

Sunday School

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. IV. JANUARY 22, 1905

The First Miracle in Cana—John 2:1-11. Commentary—I. The marriage in Cana (vs. 1, 2). The third day—From the coming of Philip and Nathanael, or six days from the time John the Baptist had answered the authorities from Jerusalem. It is calculated that Wednesday was the day, it being the usual day for weddings for Jewish maidens. Widows were married on Thursday—rightfoot, a marriage—including the marriage feast, which was frequently celebrated for several days—Cook. "The family was the first divine institution among men, and is the basis of all that has followed."

preside over the banquet."—Clarke. They bare it—Here faith was required. To put water in the jars required obedience; but to draw that water out and pass it to the chief guest as wine made a strong demand on faith. "It belonged to the office of the ruler of the feast to taste the meats and drinks before they were placed upon the table."

10. Knew not—Knew not the miraculous origin of the wine. Servants . . . knew—The independent witness to the two parts of the miracle establishes its reality. The ruler of the feast declares what the element is, the servants knew what it was—Westcott. 40. Every man—This is the common custom among men. Well drunk—Men who have had enough are indifferent as to the quality of the wine set before him. "The ruler of the feast is but alluding to the corrupt customs and fashions, among men, and not to suggest that was going on before his eyes, for such the Lord would have as little sanctioned by his presence as he would have helped it forward by a wonder-work of his own."

11. Manifested forth his glory—A prophet would manifest the glory of God; he be his own glory, for he was God. The miracles and wonders of Jesus were all signs (1) of Christ's divine nature, (2) of his mission as from God, (3) of his good will toward men, (4) of the truths that he taught, (5) of the nature and character of God—Peloubet. Disciples believed on him—Their faith was now confirmed. They were now sure they had found the Messiah. It was four hundred years since the Jews had seen a prophet who could perform miracles. "The guests partook of the wine; the disciples had something far better—an increase of faith. Others simply ate and drank. These men saw God in Christ manifesting his glory."—Spurgeon.

12. The Mother of Jesus (vs. 3-5). 3. When the wine failed. . . . To Eastern hospitality such a mishap would be very mortifying and would seem almost disgraceful. The family no doubt was poor, extra guests had come, and the supply was limited. There has been much discussion as to whether Jesus made wine that would intoxicate. Dr. Whedon says: "We see no reason for supposing that the wine of the present occasion was of that kind upon which Scripture places its strongest interdiction" (Prov. xx, 1; xxiii, 31; Isa. xxii, 13). No one can prove that it contained intoxicating qualities, and there are many and strong reasons for believing that it was as pure and harmless as the juice of the grape fresh from the vines. Wine-bibbers need not undertake to fall back on this miracle as an excuse for the gratification of their perverted appetites. If Jesus were in the room to-day we know very well that his attitude would be towards the accused saloon and towards wine at banquets, and in fact towards the banquet as they are now carried on. We are sure that he never encouraged anything which would lead to our intoxicating liquors do, to degradation and ruin. Mother . . . saith, etc.—She probably spoke to him privately. Although Christ had as yet performed no miracle, yet his mother feels sure that he is able to help them in the present emergency.

