

Sunday School

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. XII SEPTEMBER 16, 1906.

Jesus Silences the Pharisees and Sadducees. Mark 12: 13-27.

Commentary.—I. A deputation comes to Christ (v. 13). They—the Pharisees as a whole appointed certain ones to visit Jesus for the purpose of inducing him to say something that would refute his claims as the Messiah or that would give ground for an accusation against him before the government. Certain Pharisees—Matthew says "their disciples." Probably young and zealous scholars. Herodians—The Herodians were a political party rather than a religious sect. They were probably the partisan supporters of the Herod family, and so were favorable to the Roman dominion.

II. A question concerning our duty as citizens (vs. 14-17). 14. Master, we know, etc.—This was a hypocritical compliment. They hope by their treacherous flattery to induce him to commit himself to some rebellious statement. It is lawful, etc.—Caesar was a name common to all the emperors, derived originally from Julius Caesar, the proper founder of Roman imperialism in the place of the old republic. The present emperor was Tiberius. The tribute was a poll-tax, or levy of a denarius upon every person, imposed by the Roman government ever since Judea had become a province.

III. Beware of the flatterer. They send unto him certain of the Pharisees... to catch him (v. 13). "He that slanders me," says Cowper, "paints me blacker than I am, and he that flatters me paints me whiter." They both do me wrong when I look in the glass of conscience. I see myself disguised by both.

IV. The Pharisees cannot complain for Caesar's government is not attacked. The Pharisees cannot complain for his decision is in harmony with their own confession of patriotism or as a political arbiter. He simply decides as a religious teacher that government is right and must receive proper dues.—Whedon, to God—Not the temple tribute merely, but all things as the acceptance of Caesar's government involves the duty of tax-paying to him, so the acceptance of every good and perfect gift from above involves the duty of supreme allegiance to God.—Abbott.

V. Learn lessons from the marriage law. God's thought, in his own divine institution of marriage, is only carried out when a Christian man chooses a Christian woman and a Christian woman gives herself to a Christian man. The negative command concerning marriage is, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers (II. Cor. vi. 14). The positive command is, "Be married... only in the Lord." The Christian man who marries an un saved woman may wreck his life, and the Christian girl who marries an un saved man may make a most fatal mistake. One lady said to another, "I have no heart to go. When Mr. F. first paid attention to me, I knew that he indulged in intonements and was gay. But I flattered myself that I, with my well-stored mind, brilliant wit, and finished education, could win him to be a home-loving man; so I consented to marriage with him. I read, sang, conversed, and made our home bright, yet I felt utterly, I cannot go out because my heart is bowed with shame. I still live with him, but I fear the time is rapidly approaching when I no longer can. I was a professing Christian, and I went contrary to God's command. As I lay in an un saved man's arms, I was a prostitute."—One Last Wish.

Judge to Prisoner Wished to Death.—You have the legal right to express a last wish, and if possible, to have it carried out. I would like to see more men be allowed to waive the district attorney.

his wife, etc.—The children were to be reckoned in the genealogy of the deceased brother.

20. Seven brethren.—This was no doubt an imaginary case. The Sadducees assume that the resurrection includes the revival of the relations now existing. In the resurrection—in the case stated serious difficulties would arise. Which of the seven husbands should have the seven wives?

24. De ye not...err.—To err means to wander. They do not merely make a mistake but they wander in ignorance of the Scriptures.—Whedon. Ye know not—You err because you do not know (1) the Scriptures, which affirm this doctrine; nor (2) the power of God, which is able to effect a new order of things in the world.—Cam. Bib. Power of God.—The Bible rests the doctrine of the resurrection on the exercise of divine power (Acts 26, 8; Rom. 1, 4; I Cor. 6, 14).

25. Whedon. To catch him.—Matthew says "entangle him." A metaphor drawn from catching wild birds. Early in the day the leaders had challenged his authority (Mark xi. 27-33), and Jesus had silenced them completely; now they renew the attack and ask him three entangling questions: 1. Concerning taxes. 2. Concerning the resurrection. 3. Concerning the great commandment (Mark xii. 28-34).

26. Book of Moses.—The Sadducees had appealed to Moses as authority and now Jesus turns to the same source to prove his point. In the bush—See Exod. 3, 5, 15. I am, etc.—Notice that the present tense is used. He cannot be the God of non-entities, non-existences. If he is their God they are his people, and of course, must be in existence, and not out of existence.

