

Sunday School.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON V.—FEB 3, 1907.

Noah Saved in the Ark.—Gen. viii. 1-16.

Commentary.—I. God remembering Noah (vs. 1-5). I. Remembered—Noah seemed to be forgotten in the ark; but at length God returned in mercy to him, and that is expressed by his remembering him. "The strange work of judgment being over, the saved family, and all in association with them, come into remembrance"—C. H. M. The tokens of God's remembrance are now seen. Means are employed to dry the land, and once more prepare the earth for the habitation of man. Noah—Noah was the son of Lamech in the tenth generation from Adam, by the line of Seth. He was born 900 years before the flood, and the 350 years after was a wind—God could have dried up all the waters in an instant, but he chose to employ natural causes. A wind is made to pass over the earth, a wind is hot wind by which rapid evaporation would be produced. 2. Mountains of Ararat were stopped. The rain stopped, the clouds were dispelled, and the waters were drained off into oceans and seas from the higher ground, as openings were made for them. When God's purposes were accomplished, it was as easy for him to restrain the rain as to cause it to rain; winds, fountains of the deep and windows of heaven are all at his disposal. 3. Hundred and fifty days.—Compare chapter vii. 24. There is a difference of opinion as to whether they should be added, making a total of 190 days. On this point authorities are quite evenly divided. This much we know, however, that from the time Noah entered the ark until it rested on the mountains of Ararat was five months, or 150 days.—Compare chapters vii. 11, and viii. 4. "With regard to the forty days' rain, it seems pretty certain that these were not additional to, but part of the 150 days of the prevalence of the flood."—Speak. Com.

4. Mountains of Ararat.—A region nearly in the middle of Armenia, even now called by the Armenians Ararat, on the mountains of which the ark of Noah rested; sometimes used in a wider sense as the whole of Armenia itself.—Horn. Com. As the drying wind most probably came from the east or north, it is likely that the ark was drifted toward Asia Minor, and caught land on some hill in the region of the Euphrates. It cannot be supposed that the ark would come to the peaks now called Ararat, as Ararat was a country, not a mountain, and these peaks do not seem suitable for the purpose.—Murphy. 5. Decreased.—The waters slowly decreased for three months, or thirteen days, which time the tops of the mountains were seen.

II. The raven and the dove (vs. 6-12). 6. Forty days.—Probably forty days from the time the tops of the mountains were seen. 7. Sent forth.—"Thoughtful of the dove, which he had not revealed even to Noah when the waters would disappear; the knowledge of the former was necessary, while a knowledge of the latter would serve only to gratify his curiosity, and the concealing it from him would serve the purpose of testing his faith and patience."—Raven....to and fro—"Going forth and returning"—Margin. That is, going away from the ark and returning to it, settling upon but not entering into it. The raven may have found abundant abundance from the floating carcasses, so that it needed not to return to the ark for food. This black bird of death, finding a congenial home in the watery sepulchre of the ante-diluvian world, is a symbol of judgment and wrath.—Newhall.

8. Sent forth a dove.—Probably seven days after the raven was sent forth, "other" seven days. The dove, unlike the raven, alights only where it is clean and dry, and finding no dry place on which to alight and nothing fit for her food, she instinctively returned to the window from which she was sent forth.—Ibid. 10. Yet other seven days—"Here and in verse 12 is a clear allusion to the sevenfold division of time, the week, a period which was adopted by all the Semitic races, by the Egyptians, by the Chinese and by all the nations of the authentic history extended. It is probable that Noah on the Sabbath sent forth the raven and the dove, in earnest prayer seeking providential aid and guidance." 11. An olive leaf.—The olive tree puts out its leaves even if covered with water. When he saw the freshly plucked leaf Noah knew that at least the tops of the olive trees were above the water. This olive leaf was an emblem of the restoration of peace between God and the earth. It was the first sign of the earth's resurrection to life. It was probably from this circumstance that the olive branch has become the symbol of peace among all civilized nations, and the dove the emblem of the messenger of peace. 12. Returned not.—No present forth the dove three times. The first time it returned bringing with it an olive leaf, and the third time it went forth to return no more. The dove is an emblem of a soul, which, finding no rest or satisfaction in this sinful world, returns to Christ as its ark. As Noah dove was sent out, so the Christian is sent out to the world, but he must receive those who come to him for rest.

