

Sabbath School.

BIBLE LESSONS.

Adapted from Peabody's Select Notes.

FIRST QUARTER.

Lesson VIII. Feb. 16. Luke 7: 2-16.

THE GREAT HELPER.

Read Luke 7: 1-50. Commit Verse 14-16.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"They glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us."—Luke 7: 16.

THE SECTION.

In this chapter we have four ways in which Jesus helped men.

1. The centurion's servant—help in sickness.
2. Raising the widow's son—help in death.
3. The prisoner of Machabean—help in spiritual depression.
4. Salvation, new life, for Pharisees, publicans, and sinners.

EXPLANATORY.

I. THE CENTURION'S SERVANT.—Vs. 2-10. A centurion in the Roman army was equivalent to a captain in ours. The chief officers of a company whose quota was 100 men. Sixty of these companies, or "centuries," made up a Roman legion. This centurion was of Gentile birth (Matt. 8: 10) (Greek, Syrian, or Roman), but was a religious man, and a believer in the God of the Jews. "Servant" (Greek, *bond-servant*) "Who was dear unto him." Note how delighted the relation of master and servant can be, when both are of the right character and filled with the right spirit. This fact is an honor both to the centurion and to the servant. "Was sick of the palsy," and grievously tormented (Matt.), and "at the point of death." "Probably a case of progressive paralysis, attended by muscular spasms and involving the respiratory movements, where death is manifestly imminent and inevitable; attended by symptoms of great distress." See on Lesson V.

3. "When he heard of Jesus." The centurion's faith had a good foundation. The fact that Jesus had done marvelous cures for others gave him the best of reasons for believing Jesus could help him now. "He sent unto him elders of the Jews" not of the synagogue, for which another word is used, but of the people, the Jewish government.

4. "Beseeching him instantly," i. e., urgently, as in the phrase "continuing instant" in prayer.

5. "He loveth our nation," attracted doubtless by the great superiority of their religion, their hopes, their better morality. "His faith built us a synagogue," thus expressing his interest and faith in their religion.

6. "Then Jesus went with them," as he would answer any call of help, but more than this, the plea of the Jewish delegation showed that this centurion had faith, and was prepared to receive larger spiritual blessings. "To him that hath said be given." "He was worthy" in this sense, not in the sense that his gifts deserved the blessing asked for. He felt that he was worthy. His humility was as great as his faith. The two naturally abide together in the same soul.

7. "Jesus is a word," showing the unusual greatness of the centurion's faith. The centurion's faith was an "invisible highway for the saving angels of the great Emperor."

8. "For I also," like Jesus, but in another sphere, "as a man set under authority." He had power, indeed, but it was "authorized" and delegated power, power derived from the powers above him, such as the tribunes or "chief captains" (Acts 21: 31) of the legion. "Mark the connection of the position of Jesus, as 'authorized,' and therefore 'authoritative.' Dr. Horton renders this phrase as referring to the authority that is 'upon' him, 'I am vested with authority,' 'authority is put upon me.' 'I say unto thee, be healed,' 'my word is all powerful in the ranks which I command. Military service demands instant, unquestioning obedience. The centurion believes that Jesus has such power over the unseen forces, over diseases, over angels and spirits."

9. "Jesus" marvelled." He was filled with admiration at the centurion's faith. No such faith had been manifested before anywhere, and now it appeared not in a Jew, but a Gentile. Only on one other occasion it is said that Jesus marvelled, and that was at the want of faith where it was expected (Mark 6: 6). In the report of Matthew (8: 11-13) follows the earnest warning to the Jews and comfort to the Gentiles, based on this fact.

10. "Found the servant whole," restored to health. The authoritative word had gone forth, as the centurion had expected.

LIBRARY. W. Adams' "Conversations of Christ," "The Modest Man of Faith," Robertson's "Sermon," Series 2, "The Centurion's Faith," Frances Brown's "Poems," "Losses."

LESSONS FROM THE CENTURION'S FAITH.

1. Christ is our helper in our bodily sickness and pain, and in those of our loved ones. He will sometimes come to work together for good. He often, by leading to the keeping of his commandments, prevents sickness.

ILLUSTRATION. A minister on his way to a meeting had a narrow escape from a falling bridge, and expressed to his brethren great thankfulness for God's goodness. Another replied that he had said greater cause for gratitude. Why? Because he had often crossed the bridge safely when there was no accident.

