

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON IX.—MARCH 2, 1913.

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II. Canaan promised as an inheritance (15:7-21). 7. I am the Lord that brought thee out of Ur—Jehovah continues the renewal of the covenant made with him, declaring his purpose to give him the land of Canaan.

8. The animals that were named were of the same kind that he afterwards sacrificed. Moses should be used for sacrifices. He was about to enter into a blood covenant with Abraham.

12. When the sun was going down—Abraham had worked and watched during the day, and now an additional test was to follow. A deep sleep—Not an ordinary slumber but such as fell upon Adam when the Lord took a rib from his side.

13. A stranger in a land that is not their's.—The descendants of Abraham were not to be considered in possession of Canaan until the return from Egypt and entrance into the land under the leadership of Joshua.

14. That nation will I judge.—The Egyptians who oppressed the Israelites were afflicted with various plagues, in order

that they might be willing to let Israel go from the country. With great substance—the fulfilment of this prediction is found in Exod. 12, 31-36. Abram's descendants who went down into Egypt were few in number, but were a great host when they went out.

17. A smoking furnace.—passed between those pieces.—The thing seen was a moving oven, from the top of which issued a flame of fire in the midst of a cloud of smoke.—When it was a symbol of the divine presence and gave assurance to Abram that the sacrifice was accepted and the covenant sealed.

18. accepted and the covenant sealed. 18. From the river of Egypt—Not the Nile, but a stream called El-Arish, further east. Euphrates—In the time of Solomon the territory of Israel extended from the river of Egypt on the southwest to the Euphrates on the east.

19. Abram's name changed (17: 1-8). Again the Lord renewed his covenant with Abram. Under the name "El-Shaddai," the Almighty, he addressed Abram and commanded him to be perfect.

Questions.—What promise had already been given to Abram three times? What sign did God give him that the promise of Abram's faith? How did God esteem his faith? Describe the manner of sealing the covenant with Abram.

Practical Survey.—Topic.—Redemption foreshadowed. I. The divine attestation to faith. II. The divine purpose in revelation. III. The divine attestation to faith.

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FARM GARDEN DAIRY ANIMALS TOO COSTLY HOUSED

On probably the majority of dairy farms in the east the cows are kept indoors the year round. In former years such a method would have been considered suicidal. All cows were then pastured. It has become a question whether the present-day farmer is advisably or not. Are dairy animals too costly housed?

On this subject Dr. Henry Faval, of Chicago, Ill., a prominent western physician and also the owner and operator of a large dairy farm, says that, realizing that performance is the ultimate purpose of the dairy cow and bending every effort to develop this characteristic, breeders of dairy cattle have sometimes allowed themselves to become somewhat one-sided in the direction of milk and butter fat production.

While granting that performance is the ultimate purpose of a dairy cow, he is convinced that there is a type which carries with it not only the best performance, but the best physique as well. A moral objection, he believes, rests upon breeders of pure blood cattle to disregard the fact that they are producing a fundamental relationship to performance.

It is a well known fact that the dairy cow is particularly susceptible to tuberculosis. This disease, which is a common one among all animals, is especially so in the dairy cow. The disease is characterized by a chronic inflammation of the udder, and eventually leads to the death of the animal.

Following a disastrous marketing season and year's campaign for the wool, the sheep industry has been hit by a combination of factors which have led to a sharp decline in prices.

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after a few years the young will be liable to make crooked breasts and other deformities. To make an impermeable glue soak ordinary glue in water until it softens, and remove it before it has lost its primitive form.

It is no small accomplishment to be able to take a young calf that has only been allowed to nurse his mother once or twice, away from his mother, teach him to drink milk from a bottle, and right away, and get him started on skim milk. Substituting flaxseed jelly for the butter fat, which the separator takes out of the milk, gradually getting him on to roughage and make a nice animal out of him.

Revenue for Ten Months Shows Increase. Ottawa despatch: During the ten months to the beginning of the fiscal year to the end of January the customs revenue of Canada amounted to \$94,329,836; during the corresponding period in 1911-12 the customs revenue was \$70,208,202, the increase being \$24,061,584. This works out at an increase of over 34 per cent, or over one-third.

