

Sunday School.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. 1. JANUARY 2, 1904.

The Boyhood of Jesus—Luke 2: 42-52.

Commentary.—I. The growth and advancement of Jesus—vs. 40, 52, 53. The child grew—From this verse and verse 52 we learn that Jesus had a human body and soul. He was a genuine boy, but he was sinless. Evil had no place in him. Strong in spirit—In mind, intellect and understanding—Barren. Filled with wisdom—He was eminent for wisdom even when a child. Grace of God—Grace commonly means favor. God was pleased with him and showed him favor and blessed him.

II. Jesus in Jerusalem—vs. 41, 42, 43. The Passover—There were two principal feasts of the Jews. The Passover in April, the Pentecost near the first of June and the feast of the Tabernacles in October. All males over twelve years of age were required to attend these feasts unless they had a legitimate excuse. The Passover extended through the whole week and was a most joyous character, in commemoration of the departure of the Hebrews from the land of Egypt and of the preservation of their first-born, the first-born of the Egyptians were slain.

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FREE SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Hamilton Art School

Will give a free scholarship in each of the different day courses, namely: "The General Art," "Architectural," "Design," "Normal Art" and "Mechanical." These scholarships will be given to any one who can devote their entire time to systematic study and who delivers to the Art School not later than Jan. 2, 1904, the best original freehand pencil sketch. The sketch must occupy no more time in preparation than one hour.

The name and address of each student must be written upon the back of the sketch, also a statement, telling where and how long the applicant has studied art. Also the name of the course the student wishes to take.

The name of the student upon the sketch will be a voucher for its originality and the required time for preparation. A free scholarship will also be given for any classes or courses to any energetic young man or boy who is willing to assist in light work at the Art School. Applicants will kindly call at the Art School on Dec. 30 or 31, 1903.

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INGENIOUS NEW INVENTION. The Turning Up of Earth Made Easy by it. The farmer who breaks up his land with a dozen ploughs in a row attached to a heavy traction engine, puts in his seed with machines drawn by horses, and threshes his grain on the field as he reaps it, has little use for the implement here described, simply because he has not time to bother with farming on such a small scale as it implies. But for the suburban resident, who has just a little plot of ground in the rear of his house which he wishes to plant for the pleasure to be derived from it, the implement can accomplish wonderful things. With its help he turns over the soil, mellow it and mixes in the fertilizer, and the ground is ready to receive the seed, requiring no plough for the work, as the plot is generally small and the being (physical as the pleasure is well-pleasing for his mind). But best he should

Salaries of Governors. The salary of the governors of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania is \$10,000; Ohio and Massachusetts pay their executives \$8,000; California and Illinois, \$6,000; Colorado, Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, Montana, Missouri, Virginia and Wisconsin, \$5,000; Maryland, \$4,500; Connecticut, Louisiana, Michigan, Nevada, Tennessee, Texas, and Washington, \$4,000; Florida, Mississippi and South Carolina, \$3,500; Alabama, Arkansas, Iowa, Idaho, Kansas, North Carolina, North Dakota and Rhode Island, \$3,000; Delaware, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming, \$2,500; Georgia, Maine, New Hampshire, Utah and West Virginia, \$2,000; Oregon and Vermont, \$1,500.—New York Sun.

Ashland, Ky., Dec. 18.—With zero weather, and no means of heat, other than the stoves, the people here are suffering from the cold.

Canadian Trade. Despatches to Dun's Review from the Dominion indicate that good snow roads and reasonable weather accelerates general business, while holiday dealings are very large. Wholesale trade is quiet at St. John, but a good holiday trade is in progress, fully equal to last year's. Good snow roads and cold weather have facilitated trade in Quebec, while retail trade is quiet at Montreal and payments are promptly met. Montreal reports that wholesalers are making inventories that show good results, and splendid snow roads at the interior and country trade and keep money in active circulation. Wholesale and manufacturing houses report satisfactory conditions at Hamilton, retail and holiday trade is much more active and grain prices are firm and collections prompt. Winnipeg reports holiday trade brisk and money easier. Wholesale trade is steadier in most lines at Vancouver, but retail business is quiet. Improvement is anticipated and collections are fairly satisfactory.

Bradstreet's on Trade. Wholesale trade at Montreal has been more active this week. Not only is there a larger movement in holiday goods, but domestic staple in cotton fabrics are in active demand. The recent smart advances having stimulated sales. Orders for the spring generally are large, and in some lines exceed those booked at this time last year. At Toronto orders are coming to land in the wholesale trade on quite a liberal scale for the current demands of trade as well as for future requirements. Trade through the country is much more active and payments are expected, as a result, to show a good improvement after the first of the year. At Quebec the fine weather has had a beneficial effect on general trade, particularly retailers, who are busy with the holiday demands which is usual at this season. Country dealers are ordering freely and travelers' orders, as a result, are numerous. The wholesale trade at Hamilton, as reported by Bradstreet's, has been brisk with the holiday demand which has been very active. Spring orders, too, are numerous, especially for domestic staple dry goods. Values are very firm. At London this week, the wholesale trade has shown a good deal of activity. Stocks carried are not excessive and the sorting demand continues good. The outlook for the spring business is promising. There is actively reported in the holiday trade at Pacific Coast points. A good deal of grain is now moving in Manitoba, and trade, as shown by Bradstreet's reports, is quite active. The demand in wholesale trade circles at Winnipeg, being large. Wholesale business at Ottawa continues active. The very firm tone of the markets has improved the demand for many lines of goods for forward shipment.