2. The blessing was gained through faith expressed in works. It had led him to build a synagogue; to study the Jewish religion; to observe closely the new prophet, and investigate his works, and in the time of need to send to Jesus for help. Thus, through the prayer of faith and the feet of faith, the necessary means were secured.

3. Sickness and trouble may be the means of increasing faith. Like Jacob, from a pillow of stones in the night of sorrow may have seen visions of heaven and of his Father, and have received the message God's angels have brought.

4. The faith of the centurion was

great, not only because it was living, working, humble, persistent; but also because it was a victory over great obstacles—his Roman skepticism, his ungodly companions, his heathen training, the evil influences of the times, the prejudices of his superiors, his pride of wealth and office.

5. It was a faith exercised for others. It reached out into the region of unselfishness and was thus of the highest quality.

6. It was a reasonable faith, based on facts.

ILLUSTRATION. "When a man declares to me, 'I cannot believe in miracles,' I reply, 'I can, because I have witnessed them.' 'When and where?' 'On a certain street in this city is a man who was a week ago given over to every form of vice and brutality, and who is now a good citizen, an honest workman, a kind husband, a loving father, a pure, upright man. Surely, that is such a miracle as makes me reasonably believe in the possibility of miracles.' In the Grecian story the giant Antaeus, in wrestling with Hercules, doubled his strength when he touched the earth. And our faith receives its strength when it touches the ground of fact."

II. THE WIDOW OF NAIN.—Vs. 11-16.—RAISING THE DEAD. Soon after the healing of the centurion's servant, Jesus went on a tour to the southwest of (a) Jerusalem, followed by many of his disciples and "much people" and in his journey came near to Nain, a small town twenty-five miles distant. Note the providence of God in the coming of the two journeys together at this exact time.

"Our Lord had healed, probably, every kind of disease known in Palestine. He had raised the dying from the beds they had not hoped to leave again. But he had not yet raised the dead. This alone was wanting to complete the evidence of divine power which his miracles offered" (Ryle) and of the extent of his desire and ability to help all men.

12. "There was a dead man carried out." There was no coffin, the corpse being simply covered with a large cloth. "The only son of his mother." The Greek implies that he was the only son she ever had. This fact added greatly to the mother's grief.

"An agony untold: For death had seized, amid a world of

Her piece of gold."

"And she was a widow." The second grief had followed the first. "She was alone in the world. The condition of widows in the East, especially childless ones, was so sad and dependent as to give added poignancy to this widow's sorrow. Moreover, the loss to us of those who die young is not measured by what they were when they died, but by the possibilities of usefulness that lay before them—what they might have been and might have done had they lived. 'And much people of the city was with her.' Thus great numbers were witnesses to Jesus' first miracle of raising the dead, and listened to the first sermon he preached."

13. "He had compassion on her." He did not wait for her to ask for help. She was so blinded with tears that she did not even know that he was there. Her needs, her sorrows, were unuttered prayers, which he might have seen. While it is best for us that usually prayers should be expressed in words, yet the Lord knows our deepest feelings and unuttered prayers and longings. Every need is a prayer, every hopeless sorrow is a petition. Antony, pointing to Caesar's wounds, said to the people, "I show you sweet Caesar's wounds, poor, poor, dumb mouths that speak our desires, are prayers, without ceasing, for help. And Jesus loves to answer them. 'Weep not,' for I will remove the cause of your weeping."

14. "Took the bier," of wicker-work. "It was carried above the heads of the bearers," and so easily touched. "Touching the bier was a sign to the bearers to stop, which they at once did." "Young man, arise," which recalled the soul to the body, like the voice that at the resurrection day all the dead shall hear and obey.

15. "He delivered him" better as a v. v. gave him "his mother." She had lost him, and Jesus gave him back, made a present of him, as it were.

16. "And there came a fear on all." A reverential awe, not terror, but a sense of solemnity in the presence of one who was a messenger from God, and had such power to enforce his words. "A great prophet is risen up among us." They did not say that he was the Messiah, but certainly he came from God, and what he should say about himself must be true. "God hath visited his people." Come near to teach, to help, to deliver them.

LIBRARY. Trumbull's "Studies in Oriental Social Life." Eidersheim's "Jewish Social Life."

LESSONS FROM THE RESTORATION OF THE WIDOW'S SON.

Jesus is the resurrection and the life. We have accounts in the New Testament of several others raised from the dead,—the daughter of Jairus (Matt. 9: 18-26); Lazarus (John 11: 1-44); Dorcas (Acts 9: 36-42); perhaps Eutychus (Acts 20: 9-12). Besides these, the greatest of all, Jesus himself.

