Sunday School.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. XIII. DECEMBER 25, 1904

The Prince of Peace—Isa. 9: 1-7—Christmas Lesson

Commentary. I. Great darkness (vs. 1, 2. 1. Nevertheless—"A transition word from the dark picture of chapter viii. 5-22, describing the woes from Assyrian predominance to the bright dawn and consummation of the Messianic era." Shall not be such—The darkness shall not be as great as it has been. There was a ray of encouragement for those who were ready to receive the prophet's words. Zebulun—The country of Galilee around the Sea of Galilee was the land that principally suffered in the first Assyrian invasion.

2. The people ..... in darkness—The people of Judah. They were at this time under a two-fold darkness: 1. The darkness of outward trouble. See II. Kings xv. 37, xvi. 4-8, 17; II. Chron. xxviii. 5-8. 2. They were in moral darkness. Ahaz had led the people into the most abominable practices in honor of the heathen divinities whose worship he had established in his kingdom. Finally, towards the close of the reign, he shut up the great doors of the temple (II. Chron. xxviii. 24), discontinued the offering of incense and the morning and evening sacrifice, and left the whole interior to decay, neglect and ruin.

II. A Great Light. (vs. 2-5). 2. A great light—The sudden change from dense darkness to the shining light which the prophet saw is quite remarkable. What light was thos? The promise of redemption; the prospect of the coming of Immanuel.

3. Hast multiplied the nation—Isaiah with prophetic eye pierces the centuries and sees the hosts that would come under the reign of the Messiah and be numbered with the true spiritual Israel. And not increased—See R. V. for correct rendering. They joy before thee—The prophet notes it to be a religious joy, for it is said to be before God—that is, in His presence, and with a grateful acknowledgment of His benefits.—Lowth.

4. Thou hast broken the yoke—"The Jews were successively delivered from the burdensome and galling yoke of the Assyrians, Chaldeans, Persians and Macedonians; but these deliverances were only a shadow of redemption from the yoke of Satan; and that redemption seems here especially predicted as if already accomplished." As in the days of Midian—As Gideon with a handful of men conquered the hosts of Midian, so Messiah, the "child" (v. 6), shall prove to be the "Prince of Peace," and the small company under Him shall overcome the mighty hosts of Antichrist. See the same contrast in Micha v. 2-5.—J., B. & F.

5. For every battle—It was the custom of antiquity to pile the arms of prostrate enemies, the spoils of less value, and their spotted garments, into a heap and then burn them.—Rosewin. All that belongs to war shall be swept away; the war itself shall die. The Messiah abolishes all war, but not until His foes are either swept away by His judgments or submission by His love.—Cowles.

III. A vision of the Messiah (v. 6). 6. Unto us—The prophet spake of the predicted blessings as if already communicated. Angels say, "Unto you," but this child was born for the benefit of us men, of us sinners, of all believers, to the end of the world.—Scott. "In the far distance the prophet foresaw the Redeemer of the world. A little later came the vision of the suffering Savior (Isa. liii.); then the town where he should be born (Micah v., 2); a more complete revelation came through Daniel." A Son is given—God's gratuitous gift, upon which man had no claim (John iii., 16). A gift of love, of joy, of universal fitness to our needs, of eternal enrichment, of forever increasing value; and this gift insures all other gifts (Rom. vii., 32).—Funk. As Son of man Jesus was "a child born"; as Son of God he was a "Son given."—Spurgeon. Government—"The ensign of Government, the sceptre, the sword, or key, was borne upon or hung from the shoulder. All government shall be vested in him." His name—A name stands for all that the man is and has—his character, his principles and his property. Wonderful—Because his nature was both human and divine. Whoever refuses to believe in the supernatural must pause at the manger. He can go no farther. How Godhood and manhood could be knit together in the person of Christ is beyond us. But things incomprehensible are not incredible. All divine works are wonderful. There are marvels enough in a drop of water to bewilder the wisest.—Burrell. Counsellor—One who has wisdom to guide himself and others. Jesus was the embodiment of the wisdom of God. He was a Savior, both God and man, a personal revelation of God's love, a perfect character and example. He is our Counsellor, never guiding us astray, but always by the best ways to the best ends. Mighty God—"God the mighty One. As he has wisdom, so he has strength; he is able to save to the uttermost; and such is the work of the Mediator that no less a power than that of the mighty God could accomplish it."—Com. Com. Everlasting Father—Expressing the divine love and pity for men, a love that can never fail for it is everlasting. The Father pitieth his children that are weak in knowledge, and instructs them; pities them when they are froward, and bears with them; when they are fallen, and helps them up again; when they have offended, and upon their submission forgives them; when they are wronged and rights them. Thus "the Lord pitieth them that fear him."—Henry. Prince of Peace—As a King he preserves, commands, creates peace. His peace both keeps the hearts of his people and rules in them. He is the Author of all that peace which is the present and future bliss of his subjects.

