



SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1910

Warning and Invitation

Sunday School Lesson for April 24, 1910
Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT.—Matthew 11:20-23. Memory verses, 23-24.
GOLDEN TEXT.—"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."—Matt. 11:28.

TIME.—Luke shows us that the time was a year and a half after our last lesson, in connection with the mission of the seventy, December A. 13, 23.
PLACE.—Somewhere in Perea, on the way to Jerusalem.

Suggestion and Practical Thought.
Our last lesson was a discussion of doubt—honest doubt and dishonest doubt. We heard our Lord, after highly praising John, who had proved his readiness to follow the light as fast as he received it, turn with stern upbraiding to the scribes and Pharisees, who had proved themselves unwilling to receive the light, though brought to them in such different ways as by John and Christ. Our present lesson carries the same theme further, discussing the most important of all subjects, the rejection or acceptance of the Saviour.

Rejecting Christ.—When did Christ speak the words we are to study? Matthew would seem to imply that he spoke them immediately after the coming and going of the messengers from John the Baptist. But Luke (10:13-16, 21, 22) reports almost identically the same words in connection with the return of the seventy, more than a year later.

What were the cities that Christ upbraided? The cities of Galilee, "where in most of his mighty works were done." Three are named as samples. Chorazin, probably about one mile north of the upper part of the Sea of Galilee; Bethsaida, a city situated by the Jordan where it empties into the Sea of Galilee from the north; and Capernaum, our Lord's own city, to which he removed from Nazareth, and where he wrought many mighty works.

Why did Christ reproach these cities? Because, though given so many opportunities, they had "not repented." That was why Christ preached and worked miracles, to bring men to repentance.

With what cities did Christ compare these favored towns of Galilee? With Tyre and Sidon, Phoenician cities on the Mediterranean coast to the northwest. Sidon was a very ancient city, and Tyre, its offspring, was in Christ's day the chief commercial city of Palestine, and probably the largest, next to Jerusalem. Also with Sodom, the city on the Dead Sea destroyed with Gomorrah in the days of Abraham.

Receiving Christ.—Vs. 25-27. Christ then passed from denunciation and warning to joyful thanksgiving. What was the occasion of the transition? "At that time" should be translated (R. V.) "at that season." Luke connects the following words with the return of the seventy; they are a prayer of rejoicing over the favorable reception accorded them. Perhaps the same thoughts were uttered on the return of the twelve (see v. 1 of this chapter 2 of Matthew).

Peace in Christ.—Vs. 28-30. We have studied the picture of those that reject Christ and the picture of those that accept him. The great discourse closes with a famous picture of the condition of those that will accept Christ, that will hear and heed his loving invitation.

To whom is Christ's invitation addressed? In the first place, to "all." There was need for the insertion of that wide word. Had not the Saviour said a little before, "Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent?"—Spurgeon. In the second place, to all "that labor and are heavy laden." This describes the burdens of humanity both actively and passively, those that are worn by ceaseless toil, and those that in silence and obscurity are bearing loads that no one knows about, are alike invited to Jesus. The poor under the load of poverty, sinners under the weight of guilt, business men staggering under heavy responsibilities,—all are included in the precious invitation. "All men are miserable; all men are by nature the children of wrath; all men are laboring in the vain pursuit of earthly happiness; all, therefore, may consider themselves invited,"—Prof. Archibald Alexander.

What are these weary ones invited to do? Simply to "come" to Jesus. The Greek is stronger than our English, and is, literally, "Hither to me, all weary and burdened!"

And the result of going to Jesus is—"I will give you rest."
But what is this rest that Christ will give? We usually stop here, and lose the force of the message. "In the first verse the Physician opens his door to receive his patients; in the following verses he prescribes for them. To take the one part of the utterance without the remainder of it is like going to a great doctor and coming away again only to find his prescription into the fire."—Principal Agency. The rest that Christ gives consists of (1) discipleship, "Learn of me," and (2) "Take my yoke upon you."

The best help is not to bear the troubles of others for them, but to inspire them with courage and energy to bear their burdens for themselves and meet the difficulties of life bravely.—Lubbock.

"Perhaps to-day nothing is more necessary than to maintain the protest of personal convictions against the bold and large assumption of science and philosophy."

Man's riches are to be estimated rather by the fewness of his wants than the greatness of his possessions.

**Panama Mourns
Loss of Obaldia**

People, Shocked by Unexpected Death of Chief Magistrate, Turn to Mendoza for Guidance and Are Giving Him Their Support—Resume of Negro Statesmanship in the United States.

By N. BARNETT DODSON.

The death of Don Jose Domingo de Obaldia, president of Panama, which occurred on March 2, and the ascendency of Dr. Carlos A. Mendoza to the presidency recall some interesting facts as to the part which Negroes have played in national and state affairs in the United States. One of the most striking instances in this connection happened in Louisiana in 1871, when our own Pinckney Benton Stewart Pinchback, who is still living, was on Dec. 8, 1871, elected president pro tem. of the state senate, and also lieutenant governor to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Oscar Dunn.

