

Sunday School.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON X—MARCH 17, 1907.

Isaac a Lover of Peace.—Gen. xxv. 12-25.

Commentary.—I. Isaac's prosperity was evidently due to the divine blessing. It was wonderful. Thirty, sixty, and an hundredfold (Matt. xiii. 8, 23) was the range of fertility in that region. Thus the yield of Isaac's land, by God's blessing, reached to the highest degree of productivity. "Many men leave God altogether out of business. They think to take Him into it is enthusiasm and fanaticism, if not madness. But he never succeeds who is so weak as to leave God out of the temple of trade upon the exchange and in the counting-house. That noble man the Prince Consort, selected for the motto of the great London Exchange, the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof."

II. Isaac's progress. "The man waxed great, and went forward and grew great and became very great" (v. 13). Going forward we grow in grace and knowledge (2 Pet. iii. 18), grow up into him in all things (Eph. iv. 13). Many Christians are dwarfs because they feed on light literature instead of on the bread of life; drink from the polluted stream of worldly pleasure, instead of the clear waters of spiritual beneficence; breathe the impure air of gossip instead of the invigorating atmosphere of Christian communion; dwell in the miasmic lowlands of doubt instead of on the sunny hills of faith; mope in the dark dungeons of despair instead of rejoicing in the cheerful castles of content. About twenty-five years ago a young man in England was fighting a sore battle. He was about to come of age, and his father proposed to take him into partnership in his business. The business was the brewing trade, in which his father had become immensely wealthy. The young man had recently become a Christian. He consented himself to save the victims of drink and undo, so far as lay in his power, the mischief his father had done. God prospered him. His work grew until he was able to erect on the Mill-Edal road, London, a noble building for his work costing half a million dollars. He has a splendid coffee palace, a book saloon, a hall that will seat 5,000 people so placed that every person can see and hear the speaker, offices for his secretaries for different clubs, Christian associations and building societies—all run on business principles. No services are allowed in the great hall or club rooms which would be discordant with a Sabbath day service. This glorious mission has a wonderful record. It has been run for twenty-five years without a break of a night and many trophies have been brought into the Redeemer's kingdom. In the hot summer time the Sunday congregations average 4,000 people, and on week days from 1,200 to 1,400. There is a constant, blessed fruitage. Like Isaac, the Lord was with this man, and he went forward and grew until he became "very great."

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THE GODLY SHOULD BE A SANCTUARY. There at last he had real enjoyment. He had an undisputed well which the Philistines could not fill up, because they were not there.

PRACTICAL SURVEY.

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STILL CLINGING TO STEAMER.

Fruitless Effort to Reach Men on the Berlin.

Hook of Holland cables: The stern of the Berlin is so firmly embedded in the sand bank on which she went ashore that it does not appear to have moved during the night. A life boat which went out to the wreck at midnight, accompanied by three tugs, remained there anchored close to the Berlin for three hours, but was unable to get alongside of her, as the heavy seas would have dashed her to pieces.

The life boat men report that they have heard an occasional shout for help, but they were ultimately forced by the rising tide and increasing dangers to temporarily abandon their efforts to rescue the survivors.

Captain Parkinson, of the Holt steamship Line, who was on his way to Amsterdam on board the Berlin, to join his vessel, the Myrionid and take her back to Liverpool, is the sole survivor of the disaster, who thus far has reached the shore. He said this morning that the catastrophe was due to the fact that the Berlin broached in the terrific sea, as she was entering the waterway, and that before she was able to recover herself the steamer was dashed upon the pier-head, immediately "crunched up like a canner" and parted amidships.

The straggling little village of the Hook of Holland is filled with anxious relatives of the passengers and crew of the Berlin, and heartrending scenes are witnessed at the improvised mortuary where the 35 bodies which already have been washed ashore, are lying. Many of these are battered beyond recognition, and some are without heads and others without arms or legs.

Veteran pilots and seamen who watched the Berlin being driven to her doom say the gale was the fiercest in many years. One of the eye-witnesses described the scene as follows: "As the vessel approached it was noticed that she was being carried out of her course by the force of the wind and the tremendous driving power of the waves. The trained eyes of the officials on the pier saw that she was in imminent peril and a flare from the Berlin showed that the inevitable had been realized by those on board. Before the flare died out the crash came. It could be heard above the din of the storm. When Berlin struck the waves were sweeping the northern part of the pier, which is little more than a breakwater from end to end and the tremendous seas which washed over the Berlin from bow to stern quickly battered her to pieces. For a short time the hapless vessel lay at the mercy of wind and waves. Huge rollers struck her and carried off her deck gear and swept several passengers in the churning waters. Suddenly a deep rent gaped amidships, and the Berlin's bow and stern parted, hurling nearly all on board into the sea."

SAW SCORES PERISH.

Sister Ship Was Unable to Help the Berlin.

A London cable despatch: The Great Eastern Railway Company's steamer Clacton returned to Harwich this morning from the Hook of Holland, where she arrived yesterday morning about an hour after the ill-fated Berlin was wrecked.