IV. The Messianic Kingdom (v. 7). 7. Of the increase, etc.—The government shall increase in numbers, in power, in the completeness of its rmule. It shall increase in the blessings it bestows. It is like the powers of nature, which are exhaustlesss. There is no limit to their application to the uses of man. With our marvellous inventions and discoveries of what nature can do, we have gathered bpt a few rays from the [illegible] of light, a few sprays from the [illegible] blessings God has ni store for [illegible]et. Throne of David—To [illegible]rone of David means to [illegible] people of God; and [illegible]t sat on David's [illegible]:—to rule it. From henceforth even for ever—"Only such a kingdom can [illegible]ure. Nothing is really settled till it [illegible] settled right. The powers of evil a[illegible] very strong, but every one is doome[illegible] fall before Christ. The prince of dar[illegible]ss in darkest England, darkest Afri[illegible] and darkest America shall be torn [illegible]rom his throne, and the light shall scatter the darkness, and the Sun of Righteousness with healing in his wings shall change winter into spring, and night into da[illegible]y."

PRACTICAL SURVEY.

The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, because of their sins, were permitted by God to be overrun by their enemies. This was His punishment because they forgot His law. Still, they did not repent, and greater punishment was visited upon them. Notwithstanding their persistent wickedness God visited them in great mercy, not because they repented and thus in some measure deserved mercy, for their conduct merited only God's wrath, but because "His mercy endureth forever." In the midst of their idolatry God sends the greatest blessings of all time.

The liberty of the sons of God who are made free by the power of divine grace is pictured to us in verse 4. The yoke of the devil is a galling yoke, His burden is a heavy burden. He wields a cruel rod as an oppressor. What a grievous yoke is the drink habit!

All the great conquerors who have appeared among men have made their conquests by the sword. They have been great generals, great warriors; they have left multitudes of slain in the wake of their triumphant march, have waded through rivers of blood on their way to power and glory. But a mighty Conqueror is now to appear who will come to power and glory by a very different way.

Inspiration always gives the right names to characters. Here is a person whose character cannot be expressed in one name. Five are used to convey to us as clear an idea of this wonderful personage as we can comprehend.

His name shall be called Wonderful. Why? Because he is wonderful from every standpoint. He was wonderful in the prophecies concerning him. He was promised when man was driven from the garden of Eden. His nationality was fixed in the promise to Abraham. His tribe was named as that of Judah; his family as that of David; the place of his birth, Bethlehem; the time of his advent, before Judah lost her independence. These, with many other prophecies, stamp him as wonderful in this respect. He was wonderful in his birth. He was wonderful in his death. The infidel Rosseau truly said, "If Socrates died like a philosopher, then Jesus Christ died like a God."

Counsellor. The term embraces, among other ideas, that of giving advice or counsel and that of acting as an advocate. The Revelator represents the Savior as a counselor..

