

Sunday School

INTERNATIONAL LESSON IV.—APRIL 25, 1907. Joseph Faithful in Prison. Gen. xxxix. 20 to 21. 15.

Commentary.—1. Joseph cast into prison (vs. 20-23). 20. Into the prison—this probably implies an edifice, or portion of the official mansion, mostly subterranean, of which the roof or vault, rising immediately from the surface of the ground, was round, or shaped like an inverted bowl. In chapter xii. 14 it is called the "dungeon." Such dungeons are still, under similar circumstances, used in the East.—Kittó. His imprisonment must have been very severe at first. In Psalm cv. 17, 18, we read that they hurt his feet with fetters; he was laid in iron. But God greatly blessed him and it was not long before he had many favors shown him. He was there—Joseph was in prison three years.

21. The Lord was with Joseph.—This is an example of the strength of God's consolation in the worst trials. Joseph had power within him, which enabled him to press forward, even though it was very dark before him. The discipline seemed severe; he was suffering as a martyr. But he learned to trust God, and with gladness he accepted his slavery, persecution and imprisonment. God's eye was upon him, and no weapon formed against him prospered. He always did right and made the best of everything. 22. Keeper of the prison.—An interior trial. Joseph's position was the actual discipline of the prison.—Hom. Com. Committed to Joseph's hand.—We see here the real nature of human influence. It is not the influence of rank, but of character. Make all men equal in rank to-day, and to-morrow there will be found those who have acquired influence over the others. These prisoners were all in the same position, but very soon Joseph's character had gained him influence.—Robertson.

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11. The outer and baker cast into prison (vs. 14). 1. The king's—Or cup-bearer, the overseer of the king's household despots held in their hands the power of life and death, and their subjects were liable at any moment to be sacrificed. These officers would especially be subject to suspicion because of their close connection with the king's food. 3. House of the captain.—That is, the house of Potiphar. The prison was in connection with the residence.

4. Charged Joseph, etc.—The captain of the guard himself, who was Potiphar, charged Joseph with them, which intimates that he began now to be reconciled to him, and perhaps to be convinced of his innocence.—Henry. He served them—Joseph waited upon them. So long as God is with him, Joseph will shine even in the dungeon. "Pharaoh's officers are sent to witness his graces, which he is not permitted to come forth to show." "Joseph is thus brought into close and familiar contact with the king's food. 3. House of the captain.—That is, the house of Potiphar. The prison was in connection with the residence.

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6. Sad.—They were sure their dreams had more than an ordinary meaning. 7. Wherefore... too, was a common sufferer with them, and understood their feelings. 8. No interpreter.—One thing that troubled them was that they were not in a position to submit their dreams to the magicians of Egypt, who were supposed to be able to interpret dreams. But Joseph pointed them to his God as the one who could reveal difficult things. Tell me this—Thus had God at last brought Joseph prominently before them as a vine was before him with three branches, and it brought forth ripe grapes, and he pressed them into Pharaoh's cup. 11. Pressed them.—"From this the pure juice of the grape, without fermentation. The cup-bearer took the bunch, pressed the juice into the cup, and immediately delivered it into the hands of his master."—Clark.

12. Three branches are three days.—Human knowledge could not have known that these branches had reference to time or if they did have whether it was months, or years were intended. "It was wisely ordered that one part of the dream should require a divinely inspired interpreter. It was God's design to assure the butler that Joseph obtained his wisdom not from man, but by revelation from above."—Bush. 13. Joseph said that in three days the king would restore the butler to his place. He then requested the butler to remember him out of prison. The baker bringing food in for the king, he dreamed that he had three white baskets on his head and in the upper one was "baked meats" for Pharaoh and the birds ate them out of the basket. Joseph told him in three days the king would hang him on a tree and the birds would eat his flesh. On the third day after this the butler was restored to office and the baker was hanged, as Joseph had interpreted to them. The butler, however, forgot Joseph. It is supposed that Joseph had at this time been in prison one year, and he must wait "two full years" before God's time would come for his release. Joseph knew the future of the butler and baker, but his own future was wisely hidden from his view. He

