

Sunday School.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. V. JULY 30TH, 1905.

Manasseh's Sin and Repentance—2 Chron. 33: 1-13.

Commentary.—I. Manasseh's excessive idolatries (vs. 1-9). 1. Manasseh—The thirteenth king of Judah, not counting Athaliah, the usurper, son of Hezekiah and Hephzibah, who was traditionally the daughter of Isaiah. Twelve years old—He was born three years after Hezekiah was miraculously restored to health. He reigned longer than any other king of Judah or Israel. 2. Did evil—he followed all the abominable practices of the nations of Canaan, but his sin was greater than theirs because he had light and knew about the true God. 3. Baalim—The plural form of Baal. Made groves—made Asherim. R. V. Asherim is one of the plural forms of Asherah, a heathen goddess. Baal was a male and Asherah a female divinity. "An Asherah was probably a wooden pole which was planted beside an altar as a symbol of a deity."—Smith. Host of Heaven—The sun, moon and stars. 4. Altars in the house—He placed the heathen altars even in the temple. Shall my name be—See chapter 7:16.

5. In the two courts—Professor Lamb by thinks this verse explains the preceding verse and that the idolatrous altars were erected in the courts of the temple and not in the holy place. 6. Through the fire. There is reason to believe that in certain circumstances the children offered to Moloch were actually burnt to death, or were first slain and then burnt. See Isa. xxxvi. 33; Jer. vii. 31; II. Kings xvii. 31. Some think that to "pass through the fire" means that they passed their children between two fires by way of consecration to the heathen deity. Valley of the son of Hinnom—the southeast extremity of which had the name of Tophet. Observed times—See R. V. "Practised divination by the clouds." Enchantments—"He used incantations and charms." Familiar spirit—See I. Sam. xvi. 14. He had in his service those who pretended to raise the spirits. Wizards—Wise or knowing ones who claimed to reveal secrets. Many of these impostors came from Chaldea to pursue their occupations and practise their deceits, and Manasseh was their liberal patron. Much evil—The heathen rites and ceremonies which Manasseh observed were often of the foulest character. 7. Set an image—The setting up of the Asherah within the sacred precincts is described upon as the most aggravated outrage of this wicked king. 8. Neither will I, etc.—God had pronounced that this land should be theirs forever (II. Sam. vii. 10). It only (R. V.) "because of the promises made to the very condition that they obeyed God they would never have gone into captivity, but would still have been in possession of the promised land. 9. To do a course—Through the period of his reign Manasseh's evil led into worse forms of sin than were even practised by the original Canaanites. Tradition says that under Manasseh Isaiah was slain.

10. Manasseh's punishment (vs. 10, 11). 10. "The voice of the Lord"—We can imagine the bitter grief and burning indignation of those who loved the God of Israel. And they were not silent. In II Kings xvi. 10-15 we see unnamed prophets denouncing the apostasy, and rebuking Manasseh in his own hearing. Manasseh is denounced and it is declared that in consequence of his crimes, God would bring upon Jerusalem such evil as would cause the ears of those who heard it to tingle, and who would wipe out Jerusalem as a man wipes a dish, with it and turning it upside down.

11. King of Assyria—Assyria was at that time under Esarhaddon, among the thorns—"In chains."—R. V. The sharp, thornlike hook by which prisoners were bound. "They were in the habit of actually passing a ring through the flesh of their more distinguished prisoners, of attaching a thong or a rope to it, and of thus leading them about as if they were a burden." In Assyria the ring was ordinarily passed through the upper lip; while in Babylonia it appears to have been inserted into the nostril of the nose. Cook. Letters—"Probably manacles for the hands and fetters for the feet." To Babylon—"It is a confirmation of the sacred history to remember that just at this time Babylon and not Nineveh was the seat of the Assyrian government. Esarhaddon, who mentioned Manasseh among the tributaries, was the only king of Assyria who held his court at Babylon."—Wood's Com. With this event death was added to the Assyrian Empire.

12. Manasseh's repentance (vs. 12, 13). Besought the Lord—"In the solicitation of exile and imprisonment, Manasseh found leisure for reflection. He was allowed to have a review of his past life, and to consider the many mercies of his deliverance and captivity were owing to his awful and unrepented apostasy from the God of his fathers."—Humbled himself greatly—"When the king heard the word (vs. 12), His prayer proved more profitable than his palace had been.

