

Sunday School International Lesson No. XI December 10, 1905

Reading and Obeying the Law. Neh. 8: 8-18. Commentary.—I. Studying God's word (vs. 1-8). The people were gathered in this great meeting from the surrounding country, from twenty thousand to fifty thousand in number. It was the time of the feast of Trumpets.

II. Eagerness to learn. "They spake unto Ezra, the scribe, to bring the book of the law of Moses which the Lord had commanded to Israel" (vs. 1). The people who formerly "withdrew the shoulder and hardened their neck and would not hear" (Neh. ix, 29) were now ready to know God's requirements and do them.

III. Respect for the book. "Ezra brought the law before the congregation" (vs. 2). "Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people (vs. 5). They taught in Judah and had the book of the law of the Lord with them" (2 Chron. xvii, 9). The faithful superintendent reads, and has his pupils read from a Bible; not from lesson helps. The latter are for study at home.

IV. Attention. "The ears of all the people were attentive" (vs. 3). The very opening of the book produced quite reverence. When Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah . . . "the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him" (Luke iv, 20). Attention is the first requisite to obtaining good from teaching.

V. Devotion. "Ezra opened the book . . . and when he opened it all the people stood up" (vs. 5). "The Bible is our most tangible reminder of the Holy One." Standing in the presence of a superior in an attitude of respect, a mark of courtesy. When God's word was brought out in the sight of the people they rose as an act of reverence due to it, and with one impulse confessed that God, the great God, the mighty God of Israel, was speaking. No one can give even a faint concept of the living God back of His word and in it without instinctively taking an attitude of devotion.

VI. Responsiveness. "All the people answered, Amen, Amen" (vs. 6). As was commanded by the law (Deut. xxvii, 15; Num. v, 22). Amen is one of the names of Jesus. It means "faithful and true" (Rev. iii, 15).

VII. Prayerfulness. "Ezra blessed the Lord" (vs. 6). After he "opened the book" (vs. 5) and before "they read in the book" (vs. 8). "Nehemiah . . . the governor and Ezra the priest (vs. 9) were both men of prayer.

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THE SULTAN OF TURKEY. Who has defied the European Powers.

SULTAN REJECTS POWERS' DEMANDS.

Constantinople, Nov. 27.—The Sultan to-day issued an irade approving the decision of the Council of Ministers to reject the demands of the powers for international control of the finances of Macedonia.

Whether the rejection is absolute or conditional has not yet been definitely ascertained. Admiral Husni Pasha has started on his special steamer for the Dardanelles presumably with instructions for the commander of the fleet regarding the letter's content in the event of the appearance of the international fleet.

The answer of the Porte as a whole is entirely unsatisfactory, as it does not respond to the demand for the extension of the authority of the financial agents of the powers for two years, and is evasive upon the powers of the financial control by the powers of the financial affairs of Macedonia. All the Ministers except the Minister of War favored yielding to the ultimatum, but palace influences led the Sultan to overrule the favorable attitude of the Porte.

Paris, Nov. 27.—Thursday's note in reply to the ultimatum of the powers contains a warning that the action of the powers in resorting to a naval demonstration may precipitate an internal uprising of Mussulmans against the Christians in Turkey. This is considered to be a threat as it is known that no demonstration of Mussulmans against Christians can occur unless it has the silent acquiescence of the Turkish authorities.

Ten Warships are Assembled. London, Nov. 27.—The combined fleet of the powers, now assembling at Ploerau, consists of six large and four small vessels commanded by Admiral Ritter von Jodan, of the Austrian navy. Great Britain is represented by the armored cruiser Lancaester and the scoutship Sentinel; Austria by the armored cruiser St. George and the torpedo-boat destroyer Ostro, and France by a cruiser and a gunboat.

London, Nov. 27.—The powers are said to have agreed as the first part of their procedure on the seizure of the harbors and custom houses of the Island of Mytilene, the Island of Lemnos, in the northern part of the Aegean Sea, and the Island of Tenedos, on the west coast of Asia Minor.

THE MARKETS.

Toronto Farmers' Market. The offerings of grain to-day were small. Wheat easier, with sales of 100 bushels of fall at 76 to 78c, and of 100 bushels of goosie at 75c. Barley unchanged, 800 bushels selling at 54 to 55c. Oats steady, with sales of 500 bushels at 38 1/2 to 39c. Peas sold at 75c a bushel for 100 bushels, and buckwheat at 28c for one load.

Wood & Co. cabled Eben James: "Twenty thousand barrels selling, market active, prices very firm; Greenings, 22s to 25s; ruses, 19s to 24s 6d; Kings, 24s to 28s; seconds, 25s less.

British Cattle Markets. London.—Cattle are quoted at 9 1/2 to 12 1/2c per lb.; refrigerator beef, 8 1/2 to 8 3/4c per lb.; sheep, 11 to 13c per lb.

Leading Wheat Markets. New York. Dec. May. July. 91 3/4 91 3/4 91 3/4. 88 88 88. 87 1/2 87 1/2 87 1/2.

Montreal.—Actual trade at the moment is a little quiet. Up to very recently wholesale trade has been good, and the outlook for the coming holiday trade promises a big business in all lines.

Quebec.—City collections are fair, but remittances from the country in many cases are slow. General trade conditions continue fairly satisfactory. Good orders are being booked for spring delivery. With plenty of snow an all-around improvement is expected.

Winnipeg.—Wholesale trade here continues fairly brisk in all lines. The outlet trade in dry goods is brisk and orders for spring line are heavy. Hay sellers report the outlook for trade in O.K. Hay to be very bright.

Victoria and Vancouver.—There is a seasonably quiet tone to trade in all lines here although local retail business continues active. Collections are fair and sales of commodities generally hold steady to firm.

London, Nov. 27.—A despatch to the Evening Standard from Christchurch, New Zealand says that Lionel Terry has been sentenced to death for deliberately killing a Chinaman in the streets of Wellington. N. Z. Terry is a traveller and artist. Recently he wrote a book entitled The Shadow of the Empire, in which he attempted to show that the danger of the British empire lay in the influx of Chinese.

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ALIENS ARE BARRED.

Toronto, Nov. 27.—Ontario's Gretna Green industry at Windsor and other frontier points is seriously threatened by the latest decision of the Attorney-General. The ministers of Windsor and similar places will thereby be deprived of a lucrative source of income. Issuance of marriage licenses at Windsor particularly has been selling a large number of licenses to parties from Detroit and other points across the border who are not inhabitants of Ontario.

Under this section it is provided that one of the contracting parties must have been a resident of the municipality for at least 15 days. In case neither of the parties has been a resident of the municipality for 15 days, the reason for having the marriage celebrated there must not be to evade publicity or for any other improper purpose.

WOMAN BADLY BURNED.

Portage la Prairie, Nov. 27.—A very serious accident occurred near Portage this morning, when Mrs. Goodrich, who resides with her husband on the Old Fort farm, southwest of the town, was starting a fire with coal oil when it exploded, and immediately she was enveloped in flames. She was alone at the time, and rushed outside. Her frantic efforts the flames were overcome. Mrs. Goodrich had her clothing burned, and was burned all over the body.

LOOKS BAD FOR STRIKERS.

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Parisian has been discharged, and is loading, and the Donaldson steamer is now discharging. The Sicutin is due on Saturday, and there will be no more to handle her cargo.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION. "Penitentially. All the people gathered as one man (vs. 1). They

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