

Sunday School Lesson

June 8. Lesson X—Jesus in the Shadow of the Cross—Matthew 26: 31-46. Golden Text—He went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt.—Matthew 26: 39.

ANALYSIS

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INTRODUCTION—It is very noticeable how the narrative in the Gospels becomes so much more detailed when we come to the last week at Jerusalem. The movements of Jesus are given very carefully, and we can follow him each day until the fatal ending. This stress laid upon the death was not unintentional. The great problem of the early Christians was how they could justify the cross, and defend themselves against the attacks which were often made or then because they worshipped a Saviour who had been nailed to the cross. The apostles, however, came to see that this cross was not an object of chance, but a cause of hope and pride. They found that this death was the way of salvation, so that they gloried in the cross.

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V. 31. If we read the accounts given in Luke 22, 31-36, and John 13: 38, along with this passage, we find that the words are given in a slightly different order in each case. However, it would seem that Jesus spoke on different occasions of the danger which awaited the disciples when the terrible event of the arrest and crucifixion would take place. Christ would be the cause of offence in so much that they would also forsake him.

V. 32. All the Gospels describe the denial of Peter, not do they try to make any excuse for it. They describe how he was admitted into the courtyard and then denied his Lord just as the cock crew. But the Gospel of John also tells of the restoration of Peter to the former position. There seems to be little doubt that the three questions of John 21: 15-17 refer to the three denials, while the same passage shows how the repentant apostle is restored to his office. "Feed my sheep."

II. THE GARDEN SCENE, 36-46.

V. 36. We now approach one of the most impressive scenes in the life of our Lord, where he passed through a most severe temptation, and seems to struggle against the thought of his impending death.

Gethsemane was a garden which had received its name from an oil press which was there. The traditional site is a little on the other side of the Mount of Olives. It was a common meeting place for the disciples of Jesus. Now it is enclosed by a wall and is the resort of many pilgrims from all parts of the world.

V. 37. He selects the three disciples who were nearest to him to be his companions. He had taken them at other times, Matt. 17: 1; Mark 5: 37. A feeling of weakness and loneliness comes over Jesus, in such striking contrast to the confidence of the disciples. The meaning of his sacrifice and the nature of the struggle through which he is to pass now take firm possession of him, and he is appalled as he draws nearer and nearer to the dread moment.

V. 38. In this reference to his soul we see the full humanity of Jesus and his likeness to us in the power of suffering. There is the natural shrinking from the agony and fate that wait for him. We also note that in the hour of utter loneliness he asks for the companionship of his disciples. He who was the Saviour of the world, the son of God, is anxious to get help from his friends in his trial. He needs the assistance of human sympathy.

V. 39. A second wave of sorrow and anguish passes over him. He falls on the ground and prays. The darkness increases so that he feels he can scarcely endure this. He asks that the cup may pass. The cup was the symbol of his destiny; and the figure was used by Jesus before. See Matt. 26: 22.

V. 40. He returns to the disciples to find that they have not been able to endure this spiritual strain. They have fallen asleep. There is no bitterness in the words which he addresses to them, but there is a gentle warning to remind them how frail human nature is, and how much need there is of constant watchfulness. "Watch and pray."

V. 42. A second time he returns to pray to his Father that he may receive strength for this ordeal, but this time the battle has lost some of its violence. He realizes that the cup cannot pass, and he is ready to drink it of the dregs.

V. 44. Yet a third time he returns to the conflict, and offers the same

prayer. Just as in the temptation that opened the ministry there came three assaults of the devil, so here also there were the three times in which he faces the conflict. But he gains a complete victory, and carries back the marks of assurance and conquest. Only, if these disciples look more closely in his face, they will see the drops of blood on his brow, evidences of the intensity of the trial.

V. 45. Jesus lets them now sleep on, since the time is at hand when they will require all their reserves of power and endurance.

Quite Correct

Trembling with rage, the house-owner entered the estate agent's office. "Where's that swindling agent?" he snapped to the slumbering clerk.

The youth awoke in a daze. "Pardon me, sir!" he cried, springing to his feet.

"Where's your master?" asked the visitor.

"Can I be of any use?" asked the agent himself, entering the room from another office.

"Use!" ried the enraged man. "When you sold me that house, I thought you said that in six months I wouldn't part with it for \$5,000."

"That's right," returned the agent coolly. "And you haven't, have you, sir?"

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Elaborate tests, based upon a scientific background, will be undertaken at the suggestion of August Vollmer, Chief of Police of Berkeley, Calif. Chief Vollmer was the first police official to use the lie detector and is said to have successfully employed it in many cases. A court test of the admissibility of the evidence of the lie detector has been avoided by him, pending a demonstration of its scientific exactness.

Tests will be made under all possible conditions to determine how much interest a person must have in concealing facts before he shows a pronounced deception response. Cooperation of public authorities will be sought to make tests in actual criminal cases. Special attention will be paid to investigating the reliability of

the device in marginal cases involving abnormal minds as well as normal minds, under usual and abnormal conditions.