27. Whedon.—Where was Jesus at this time? Who challenged his authority? Who were the Herodians? What question did they ask Christ? How did they hope to catch him by this question? What was Christ's answer? Why are some of the things which should render to the government? What to God? What was the belief of the Sadducees? What question did they ask? How did they expect to catch Christ? Of what two things did Jesus say they were ignorant? What did Jesus say of the resurrection state?

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August Crop Bulletin

The following information concerning the present condition of Agriculture in the Province has been issued by the Ontario Department of Agriculture: Fall Wheat.—The unusually open winter was most trying to fall wheat, but the crop picked up wonderfully in the spring, and improved steadily until harvest. It was harvested under favorable conditions, the straw standing up well, and the weather being dry and bright. The quality of the grain, as a rule, is plump and well up to weight, and the yield per acre is considerably over the average. Very little rust was reported.

Spring Wheat.—This variety of wheat is not much in favor, more especially in the western part of the Province. A good yield was promised. Several correspondents stated that "Wild Goose" was the only variety of spring wheat now grown.

Barley.—A large yield of plump grain, much of it disclosed, but all of it good for feeding to live stock (which is now its chief use in Ontario), is the record of the barley crop of 1906.

Oats.—This crop suffered more than any other from rain storms. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, they will be a comparatively large yield per acre.

Rye.—Only a small acreage of rye is now grown in Ontario for the grain. Most of it is fed green, and in some cases it is cut for hay. The crop this season has been a comparatively light one.

Peas.—For about five or six years the deprivations of the pea weevil (commonly called the "bug") were so great that in nearly every section of the Province the acreage given to peas shrank to alarmingly small proportions. Last year, however, the weevil did but little trouble to pea growers, and this season the pest is usually mentioned to remark its absence.

Exp. Ald. W. J. Norfolk, of Bradford, Ont., died. He was completely destroyed. Mr. Gerety's planing mill, situated on York street, London, last night, doing damage to the extent of \$25,000. For a while a large portion of the city was threatened. The correspondent at Shanghai of the Morning Post states that the Chinese Ambassador to London has asked to be recalled.

WOMAN KILLED.

MRS. MOGG STRUCK BY A TRAIN AT GALT CROSSING.

Thrown Thirty Feet and Injured So Seriously That Death Resulted in a Few Hours—A Distant Relative of Lord Russell.

A Galt despatch: Mrs. George Mogg, Dayton street, was struck by the north-bound G. T. R. train at a crossing near Hunter's Corners, at 1 o'clock this afternoon, sustaining injuries to which she succumbed in the hospital two hours later. The unfortunate woman was divorced from her husband, and she had just returned from her home on the track. She paid no heed to the warning whistle of the approaching train, which when it struck her threw her thirty feet into a ditch. Her scalp was almost torn from her head, her shoulder crushed, and several ribs fractured.

A remarkable fact was that when the train hands picked her up she was not unconscious. A broken whiskey bottle was found in a pocket in her dress. Deceased was well known about town, having lived here for a number of years. She was a distant relative of Lord Russell, London, from whom she received her name. Her husband is a plasterer. An inquest will be held.

BOERS EMIGRATING.

Warning Issued at Solicitation of General Botha.

Johannesburg, Sept. 3.—A warning issued by the Transvaal Government to intending Boer emigrants to the Argentine Republic was published after the following notice was published after Botha to Lord Selborne on behalf of Her Majesty.

For the last two years the Boer leaders have been vainly endeavoring to stem the tide of emigration to Argentina, especially on account of well-to-do farmers joining the movement. According to private letters from Boer settlers, the Boer settlement are doing well, and are desiring every encouragement from the Argentine Government. Churches and schools have been established, and the settlers are exempt from military service. Most of the settlers are irreconcilables and Cape rebels.

Market Reports of The Week.

Table with columns for various market items like Wheat, Barley, Potatoes, etc., and their prices.

Table titled 'Leading Wheat Markets' showing prices for New York, St. Louis, Minneapolis, etc.

Table titled 'Toronto Live Stock' showing prices for various types of cattle and sheep.

Table titled 'Manitoba Wheat' showing prices for different grades of wheat.

Table titled 'Toronto Fruit Market' showing prices for various fruits like apples, peaches, etc.

Table titled 'The Cheese Market' showing prices for various types of cheese.

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TEACHERS SCARCE.

SO EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS TO MODIFY REGULATIONS. Model Schools and Third-Class Certificates—Conditions Under Which Board of Examiners May Admit to Model Schools—A New Regulation.

In view of the scarcity of public school teachers, and the probability that it will soon become still greater during the first session of the new Normal School system, which will go into operation in September, 1907, the Education Department has authorized the following modifications of the existing regulations in regard to model schools and public school teachers' certificates.

