

SUNDAY SCHOOL. HOSE PLUGGED UP

Lesson III.—First Quarter, For Jan. 15, 1911.

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Text of the Lesson, II Chron. xv, 1-15. Memory Verses, 1, 2—Golden Text. II Chron. xv, 7—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Although Abijah, son of Rehoboam, reigned only three years and walked to all the sins of his father (I Kings xv, 1-3), yet there is in II Chron. xiii a remarkable record of a great victory which the Lord gave him over the army of Jeroboam, which was just twice as great as his because he relied upon the Lord God of his fathers. The Lord has often seen fit to do mighty things for very unworthy people for His great name's sake. Jer. xiv, 7, is very strong and effectual pleading.

Our lesson today introduces us to good King Asa, who reigned forty-one years and did that which was good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God. He also defeated an army twice as large as his own because he relied on the Lord (xiv, 8, 9; xvi, 8). His prayer in chapter xiv, 11, has often helped me: "Lord, it is nothing with Thee to help, whether with many or with them that have no power. Help us, O Lord our God, for we rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go."

Yet in the thirty-sixth year of his reign he was led into making a league with the king of Syria, and, being reproved for it by the Lord through His servant Hanani, he became so angry that he put the prophet in prison. He seems never to have got over this reproach of the Lord, for when, three years later, he became diseased in his feet he did not seek the Lord in his affliction.

All the Lord's dealings with His people are intended to bring them nearer to Himself, but to this day many become so offended by what He does or does not do that they turn away from Him and lose all fellowship with Him. Some of my friends know something of the preciousness to my soul of these words of the Lord through His servant Hanani, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose hearts are perfect toward Him" (chapter xvi, 9). We need such a word as this so much, for the devil is always going to and fro in the earth and walking up and down in it. As a roaring lion he walketh about, seeking them who may devour (Job i, 7; ii, 2; I Pet. v, 8).

Early in the reign of Asa the Spirit of God spoke to him through Azariah, the son of Obed, in the words of verses 2 to 7 of our lesson, referring to the years past when the people had been out of fellowship with God, but whenever they in their trouble sought Him He was always found of them. Much of the message takes us back to the days of the judges. By the Lord's gracious dealings with His people in the past, notwithstanding all their sin. He encouraged Asa with the words, "Be ye strong, therefore, and let not your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded" (verse 7). His exhortation to us still and always is, "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might" (Eph. vi, 10). See also Isa. xl, 28-31; xlv, 24; Josh. i, 6, 18; Hag. ii, 4, and note by contrast Uzziah, who was marvelously helped till he was strong, but then his heart was lifted up to his own destruction (chapter xxvi, 15, 16). The danger is our own strength or self confidence, for it is only when we are weak that we are really strong (II Cor. xii, 9, 10). Isa. xlii, 13, is a grand word for weak hands, and, as to works, how full of encouragement is I Cor. xv, 58! Rev. xxii, 12; Luke xiv, 14, are two of the best on rewards.

The king, being greatly encouraged by this message from the Lord, began to purge the land of idolatry, even destroying the idol of his grandmother (I Kings xv, 12, 13), and to restore the worship of the true God. The people felt to him in abundance out of Israel when they saw that the Lord his God was with him (verse 9). They sacrificed unto the Lord and sought Him with their whole desire and entered into a covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul (verses 11-15).

The first use of the title God "Almighty," which means "the mighty God who is all sufficient," is in Gen. xvi, 1, where Abram is encouraged to walk before God and be sincere or upright or whole hearted. From the book of Job, in which this title is used more often than in all the rest of the Bible, we learn that to know the Almighty there must be an abhorrence and renunciation of self (Job xlii). This turning to God in the days of Asa was such a reality that they decreed that whosoever would not seek the Lord God of Israel should be put to death, whether man or woman (verse 13). It might be a question whether this compulsory turning to God would, after all, prove to be a real turning of the heart. With us it is either life or death. He who does not truly receive the Lord Jesus is dead in trespasses and sins, a lost soul, but the good news is that Jesus came to seek and save the lost (John iii, 18; I John v, 12; Eph. ii, 1, 2; II Cor. iv, 3). If the love of Him who gave up all His glory and bare our sins on Golgotha does not win us to Him we must be dead indeed.