III. Noah leaving the ark (vs. 13-16). Noah waited another month after the removing the covering of the ark, and it was nearly two months longer before the earth was fully dry. 15. 16. God spake.—Go forth—Noah did not leave the ark until the direct command came from God. Although he could probably see no reason for delay still he patiently waited for Jehovah who shut the door to lead him forth. From verse 16 we see that Noah and his three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with their wives, eight in all, comprised the company in the ark. The following chronological statement is given by Dr. Newhall: "Flood commences on the 17th day of 2nd month (chaps. vii. 11); the ark floats 17th day; 2d month (vii. 17); ark rests, 17th day; 7th month (viii. 17); mountains tops seen, 1st day, 10th month (viii. 5); raven sent out, 11th day, 11th month (viii. 6); dove sent out and returns, 18th day, 11th month (viii. 8); dove sent out and returns with olive leaf, 25th day, 11th month (viii. 10); dove sent out and does not return, 2nd day, 12th month (viii. 12); face of ground dry, 1st day, 1st month of new year (viii. 13); ground fully dry, Noah leaves ark, 27th day, 2nd

month (viii. 4-16). The Jewish lunar year consisted of 354 days and if this is intended Noah remained in the ark just a solar year—365 days." The first thing Noah did after his wonderful preservation was to build an altar to God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS.

I. Noah remembered. "God remembered Noah....and all...with him in the ark" (vs. 1). The Lord who shut Noah in did not forget him. God never forgets the least of His children; He is never unmindful of the circumstances they are in and the trials they pass through (Heb. iv. 15). The hairs of our head are all numbered (Matt. x. 30). God remembers everything about His blood-washed, pardoned children except their sins (Heb. x. 17). Well might the prophet exclaim in wonder, "Who is a God like unto Thee?" (Micah vi. 18, 19.)

II. The rain ceased. "The rain from heaven was restrained" (vs. 2). After the waters had prevailed one hundred and fifty days (Gen. vii. 24), and when it would not have been strange if Noah had begun to question whether the flood would not be perpetual, there came a change. God sent a strong wind across the waters (vs. 1). The windows of heaven, so long open, were closed (vs. 2). The waters returned from off the earth (vs. 3). And soon came the sweet promise of the olive leaf (vs. 11). God had been present, though invisible; his hand upon the helm; his power baffling danger; his voice calling the purified earth into resurrection. God remembered Noah.

III. The ark rested. (a) The time (vs. 4). In the ark resting on the seventeenth of Abib or Nisan, we have a figure of Christ in resurrection. The seventh month of the civil year is the same as the first month of the religious year. So our Lord rose from the grave on the anniversary of the resting of the ark. The ark contained life for the earth that then was. The Lord Jesus brought life and incorruption for the earth that now is. (b) The place (vs. 4). "Ararat is probably the name for the region in the southern part of Armenia. Here a sort of new creation begins. Chaos has succeeded chaos because of sin; and once more out of the destruction of the flood begins to appear a renovated earth."

IV. Noah's messengers. 1. A raven (vs. 6, 7). The raven, an emblem of Satan, is a type of (a) Unclean birds. "An abomination....raven" (Lev. xi. 13, 15). The raven, an unclean bird, would stay away from the ark to feed on carcasses it might find upon the waters. (b) Rebellious natures. "Natures that disdain all refuge in God, and are perpetually restless like the birds which fly about the Golden Horn, and know by the people as 'lost souls.'" (c) The troubled spirits of evil. "The restlessness of sin, but are driven from excitement to excitement in the vain, endless pursuit of pleasure."

