels. Wheat steady, 500 bushels of white and red selling at 75c, and 100 bushels of goose at 72c. Barley weaker, 100 bushels selling at 46c. Oats unchanged, 500 bushels selling at 34 1/2 to 35 1/2.

Hay firm, with sales of 20 loads at \$9 to \$10.50 a ton for new, and at \$12 for old. One load of straw sold at \$12 a ton.

Dressed hogs were steady with quotations at \$2.50 to \$3, the latter for light weights.

Wheat, white, bush .. \$ 0 78 0 00
Do, red, bush .. 0 78 0 00
Do, spring, bush .. 0 75 0 76
Do, goose .. 0 70 0 00
Oats, new .. 0 46 0 00
Barley, bush .. 0 46 0 00
Peas, bush .. 0 07 0 00
Hay, old, per ton .. 21 00 12 00
Do, new per ton .. 3 00 10 50
Straw, per ton .. 12 00 0 00
Dressed hogs .. 8 50 0 00
Apples, per bbl. .. 1 25 2 25
Eggs, per dozen .. 0 23 0 26
Butter, .. 0 25 0 28
Cheese, .. 0 25 0 28
Christmas, next year's, lb. 0 10 0 12
Flour, per lb. .. 0 08 0 10
Turkeys, per lb. .. 0 15 0 17
Cabbage, per dozen .. 0 40 0 50
Potatoes, per bush .. 0 40 0 50
Celery, per dozen .. 8 00 9 00
Do, quarters .. 4 50 5 50
Do, choice caracas .. 7 50 8 00
Do, medium, caracas 6 00 6 75
Mutton, per cwt. .. 6 50 8 00
Veal, per cwt. .. 8 00 10 00
Lamb, spring .. 9 50 10 00

London Cable — Cattle are quoted at 10 1/2 to 12 1/2 per lb; refrigerator beef 9 1/2 to 10 1/2 per lb.

Leading Wheat Markets.

New York 87 1/2 88 1/2 89 1/2
Chicago 85 1/2 86 1/2 87 1/2
St. Louis 83 1/2 84 1/2 85 1/2
Minneapolis 80 1/2 81 1/2 82 1/2
Duluth 78 1/2 79 1/2 80 1/2

Toronto Live Stock.

The market for the best cattle was stronger, but prices were no higher than a week ago. A few exporters, generally of heavy weights, sold all the way from \$12.50 to \$15 per cwt. Export bulls sold at \$12.50 to \$15 per cwt.

Butcher—Cheese picked lots of butchers' stock at \$12.50 to \$15 per cwt. of good at \$12.50 to \$15; medium at \$12.50 to \$15; common at \$12.50 to \$15; and cullers at \$12.50 to \$15.

Feeder and Stocker—Best feeders, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., at \$12.50 to \$15; medium feeders, 800 to 1,000 lbs., at \$12.50 to \$15; and cullers, 600 to 800 lbs., at \$12.50 to \$15.

Michigan Cows—About 20 Michigan cows and calves sold all the way from \$12.50 to \$15 per cwt. The trade was not so brisk, especially for the common class.

Veal Calves—Prices ranged from \$12.50 to \$15 per cwt. for the bulk, and a few of the best sold readily at \$16 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs—Export ewes sold at \$12.50 to \$15; and lambs ranged from \$12.50 to \$15 per cwt. A few picked lots of ewes and lambs brought \$12.50 to \$15 per cwt. and weight 100 lbs. and reports the average at \$12.50 per cwt.

Hogs—Inquiries of hogs were light, 20 and Mr. Harris reports \$6.25 for select stock at \$6.25 per cwt. Light hogs, the prospects are for still lower quotations.

THE MARKETS.

Cable communication has been established between Newfoundland and Canada.

The result of the elections in Spain assures the Government of a majority in the next Cortes.

Of the 301 students registered at the Provincial Normal Schools only fifteen are men.

Telephone connection is established between Charlevoix and Beaver Island, Lake Michigan.

A representative of the Australian Government is to look into Canada's system of defence.

The United States Steel Company has received an order from the Grand Trunk for 5,000 tons of steel rails.

A proposal to erect a central hall for the Scottish societies is being considered by the Toronto Caledonian Society.

The old K. & P. car shops at Kingston were burned. They were owned by the C. P. R., and the loss is about \$50,000.

The bridge over the Zambesi River, at Victoria Falls, was opened in presence of members of the British Association.

The Norwegian barque Signe has reached Grimsby, Eng., after a 19 days' voyage from Nova Scotia. It is believed to be a record.

Mr. Alex. Polson, City License and Health Inspector, one of the oldest of Winnipeg's civic employees, died suddenly of heart failure, aged 65.

The press criticises the Government's action on the permitting the British surveying vessel Goldfinch to carry on hydrographic work along the Spanish coast.

The delegates of Sweden and Norway, appointed to discuss the dissolution of the union of the two countries, spent the morning in private conferences. There was no joint session.

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A telegram received at the Bilibet Company's London office to-day contained much more favorable news from Baku and its neighborhood. On the Bilibet oil field everything is quiet, and the erection of derricks has begun.

The French Minister of the colonies has received a despatch from Dakar (a seaport of French West Africa), saying that the condition of Count de Brazza, the explorer, is grave, but not desperate.

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THE MARKETS.

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"What—the hook?" she asked. "No, your arm," explained he adds, "that's out of the they never do."

"That's all right," she said. "I'll go for my book; I'll be glad." "Hail runs back, and search, finds the volume; son's poems in Italian."

"Here it is," he says, "here is there anything else?" "No, thank you," she says. "I will go, but not disturb any longer."

"I shan't fish any more decidedly," "I've got quite with a lampshade, and I'll go, too. Are you going?" "Yes," says Hal, laughing she is going, but not doing I'm staying at Fairbank's."

"Ah, yes, you are travelling a tourist," she says, curtly. "For goodness sake do that!" says Hal, laughing me feel like the idiot's, with a lampshade, and I'll go, too. Are you going?"

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The opposite view was taken by Rev. A. W. Gill, of Manitoba, who stated that while there had been constant reference to this order of deacons supplying the needs of the west, the west did not want an order of permanent deacons. His reasons were based in a matter of parochial administration. Mr. Spencer Page, of Wapella, spoke strongly in the same strain, while Rev.

There was a remarkable fine run of tuna in the afternoon, and all the fishing launches from Avalon were on the scene. Scores of tuna were struck, but only twelve were taken. During the excitement it was noticed by other anglers that Mr. Ellis was having an extraordinary battle with a fish.

The fish repeatedly took nearly the entire 600 feet of line on Mr. Ellis' reel, and the combat lasted fully three hours. When it was finally brought to gaff it proved to be a giant shark.

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