Mud in Apparatus Is Blame For Dresden Fire Loss.

INQUEST INTO FATALITY

Witnesses at Inquiry Into the Death of ex-Mayor Hicks on Christmas Day Say That Reserve Water Tank Contained Nothing But Mud, Which Clogged the Hose So That Firemen Were Helpless.

Dresden, Ont., Jan. 5.—The coroner's jury enquiring into the death of ex-Mayor Hicks, killed at the fire here on Sunday, Dec. 25, concluded its work at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, bringing in a verdict that the death of the deceased was caused by an explosion of heat and gases accumulating in the attic of R. Aiken's store. The cause of the fire is unknown to the jury. The verdict adds that a proper inspection of the condition of the fire hose, engine and wells would have prevented the loss of property. Dr. Wiley presided and Crown Attorney Smith conducted the investigation. The Fuel and Light Co. was represented by O. L. Lewis, Chatham, while G. E. Weir appeared for the town of Dresden and several private individuals. Messrs. Edwards, Toronto, and Grant of Listowel, were present for the underwriters.

Twenty-seven witnesses were heard, and the principal evidence being from members of the fire department. They testified that the well supposed to furnish water for the fire protection of the business section of Dresden contained not a single drop of water on the night of the fire. These wells were supplied by an intake pipe from the Sydenham River.

When the fire department reached the scene of the fire it was found that the well expressly sunk for the protection of the business section did not contain one drop of water when the fire engine was started, the result that only a quantity of mud was drawn into the hose.

The fire department then rushed to the river, and placed the hose in the water. The fire by this time had gained great headway, and when the engine was again started it was discovered that very little water could be drawn because the hose was plugged with mud that had been sucked in from the well.

Chief Hoyles stated that it was a part of his duty to inspect the well. The last inspection he made of the business section well was in June last.

Clerical Hostility Resented.

Montreal, Jan. 5.—The Liberal papers of this province are day after day complaining of the hostility of the clergy. The other day La Presse complained that an Oblate father had denounced that paper as unfit to be placed in the hands of the people, while La Patrie lodged a complaint with the archbishop to the effect that a Jesuit father had used hostile language against that newspaper. Yesterday La Presse says that the parish priest of St. Narcisse from the pulpit asked his people to read Le Devoir, as it was an independent paper, while in another column Le Canada says: "In an educational establishment of this city the reading of Le Canada is strictly forbidden, under threat of severe punishment, yet at the same time no less than forty copies of Le Devoir are received. This information comes to us," says Le Canada, "from people of good faith."

Contrary to Immutability Tradition. Paris, Jan. 5.—The five academies which make up the Institute of France met in joint session yesterday to discuss the question of the eligibility of women for membership which has been raised as the result of the strongly-supported candidacy of Mme. Curie for the Academy of Science.

A long and animated debate arose, and a resolution was adopted by a vote of 88 to 52, that the election of women was contrary to immutable tradition, which it would be wisest to respect. At the same time the assembly recognized that its decision was not binding on the different academies as separate units.

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Proposed Trip to Arctic Circle Is Now in Doubt.

WILL ATTEND CORONATION

Coming of the Duke of Connaught in the Early Autumn Makes the Projected Journey Through the Mackenzie Basin and Back by the Behring Straits Improbable—Could Do It by Steamer.

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—According to information received last night it is by no means certain that Earl Grey will make the journey to the mouth of the Mackenzie River and back to Vancouver by way of Behring Straits, this year. The news of the intended trip came first from Toronto, and was given in such positive terms that no doubt was expressed.

