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The International Sunday School Lesson for August 3rd Is: "The First Disciples of Jesus."—John 1:35-51.

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS

There are literally tens of thousands of organizations in the land all busy trying to increase their membership. Dreamers of a remade world feel that if only they could enlist enough followers, they would carry out their great schemes | warm, winsome, human individualalmost overnight. Political candi- ity of Jesus, who attracted to Himdates are likewise all of this mind. self rough out-of-doors men of His be got together to do it.

power throughout nineteen centur- ter than many e pious poet:

One Man's Way. So simple and natural as to need

no explain ag were the beginnings of Caristianity. The contrast between the procedure of the Master and the vast and costly ecclesiastical machinery of our day is well-niga incredible.

"Once upon a time there was a 'First let these go!" quo' our Good-His name was John. He was an original, a personality, "character." He had somsthing vital and fresh to say to an enervated and stale time. Crowds thronged him: but a rare few followed him. These were choice young men, questing after the best, who saw that John was the one real figure of his era. So they identified themselves with him and his work eration.

Then, upon a wonderful day, there came to John Another, whom the Baptist promptly acclaimed as greater than himself; as, indeed, the expected Coming One. "Behold !" cried the Herald. And his followers had so caught the inwardness of John's spirit, which subordinated the better to the best, that they unhesitatingly quit their old leader, at his own suggestion, and attached themselves to Jesus.

. For there is no other secret of spiritual success than this: to from good to better, from better to No mouse of the scrolls was the best; and to follow after the highest truth that God reveals. "stand-patters" were these young men quietly walking the shores of the Jordan in eager, expectant conversation with the Baptist. He had taught them the forward faith, the hoping heart. And the Baptist was as glad to see John and Andrew go from him as a high school teacher is to have his favorite pupils successfully enter the university.

Three Brands of Leadership. Ere we look into the fellowship of the followship-the marvel of the multiplication of the companions of Christ-we do well to pause to consider the nature of leadership; for ours is often called a leaderless day. Roughly classified, leadership is three kinds; the leadership of official position; the leadership of per- He cried no cry when they drave the sonality, and the leadership of ideas. Occasionally, one man combines all three qualifications. Mostly, our socalled leaders are of the first group, The hounds of the crimson sky gave of Christ. mere officials, holders of salaried positions, gaudy drum-majors, marching at the head of a procession which would go along almost as well without them. Broadly speaking, organized Christianity to-day They whined as he walked out calm the wind, the sun, or strong artifi- leaders; in truth, many natural leaders lost their qualities of leadership OUR GLASSES - both clear and when they become officials. Officialdom is timid; leaders are bold. Officials dare not outrun their organization, or alienate supporters; real leaders stride forward, never stopping to look back over their should-

> Other men lead by their gifts of personality. They are not necessarily men of ideas; we call them "born leaders." The priceless gift of attracting men to themselves is theirs. They have qualities that inspire confidence. Men trust them, and loyally follow their initiative. Happy is the community that has its share of

Other men, and the mightiest sway the world by the sheer power of their ideas. They do not need the adventitious aids of office, or the cheers of a crowd of adherents: their strength is in the inherent weight of their thoughts. Only the companion. That is more than can leadership of ideas ever becomes uni- be said of some preachers and versal and immortal; for the other churchmen-although it is a fair

their outreach. Two of these three qualities John from the libraries. John and Anthe Baptist possessed; and, in far drew and Peter and Philip would greater degree, so also did Jesus, never have kept company with the Neither ever had any of the support bloodless figure into which we have of official position to exalt and perverted the strong Son of God strengthen him; on the contrary, the journeyman-Carpenter of Nazaboth were under the ban of deep of reth. ficial disapproval. Christ won men by His personality, and mastered them by His ideas.

What Sort of Man Was He? Something more than a half-truth is expressed by Thomas Curtis Clark in the lines "Who would a true saint be?

Let him live joyously And not too soberly.

