

Lesson V. THE PRODIGAL SON—TEMPERANCE LESSON May 3, 1914

Luke 15 : 11-24. Study Luke 15 : 11-32—*Commit to memory vs. 17-19.

GOLDEN TEXT—I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight.—Luke 15 : 18 (Rev. Ver.).

11 And he said, A certain man had two sons :
12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of ¹ goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there ² wasted his substance with riotous living.

14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that ³ land ; and he began to be in want.

15 And he went and joined himself to ⁴ a citizen of that country ; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16 And he would fain have ⁵ filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat : and no man gave unto him.

17 ⁶ And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish ⁷ with hunger !

18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say

Revised Version—¹ thy substance ; ² he ; ³ country ; ⁴ one of the citizens ; ⁵ been filled with ; ⁶ But when ; ⁷ here with ; ⁸ in thy sight ; I am ; ⁹ while ; ¹⁰ afar off ; ¹¹ was moved with ; ¹² quickly ; ¹³ Omit hither ; ¹⁴ make merry.

LESSON PLAN

- I. The Demand, 11, 12.
- II. The Destination, 13-16.
- III. The Resolve, 17-19.
- IV. The Reception, 20-24.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—The Prodigal son, Luke 15 : 11-24. T.—The prodigal son, Luke 15 : 25-32. W.—The cry of the penitent, Ps. 51 : 9-19. Th.—Turn ye and live, Ezek. 18 : 26-32. F.—The Father's pity, Ps. 103 : 8-18. S.—The riches of God's mercy, Eph. 2 : 1-9. S.—A father's counsel, Prov. 3 : 1-6.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 91. How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation ? A. The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in them, or in him that doth administer them ; but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of his Spirit in them that by faith receive them.

The Question on Missions—5. What was the attitude of the Hottentots towards the missionaries ?

unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and ⁸ before thee,

19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son : make me as one of thy hired servants.

20 And he arose, and came to his father. But ⁹ when he was yet ¹⁰ a great way off, his father saw him, and ¹¹ had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and ¹² in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth ¹³ the best robe, and put it on him ; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet :

23 And bring ¹⁴ hither the fatted calf, and kill it ; and let us eat, and ¹⁵ be merry :

24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again ; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

It was at first cordial, but owing to the circulation of evil and untrue reports, the people became unfriendly, attacked and looted mission property, and finally, in 1900, compelled the missionaries to flee from the country. They were able to return in 1901.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: Ps. Sel. 68 (Supplemental Lesson), 151, 161, 38 (Ps. Sel.), 169 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 152.

Special Scripture Reading—Ps. 51. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.) It is expected that each scholar will have his or her Bible, and so be prepared to take part in this reading, which may form part of the opening exercises of the School.

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 651, "Father, I have sinned against heaven ;" B. 639, The Departure of the Prodigal. For Question on Missions, C. 148, Interior of Dr. MacKenzie's House After Boxer Riot ; C. 26, Paul Goforth As He Escaped from the Boxers. (These Slides are obtained from Rev. D. M. Ramsay, D.D., Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, 96 Queen St. East, Toronto, at \$2.00 a dozen. Schools desiring slides made may procure them on short notice by sending negatives, prints or photographs. Slides are colored to order.)

Stereographs—For Lesson, In the Court of a Village Home, Cana of Galilee (Underwood & Underwood Dept. D., 62 Adelaide St. East, Toronto), set of twelve stereographs for this Quarter's Lessons, \$2.00 ; five for May, 84c. ; less than five in one order, 20c. each ; stereoscopes, 85c. (postage or express is prepaid on all orders for stereographs or stereoscopes). In ordering please be sure to mention THE TEACHERS MONTHLY.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

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Time and Place—January, A.D. 30 ; Perea.

Connecting Links—The Parable of the Prodigal Son completes the trilogy of the parables of grace. The two preceding parables (last Lesson, vs. 1-10) give the divine side of grace,—the seeking love of God. The third gives the human side,—the rise and

growth of repentance in the heart of the sinner.

I. The Demand, 11, 12.

Vs. 11, 12. A certain man ; a father, representing God, the kindest of fathers. Two sons ; of very different dispositions. (Compare Matt. 21 : 28-31.) The younger ; and therefore second to his brother in position.

*The Scripture Memory Passages of the Supplemental Leaflets are recommended as a substitute for those here given Sabbath by Sabbath. Their recitation leads to the obtaining of a beautiful Certificate or Diploma.