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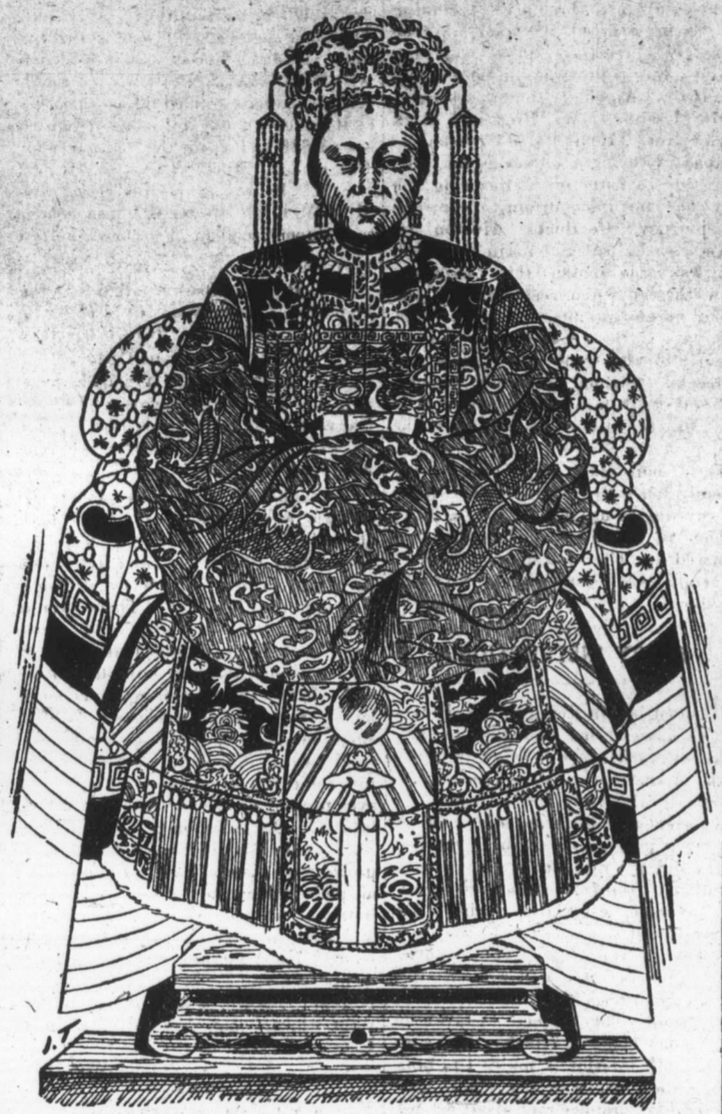
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DOWAGER EMPRESS OF CHINA

Has Become a Convert to Christian Science.



Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 9.—That the Dowager Empress of China has been converted to Christianity and Christian Science through the influence of Minister E. H. Conger and his wife, who have been almost eight years at Pekin, is the claim made by relatives of the minister who recently have received letters from him direct from Pekin.

It is also declared that the Empress has given substantial promises that her conversion shall be announced in the most public way before Minister Conger leaves Pekin.

This public announcement, which is to be made soon, is to be followed by steps by the Empress that will inaugurate a great era of reform throughout the Chinese empire.

The Christian Science friends of the Congers in Iowa claim it all as a great victory for Christian Science. It will be recalled that when the foreign legations were besieged in Pekin during the Boxer uprising four years ago that Christian Scientists all over the

friends have had recently, they intend to carry pistols when out at night unattended. The idea has been started since an incident recently when a clerk going home on a Saturday night was forced to flee from a "mascher" who followed her with insulting remarks. Since then several instances have occurred, and the girls of Joplin have determined that it must stop.

Market Reports

The Week.

Toronto Farmers' Market. Grain receipts were small to-day, and prices nominal in most cases. The only crop dressed consisted of 600 bushels of wheat, sold at 40c. Dairy produce quiet, and prices generally unchanged. Choice dairy tub butter, 20c to 22c. New York eggs, 25 to 30c per dozen, and fresh, 25 to 30c. Poultry a trifle lower. Hay—Dull and steady, with sales of 10 loads of timothy at \$10 to \$11 a ton. Straw is nominal. Dressed hogs are unchanged at \$5.50 to \$7.25, later for light.

Liverpool Apple Market. Woodall & Co., of Liverpool, cabled Eben James to-day: Seventeen thousand five hundred bushels, selling. Market value, priced fully round, Baldwin, 15c to 18c; Greenings, 12c to 15c; seconds, 8c to 10c.

British Cattle Markets. London, Jan. 7.—Live cattle are quoted 10c to 12c per lb; refrigerator beef at 8 1/2c to 9c per lb; sheep at 11c to 12c per pound.

Leading Wheat Markets. New York . . . \$1.14 1/2 July. Duluth . . . 1.15c. Toledo . . . 1.19 1/2. Minneapolis . . . 1.15 1/2. Duluth . . . 1.15c. St. Louis . . . 1.15c. 0.95c.

Bradstreet's on Trade. Advice to Bradstreet's from Montreal says: Wholesale trade here continues quiet, and many of the dealers are still busy stock-taking, and reports of the results still speak satisfactorily of the past year's business, although in many cases the volume of trade was not so large as that of a year ago.

At Quebec little change is noticed in wholesale circles over that of the preceding week. Travellers are taking the road again, and business in general will soon assume normal conditions.