The Clacton stood by the remnants of the Berlin all day long, and made strenuous efforts to rescue the survivors. An officer of the Clacton to-day gave a graphic account of the scene, as follows: "We found the Berlin broadside on at the northern pier end, and we at once set to work in an endeavor to succor the stranded steamer. A tremendous sea was running. The waves were forty feet high, for the tide was flood, and a fierce gale was blowing bang on shore. We got in close to the rocks, but nearly went on them ourselves, and had to put about in order to escape the fate of the Berlin. It was impossible for us to get out a life boat, as it would have been smashed to pieces in the raging waters. "We could see people in groups on board the Berlin, some on decks and some in the smokeroom, on the fore part of the vessel. As we approached in an attempt to rescue them the persons on board raised a cheer. Apparently the best of discipline prevailed on board. All the passengers had been furnished with life belts and had gathered on the lee side, endeavoring to shelter themselves from the awful seas which were breaking over the vessel, submerging her decks, funnels, and almost her masts, at times hiding her entirely from view. When within a hundred yards of the Berlin we threw out all of our lifeboats with lines attached, but they failed to reach her. It was impossible to take a line on board the stranded steamer, as nothing could have lived in the terrible waves. "When the Berlin broke in two the passengers and crew were swept off her decks in batches and drowned within a few yards of safety. We saw scores of people struggling in the water, many clinging for brief periods to floating wreckage. But in their benumbed state they were unable to long resist the tremendous force of the waves and dropped off one by one."

During the morning the Great Eastern Railway Company received a despatch from his marine superintendent at the Hook of Holland, as follows: "Have been out in the vicinity of the wreck with a tug and life boat all night long and have just returned. Was unable to rescue the people still on board the Berlin. The captain of the life boat reports that there are still three or four alive. Will try again as the water falls."

It's lucky to have a rabbit's foot. At least the rabbit thinks so.

It is doubtful if a woman really listens, even when she talks to herself.

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MARKET REPORTS.

TORONTO FARMERS' MARKET.

The offerings of grain to-day were fair, and prices unchanged. Wheat is unchanged, 30 bushels of Fall selling at 74c. Barley unchanged, 500 bushels selling at 55c. Oats are steady, with sales of 400 bushels at 44c. Dairy produce in good supply, with prices firm: the best butter sold at 25c to 26c per lb., and new laid eggs at 35c to 40c per dozen. Hay in moderate supply, with sales of 30 loads at \$12.50 to \$13.00 per ton, and at \$10 to \$11 for mixed. Straw steady, one load selling at \$12 a ton.

Preserved meats are steady, with light quoted at \$9.50 and heavy at \$9 to \$9.25. Wheat, white, bush... 0.74 0.00 Do, red, bush... 0.71 0.00 Do, spring, bush... 0.70 0.00 Do, goose, bush... 0.68 0.00 Oats, bush... 0.44 0.00 Barley, bush... 0.54 0.00 Hay, timothy, ton... 13.00 14.00 Do, mixed, ton... 8.00 11.00 Straw, per ton... 12.00 0.00

WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET. Winnipeg—Wheat futures closed to-day: Feb. 75c bid, May 77 1/2c, July 78 1/2c bid, Oct futures, 35 1/2c bid, May 35 1/2c bid, July 37c bid.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS. Liverpool—Liverpool and London cables are firmer at 11c to 12 1/2c per lb. dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9 1/2c to 9 3/4c.

John Rogers & Co., Liverpool, cables Canadian steers 1 1/2c; States steers are 1 1/2c with supplies heavy; trest steers 1 1/2c.

FLOUR PRICES. Flour—Manitoba patent, \$2.75 track, Toronto; Ontario, 90 per cent. patents, \$2.67 bid for export; Manitoba patent, special brands, \$4.20 to \$4.40.

WHAT MILLER SAYS. Prof. W. G. Miller, the provincial geologist, returned yesterday from a three weeks' stay on the Gillies government mining reservation, and the adjacent Cobalt field, and states that the stories about very rich gold discoveries in the Cobalt field are fakes, generally of the "too good to be true" variety.

Prof. Miller said that nothing had occurred to change the views so far held as to the origin of the Cobalt veins, and that he saw nothing to change his opinion as to the area of rich mineral which covers about six square miles in Coleman. Next to silver the cobalt deposits are the most valuable, 60c a pound being paid for the ore. The general mining numbers about forty, he said, although every lot presented a "prospect."

Precautions are being taken by the government to see that the mining law is properly enforced and to ensure the safety of laborers in the mines. He thought these were well handled, and the superintendents good men. On the government reservation the main shaft has been sunk 75 feet, and drifted over 200 feet, developing a rich vein in good shape. No striking will be done until the Kerr Lake branch of the T. & N. O. Railway is built, which will pass 100 yards or so from the shaft here. The ore will probably equal anything yet shipped from Cobalt.

