

Lesson 1.—The Ascending Lord. Acts 1: 1-14. Golden Text.

Verse 1. The former treatise—the margin Greek, "first" is superfluous...

2. Apostles.—A title not originally given to the twelve—Mark hardly ever uses it...

3. John's rites of immersion was an acted parable to set forth the cleansing of a penitent soul of God...

4. The time seems indeterminate: neither here nor in verse 4 does Luke apparently know of a particular occasion...

5. The knowledge of times or seasons in the future is incompatible with humanity as such...

6. Power.—Which is far better than knowledge and indispensable for the most Herculean task ever laid on weak humanity...

7. The sky inevitably suggests heaven. It is Shelley's "white radiance of eternity."

8. Looking steadfastly.—A characteristic word of Luke's. The color in which the light has no obstruction always symbolizes the glory of the other world...

9. Men of Galilee.—And as such, far away from their home, a symbol of those who were to know themselves as strangers and sojourners on earth...

10. Olivet.—Latin, olivetum, like the Greek word here, means a cope of olive trees so abundant as to give a name to the hill opposite the city...

11. The upper chamber.—That of Mark 14: 15, and perhaps in the house which was still the Christian meeting place in Acts 12: 12...

12. The Zealots.—Canaaneean (Mark 3: 18), which is a transliteration of an Aramaic word meaning "zeal." The Zealots composed the physical-force party...

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BAD TEETH CAUSE CRIME.

Youthful Criminals Are Found Usually to Have Bad Teeth.

Are defective teeth one of the causes of crime? Many authorities have believed there was good reason for believing so from the fact that youthful criminals are frequently observed to have bad teeth...

Defective physical development has been almost certainly proved to be the primary cause of much crime among the young...

One of the main effects of bad development, bad nutrition, and infection in childhood is the defective nature of the materials in the body...

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We need not multiply examples. We have said enough to show that our troubles have been largely due to our obstinacy in looking to Lord Kitchener for the direction of two different and even conflicting kinds of work...

LATEST IMPLEMENT OF WAR.

German Trench Mortar Hurts 200,000 British Soldiers.

Each shell weighs two hundred pounds and stands three feet. It splits two strips that measure from two to three feet in breadth, the edges of which have jagged teeth like a saw.

Soldiers Find Explosion is Quietest Means to Get Fish.

A part of the equipment of some cavalrymen just returned to France from a few days' furlough in England is a fishing-rod and several varieties of baits...

NOBILITY HARD HIT BY THE WAR

BRITISH ARISTOCRACY SHOWS GREAT GALLANTRY.

In Many Cases Children Succeeded to Peersages When Heirs are Killed.

The old French adage "noblesse oblige" has never been more true than now, as has been clearly demonstrated by the part played by the aristocracy of Great Britain in the present war...

Others who have fallen for their country are: Capt. Lord Richard Wellesley, the second son of the Duke of Wellington...

Lord Ribblesdale, the only surviving son, the Hon. Charles Lister, was wounded in two engagements previously to sustaining in the third the wounds that caused his death.

Lord Stamfordham, the private secretary to King George, has lost his only son, Capt. M. Bigg...

Death has also claimed the eldest son and heir of the Earl of Yarborough, and two other sons of the Duke of Devonshire...

HOLLAND IS HURT.

Textile Industry Deprived of Raw Materials and Dyestuffs.

The textile trade, one of the principal industries in Holland, is suffering attack from both Germany and Great Britain...

Ever since August, 1914, the various branches of the textile trade here have experienced difficulties in keeping mills at work.

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A GREAT AMATEUR COOK.

French Nobleman Served in Famous London Restaurant.

Cooking, or the compounding of salads and sauces, has the authority of historic precedent as a suitable hobby for French gentlemen of distinction.

It was fashionable among the aristocracy in court circles before the Revolution, and became an essential service to more than one noble fugitive from the Terror during his exile.

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So, you see, I disappointed them finely—the Sans-culottes. By the chopping knife they would have had me die, and behold! by the chopping knife I lived!

Frenchmen of more than merely aristocratic distinction—artists, scientists—have also, says M. E. D. La Rue...

The chef, Monsieur Edouard, after some months in Dumau's service, came to him with a very gloomy face to give notice of his departure.