At the funeral of Dr. A. J. Gordon, of Boston, Dr. A. T. Pierson said that a telegram announcing his death came at three o'clock in the morning, and, being unable to sleep, he read the New Testament to see what it said about death. And he noticed that the apostle never used the word death to express the close of a Christian life; but "sleep," or, as in 2 Cor. 5: 8, "at home with the Lord" (v. v.); or, as in Phil. 1: 23, "depart, leave the mortal body," as a vessel about to set sail on the sea, for that is the allusion in the Greek word translated "depart."

STREET CAR ACCIDENT.—Mr. Thomas Sabirayas: "My eleven year old boy had his foot badly injured by being run over by a car on a street railway. We at once commenced bathing the foot with Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, when the discoloration and swelling was removed, and in nine days he could use his foot. We always keep a bottle in the house ready for any emergency."

B. Y. P. U.

Our aim. The unification of young people, their increased spirituality, their education in Christian service, their education in social and political action, their education in missionary activity, through existing denominational organizations.

OUR FELLOWSHIP.

All Young People's Societies of whatever name in Baptist churches and Baptist churches having no organizations are eligible to representation. We depend on our unity not upon young people's meetings, but upon our unity in the New Testament, in the full affirmation of whose teachings

WE ARE ONE PEOPLE WITH ONE MIND.

Kindly address all communications for this column to Rev. G. O. Gales, St. John, N. B.

Prayer Meeting Topics for Feb. 9.

B. Y. P. U. Topic.—"Baptism its mode and meaning." Rom 6: 3-4.

C. E. Topic.—"Christ's Warnings," Matt. 7: 21-27.

(A memory meeting suggested.)

Feb. 16.—The Young People's Day.

In our beautiful programme—"Our Youthful Army," Part II, there is a place for the letter from the president. Our president, Rev. Mr. McKenney, sends his letter to the Union in this issue. Let it be read!

Now and again a little murmur of complaint comes to us in regard to the place our Young People's department occupies in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. At the last meeting of our Maritime Union a change was requested, was asked for, and we thought some encouragement was given our committee by the Directors of the paper. Since August things continue—

And why? That August meeting pledged that the young people would do their best to make not only their department of the paper interesting but at the same time they would show their appreciation of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR by seeking to enlarge its circulation. Have the Directors lost confidence in our declarations? Have we failed to show real interest in making the most of our opportunity, and at the office is there no increase of subscribers through our efforts? If we have "gone back" on our pledge the Directors stand excused.

Shall we be content? Is not this Young People's movement of sufficient worth to demand more than an obscure column of our widely circulated denominational organ? And are not the educated young men and women of our churches sufficiently able to present from week to week a column, bright, new, and invigorating, winning the attention of all readers and deserving by its very character the best place possible in the paper? Think of this members of our churches sufficiently able to present from week to week a column, bright, new, and invigorating, winning the attention of all readers and deserving by its very character the best place possible in the paper? Think of this members of our churches sufficiently able to present from week to week a column, bright, new, and invigorating, winning the attention of all readers and deserving by its very character the best place possible in the paper?

Revivals.—We are so glad to hear of revivals in our churches and we know where our young people are organized there will be more permanent results. Now will be the time to organize if you have not already so done.

What do these figures say? The Baptist Union informs us that in the United States and Canada there are about 4,000 B. Y. P. U. societies of strictly denominational relations, and about 3,500 C. E. societies in Baptist churches. If these societies have but fifty as an average membership, what an army of pledged young Baptists we have. Oh for wisdom on the part of leaders to rightly develop the talents of this host for the best possible service!

Kings Co., N. B.

Local union meeting of C. E. societies was held Dec. 31, '95, at Woodville. Owing to very bad roads only a few of the societies reported, but those received showed a marked advance since our last meeting. Woodville society has enjoyed a blessed revival the past autumn and their numbers largely increased. Berwick Baptist has already given you a report. Somerset society advances slowly but surely. Kingsville rejoices in interesting meetings and is encouraged.

The county superintendent is asked to speak to them Feb. 3, on "Christian Endeavor day, what it stands for." New Minas is very hopeful for the future. Waterville and Cambridge are faithfully sowing, knowing that whatever a man sows that shall he also reap. The evening session was devoted to Junior work set forth in three able papers by Miss Woodcock, Miss George, and Miss Burgess. Revs. Bro. Simpson and Glen denning helped us very materially in our meeting. In the consecration service at the close of session over 80 took part. All seemed anxious to do more for Christ and the church during '96.