COBALT NOTES. The slump in Cobalt mining shares that naturally followed the drop in Nipissing has not as markedly affected the market. The rich discoveries of native silver have been made in lots 69 E, 69 F, Cobalt Central, and some other lots. Cobalt Central to-day for \$1,500 on 10,000 Cobalt Central, good for sixty days, at \$1. Stock is scarce at Cobalt, and a sharp attack on Silver Leaf stock has been contemplated for several days by a syndicate of operators, which is believed to have been successful.

Thousands of the stock. It is rumored that the bear attack was designed to carry the stock to 1c, and thereby discredit the property in the eyes of outside holders, who would liquidate and enable the syndicate to make a nice clean-up.

BRADSTREET'S TRADE REVIEW. Montreal.—General trade has shown a better tone here during the past week. The weather has not been so severe and the roads for retail lines has been brisker. Sorting lines are also moving fairly well. There have been heavy shipments of spring lines but it is expected the re-order trade will be very heavy. Orders or summer lines are still coming forward but owing to the very heavy trade it is likely that in some lines the re-order trade will be considerably larger than that of last year. All values sold firm and manufacturers deliveries of fabrics are still slow. The movement in groceries is improving slightly. Teas are active and busy moving the freight and canned goods hold their strength. The demand for metals and for general hardware lines is very active for this time of the year. Prices show an inclination towards further advance.

Toronto.—The feature of the drygoods trade here at the present moment is found in the fact that winter stocks of retail lines are being well cleared up in all parts of the country. In the west this process has been interfered with by the heavy weather, but this trouble is now pretty well passed and there is something of a sorting trade moving. From most parts of the country collections are now fair, but the fact that retailers will enter spring with fairly empty shelves means that not only will purchases of spring lines be heavier, but that payments will be prompt. The fact, however, that prices for nearly all lines are high may induce buying of the lines to month variety. There seems but little chance of declines, however, and perhaps the tendency is more towards the placing of larger orders. It is evident this city and other centres of population in Ontario will this season see further great activity in the way of building operations.

Winnipeg.—General trade here and throughout the west has assumed a more regular tone throughout the past week. The roads have pretty well overcome the snow blockades and are busy moving the freight which has been accumulating. They are still, however, unable to do much in the way of moving that part of the last crop still remaining in the barns of the farmers, and until this grain has been marketed there is not likely to be a very pronounced improvement in the matter of collections.

Vancouver and Victoria.—There is still a somewhat slow tone about retail trade here, the recent cold weather having had a questioning effect upon principal industries. This condition can last but a little while and trade will be just as active as ever. The shipping trade is active and the business between these ports and the Orient is steadily growing. Collections are fair to good.

At Quebec.—Wholesale trade shows little improvement over that of the past week, which is attributed to climatic conditions. Activity is noticeable amongst the large shoe manufacturers, many of them having orders ahead for several months. Provisions continue firm.

Hamilton.—Retail trade there continues fairly active. Wholesale lines are moving briskly and the outlook for summer trade continues bright. Collections are generally fair to good.

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FATAL EPIDEMIC IN GLASGOW.

London, Feb. 25.—The official figures show that the outbreak of cerebro-spinal meningitis at Glasgow is serious. Since Feb. 8 107 cases have been reported, of which 62 proved fatal. The total number of cases in Scotland has been to date 291, with 164 deaths. The number of cases in Glasgow has been 223, with 119 deaths. In Edinburgh there have been 25 cases and 21 deaths. In addition, there have been 100 cases and 55 deaths in Belfast.

A TRULY IDEAL WIFE HER HUSBAND'S BEST HELPER

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Mrs. Bessie Ainley

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Following we publish by request a letter from a young wife: Dear Mrs. Pinkham: "Ever since my child was born I have suffered, as I hope few women ever have, with inflammation, female weakness, bearing-down pains, backache and wretched headaches. It affected my stomach so I could not enjoy my meals, and half my time was spent in bed. "Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound made me a well woman, and I feel so grateful that I am glad to write and tell you of my marvelous recovery. It brought me health, new life and vitality. — Mrs. Bessie Ainley, 611 South 10th Street, Tacoma, Wash."

What Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did for Mrs. Ainley it will do for every sick and ailing woman. If you have symptoms you don't understand write to Mrs. Pinkham, daughter-in-law of Lydia E. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass. Her advice is free and always helpful.

CHAMBERLAIN A PHYSICAL WRECK.

Gets an Airing in an Invalid's Chair—Avoids the Public Gaze.



London, Feb. 25.—An interesting statement concerning the health of Jos. Chamberlain is published to-day. It does not confirm the worst rumors, but it shows that Mr. Chamberlain is completely broken physically, although he is mentally alert. He has spent most of his indoors at Highbury, his Birmingham residence, but when the weather is fine he drives in a carriage in the grounds of his estate or on unfrequented roads in the vicinity. He seeks to avoid the public gaze. He never stays out of the house more than forty-five minutes at a time. He sometimes spends considerable time in his orchid house as the temperature in these buildings suits him or he will be wheeled in an invalid chair about the grounds. He occasionally takes a short walk, supported by his stout stick and the arm of his wife, but the invalid chair is always at hand.

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