2. A dove (vs. 8, 10, 12). The dove is a threefold ending forth of the type typified in the Holy Spirit. (a) The Spirit's dispensations of the Spirit. (a) The Spirit's occasional coming to this sinful world and finding no resting place. "The dove found no rest for the sole of her foot" (vs. 9). "The dove, a clean bird, cannot bear dirt. If it soils its feathers only a little it flies to the fountain and dips itself in and sets itself in the sun and dries its feathers till the oil which keeps them glossy is out upon them. It will not stop for anything until it has done this. It may be hungry, but its supper must wait until it is clean." Let us have the union of the Holy One that will enable us to be in the world but not of the world. "Let us, as citizens of heaven, abide in Christ, and while mingling with the world find no rest here, and return ever to our abiding place in Him." (b) The Spirit in Jesus' ministry, proclaiming peace to a lost world. "The dove came in....and lo! in her mouth was an olive leaf" (vs. 11). The dove, in the Bible, and sorrow (Isa. xxxviii. 14; Jer. li. 16; Ezek. vii. 17), fittingly characterizes the Spirit of Him whose love made him a man of sorrows in an alien world. (c) The Spirit coming at Pentecost to dwell in believers. (Acts. ii. 1, 4). "The dove....returned not again into the ark" (vs. 12).

III. Noah released (vs. 13-18). "From the beginning of the rain until the drying of the earth was just a year. Note the prominence of the number seven in the division of the time into weeks (Gen. ii. 2, 3). Even so the ark or Christ shall one day land its living freight of redeemed souls on the hills of glory" (vs. 13-19).

IV. Noah's altar (vs. 20). "Noah built an altar and offered clean beasts and clean fowls as a sacrifice for sin. This early in figure and type did God set forth the fundamental truth, brought out more fully through the prophet Isaiah when he wrote of Christ" (Isa. liii. 4). 5. Noah rewarded. As the smoke from the altar of burnt incense ascended, God gave the new promise of His covenant from further curse (vs. 21). This covenant with Noah typifies God's covenant of grace. The origin of the covenant was the heart of God. It is because of God's goodness, not because of the reformations of the world, that there will never be another flood. Noah needed a sacrifice (Lev. v. 15, 18). Our salvation is given to us, not earned by us. Works are an evidence of salvation, not the origin of it. "By grace," we are saved (Eph. ii. 5, 8). "While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, shall not cease" (vs. 22). God's law in all worlds is, "Seed after his kind" (Gen. xlvii. 9; Ex. i. 14; I. Sam. xv. 6; II. Sam. xii. 10, 12). Salvation is of grace. Life is in Christ. A. C. M.

BURGLARS AT WARTON

BREAK INTO SEVERAL STORES—ONE CUTS HIMSELF.

Warton, Ont., despatch: Burglars entered the grocery stores of H. D. Ruhl and Wm. Armstrong, and the boot and shoe store of L. M. Ely yesterday morning. At Ruhl's they secured \$85.25 of Foresters' money, which was in the safe, \$20 in silver out of the cash drawer. At Armstrong's there were only 19 coppers in the till. They took 18 of them, the other being a Chinese cent; they left it. They also took some groceries, candies, etc. At Ely's shoe store they got nothing, while one of the gang in getting in evidently cut himself on the window glass, there being drops of blood on the floor from the window to the safe, and also quite a pool in front of the safe and in the till.

EARTHQUAKES IN SCOTLAND.

INHABITANTS OF SEAPORT TOWN GREATLY ALARMED.

Rush Into Street in Terror—Houses Rocked and Their Contents Rattled, But No Damage Reported as Result of the Shocks.

London, Jan. 21.—Two earthquakes, which, though harmless, greatly alarmed the inhabitants, occurred this afternoon at Oban, a seaport town in Scotland, and the neighboring districts. The first shock was accompanied by a loud report, and was followed 15 minutes later by a rumbling noise. Houses were shaken and their contents rattled. The occupants rushed into the streets in terror. The water along the shore was violently disturbed. An incoming steamer felt the shocks. It seemed as if she had grated on a ridge of sand.