13. Manasseh's restoration (vs. 13, 14). He was entreated. It is impossible that any sinner who desires to forsake sin and turn to God will be forsaken. Manasseh's prayer was answered. He was brought back to his kingdom. See how ready God is to accept and welcome returning sinners, and how swift to show mercy. Let not great sinners despair when Manasseh himself, on repentance, found favor with God; in him God showed forth his loving-kindness. I Tim. i. 16; Isa. i. 18; Micah vi. 7. "No precepts of his father; no teaching of priests and Levites; no act of ceremonial circumcision nor engaging in forms of religion, nor listening to sermons nor reading the Scriptures brought him this repentance. He had to be

brought to a position where nothing but the almighty power of God could deliver him. We will bless God through all eternity for the days of trouble that lead us to obey" (Psa. l. 15).—Whittle. But how much better it is to obey at once, thus making such afflictions unnecessary.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS.

"He built again the high places... his father had broken down" (v. 3). He disregarded his father's teachings and dishonored his memory. In contempt of sacred things he "defied God to his face, impudently affronted Him by putting his rivals right under his eye; he was not afraid of God's wrath nor ashamed of his own wickedness." He desecrated what had been consecrated. He turned God out of His own home and put rebels in possession.

"He observed times," etc. (v. 6). Those who make conjurers, fortune-tellers, spiritualists or any satan's lying oracles their companions and guides are following in the footsteps of Manasseh and will surely come to grief. Recently a young woman began to follow spirits. She went from one evil deed to another, until at last she attempted suicide. When rescued and asked why she did it she said, "The spirits told me to" (I John iv. 1). There is no safe guide but God.

"And he caused his children to pass through the fire" (v. 6; Lev. xviii. 21). Some he horribly burned as a sacrifice; some he made to pass through two flames in token of their dedication to the false gods. Parents who send their children to dancing school, teach them to play cards and take them to the theatre are dedicating them to the god of this world and preparing them for fiery punishment.

"Manasseh shed innocent blood very much" (II. Kings xiii. 16). They were not criminals whom the wicked king put to death, but "innocent" persons who were martyred by public execution or private assassination to gratify Manasseh's ambition or revenge. Early ecclesiastical history says Isaiah was slain under Manasseh's order (Heb. xi. 37). "Out of the heart proceed...murders" (Matt. xv. 19). Hatred and anger are murder in God's reckoning (I. John iii. 15; Matt. v. 22, R. V.). "Take heed...lest there be in any of you an evil heart" (Heb. iii. 12). Manasseh seduced the people to do more evil than did the other nations (II. Kings xxi. 9). The king forced them under penalty of death to follow false gods and live more licentiously than the heathen.

"The Lord spake...but they would not hearken" (v. 10). "The Lord spake by His servants the prophets" (II. Kings xxi. 10). He speaks now by the blood of Christ, the Holy Spirit, the written word, the means of grace, the invitation of friends, the example of holy lives. He calls from sin to holiness, from misery to happiness, from earth to heaven, from Satan to Himself. A young man under deep conviction was earnestly entreating to accept the saviour. "If you refuse to accept Christ you deliberately reject Him," he was told. This unbeliever denied. Upon being assured that it was so, he deliberately replied: "Then I reject Him." He put away the outstretched hand and persistently refused the only One who could save him. This is the crowning sin (Heb. x. 26-29).

"And when he was in affliction, he besought the Lord his God" (v. 12). The rod will not change to a true child, but it will draw a true child closer to its father. "Do you run away when your father whips you?" one child asked another. "No," was the reply; "I run into his arms; he can't whip me then." In these times of adversity the people are to exalt (Matt. v. 3-5). Assyria's iron fetters were more profitable to Manasseh than gold; his prison was better than the palace; his cross better than his crown; Babylon a better school than Jerusalem. God permits Satan to wound us that He may heal us. Manasseh might have said with the Psalmist, "Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I am kept Thy word" (Psa. cxix. 67). Trouble should drive to prayer and prayer bring to God and the right. "Adversity," says Spurgeon, "puts a bridle on transgression and furnishes a spur for holiness." God does not afflict willingly (I. Lam. iii. 33), but "in faithfulness" (Psa. cxlv. 7). "For our profit" (Heb. xii. 10), that we may be able to say, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn Thy statutes" (Psa. cxviii. 71).—Abbie C. Morrow.

CRAFT IN A HIGH SCHOOL.

Chicago Principal Charged With Selling Diplomas.