But, my dear Edouard, why? expostulated Dumau. "If it is a matter of money, you shall have more. I do not wish to let you go; you cook admirably. Your omelette, especially..."

"Ah, monsieur!" cried Edouard, with outflung hands. "So I have always thought, myself; yet it is because of a little matter of omelette that I depart. Monsieur will remember that we had omelette for breakfast both yesterday and to-day..."

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Hints for the Poultry Raiser

BALANCING THE RATION.

By A. P. Marshall.

We are inclined to think that most growers of chickens get perhaps the best results when they supply a very wide supply of feeds to their birds...

Quantity is also a necessary consideration, and if the breeder knows what each fowl should receive he is better able to be sure they are receiving all that is necessary or getting more than they should.

A balanced ration can usually be arrived at for almost any purpose with the readily available products...

The balance to use depends entirely whether eggs are required, the birds being fattened or for growing chicks.

Water, of course, does not enter into the question of feeds. It is, however, fully as necessary as any feed...

In different sections the staple grain ordinarily used will probably vary very much. In one locality it may be corn while in another it will be wheat...

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GERMANY CANT STAND LOSSES.

Col. Feyler Shows Allies Must Win in the Long Run.

On the basis of arithmetic, "which is the only thing that never changes in this world," Col. Feyler, a military critic, endeavors to prove in the Journal de Geneve that Germany and her allies, because of the ever-decreasing number of men, can never hope to emerge victorious from the war.

"The longer the fronts," says Col. Feyler, "or the less the troops are massed in depths the more rapid is the disappearance of the elite. In the beginning of the war Germany lost her young men, then somewhat older ones, until death began to reap the grizzled heads, victory meanwhile slipping from the grasp of her decimated battalions."

The allied Powers, while also suffering great losses of men, Col. Feyler argues, do not suffer nearly as heavily as Germany, whose army, fighting on the longest front, suffers the most rapid diminution. He continues:

"For three Germans killed or put out of action per kilometer and per day on a front of 1,200 kilometers, the empire loses in one year, roughly, 1,200,000 men out of a population of 70,000,000, or fifty-fourth of the total."

"On a front of 1,000 kilometers Russia, with a population of 160,000,000, loses only one-one-hundredth and three times less. On a front of 400 kilometers France, with 40,000,000 inhabitants, without counting her colonial populations, loses 450,000, or one-three-hundredth-and-ninth."

"Lastly, Great Britain, on a front of 120 kilometers, loses one-three-hundredth-and-sixth of the population of the United Kingdom, exclusive of the colonies."

With these figures as a basis, the military observer says Germany might be able to hold out another year; France, after Germany, would be hardest hit, being able to last only two years, while Russia and Great Britain would last much longer. Col. Feyler argues that England might considerably extend her front, and when France is worn out could take her place from the Swiss frontier to Dunkirk.

How He Left His Money.

A workman, having had a sum of money left him on the death of his father, went to see his solicitor, who had the matter in hand, for a final settlement. The bill of costs having been presented to him, the man glanced over the figures, and thinking the charges were excessively heavy, turned to his legal adviser and exclaimed, in astonishment—"O! thought my father left his money to me—not to you. Let's have a peep at the will."

Such curiosities of the literature of nutrition simply show the great adaptability of the human organism which has enabled man to live in every region of the earth. It is needless to say that neither the maximum nor the minimum of any nutritive element is desirable. The normal individual lives in the safe medium.

Blind People.

Said to be More Than 3,000,000 in the World.

The total number of blind persons in the world is roughly estimated at 3,200,000. The total number enumerated at the most recent censuses of the blind in all countries in which such censuses have been taken is 1,194,346. These countries represent all of Australia, nearly all of Europe and North America, and portions of South America, Africa and Asia, together with certain of the insular possessions of European and American countries.

The blind to the total population are lower than that for the United States (62.3 per 100,000) are Canada, where the ratio was 44.9 per 100,000 in 1911; Belgium, where it was 42.5 in 1910; Denmark, 52.7 in 1911; Germany, 60.9 in 1900; Netherlands, 43.3 in 1909; New South Wales, 74.4 in 1911; Western Australia, 64.4 in 1911; and New Zealand, 64.4 in 1911.

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