must walk by faith and not by sight. Thoughts.—There is both a dark and a bright side to our experiences. If Joseph had been looking for the dark side, he could have found it painted in strong lines—hatred, enslavement, unjust usage, wrong treatment. But what were Joseph's comforts in the dungeon? 1. There was the Lord's presence (chap. xxxix. 21). Joseph was not alone in his cell, for a mighty Comforter was by his side; and a prison with God is happier than a palace without Him. 2. There was the keeper's favor (chap. xxxix. 21). There was something in Joseph which won the regard of all who came in contact with him. 3. There was his occupation in the care of his fellow-prisoners (chap. xxxix. 22-40). Work is not a misfortune, it is a blessing. 4. Another of Joseph's comforts in prison was his helpful spirit, his interest in others (chap. xxxix. 12-13). He was not absorbed in his own wrongs, though he had enough reason to be. 5. Another great blessing to Joseph in his prison was a good conscience (chap. xii. 14, 15).—Illustrative Notes.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS. I. Joseph's imprisonment. "He was in this prison." But the Lord was with Joseph (vs. 20, 21). Every Christian who has it in his mind to do good work for the Lord must expect to be brought into condition for the best service and with gladness he accepted his slavery, persecution and imprisonment. God's eye was upon him, and no weapon formed against him prospered. He always did right and made the best of everything. 22. Keeper of the prison.—An interior trial. Joseph's position was the actual discipline of the prison.—Hom. Com. Committed to Joseph's hand.—We see here the real nature of human influence. It is not the influence of rank, but of character. Make all men equal in rank to-day, and to-morrow there will be found those who have acquired influence over the others. These prisoners were all in the same position, but very soon Joseph's character had gained him influence.—Robertson.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Proquois was visited by a fire that destroyed \$40,000 worth of property. The Right Hon. James Bryce and Mrs. Bryce arrived in Ottawa yesterday. Deseronto ratepayers voted in favor of municipal ownership of the water and gas plants. The Ontario Library Association will hold its annual meeting on April 1 and 2, at Toronto. Mr. W. A. Potvin was nominated for the Commons by the Conservatives of Hamilton.

A charge that Montreal abattoirs are using diseased cattle for making "lard" is to be investigated. The Bell Telephone Commission, at Toronto, is likely to be reopened before the final report is made. The Toronto Hospital of Incurables has been reported in a congested condition, and with a waiting list of 25 patients. An association to look after British immigrants was formed at a meeting held in the Sons of England Hall, Toronto.

Mr. Frank Arnold, K. C., has presented Mr. G. R. R. Cockburn, ex-president of the Ontario Bank, with a bill for \$7,500 for legal costs. Clive Chu, a goodlooking Toronto Chinaman, obtained the release on bail last night of Ida Hopps, a well-dressed young woman whom he claimed that he was wed to-day. Mr. James, General Superintendent of the Canadian Northern Railway in Winnipeg, said that the contract will be underwritten by the Canadian Northern service at an early date.

St. Catharines City Council has decided to pave Ontario and James streets, two of the principal thoroughfares, with vitrified brick, and the contract will be given to R. Hageman of Rochester, N. Y. At St. Thomas a public meeting of citizens last night endorsed a scheme to give \$5,000 bonus to a go-cart concern at Elkhardt, Indiana, to locate a Canadian branch there. The Council will be asked to submit the by-law. The by-law providing for municipal ownership of the water and gas plants of Deseronto, was carried by a vote of 213 to 52. It calls for an expenditure of \$50,000, payable in thirty years, with interest at 4 1/2 per cent.

A Rousseau, nineteen years of age, whose home was at Isle Perrot, was killed to-day at Vaudreuil Station by being run over by the International Limited. Rousseau tried to run across the tracks in front of the train, but miscalculated the speed. Charles W. Hand, a moulder, 28 years of age, of Churchill avenue, Toronto Junction, went home on Tuesday night and lay down on the bed without taking off his clothes. When his mother went to call him yesterday morning she found him dead. The town of Marieville, Que., which had the misfortune to lose its college only a few weeks ago, has been visited with another disaster in the complete destruction of the Roman Catholic Church, which was burned to the ground on Wednesday, with all contents.

At Kalamazoo a shower of insects of a kind never seen in that vicinity, large in size and greenish in color, together with very small frogs, fairly covered the territory between Kalamazoo and Battle Creek yesterday afternoon. Mr. Lemieux, Postmaster-General, accompanied by Deputy Postmaster-General Coultter and Secretary Smith of the department, left Ottawa yesterday for Washington, where they will confer to-morrow with the Postmaster-General and chief officials of the United States Postal Department with regard to arranging a new postal treaty between the two countries. As the G. T. R. train from Pembroke was nearing Cardinal Place on Tuesday afternoon, while running at a high rate of speed, the engineer saw the body of a man on the track. The locomotive was promptly reversed and the train was stopped within a very few feet of the man, who was found to be sound asleep, with his head resting on a rail. He proved to be Joseph Gilmore of Almonte, and an empty liquor flask was found lying beside him.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN

Andrew Carnegie has endorsed President Roosevelt's attitude towards the United States railroads.

