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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for July 18  
Golden Text.—Thy people shall be  
my people, and thy God my God.  
—Ruth 1:16

The Lesson as a Whole

There is a charm about the in-  
spired Hebrew idyl, the Book of  
Ruth, that cannot fail to appeal to  
anyone of literary taste, whether  
its divine inspiration is recognized  
or not. But when we receive it as a  
part of the God-breathed Word, we  
see added beauties, which the nat-  
ural mind cannot discern. It por-  
trays something of the inward con-  
ditions prevailing among what we  
might call the ordinary people of  
Israel, during the troubled years of  
the Judges. Typically, it sets  
forth, in a very remarkable man-  
ner, the story of redemption.  
Through Boaz, the goel, or kins-  
man-redeemer (Lev. 25:25), Ruth,  
the Moabitish stranger, is brought  
into the family of God and given  
a place among the Covenant People.  
The great-grandmother of King  
David, she has a place in the ances-  
tral line of our Lord Jesus Christ  
(Matt. 1:5, 6). By natural birth the  
Moabites were barred from the  
congregation of the Lord unto the  
tenth generation because of their  
hostility to the Children of Israel,  
when they were journeying toward  
the Promised Land (Deut. 23:3).  
But, by grace, Ruth found an hon-  
ored place in the Chosen Nation.  
Her loyalty to her mother-in-law,  
Naomi, and her decided stand as a  
young woman of exceptional devo-  
tedness and decision of character.

Naomi's record is not very cre-  
ditable at first. She actually typi-  
fies the backslider, leaving the  
place of privilege, with her hus-  
band and sons to the land of Moab.  
But after severe chastening, her  
faith is rekindled, and, in the clos-  
ing two chapters, she shines forth  
as a woman of faith.

The Historical Setting

We have no definite date for the  
events of this Book. We are only  
told that they all took place in the  
days when the Judges ruled.  
Elimelech with his wife Naomi and  
two sons, Mahlon and Chilion, left  
Bethlehem and went to the land of  
Moab to escape the rigors of a fa-  
mine. In Moab, the sons married  
women of that country, Orpah and  
Ruth. Elimelech and the sons all  
died there, whereupon Naomi de-  
cided to return to Bethlehem. Ruth  
insisted on going with her, but  
Orpah remained in Moab.

Verse by Verse  
Ruth 1:16.—"Thy people shall  
be my people, and thy God my  
God." Ruth's decision is definite.  
She had settled the matter in her  
own heart. She was determined to  
remain with Naomi at all costs. Her  
faith already was placed in the God  
of whom her husband and his  
mother must often have told her.  
For her there could be no going  
back to idolatry.

Verse 17.—"The Lord do so to  
me, and more also, if I ought but  
death part thee and me." It is  
blessed to contemplate Ruth's set-  
tled decision. She had counted the  
cost and was prepared to accept all  
the consequences of separation from  
her own family and its pagan re-  
ligion. She was not merely going  
to experiment along new lines, but  
she had made up her mind to be  
true to death, both to Naomi and  
to God. It is a delightful example  
of loyalty of heart and devotion of  
spirit.

Verse 18.—"When she saw that  
she was stedfastly minded.....she  
left speaking unto her." At first  
Naomi had sought to dissuade both  
Ruth and Orpah from going to  
Bethlehem with her. She could not  
tell what kind of reception they  
would receive as strangers from  
the idolatrous nation of Moab.  
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show after a 30-foot tumble  
from the third-storey window  
of his Kingston, Ont., home. He  
was looking out when screen  
gave way.



would be the evidence of the family  
failure, for God had forbidden in-  
ter-marriage with the heathen na-  
tions. But Ruth's determination  
and loyalty convinced her that she  
should take her with her to the  
home she had left so long before.  
Chap. 2:20.—"Naomi said.....Bless-  
ed be he of the Lord.....The man  
is.....our next kinsman." Ruth had  
availed herself of the privilege  
granted to the poor and the stranger  
(Lev. 23:22) by going forth to glean  
in the harvest fields, and God had  
led her to that which belonged to  
her former husband's near kins-  
man, who, if he would, might per-  
form the part of the kinsman-re-  
deemer for her (Deut. 25:5, 6).