The Mighty God. Jesus was born of a woman, therefore he was a man, but he was and is at the same time God—the mighty God. As we see the terrible work sin has wrought on the human family, its vice-like grip on individuals and society, we are glad the emphasis is put on the mighty. He is almighty.

The Everlasting Father. The term father means much to many children, but as we study God's word it is very evident that God intended fathers to be very much more to their offspring than they are—comfort, protection, support, assistance and much more. But no matter how near to the ideal any father approaches, the time will come when it will be said, "Father is dead." He can then no longer protect, comfort and support. Here is one who never dies, the everlasting Father.

The Prince of Peace. How sad to think that man has never been content to live in peace. History is largely the record of man slaying his fellow man. The wars of the last half of the nineteenth Christian century are sorrowful to contemplate. The opening of the twentieth century is not reassuring. Yet the Prince of Peace has made wonderful conquests. We look hopefully forward to the time when man shall learn war no more.

J. Emory Coleman.

SEES TOWN'S FALL IN A VISION.

Marion, Ind., Women Claim to Have Got Message From God.

Marion, Ind., Dec. 12.—"Marion shall soon close her parlors of pleasure." Mrs. Viola Pownell said this message came to her in a vision from God, it being written on the northwestern sky, in large letters of stars that resembled electric lights now in use in advertising. So impressed was she with the vision, she claims, that she had bills printed and distributed about the city to warn the people of an impending danger.

The placard read as follows:

"Marion shall soon close her parlors of pleasure. These were the words of God gave me in a vision. It seems like God is going to pour out His wrath on this city. God never allowed destruction on a city or people without sending a warning first. You will find the answer to my vision in Habakkuk, second chapter, second and third verses, and Ezekiel, second chapter, seventh verse.

Mrs. Viola Pownell.

Mrs. Pownell said: "The affair has been the cause of a great deal of worry to me. When it was presented to me I did not care to tell it to relatives or friends, as I thought they would ridicule me and say I was fanatical or insane.

"I kept the affair a secret for some time, but I seemed to be impressed daily that it was my duty to heed the warning. I continued to resist until I began to lose sleep and was unable to eat. I then decided to seek a solution by prayer. I prayed for guidance and was told to seek my Bible.

"This did not satisfy me, because I am not a great reader of the Bible and am unable to understand a great deal that I do read. I attempted to dismiss the thought from my mind, but for three days and three nights I was unable to eat or sleep.

"I again prayed for instructions and was told to seek my Bible. I opened the book and in flaming lines I read: 'And the Lord answered and said, write the vision and make it plain upon tables. that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time but at the end it shall speak and not lie: though it tarry, wait not for it, because it will surely come, it will not tarry.'

'This was the second and third verses of the second chapter of Habakkuk. I did not know such a book existed in the Bible.

"I continued to hesitate for fear of ridicule, but was so impressed with what I had seen and read that I again prayed. In an answer to this prayer I was again told to seek my Bible. Again I opened it, and read: 'And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear or whether they will forbear, for they are rebellious.'

"This was the seventh verse of the second chapter of Ezekiel. I have no explanation to make, except as stated. I do not believe in clairvoyance, am not a religious fanatic or spiritualist. I am a member of the Congregational Church, attempt to live a Christian life and do what I think is right."

Mrs. Viola Pawnell is the wife of Wesley Pownell, a dealer in fruits and vegetables. She is 34 years of age and the mother of four children. She is said to be of sound mind and never known to be eccentric or fanatical.

The Pall of Rheumatic Pains—When a sufferer finds permanent relief in such a meritorious medicine as South American Rheumatic Cure, how glad he is to tell it. C. W. Mayhew, of Thamesville, Ont., couldn't walk or feed himself for months—four years ago three bottles of this great remedy cured him—not a pain since—isn't that encouragement for rheumatic sufferers? —82

ULTIMATUM TO SULTAN.

Must Remove Customs Officials at Scutari.