There are several matters to be considered, some of which may prevent his excellency making the journey. One of these is the coming to Canada in the early autumn of the Duke of Connaught. It had been intended that the Canadian war vessel would meet the Governor-General at the mouth of the Mackenzie, but there is the ever-present danger of these latitudes that ice may delay her return. A more important consideration, however, is the fact that these coasts have never been properly surveyed or charted, and, accordingly the danger to a vessel drawing so much water as the Rainbow, would be very great. It is stated that the Government would not assume any such risk.

Earl Grey will go to the coronation of King George, and will return in June, and it is possible that, if the Governor-General is then bent upon the trip, he may be accompanied on the Hudson Bay Co.'s steamer, which goes to the outlet of the Mackenzie River each year, and he might return by the same vessel. While the story of the trip would not sound so romantic as if made by canoe and warship, the same object, a trip to the Arctic Ocean, would be accomplished, and he would be certain of getting back on schedule time.

Victim of Conspiracy?

New York, Jan. 6.—Louis de Beaulieu, a French attorney serving sentence in the Auburn state prison, believes himself to be the victim of an official conspiracy, and so strongly has he pleaded his case in a letter to Justice McCall of the Supreme Court, that he will be given a chance to tell his story in court.

In his appeal, De Beaulieu describes with many adjectives how he was "skimming along the St. Lawrence River in his motor boat," when two men appeared in another launch, and, after robbing him of \$1,000 in Canadian money. The men turned out to be constables, he writes, and after subjecting him to many indignities, arrested him for the theft of the launch, a charge on which he was convicted through an alleged conspiracy on the part of the sheriff, magistrate, a fire commissioner, a district attorney and a county judge.

Less Infantile Paralysis.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—Dr. J. W. S. McCullough, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, report for December says:

"The returns of infantile paralysis gives a greatly decreased number of cases and deaths compared with October last, when 46 cases and 8 deaths were reported, and in November, 21 cases and 5 deaths."

There were no deaths last month from smallpox. Deaths from contagious diseases in December, 1909, totalled 251, and the cases 1,194.

There were 108 cases of tuberculosis and 72 deaths in December, 1909.

Cardinal Must Pay Damages.

Paris, Jan. 5.—The Court of Appeals yesterday confirmed the decision of the civil tribunal at Rheims, which condemned Cardinal Ludovic Lucien, Archbishop of Rheims, to pay \$100 damages to the Public School Teachers' Association.

The cardinal was convicted on Feb. 25, 1910, of attempting to injure the public schools by signing an episcopal letter forbidding the use in the schools of certain text books to which the church objected.

Schooner Burned.

Kingston, Jan. 6.—The schooner Mary Ann Lyndon, one of the oldest coal carriers on the lakes, owned and sailed by Capt. Matthews Patterson, was almost gutted by fire at the long pier, Portsmouth, where she was tied up for the season. The origin of the fire is a mystery. She is partly insured.

Bitten by Mad Dog.

New York, Jan. 6.—Just as school was coming out in New Bergen, N.J., a dog, supposed to have been suffering from rabies, appeared in the yard, where it bit six little girls and two teachers. Earlier in the day it had attacked several others. A policeman finally captured the animal and shot it.

Refuses to Obey Orders.

New York, Jan. 6.—President Shonts of the Interborough has refused flatly to obey the orders of the Public Service Commission, directing his company to operate its cars and trains during non-rush hours to provide passengers with seats.

Ex-M.P.P. Dead.

Brookville, Jan. 6.—The death occurred at his home in Delta yesterday morning of Walter Beatty, ex-M.P.P. for Leeds. He was a civil engineer, and was 76 years of age.

East Tilbury Farmers Ill-Treated Barnardo Boys.

LAD MAY LOSE HIS FEET

One Boy, Brought to Chatham by Officials, Has Both Feet Frozen So Badly That They May Have to Be Amputated—Marks of Beating on His Back—Another Barnardo Boy Is Also Abused.

