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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for August 31
 Golden Text. — Whosoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.—Eccles. 9: 10
 The Lesson as a Whole

After sin came into the world through the fall of our first parents, it was God Himself who ordained that henceforth man should earn his living by honest toil. Idleness only adds to the trouble that sin has brought in. The old adage is true: "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do." Work is a blessing to mankind even though it is part of the effects of the curse incurred by transgressing the divine command. No one need be ashamed of honest labor. Our blessed Lord did not disdain manual labor when He became incarnate, but He was known as "the carpenter," and it is evident He was rightly entitled to this name. Some have supposed it was only His enemies who so designated Him, but such a view has no support in the Scripture record. As a laboring man, He has become our example, thus putting a new dignity upon the work of our hands.

The Christian is called upon to be an honest workman, not laboring with eyeservice, as one who would take advantage of his employer when possible to do so unseen, but ever recognizing the fact that he is called to serve the Lord Christ and to do his work so as to bring honor to the name of Him whom he owns as his Master.

"In all labour," we were told, "there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury" (Prov. 14:23). There is great satisfaction in knowing that one has done a good job, one that speaks for itself and needs no idle boasting in order to commend it.

In many quarters today, the tendency is to do as little as possible for as large a wage as one can force his employer to pay—a practice wholly inconsistent with the Christian ethic which says: "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" (Luke 6:31).

Prov. 6:6.—"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise." There are many salutary lessons to be learned from the creation. Just as the Lord Jesus Christ directed attention to God's care of the birds and the flowers, so does the Holy Spirit here ask us to ponder the ways of the lowly ant.

Verses 7, 8.—"Which having no overseer.....provideth her meat in the summer." Small as these creatures are, they are taught by instinct to gather food in summer for use in the coming winter. In this they become examples of thrift for those who are apt to live only for the present, overlooking the importance of making proper provisions for the years when strength of body, and often of mind, will fail.

Verse 9.—"How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard?" The question comes as a challenge to the lazy and indifferent, who idle away the precious hours and do not use well the opportunities God gives.

Verses 10, 11.—"Yet a little sleep... so shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth." The slothful man prefers ease to activity and so sleeps on, neglecting his duties, only to find at last that he is left to face an old age of misery and poverty because of his failure to embrace the privileges given him. This is also true in spiritual things. A little more slumber and the careless sleeper will awake in a lost eternity to regret forevermore his sinful folly in letting the day of grace go by, while continued in his indifference to the call of God.

Chap. 18:9.—"He.....that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster." Both the careless sluggard and the reckless waster come to the same end—that of wretchedness and poverty because they did not use their opportunities aright.

Chap. 24:30.—"I went by the field of the slothful." Gazing upon the unkept grounds of the sluggard, the inspired writer contemplated the effects of laziness.

Verse 31.—"It was all grown over with thorns." Noxious weeds of every description had choked whatever grains, fruits or vegetables had been planted, because of the lack of proper care. Such is the effect of putting off and neglecting to care for and properly cultivate one's field or vineyard.

Verse 32.—"I looked upon it, and received instructions." It is good indeed to ponder such conditions and to be humble enough to learn the lesson that they should teach us, namely, the importance of energetic labor while God gives health and strength for it.

Eccles. 5:12.—"The sleep of a labouring man is sweet.....but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep." The toiler, after a hard day's honest work, sleeps soundly and is refreshed thereby; while the rich idler, who feels no need to work either with his hands or his mind, tosses restlessly upon his bed, unable to sleep because of nervous anxiety concerning the safety of his wealth or because he has spent the hours of the day and evening in frivolous pursuit, if not in positive dissipation.

SPECIAL TO APPOINT NEW COUNTY TREASURER

A special session of Ontario County Council will be called by Warden Thomas Harding in September, chief purpose of which, will be to appoint a new County Treasurer.

During the last session of County Council earlier in the summer, Miss E. McKay, present County Treasurer, tendered a letter of resignation to the Council to take effect in September of this year. At that time it was understood that she would remain in office until September and then on a part time basis until the end of the year. At that time she would retire from active work in the Treasurer's office but would be available in an advisory capacity if the Council so desired.

Miss McKay, who was the first woman County Treasurer in the Province of Ontario, accepted the post following the death of her father in 1914 Donald McKay, her father, had held the post for some twenty years and as far as can be ascertained he was the first treasurer in Ontario County to die while still in office. At the time of his death Miss McKay was assistant in her father's office.

Applications have been called for the position of Treasurer, according to Mr. Ruddy but as yet no details concerning applicants are available. In addition to hiring a new County Treasurer it is expected that the Council will deal with other matters concerning county affairs during the meeting but Mr. Ruddy stated that no details could be released as yet.

FREQUENCY CHANGER NOW IN OPERATION

Hydro's new frequency changer unit in Scarborough township near Toronto was placed in service early in July. This 25,000 kva. unit, weighing 490 tons, will facilitate the interchange of power loads between the Niagara 25-cycle power division and the 60-cycle Georgian Bay and the Eastern Ontario divisions. It will, therefore, enable the Commission to use the available supply of power to best possible advantage in all three divisions of the Southern Ontario System.

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