Vienna, Dec. 12.—Unless the Ottoman Government dismisses and punishes by noon Thursday the gendarmerie commander and the Customs officials at Scutari, who recently forcibly detained the Austrian-Hungarian mails, Austria will order a naval squadron that is now lying ready at Pola to carry out a demonstration at some Turkish port. The Austrian Ambassador's prompt complaint against interference with the mails was treated with the customary Turkish procrastination, and Austria becoming weary, instructed the Ambassador to deliver an ultimatum to the above effect. This was presented on Dec. 5. Austria recognized the possibility that such a strong policy would irritate the European Governments, but resolved to run all risks rather than suffer a diminution of her prestige in the Balkans. Probably the Porte will yield, but even if it does, the fleet is likely to cruise in the Levant for some time to emphasize Austria's displeasure and to show her readiness to uphold the inviolability of her national rights.

Pile Terrors Swept Away.—Dr. Agnew's Ointment stands at the head as a reliever, healer, and sure cure for Piles in all forms. One application will give comfort in a few minutes, and three to six days' application, according to directions, will cure chronic cases. It relieves all itching and burning skin diseases in a day. 35 cents.—79

AUSTRIAN ULTIMATUM.

BROUGHT THE PORTE TO TIME AND THE CRISIS IS OVER.

Constantinople, Dec. 12.—The Porte yielded to the Austrian demands regarding detention of Austrian mails, and the incident may be regarded as closed. Threatened complications have, therefore, been averted.

The Austrian ultimatum demanded the dismissal of the director of custome, the Secretary-General of the Vilayet, and the chief of police of Scutari, within three days, failing which Austria would make a naval demonstration at Salonica, and would demand a settlement of all pending questions, including official recognition of the schools under Austrian protection. The energetic attitude of Austria in ordering a squadron of warships to be made ready induced the desired action on the part of the Portes.

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Market Reports —OF— The Week.

Toronto Farmers' Market.

The offerings of grain on the street today were moderate, with little change in prices. Wheat steady, with sales of 200 bushels of white at $1 to $1.03, 100 bushels of red at $1 to $1.03, and 200 bushels of goose at 88c. Barley dull, 1,000 bushels selling at 45 to 49c. Oats are easier, 1,000 bushels selling at 34½ to 35½c.

Dairy produce in fair supply at steady prices. Choice dairy butter sold at 19 to 21c, and eggs at 25 to 30c per dozen.

Hay in good supply, there being sales of 35 loads at $9 to $10.50 a ton for timothy, and at $7 to $8 for mixed. Straw dull, two loads selling at $9 to $10 a ton.

Dressed hogs are steady at $6.50 to $7, the latter for light.

Wheat, new, per bushel	$ 1 00	to	$1 0 3
Do., red, bushel	1 00	to	1 03
Do., spring, bushel	095	to	1 00
Do., goose, bushel	0 88	to	0 00
Oats, bushel	34½	to	35½
Barley, bushel	0 45	to	0 49
Rye, bushel	0 80	to	0 00
Peas, bushel	0 70	to	0 00
Buckwheat, bushel	0 56	to	0 60
Hay, timothy, per ton	9 00	to	10 50
Do., mixed, per ton	7 00	to	8 00
Straw, per ton	9 00	to	10 00
Seeds—			
Alsike, No. 1, bushel	6 50	to	725
Do., No. 2, bushel	5 00	to	5 75
Do., No. 3, bushel	4 00	to	4 50
Red clover	6 00	to	7 00
Timothy	1 00	to	1 35
Dressed hogs	6 50	to	7 00
Apples, per bbl.	1 00	to	2 25
Eggs, per dozen	0 25	to	0 30
Butter, dairy	0 19	to	0 21
Do., creamery	0 22	to	0 26
Chickens, spring, per lb.	0 09	to	0 10
Ducks, per lb.	0 10	to	0 11
Turkeys, per lb.	0 14	to	0 15
Cabbage, per dozen	0 25	to	0 40
Potatoes, per bag	0 75	to	0 90
Caupliflower, per dozen	0 60	to	1 00
Onions, per bag	1 00	to	1 35
Celery, per dozen	0 30	to	0 40
Beef, hindquarters	7 00	to	8 00
Do., forequarters	4 50	to	5 00
Do., choice, carcase	6 75	to	7 00
Do., medium, carcase	5 50	to	6 00
Mueeon, per cwt.	5 50	to	6 00
Veal, per cwt.	7 50	to	8 50
Lambs, per cwt.	7 00	to	7 50