The lie detector commonly used is a portable device which registers on a moving graph the respiration and blood pressure of the person questioned, sharp variations in the record of these two functions giving proof of detection. The university investigators have available, however, a more elaborate stationary apparatus in the laboratory which also gives changes in the electric currents of the body under emotional stress. This machine will be used to check against the results produced in the portable detector.

Should the comprehensive investigation, which will involve tests of more than a thousand individuals, show that the detector is accurate under all conditions, the way will be open for its recognition by the courts. Its introduction into criminal jurisprudence doubtless would mean striking changes in the administration of the law.

Railroading Epic Revealed in West

C.P.R. Engineer and Fireman Undertake Risky Repair Work

Vancouver, B.C.—With their engine under a full head of steam, but calling for immediate emergency repairs, Engineer H. J. Storey, of Brockmeor, and Fireman A. Faulkerson, of Penton, braved the heat of the glowing firebox of engine No. 570 of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and repaired displaced grates in the grate-carrier, thus avoiding serious delay to their train, which reached destination only a few minutes behind schedule.

This epic of modern railroading was revealed in the monthly educational bulletin of the Kettle Valley Railway, issued by general superintendent C. A. Cotterell, each of the two men being cited for 10 merit marks, as the company's recognition of their devotion to duty, through bravery and quick-thinking.

Students Arrested And Duels Banned

Berlin—Eight university students, members of Teutonia Corps, were sentenced to three months' fortress confinement for indulging in the forbidden practice of duelling.

The law prohibits fighting with deadly weapons, but the students assert that no mortal danger is involved when the contestants are properly protected by pads as required by the traditions of student duelling. They insist it is merely sport.

How to Make Club Non-Successful

1. Don't come to meetings.

2. If you do come, come late.

3. If the weather does not suit you, don't think of coming.

4. If you do attend a meeting, find fault with the work of the officers and other members.

5. Never accept office, as it is easier to criticize than to do things.

6. Nevertheless, get sore if you are not appointed on the committee, but if you are, do not attend the committee meetings.

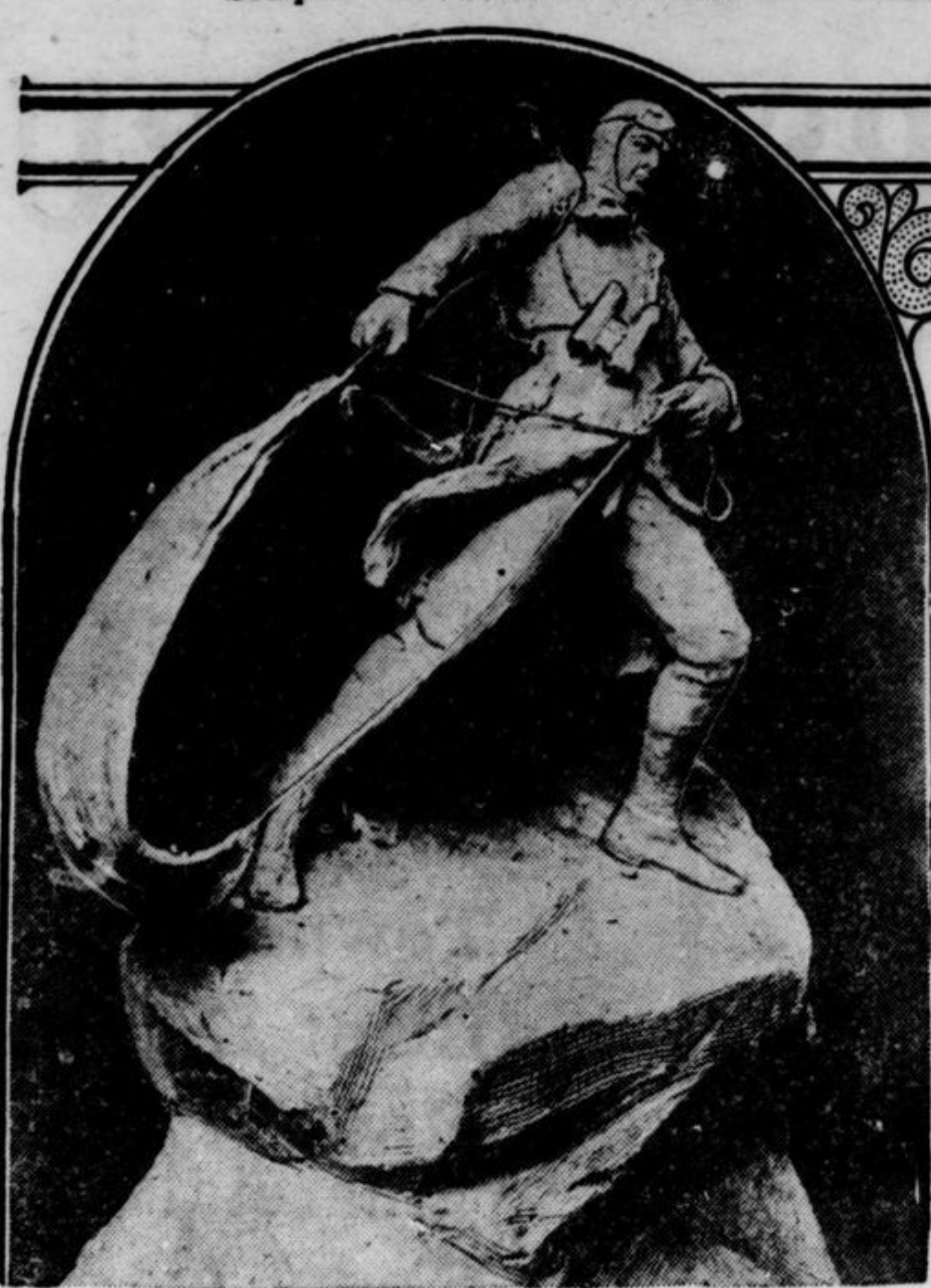
7. If asked by the chairman to give your opinion on some matter, say you have nothing to say. After the meeting, tell everyone how things ought to be done.

