

Sunday School.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. 11

The Ten Virgins—Matt. 25: 1-13.

Commentary.—I. The waiting virgins (vs. 1-5). I. Then—At the coming of the Lord (Matt. xxiv. 42-44). The Kingdom of Heaven is like a kingdom, of the state of things in the visible church, particularly the character, conduct and condition of the subjects of that kingdom. Be likened.—The parable of the ten virgins is based upon the marriage customs by the East, to which many allusions occur in Scripture. The essence of the marriage ceremony consisted in the removal of the bride from her home to that of her future husband. The bridegroom proceeded, late in the evening, attended by his friends, or "groomsmen" (see Judges xiv. 11; Matt. ix. 15; John iii. 29), to the bride's dwelling, where she awaited him, attired in white robes (Rev. xix. 8) embroidered with gold (Psa. lxx. 13) and attended by her "bridesmaids" (Psa. lxx. 14). The whole company then went in procession by torchlight to the bridegroom's house, being joined on the way by parties of invited guests (the virgins of the parable), all carrying torches or lamps.—Stock. When the bridegroom's house was reached, those in the procession entered, including the invited guests; the door was then shut, and no one arriving subsequently was permitted to enter.—Abbott. It is still the custom in Syria for the marriage procession to proceed in the night. Ten virgins—Ten symbol represent the purity of the Christian church. "The ten virgins signify not merely a part of the church, but the whole of it."—Lange. Took their lamps.—Each had a lamp, "which signifies individuality, independence, independence of others." The lamp signifies the outward profession of religion. The bridegroom—The bridegroom means the Lord Jesus Christ; and all who are making preparation for his coming, whether to call men by death or to summon them by his second appearing, may be said to be waiting to meet him.

2. Were wise—These left nothing to be attended to at the last moment; they were prudent and fully prepared. Foolish—Careless, negligent. "The visible church of Christ on earth consists of both true and false, members spiritually dead and others spiritually alive. The externals of Christianity are nothing before God where the heart is not truly sanctified through the Holy Spirit."—Lange. Took their lamps.—We must carefully note the contrast. In the case of the foolish the taking of their lamps is everything; but in the case of the wise it is the taking of oil in their vessels. The foolish is thus represented as being without thoughtfulness, looking only at appearance and only in haste going forth through excited feelings.—Lange. Took no oil with them.—The oil represents the grace or love of God in the heart. These virgins represent a class of so-called Christians who make a profession of religion, but who lack the faith which worketh by love. They had just oil enough to make their lamps burn for the present, but no reserve or store of oil with them for a recruit. The bridegroom's coming is not a matter of principle within; they are like the seed on the stony ground, without root. 2. They made no provision for what is to come.—Henry.

4. Took oil.—They carried a vessel with oil to pour into the lamp when necessary. "The decisive test was not the lamp, but the oil—the Spirit, the spiritual life," and yet they must have a lamp to hold the oil. Let us be careful not to despise the forms of religion. "True Christians unite—both externally and internally."—Lange. Married.—The figure is generally modified by the circumstance that the bridegroom comes from afar, as in Judges 14; this would explain the long tarrying of the bridegroom.—Lange. The bridegroom far away is Christ, who is the bridegroom at marriage feast from "the far country"—the home above.—Forsheim. Slumbered and slept—Many words have been wasted in a vain attempt to prove from this that spiritual prosperity is in harmony with a true Christian existence; but such teaching is not biblical. The time passed by the virgins in sleep represents merely the waiting time, during which time the true Christian is fully prepared for the coming of the heavenly Bridegroom at any hour. Those who are trusting in a form of godliness, fondly hope that they, too, are prepared, but when the decisive hour comes they, but denying the power thereof, may be shut out of the feast.

