

THE LONG SHADOW OF A MAN

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The International Sunday School Lesson for Nov. 14 is "The Power and Authority of Jesus." Matthew 9 and 10.

What a long shadow a life may cast! Here we gather, millions of us, to study the Sunday School Lesson, under prolonged personality of a Roman Centurion who lived and died almost two thousand years ago. The immortality of his deeds is surely a sobering thought. Once I took a Belgian soldier, who had helped me in an emergency in Russia, to call upon John Wansmaker, more than a year later I learned that this personal contact with the great American merchant had become the glowing promise level in the treasure-house of my friend's experience. Mr. Wansmaker doubtless straightway forgot his friendly, inspiring greeting, and his gift of a book; but he had provided his personality into far-distant Belgium and into unmeasured years.

The editor of the most widely read and influential magazine in the world looks on the cleared, flat-topped desk, a silver-framed photograph of his father, who was a Christian minister. This editor wields great power, and the highest among men, even to governments seek his favor in honorable ways, many causes and persons endeavor to affect his policies; but all the while dominant and abiding influence upon him is the remembered man who daily looks out at his son from his desk as he toils. The father was a great preacher and leader when alive, yet who will deny that his greatest work is at present being done through his son, upon whose ideals and service, his shaping guiding hand is still laid? The eloquent arguments who speak to thousands, is now casting the prolonged shadow of his personality upon the uttermost parts of the earth. He is a fellow to the Roman Centurion of our Lesson, who has been a force for faith for many centuries.

In the Roman's Trials
No one person ever does a completed work, or yet is able to measure the sphere or scope of his service. There are prosperous business men working in Sunday School today in whom the labor of some is but incidental to the activities which cross their time; and who would freely say that their success is in making money or in building up a business. Nevertheless, by the test of years, it may appear that their real service to the world, although unguessed of them, is the influence they are exerting upon plastic young life. The shattering shadows of their characters are lengthening in ways they know not. Peculiarly is this true of a parent and a teacher. They live again in lives they have affected. Their own convictions and characters are multiplied over and over, in generations and circles far beyond the reach of their expectations or intention. The nameless Roman Centurion of old Capernaum did not for an instant imagine that his faith, his broadness and his reverence would enrich centuries and continents far beyond the reach of temporal Rome.

Of central interest in the ruins of Capernaum, today, as many of us know from personal observation, is the ancient synagogue presumably the very one built for the Jews by this liberal and reverent Roman. Most of the triumphal arches and mansions, and all the palaces, erected by emperors and senators and other ancient dignitaries have been sunken by the gnawing tooth of time, but the Capernaum synagogue, built in a broad spirit of good will and service, today survives, along with the deathless story of our Lesson, as a memorial to a soldier who lived at his best.

greater than any that had been shown by God's chosen people themselves. Jesus had looked into the heart of the man; instead, he found it in Rome. Judaism had an elaborate wrought-iron casement; but the level for which it was made was outside. We are led to wonder whether the priceless pearl of faith can ever be confined in any structure or organization of men's devising.

Even the visible Church does not hold all of religion. "Other sheep have I which are not of this fold," said the Lord. "One of the deeper phenomena of our own day is the amount of real reverence and spirituality and faith to be found outside of all ecclesiastical organizations. Questioning hearts, with an unshakable confidence in the existence and goodness of God, are seeking Him by many avenues, having failed to find Him to their satisfaction in available churches.

Obviously, more vital type of religion—a truer proclamation of the Christian message and a simple exemplification of the Christian character—is the need of the Church herself. The most devout disciples are the first to confess this. Until the breath of God has blown into the smoldering embers of Christian devotion we shall continue to witness the rebuke of having men and women seek for their living Jehovah outside of His Church. What Jesus said about the centurion's faith was a fact about Israel as well as about the Roman soldier.

Since our world is so full of pilgrims after God, who pass the doors of the churches, we Christians should walk softly and charitably and in constant self-examination, without a shred of arrogance. This is no time for self-righteousness or censoriousness. The Church's only concern is to know how she may better make known the true God to the world, so that all seekers may find Him Whom to know is life. For Jesus so made the Father known by His works and by His word.