Market Reports

Table with columns for various market items like Toronto Farmers' Market, Wheat, white, bushel, Do, red, Do, spring, etc.

Oxomulsion

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Doctors Prescribe It. Many of the most prominent medical men prescribe it in their regular practice in preference to all others. Dr. Norman Allen, of Toronto, says: "As a stimulant to nutrition in wasting disease Oxomulsion is the best. It contains all the essential elements of food, and is easily absorbed. It is made of the pure oil of the cod fish, and is a perfect food and valuable medicine combined. It is pleasant to take, it is undigested and easily borne by the most delicate stomach."

Toronto Live Stock. Receipts of live stock at the city market as reported by the railways since Friday last were 54 carloads, composed of 831 cattle, 489 hogs, 489 sheep, 24 calves and 6 horses. The quality of fat cattle, taken together, was fairly good, as there were a few good loads and some very choice lots of well finished animals. Trade was inclined to be slow, with prices generally a little easier.

British Cattle Markets. London.—Liverpool and London cables are at 134 1/2 per lb., dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 8 1/2 to the per lb. Flour Prices. Flour—Manitoba patent 83 1/2, track, Toronto; Ontario, 90 cent patent, 82 1/2 bid for export; Manitoba patent, special brands, 84 1/2; strong bakers', 84 1/2.

Winnipeg Wheat Futures. Winnipeg wheat futures closed to-day: March 75c bid, May 76 1/2c bid, July 77c bid, Oats—March 36 1/2c bid, May 37 1/2c bid, July 39 1/2c bid. Leading Wheat Markets. Montreal: All lines of trade continue to move more or less briskly here, and the volume of general business appears to be well up to expectations. There is, however, still a certain amount of complaint regarding the way in which collections are coming forward. Retail trade has been a little quiet for some time, and this fact has been, no doubt, the cause of this slowness in collections. The past week or two has seen some improvement in the retail movement, and wholesalers generally confidently expect freer money by the end of this month. A heavy spring millinery trade has been done, and notwithstanding high prices at which all materials have again withdrawn quotations, threads are quoted seven and a half per cent higher, and almost all other lines of dry goods show decided firmness. There is a brisk trade moving in hardware. Metals are in active demand. Orders for structural steel are large and prices hold firm. Groceries are moving well, with sugar and tea holding firm.

Winnipeg Business. Business throughout this part of the country is steadily increasing in volume as the weather becomes warmer. The railway tracks are now all open and goods are moving well. The grain is now coming to market well, inspection at Winnipeg averaging two hundred cars a day, and it is showing the same good quality that characterized the fall shipment. This grain movement is having an excellent effect upon general retail trade, and collections are expected to show steady improvement. Ottawa: While retail trade has a quiet tone at the moment, the spring and summer wholesale trade continues very active. Collections are not any too good. Country trade is reported to be showing some improvement. London: General trade holds steady here. All lines of manufacturing are active and money is coming in fairly well. There is a good tone to the dry goods and hardware trade.

THE ROSS RIFLE

CAPT. DRAKE GAVE EVIDENCE, BUT WAS NOT AN EXPERT. Two Accidents Had Occurred at St. John With the Rifle—Would Not Be Afraid to Use the Rifle if He Had to. An Ottawa special despatch: The Ross Rifle came before the Public Accounts Committee to-day. The Deputy-Minister of Militia was first examined. He did not know much about the rifle, being only recently appointed to his position. Capt. J. Lawrence Drake, of St. John, N. B., of the 3rd New Brunswick regiment, was next examined. He said that two accidents had occurred at St. John with the Ross rifle. In one rifle part of the breech broke in the other rifle when the first shot was fired. The witness read the report of Major Pym, who made an inspection of the rifles in the regiment. The inspection took place after the annual drill. The rifle was wet and rusty and some parts of them were broken. To Mr. Frederic Borden the witness said that there was no report made of these accidents at the time. They were not considered of sufficient consequence evidently to be reported to others. To Mr. Northrup the witness said that he would not be afraid to use the rifle if he had to, but he would not use it unless he had to. To Colonel Hughes he said that he was not a rifle expert and did not know much about the mechanism.

COSSACKS WEARY.

