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OUR DUTY TO THE RETURNED SOLDIERS.

A month ago, when the St. John members of the first contingent returned, and were feted and fested, the Sun expressed the hope that they would not be forgotten by the citizens and the country after the first excitement should be over.

The street demonstration was a genuine tribute of praise and gratitude and was worthy of the occasion. The banquets, the addresses, the presentations were all fitting acts of recognition.

The time may now have come to give more practical and permanent form to our esteem for these brave men, and to our gratitude for the honor that they have conferred on this country and this town.

The true friend of the returned soldier today is not the man who gives him most praise, or most drink, but he who gets him steady work suited to his strength and capacity, and who encourages him to habits of industry and thrift.

It is fair also to plead for a little patience with these returned soldiers. They did not all go to Africa from Temperance Leagues, and Christian Endeavor societies. They have been living irregular lives for a year. Since they came home they have had every possible inducement to unsteadiness.

These conditions may apply to only a small number of the 1,000 men who have returned, or the 1,500 who are yet to come. Many, we are glad to say, are well able to take care of themselves. They go back to the place they left, find their road made easy for them, and are in the midst of the wholesome domestic influences which surrounded them before the war.

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No one doubts the strength of the French army or the courage of the French troops. France is in a far better military condition than she was at the time of the war with Germany.

So long as Mr. Blair has the treasury behind him, and while those who support him are well rewarded at public expense, he will not be without admirers. This modest journal does not flatter itself that its support is at the present moment necessary to Mr. Blair's happiness, and trusts that the opportunist organs will not be too much shocked if the Sun declines to change its politics.

THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ELECTION.

(From Wednesday's Daily Sun.) This is nomination day in Prince Edward Island and a week hence the people will decide whether the Farquharson government shall remain in office.

When the liberals came into power they found the debt of the province \$53,000. It is now \$585,000. The present government has increased the average expenditure \$25,000 a year.

Yet the liberal ministers have invented several new taxes. They are charged with collecting \$228,000 during the last six years from taxes which had no existence while the conservatives were in power.

The province contains three counties, each comprising five districts, electing two members for each district. One of these members is elected by manhood suffrage voters, and is called an assemblyman. The other is elected by property owners, and is called a councillor.

The last general election was held in 1897. On that occasion the government was sustained by a majority of nineteen to eleven, which was soon made twenty to ten.

GENERAL MERCIER AND THE INVASION OF ENGLAND. The extraordinary speech of General Mercier, coming at the moment when France is excited over the visit of President Kruger, must have been intended to make trouble.

THE CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION. TORONTO, Dec. 6.—The conservative convention of the party in Ontario at the recent election, are in caucus here.

not affect the question. He is still a public man, who has a great following in France, and he is trying to show the people how easy a task it will be for France to conquer England.

The conquest of England even by the great army of France would be impossible. But the French people might be stirred up to undertake it by such harangues as this of General Mercier, and such demonstrations as that over Paul Kruger.

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KRUGER AT THE HAGUE. Not With a Great Reception—Made Many Addresses.

COLOGNE, Dec. 6.—Mr. Kruger started for the Hague on a special train at 10 o'clock this morning.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 6.—At the opening of the second chamber today, President J. G. Gleitsman said: "President Kruger arrived here today. He will take up his residence here. I take the occasion to propose that the chamber authorize me to welcome the president to our country and offer him an expression of our cordial sympathy."

THE HAGUE, Dec. 6.—Mr. Kruger met with wonderful receptions everywhere since reaching the frontier at Zevenaar. Immense crowds gathered at all the stations, which were decorated with flags, the burgomasters made speeches and the scholars sang.

Count Von Buelow, it is said in authoritative quarters, will soon tell the "reception" why Mr. Kruger has not been received.

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MORE HOME KNITTERS WANTED

To Work at Their Homes Under the Direction of THE YORKSHIRE MFG. CO., 130 Yonge St., Toronto

To Fill Large Contracts—Good Wages Easily Earned.

We want a few more workers in this locality, at once, and in order to secure your co-operation without the delay of correspondence, we herewith explain our full plan in this advertisement.

OUR METHOD OF DOING BUSINESS.

We wish to secure the services of families to do knitting for us in their homes. Our method is the same as adopted by the large experience we have been able to produce an Automatic Machine by which all kinds of seamless knitting is now done by our Family Machine, thereby enabling anyone of ordinary intelligence to quickly do the work from the Instruction Guide.

Our plan is to send out each machine to beginners with a book of knitting partially knitted, and remaining in the machine ready to be continued, and also to send you a pair of sample socks or stockings and a simple and complete Instruction Guide, showing how the work is done by the machine, and how the work is done by hand.

Our interests are mutual and this confidence must be established if we are to succeed. We guarantee a fair dealing and prompt payment for work, so do not ask us to deviate from our terms, as we cannot make a distinction with one and not another besides, we are doing a legitimate business and must be governed by business principles.

Send your remittance by Express Money Order Registered Letter or Post Office Money Order, and we will promptly forward machine, outfit and simple guide for doing the work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The International Lesson. Lesson XI.—December 16.

GOLDEN TEXT. The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.—Luke 19: 10.