Chicago, July 17.—That graft is possible in the system of public schools, and that the principal of a high school has means of adding to the salary that is paid by the people of Chicago, are alleged in the charges made against Charles Cook, the principal of the Jefferson High School. Rush Medical College complained concerning the recent class work in that institution of some students who had been admitted because they had been the possessors of diplomas from the public high schools of Chicago. It is said that the diplomas held by the students in question were issued by Charles Cook in his official capacity of Principal of Jefferson High School. It is claimed that many of the students who received the diplomas from Mr. Cook were unfitted to be recipients of certificates that they had completed the work of the school. The charges are made that \$5 was paid for each one of these diplomas. The Committee on School Management appointed a committee to inquire among the institutions of the city how prevalent this practice had been.

CANCER CURE A FAILURE.

The Report of the Committee of Experts Unfavorable.

Paris, July 17.—The report of the committee of experts who have been investigating Dr. Doyen's, anti-cancer serum for five months has been presented to the Surgical Society. It is distinctly unfavorable. It admits that the application of the serum possibly caused a temporary improvement in some cases, thereby lessening the danger of subsequent operations, but it never cured the disease. Twenty of the twenty-six cases examined became worse under the treatment. The report concluded by expressing the opinion that Dr. Doyen, like other inventors, had mistaken his desire for profit.

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BENNETT, MURDER SUSPECT, ARRESTED AT DUNNVILLE.

He Was Unarmed and Made No Show of Resistance—Taken to Brantford.



JOE BENNETT.

Dunnville, July 14.—Bennett, the supposed murderer of the Brant Indian reservation, was arrested here last evening. Chief Constable Farrel, of Cayuga, tracked Bennett and located him in the morning at the farm of Mr. Watson Murdoch in Dunn township, with whom he had hired. Farrel came to Dunnville and secured the assistance of the local police, who knew Bennett had returned, and arranged to secure their prisoner when he came in from the bay fields in the evening. Bennett sat down to the supper table with the other men and was seized from behind. He was not armed and made no resistance; and did not deny his identity. He was taken to Brantford this morning. A part of the agreement in connection with the employment which Bennett secured was that he should engage in the cutting of timber. This he willingly consented to do and at an early hour in the morning he went out with a party from the home of Mr. Murdoch and travelled to the bush. The best preparations were made for the capture. A strong force was organized and departed in rigs for the scene. The officers were prepared for any emergency, and were rather surprised at the ease with which they took their man.

THE CHICAGO TEAMSTERS' STRIKE.

Subscriptions to the Fund Falling Off—Attempt to Spread the Struggle.

Chicago, July 17.—The executive board of the Chicago Federation of Labor has abandoned the solicitation of funds on behalf of the striking teamsters. Hereafter all contributions from unions affiliated with the federation will be received from the finance committee of the teamsters' joint council. Contributions from unions affiliated with the federation have donated from \$12,000 a week early in the strike to less than \$3,000. The department store drivers made a strong effort last night to spread the struggle. After the meeting officials of the union announced that a special meeting of the baggage-men and parcel delivery drivers will be held to-night to vote on a strike against parcel delivery concerns that control the Chicago Carriage Company, which is making deliveries to strike-bound firms.

TUER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Charge of Manslaughter Against the Bruce Mines Engineer.

A Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., report says: William Tuer, the Bruce Mines and Algoma engineer who was arrested on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the accident in which James Duncan, another engineer, was killed at Bruce Mines on Saturday last, was brought to the Soo to-day. He appeared before Stipendiary Magistrate Quibell, and on the advice of Counsel Uriah McFadden, waived examination. He is committed for trial, and admitted to bail in \$1,000.

INDICTED BY WHOLESALE.

Hundred and Five Milwaukee Men Must Face Bribery Trial.

Milwaukee, Wis., July 17.—Sixty-seven indictments against 25 individuals, most of whom are former county officials, were handed down by the Milwaukee County grand jury late to-day in the Municipal Court. To-day's batch of true bills, added to 38 returned ten days ago, makes a total of 105.

BIG DIAMOND IN END OF CRUTCH.

A Valuable Jewel Found After Death of Tramp.

A Kingston, Ont., report: An unknown tramp died in the farm house of Orlando McPherson, in Lanark Township. He was a one-legged man who walked on crutches. The children in playing with the crutches noticed one was split at the end and dirt and gravel had been forced in. The crack was cleared, and in the refuse was found a large diamond with part of a gold setting about it. The tramp had evidently set the crutch upon the diamond ring in his travels over the country. Mr. McPherson set the diamond and gave the tramp a decent burial.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rev. Dr. Young, Bishop of Athabasca, died at Southworth, England.