TIRED OF DOING HANGMAN'S WORK AMONG RUSSIAN PEOPLE. The Question of Drumhead Court-Martial Discussed in Duma—Debate Conducted With Decorum and Self-restraint. St. Petersburg, April 1.—The question of drumhead courts-martial, the institution of which forms the bitterest grievance of the Liberals against the Sclerian Ministry, was raised in the lower House of Parliament to-day on a motion of the Constitutional Democrats for the appointment of a committee to draft and submit immediately a bill providing for the abolition of this summary procedure. It was feared that the introduction of this subject in the House would stir the radicals to such a pitch of passion as to threaten the continued existence of the Duma, but the debate was conducted with surprising decorum and self-restraint. The speakers were warmly applauded and their remarks elicited applause and dissent from the various groups. Several opposition orators narrated the heroic deeds of various persons condemned by drum-head courts-martial, and a Cossack Deputy commanded that the House no longer used for hangmen's work.

FALLS IN LINE. BRITISH DIVINE SAYS HE'S SOCIALIST BECAUSE A CHRISTIAN. Liverpool, April 1.—The Reverend R. J. Campbell, the well-known Congregationalist minister, made his first appearance on a Socialist platform here to-day. He said: "I am a Socialist because I am a Christian. I am driven into that position by the inner logic of my own gospel. What I call the new theology is the theology of love and universal brotherhood. Socialism is the true Christian church, though it does not know itself by that name."

NAVIGATION SOON. ICE WEAKENING AT THE 500-ICE-FIELD DISAPPEARS. "Droit, April 1.—A Soo despatch says during the past week the ice has been very warm, and the ice as a result has been greatly weakened. A thunder-storm with heavy rain on Sunday also assisted in the ice's destruction. Advice from lower river points show the ice is becoming honeycombed rapidly. At St. Louis the ice field, which a week ago extended as far as the eye could reach, into Lake Huron, has been broken up, and there is open water to Lime Island.

ONLY FASHION PLATES. The Bachelors of Hull as Young Ladies See Them. Ottawa, April 1.—A petition has been received by the Hon. City Clerk asking that a tax be imposed upon the bachelors of the city. The petition comes from the young ladies of Hull who have no aversion to matrimony, and states that such a law would be of great benefit to the citizens in general. The ladies say that single men are merely fashion plates, who stand on the corners and that it would be much better if they were compelled to get married. It would also prove a boon to the parents of such young men, who in many cases spend all their wages in clothes or amusement. The petition suggests a tax of \$5 for each bachelor over twenty-one years. The matter will come up at the next meeting of the City Council.

MAN POSED AS WOMAN. Had Been Teaching English for Many Years in Granada. Granada, Spain April 1.—A woman who has been known here for many years as a professor of English, and who has had several offers of marriage, presented herself at a branch of the Bank of Spain the other day with a draft made out with the first name as that of a man. The cashier refused to pay the draft. Pretty soon the applicant came back dressed as a man. The bank made enquiries and learned that the supposed woman was actually a man.

Test it. Is Guaranteed. Lead packets of Oxomulsion. It was too late, he heard. The other carried upon them. The two in a collision. Two men jumped out and seized. Seeing this the man open the door on his carriage, knocked, who stood in a straight straight across appearing in a thick. Rose left alone in a field of the cloak the over her head. She in a few moments she she approached the witness. "You are perfectly madame. Compose a few moments we shall refreshment you will. "The Duke of Devonshire, in a turned toward the "stool. "Yes, Lady Ethel, entering the cab. "Oh, Heaven be my escape I have had! I ate circumstance was my aid. It seems to me it is very me. Ethel. An attack on your carriage or remain a secret. A his coach had been lost, and you had your servants left on the highway, to some countrymen. I like your relative of Maggie. Informal authorities and the force of the neighbor the apprehension of man, mounted on a intelligence to a night. I ordered an officer with me, the Magpie Inn, who centric of the cab. "I met the cab on a way. And now, I excuse me a few minutes. I have the security of the is not an accomplice witness." Then, with a he can be best with it. The prisoner looked oned, and without thought, began his "Please, your fault. The girl, "No, your grace, carry off to a carry wanted to be when he brought the carriage. I when she groined, I was in a hurry, as I agreed to all of sooth her down lady" he concluded. "I was in a hurry to Lady. "I think it is speaks the truth. I been a duke now. Did you know that you in this matter the duke. "Never set her grace. "Did not the he exult your surprise of his air. "No, your lord said 'no' word. "I trust that you, right of me, which we know as a misleading sign. "Was he making to engage the car. "No, your grace, I mean 'no' 'adn' no mask me." "What sort of then?" "A tall, stout, with light hair, spoken good, with smile as he would think any would be made. "Joseph's grace."