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Lesson X. Sept. 7, 1919.
The Kingdom of God.

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-50.
Commentary.—1. "The kingdom come" (Matt. 6: 10). This expression is a part of the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. In praying thus the petitioner acknowledges the supreme authority of the Father; he bows in submission to the divine will; recognizing its excellence; he yields full obedience to all of God's requirements; he would dwell in that kingdom and have that kingdom set up in his heart; he desires to have that kingdom fill the whole earth; he asks that the Father should consummate his great plan for the salvation and eternal blessedness of man. No one can pray this prayer in full sincerity and faith without being brought into the kingdom of heaven.

II. An advancing kingdom (vs. 31-33). 31. Like a grain of mustard seed the kingdom of heaven was apparently small in its beginning. Jesus, the obscure Galilean, with his few disciples, did not make a great show, and the future did not promise much; but the kingdom was likened to something that had life in it. A man... sowed in his field—There were both purpose and preparation in the sowing, and growth was expected. 32. Least of all—The mustard seed was the smallest seed that the farmer was accustomed to sow. Becometh a tree—The mustard plant grows to a great size in Palestine, sometimes reaching a height of fifteen feet, and is strong enough to admit of a man's climbing it. It is a convenient place for birds to find shelter, and when the seeds are ripe they afford food for them. The kingdom of heaven has energy and is moving forward and will continue until the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of Christ (Rev. 11: 15). 33. Like unto leaven—Another feature of the kingdom is presented under a most familiar figure. Leaven was an article found in every home and usually consisted of a lump of dough kept over from a previous baking. Which a woman... hid in three measures of meal—The task of baking devolved upon the women of the East. Three measures of meal would be equal to something more than a bushel. The leaven was placed in the meal, yet the parable is true to nature. This parable sets forth the permeating, pervading, transforming power of the grace of God. The grace of God works a change in the motives, in the desires, in the purposes, in the affections, in the pleasures, in

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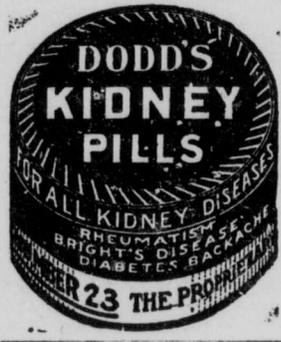
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the emotions and in the choices.

III. A kingdom of highest value (vs. 44-46). 44. again—Jesus presents another view of the kingdom, treasure hid in a field—in countries where property is not safeguarded and wars are frequent and robbers are numerous. It is common for those who have wealth to bury it in the ground for safe-keeping. In the parable the man found the treasure accidentally, and appreciating its value, at once made arrangements to possess it. This he could do by buying the field, for all treasures hidden in the ground went with the land. Dr. Clarke thinks that the treasure of the parable was more than a pot of gold. His opinion is that it was a mine of precious mineral that could be worked year after year. found—It would appear that the man in the prosecution of his ordinary work came upon the treasure, which he recognized as being valuable. God's truth often appeals to men's hearts through the operation of the Holy Spirit, when they are giving no particular attention to that truth. hid—Jesus is describing the course ordinary pursued by one who finds a treasure in another's field, without saying whether his course was right or not, but Jewish law allowed the purchaser of a field a right to all that it contained, and his right was recognized also by Roman law. for joy... selleth all that he hath—A proper appreciation of the treasure of the kingdom of heaven will lead one to part joyfully with all things that he may obtain it. buyeth that field—There is no money value placed upon the kingdom of heaven, yet one can not secure it without giving all he has.

45. merchant man, seeking goodly



pearls—In this parable we are told distinctly that something of value was being definitely sought. The merchant knew that there were such things as pearls and he was looking for them in places where they were likely to be. The custom referred to in this parable still prevails in the East. Travelling jewelers go from place to place buying and selling precious stones for profit. 46. found one pearl of great price—He was diligently seeking and his search was at last rewarded. The pearl of great price is salvation through Jesus Christ, which is found only as one seeks after it. sold all that he had, and bought it—In comparison with the things that he possessed, the merchant saw that the pearl was much more valuable and he would realize more from it than what he then had. He would be able to sell it to some king or ruler for an immense sum. He considered it no sacrifice to let go all he had, that he might secure the "pearl of great price." One makes an infinitely profitable exchange, who gives up all, that Christ may set up his kingdom in his heart.

IV. A successful kingdom (vs. 47-50). 47. The kingdom of Heaven is like unto a net—This parable resembles the parable of the wheat and tares. It teaches us that not all who are brought under the influence of the gospel are truly converted, and that the good and the bad will at last be forever separated. The net is the dragnet, which, when drawn, encloses everything within its reach. Cast into the sea—A familiar scene to the disciples, several of whom were fishermen. Gathered of every kind—Those who were managing the net could not control the quality of the catch. In many revivals some are brought into the church who are not saved, but revivify effort must not cease on that account, for the gospel net will enclose some good fish. 48. Gathered the good... cast the bad away—The fish were not all thrown away because some were bad, nor were the yall called good because they were in the net. The time for separating them had

come and a proper disposition was made of the two kinds. 49. At the end of the world—At the judgment. The angels—The messengers of God doing His bidding. Sever—The righteous and the wicked live together here and they may even be in the same church or congregation, but "at the end" they shall be separated. 50. into the furnace of fire—The place of torment for the wicked.