British Live Stock Market.

London, Dec. 10.—Live cattle are quoted at 9½c to 13c per pound; refrigerator beef at 8¾c per pound; sneep at 10c to 12½c per pound.

Leading Wheat Markets.

	Dec.	May.
New York	1.17⅞	1.12⅞
Detroit	1.16½	1.18
Toledo	1.15	1.17½
St. Louis	1.09½	1.12⅞
Duluth	1.10⅜	1.13⅝
Minneapolis	1.08¼	1.12⅞

Toronto Live Stock.

Receipts were light, as has become usual on Friday's market—21 cattle, 102 sheep and lambs, 194 hogs, 2 calves, and 5 horses. There was little doing, only a sort of cleaning up of odds and ends.

Hogs—The market for live hogs closed weak, with a prospect of still lower prices in the near future. Selects sold at $4.80, lights and fats $4.55 for to-day, Friday.

Bradstreet's on Trade.

Bradstreet's advices from Montreal say: The volume of wholesale trade in a general way is fair. As regards the goods for which the demand is accelerated by the approach of Christmas, the trade is brisk, and it looks as though the country felt able to spend money on the season's festivities. The manufacturing industries generally continue active, and values continue steady to firm. The country trade has not been so brisk. The wholesalers in a number of lines here are busy stock-taking. The spring movement in certain departments has begun with a vigor that promises well.

There is fair activity in wholesale circles at Toronto. The colder weather has had a good effect upon the movement of seasonable lines, and the sorting trade generally is satisfactory, although this is never a brisk season. The wholesalers are meeting with a good demand for holiday goods, and much more frequently than in years past this demand is shown for goods of high quality. The continued prosperity of the west is universally felt to favor a continuance of good trade conditions here.

At Quebec wholesale trade in general shows no great signs of activity. Colder weather is wanted. Collections are still slow.

According to Bradstreet's advices, trade conditions at Winnipeg are satisfactory in all departments. The American demand for Canadian wheat has had the effect of materially raising prices, and although grain is pretty well out of the farmers' hands, this is a factor in the country's prosperity.

Victoria and Vancouver reports to Bradstreet's say: There is an improvement in the condition of wholesale trade here. There is talk of an end to the trouble in the lumber trade, but nothing very definite is announced on this score. There is a continued depression in the salmon industry.

Hamilton reports to Bradstreet's say the wholesale movement of Christmas goods is heavy and trade generally is fairly active. Retail stocks are meeting with a better demand, and collections are improving somewhat. The industries are active and trade prospects are bright.

Business conditions at London are fairly satisfactory. The pre-holiday trade so far compares favorably with that of former years.

Bradstreet's advices say the volume of wholesale trade at Ottawa is fairly large, although in some lines more of it is on account of the coming holidays.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Mikado has written three poems, extolling the patriotism of his people.

The value of the fortune left by the late Mr. Kruger amounts to no less than £750,000.

A most successful test of new Ontario peat as fuel has been made at Winnipeg. The peat is manufactured near Fort Frances.

Mrs. J. Robertson, of Barwick, Ont., cut her throat while termorary insane at Winnipeg, and was found by her aged mother in a dying condition when the family returned from church.

In the Dutch Chamber a Roman Catholic Deputy declared that the troops in Sumatra had behaved like Huns and Tartars, slaughtering women and children for purely commercial objects.

