Mark 9:30-37; 10:13-16.

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First Quarter.

THE INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

A weekly column of abiding interest to both teachers and

Motto for this week: "The Sunday school established by Mr. Raikes was the beginning of popular education."-J. R. Green, Historian.

Lesson I.

January 4, 1914.

(The Story)

The training of the Twelve made large drafts upon the endurance of

JESUS AND THE CHILDREN

the Master. Their racial misconception of his Kingdom was the most diffi-cult of eradiction. He had just unveiled to them his "Way of Sorrow";

but, explicit though he had been, it seemed all to no purpose. They saw

ideas which had been trained into them for thirty years. They were ideas,

too, that were peculiarly consonant with their ambitions. . . . The

Searcher of Hearts knew very well the subject of the unseemly controversy in which his disciples had engaged on the way to Capernaum. . . .

was the master-stroke of the Master-teacher, the placing of the child in the midst of his self-seeking disciples. The instant obedience the child render-

ed when called; the docility with which he stood where Jesus

ran to receive and return the Saviour's embrace, and all with a self-oblivion to which the question, "What shall I have for this ?" never so

much as occurred,-there, as in a simple living tableau, the characteristics

of the approved disciple stood forth. . . And from the acted parable, as was his wont, the Saviour passed to practical discourse, in which the principles of his Kingdom were still further developed. The conspicuous position accorded to childhood in the Church is enunciated. If those like children are eligible to membership, then children themselves are already included. Jesus is childhood's Defender. He puts himself in the child's place.

What you do of good or ill to the child, you do to Him. The immediate

surrender of the dearest earthly ambitions inimical to the spirit of the hea-

venly Kingdom is insisted upon in language of unsurpassed vigor. Better

one hand, one foot, one eye, and-heaven, than two hands, two feet. two

eyes, and-hell! The vivacious discourse closes aptly with a picture of

the Good Shepherd going out with infinite sacrifice, pains, and persist

ence to seek for one lost sheep. . . The lovely tapestry of the homily to the Twelve is shot with the golden thread of the Master's particular love,

care, and provision for child-life. "Not the will of the Father that one

of these little ones should perish?" "Do not despise one of these little ones"; "Their guardian angels stand nearest the Father"; "The worst leath conceivable would be preferable to the penalty of corrupting a child"; "Whosoever takes a child under loving and helpful care takes the child and

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may be when from that same hand will come Spencerian calligraphy, or

from those lips periods an Everett would not disdain. So chide not the

apostles in the bungling, short-sighted notions of their novitiate. The end crowns the work. . . . True, they began with ambitions for self-aggran-

dizement; but they ended by giving the world the most sublime examples

of self-abnegation of all the ages. Not in vain did the Master set a little

child in their midst that day. . . Some one said one day that we do

not read that our Saviour, when on earth, was ever seen to smile. A lit-

tle girl heard the remark. "What," she said, "didn't Jesus say to the little children, 'Come unto Me?' and they would never have come unless He

"I'm sure the Saviour smiled, Or else no little, trembling child

Was ever seen or ever heard

Had dared to venture near;

While Jesus sojourned here."

No darkening frown, no angry word,

The two-Messiah idea prevailed to a considerable extent among the Jews.

The Psalms and prophecies obviously pictured a suffering as well as a tri-

umphant Messiah. But it seemed impossible for the Hebrew mind to ap-

prehend that the Sufferer and the Victor were one and the same

person; in fact that the victor was such through his suffering.

to learn the spirit of the Kingdom. . . The spirit of the little child who

jewelled crosier, but basin and towel, are badges of highest distinction.

1. The Training of the Twelve.

Their misconceptions.

4. Master-stroke of Master-teacher.

"A child in the midst."

Love exemplified in child.

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Wed After Romance.

Swathmore, Dec. 31-Susanna M

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ional life of the community, married Abel Mahon, seventy-three years old

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and said the simple Quaker ceremony without the guidance of a minister Clasping each other's hand, the bride

groom first and then the bride re peated the beautiful words of the

In the precence of the Lord, and of

these, our kiends, I take thee Susanna M. Gaskill, to be my wife,

vate parties.

Living tableau.

January 4th, 1914.

Jesus' tact and endurance taxed.

Obedience, docility, self-oblivion.

2. Harsh Criticism of the Disciples Deprecated

How wrong ideals were imbibed.

Principles Developed and Applied.
Child's position in Church enunciated.

Jesus' love, care, and provision for child life.

ANALYSIS AND KEY

Controversy "which should be first" not unknown to Jesus.

What is done to child is done to Jesus' self, according to his af-

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Plum Hollow Periodicals.

Plum Hollow, Dec. 30.-Ernie Bogat of Watson, Sask., is home for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs, J. R. Wiltse spent Christmas with Smith's Falls friends. Mrs. N. K. Benedict is spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Alfred Kilborn. Mr. and Mrs. G. Wing, Athens, spent Christmas at W. Tifford's. A large number from here attended the Toledo concert on only a flower-strewn path to a glittering throne. And they wanted it quickly decided how they should stand relatively to that throne. . . . Before we are harsh with the disciples for their tardy approach to the true ideal of the Kingdom, let it be remembered, they drank in their wrong notions with their mothers' milk. Even Jesus could not easily train out of them Christmas night. Mr. and Mrs. John Reed and family, Smith's Falls, are holidaving at W. Evre's.