THE SECTION includes only the lesson, which is all that is recorded of Christ's life between the last lesson and the one succeeding this.

PLACEMENT IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST. One of the last acts and teachings of Jesus on His last journey to Jerusalem. Within a few days of His crucifixion.

HISTORICAL SETTING. Time.—The last of March, A. D. 30. Place.—At Jericho.

ZACCHAEUS, THE PUBLICAN.—Luke 18: 1-10. Commit verses 8-10.

1. And Jesus entered and (a) passed through Jericho.

2. And behold there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was (b) the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.

3. And he sought to see Jesus who He was; and could not for (c) the press, because he was little of stature.

4. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him; for He was to pass that way.

5. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for today I must abide at thy house.

6. And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

7. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

8. And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any man, I restore him fourfold.

9. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

REVISION CHANGES. (So far as they affect the sense.) Ver. 1. (a) Was passing.

Ver. 2. (b) A chief publican.

Ver. 3. (c) Crowd.

Ver. 4. (d) Ran on before.

Ver. 5. (e) Is gone in to lodge.

Ver. 6. (f) Wrongfully exacted gain of any man.

LIGHT ON THE TEXT. 1. Jericho—A city about twenty miles northeast of Jerusalem in the Jordan valley. It was quite a centre of trade, and was noted for its balsams.

2. Chief among the publicans, or tax-gatherers, revenue collectors. Taxes imposed by the Romans on subject nations were farmed out to men of wealth, who, for a specified sum paid at once to the Roman treasury, obtained the right of collecting the taxes of a province or city. These contractors, who were usually Roman knights, entrusted the actual collection of taxes to sub-contractors or tax-gatherers. It is probable that Zacchaeus was the sub-contractor under the Roman knight who had bought this privilege at Jericho, and had under him those who are usually called publicans.

3. Sought to see Jesus—(1) Partly from curiosity; (2) from a consciousness of sin; (3) he had probably heard of Jesus' teachings and miracles, and the hope He gave to repentant sinners. And could not for the press—the crowd who surrounded Jesus after He had given sight to Bartimeus. Jesus was walking among the crowd as one of them, with nothing to distinguish Him, or lift Him above the others. Because he was little of stature—And could not see over the heads of the multitude, or make his way through them.

4. Sycamore tree—Not our sycamore, but the Egyptian fig tree, growing very large, with low, spreading branches.

5. A sinner—A notorious sinner, an outcast. All the publicans, whatever their character, were so regarded.

6. The half of my goods—Contrast him with the rich young ruler. He devoted half his fortune henceforth to the service of God and man. One strong proof of his sincerity. If I have taken—Implying that he had. I restore him fourfold—He would now rectify as far as possible all his past wrongs. A proof of true repentance.

According to Jewish law, if a person made restitution of his own accord, he was to add one-fifth to what he had taken wrongfully (Num. 5: 7); but if he were convicted of having wronged another, he must restore fourfold (Ex. 22: 1).

7. This day is salvation come to this house.—The publican was saved; saved from his vast sins, saved from the punishment thereof, saved from his sinful character, to a new, true, holy and heavenly life. He had given two proofs that he was saved: (1) repentance, confession and restitution; (2) devotion of his property to God and

man. Forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham—He was a Jew. He was also a son of Abraham because he had the same faith and did the same kind of works, which the Pharisees did not.

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS. (For written and oral answers.) Subject: Salvation by Triumph Over Hindrances.

I. Zacchaeus the Seeker after Salvation (vs. 1, 2).—Tell what you can about Zacchaeus. Who were the publicans?

II. His Triumph Over Hindrances (vs. 3, 4).—Name the principal difficulties that stood in Zacchaeus' way. Why does God allow so many hindrances in the way of our being good?

III. The Finding (vs. 5-7).—What did Jesus do for Zacchaeus?

IV. Confession and Consecration (vs. 8).—What was the first proof that Zacchaeus was a changed man? Why are confession and restitution necessary? (See Prov. 28: 13; Isa. 55: 7; Ezek. 18: 21-23, 31; Matt. 3: 7, 8; John 1: 9.) What was the second proof?

V. Salvation (vs. 9, 10).—What did Jesus say had come to Zacchaeus? In what two ways was he a son of Abraham? (See Gal. 3: 29.) What is salvation? For what purpose did Jesus come into the world?

A ROUGH EXPERIENCE. PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 6.—The schooner Malcomb Baxter (Baxter), from Philadelphia with coal, was towed into this harbor by tug King today and her captain reports a rough experience during yesterday's gale.

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It was pointed out by members of the committee that the measure was rather broad, specifying that if any aboriginal native, etc., it was stated that this would apply to legitimate trade when the measure should come to Washington. The committee took the measure under advisement.

My wife asserts that she saves my life at least once every year. "How's that?" "She won't let me go hunting."

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Recent Events Around

Together With from Correspondents Exchange

When ordering THE SUN pay attention to the NAME of the paper and the office to which it is sent. Remember! The Office must be seen before prompt collection request.

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The London Record of Nov. 8 M. P. of Pemb west, who has been colony of the 101st, forty-seven years of age, died of Indian Mutiny. It pains he render vice. General Lard the officers who parliament." (G represented Shelb dominion house).

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