Evening, Jan. 16, a C. E. society was organized at White Rock, Kings Co. Miss Elsie M. Best, pres.; Miss Bella Cochran, rec. sec.; Miss K. Kehoe, cor. sec. C. E. societies in Kings Co. at present 15. E. L. C. societies 2. We should be glad to have our B. Y. P. U. societies affiliate with us, but of course will not urge them. We are looking forward to a grand rally in Charlottetown, P. E. I., in July.

Halifax, N. B.

Our annual Roll Call was held Friday evening, Jan. 3rd. A large number responded to their names with appropriate passages of scripture, and a most profitable evening was spent. Messages were read from the president and other able members. The young ladies of the Union and congregation have formed a "Mission Circle," having for one of its objects the assistance of families of our organization. We are glad to learn that a large number are taking the three C. C. C.'s; let all take it and be strengthened. Also that several Unions are enjoying revival blessings. May this tidal wave reach all our Unions. We rejoice that our junior Unions are on the increase. 9 reported at Convention. We who are strong help the weak. Encourage our juniors. Also our Transportation Leaders are already heard from. "Hush! Hush!" for Mr. MacDonald, our Maritime Union is talked of as being

Amherst, N. B. P. U.

The readers of our column will rejoice with us that God's power has been wonderfully manifested in our church of late, prayer has been answered, and the seed so faithfully sown by our pastor so many years, is bringing forth an abundant harvest. Fifty five have obeyed Christ in baptism and twenty-five have been added to our B. Y. P. U., and more are coming. Among these are many strong and earnest young men and women who we know will greatly increase our spiritual power and we hope by co-operated effort to do great things for our Leader during the coming year. Owing to the extra services begun before Christmas, the regular work of our Union including S. L. Course and Conquest meetings had to be discontinued, but we expect to resume our work in all its branches at once, we trust with increased vigor. At our monthly business meeting last evening Miss Myra Black was appointed president for the next year, and our considered the recommendation of the Maritime B. Y. P. U. in regard to electing our officers annually. What is considered by the executive the best time for such election, that before annual meetings the next year, and our coming year will be sent in reports, or in Sept. at beginning of Convention year? B. C. R., Cor Sec. Jan. 26.

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Springfield.

My DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS.—It is with pleasure I greet you at the beginning of 1896, and extend to one and all a happy New Year. A brief review of the past may help us in our plans for the future. Looking over the annual report as presented at the late Convention, we find 38 societies embraced in the Maritime Union, 27 of these had been organized during the year; 48 only had reported contributions to the Founding Fund; 46 had paid annual fee; 118 students had taken the B. R. C., 310 the C. M. U., and 513 the S. L. C.

What improvements can we make on the above report in 1896—will it be possible to double the number of Unions? Literature has gone forward for organization purposes, and there should be a very large increase this year. Only 48 Unions reported statistics last year, can't we all work in harmony in this regard, and when statistics are called for send them to the secretary? I presume the 48 Unions reported last year as having paid the annual fee are among the 48 reporting statistics; why not help our Union respond cheerfully, thus help pay our liabilities? 513 members helped to bring the Banner back to our province, last year; have rejoined us were, of this year, why not make it at least 1,000 members this year? "We can do it, Amherst are so." Don't let us lose it, this the fourth and last year. Let us review further, we held a convention in August last, and it was enthusiastic and inspiring, and many if not all returned home delighted and determined to make B. Y. P. U. In some parts we hear of good work being done—why not all along the line? Are not some of our good resolutions weakening?

Our B. Y. P. U. column in MESSENGER AND VISITOR is very dull, not "spicy and bright." Presidents items not seen, vice-presidents, not a word, secretary and corresponding secretary very quiet, county secretaries, associational and district officers, nothing. Where are we all? Surely our editorial secretary with all his pastoral duties, is keeping the column from being taken from us. Why, young friends, this is not "booming B. Y. P. U." in the way that business is done. Let us turn to the year book, page 200—see the list of names under "B. Y. P. U." from president down, even there to keep every column in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR full for at least the next six months. Just think of our many little incidents occurring in your own Union, the missionary concert, social, devotional meeting, etc., that which would form an interesting news to help encourage some other Union. Let every name mentioned in the list write an article of news—short and sweet!—write encouragingly of your work, help, helping each other advance the cause. We can all do it. Who'll be the first? Whilst we urge greater increase in service, further improvement and development in plans, completeness of organization, we are glad to learn that a large number are taking the three C. C. C.'s; let all take it and be strengthened. Also that several Unions are enjoying revival blessings. May this tidal wave reach all our Unions. We rejoice that our junior Unions are on the increase. 9 reported at Convention. We who are strong help the weak. Encourage our juniors. Also our Transportation Leaders are already heard from. "Hush! Hush!" for Mr. MacDonald, our Maritime Union is talked of as being

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Wise women always use Diamond Dyes when the work of house-dyeing begins. The majority of women know that Diamond Dyes produce the richest, strongest and most brilliant colors. I tell you of Diamond Dyes freely give their opinions.