The Markets.

Leading Wheat Markets.

Following are the closing quotations at important wheat centres to-day: New York Cash. May. 86 1/4 Chicago 85 1/4 Toledo 85 1/4 Duluth, No. Nov. 82 1/8

Toronto and Markets.

The local market is quiet, with offerings fair, but with no enquiry from abroad for seeds, and prices are easier. Choice qualities a little more. Red clover, \$3.25 to \$3.60 per bush. Timothy, \$2.25 to \$2.60 per 100 lbs., the latter for choice.

Toronto Farmers' Markets.

Receipts of grain were moderate to-day, with prices generally unchanged. Wheat is firm, there being less of 100 bushels of red winter at 79c, one load of spring at 83c, and 100 bushels of goos at 72 to 73c. Barley is steady, with sales of 300 bushels at 42 to 47c. Oats unchanged, 800 bushels selling at 31 to 31 1/2c.

There was a good supply of poultry and country produce. Turkeys opened at about 20c per lb., and sold off at 18c.

Hay in limited supply, with sales of 15 loads at \$9 to \$10 a ton for timothy, and at \$8 to \$9 for mixed. Straw is coming at \$9 to \$10.

Dressed hogs are weaker, with sales of Leary at \$6.50, and of light at \$7.00.

Wheat, white, bush, 70c; goos, 72 to 73c; red, 72c; spring, 80 to 83c; peas, bush, 65c; clover, bush, 31 to 31 1/2; barley, bush, 42 to 47c; hay, timothy, per ton, \$9 to \$10; clover, \$8 to \$9; straw, per ton, \$9 to \$10; seeds, alfalfa, bush, \$4.50 to \$5.00; red clover, bush, \$5.25 to \$5.50; timothy, 100 lbs., \$2.25 to \$3; apples, per bush, \$1 to \$2; dressed hogs, \$6.50 to \$7; eggs, new laid, per dozen, 40 to 45c; butter, dairy, 30 to 32c; creamery, 22 to 26c; chickens, per lb., 10 to 11c; ducks, per lb., 11 to 12c; geese, per lb., 11 to 12c; turkeys, per lb., 18 to 20c; potatoes, per bag, 90 to 100c; cabbage, per dozen, 40 to 50c; cauliflower, per dozen, \$1; celery, per dozen, 35 to 45c; beef, hindquarters, \$6 to \$8; beef, forequarters, \$4 to \$6; beef, medium, carcass, \$5.50 to \$7; beef, choice, carcass, \$4.50 to \$7; lamb, yearling, \$6.50 to \$7; mutton, per cwt., \$5.50 to \$6.50; veal, per cwt., \$7 to \$9.

The Hand-Maid.

"She seems to be a natural flirt," he said. "Natural?" the woman impatiently replied. "There's nothing natural about her but the frame work."

A SOUND THREAT and robust lungs are most keenly enjoyed by people who have suffered all the consequences of "a little cold," have been rescued from misery and danger by Allen's Lung Balsam.

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The Art of Keeping Young

"Don't Worry," "One of the Most Important Rules."

There's no trouble at all about keeping young if you know what to do. Sarah Bernhardt says that she has kept her youth by the aid of hot water and soap. "When I am tired I take a hot bath," she says. "When I am nervous I take a hot bath and massage. When I am depressed nothing exhilarates me and puts me in form as soon as a hot bath. "Every night when I am playing, as well as when I am at leisure, I take a hot scrub before going to bed. Yes, I scrub my face with soap and hot water twice, and sometimes three times in the 24 hours. "There is no beautifier like egg and water, and no preservative against illness, nerves and age that compares with hot water." Clara Barton keeps young by not putting "I don't putter," she said, "that's what ages women—puttering. "When I am not working I either rest or play. When I see a woman putting, I wonder when women will learn to stop puttering. "Sleep is a great thing for women. Half the women don't sleep enough. I've cultivated the accomplishment of napping. I shut my eyes and go to sleep whenever there's a lull in my work. "It isn't the work that wears women out—it's fretting and puttering. Here's the way to keep young: 'Stop worrying and go to work.' "Indulging in a fit of ugly temper not only shortens a woman's life, but makes her old and ugly before her time," says Mrs. Annie Jenness Miller, the apostle of dress reform. "Control your temper, look every thing you allow it to control you, you spoil your good looks and injure yourself physically. "Not only that, but the woman who governs her temper is the woman who wins in this life; and, as a rule, she makes the best match, because men like sweet-tempered wives. Then, anger constricts the blood, hinders circulation and consequently makes the complexion bad and dulls the eye. "One woman who is beautiful, although sixty, gives credit and credit for retaining youth as: 'Have great patience with fools.' Worrying or being annoyed by the foolishness of others only makes unnecessary lines on the brow and cheeks. Here are a few rules for the guidance of the woman who would be beautiful at sixty or eighty, with a fresh complexion—not one of patent medicine—and bright eyes and mental faculties active: "Sleep eight hours out of the 24. Don't drink hard water. That is the liveliest race of people, the Chinese, drink only rain water, if they can possibly obtain it. "Avoid food that contains lime. Every article of food contains lime, but of course there are some that are freer from lime than others. Onions are admirable lime preservers; so are rich, ripe, and eggs. "Eat fruit of all varieties. Fruit contains a large amount of acid, and this neutralizes the effect of those elements which make old age creep fast. "Not long ago a German discovered that all you had to do to live forever and be beautiful forever was to eat a sufficiency of lemons. There was only one objection to the plan, but that was fatal. You had to eat daily one lemon for each seven years of your age. "When, therefore, you arrived at the second or third century, your length of life would be of very little use to you, for it would take all your time to eat the prescribed quantity of lemons.