Chatham, Jan. 6.—With his feet so badly frozen that it is likely that both may have to be amputated, his back covered with blue and red welts, a Barnardo boy of tender years, who had been put in the cart of a farmer of Tilbury East, was brought to this city yesterday by Inspector Kinder. Another Barnardo boy, who also worked for another farmer in Tilbury, and who showed signs of recent abuse, was brought in with him. Informations for cruelty to children will be laid against both farmers. From previous appearances this seems to be one of the most revolting cases of cruelty to juveniles on record locally.

One little boy, 13 years of age, has his feet so badly frozen that it is feared he will lose them. Inspector Kinder of the Barnardo Home is hurrying him to Toronto in order to prevent, if possible, the setting in of blood-poisoning. The boy's feet are so badly frozen that he is in continual pain, and there is a large hole frozen in one of his heels.

When Inspector Kinder visited the place in Tilbury East on Wednesday, where the boy was staying, he found him out in the cold doing a man's work on a crosscut saw, with the farmer with whom he was staying at the other end of the saw. He was working with his frozen feet encased in No. 10 shoes, and every step he took made the boot rub the raw flesh of his foot. Inspector Kinder, Dr. V. R. Bray and Officer Boxer inspected the boy's condition yesterday, when he was brought to the city, and it was found that his back was covered with welts made by a heavy horse tug. The other boy is not so badly beaten, although he is said to have been considerably abused.

Indian In Terrible Condition.

Port Arthur, Jan. 6.—Left alone by her husband with five small children and nothing to eat but rabbits, which she had caught as best she could, a squaw was found Dec. 27 wandering around in a starving condition, while the temperature hovered between 20 and 30 degrees below zero, by Contractor Mercier near his camp at Owl Creek, between Jack Fish and Long Lake.

Mercier took her and family to Jack Fish where another family of Indians took care of them.

Monday night last the husband of the woman arrived at Mercier's camp with both feet and both hands badly frozen, and nearly exhausted from starvation. He said he had had nothing to eat for seven days. His supply of matches had given out, and his clothing was quite insufficient to protect him from the cold. He was suffering intense pain, too, from a deep cut on his leg from an axe which he was carrying. He is not expected to recover. The snow is over three feet deep in that section.

An Empire Builder.

London, Jan. 6.—(C.A.P. Cable).—A striking tribute to Joseph Chamberlain as an Empire builder was paid by Lord Strathearn at Birmingham on Wednesday.

He said Birmingham people must feel very proud to have among them one who has done more to consolidate the dominions across seas than any other man in Great Britain or the Empire at large.

Representing Canada in England he knew nothing of party politics, but he was glad to pay a tribute to such a statesman, and joined in the ardent wish that Chamberlain might be spared not only to the people of Birmingham but to the Empire for many years.

The mayor of Gravesend offers Lord Strathearn civic hospitality if the ship bearing the Canadian coronation contingent of 700 men anchors off the town, which is the entrance to the Port of London. Lord Strathearn promises to forward the offer to Ottawa.

Burned the Mortgage.

Brookville, Jan. 6.—The Methodist congregation of Newboro held a joyful celebration in honor of burning the mortgage on the church property, which is now free of debt. When the recording steward applied the match, the gathering arose and lustily sang the doxology. Rev. Dr. Sparling of Brookville, and chairman of the district, took a prominent part in the proceedings.

Conductors Reinstated.

Brookville, Jan. 6.—A number of G.T.R. conductors, some of whom have been laid off since the settlement of the strike, were called to Belleville yesterday to report for duty. Outside of those convicted in the Police Court for misconduct during the strike, not more than a dozen conductors and trainmen at this divisional point are still out of employment.

Boys' School Burned.

East Northfield, Md., Jan. 6.—Fire destroyed Crossley Hall, one of the oldest dormitories of the Mount Herman school for boys. The building was of brick, four stories in height, and accommodated 100 boys. Most of the students had not returned from the Christmas holidays. The loss is estimated at about \$100,000, with insurance of \$75,000.

Will Drape Statues.

Harrisburg, Penn., Jan. 6.—The classic statues which George G. Barnard executed in marble for the main entrance of the state capital are to be draped. Objections to the figures had been made.

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