V. Entering the kingdom (Matt. 18: 2, 3; Luke 17, 20, 21; 2 Cor. 10, 3-5). The kingdom of Heaven is making its way in the world. It is of highest value and is desirable and best of all, it is within the reach of every one. John the Baptist proclaimed the coming of the kingdom, and Jesus brought it where he can enter it. The language of Luke 17, 20, 21, declares its nearness and also declares that it has its place in the heart. We are to be in the kingdom and the kingdom is to be in us. It is a spiritual kingdom and he who enters it is a transformed man. He is created anew in Christ Jesus.

Questions.—What is the kingdom of Heaven? By what means did Jesus show its nature? What does the parable of the mustard seed teach? What phase of the kingdom is illustrated by the parable of the leaven? How is the superlative value of the kingdom set forth? What truths are set forth in the parable of the net? How may one gain entrance into the kingdom? PRACTICAL SURVEY.

Topic.—The universality of the kingdom. The Kingdom of God is the central

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fact and consummation of all revelation. It was the design of creation, and is the purpose and end of all the institutions of the Old and New Testaments. It was reassured in the Edenic promise. By it is meant the all-inclusive dominion of God, by the greatness of his power, displaying his majesty and glory (1 Chron. 29: 11). Revelation deals particularly with the moral kingdom of God, which includes the kingdom of grace and consummates itself in the kingdom of glory. It is a kingdom of heaven manifesting itself in a world of sin—a fountain of life gushing out into the desolation of death." Its design is to conform human character and conduct to the divine character and law expressed in Christ. It comes into conflict with a false kingdom whose head is the "prince of this world," ruling in the hearts and governing the lives of unregenerate men. Jesus declares the kingdom of God to be already present (Luke 17: 21), though it is referred to in the scripture as also future. It is now in the process of development, as is clearly taught in some of the parables recorded in Matt. 13. In the Old Testament we have a preparatory economy. "a shadow," of this kingdom (Heb. 10: 1). Jesus was its embodiment and his was the perfect ideal of human life. Through the processes of grace he is separating unto himself a kingdom among men to be established at last in visible and complete perfection. The kingdom of God is universal and eternal. He shall rule the world in the midst of his enemies (Psa. 110: 2). Daniel prophesied of a kingdom set up by the "God of heaven," which "shall break in pieces" all other kingdoms, and itself "shall never be destroyed," "an everlasting kingdom" (Dan. 2: 44; 4: 3).

God's moral kingdom embraces all subjects of government. Mankind is particularly dealt with a such in the scripture. In the fall the original divine image was defaced and man through rebellion passed outside the favor of God. Redemption discloses

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God's purpose and method of restoration. Its outworking commenced with the separation of an individual (Gen. 12: 1) to become the progenitor of a separate nation, to which should be committed the promises for all nations (Rom. 4: 12), and through which the promised "seed" should come. Christ's loving sacrifice of himself became the basis of a new covenant, by means of which, through self-humiliation, repentance and faith men become the subjects of the Spirit birth. Through this alone they enter into the kingdom which is "righteousness, and peace, and joy" (Rom. 14: 17). No other way or mode of entrance is possible (John 3: 5; 10: 9). The kingdom is not to be identified with the church, though the latter is the appointed agency for its advancement. It can

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be realized here only in part, and that according to the measure of the emancipation of the church from all admixture with the spirit of the world. God's kingdom will, in its progress and manifestation, dispel the powers of darkness and overcome the false and opposite elements. This will come to pass in consequence of a great crisis, the destruction of the false kingdom and the anti-christian power of this world (2 Thess. 2: 8). Then will Satan be bound.

W. H. C.
Pattern to Copy.
Beatrice's Aunt Marjorie was to be married, and Beatrice was to be the flower girl. They were to have their pictures taken before the ceremony, and the bride was looking sad, or so thought Beatrice. Looking around the room, Beatrice spied the Kewpie doll, dressed as a bride, which had done duty at a previous shower. Beatrice said, "Don't look so sad, Aunt Marjorie—smile. Smile like the Kewpie doll."

Felt Need of Change.
Charles was staying in the country where playmates were few. So long as it was Hobson's choice he amused himself with a little neighbor girl some years younger than himself, but on being supplied with toys, he entirely abandoned his former playmate regardless of all her attempts to lure him back. On being remonstrated with by his mother for his neglect of Julia he disgustedly remarked, "Oh mother, I'll go back to Julia some day, but a fellow sometimes wants a change."