Work has been commenced on the new convention hall of the University of Toronto.

The inauguration of the new Province of Saskatchewan will take place on September 4.

Sixty Toronto garment workers went out on strike in sympathy with the pressers.

Mr. B. B. Kalliber, of Winnipeg, has been appointed Chief Engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Mr. Arthur Johnston, a victim of the London street car accident, has developed erysipelas and may not recover.

One hundred British naval officers from the visiting squadron at Brest are being entertained in Paris.

The Walker House, Toronto, is now in the hands of its new proprietors, Mr. Geo. Wright and Mr. Max Carroll.

Col. Pellatt, of Toronto, has been elected a director of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company.

The Toronto Council of the Board of Trade resolved to petition the Dominion Government to redeem worn-out silver.

Canadian cotton mills have advanced prices of yarns two cents a pound, about 10 per cent.

Saturday, October 21st, being the hundredth anniversary of the death of Nelson, will be observed throughout the empire.

At a meeting of Toronto medical men an invitation was extended to the British Medical Association to visit Toronto next year.

Mr. W. A. Levitt, for the past year Secretary of the Woodstock Y. M. C. A., has resigned. His resignation to take effect September 1st.

Honolulu Chinese are trying to raise a fund of \$50,000 to assist in the boycott of American goods in China. It is reported that they have already raised \$30,000.

Sir William Van Horne, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway, arrived at New York from Havana to-day, on the steamer Mexico.

Mr. Thos. Treleven, master carbuilder of the Grand Trunk at London, swam out and rescued Mr. Sterling, who was drowning in Lake Erie at Port Stanley.

The Glenn building, Baltimore, one of the smaller office buildings, collapsed to-day, killing two persons and injuring one.

The French member of The Hague peace tribunal has appealed to President Hoover to prevent war between Norway and Sweden.

The trial of Supreme Court Justice Hooker, of New York State, accused of misconduct and frauds, has opened before the State Legislature.

A party of Canadian Northern Railway engineers are working north from Toronto and it is believed they are making a preliminary survey for the Hudson's Bay line.

The Meteorological Observatory at Toronto, and nearly all the members of the staff now at Toronto, will be removed to Ottawa, at year hence. This is the decision which has been reached by the cabinet.

The American Hawaiian Steamship Co. has closed a contract with the Tehuantepec National Railroad Co., of Mexico, through S. Pieron and Co. limited, of London, the managing directors, for the transportation of all the business of the steamship company between Atlantic and Pacific ports over the railroad, which will be completed the latter part of next year.

KIDNEY TROUBLES

Increasing Among Women, But Sufferers Need Not Despair THE BEST ADVICE IS FREE

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Market Reports

The Week.

Toronto Farmers' Market. July 15.—The grain receipts consisted of one load of gause wheat, which sold at 75c per bushel, and 400 bushels of oats at 45 to 50c.

Dairy produce is fair supply, with prices firm. Butter, 18 to 20c per lb. for dairy rolls, and eggs 20 to 22c per dozen.

Hay quiet and steady, with sales of 20 loads at \$10 to \$11 ton for timothy and at \$8 to \$9 for mixed. Straw is nominal at \$10 a ton.

Dressed hogs are unchanged, with sales at 88.50 to 89, the latter for light weights. Wheat, white, bush... \$1.00 \$1.02 Do, red, bush... 1.00 1.02 Do, spring, bush... 0.92 0.94 Do, goose bush... 0.75 0.00 Oats, bush... 0.40 0.40 Barley, bush... 0.45 0.49 Peas, bush... 0.72 0.80 Hay, timothy, ton... 10.00 11.00 Do, mixed, ton... 8.00 9.00 Straw, per ton... 10.00 0.00 Dressed hogs... 8.50 9.00 Apples, per bbl... 1.00 2.75 Eggs, per dozen... 0.20 0.23 Butter, dairy... 0.18 0.20 Do, creamery... 0.23 0.24 Chickens, old, lb... 0.10 0.00 Turkeys, per lb... 0.13 0.14 Potatoes, per bag... 0.70 0.80 Cabbages, per bag... 0.50 0.75 Celery, per dozen... 0.40 0.50 Beef, hindquarters... 8.50 9.50 Do, forequarters... 6.00 6.50 Do, choice, carcass... 8.00 8.75 Do, medium, carcass... 7.00 7.50 Mutton, per cwt... 7.00 8.20 Veal, per cwt... 8.00 9.50 Lamb, spring, per cwt... 12.00 14.00

Toronto Hog Products. Dressed hogs are in moderate supply and prices are steady. Cured meats are in good demand at unchanged prices. We quote: Bacon, long, clear, sells at 10 1/2c to 10 3/4c per lb. in case lots; mess pork at \$15.50; short cut \$10.75 to \$20.

