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ONE OUT OF FIVE. The joy of the friends of Sir Louis Davies over the election of a local government supporter in a recent Prince Edward Island by-election shows how desperate the situation is in that province.

The military difficulty in the way is not greater than the task that must be performed after the war is over. Some attempt will be made to place China under stable government. In this responsibility several nations must share, and each will have an eye to its own advantage as well as to the peace and good government of China.

Wm., cannot be known. They decided to give their support to Mr. Wise, who had been a government supporter, but had withdrawn his confidence.

THE CATALOGUE OF CRIMES. The senate of Canada has saved the taxpayer of Canada a good many millions during the past four years. Each saving has brought on that chamber a measure of wrath from those who wanted the money.

Another annoying act of the senate was the holding of the first Drupmond railway bill. The result of this action was the second contract, which, bad as it was, saves the country probably two millions of dollars as compared with the first agreement.

IN CHINA. The situation in China is full of difficulties both military and diplomatic. If the agitation against foreigners should spread over the empire, as it seems likely to do, the forces representing civilization will find themselves face to face with a foe which by the mere weight of numbers may offer a long and stubborn resistance.

But despite the difficulties, it may be taken for granted that such action will be taken as to open up China to occidental influences. The proud old civilization of China cannot stand against the aggressive western world.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL. The International Lesson.

Lesson V.—July 29. GOLDEN TEXT. This is my beloved Son; hear him.

THE SCENARIO. Includes the transfiguration and the events which immediately followed—the healing of the demoniac boy (Luke 9: 37-43), and the second announcement of Jesus' death and resurrection (Luke 9: 44-45).

PLACE IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST. Beyond the middle of the Third Year of his ministry. It was a marked epoch in his work, revealing his true nature after foretelling his sufferings and death.

HISTORICAL SETTING. Time.—Autumn of A. D. 29; a week after the last lesson; in the night, probably toward morning (comp. Luke 9: 37).—Andrew, new edition.

THE TRANSFIGURATION.—Luke 9: 28-36. Compare Matthew 17: 1-13. Read Mark 8: 27-29. Commit verses 33-35.

28. And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings he (a) took Peter and John and James, and went up into (b) a mountain to pray.

29. And as he prayed, the countenance of his face was altered, and his raiment (d) was white and (e) glistening.

30. And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and (f) Elijah.

31. Who appeared in glory, and (g) spoke of his decease which he (g) should accomplish at Jerusalem.

32. But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.

33. And it came to pass, as they (i) departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master: it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for (j) Elias; not knowing what he said.

34. While he (k) thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them; and they feared as they entered into the cloud.

35. And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my (l) beloved Son; hear him.

36. And as the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. And they (m) kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.

REVISION CHANGES. (So far as they affect the sense.) Ver. 28. (a) Took with him. (b) The. Ver. 29. (c) As he was praying. (d) Beside. (e) Dazzling. Ver. 30. (f) Elijah. Ver. 31. (g) Was about to. Ver. 32. (h) Were fully awake. Ver. 33. (i) Were parting. Ver. 34. (j) He said these things. Ver. 35. (k) Thus spake. Ver. 36. (l) Held their peace.

LIGHT ON THE TEXT. Circumstances.—In our last lesson Jesus revealed to his disciples for the first time that he must die upon the cross, and be raised again. They seem to have been greatly shocked, almost stupefied. Their Master was to go, their hopes of a earthly Messiah and of a worldly kingdom were shattered. They could not see beyond. After a week of this gloom the transfiguration took place, to reveal to them the true nature of Jesus, strengthen their faith, and prepare them for the trying times to come.

28. About an eight days after—The above conversation. Matthew calls it six complete days; Luke counts 'in parts of two days at each extreme.' Took Peter and John and James—The three disciples most advanced, who could best understand the event. 'To him that hath shall be given.' Went up into a mountain to pray. The transfiguration was an answer to prayer. By the answer we can judge what he prayed for. Doubtless all of them prayed.

29. The fashion (appearance) of his countenance was altered—He was transfigured, so that his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white and glistening as snow. His heavenly nature shone through his body. And his raiment was white and glistening as snow. This gives a hint of our resurrection bodies, which are to be like his. 'His body' is not our body; and we are to 'shine forth as the sun.'

30. Moses—The giver of the law, and the founder of the old dispensation, which was soon to blossom out into the new. Elijah—Greek for 'Yah,' the representative of the prophets and the forerunner of Christ.

31. Who appeared in glory—In their resurrection bodies. Both died a peculiar death, and their bodies were doubtless changed as those which at the day of resurrection will be changed (1 Cor. 15: 51, 52).

32. Were heavy with sleep; and when they were awake—This last expression means that they kept awake in spite of their drowsiness. What they saw was a reality, not a vision or a dream.

33. Let us make three tabernacles—Booths of the bushes that grew on the mount of Sinai. It seemed to him that the hour for the long-looked-for reign had come. From the slopes of Hermon he would have had the laws of a new kingdom proclaimed, so that all men might recognize the true Messiah in the representatives of the old dispensation.