Must Have Proper Foundation.
The flowers of rhetoric are only acceptable when backed by the evergreens of truth and sense. The granite statute, rough hewn though it be is far more imposing in its simple and stern though rude proportions, than the plaster cast, however elaborately wrought and gilded.—Macaulay.

MARKET REPORTS

FARMERS' MARKET.

Dairy Products—		
Butter, choice dairy	0 53	0 60
Do, creamy	0 60	0 60
Margarine, 10	0 37	0 40
Eggs, new laid, dozen	0 25	0 30
Chickens, 10	0 35	0 40
Dressed poultry—		
Fowl, 10	0 35	0 40
Chickens, roasting	0 45	0 50
Ducks, 10	0 45	0 50
Live Poultry—		
Chickens, 10	0 33	0 37
Roosters, 10	0 25	0 30
Fowl, 10	0 28	0 32
Ducks, 10	0 30	0 35
Fruits—		
Cantaloupes, basket	0 75	1 00
Blueberries, basket	2 50	3 00
Lawton berries, box	0 25	0 27
Raspberries, basket	0 75	1 00
Plums, 4 quart	0 90	1 25
Watermelons, each	0 50	0 75
Vegetables—		
Beans, basket	0 60	0 75
Beets, dozen bunches	0 30	0 35
Carrots, dozen bunches	0 10	0 15
Cabbage, each	0 10	0 15
Cucumbers, basket	0 40	0 50
Gherkins, basket	0 75	1 00
Celery, head	0 05	0 10
Corn, dozen	0 25	0 30
Eggplant, each	0 15	0 20
Dill, bunch	0 10	0 15
Lettuce, 3 bunches for	0 10	0 15
Onions, peck	1 00	1 10
Do, green, bunch	0 06	0 10
Parsley, bunch	0 10	0 15
Potatoes, bag	3 25	4 00
Do, peck	0 60	0 75
Pumpkins, each	0 25	0 40
Rhubarb, 3 for	0 10	0 15
Radishes, 3 bunches	0 10	0 15
Sage, bunch	0 05	0 10
Squash, each	0 20	0 25
Savory, basket	0 10	0 15
Tomatoes, basket	0 65	0 70
Vegetable marrows, each	0 10	0 15

MEATS—WHOLESALE.

Beef, forequarters, cwt.	\$15 50	\$17 50
Do, hindquarters	24 00	26 00
Carcasses, choice, cwt.	21 00	22 00
Do, medium	18 00	19 00
Do, common	14 00	15 00
Veal, common, cwt.	13 00	15 00
Do, medium	20 00	22 00
Do, prime	25 00	28 00
Heavy hogs, cwt.	23 00	25 00
Shop hogs, cwt.	27 00	30 00
Abattoir hogs, cwt.	29 00	31 00
Spring lamb, lb.	0 25	0 27

SUGAR MARKET.

The wholesale quotations to the retail trade on Canadian refined sugar, Toronto delivery, are now as follows:

Acadia granulated	100 bags	\$10 71
Do, No. 1 yellow	"	10 31
Do, No. 2 yellow	"	10 21
Do, No. 3 yellow	"	10 11
Atlantic granulated	"	10 71
Do, No. 1 yellow	"	10 31
Do, No. 2 yellow	"	10 21
Do, No. 3 yellow	"	10 11
Dominion granulated	"	10 25
Do, No. 1 yellow	"	9 75
Do, No. 2 yellow	"	9 65
Do, No. 3 yellow	"	9 55
Dominion granulated	"	10 15
Do, No. 1 yellow	"	9 75
Do, No. 2 yellow	"	9 65
Do, No. 3 yellow	"	9 55
Lawrence granulated	"	10 71
Do, No. 1 yellow	"	10 31
Do, No. 2 yellow	"	10 21
Do, No. 3 yellow	"	10 11
Barrels—50 over bags.		
Cases—20 lb. cartons, 600 and 50 2-lb. 40c. 10-lb., 50c. over bags.		

OTHER MARKETS.

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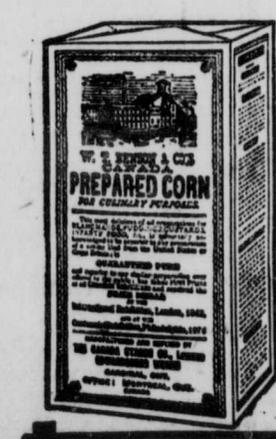
Oct—	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec—	0 85 1/2	0 86 1/2	0 84 1/2	0 85 1/2
Jan—	0 84 1/2	0 85 1/2	0 81 1/2	0 83 1/2
Barley				
Oct—	1 20	1 31 1/4	1 29 1/4	1 31
Dec—	1 24	1 26	1 24	1 25
Flax—				
Oct—	5 50	5 50	5 47 1/2	5 49

MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN.

Minneapolis—Flour unchanged. Barley, \$1.10 to \$1.40. Rye, No. 2, \$1.15 to \$1.40. Bran, \$1.00. Flax, \$6.02 to \$6.04.

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