Murvale Matters.

Murvale, Dec. 29 .- D. J. Taggart has returned from Detroit, where he accompanied the remains of his aunt, Mrs. William Sowersby, who died at his place on December 23rd. M. Boyce has returned to his home in Kearney, N.J., after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Boyce. Mrs. Homer Wallace had a narrow escape from being injured on Friday, when a horse attached to a cutter ran away, throwing her out. Luckily no damage was done, except to the cutter. Visitors: Mr. and Mrs. M. Irish, Yarker, at D. Murton's. Thomas Fream and Thomas Swerbruck, Tichborne, at Henry Swerbruck's Mr. and Mrs. John Irwin, Elginburg, at George Irwin's.

Charleston Jottings.

Charieston, Dec. 29.-Miss Cora Kelsey has returned from a visit to friends at Little Falls, N.Y. Mr. Care and bride, who are on their honey moon trip, spent a few days last week here, guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Kelsey, before taking up residence at Keelerville. Mrs. M. Kavanagh is in Brockville this week. H. Latimore has rented Mrs. Slack's house. J. Cox and sister, Janie, spent Christmas in Montreal. John Hudson and children and Miss Sarah Hudson, Brockville, and the Misses Julia and Nellie Hudson, Morrisburg, are holidaying at the old home. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor spent Christmas at Harlem Messrs. Thomas M. and J. H. Slack and Osa Lappan, Lansdowne, visited friends here last week, and also at tended the assembly in the town hall. Athens, on Friday night.

Items From Crow Lake.

Crow Lake, Dec. 29,-There was a dance at D. Badour's on Christmas night. The party at Mr. and Mrs. F. Knapp's was well attended. Miss Bina Tharrett has returned from Napance, where she spent the past few months. The threstle at Succor Lake has threatened to go down again. It is giving the men a lot of extra work. Horatio Tharrett has been laid up for the past three weeks from the effects of a fall. Visitors: William Jones The disciples, in their novitiate, were ready to attach themselves to the victor Messiah, but they wanted none of the sufferer. . . . Unhappily, hierarchical ambition and "ecclesiastical politics" are not yet extinct. The and family, at his mother's, in Smith's Falls; Mr. and Mrs. John Hicks, Westport, at B. Tharrett's, also Mr. and Mrs. S. Jones; Mr. and Mrs. more is the shame and pity, since two thousand years have passed in which William Knapp and Mrs. John Knapp, was willing to be employed by the Master—that is the animating principle of his Kingdom. Not to be ministered unto, but to minister; not crown and lichborne, at Samuel Kennedy's licvoorne, at Samuel Kennedy's James Mahon and family, at their daughter's, Mrs. A. Harris, Tichborner George Warren called on friends at friends at Crow Lake last week,

Enterprise Echoes.

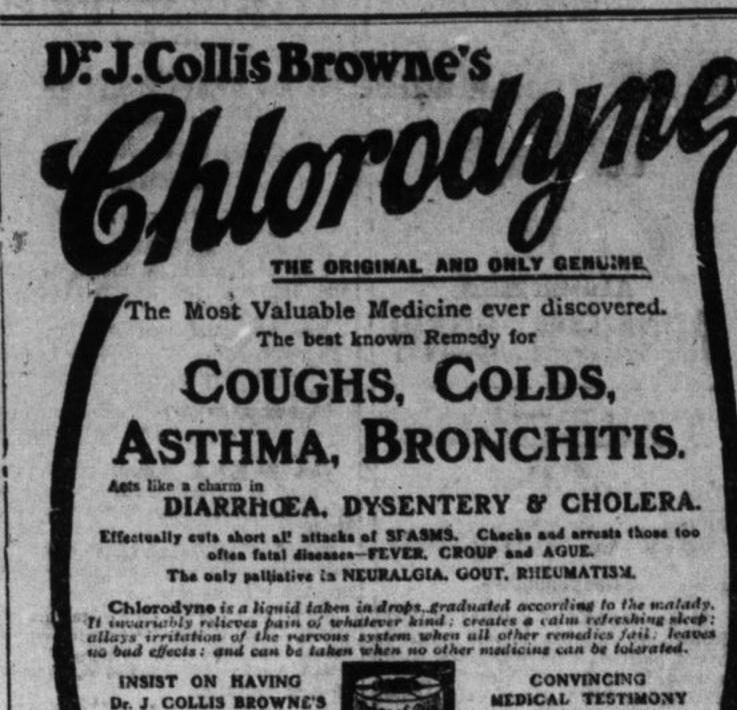
Enterprise, Dec. 29 .- The Methodist church gave a Christmas tree on the Friday before Christmas and a tea-meeting on Christmas night. Both were well attended and the programmes were long and attractive. A wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Bell, on Christmas day, when their only daughter, Nellie May, was united in marriage to Earl B. Davey youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Davey. A wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride and the happy couple took the train for Toronto. on their honeymoon. They will visit the groom's sister in Toronto, after which they will return and reside in Enterprise. Mrs. C. Brown and little daughter, of Verona; also Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker and family and Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Wagar and family took dinner at Jerman Wagar's on Christmas day. Miss Martha Wagar spent Christmas visiting friends in Ottawa. Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker and family are packing their furniture and will leave for Toronto this week. Misses Florence, Luella and Verna Walker and Mar Wagar were at Cyrus Wagar's on Sunday. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coleman, year ended October 31st, 1913, shows of Enterprise, a daughter. A num-London, Dec. 31,-The Standard's total revenue for the year was \$2,- ber from here are expecting to at-Rome correspondent says the | king | 186,664, of which \$2,140,285 is desig- tend the tea-meeting at Centreville