34. And they kept it close—At Jesus' command (Matthew) till after his resurrection. For till then they would not understand it enough to make the right use of it, and his enemies would use it to injure him and his cause.

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS. (For written and oral answers.) Subject.—The Transfiguration and Its Lessons.

I. The Prayer Meeting on the Mountain (v. 28).—Who were present at this prayer meeting? What had been made known to the disciples on the way? State the time and place. What promise to those who unite in prayer?

II. The Glory of Jesus Revealed (v. 29).—What took place while Jesus was praying? What was Jesus' appearance? Where else do we learn of his glory? (Heb. 1: 1-3; Rev. 1: 13-18; Dan. 7: 9).

III. The Conference of the Glorified Three (vs. 30, 31).—Who came and talked with Jesus? What was there peculiar about the death of these two? (Deut. 34: 5, 6; Jude 1: 2 Kings 2: 11). On what subject did they discourse, and why? What did Moses represent? What did Elijah?

IV. The Three Witnesses (vs. 32, 33).—What did Peter propose? Why was not this good? What was the value of the transfiguration experience? V. The Voice from the Cloud (vs. 34-36).—What testimony came for Jesus? Lessons from the Transfiguration Experience.—1. Lesson of comfort. 2. Value of the Transfiguration experience. 3. To be utilized in helping a needy world. 4. Value of a vision of Christ, as he is. 5. Freedom of the recognition of friends in heaven.

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ing on the arm of her brother-in-law, P. N. Perkins. The couple were unattended. The bride was becomingly attired in a travelling suit of blue with hat to match. Only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present.

The groom is a brother of the Rev. Andrew Gray, D. D., of Boston, Mass. After the wedding breakfast at the residence of her sister, Mrs. F. N. Perkins, 65 Harrison street, the happy couple left for their future home in Elgin, Albert Co.

A CARD OF THANKS. To the Editor of the Sun: Sir—Permit me through your paper to thank the many dear friends and public generally in St. John, Moncton, Sackville and especially Dorchester, whose kindness and sympathy were so generously extended to me in the sad bereavement which came through the drowning of my son, Winthrop Lockhart, at St. John July 15th.

This was the more highly prized because of the absence of Capt. Lockhart, who was unable to leave the ship and come home. All these friends will please accept my sincere thanks for their unwearied ministrations to me and mine in our great grief and loss.

I am, yours in sorrow, MRS. FLORENCE LOCKHART. Dorchester, July 19, 1900.

BEARDSLEY REUNION. A very pleasant reunion of the

Notice to Subscribers.

The following agents are travelling in New Brunswick in the interests of the Sun. John E. Austin in Queens County. Edgar Canning in Kings County.

IN NOVA SCOTIA. L. M. Curren in Cumberland County, N. S.

Beardsley family, formerly of Richmond and Woodstock, N. B., was held at the home of Mrs. Edwin Bradstreet on High street, last Wednesday. Mrs. Beardsley, who, although 98 years old, is remarkably bright and smart, was driven over from the old homestead at Richmond, and enjoyed the day with her children and other relatives exceedingly. The daughters present were: Mrs. Matilda Bales of Richmond, Mrs. B. J. Smith of Carleton, Mrs. Helen Hearst of Kansas, Mo., and Mrs. Edwin Bradstreet. Other relatives were present to the number of twenty-six.—Houlton Pioneer.

DEATH OF MRS. GOOD OF WOODSTOCK. Margaret Woods Good, who died after a lingering illness of heart trouble, at her home, Upper Woodstock, on July 10th, was born at Welsford, N. B., Jan. 28th, 1834. She married on June 30th, 1859, the late George Good, removed to Carleton Co., and has since lived at Upper Woodstock. At the time of her husband's decease, which was in November, 1869, she was left with a family of six children, five of whom survive—John W., now of Carleton, N. W. T.; C. Clarence of Butte City, Montana; Randolph and Ashel, who still occupy the homestead, and George, wife of A. G. Brewer of Boston. Amid the busy and perplexing cares of her household she found time to cultivate the graces of Christian hospitality. She has always been a member of the Methodist church at Jacksonville. Her life was one of continual devotion to her family, church and friends. The funeral services were largely attended, and were conducted by the Rev. James Crisp, assisted by Rev. W. H. Spargo, a former pastor, and Rev. Mr. Atkinson, pastor of the Baptist church at Jacksonville.

MANY BULL MOOSE ON THE I. C. R. When the Maritime Express was passing a point fifteen miles east of Campbellton, one morning last week, the passengers were delighted to see two fine bull moose on the track. The moose separated on each side of the train as it passed, and remained looking after the train as it disappeared. These total seven moose seen by Conductor Heine along the track within ten days. Between Bellefleur and Petite Roche, the week before, a big bull moose was overtaken in a heavy rock cutting, and it was hemmed so close to the train that anyone could have touched it.

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