As if of saint's degree: The world's best saint is he Who makes good company!" We are trying to get back to the Almost anything in the world day. His character has been over-

could be done if enough persons can laid with the thick plasters of ecclesiasticism, and traditional art, So in the midst of a time that is quite as some of the mediaeval masclamorous with propagandas, it is terpieces on the walls of old well to sit down for a quiet con- churches have been covered up templation of how the largest and with tawdry, commonplace decoramost successful organization in tions. A real wrong has been done history managed to get so many to mankind by the religious pictures men and women together for the which represent him as a pale, prosecution of a common pro- anemic, dehumanized creature weargramme. Who can explain he mar- ing a halo. Ezra Pound, who is asvel and mystery of the Christian suredly not a hymn writer, has Church, with her growth and caught the reality of the Christ bet-

> Ha! we lost the goodliest fere o'all For the priests and the gollows Aye lover he was of brawny men,

O'ships and the open sea.

When they came wi' a host to take Our Man His smile was good to see,

"Or I'll see ye damned," says he.

Aye he sent us out through the crossed high spears And the scorn of his laugh rang

"Why took ye not me when I walked Alone in the town ?" says he.

as the noblest cause of their gen- Oh we drank his "Hale" in the good red wine When we last made company,

No capon priest was the Goodly But a man o' men was he.

ha' seen him drive a hundred men Wi' a bundle o' cords swung free, That they took the high and holy For their pawn and treasury.

They'll no' get him a' in a book, I Though they write it cunningly;

Goodly Fere. But aye loved the open sea.

If they think they ha' snared or Goodly Fere. They are fools to the las' degree I'll go to the feast," quo' ou Goodly Fere,

"Though I go to the gallows tree." Ye ha' seen me heal the lame and And wake the dead," says he,

"Ye shall see one thing to master "Tis how a brave man dies on the

A son of God was the Goodly Fere That bade us his brothers be, I ha' seen him cow a thousand men, I have seen him upon the tree.

And the blood gushed hot and

tongue,

But never a cry cried he. ha' seen him cow a thousand men On the hills o' Galilee,

between. Wi' his eyes like the grey o' the

Like the sea that brooks no voyag-

With the winds unleashed Like the sea that he cowed at Ge

Wi' few words spoke' suddenly.

master of men was the Goodly Fere. A mate of the wind and sea. If they think they ha' slain our

Goodly Fere They are fools eternally.

Sin' they nailed him to the tree Bluntly, crudely put, Jesus

the sort of man whom normal "he men" would choose for a fishing two sorts are obviously limited in test. We must rescue the red-blooded Christ from the art galleries and

> So the Brotherhood Grew. Just as John the Baptist drew men to himself so, in greater gree, men were drawn to the kindly Christ. And then, in turn, brother brought brother to Him, friend brought friend, and, lo, the world is being filled with those whose deepest joy and highest honor is in

ng called friends of Christ. seen somewhat the vogue of late; Campers" have returned to their their method is uniform: one man homes after spending a week at the enlists another and so the crowd Page house. Dr. Carpenter and grows into the hundreds or thou- son, and Mr. Russell returned to sands in geometrical ratio. Of course their homes in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., these hosts do not all stick after the A number have been enjoying the element of competition is removed; radio programmes at A. B. Page's.

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for it needs the right kind of teacher, and the genuine spirit of Christian-fellowship to hold men. But we are only awakening to the present possibilities of building on the basis of the best, a Bible fellowship of followers of Christianity.

Passwords, grips, necognition signs, ritual, badges, secret oathsthese have built up many a mighty organization. But a greater society than they all, the brotherhood of believers, has grown without any of them, on the one clear, simple, open basis of following the leader whose name is Jesus. This fellowship-and history has no parallel for this wonder-quickly grows to partake of the crops. Mr. and Mrs. Miles Stover are character of its head. Life becomes rejoicing over the birth of a son, on big and serious and purposeful to Saturday, July 26th. Mrs. Hughes, every man who enters heartily into Harrowsmith, has been visiting Mrs. the divine order of the Companions Harry Bearance. Master Teddy Day,

OTHE INTERNATIONAL SYNDICATE.

A New Cure for Old Ills ?

