

Sunday School

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. XII JUNE 17, 1906.

Commentary.—I. A night of prayer (v. 28). 28. About an hour and a half... Peter and John and James... The transfiguration... The voice from the cloud... The transfiguration... The voice from the cloud... The transfiguration... The voice from the cloud...

was the response to Peter's suggestion, a wise answer to a foolish prayer; denying the petition in order to grant something better. There came a cloud, and overshadowed them—Matthew says a "bright" cloud. O cloud had frequently been the symbol of the divine presence. It was a cloud that guided and protected the children of Israel (Exod. xiii. 21; xv. 10); a cloud that took possession of the tabernacle (Exod. xl. 34); a cloud that filled the temple at the dedication (1 Kings viii. 10, 11); and the Lord maketh clouds His chariots (Psa. civ. 13). Peter himself refers to the cloud that overshadowed them on the mount as the "excellent glory" (II. Pet. i. 17). They feared—This glorious manifestation of God's presence caused them to tremble. It is very likely that the transfiguration took place in the night, in which case the light of Christ's countenance, and the dazzling brightness of His garments, and the glory of the cloud, would have a marked effect, because of the absence of the solar light. Entered into them—The cloud seemed to descend over them and envelop them. 33. A voice—The voice of God the Father. "It revealed nothing new, but confirms the old, for it was the same voice which had been heard at His baptism."—Trench. This would show to Peter and the apostles present that they did not need to detain Moses and Elijah in order to add to their happiness. This is my beloved Son—Matthew adds, "in whom I am well pleased." They had Jesus with them, and He was more than all the hosts of heaven would be without Him. Hear Him—He is superior even to Moses, the great law-giver. Moses himself had made such a statement (Deut. xviii. 15). He is superior to Elijah and the prophets, and is the one to whom they pointed. Hear Him; attend to His instructions and obey His words. The way for men to glorify God is to harken to and honor the Son (John v. 23). To reject the Son is the greatest insult that can be offered to God, and brings the most disastrous results to man. 36. When the voice was past—Matthew tells us that when the disciples heard the voice they fell on their faces, and were sore afraid; then, recovering from the shock, they suddenly gazed all around them and saw no person but Jesus. "They feared as they entered into the cloud, but when they heard the voice of God, probably as loud as thunder (see John xii. 29), and full of divine majesty such as mortal ears were unaccustomed to hear, they fell flat to the ground on their faces, being sore afraid; an effect which manifestations of this kind commonly had on the prophets and other holy men to whom they were given."—Benson. It was so with Abram (Gen. xv. 12); and Ezekiel (Ezek. i. 28); and Daniel (Dan. viii. 17; x. 8, 9); and John (Rev. i. 17); and people nowadays, when under the direct illumination of the Spirit, sometimes lose their strength and fall to the ground. In this condition the three disciples lay until Jesus touched them and raised them up, dispelling their fears. Keep it close—Mark says that Jesus charged them that they should "tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead." The people could not understand it, and even the disciples themselves did not understand it, until after the resurrection. I. Christ's glory. He took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain" (v. 28). Every good thing begins with God (Gen. i. 1). As the mountain view transforms the plain, so everything looks differently viewed from the "heavenly places" (Eph. ii. 6). After we have heard the Bridegroom say, "Come unto me... look from the top" (Is. lv. 1), the whole landscape of life is transformed. The spirit of glory, I. Peter, great God and Saviour Jesus Christ (Titus ii. 13, R. V.). "To pray" (v. 28). The "God of glory" called Abram apart to a life of communion with himself (Acts vii. 2). Early his disciples taught that the "inner chamber" with the "shut door" was the way of "recompense" (Matt. vi. 6, R. V.). The highest communion, the Spirit in us, praying to the Father in Jesus' name, is only known to those who "dwell on high" (Isa. xlviii. 16, margin), who abide in the secret place of perpetual prayer (Psa. xci. 1; I. Thess. v. 17). If we live in the spirit and walk in the Spirit we easily pray in the Spirit (Jude 20). The door which shuts out all but God closes instantly and naturally. "The fashion of his countenance was altered" (v. 29). "Jesus... was transfigured before them; and his face did shine as the sun (Matt. xvii. 1, 2). John in Patmos given glimpses of Jesus glory, as judge, saw his countenance as "the sun" (Rev. i. 16). The glory of the bride of Christ is compared to "the sun" (S. of S. iv. 10; Rev. xii. 1). We all with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory even as of the Lord the Spirit, seeing it is God who shines in our hearts to give the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ (II. Cor. iii. 18, margin; iv. 6). The "mirror" is Christ the Living Word, revealed in the written word. If we would reflect Christ constantly we must gaze upon him continually. In the perpetual sunshine of His presence we may "shine... in the world," as he commanded (Phil. ii. 15). Moses turned his eyes from the royal palace and endured as "seeing him who is invisible" (Heb. xi. 27). And in the mount, gazing into the face of the Sun of righteousness, his own face shone with the light reflected as he gazed (Exod. xxxiv. 29). III. Christ's greatness. "This is My beloved Son; Hear Him" (v. 53). There was no voice from Heaven when, by His miracle, Christ manifested forth His glory" (John ii. 11). But God expressed Himself "well pleased" when "He humbled Himself" by identification with sinners, thus fulfilling all righteousness (Matt. iii. 17), and by His renunciation of the way of glory for the way of the cross. IV. Christ's goodness. "They feared" (v. 34). The disciples, were sore afraid, and Jesus came and touched them and said, Arise and be not afraid" (Matt. xvii. 6, 7). If we hear Christ's call to go "up into a mountain" and the vision overpowers us, He will not chide us; He will comfort us. "He giveth power to the faint; He increaseth strength" (Isa. xl. 29). A young woman named May Haines, has been arrested in connection with the finding of the dead body of a child at London.