A Leader For Democracy.
During the early days of the revolution in Russia I often heard a stereotyped phrase from the lips of English-speaking Russian aristocrats, and from foreign diplomats, when alluding to the workmen and peasants: "Two years later in Cairo I heard exactly the same words over and over at the demonstrating Egyptians by British officers and civil servants—'Damn swine! Damn swine!'"

Not a class against a class, it revealed, though, the state of mind which caused the revolutions. Failure to enter sympathetically into the spirit and needs of the masses has ever been the cardinal defect of aristocracy. The Jewish sanhedrin displayed it when it snarled at Nicodemus when he feebly tried to champion Jesus.

"This multitude is accursed!" How a person views people is the test of his character, and also of his leadership. For leadership, Jesus went with compassion upon beholding the multitude. His heart ever beat at the needs of the mob. In this second part of our Lesson, we have the key to the question of Christ which made Him a leader in His own day and a Saviour for the whole world. Weymouth translates the central passage thus: "And when he saw the crowds he was touched with pity for them, because they were distressed and were fasting on the ground, like sheep which have no shepherd."

One of our modern poets depicts the Apostle Paul's similar attitude toward people: "Oft when the World is on me to deliver I lift the Blusion and the truth lies bare: Desert or thron, the city or the river Meets in a lucid Paradise of air. Only like souls I see the folk there under. Bound who should conquer, slaves who should be kings,— fleeing their one hope with an empty wonder, Sdly contented in a show of things:— "Then with a rush the intolerable craving Slaves throughout me hits a trumpet-call.— Oh to save these! to perish for their saying. Die for their life, be offered for them all!"

Kindness and selfishness have filled the world of today with blood and menace and a universal class struggle. Relief can come only through the spread of this spirit of Christ, which actuates loving mankind, and is full of yearning for their welfare. There can be no real leaders in the day's democracy who have not this passion for people. This is the touchstone for teacher and preacher and politician and editor, and for every other person who would serve his generation.

Love for folk is the bequest of Jesus to all who would be His disciples. The call of the Lesson, for laborers in an ever-wide harvest-field, may be translated into social and economic and political and industrial terms: our day needs men and women with the shepherd spirit.

GIVEN SCORPION INSTEAD OF BREAD

Methodist Ministers Praise Spracklin and Condemn Government and Citizens.

Cottam, Ont., Nov. 11.—At a meeting of the Methodist ministers and laymen of Windsor district, held here this afternoon, the following resolution was unanimously passed: "That the Windsor district meeting of Methodist ministers and laymen assembled are greatly gratified in the speedy and authoritative justification of Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin as touching the altogether regrettable tragedy in Sandwich. We deeply mourn the clash of law and order with the death of a fellow citizen, for whose bereaved relatives we have tender sorrow and unfeigned sympathy.

"We also express our abiding confidence in the Christian manhood, integrity and zeal of Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin in the exercise of the serious task assigned to him by the Government in guarding vital interests of the community at this critical juncture of provincial events.

"We regret the absence of hearty co-operation of many prominent citizens of the border cities, whose apathy or thirty-veiled opposition has increased the peril of law enforcement, and executive bungling over the liquor legislation which has caused tragedies in our midst. A scorpion instead of bread is the guilty response to the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

"We summon loyalty and patriotism to the task of standing behind His Majesty's law and his duly appointed officers in the prosecution of lawless bootleggers and run-runners, who are devoid of self-respect or civic virtue."

SIGN AN ARMISTICE
London, Nov. 11.—An armistice has been signed between the Armenians and the Turkish Nationalists. It is announced in an Armenian communication dated Nov. 7, received here today.

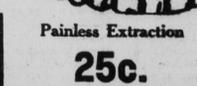
to the mechanism of existence. —Marcus Aurelius.
Jesus never made a choice without a prayer.—J. H. Jewett.
As one lamp lights another, nor grows less. —James Russell Lowell.
The country is fairest which is peopled with the happiest men.—Emerson.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life. —John 3:16.
God gave us men Who never shame their mothers, Who never fail their brothers. —Anon.

To sit still and contemplate—to remember the faces of women without desire, to be pleased by the great deeds of men without envy, to be everything and everywhere in sympathy, and yet content to remain where and what you are—is no little to know both wisdom and virtue, and to dwell with happiness! —Stevenson.

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