Cured meats—Hams, light to medium, 13 to 13 1/2c; do, heavy, 12 1/2c; rolls, 10 1/2c; shoulders 9 1/2c to 10c; backs, 14 1/2c to 15 1/2c; breakfast bacon, 13c.

Lard—The demand is fair and prices continue unchanged. We quote: Tierces, 9 1/2c to 9 3/4c; tubs, 9 1/2c to 10c; pails, 10c to 10 1/2c.

Wheat at Winnipeg. Winnipeg, Man., July 15.—Wheat held firm but closed dull, with practically no trade. July opened \$1.08 1/2, closed \$1.09; Oct., 84 1/2c, closed 85 1/2c. Cash prices:—No. 1 Northern, \$1.09; No. 2, Northern, \$1.06; No. 3, Northern, 85c; No. 4 extra, 78 1/2c; No. 4, 74 1/2c; No. 5, 64c; feed, 62c; receipts for week, 478 cars; last year, 618.

British Cattle Markets. London, July 15.—Canadian cattle to-day are quoted unchanged at 11 to 12c per lb.; refrigerator beef is lower at 9 to 9 1/2c per lb.

Toronto Fruit Market. July 15.—Business on the wholesale fruit market on Saturday was generally good, prices being well maintained, while receipts were fairly heavy. The season for strawberries is not yet over, considerable stock coming in, for which there was a good, active demand. Raspberries were plentiful, but the market continues firm. From reports received from a number of parts of the raspberry crop is that could be desired, but the local demand is good, and this, coupled with the enormous consumption by the canning factories, would seem to make cheap raspberries very problematical. But time will tell. We quote: Raspberries... \$0.11 \$0.12 Strawberries... 0.06 0.09 Cherries, sweet... 1.00 1.40 Cherries, sour... 0.75 1.00 California peaches, case... 1.00 1.25 Georgia peaches... 2.25 3.00 Cantaloupes, case... 2.25 3.00 Watermelons, each... 0.30 0.40 Bananas, bunch... 1.40 1.65 Red bananas, bunch... 1.25 2.00 Lemons, crate... 3.00 4.50 Lemons, 300's... 4.50 5.50 Oranges, crate... 4.00 5.00 Pineapples, crate... 3.25 4.00 Apples, per case... 1.50 2.00 Vegetables—Cucumbers, hamper... 1.25 1.50 Cucumbers (Can.) basket... 1.00 1.25 Tomatoes, crate... 0.85 1.50 Green peas, basket... 0.25 0.30 Potatoes, basket... 0.25 0.50 Potatoes, basket... 0.30 0.35 Beans, basket... 0.25 0.35 Cabbage (Can.) bbl... 2.00 2.50 Gooseberries, small basket... 0.60 0.70 Cauliflowers, 12-in. crate... 2.00 2.50 Red currants, basket... 0.75 1.00

Bradstreet's on Trade. Montreal reports say wholesale trade there generally continues quiet and is likely to remain so until the holiday season is well over. Higher prices are reported for staple lines of cottons, and wools are firm. The movement of products is moderate and prices are steady. The movement in hardware continues fair to good. Large shipments are being made to the west. The steel and iron trades are active, the demand for all lines being brisk. There is continued activity along all lines of general manufacture.

Toronto: The wholesale trade here in all lines continues to be affected by the reasonable quietness of summer. The crops continue to promise well, although recent rains have been rather heavy and frequent. The trade in dairy products continues active. Prices look up well, despite large receipts. Announcements are made here of a ten per cent. advance in extra yarns in sympathy with advances in other lines of that staple.

Clothes: The missummer fall is noticeable in wholesale circles, and orders from the country are reported to have fallen off during the week, and what has been received are more of a sorting nature. The crop outlook is encouraging, although more rain is wanted.

Winnipeg: During the past week both wholesale and retail trade has been brisker here. Summer lines of dry goods are moving well, and the prospects for fall trade are even brighter than they were a week ago. Orders are already coming in well. The movement of groceries is only about normal. Collections are at the moment a little slow. The outlook for the crops continues as brisk as ever.

London reports say business conditions continue generally satisfactory, the present quietness in trade being more or less seasonal.