ENGAGEMENT OF BERTHA KRUPP TO VON BOHLEN UND HALBACH.

He is Secretary of Prussian Legation at the Vatican and She is One of the Richest Heiresses.

Edden, Prussia, June 4.—The engagement is announced of Bertha Krupp, owner of the Krup works, to Gustav von Bohlen und Halbach, secretary of the Prussian Legation at the Vatican. Gustav von Bohlen und Halbach was born Aug. 7, 1870, and was a gentleman-in-waiting at the Court of Baden. He then entered the German diplomatic service and was legal adviser of the German Embassy at Washington in 1899 and 1900. The next three years he held a similar position at Peking, and since then has been secretary to the Prussian Legation at the Vatican.

THE NEW 'FRISCO.

WILL BE GREATER AND MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN THE OLD.

(San Francisco Bulletin.) The leading merchants who have united in forming a new, though temporary, retail district on Van Ness avenue, between Sacramento and Post streets, have begun grading and building on the devastated lots. Those who have secured locations on the west side of the avenue are busy with plans for remodeling the houses or erecting temporary maris. So successful has been the plan that it is now assured that Van Ness street will be a great retail business street until the town assumes its old appearance in the fashionable shopping district. Auto buses on Van Ness is the latest announcement to be made in connection with the ambitious plans of the enterprising merchants. In a letter from New York, Franklin K. Lane, who is there in conference with E. H. Harriman, Senator Newlands and others who are planning the syndicate to raise \$100,000,000 to assist in the rebuilding of San Francisco, tells of the work that is being done in this direction and of the cordial feeling of Eastern financiers toward the people of this city. Among other things, Mr. Lane has this to say of the situation in New York: "I find this to be true: No one doubts for one moment that in a few years at most San Francisco will be greater and more beautiful than ever. There is no thought here of deserting San Francisco, or that she will give place to any other city. But it is hard to move the finances, because they think our people capable of doing so much themselves—miracle-workers, they call us."

COBALT PEOPLE SEEKING DAMAGES FOR THE EXPLOSION. Cobalt, June 4.—Writs to the number of about eighty are being issued against the Ontario Powder Company, Limited, whose head office is at Kingston, and the Geo. Taylor Hardware Company, whose head office is at New Liskeard, for damages caused by the explosion of six and a half ton of dynamite, which was caused by both concussion and fire. The total amount of the claims will run over \$28,000. The parties interested have expressed their determination to push their case to the highest tribunal.