The imports in January last were \$52,702,000, as against \$38,029,000 a year ago, an increase of \$14,673,000, or 38 per cent. For the ten months' period the imports were \$549,445,000, an increase of \$128,000,000 over the \$421,445,000 of the ten months' period of 1911-12.

THE GOOD OLD JACK Americans in Mexico Sought British Flag. Chicago, Feb. 24.—There are hundreds of Americans in Mexico City who, denied protection by the United States, have sought safety under the British flag.

RETURNED AFTER THIRTY YEARS. Blenheim, Ont., despatch: A peculiar real estate case seems likely to be brought into the legal limelight for settlement. Some thirty years ago a man named Beatty, who owned a farm at Cedar Springs, suddenly and mysteriously disappeared.

"SLEEPLESS" MAN A HOAX. Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 24.—Harvard professors, with a single notable exception, are enjoying a hoax that an inventive writer unloading on one of the morning papers as "exclusive" concerning an unnamed member of the faculty who has gone without sleep for twenty years.

Remember the "St. Lawrence" Sugar. Try it—test it—see for yourself—that "St. Lawrence" Granulated is as choice sugar as money can buy. Get a 100 pound bag—or even a 20 pound bag—and compare "St. Lawrence" with any other high-grade granulated sugar.

MARKET REPORTS

TORONTO MARKETS FARMERS' MARKET. Eggs, new laid, dozen... \$0.30 \$0.35. Butter, choice dairy... 0.30 0.35. Chioens, per lb... 0.23 0.24.

LIVE STOCK. Export cattle, choice... \$7.75 \$7.00. Do, medium... 5.75 6.50. Do, bulls... 2.75 3.75.

OTHER MARKETS. WINSIEP GRAIN MARKET. Open. High. Low. Close. Wheat—May... 88 1/2 88 1/2 88 1/2 88 1/2.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK. Cattle—Receipts 4,500. Market—Steady. Steers... \$6.65 \$9.00. Texas steers... 5.20 6.60.

BUFFALO LIVE STOCK. East Buffalo despatch: Cattle receipts 100; fairly active and steady. Sheep and lamb receipts, 4,400; slow; sheep steady; lambs, 15c lower; lambs, \$6 to \$9.10.

LIVERPOOL PRODUCE. No. 2 Manitoba... 7 1/2 7 1/2. No. 3 Manitoba... 7 1/2 7 1/2. Futures, easy, March... 4 1/2 4 1/2.

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For Crupy Children Keep "Nerviline" Handy

It Positively Brings Children Out of Danger and Relieves at Once. A Mother Tells Her Experience. "Bringing up young children has its responsibilities under the best of circumstances," writes Mrs. E. G. Fagan.

"In our home we use Nerviline frequently. For cold in the chest, pleurisy, hoarseness, etc., it is simply wonderful. My husband uses it for rheumatism, and I often employ it for neuralgia and sick headache.

Big Figure for Washington Communication. London, Feb. 24.—At a sale at Sotheby's to-day of autograph letters and historical documents a letter from Geo. Washington, first President of the United States, to Samuel Powell, dated Feb. 15, 1789, brought \$1,250.

JAP CABINET CHANGES. Tokyo, Feb. 24.—Several changes have been made by Count Gombi Yamamoto in the constitution of the Japanese Cabinet, the official list of which is now as follows:

MORGAN SUMMONS SPECIALIST. London, Feb. 24.—The Exchange Telegraph Company publishes a despatch from Rome, stating that Professor Giuseppe Bastianelli, the best known medical specialist in Italy, was today summoned to Cairo, Egypt, by J. Pierpont Morgan.

FRIEDMANN WILL GIVE PROOFS. Southampton, Feb. 24.—Before sailing for the United States on the Kronprinzessin Cecile to-day, Dr. Friedmann, the discoverer of the tuberculin serum, told your correspondent that he was going to America in order to make his name more widely known.

NEW ZEALAND CHURCHES UNITE. London, Dec. 24.—An important decision affecting religious life in New Zealand is reported this morning in a Washington despatch, which states that the union of the Wesleyan and Methodist bodies has been unanimously agreed to.

MAXWELL'S HIGH SPEED CHAMPION Is the Washer for a Woman. In the first place, Maxwell's "Champion" is the only washer that can be worked with a crank handle at the side as well as with the top lever.