

The Sunday School Lesson

Lesson III. APRIL 17.
SIBLE TEACHINGS ABOUT WORK
 Lesson—Mark 6: 1-3; John 5: 17: 2
 Thess. 3: 6-13.

Golden Text.—"In diligence not slothful; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord" (Rom. 12: 11).

The Lesson Text.

Mark 6: 1. And he went out from thence; and he cometh into his own country; and his disciples follow him.
 2. And when the sabbath was come, he began to teach in the synagogue; and many hearing him were astonished, saying, Whence hath this man these things? and, What is the wisdom that is given unto this man, and what mean such mighty works wrought by his hands?
 3. Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses, and Judas, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended in him.

John 5: 17. But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh even until now, and I work.

2 Thess. 3: 6. Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which they received of us.
 7. For yourselves know how ye ought to imitate us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;
 8. neither did we eat bread for nought at any man's hand, but in labor and travail, working night and day, that we might not burden any of you;
 9. not because we have not the right, but to make ourselves an example unto you, that ye should imitate us.

10. For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, if any will not work, neither let him eat.
 12. Now them that are such as command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

13. But ye, brethren, be not weary in doing.

Comments

Mark 6: 1. During the winter of A. D. 28 or 29 Jesus was in Capernaum. In this lesson, after raising the daughter of Jairus, he left Capernaum and came "into his own country" to Nazareth. This had been the home of His childhood, youth and early manhood, and the scene of His young manhood activities. He worked at the carpenter's bench with Joseph, and filled a useful place in the community. The distance of Nazareth was a walking journey of about seven hours.

Verse 2. The Sabbath, or seventh day, our Saturday, was the principal day of public worship and teaching. The synagogue was the Jewish place of public worship. He was given the roll, and after reading the lesson sat down to explain its passages. They had known Him all of His life, and were astonished. How could a carpenter be gifted with such wisdom?

Verse 3. Joseph, the husband of Mary, had evidently been married before, and those mentioned here were doubtless his sons by this former marriage. They were envious because of His superior wisdom.

John 5: 17. This passage from John is placed here by the lesson committee to show that Christ was a worker. The works described here were works of healing in which Jesus sought to relieve people from their sufferings.

2 Thess. 3: 6. Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians was written toward the close of his second missionary journey, and probably in 51 A. D. It was during his stay in Corinth when persecution was raging. Paul would have the Thessalonians to feel that whether Christ's second coming were almost upon them or a long way distant, "they were to make ready for it, not by feverish excitement and restlessness, but by the quiet, steady performance of every-day duty." What Paul condemned in this verse 5 was idleness. To withdraw means to avoid the companionship.

Verse 7, 8. Paul set the example of laborious working for his own maintenance.

Verses 9, 10. All men, rich or poor,

should be engaged in a useful calling.

Verse 11. Busybodies are those who take so much interest in other people's business that they have no time for their own.

Verse 12. The apostle considered that he had the authority of Christ for commanding people to earn their own bread.

Verse 13. Do not become tired of a work that is useful and necessary.

Illustrated Truth.

Man's work serves the double purpose of earning his right to live and to keeping his powers alive (2 Thess. 3: 10).

Illustration.—Botanists tell us of a leafless vine known as the "dodder." It is a parasite by nature, for though it starts out with roots, it attaches itself to some other plant and begins to feed upon it. Its own roots, having ceased to perform their intended function, decay. The drain upon the plant to which it has attached itself soon causes this plant to wither away and die. It is the same with the parasite in society and in the church. He is useless, but he is not harmless. He weakens those who must do double duty to support him.

Topics for Research and Discussion.

1. Jesus Showed His Wisdom by His Works (Mark 6: 1-3). 1. Where did Jesus spend the years 28 and 29. A. D.? 2. What was Jesus' "own country"? 3. What evidences have we as to Jesus' educational training? 4. How did He spend His childhood and youth? 5. Is it a matter of surprise that the associates of Jesus did not recognize Him for what He was? 6. He Practiced What He Preached (John 5: 17). 6. Suppose Jesus were here today with His deeds and doctrine, how would He be received? 7. Does present-day society really want Christianity? 8. His Example Was Followed by Others (2 Thess. 3: 6-13). 8. Does verse 6 teach expulsion from church membership? 9. What was Paul's attitude toward the second coming? 10. Summarize the practical teaching of verses 9 to 13.

SOWING GOOD CLEAN SEED PAYS IN RESULTS

NET PROFITS FROM SAME AREA INCREASES BY PLANTING ONLY BEST SEED.