A county board of examiners may admit to the model school candidates holding junior teachers' certificates who will be eighteen years of age on or before the reopening of the county public schools for the second half of 1907; and candidates who will be eighteen years of age on or before September 1, 1906, and who have failed at the junior teachers' examination, but whose marks warrant the county board in prescribing that, after further study, they will be able to pass the junior teachers' examination of 1907.

HER MEMORY GONE. Victim of Assault Cannot Recall Circumstances. An Owen Sound despatch: Miss Louise Jones, the victim of the daring assault a few weeks ago, will in all probability leave the General and Marine Hospital to-morrow morning, as she has practically recovered from the effects of the outrage.

She has completely regained her normal mental condition, but has not the faintest recollection of anything that transpired on the evening in question. She distinctly remembers going to town, but her recollection does not go beyond that point.

In view of this fact it is very improbable the culprit will ever be brought to justice, in the opinion of several officers engaged in the case. Detective Rogers is in town this week seeking information concerning the matter.

STATE TAX ON \$200,000,000. Ohio Gets One Per Cent. on Gross Earnings of Corporations. Columbus, O., Sept. 3.—The gross earnings of the public service companies taxed under the Cole law will reach this year the enormous sum of \$200,000,000. The reports of the companies are due by Sept. 1 and many are already in. Included in the list of quasi public corporations taxed under this law are electric and telephone, express, telegraph and telephone, signal and messenger pipe line, gas and electric light and power companies and freight line companies.

They are taxed 1 per cent. on their gross earnings, so that the law will produce this year \$200,000,000 in revenue. Last year their earnings reached only \$180,000,000.

FOR CONDUCTING LOTTERY.

Fort Erie Man Arrested—Incriminating Papers Found. A Bridgeport, Ont., despatch: This afternoon Chief Magistrate of Niagara Falls and Provincial Detective Grant of Toronto, arrested W. E. Hunt, of Fort Erie, on the charge of conducting a lottery in connection with the Canadian Royal Art Union. Mr. Hunt's private residence, known as the Erp House, was searched, and at his hotel, the Angler, a lottery ticket was found, also a number of incriminating papers and books both there and at the hotel.

Hunt and a number of associates were arrested less than a year ago on the same charge, convicted and heavily fined. The prisoner was taken to Niagara Falls to-night to be given a hearing before Police Magistrate Cruikshank.

MURRAY INNOCENT.

BUFFALO CEMETERY SCANDAL FIZZLES OUT. Buffalo, Sept. 3.—Justice Sutherland, in special term of the Supreme Court today, dismissed seven indictments remaining against Collector of the Port Fred. G. Murray for his alleged connection with the cemetery-armor scandal.

In dismissing the indictments, the court said: "They are dismissed so far as they concern Mr. Murray, for the same reason that I instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of acquittal—there was not in my judgment, sufficient evidence to convince, not enough to warrant the indictments."

Counsel for Mr. Murray, who at his personal request, was suspended from office when the indictments were announced, will inform President Roosevelt of the action of the court, for the speedy reinstatement, and hopes for the speedy reinstatement of his client.

FOUND HIS DIAMONDS.

St. Catharines despatch: J. S. Smith, jeweller, considers himself a lucky man. On Sunday he went for a spin in his touring car to Niagara Falls. The previous evening he had received two valuable diamonds by mail, which were to be ordered for customers. They were worth \$600. He placed them in a little piece of wrapping paper and put them in his hip pocket. He forgot to put the valuables in a more secure place and they went along on the automobile ride. The parcel was suddenly remembered by Mr. Smith as he reached the Falls. To his dismay he discovered that he had lost it.

On Monday he walked the entire distance to the Falls and back, 24 miles, without result. Yesterday another search was made over the ground, but it ended in failure. This afternoon, Mr. Smith resolved to make a final try. He enlisted the aid of Mr. Charles Logan, a local business man, and accompanied by four children and a horse and carriage, they started out. Every foot of the road was searched. Opposite the wheel works at Merritt, Mr. Logan suddenly was heard to exclaim, "That looks like something," and, bending down, he picked up the lost package. The two diamonds were inside it. The package had lain on the road for three days and three nights. Mr. Smith has not always been so fortunate with diamonds. On the last day of the Canadian Henley regatta last year thieves stole \$1,700 worth of diamonds out of the show case in his store by the old trick of one engaging the clerk's attention while the other got the diamonds. There has not been a trace of them since.

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