Senator Proctor presented to the Senate a memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Vermont, protesting against reciprocity with Canada.

While loading his wagon with sand in the sand-pits at Carleton P. O. yesterday, Chas. Piggott found the body of a pale infant a few days old, wrapped in a newspaper.

BRITISH TROOPS LEAVING CANADA.

Report That Garrisons Will be Withdrawn.

Halifax and Esquimalt No No Longer Needed.

Canada Ready to Look After Them Itself.

(Toronto Globe.)

A reconstruction of the military and naval forces of the empire is in progress that demands more than a bystander's notice from the people of Canada. The Admiralty has decided to practically withdraw British warships from Canadian waters. The North American squadron, with headquarters at Halifax, and the North Pacific squadron, with headquarters at Esquimalt, will be dispersed, and but two vessels, probably second-class cruisers, left to represent Britain's naval power in these waters. This step is taken in pursuance of a new policy of Imperial defence, the cardinal feature of which is the concentration of a great naval force in home waters—a force that may strike at a moment's notice. At present the greater part of the British navy is in far off seas doing police duty and could not readily be concentrated in time of war.

The Broad Arrow, in an article on the coming changes, says: "The disappearance of warships from colonial waters will not move the colonials to agonized despair, as the disappearance of the redcoat did. The first colony to experience the effect of the new policy is Canada, for already the North Atlantic squadron has been reduced in strength. This was inevitable owing to the growth of the United States, with the increased mobility conferred upon the navy by modern science. The defence of British interests in the western hemisphere is best attained, not by the maintenance of a relatively small force in the North Atlantic, but by powerful fleets within a week's steam."

Following upon the abandonment of Halifax and Esquimalt as important naval bases, there comes news of an agitation among British military experts for the withdrawal of British soldiers from the colonies and the garrisoning of colonial fortresses by colonial troops. There are no Imperial regulars in Australia, and the Daily Graphic, which is very close to Mr. Arnold Forster, the new War Secretary, says: "In order to secure a reduction of colonial garrisons, Mr. Forster abolishes or brings home eleven battalions now stationed in the colonies or Europe, and reduces the nominal strength of twenty-six other battalions from 988 to 863. The effect is to reduce the infantry in the colonies and Egypt from 36,308 to 22,438. Corresponding to this reduction in the infantry there will be a reduction of 4,500 men in the artillery and other arms, making a total saving of 18,000 men in colonial garrisons. That is a considerable saving; but it represents less than half the saving that might be effected if we insisted that Canada and South Africa should provide their own land defence, as Australia does."

From this one would imagine that there were thousands of British soldiers scattered throughout Canada engaged in land defence. The fact is that there are not more than 2,200 soldiers of the Imperial army in Canada. They are all at either Halifax or Esquimalt.

The time seems ripe for the taking over of the care of Halifax and Esquimalt. If the Graphic speaks with its usual authority, Mr. Arnold-Forster wants to withdraw the garrison. During the South African war Canada garrisoned the forts on both the Atlantic and Pacific, a special service regiment of 1,000 men being raised for the purpose. At the Colonial Conference of 1902 the Canadian Government presented a memorandum, in which the following reference to Imperial expenditures in Canada appears:

"That the taxpayers of the United Kingdom should desire to be relieved of some of the burdens which they bear in connection with military expenditure is quite reasonable. Canada in the development of its own militia system will be found ready to respond to that desire by taking upon itself some of the services in the Dominion which have heretofore been borne by the Imperial Government."

This was generally understood to mean that if Britain wished to hand over Halifax and Esquimalt, the only posts on which she was spending money, Canada would be ready to take them. That nothing came of the offer makes it evident that Halifax and Esquimalt were then regarded as of great imperial value, and not as a part of Canada's land defences. Other men, other manners. Brodrick is gone, Arnold-Forster is in control. Barkis seems to be willing, and there should be no difficulty in arranging the matter.

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