Increasing the acreage of crops grown on the farm does not always mean greater net profits. The latter, per acre, are very frequently quite small. If the yield, per acre, can be increased without raising the cost of production the increase in yield will all go towards increasing the net profits. Let us assume that a farmer's wheat crop yields 24 bushels per acre, and that it takes 20 of the 24 bushels per acre to pay rent or interest on capital invested, and the cost of preparing the land, seed, harvesting, threshing, etc. This would leave 4 bushels from each acre as the net profit.

On a large proportion of Canadian farms uncleaned or improperly cleaned seed is sown. There is no excuse for sowing so much dirty and poorly graded seed. The fanning and grading can be done in the slack time and well ahead of the busy spring seeding. This grading would not add to the cost of producing of the crop and the larger yield secured would substantially increase or, in many instances, double the net profit. Experiments conducted with oats at Guelph over a period of seven years showed the following results:

Large seed	62 bush. per acre
Medium seed	54 " "
Small seed	47 " "

Similar experiments with wheat, barley, rye and peas gave much the same results in each case. The small, shrunken and split kernels are much more valuable for feed than for seed. Another great advantage obtained by fanning and grading the grain for seed is that weed seeds are cleaned out. One way to prevent having weedy crops is to sow seed grain free from weed seeds. One weed seed sown may mean thousands of weed seeds produced in the next crop. Many of our worst weeds produce thousands of seeds per plant.

The British Government has established a canning school for the instruction of students and housewives respecting fruit and vegetable domestic science. Instruction is given in vegetable preservation, fruit canning, drying and crystallizing, and jam, marmalade, and jelly making.

Borrowell—Old Tightwad is a paradox. Hardruppe—in what way? Borrowell—He's so close you can't touch him.



WHAT THE BOY SCOUTS ARE DOING

A presentation of colors marked a recent meeting of the 59th Toronto Troop—Toronto's first Troop of Jewish boys. Rabbi Brickner in an address said that under no other flag had the Jews enjoyed more justice and equity than under the Union Jack and he asked the Scouts to dedicate their lives to the ideals for which that flag stands.

The First Cochrane Troop had their third camp since last fall at Clute during Easter week. These boys, whose headquarters is almost the "farthest north" in Ontario, have no fears for the cold weather, snow and ice. They are also quite proud of the fact that the Rt. Hon. Lord Desborough, K.C.V.O. has just recently consented to be their Honorary Scoutmaster.

London is coming into its own once more as far as Scouting is concerned. During the past few months three new Troops have been formed in connection with different churches there a general revival of interest in Scout work is being felt throughout the whole city.

At his special request His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, Chief Scout for Canada, had an opportunity to meet Fort William and Port Arthur Scouts at the former city on Tuesday evening, March 29th. There are now four very much alive Troops in the Twin Cities and three Wolf Cub Packs. The new Commissioner, Rev. H. A. Sims, is planning the formation of a District Scout Council.

Professor John A. Stiles, Assistant Chief Commissioner for Canada, addressed the Scoutmasters' Training Class of Hamilton on "The Patrol System", on Thursday, March 24th. This week he will speak on a similar subject at the Ottawa Scout Officers' Training School.

On Good Friday morning the 10th Hamilton Troop of Boy Scouts were hiking around Mount Albion. Scoutmaster Wallace sent the boys in different directions to locate a camping ground where a good supply of water could be had. Instead of a good water supply, however, Scout Stanley Carter discovered an illicit whiskey still and a plentiful supply of its product. He immediately reported his discovery of its product. He immediately reported his discovery to the Scoutmaster who at once got into touch with Chief of Police Clark, of Dundas, with the result that George Bazuck was arrested and on the following Monday fined \$500 by Magistrate Vance. The 10th Troop is one of Hamilton's west. It is connected with the Calvin Presbyterian Church.

One of the best Scout entertainments and demonstrations of the winter season was given recently by the troop of St. James Methodist Church, Peterboro. Besides a rather better than usual array of entertainment features, the boys demonstrated the work covered by the following proficiency badges; Signaller, Musician, Cyclist, Rescuer, Ambulance, Fireman and Marksman. A short sketch entitled "The Tramp" also provided the boys with an opportunity to show the advantages of some of their training to their parents and friends.

Cochrane Scouts held their third winter camp Easter week-end at Jacksonboro. The weather was cold and as there was still plenty of snow the boys had some good sport snowshoeing and tracking. The Cochrane Town Council has officially recognized the work of the Cochrane Scouts and has appointed two of its members as a special Troop Committee to see that the Troop's needs are properly taken care of.

SHE'S "AT IT," MEN!