Outlet Tidings.

Outlet, Dec. 29 .- Miss Myrtle Wright has returned to her home in Gananoque, after spending the past four months teaching in Woodvale school. She is greatly missed by the young people of this neighborhood. Miss Rose Fodey has returned home, after spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. A. Slack. Mr. and Mrs. George Bradley, Athens, visited in this neigh borhood recently. Miss Myrtle Reed is spending the holidays at her home here. Mr. and Mrs. John Fodey visited their daughter, Mrs. Robert Milne, Kingston, last week. Michael Dundon and Miss Annie O'Grady are spending a few weeks at the latter's home here. Nelson Fodey and mother spent Sunday in Greenfield. Mr. and Mrs. E. Vandeburg are spending a few weeks in Ventner. Frankie O'Grady spent Saturday and Sunday in Brockville. A number from this vicinity at the state of the spending and sunday in Brockville. tended the Athens annual ball held on Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. James Fodey and family spent Sunday at Arthur Slack's, Long Point. Word was received in this neighbor-Miss Anastashia Fodey and Bert. Mc Dermott, of Regina, Sask. The mar riage took place on December 27th,

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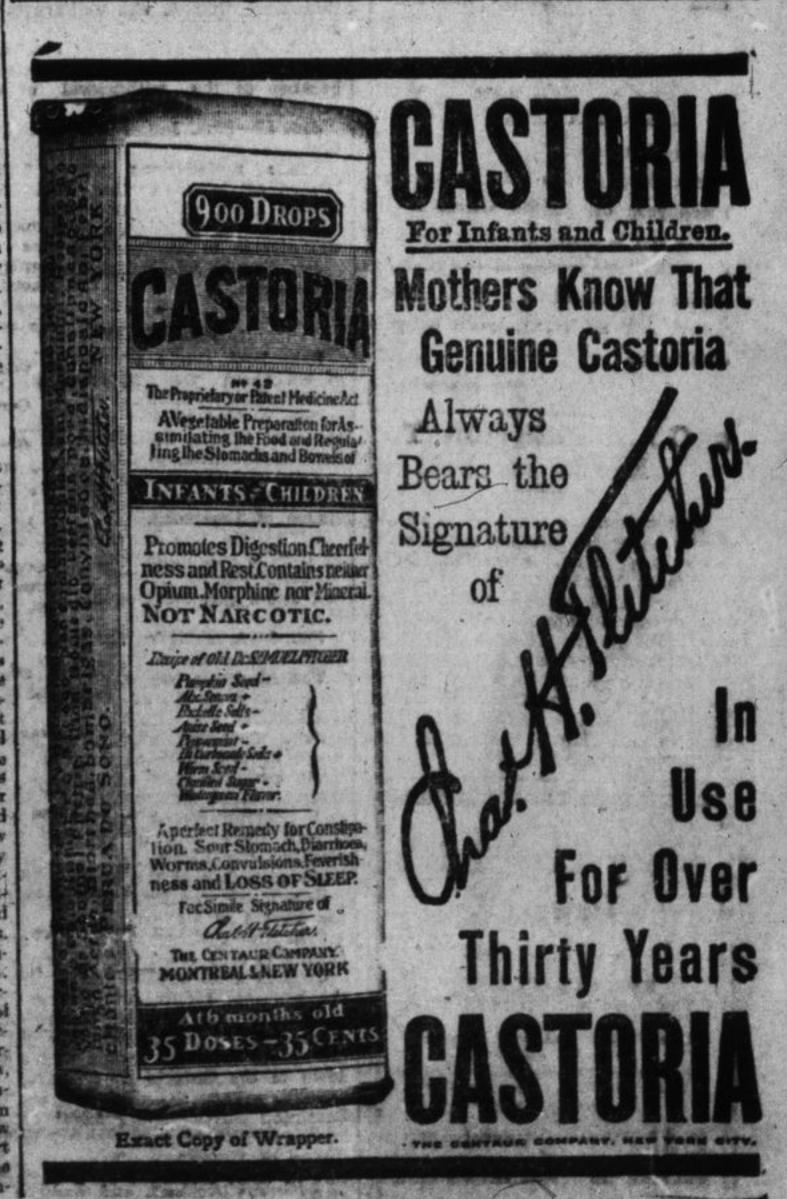
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