All sorts of frantic and futile forms of succor are nowadays proposed for the present social, political and economical ill of the world. The name of those who seek a new cure for old diseases of the human spirit is legion. All the while the real remedy is no different from that which worked two thousand ago beneath the Syrian blue, when a group of commonplace men of most ordinary sort, lifted their lives above pettiness and drab routine, and became great with immortal greatness simply by following Jesus

How are we going to remove the frivolity and carelessness and fishness and carnality of modern youth? Only by getting them to enter the fellowship of the followship. In discipleship to Jesus they will come under the contagion of His character. Sis spirit will be spring of their spirits. They will straightway become recruiters of new comrades, believers in the be devotees of the discipleship, multipliers of the brotherhood. The Philip and Andrew way, first found along the shores of the Jordan, is still the

Fishermen Are Numerous. Desert Lake, July 29 .- Mr. and Irs. W. Bush, Enterprise, Mr. and Mrs. Clement Lee, Maple Grove, Misses Stella McGowan and Mona Babcock were Sunday visitors a Edmund Page's; Mr. and Mrs. H Bauder, Sydenham, at J. N. Abrams'; Mrs. J. Deyo, Kingston, spent Sunday at A. B. Page's; Tressa Morey, Toronto, spending her holidays with her mother, Mrs. F. Clark; Mr. and Mrs. A. Rose, at A. B. Freeman's; Mr. and Mrs. A. Pomeros at H. L. Bauder's.

Desert Lake is still on the map. and the farmers busy with their harvest. The tourists here found their way, once more, to our famous Adult Bible Class contests have fishing grounds. The "Roycroft

From the Countryside

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ELGINBURG. July 26.—The farmers are busy with the hay and all have

Sydenham, is visiting at N. Graham's. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Codling, Carp, are at Charles Irvine's. Mr. and Mrs. Goodenough, Boonville, N.Y., came to pay their last respects to a much loved cousin, the late Bailey Simp-

DEAD CREEK.

July 26 .- The farmers are busy taking off their hay. William Velley will soon have his bridge completed. He has been at it for some time. Norman Jackson is very busy cutting pulp. He has a large gang at work. The fruit crop is reported poor. Bluebefries are very scarce this year. One gentleman sold three pails at \$3 a pail. Mr. and Mrs. Vaness have returned from the west, G. Vandewater and family returned home from Watertown, N. Y., the other day. Herman Vaness is able to visit his son, Coleman.

Barns Struck and Burned. McLean, July 28 .- The recent rains were much needed. The thunder storm of last week did damage, as William Smith's barn and contents were burned, also a barn about five miles from here, owned by Herbert Clark, Bethany. Mr. Clark's barn was a new one, put up last i

Mrs. Frank Wagar visited with Mrs. W. Cousins a couple of days

ple of days at Wella Smith's.

bury spent Sunday evening at .W. Oso Station Items. rains have left the farmers much son and family spent Sunday at

last week. Mrs. J. Morris and baby, | Vera Crawford, Perth, spent Sun-Staten Island, N.Y., are visiting her day with their sister, Mrs. Joseph mother, Mrs. M. Foster. Mr. and Warren. Mrs. Ernie Dixon, and fam-Mrs. Russel Wood spent Sunday at ily, Brook, are spending the week George Wood's. Mrs. D. Hardwick with their mother. Mrs. Robert Carr and Cecil and Myrtle spent a cou- also spent Sunday with Mrs. Edward Warren. Mrs. Edward Warren. Mr. and Mrs. E. Brown and girls Messrs. Willie, John. Warren and spent Sunday at W. Raycraft's. Kay Joseph Warren spent one day last Cousins is visiting with Leland Wa- week in Perth. Miss Irene Conboy gar at Parham. Miss Iva Hearns, and Miss Laura Conboy spent Sun-Miss Melissa Hare and John Em- day on Wolfe Island. Thomas Butler, Stroud, Ont., spent some time here among friends. Oscar Chambers and Miss Maggie Bourk spent one evening last week at Joseph Oso Station, July 30 .- The heavy Warren's. Mr. and Mrs. E. Henderbehind with their hay. They all wish John McPherson's. A number of for fine weather. Mr. and Mrs. Mer- young people are talking of going vyn Chaplain, and family, and Miss | west.



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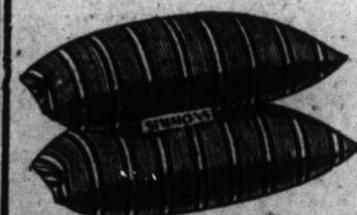
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