Our wives and sisters and daughters will soon be "at it," if they are not already "at it."

By "at it" we mean, of course, housecleaning. It is vain to admit that the masculine gender loves the neutral gender of a house torn and twisted. It is almost too much to admit that the masculine gender loves the feminine gender attired in a frowzy old cap and seen through a mist of dust.

But it has to be endured and those of us who can make our hearts work under such circumstances should be sympathetic to the female of the species in this ordeal of hers. It isn't easy work, and no matter how the male person himself may feel about it at the end of an imperfect day it's pretty safe to say that she seeks her pillow with tired limbs and aching muscles. Don't make her slumbers worse by tantalizing her with your own crochety remarks about the inconveniences her poor, doleful husband suffers.

Woman is instinctively an artist, be

She likes beautiful things more than you do, Mr. Man. You may dislike to come home to a house that has been through battle but not half as much as she does.

Housecleaning is a necessity—an absolute, total necessity, and she knows it. She knows that your health and your comfort depend on it. She knows that the children's health depends on it. She knows that the making of a home (the greatest word in the English language) depends on it.

And she house cleans, God bless her!

NEW POLITICAL PARTY

Steps will be taken shortly to form a new Labor political party in London, which will include unorganized labor as well as organized labor. The Labor representation committee and the Independent Labor party are the two political Labor parties in the city at the present time.

It is stated that a mass meeting of workers will be called shortly for this purpose when the matter will be thoroughly discussed.

YOUR CHILD

A Department For Farm Mothers.

Ask the Doctor.

If there is anything wrong with you at all, especially headache, dimness of sight, swelling of the legs and feet, or nausea scanty urine or any other trouble ask the doctor about it at once. It is easy to cure him in the beginning but often hard in the end. And there is always something the doctor can do to make you better. That is what a doctor is for. Perhaps one of the first changes you will notice is that on rising in the morning you have a feeling of nausea. This is called "morning sickness." You may never have it at all and it will pass off very soon and may not amount to anything. But if you happen to have it you will know what to do tomorrow morning.

Leave everything ready the night before for a cup of tea and a bit of toast or a biscuit or a bit of bread and butter and ask your husband to put on the kettle and make you a cup of tea first thing in the morning. Take it as soon as he brings it and then lie still for ten or twenty minutes. You will be all right. Your stomach is a little upset by the new state of affairs, but if you give it the tea and toast to work on it will take the hint and "carry on" again. You get up feeling quite comfortable and enjoy your breakfast. If this plan does not cure you, ask the doctor.

You ought also to see your dentist, for sometimes the mother's teeth need special attention and the sooner you go and have your teeth attended to the better. A little hole does not cost much to fill if you go at once.

If at any time you have any pain or have any trouble of any kind, go to bed, keep quiet, and send for the doctor at once. This is very important. You may not think much of the trouble, but you do not know. The doctor is the only one who knows whether it is dangerous or not and so the doctor must be had at once.

FIGHT WEEDS WITH PROFITABLE CROPS

ONE FARMER'S SUCCESS IS CLEANING FIELD SHOWS WHAT CAN BE DONE.

Why should human labor be wasted in fighting weeds? With an ordinary single-furrow walking plow, turning a 12-inch furrow, a man will walk over 10 miles in plowing an acre once over. Add to this the walking necessary for harrowing, cross harrowing and cultivating, and then calculate how much has been wasted when the yield is only half or two thirds as large as it would have been had it not been choked by weeds. This will give some idea of the cost of weeds to the farmer. Many weeds are able to survive the ordinary cultivation given in preparing the seed bed. These veteran weeds are among the worst enemies the farmer has to fight. Quack or couch grass stands out very prominently in this class.

Weeds of this kind should be fought with profitable crops. This has been done on many of the farms in Dundas county where the Commission of Conservation is conducting illustration work. One field of seven acres which was badly infested by quack grass was plowed in the autumn of 1915 and in the spring of 1920 was thoroughly cultivated frequently to keep it from showing green until well into June, when it was sown to buckwheat at about double the amount per acre as is sown on clean land when a grain crop is the sole end in view. The farmer conducting this work reports his results as follows: "The buckwheat grew so rank and heavy that we had to let it get dead ripe before we could cut it with the binder. We threshed 40 bushels to the acre in spite of the fact that some shelled on the ground. There is not a spear of quack to be seen this fall. The soil is very mellow and we have cultivated it two or three times since harvest. We intend to sow grain on it in the spring and seed it to alfalfa as the field is naturally well drained and is now in good condition."

No surgical operation is necessary in removing corns in Holloway's Corn Remover be used.