FATHER AND SONS.

THEY ARE VICTIMS OF GEORGIAN BAY WATERS.

The Three Left Penangishene in Sailboat for Byng Inlet Nov. 27, and Never Reached Destination.

A Penangishene despatch: There is little doubt but that Mr. L. Cook, of Tiny township, and his two sons, Charles and William, have perished in the waters of the Georgian Bay. They left Penangishene in a sailboat on Nov. 27, and no word has been since heard of them. To-day a message was received from a younger son, David, who started out a few days ago to look for them, that they never reached their destination.

Mr. Cook, accompanied by two sons, Charles and David, from whom the message was received, left for the mouth of the Naiscootung River, near Byng Inlet, on the north shore of the Georgian Bay. There is an island at the mouth of the Naiscootung, off the township of Wallbridge, where the Cooks had staked out a couple of mine claims, and they were on their way intending to do a little developing and testing as to value and quality.

A couple of days after leaving they were met by Capt. Paul Dunsome, who was coming down the river with the tug O'Brien. William Cook was on the O'Brien, and he exchanged places with David, William getting into the sailboat and David returning to Penangishene with Capt. Dunsome. This change was effected near Parry Island. David Cook left several days ago for the north to try to look them up.

In view of the message received to-day there is little doubt but that they have all perished. The weather turned very wild and stormy soon after their departure.

TO CLEAN SLATE.

Important Results Expected From Secretary Root's Visit.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Secretary of State Root left Washington to-day for Ottawa, where he will arrive about noon to-morrow to be the guest of Earl Grey, the Governor-General. Mr. Root was accompanied by his wife and daughter.

London, Jan. 17.—It is expected here that, though Secretary Root's visit to Ottawa, is described as private, it will have a real political outcome. Both sides desire to clean the slate, said a high colonial official to-day, and we have reason to believe that this will be partially accomplished before the assembling of the Colonial Conference in April. Mr. Root's plan was communicated to the Government by Sir Mortimer Durand in May. Canada has been consulted since then and has expressed a desire for an agreement.

A NIGHT ON THE PRAIRIE.

Alberta Rancher Named Stockton Was Badly Frozen.

Caledon, Alberta, Jan. 21.—Late last evening a rancher named Thomas Stockton left town to return to his home, a few miles distant. He got separated from his horse, and wandered aimlessly about all night. The morning at day-break he managed to crawl on his hands and knees to the house of a settler named McFarquhar, who found that both feet and legs were frozen to the knees, and one hand frozen above the wrist. The night was a cold one, the thermometer standing at about 25 degrees below zero.

It is feared that the hand will have to be amputated. That is the same man who about a year ago was injured by a horse, and who remained semi-conscious for nearly three weeks, and has never entirely recovered from the effects of that accident. He is a married man, and has three small children.

THAW'S SISTER ARRIVES AT NEW YORK—SUBPOENAEING WITNESSES.

New York, Jan. 21.—Harry K. Thaw's sister, the Countess of Yarmouth, is a passenger on the steamship Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, which was expected to dock yesterday, but was prevented from doing so by thick weather. The vessel should dock to-day.

Preliminary to the trial of Thaw next Monday for the murder of Stanford White, District Attorney Jerome is subpoenaing all the witnesses needed by the prosecution.

EACH SENT A FINGER.

Ghastly Petition From Korean Students to Seoul Government.

London, Jan. 21.—The Times correspondent sends the following cable despatch from Tokio: Twenty-one Korean students at Tokio, left destitute owing to the cessation of aid from their homeland, have sent a petition to the Government at Seoul, enclosing a finger cut from the hand of each student.

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FLOODS RISING.

MANY PLACES IN PENNSYLVANIA IN DANGER.