Winnipeg advices to Bradstreet's say: The retail holiday trade here this season has been of a volume unprecedented in this part of Canada, and similar reports come from near-by centres. Farther west the roads were not in very good shape, a circumstance which had a quieting effect upon the trade and upon the inflow of collections.

At Victoria and Vancouver trade generally is quiet, although there has been some improvement in the demand for hardware. There is more activity, too, in the fishing industry. Great efforts are being made to end the trouble in the lumber trade. Other industries are fairly active, and collections are about as moderately slow as they were a week ago.

Bradstreet's advices from London say the volume of holiday trade there has been fairly heavy. There is now little doing in wholesale circles. Travellers will be starting out in a day or two, and there will be a steady increase in the volume of trade. Collections are fair.

Wholesale trade at Hamilton is quiet as is usual at this time of the year. The retailers have passed through a fairly good season, and the outlook for trade is bright. Wholesalers say the past year's business has been satisfactory.

Ottawa advices to Bradstreet's say the prospect for the trade of the coming season is good. The volume of holiday trade here was good.

A NEW MORMON ZION. Headquarters Will Some Day be Located in Missouri.

El Paso, Jan. 9.—The headquarters of the Mormon Church will some day be located in Independence, Mo., said John Henry Smith, one of the twelve apostles of the Mormon Church. "Jas. Duffin, a bishop of our church, has bought several thousand acres of land near Independence for the use of Mormon colonists. This will be our vanguard, and in the course of time we will erect there a magnificent city, which will be known as Zion, and in which there will be a Mormon temple far more extensive and more magnificent than that in Salt Lake. When this city and temple have been built the headquarters of the Mormon Church will be moved from Salt Lake."

NEWS IN BRIEF

St. Petersburg.—Emperor Nicholas returned this morning to Tsarskoje (15 miles south of St. Petersburg), from Minsk.

London.—Belle Cole, the American singer (whose illness was reported yesterday), died this morning at half-past 8 o'clock.

Pekin.—E. H. Conger, the American minister, left Pekin to-day for the Philippines. Secretary Coolidge assumed charge of the legation.

New York.—When the court convened to-day, Justice Greenbush announced that his decision on the application for the release of Nan Patterson on bail, would be withheld until later in the day.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 8.—Henry V. Poor, widely known for many years as a railroad authority and an expert on financial affairs, is dead at his home in Brookline. Mr. Poor fell on the ice and lay an ankle three weeks ago, and the shock to his system eventually affected his heart.

Battle Creek, Mich.—The body of Neil S. Phelps, the capitalist of this city, who mysteriously disappeared a number of weeks ago, and who was later supposed to have been located in British Columbia, was found to-day, badly decomposed, in the river here.

Vienna.—The conference of the Zionist committee on the proposed Jewish settlement in British East Africa, is proceeding here. No decision has yet been arrived at. It is probable that the international Zionist Congress to be held later in the year will decide the settlement question after the committee of investigation now in Uganda reports on the subject.

FAMISHED, BUT SAFE. Timely Escape of the Red Rock Light Keeper.

The sequel of the story of the Parry Sound lighthouse keeper, who had been ice-bound since December 15, is told in a graphic way by The North Star of Parry Sound: "Mr. Adam Brown, the lighthouse keeper of Red Rock, has at last managed to reach his home in Parry Sound, after a very great hardship, and in a famished condition. "A rescue party had made two unsuccessful attempts to reach them from the mainland at Shebeshkong to the northeast of the light and at the time of his escape were still located in that neighborhood, their signals being seen by him.

"On the morning of the 23rd Mr. Brown, who was at that time reduced to one scant meal per day, endeavored, after considerable trouble, in getting his boat launched to reach the party. To do so he had to row through and around piled ice for a distance of five miles, to find that it was impossible to reach the shore, or within a mile of it. He endeavored to apprise the rescue party of his condition, and to let them know where he was.

"Finally to do so he made for another shore on Sandy Island, another row of twenty miles, which he reached towards evening in an utterly exhausted condition. At this point he thought he could reach solid ice by means of large sized cakes, and after hauling his boat on them he pushed it for a couple of miles until he struck the snow wreaths on the solid ice. Arriving there his strength was gone, to go farther was impossible, and thinking there might be a possibility of fishermen being on Palestine Island about one and a half miles away, he hallooed and was fortunate enough to attract the attention of the lone fisherman who lived there, and who came out and assisted him to his shanty. Mr. Brown remained there for the night, and on the next morning the fisherman took him with his dog team by way of Parry Island Indian Reserve to Parry Sound."

