

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON IX.

Samuel, the Victorious Leader.—1. Samuel 7, 3-17.

Commentary.—I. Preparation (vs. 3-8). 3. Samuel—He had been judge of Israel from the death of Eli. He was preparing the people for the reformation that was about to be accomplished.

4. Did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth.—It was a long step in advance when the people of Israel put away foreign gods. They were on the way to victory. Baalim is the plural of Baal and Ashtaroth is the plural of Ashteroth.

5. Gather all Israel to Mizpeh.—Mizpeh denotes a watch-tower. It is thought it was about five miles north-west of Jerusalem, but there is a difference of opinion as to its location. Some would place it at Scopos, a hill a mile northeast of Jerusalem.

6. Drew water, and poured it out.—This act indicated penitence. It also may have had the force of a pledge to God on the part of the people to serve Him. Pasted—in token of their contrition and determination. We have sinned against the Lord.—The people publicly confessed their sins and thus humbled themselves before the Lord.

was regarded with reverence by the people. As a judge he was far-seeing and impartial. As a man of God he had great power in prayer. He accomplished for the people of Israel that for which he was raised up. All the days of his life—in his old age Samuel made his sons judges, but they were only his assistants, while he retained his judicial office. Saul was made king while Samuel lived, but Samuel continued to execute his office to a considerable extent.

Questions.—What exhortation did Samuel give to Israel? What reform took place in Israel? How did the Israelites show their return to the Lord? Where did they assemble and for what purpose? Why did the Philistines come up? How did the Lord put the Philistines to confusion? How did Samuel commemorate the victory of Israel? What was the effect of this victory?

PRACTICAL SURVEY. Topic.—Israel's return to God. I. Embraced true religious reform. II. Established national unity.

1. Embraced true religious reform. When the time came to utter the word of the Lord in the full maturity of His powers and to take the leadership of the nation, Samuel stood ready. Penetrating to the deepest source of their defeat, Samuel placed the recognition of Jehovah at the basis of all national reform. He addressed all the tribes with a voice of moral authority that recalled the admonitions of Moses and the last words of Joshua.

2. Established national unity. Samuel had force of will to resist the tide of evil and to bid it recede. He distinctly charged the house of Israel with having gone astray from the living God. Their idolatry was not a mere fancy nor a mere selfish indulgence. It was an insult, a dishonor to their God. Therefore Samuel's first great act as prophet-judge was to call the people to a thorough religious and moral cleansing, embracing purity of heart, temperance in spirit, chastity of body and righteousness in conduct.

3. To save food. Germany May Exile 5,000,000 Wealthy Subjects. Copenhagen Cable.—The report is in circulation here that, owing to the necessity to restrict food consumption, the German Government intends ordering five million Germans who possess independent incomes and are ineligible for military service to leave Germany for neutral countries and remain there until the war is over.

FARM GARDEN

FEEDING DAIRY COWS IN WINTER.

Economizing on the dairy cow's food supply is a great mistake. The farmer who, as winter approaches, will confine his cows to a simple feed of corn fodder, or some other cheap and ready food, is the man who is not getting the best out of his stock.

Corn is not a perfect food for a dairy cow any more than it is for a broiler for an egg fowl. For the production of milk, as for the production of eggs, a ration is required that contains a larger percentage of flesh-forming constituents than is contained in corn or fodder.

Dairy cows must be fed so as to obtain the greatest possible quantity of milk at that time. A ration should be used so as to sustain the milk flow just as long as possible. Fortunately, the food that tends to produce a large milk flow is also satisfactory from the other standpoint.

If a cow converts her food into milk, instead of putting it on her back in the form of fat, it is almost impossible to feed her too much of the right kind of grain. Of course, it is possible to be really extravagant, but on the average farms where dairying is not a specialty there is little danger of this occurring.

FARM NEWS AND VIEWS. Professor Andrew Boss, of the University of Minnesota, who has made a "social study" of meat and "pet" curing, says an animal should not be fed for 24 or 36 hours before slaughtering, because that gorges the system and fills the capillaries with blood that when cows have access to salt at all times there is less difficulty in churning the cream for butter, because salt really has something to do with making cream churn rapidly.

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much show for disease, unless brought in from other flocks. With sheep an ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure.

A garden should have perfect drainage, for, if there are depressions which hold water, the ground occupied by them will be wasted. It is estimated that an average toad is worth to the farmer \$5 a year for the cutworms alone which it destroys.

GERMANY NEEDS A GUIDING HAND. Has No One Great Enough to Lead in Crisis. Her People Themselves Acknowledge the Lack.

London Cable.—A neutral observer, who has just concluded a tour of Germany and Austria, writing in the London Times regarding Germany's need of a strong man in the present crisis, says: "The whole of Germany's system has been built up with the idea of a strong man at the helm, a virtual dictator of public affairs, and still more important, of public opinion—a Bismarck. In times of peace the present Emperor played his part admirably, chiefly because of his versatility.

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GERMANS LOOK FOR WEAK SPOT. Trying to Find Opening in Russian Line on the Border. Big Battles Coming On the Eastern Front.

Petrograd Cable.—To the south of the East Prussian frontier the Germans are apparently attempting to find an opening in the screen which now stretches across the entire length of territory from Plock across Louisa province to Osowiec.

AFTER SERBIA. Albanians Are Attacking Along Boundary. Paris Cable.—A despatch to the Balkan News Agency from Nish, under date of February 16, says: "Albanian attacks upon the Serbian frontier posts are developing along the entire boundary. The Serbian troops at Okrida retired before an Albanian attack in force and the town has fallen into the hands of the Albanians.

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BIG DEMANDS UPON CHINA

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MARKET REPORTS

TORONTO MARKET.

FARMERS' MARKET. Eggs, new laid, dozen \$0 35 \$0 40. Butter, dairy, lb. 0 30 0 34. Chickens, dressed, lb. 0 18 0 20.

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SUGAR MARKET. Sugars sell at the following prices wholesale: Extra granulated, Redpath's, \$6 36. Do, 20-lb. bags, 6 96.

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