11. The coming of the Bridegroom (vs. 6-9). At midnight.—The Jewish weddings were generally celebrated in the night; yet they usually began at the rising of the evening star; but in this case there was a more than ordinary delay. Clarke. This was the most unfit time for the virgins to obtain the oil they needed. The bridegroom cometh—"Though Christ tarry long, he will come at last; though he seems slow, he is sure to come. Go forth to receive the recompense of your doings. What a fearful thing to be thus summoned to appear before the judge of all the earth! Character is disclosed in emergencies. God as he can command in trial." 7. All arose.—There is something terrible in the security of the foolish, maintained up to the last; they too arise and trim their lamps, even though there is nothing but a foul wick; they are not yet aware that their fate is already sealed.—M. Dods. Trimmed.—The lamps were still burning, but they needed trimming, and replenishing. Even true Christians need frequent spiritual refreshings.

8. Give us.—They now begin to realize their serious lack. "Those who take up with something short of true grace will certainly find the want of it, sooner or later. Those who now hate the strictness of God's will, at death and the judgment, wish for the solid comfort it gives. Those who care not to live the life, yet would die the death of the righteous. But it is now too late. God would have given them oil had they asked in time; but there is no buying when the market is over."—Henry. Lamps are going out (R. V.).—This shows that their lamps had been lighted. Many who once have had hearts filled with faith and

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ABERDEEN ANNEX.

FORMALLY OPENED BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

Queen Also Graced Occasion With Her Presence—Lord Strathcona Entertains Small Army of Guests in Specially Erected Pavilion.

London, Oct. 1.—The King, accompanied by the Queen, opened the new college to-day. Aberdeen City was magnificently decorated, and visitors from foreign lands were unanimous in declaring they had never seen anything to equal the appearance that Aberdeen presented. Their Majesties were received by the Lord Provost and Magistrates. The former, after presentation, handed the keys of the city to the King, and then presented Lord Strathcona, Chancellor, and other officials of the college to their Majesties. They were enthusiastically received en route to the college, where the Chancellor and rector received them.

The King said it gave him much pleasure to open the new buildings for the promotion of scientific and higher education. Lord Strathcona then presented a gold key to His Majesty, who declared the buildings open, amid intense enthusiasm.

Accompanied by Lord Strathcona, the Lord Rector, the Principal, and Architect, their Majesties inspected the buildings and afterwards received an address from the Corporation and Knighted Lord Provost Lyons.

The Corporation lunched the Queen, Lord Strathcona and Lady Strathcona were among the guests with whom the King dined.

In the evening a grand banquet was given by the Chancellor. There were 2,500 guests seated in the specially built wooden pavilion, in which Senators, post-graduates, leading citizens, and selected scientists from abroad assembled. The prosperity of the university and city were toasted, and the evening was given up to friendly intercourse and enjoyment. The poor of the city were also entertained through Lord Strathcona's generosity, and the day concluded with a display of fireworks.

The annex is a splendid granite structure, erected at a cost of \$1,250,000.

WAS POOR, SO HE STOLE.

Alfred Taylor, pitifully situated, released on Suspended Sentence. Toronto, Oct. 1.—A sad story of poverty leading to crime was disclosed in the Police Court yesterday morning, when Alfred Taylor, an employee of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company, pleaded guilty to the theft of four sets of billiard pockets belonging to the firm. The stolen property was disposed of in a second-hand store on Queen street for \$2. Taylor's excuse for his wrongdoing was that his wife and family were in distressed circumstances. "I pawned the things for \$2 and took the money home and gave it to my wife," he pleaded.

Crown Attorney Corley bore out the accused's statement as to his destitution. "This man," he said, "has a sick wife, a sick mother and three children at home at 108 McGill street. All the children are under five years of age, and the family are really in pitiable circumstances."

"That does not justify stealing," remarked his worship, who, however, remanded the prisoner till called on for sentence.

"BEING DEAD, YET SPEAKETH."