Mrs. A. Chittick, Windsor, N. S., says: "I have used Diamond Dyes for over two years and find them ahead of all others; they are the best for producing clear and lovely colors."

Mrs. Jas. H. Coulter, Newpawa, Man., says: "I have always much pleasure in using Diamond Dyes; I think they are grand and always make old things look like new."

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Life is as serious a thing as death.—Bailey. If your children are troubled with worms, give them Mother's Great Worm Exterminator, safe, sure, and effective. Try it, and mark the improvement in your child.

If you can hear God's message, it is for you. No other remedy for pulmonary troubles combines so many good qualities, nor proves so generally efficacious as Putnam's Emulsion. For sale by all medicine dealers; only 50 cents for a large bottle.

Hope is the ruddy morning of joy; recollection is its golden-tint.—Richter. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is known by its works. The experience of half a century proves that no other preparation of this kind stops coughing and allays irritation of the throat and bronchial tubes so promptly and effectually as this.

People who never mention God's name in public, rarely think of Him in private.

Halifax, N. B.

I was cured of a bad case of Grip by MINARD'S LINIMENT. Sydney, C. B. I was cured of Loss of voice by MINARD'S LINIMENT. Yarmouth. CHARLES LUMMER. I was cured of Sciatic Rheumatism by MINARD'S LINIMENT. Burin, Nfld. LEWIS S. BUTLER.

To Levi H. Young and Catherine his wife and all others whom it may concern: I HEREBY give notice that in default of my payment of the mortgage money owing to me by virtue of the indenture of mortgage executed by you to me, bearing date the twenty-sixth day of August, A. D. 1894, and duly registered in the Office of the Registrar of Deeds for Kings County, in Book "7" No. 3 of Records pages 255, etc., I shall, on the first day of February, A. D. 1896, at twelve o'clock noon, at Chubb's Corner (referred to), in Prince William Street, in the City of Saint John, in the County of Saint John, sell at PUBLIC AUCTION the premises mentioned and described in said indenture, by virtue of the Powers therein vested in me.

Dated the Fifth day of December, A. D. 1895. THOMAS M. BELYEA, Mortgagee. MONT. McDONALD, Solicitor for Mortgagee. dec 30 1895

A Common Affliction

Permanently Cured by Taking Sarsaparilla. A CAB-DRIVER'S STORY. "I was afflicted for eight years with Salt Rheum. During that time, I tried a great many medicines which were highly recommended, but none gave me relief. I was at last advised to try Ayer's Sarsaparilla by a friend who told me that I must purchase six bottles, and use them according to directions. I yielded to his persuasion, bought the six bottles, and used them without noticing any direct benefit. Before I had finished the fourth bottle, my hands were as

Geo. A. McDonald, Pres. Mar. B. Y. P. U. Halifax, January.

We have seen God's way of training the world by a religious process; we have seen His way of training the world by a spiritual process; He also trains the world by a providential process, and neither in that way can we ask for strength; and He sends us sickness; we ask for health for health to be able to do our work—and He sends us sickness; we set our heart on some dear thing that we want to do, on some dear life that we want to lead, and He takes it away. In many a home a cloud is gathered, and a fear, a horrible fear, is coming, and a strong and earnest cry is going up and saying: "O my God, do not take him away, let him live, let him live before These and before me. And God does not seem to hear or seem to heed that cry. Oh, no, it cannot be, that it cannot be; that indeed would be too bad to bear. I believe it to be this, on every hand I feel it, from every side I feel it; we have one way, God has another way, and God's way is not ours. In a way of His own life is training us on and on to something better and more than we could find for ourselves. Though life defeats our purposes, He does not defeat us; and all our hopes and dreams, and all the bright ideals toward which we now aspire, will be at last in His way, and not in our, fulfilled.—David H. Greer, D. D., in "From Things to God."

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