

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for June 6: A Lesson in Reconciliation—Genesis 33:1-11.

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Editor of The Congregationalist. Reconciliation implies misunderstanding, discord, and strife. Sometimes strife and discord arise purely from misunderstanding, but more often they have their origin in distinct acts of unfairness, selfishness, and aggression.

Jacob, many years before the incident of this present lesson, had deeply and grievously wronged his brother Esau. Through treachery and deceit he had robbed his brother of the birthright. All that this implies is not perhaps entirely clear to modern readers, but it is clear that Jacob had wronged his brother about as deeply as one man could wrong another.

Jacob Changes.

During the years that had elapsed since then Jacob had changed considerably for the better. He who had been a trickster and a traitor himself had been treated treacherously. His character was a strange mixture of good and evil, but on the whole the good predominated, and he was returning now to the former scene of his life a much better man.

The evil that men do, however, not only lives after them but it lives on through the years even when their characters and purposes have changed for the better. Jacob, therefore, had reason to fear the results of his former misdeeds.

Esau was approaching him, and he saw that Esau had a large company of retainers with him. What would be the nature of this meeting? Would Esau come with a spirit of a long-nourished, long-unsettled revenge, waiting the opportunity to strike?

Jacob did not know, but nothing indicates the change for the better that had taken place in him more than the fact that in this crisis his thoughts are at last unselfish.

His chief consideration is for the women and children, though he shows still a measure of self-interest in putting the handmaids and their children foremost. Leah and her children next, and the especially beloved Rachel and Joseph last of all, as he approaches the zone of danger. Then, daring to meet the danger himself, he passed over before them all to meet Esau.

Large-Spirited.

How different was the reception from that which he feared! And how large-spirited Esau with all his weakness showed himself on this occasion! Kindness of spirit and a sense of kinship dominated whatever ungodly feelings Esau may have had during the years.

He showed himself a man of magnanimity, and running to meet his brother Jacob embraced him, fell on his neck, and kissed him. The record "and they wept" expresses much. Both men had a great deal to weep over.

Then came the introductions and the presentation of Jacob's gift. Esau declined at first to receive any present, but, being urged, he accepted it.

One may note particularly the words in which Jacob referred to this. In urging Esau to accept his present, he said, "Forasmuch as I have seen thy face, as one seeth the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me." Jacob evidently recognized the divine quality of human forgiveness and magnanimity.

The completeness of Esau's forgiveness is noteworthy. Forgiveness is never real unless it is complete. Probably even explanations and the recalling of the past would have completely marred the occasion. It was one in which forgiveness meant forgetting and in which fellowship meant ignoring much that had happened of which both men had reason to be ashamed.

Divinity in Forgiving.

There is a divine art of forgiving and forgetting which every man who would perfect his character ought to seek in the fullest way to cultivate.

Can we fail to see in this magnanimity, "as one seeth the face of God," a symbol of that larger magnanimity and love in which God through Christ accepts us and forgives our waywardness and our rebellion?

We fear to approach him; we feel the justness of the wrath that might fall upon us, but when we come in humility, seeking his forgiveness, it is only the richness and power of his love that we feel.

My God is reconciled;

His pardoning voice I hear;

He owns me for His child;

I can no longer fear;

With confidence I now draw nigh,

And Father, Abba, Father, cry."

This, of course, is a statement of what seemingly happens. What actually occurs is not the reconciliation of God to us but our reconciliation to Him. He is full of love and graciousness toward sinners and awaits only our acceptance of his grace.

Buried At Picton.

Ald. J. L. Whattam, Oshawa, who died in Toronto, following an operation was buried at Picton on Tuesday, J. L. Whattam, Picton, is a brother of deceased. He was a well known Liberal.

MOURNS THE DEATH OF J. L. WHATTAM

Formerly Picton Seed House Manager—The Late Mrs. David H. Spencer.

Picton, June 3.—Pictonians were shocked to learn of the death in Toronto General Hospital of J. L. Whattam of Oshawa. Mr. Whattam was a native of Prince Edward County and had lived here all his life until a few years ago when the Hogg & Lytle Seed Co., for whom he worked sent him to Oshawa as manager of their plant there. He is survived by his wife, formerly Annie E. Collier, and one son, Arthur; also two brothers, Rev. R. A. of Oshawa and T. E. Whattam of Bethel. About fifty prominent men of Toronto and Oshawa motored to Picton Tuesday with the remains which were brought here for interment in Glenwood. Among those who came down were W. E. N. Sinclair, Leader of the Opposition in the Ontario Legislature, Mr. A. O. Hogg, head of the Hogg & Lytle Seed Company and the mayor of Oshawa.

Pictonians were shocked on Tuesday to learn of the sudden passing of Mrs. David H. Spencer at the home of Mrs. A. Hubbs, Centre street. Although she was in her 86th year she had enjoyed excellent health until the day before her death when she was stricken with heart trouble. Mrs. Spencer's maiden name was Phoebe Clapp and she lived in Prince Edward County all her life and in Picton for over twenty years. Her husband predeceased her about a year ago. She is survived by one son, Cornelius Clapp Spencer, from whose home, Maple avenue, the funeral obsequies will be conducted on Thursday with interment in Glenwood. Always of a very genial and kindly disposition, Mrs. Spencer will be missed by a large circle of friends who sympathize with the family in their bereavement.

