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The International Sunday School Lesson for June 25 is "The Second Quarterly Revie w."—Psalm 65: 1-13.

By William T. Ellis.

No paper in this country has published the story of a recent dramatic and almost incredible incident from Greece, which I find in a foreign periodical; and which so vividly conveys the point of the past three month, Sunday School Lessons that I summarize it her.

In the village of Spilio, in western Macedonia, dwelt in direst poverty, a Greek father and mother, with a son and daughter. At thirteen, the boy George emigrated to America, where he prospered from the first, sending to his parents a

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monthly remittance. After fifteen years, the young man, grown wealthy, decided to return home, carrying with him a large amount of money. He arrived in Macedonia in early April of this year, and proceeded into the country, first visiting on the way his sister, who had married and removed to a village a short distance from the old home. To her the brother brought rich gifts.

In their happiness, brother and sister concocted a surprise for the parents—a story-book deception that would prolong home-coming joys. It was arranged that the returned exile should announce himself as a friend of the son, bearing a gift; in order to test whether the father and mother would recognize him after fifteen years, in which time he had grown from boyhood to manhood.

The ruse worked. The stranger went to the old home, saying that the son in America had commissioned him to bear a gift of twenty thousand drachmae to the father and mother. As expected, he was not recognized, but was received for

what he purported to be. The visitor relished the stratagem so keenly that he decided to postpone until morning the revelation of his identity. After an evening of happy talk he retired to sleep.

Such a lovely story should have a beautiful ending. But the peasant father and mother were so blind and avaricious. The stayed up talking over the great wealth in the fat wallet of this exuberant stranger. Why be content with only twenty thousand drachmae, when they might possess themselves of the whole store of this visitor? So the father and mother, with a hatchet and an axe, slew the guest while he slept, and robbed him of his money called the next morning, that they had slain their only son, who had brought them home his all in order to make them prosperous and happy! The remorse-stricken mother straightway committed suicide, and the father is in jail, awaiting trial for murder.

As It Might Have Been.

Small wonder that the plain people of Greece are a thrill with horror over this Arabian Nights tale enacted in their midst. Terrible as was the tragedy, it really personifies the experience of the ancient kingdom of Judah. God had promised and planned wonderful things for His chosen people. All the lavish bounty of a Father's providence was prepared for them. Unique among the nations of time, the special object of Divine love and affection, the Jews were to have the fulfilment of their dearest dreams and desires.

Nevertheless, this ingrate people thwarted all the beautiful plans of Jehovah for their welfare. They spurned his prophets, flouted his word, and supplanted his worship by heathen idolatries. Everything that could minister to the profit and pride and pleasure of the people had been provided for by the loving care of the God of Abraham; yet the Jews preferred the short-sighted and immediate rewards of selfishness and carnality and the fashions of their neighbors. Reluctantly, Jehovah punished the people and extinguished the self-governing nation.

While we muse, as millions have done for ages past, upon the tragedy of the Jews, who are a people without a country, we may fairly turn from their plight throughout the centuries to a consideration of what they might have been had they kept faith with their divine King. Judah would have remained great and godly, a missionary nation to save the world. The Jews would have been spared centuries of misery and obloquy. Instead of being hounded from land to land, they would have been honored as the spiritual leaders of the race.

AFRAID TO BE "DIFFERENT"
Nobody has to look deeply into the

ups and downs, and final collapse, of the Jewish nation which we have been studying for three months to perceive an outstanding lesson for our own time. There is peril for the nation that goes back on its highest destiny and mission. To fail to be one's best self is as calamitous for a people as for a person. In this grave hour in national history—so much graver than most "citizens know"—it is important that we learn from ancient Judah to hold fast to what is highest and holiest in our heritage. This preeminently is a lesson for Christian patriots.

There is nothing obscure or complicated about the case of Judah and the cause of its downfall. The Jews simply did not have nerve enough or sense enough to be their best selves. In the face of temptations quite like those which confront every young person out in the big world, they simply "fell down." They lacked courage to be loyal to their trust heritage. They did not dare to be "different" from their heathen neighbors. It is the immemorial story of a crowd sinking to the level of its lower elements, rather than rising to the heights of its finest members.

We have a parallel to-day to the debased paganism that surrounded monolithic Israel or Judah. A tide of sordid materialism from continental Europe has swept over the United States and Canada since the war. Old world standards of personal chastity, of the pursuit of pleasures, of business, and of politics have threatened to inundate us. The An-

glo-Saxon conception of the home, of social conditions, of individualism and of religion are seriously menaced to-day. Timid politicians yield to the alien vote and other pressure, apparently having no convictions that are not subject to revision by the electorate.

Now the supreme international issue of our time, though not so rated by the professional statesmen, is whether these two Christian, English-speaking nations of the New World will have the courage to heed "different" and loyal to the faith of the fathers and to the preaching of our prophets. Such is the translation of the story of the Jews into the life of to-day. May God fulfil his beautiful plans for us; or shall we thwart them as did the renegade Jew? If we save our land for its historic Christian ideals, then these ideals will save our land for a world-service beyond our ken.

Beginning At The Bottom

While this Lesson is being studied all over the land, in rural cross-roads schoolhouses and in great city churches, from the Arctic Circle to the Gulf of Mexico, and far beyond into every foreign land, there will be in session in Kansas City the great International Sunday School Convention, with thousands of delegates in attendance. They will be considering the world from the angle of the Sunday School; and the Sunday School from the angle of our perplexing world conditions. All the fundamentals of good government, of world peace and of a better social order, will come under review.

Their conclusion will be the obvious one that the nation's hope, the world's hope, lies in the indoctrination of the youth of to-day with the transforming teachings of the words of Jehovah. Most is being done for humanity when the boys and girls are being taught the beautiful will of God. The work of the Sunday School, it may be soberly stated, is more important than that of international conferences; because it goes down to the bed rock of character.

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acter and shapes the convictions and conduct with determine the destiny of mankind. To make sure that our land shall avoid Judah's pitfall, and that it fulfill the Lord's beautiful plans for it, we must train up our youth in the knowledge and love of God.

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At Lavant Station. Lavant Station, June 19.—Misses Violet and Leah Prasky and Herb Prasky, students of Perth Collegiate, are spending their vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Prasky. A number from here attended the baseball match at Poland Saturday evening, played between Poland and Lavant, the score being 9-9. Misses Hazel and Minnie

Lashley and Messrs. Gordon Calford and Jack Ramsbottom, Watson's Corners, spent Sunday at J. E. Lee's. Miss Maggie Rodgers, Hood's, is spending sometime at William Browning's. Miss Jessie Moreau is visiting Miss Vera Paul, Poland. Miss Hilda Johnston is spending an indefinite time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnston, Ompah. Mr. and Mrs. G. Sproule and Mes Elsie Lee motored to Perth on Saturday.

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The moral is, for old and young: "Sitting not, lest you yourself be stung!"

—Lynn, Jr.