8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when members roll up their sleeves and willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help matters along, how that the Institute is run by a clique.

9. Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don't pay them at all.

10. Don't bother about getting new members. "Let Georgina do it."

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MUTT AND JEFF— By BUD FISHER



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Rural Education in Ontario

By Samuel Farmer, President of Canadian School Trustees Assn.

In the two preceding articles we have cleared the way to discuss in more detail various educational problems. There are so many of these that it is difficult to choose a subject for consideration. They are important; but the actual Course of Study in the Public Schools is always before us, and is always under discussion.

Many persons complain that the pupils are overloaded with subjects that in "the good old days" there were fewer subjects taught. The facts do not verify this contention.

Here are the Courses of Study for 1878 and 1930. The 1878 Course of Study is vouched for by Mr. M. A. James, of Bowmanville, who said in the Canadian Statesman that two pupils were prepared by him to be teachers in the Public School of that day.

The 1878 Course of Study

Reading, Spelling, Etymology, Grammar, Composition, Writing, Geography (History (Ancient, British and Canadian), School Law, Music, Drawing, Bookkeeping (Single and Double Entry), Arithmetic, Algebra, Euclid (4 Books and Deductions, Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Botany, Astronomy, Latin, Greek, Physical Geography, Business Correspondence.

The 1930 Course of Study

Reading, Spelling, Literature, Grammar, Composition, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, History, Hygiene, Physical Culture, Art, Nature Study, Manners and Morals, Bookkeeping, Manual Training, Household Science, Agriculture, and Horticulture.

The 1878 Course has 24 subjects, and the 1930 course 22. In 1878 the High Schools were scarce, and the need for a broad Course of Study in the Public School was apparent. Transportation was difficult, and if the pupil did not learn a subject in the home school, the chances were that he would not learn it at any other school. Now conditions are changed, and there are High Schools available in nearly all the settled districts of Ontario, at a reasonable driving distance, and the roads are greatly improved.

In the early days Agriculture, Manual Training and Household Science were taught at home. Farming was a comparatively simple matter, with fewer weeds and pests, and a land that was not run out, land that was summer fallowed. The women in the home (there were nearly always a number of grown girls beside the mother) did most of the work of feeding and clothing the family. There were no "canned goods" and ready-made clothing was looked upon as a luxury.

To-day all this is changed. Our modern idea of education is to study such subjects as will enable us to meet the demands of a machine-made world—frequently just that and no more. Yet in Agriculture our people are being compelled by the very pressure of weeds and pests to study more about farming than was necessary in the old days.

Our greatest trouble in education is that we have no abundance of learning. We study to pass examinations, and when we have passed the examination, we leave a sigh of relief, and likely leave the text book into a corner, promptly forget it and the subject, and go on to study another subject on which an examination is being set. What is needed is that both teachers and scholars shall read more widely; that they shall become familiar with local history and conditions; civic affairs (and current affairs).

A school is for learning, and for gaining the spirit that loves to learn. Successful teachers are always inventing ways to open up new fields of study for the pupil, and to bring that eagerness to learn that makes an additional subject a pleasure instead of a hardship. Music, Physical Culture, Manual Training, provide new avenues of expression, and develop new powers in the pupil quite apart from the actual study itself. The outlook is broader, the sympathies are greater, and the understanding of life as a whole fits the pupil for better work. Above all things the pupil should learn to read with pleasure and understanding. A well stored mind is a mine of wealth and happiness. This is especially true in advancing years.

The modern curriculum is not overloaded. That is not the trouble. Our difficulty is that we are in a hurry, our examinations, like milestones in We must be getting on; we must pass the race of life.

Our next discussion will consider the question—"Should Agriculture be taught in the Public Schools of Ontario?"

An employer advertised for an odd-job man. "To be partly indoors and partly outdoors." By return of post he received a reply: "Dear Sir,—What will happen if the door slams?"

It is stated that as a result of the disastrous fire at Columbus, Ohio, Penitentiary the U.S. authorities are speeding up the construction of more prisons in order to relieve those who are at present badly overcrowded. In England they are selling off a number of old prisons. But then, of course, they do not enjoy the blessings of Prohibition.—Morning Post.