Chap. 4:14.—"The women said....  
Blessed be the Lord, which hath  
not left thee this day without a  
kinsman." One should note carefully  
the place of goel, or kinsman-re-  
deemer, in Israel in order to un-  
derstand aright all that is involved  
in this beautiful story of grace to the  
stranger from Moab. Boaz had ful-  
filled the divine requirements as  
to the right of redemption, which  
involved paying off the mortgage  
on the estate and taking the child-  
less widow as his own wife, her  
first son by the new union to in-  
herit in the name of the former  
husband. Thus Ruth, through act-  
ing on Naomi's advice, had become  
recognized as the wife of Boaz,  
the mighty man of wealth, who  
typifies Him who has redeemed us  
from our lost estate and united us  
to Himself.

Verse 15.—"Thy daughter in law,  
which loveth thee.....is better to  
thee than seven sons." Naomi was  
mourning the loss of her two sons  
Mahlon and Chilion, both of whom  
had died in Moab. But Ruth had  
come into the family to gladden  
and cheer her heart, and to raise  
up the name of the dead upon his  
inheritance. She had borne a son,  
who was to inherit the estates of  
Mahlon and Chilion, that Elimelech's  
name might be remembered in  
Israel.

Verses 16 and 17.—"Naomi took  
the child.....and became nurse  
unto it." One can readily under-  
stand the joy that filled the heart  
of Grandmother Naomi as she cared  
for Ruth's first-born and sought to  
bring him up in accordance with  
the will of God; but little did she  
realize the full honor conferred  
upon her in that she was nursing  
one who was in the direct line of  
descent of Israel's Messiah: Son of  
God and Son of man! The child was  
called Obed, and he became the  
grandfather of King David, through  
whose line Christ came into the  
world.

The Heart of the Lesson  
Ruth's decision illustrates the  
stand that every exercised soul  
should take in regard to the present  
offer of the Gospel. God has now  
revealed Himself in the person of  
His Son. It is a great moment in  
one's spiritual history when the  
choice is made to receive Christ  
and for His name's sake to turn  
from the world that has rejected  
Him. Ruth gives us a blessed ex-  
ample of what Barnabas meant, in  
a later day, when he besought the  
young Gentile converts at Antioch  
to cleave to the Lord "with pur-  
pose of heart" (Acts 11:23).

Naomi, when restored to fellow-  
ship with the Lord, was able to  
guide Ruth aright, and her faith  
was rewarded in a wonderful way.

## County Population Given as 65,437 in New Directory

The 1948 Municipal Directory  
issued by the Department of  
Municipal Affairs, Toronto, gives  
the following valuable information:  
Listed are all the municipalities  
in the province, compiled by  
counties and districts. The names  
and addresses of the mayor or reeve  
and clerk are given, together with  
the assessed population, acreage  
and assessment figures on which  
1948 taxes will be levied.

Of interest to residents of Ontario  
County is the fact that the total  
population of the county, including  
Oshawa, is given as 65,437. The  
total assessment is given as \$65,  
217, 749 while the total tax exemp-  
tions are \$6,610,848.

The population figures for the  
various municipalities in the  
County are as follows: Uxbridge  
1,515; Whitby, 4,611; Beaverton 906;  
Cannington, 808; Port Perry, 1,407;  
East Whitby Township, 7,000; Brock  
Township, 2,101; Mara Township  
2,250; Pickering Township, 7,220;  
Rama Township, 686; Reach Town-  
ship, 2,416; Scott Township, 1,321;  
Scugog Township, 277; Thorah  
Township, 815; Uxbridge Township  
1,938; Whitby Township, 2,152; City  
of Oshawa, 27,924.

The total acreage in the county  
is 527,735 of which 507,744 is  
assessed. Of the total assessment of  
\$65,217,749 for general tax purposes,  
\$60,813,398 is for public school pur-  
poses.

## GAINS VICTORY



Premier John B. McNair's  
Liberal party gained a sweep-  
ing victory in the New Brun-  
swick election. The Liberals  
were victorious in 47 out of the  
52 seats in the province's new  
legislature. McNair's whole  
cabinet, with the exception of  
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