Pittsburg, Jan. 21.—The rivers are again at a flood stage, and with the water rising at the rate of two and a half inches an hour the danger line will probably be passed before evening. Reports from up river points, however, indicate that the flood will not reach serious proportions, and the stage may not exceed 23 feet. The Allegheny River is falling at the head waters, but the Monongahela is still rising at all points.

At Brownsville it has 34 feet of water on the marks, and is rising two inches an hour. Elizabeth and West Elizabeth are also partly inundated. Many of the residents remained up all night, preparing to leave their homes should the flood reach them.

BLOWN FROM CANNON.

MOROCCAN PRETENDER TORTURED MANY OF HIS FOLLOWERS.

Tangier, Jan. 21.—The reports indicate that the Moroccan pretender, Zelu, is becoming lukewarm in their adherence and that he has abandoned his military and religious role. Many tales of his cruelty are told. Those suspected of disloyalty have been dragged to Zelu, and there subjected to torture. Recently a suspect was blown to pieces from a cannon's mouth.

CORDIAL INVITATION

ADDRESS TO WORKING GIRLS

Mlle. Robitaille Tells How Mrs. Pinkham's Advice Helps Working Girls.

Girls who work are particularly susceptible to female disorders, especially those who are obliged to stand on their feet from morning until night in stores or factories.

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EARL GREY.

CLUBS THAT HAVE ENTERED THE M. AND D. COMPETITION.

Ottawa, Ont., despatch: Some of the companies already entered for the Earl Grey Canadian musical and dramatic competition at Ottawa on Jan. 28 are the University Dramatic Club, Montreal Gaiety Club, Hamilton St. Mary's Dramatic Club, Halifax; Dramatic Club, Winnipeg, and the Margaret Eaton School of Literature, Toronto. The judges selected for the competition are: For the musical numbers, George Whitfield Chadwick, of the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass.; for the theatrical competition, Mrs. George Higgin, better known as Kate Douglas Wiggin, and Langton Elwyn Mitchell, the American playwright.

ALONE WITH HIS DOGS.

Sully W. Werden Found Dead at Rochester.

Rochester, Jan. 21.—Sully W. Werden, sixty years old, was found dead on his couch in his jewellery store to-night. The man had been dead two days. His two dogs were with him, one being close to his face when the police burst in the door and discovered him. Heart disease caused his death. The dogs were famished, and jumped wildly about the police in their efforts to express their joy. Werden came to Rochester when a young man. His home was in Toronto or in a village near there. His relatives live there. He was a jeweller and taxidermist, and did considerable business. He owned much property in the city, including the block in which his store and living room was situated. Kittle Liebert, a young woman who formerly assisted Werden in the store, and who had his mending and other little trifles, will inherit all his property. His will, made out in her favor, was found in his safe.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Arrest of Charles Carter Near Sault Ste. Marie.

A Sault Ste. Marie despatch: Charles Carter, colored, is under arrest here on the strength of a circular describing a man wanted in Maryland for murder. He was picked up in a lumber camp thirty miles from town, where he was seen by a constable who was looking for evidence of violation of the game laws, and who remembered a description in the circular received by the police department. Carter answers the description in almost every particular, and the only difference is the name which he says is Charles, though the circular is "Al" the murderer was that of a railroad contractor named Thomas M. Reinhart, at Dorsey's Run, Maryland, April 7, 1906. A reward of \$1,000 is offered.

CANADIAN TARIFF DISCUSSED.

Referred to Committee by U. S. Board of Trade Convention.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The convention of National Boards of Trade to-night elected officers for the ensuing year. The parcels post, one-cent letter postage, discrimination of old nations against American merchandise, reciprocal tariff, tariff negotiations with Canada, international arbitration and various other subjects were discussed by the delegates. Resolutions on these subjects were referred to committees, and will be voted upon to-morrow. The convention will probably adjourn to-morrow.

How to Show Up an Error.

(New York Press.) Howell—What would you do if a man called you a bar-faced liar? Powell—Fool him by raising whiskers.

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