Marriage in a Sheet. The enclosed says "Notes and Queries" is a reprint from the original report of the marriage of December, 1842, in one of the local papers, and was published in a recent number of the Gledney Parish Magazine. "Within the past month I have had more than one inquiry made about a strange wedding that took place in our parish sixty years ago. One correspondent asks if it was a revival of 'godly discipline,' another if any special rances were made on the evening of the parish register. As the vent is now almost forgotten, no doubt many a parishioner will be interested in hearing the true facts of the case. The wedding is duly entered in the ordinary way, and pinned to it is a sheet of foolscap in the then vear's writing, containing the following extract from the Stamford Mercury of the following week: 'There was newly certainly such a place as Gledney for worthy as well as unworthy characters, but more particularly a for supporting the new religion, the parishioners. The heroine this week was a widow with four children, who, wishing one more to enjoy the pleasures of wedlock, and thinking that her old family would be sufficient to support her, was told that if she was married covered only by a sheet, previous debts she had contracted during her widowhood would be cleared off; and having a few of those back-reckonings on her mind, they were actually married on Friday morning last, December 2nd, 1842, at the parish church of Gledney, widow Faram to David Wilkins, the former going to church covered by nothing but a sheet, which was stretched up like a bag with silts at the side for the bare arms, and in that way she was betrothed, standing with bare feet at the altar! If so many ridiculous old laws were in various forests in France, in cutting trees by electricity. A plant as wire is heated to a white heat by an electric current and used as a saw. No sawdust is produced, and the light carbonization acts as a preservative to the wood. The new method requires only one-eighth of the time consumed by the old sawing process.

Origin of a Word. "How do you pronounce va-u-d-e-v-i-l-e?" asked the prefect of the priest this morning. "Vow'd'le," was the instant reply, followed by the question, "How do you?" "Vow'd'le!" frankly confessed the prefect. "But I suspected it was wrong. That is the reason I asked you. I take it the word is French?" "Yes, and it comes from the name of a river in Normandy. In that town during the 15th century a lived Oliver Baselin, a French poet, who wrote a variety of matter in prose and verse. And now, after 600 years, every variety performer calls it a 'vow'd'le' turn. The study of the origin of words is interesting. concluded the priest.—New York Sun.

Miss Nettie Blackmore, Minneapolis, tells how any young woman may be permanently cured of monthly pains by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"YOUNG WOMEN:—I had frequent headaches of a severe nature, dark spots before my eyes, and at my menstrual periods I suffered untold agony. A member of the lodge advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, but I only scorned good advice and felt that my case was hopeless, but she kept at me until I bought a bottle and started taking it. I soon had the best reason in the world to change my opinion of the medicine, as each day my health improved, and finally I was entirely without pain at my menstruation periods. I am most grateful."—NETTIE BLACKMORE, 28 Central Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

Painful Periods are quickly and permanently overcome by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. The above letter is only one of hundreds of thousands which prove this statement to be a fact. Menstruation is a severe strain on a woman's vitality. If it is painful something is wrong. Don't take narcotics to deaden the pain, but remove the cause—perhaps it is caused by irregularity or womb displacements, or the development of a tumor. Whatever it is, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is guaranteed to cure it.

If there is anything about your case about which you would like special advice, write freely to Mrs. Pinkham. She will treat your letter as strictly confidential. She can surely help you, for no person in America can speak from a wider experience in treating female ills. She has helped hundreds of thousands of women back to health. Her address is Lynn, Mass., and her advice is free. You are very foolish if you do not accept her kind invitation.

Details of Another Case. "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Ignorance and carelessness is the cause of most of the sufferings of women. I believe that if we properly understood the laws of health we would all be well, but if the sick women only knew the truth about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, they would be saved much suffering and would soon be cured. "I used it for five months for a local difficulty which had troubled me for years, and for which I had spent hundreds of dollars in the vain endeavor to rectify. My life forces were being sapped, and I was daily losing my vitality. "Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cured me completely, and so pleased to endorse such a great remedy."—MISS JENNIE L. EDWARDS, 604 H St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

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