Interesting Discovery on Yonge Street Sidewalk Yesterday. Toronto despatch: Appropriateness in the selection of a text was surely never more forcibly demonstrated than in a little incident which occurred yesterday. Outside the tobacco store of W. T. Douglas, 67-1/2 Yonge street, workmen were engaged in repairing the sidewalk, and one of the flag stones which was removed and broken was found to bear an inscription underneath. It had evidently at one time been a tombstone. Curiosity prompted Mr. Douglas to place the fragments together, with the result that the following inscription was easily decipherable: "Sacred to the memory of William Campbell, Esq., departed this life March, 1847, aged 55 years." Then follows the significant text: "He, being dead, yet speaketh."

Market Reports of The Week.

Toronto Farmers' Market.

Receipts of grain to-day were small in consequence of the rain. Barley unchanged, 200 bushels selling at 50 to 55c. Oats firm, 200 bushels selling at 37 1/2 to 38c, and old are worth 40c.

Country produce in fair supply, with prices generally unchanged. Dairy butter, 63 to 80c per lb, and eggs, 23 to 25c per dozen. Poultry unchanged.

Hay in limited receipt, and prices steady; 4 loads sold at \$10 to \$12 a ton. Straw is nominal.

Dressed hogs were steady, light quoted at \$6.50 and heavy at \$6.15 to \$6.25. Wheat, white, bush, ... \$ 7 1/4 \$ 0 75 Do, red, bush, ... 6 7/4 0 00 Do, spring, bush, ... 6 7/4 0 00 Do, goose, bush, ... 6 88 0 00 Oats, bush, ... 3 40 0 00 Do, new, bush, ... 3 7 1/2 0 38 Barley, bush, ... 6 50 0 51 By, bush, ... 6 50 0 50 Peas, bush, ... 7 00 0 75 Hay, new, per ton ... 10 00 12 00 Do, old, per ton ... 12 00 14 00 Straw, per ton ... 12 00 13 00

Stocks, fancy, bush, ... 6 40 6 80 Do, No. 1, bush, ... 6 00 6 25 Do, No. 2, bush, ... 5 40 5 60 Red clover, bush, ... 6 00 6 25 Timothy, bush, ... 5 25 5 50 Dressed hogs ... 6 15 6 25 Eggs, dozen ... 23 25 23 25 Butter, dairy ... 23 25 23 25 Do, creamery ... 23 25 23 25 Chickens, dressed, lb. ... 13 13 Turkeys, per lb. ... 13 13 Hens, per lb. ... 10 11 Apples, per bbl. ... 1 00 1 50 Potatoes, per bag ... 1 00 1 00 Cabbage, dozen ... 0 30 0 30 Onions, bag ... 1 10 1 15 Beef, hindquarters, Dec. 72 1/2; May 71c Do, forequarters ... 6 00 6 00 Do, choice, carcass ... 5 50 6 00 Do, medium, carcass ... 6 00 6 20 Mutton, per cwt. ... 8 50 9 00 Veal, per cwt. ... 10 00 11 00 Lamb, per cwt. ... 12 00 12 00

Manitoba Wheat.

At the Winnipeg option market to-day the following were the closing quotations: Sept. 3rd, Oct. 7 1/2c; Dec. 7 1/2c; May 7 1/2c.

British Cattle Markets.

London.—Canadian cattle in the British markets are quoted at 10s to 11 1/2c per lb.; refrigerated beef, 10c per lb.

Cheese Markets.

London.—Sixteen factories offered 2,416 cases, 320 white, balance colored; 160 colored and 10 white sold to Ballantyne at 12 1/2c. Market dull.

Brookville.—Offerings to-day on the Brockville board were 430 cheese; the sales were 610 white and 1,210 colored, at 12 1/2c for both.

Conventry, Que.—At the weekly meeting of the Eastern Townships Dairy Producers' Exchange, held here to-day, 31 creameries offered 1,770 boxes of butter; 15 factories offered 425 boxes of cheese. Sales of cheese: D. A. McPherson & Co., 439 boxes at 12 1/2c; unsold, 53 boxes.