Miss Dorothy Powers expects to leave shortly for Halesbury where she has accepted the position of superintendent of the Red Cross Hospital of that place.

The I.O.D.E. secured the screen version of Gene Stratton-Porter's latest novel, "The Keeper of the Bee" which is being shown at the Regent Theatre to full houses. The proceeds are for the benefit of Prince Edward County Hospital.

Jack Graydon, J. de G. Hepburn, L. E. Fraser and Dr. C. A. Publow are in attendance at the convention of Shriners being held this week in Philadelphia, Penn. The party motored to Albany where they will take the boat to New York, thence by train to Philadelphia.

Harry Raynor has purchased a home in Belleville from R. J. Graham and will remove there with his family to reside. It is expected that he will carry on his business in Picton as formerly.

The Randolph MacDonald's dredging outfit is at work in Picton harbor.

Word has been received by his parents that Mr. John Bell, B.Sc. of Schenectady, N.Y., is making an excellent recovery after an operation for acute appendicitis which he underwent last week.

Gerald Ballie motored from Pasadena, Cal., and is spending some time with his father Mr. Nelson Ballie.

Mrs. Carmen Metcalf passed through town en route to Point Traverse to attend the funeral of her little grandson, Freddie Bonnard. Mrs. P. C. Metcalf will accompany her home on her return.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Trugbour of Toronto who spent the winter in Florida, called on old friends and relatives in town and county last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ward are taking possession of their new home on Burns avenue which they recently purchased from Aylesworth Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Selin Weeks, Conescon, on Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. Philip motored up to Wellington and visited their aunt Mrs. Rorabeck who has just returned from spending the winter in New York.

Much sympathy is felt for the family of the late Clayton Anderson who passed away at Toronto General Hospital, where he had gone for treatment a short time ago. Deceased leaves a wife and two children, also an aged mother and brothers and sisters. His wife was formerly a Miss Whattam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Whattam, Burns avenue, from whose home the funeral is being conducted on Tuesday at Cherry Valley church and cemetery.

Mrs. M. Robinson of Prescott has been a recent guest of her daughter, Miss Alice Robertson, Kindergarten Instructress.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Bartholomew of Newmarket came down and spent over the week-end with Mrs. Alva Williamson and other friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Whitbeck of Holly, N.Y., are guests of the latter's daughter, Mrs. Hubert Greenfield, Talbot street.

Mr. Meas, formerly manager of the Willard Company's milk condenser at Picton, has been in town for a few days looking after the shipment of machinery from the plant which has been closed down for some time.

J. W. Hamly of Toronto has arrived in town for the summer months. Mrs. Hamly is expected in a few days. They will occupy their old home which they sold to Mr. Hunt of the brass works, and which has recently been bought by Mr. Stanley Hamly of Florida.

A dozen Conservative members of Parliament and their wives will attend the Conservative rally in Montreal on Friday, Night-Hon. Arthur Meighen will deliver English and French addresses.

FLAPPER FANNY SAYS

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You don't have to be a dentist to do bridgework.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

WILTON.

The June meeting of the Wilton Women's Institute was held in the Grange Hall, WILTON, on June 1st with fifteen ladies present. With the president, Mrs. W. C. Snider in the chair, the meeting opened with singing the "Ode," followed by "Lord's Prayer" in unison. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The delegates appointed at last meeting and the executive attended the meeting in Napanee on May 21st, to decide when and where the district annual convention would be held. After much discussion the Wilton Ladies invited the surrounding institutes to hold this convention at Wilton. This was heartily approved of and the date set was June 30th. Each branch institute is to provide selections toward the programme, and the Wilton ladies are to provide refreshments. The business part will commence about 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, June 30th. Plans for the Science class which begins June 7th, the Series Speaker on June 17th, and the convention on June 30th were fully discussed. After this Mrs. Ernest Wright gave a much valued talk on "First Aid." Her time was limited and she promised more on a later date. The next meeting to be held on July 13th, and the Roll Call to be answered by paying membership fees.

AUNT NET



"I often wonder what folks do with old sheets if they ain't got no children with sore toes and fingers to tie up."

PERFORMED FIRST MASS.

Elgin, June 1.—A ceremony of unusual interest was witnessed in St. Columbanus church on Sunday, May 30th, it being the occasion of the first mass of Rev. William Carly, of this place, who was ordained in Toronto, on May 29th, for the Archdiocese of Kingston. Rev. Fathers Callaghan and Shannon, Kingston, assisted as deacon and sub-deacon, while Father A. J. Hanley, Gananoque, delivered the sermon for the occasion.

Mrs. Moore has returned from the Hotel Dieu showing visible improvement. Miss Helens Freeman left, on Saturday, for Hartford, Wis., where she has accepted a position in a hospital.

Mrs. George Gavin, Toronto, and Mrs. Lafontaine and daughter, Montreal, were week-end visitors here. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carly went up to Toronto for the ordination of their son, on Saturday. No service was held in the United Church on Sunday, the pastor, Rev. Mr. McConnell, being absent attending Conference. Mr. Gay has brought his family from Cornwall to reside here.

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