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DIED FROM WOLF BITE. A Fatal Case of Hydrophobia at Victoria, B. C.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 9.—Hydrophobia, caused by bites of a wolf White Horse three months ago, carried off a pioneer, Mr. James B. Colvin, yesterday. Dr. Ernest Hall says this is the first case known in either British Columbia, Washington or Oregon. Mr. Colvin's last hours were the more pitiable because he comprehended clearly the certainty of his awful fate. Colvin got his death wounds in attempting to save his wife's dog from wolves.

One of the animals fastened his fangs into his right hand. The man's friends brought Mrs. Colvin to the rescue. She attacked the wolf with a piece of wood and drove it off, but it returned to the encounter. A Northwest Mounted Policeman joined Mrs. Colvin in driving off the brute, but not until Mr. Colvin's other hand had also been badly mangled. Mr. Colvin was persistently tormented by the fear that hydrophobia would result. He was brought south.

On Thursday last symptoms of true hydrophobia presented themselves, and the patient was immediately placed at the Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, where he suffered intense agony until death mercifully released him.

DREAM, BUT A GREAT ONE. Vision of a United Empire Before Lord Selborne.

London, Jan. 9.—Lord Selborne had a very mixed reception at Wolverhampton when he urged upon his audience the necessity of Mr. Chamberlain's advice to think imperially. At times the disorder almost stopped the meeting. Lord Selborne said the people of Great Britain should lift their eyes from the United Kingdom to the United Empire. Mr. Chamberlain's advice was not for us, but for Canada, Australia, South Africa and elsewhere in our dominions. The dream of a united empire was the greatest dream ever put before the electors of Great Britain. There was no reason why the empire should not be self-contained. At the next election the electors would have a great responsibility thrown on them, for every vote cast would have an effect far beyond this country. The name of Mr. Chamberlain was received with mingled cheers and hisses.

CAPT. THACKER'S RETURN.

Military Attache With the Japanese Army. Victoria, B.-C., Jan. 9.—Capt. H. C. Thacker, who was Canadian military attache with Oku's army and witnessed the actions at Anshan, Liaoyang and Shaho, arrived by the Empress of Japan this morning. Capt. Thacker was in-validated after the battle of Shaho. When he left the two armies, each being reinforced steadily, were entering and strengthening their positions preparing for battle, which the Japanese proposed to give when the Port Arthur army was released.

Discussing the battle of Liaoyang, Capt. Thacker said the Russian position, which he investigated after the battle, was most strong, having a circle of eleven redoubts, extending all around from the Taisho River on one side to the river on the other side, and with well-made trenches intervening. Had Kouropatkin not been misinformed as to the strength of the Japanese he doubts if the retirement would have taken place without an even greater struggle than that which occurred. After the battle Kouropatkin realized that the Japanese were not so strong as he had been informed by his intelligence officers, and after the forces recovered and had brought up ammunition to replace the enormous amount expended, he assumed the offensive, with the result that his forces were thrown back, with heavy loss, after a great battle lasting ten days, which ended without either side having gained any ground.

Capt. Thacker says the Russian field gun is superior to that of the Japanese, though the lack of common shells handicaps its service. The Japanese gun is better served. The Shimose explosive is very effective, but not more so than nitrate. The cavalry arm has been notably absent in all engagements. Capt. Thacker is now en route to Ot-

tawa. He was decorated by the Mikado before leaving with the order of the Sacred Treasure.

"I'd rather be dead than suffer again the tortures of insomnia, palpitation and nerve twitching of my muscles induced by simple neglect of a little indigestion." These are the forcible and warning words of a lady who proclaims that her cure by South American Nerve when everything else had failed was a modern miracle. A few doses give relief.—92

TO CARRY REVOLVERS.

"Mashers" at Joplin Will Have to be Very Circumspect. Joplin, Mo., Jan. 9.—Several prominent young women of Joplin are forming themselves into a club to protect themselves from "mashers," with which the town is overrun. The club will have no name, and as the members are preparing to violate a city ordinance they are trying to keep the affair a secret. Profiting by the experiences they or their

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