Toronto Live Stock.

Receipts of live stock at the City Market, as reported by the railways, were 92 carloads, composed of 1245 cattle, 1,844 hogs, 1918 sheep and lambs, with 150 calves. Besides the above-mentioned hogs there were 748, or 8 carloads, that came to the packers direct from the country.

Trade was slow, excepting for a few of the best lots. The market closed dull for the common butchers' and light inferior stockers, with several loads reported as being unsold.

Exporters—Maybe, Wilson & Hall sold 7 carloads at \$4.60 to \$4.80 per cwt. Butchers.—The best butchers' sold from \$4.25 to \$4.30, but there were few at the latter price; medium at \$3.75 to \$4; common at \$3 to \$3.50; cows at \$2.50 to \$3.25; canners at \$1.50 to \$2.25 per cwt. Feeders and stockers—Best feeders, 900 to 1050 lb. each, at \$3.50 to \$3.75; feeders, 800 to 900 lb. each, at \$3.10 to \$3.40; best stockers, 600 to 700 lb. each, at \$2.90 to \$3.10; common to medium stockers \$2.25 to \$2.75 per cwt.

Milk cows—Trade was brisk for the best quality milkers and springers. Prices ranged from \$60 to \$55 each.

Veal calves—Trade was brisk for the best quality calves. Prices ranged from \$3.50 to \$7 per cwt., about 13 calves selling at the latter price.

Sheep and lambs—Prices were firmer all round for sheep and lambs. Export ewes sold at \$4.25 to \$4.75 per cwt.; ewes for breeding purposes sold from \$4 to \$5 per cwt., the latter price being paid for several select lots.

Hogs—Mr. Harris reported the market steady at \$6.50 for select, and \$6.25 for lights and fats.

Leading Wheat Markets.

Sept. Dec. May. New York ... 79 1/2 79 1/2 85 Detroit ... 75 75 80 1/2 Toledo ... 75 75 80 1/2 St. Louis ... 75 75 80 1/2 Minneapolis ... 74 1/2 74 1/2 79 1/2 Duluth ... 74 1/2 74 1/2 79 1/2

Bradstreet's Trade Review.

Montreal.—There has been very little change in the conditions of trade here during the past week. But the outlook continues bright in all directions. Retail trade generally continues to improve and collections show an improvement over those of this time last month. There is a movement on foot among local wholesale dry goods houses to sustain credit. Dry goods travellers are out with spring lines, and they report a fair volume of business. Clothing stores and dress-makers are moving well, and there is a heavy demand for building supplies. Orders for general goods are still being exceedingly heavy from the West. The grocery trade reports a fair volume of business. Sugars have an advancing market and there is a shortage of good quality sugar with higher prices for various grades and currents.

Winnipeg.—Wholesale and retail trade throughout the West is generally active, and this part of the country shows no sign of slackening. Collections continue to come forward in good volume, and the high grading is well advanced. Orders for wholesale and retail trade are all points. Values of goods are generally firm, and collections are fairly good at this time of the year.

Hamilton.—Retail trade is generally active, and there is a fair volume of business. Sugars have an advancing market and there is a shortage of good quality sugar with higher prices for various grades and currents.

BARBER SLASHES BLIND MAN'S NECK.

Insists on Sightless Patron Sitting in His Chair to Save Ten Cent Fee.

New York, Oct. 1.—Because William Gillan, a blind news dealer, would not permit Josef Buffalo, owner of a barber shop at 408 Columbia street, Brooklyn, to shave him last night, Buffalo slashed his patron's throat, inflicting a wound from which he will die.

Gillan went to Buffalo's barber shop about nine o'clock last night. Business had been dull all day, and Buffalo and his two assistants were idle when he entered. Gillan started for the third chair, to be shaved by one of the assistant barbers, who receive no pay except one-half the price of their work and the tips of customers. Buffalo endeavored to steer his blind patron into his own chair, the first in the row, and so make for himself all of the ten cents the news dealer would pay.