STRUCK ON A CROSSING. An Owen Sound despatch: Peter Gillies, son of Mr. Archibald Gillies, a well-known Sydenham farmer, was killed in a railway crossing accident about two miles south of this place shortly after 6 o'clock this evening. In company with

Women in Our Hospitals

Appalling Increase in the Number of Operations Performed Each year—How women May Avoid them.



Going through the hospitals in our large cities one is surprised to find such a large proportion of the patients lying on those snow-white beds women and girls, either awaiting or recovering from serious operations. Why should this be the case? Simply because they have neglected themselves. Female troubles are certainly on the increase among the women of this country—they creep upon them unawares, but every one of those patients in the hospital beds had plenty of warning in that bearing-down feeling, pain at left or right of the abdomen, nervous exhaustion, pain in the small of the back, dizziness, flatulency, displacements of the organs or irregularities. All of these symptoms are indications of an unhealthy condition of the female organs, and if not heeded the penalty has to be paid by a dangerous operation. When these symptoms manifest themselves, do not drag along until you are obliged to go to the hospital and submit to an operation, but remember that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has saved thousands of women from surgical operations. When women are troubled with irregular, suppressed or painful periods, weakness, displacement or ulceration of the organs, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation, backache, bloating (or flatulency), general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, or are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, lassitude, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, "all-gone" and "want-to-be-left-alone" feelings, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy. Mrs. Fred Seydel, 412 N. 54th Street, West Philadelphia, Pa., writes: "Dr. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Succeeds Where Others Fail."

Market Reports - The Week.

Table with columns for various market items like Wheat, Oats, Peas, Butter, Eggs, etc., and their prices.

CHURCH USED AS A BARN

Causes a Scandal Among Anglicans at Kingston.

A Kingston, Ont., special despatch: Several months ago All Saints' Church was, for sentimental reasons, and to help a sister parish, turned over to St. Luke's at a nominal price by a diocesan committee. St. Luke's congregation used the main part of the church as an addition to its parish church and sold the chancel and sanctuary for use as a barn, with the altar and chancel steps, the sacred texts and scrolls in full view of the passers by. This has created a scandal, and the Executive Board of the diocese discussed the matter in warm fashion. The Bishop said St. Luke's had broken faith with him. He was told All Saints' would still be used for sacred purposes. The way it was disposed of, graded on church feelings. He reported the conduct of the congregation. Canon Grout said the rector of St. Luke's had striven to undo the unfortunate action of his people and failing to reclaim the church people had personally painted out the sacred inscriptions. The present owner asked double the price for its recovery. St. Luke's congregation was censured and ordered to reclaim it from its present use, offensive to the church people of the diocese. Archdeacon MacMorine has issued a circular against any similar disposal of church property.

CANAL GATES BROKEN.

A Very Serious Accident at Montreal—Averted in a Remarkable Manner—Wacouah Carries Away Lachine Canal Gates.

Montreal, June 4.—A singular accident occurred in the Lachine Canal close to Montreal harbor this afternoon, and by a most remarkable circumstance a great disaster was averted. The steamer Wacouah, a grain carrier from the upper lakes, acquired too great a speed, and before she could be stopped broke through lock No. 2 at Black's Bridge, carrying both gates with her. The rush of water that followed was terrific, for behind the lock is an immense basin, but by a fortunate and almost miraculous coincidence the suction was strong enough to lift up automatically a stop gate that was lying at the bottom of the canal, thereby preventing the inrush. This stop gate was never intended for so likely a purpose and Supt. O'Brien says that it had been left in position in the channel for a long time and occasionally was raised by main force whenever the regular gates required repairing. Had it not performed an unexpected function this afternoon the rush of water would have forced a multitude of craft helter-skelter through the canal into the harbor and the loss would have been at least a million dollars, irrespective of life and limb. During practice manoeuvres yesterday at Plymouth, Eng., the torpedo boats No. 108 and No. 81, collided in the channel off this port and both were badly damaged.

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Advertisement for Church Used as a Barn, discussing the scandal at Kingston and the actions of the diocese.

Advertisement for Women in Our Hospitals, discussing the health of women and promoting Dr. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Advertisement for Canal Gates Broken, reporting on the accident at Montreal and the role of the Wacouah.

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