Gillan insisted upon going to the third chair, seated himself, and laid his head back. Buffalo waved away his assistant, who was preparing to shave Gillan, and taking up a razor walked to the blind man's side.

Buffalo slashed the razor across the blind man's throat, inflicting such a wound that Gillan could not scream or move. The two assistants rushed into the street shouting, and Policeman Batten and Reilly ran into the shop. Gillan lay in the chair, and was sent to the Long Island College Hospital. Dr. Doyle said he could not live.

Buffalo, retreating to a rear room, fought the policemen with a bread knife. He slashed Buffalo's coat from breast to skirt, but was overpowered and taken to the Hamilton avenue station.

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Mrs. Pinkham's Standing Invitation: Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to promptly communicate with Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass. All letters are received, opened, read and answered by women only. A woman can freely talk of her private illness to a woman; thus has been established the eternal confidence between Mrs. Pinkham and the women of America which has never been broken. Out of the vast volume of experience which she has to draw from, it is more than possible that she has gained the very knowledge that will help your case. She asks nothing in return except your good-will, and her advice has relieved thousands. Surely any woman, rich or poor, is very foolish if she does not take advantage of this generous offer of assistance.—Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

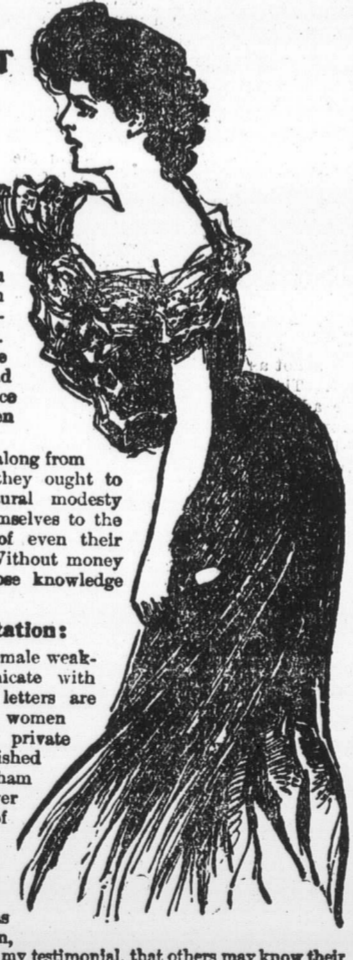
Following we publish two letters from a woman who accepted this invitation. Note the result.

First letter. Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—For eight years I have suffered something terrible every month. The pains are excruciating and I can hardly stand them. My doctor says I have a severe female trouble and I must go through an operation if I want to get well. I would like to submit to it if I can possibly help it. Please tell me what to do. I hope you can relieve me.—Mrs. Mary Dimmick, 60th and E. Capitol Sts., Washington, D. C.

Second letter. Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—After following carefully your advice, and taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, I am very anxious to send you my testimonial, that others may know their value and what you have done for me.

"As you know, I wrote you that my doctor said I must have an operation or I could not live. I then wrote you, telling you my ailments. I followed your advice and am entirely well. I can walk miles without an ache or a pain, and I owe my life to you and to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I wish every suffering woman would read this testimonial and realize the confidence between Mrs. Pinkham and the women of America which has never been broken. Out of the vast volume of experience which she has to draw from, it is more than possible that she has gained the very knowledge that will help your case. She asks nothing in return except your good-will, and her advice has relieved thousands. Surely any woman, rich or poor, is very foolish if she does not take advantage of this generous offer of assistance.—Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

When a medicine has been successful in restoring to health so many women whose testimonies is so unquestionable, you cannot well say, without trying it, "I do not believe it will help me." If you are ill, don't hesitate to get a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once, and write Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., for special advice—it is free and always helpful.



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