Mr. Pinchback was acting governor of Louisiana during the impeachment trial of Governor Warmoth from Dec. 9, 1872, to Jan. 13, 1873. He was also nominated for governor, but withdrew in the interest of party peace and was elected congressman on the same ticket. He was chosen senator Jan. 15, 1873, but after a hot debate, which lasted for three years, he was not allowed to be seated. The vote was thirty-two to twenty-nine. He was, however, given the pay and mileage of a senator.

B. K. Bruce served as sergeant-at-arms of the Mississippi legislature and on Feb. 3, 1875, was elected United States senator, taking his seat in that august body March 4 and serving until March 3, 1881. In West Virginia at the present time J. C. Gilmer holds the position of state librarian. And so we might go on to enumerate many more exceptional examples in which the Negro has proved his worth and shown his capacity as a statesman.

Dr. Carlos A. Mendoza, the new president of Panama, is a Negro, the acknowledged leader of the Liberal party. He is a self-made man who by his own energy and perseverance has become one of the most influential men in Central America. He is a noted lawyer and has always taken a lively interest in political affairs. In most every revolution on the isthmus for the past ten years he has been a leading figure. President Mendoza has issued the following proclamation on the death of President Obaldia expressing the sorrow of the nation at the event which has deprived Panama of "the noble and distinguished services of her most illustrious son." The proclamation says:

As a tribute to the memory of my chief, fellow citizen and friend, knowing as I knew his desires, aspirations and patriotic endeavors, I declare that in the short time I shall occupy the undesired post of president I will inspire all my acts in the policy of concord, moderation and tolerance he established and maintained.

Americans took a prominent part in the funeral of the late president. The commander of the United States marines asked the foreign office for permission to attend with his men, bearing arms in the city. The officials of the isthmian canal commission and the ministers and consuls, native and foreign, were also in attendance. President Mendoza delivered the funeral oration.

Nothing in the political situation on the isthmus has so far arisen to occasion alarm. The people of Panama have been concerned only with the death of the president, who was looked upon as a great organizer and who had just completed plans for the development of the country. The conservatives and the partisans of the late president are giving their support to Mendoza.

St. Mark's Church Reunion March 24.
Leaders in religious and social circles are all aglow over the prospects of having a highly enjoyable time at the thirty-third annual reunion of St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal church, New York, which will be held at Grand Central Palace on Thursday evening, March 24. The Rev. Dr. William H. Brooks, pastor of the church, is one of the most highly esteemed and influential men among the Afro-American population of the city.

Women's Clubs to Meet in Brooklyn.
Aug. 10, 11 and 12 are the dates announced for the next annual meeting of the Northeastern Federation of Women's Clubs, which will be held in Brooklyn with the Dorcas Home Missionary society, at the Concord Baptist church, 163 Duffield street.

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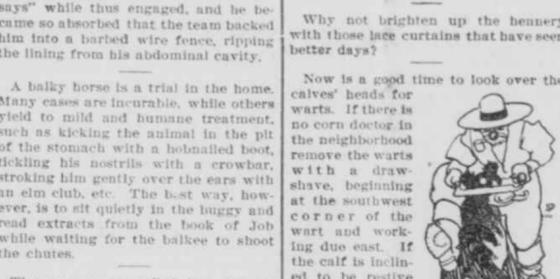
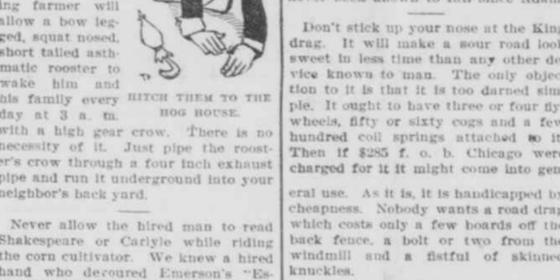
FIRST ARTICLE.
WHAT shall we do to keep the boys on the farm? Inquires one anxious sister who has seven daughters of marriageable age. The only way we know of, sister, is to hitch them to the hog house with a log chain. This is painful, but salutary, and is calculated to inspire respect for parental authority.

No self-respecting farmer will allow a bow-legged, squat nosed, short tailed, asthmatic rooster to wake him and his family every day at 3 a. m. with a high gear crow. There is no necessity of it. Just pipe the rooster's crow through a four inch exhaust pipe and run it underground into your neighbor's back yard.

Never allow the hired man to read Shakespeare or Carlyle while riding the corn cultivator. We knew a hired hand who devoured Emerson's "Essays" while thus engaged, and he became so absorbed that the team backed him into a barbed wire fence, ripping the lining from his abdominal cavity.

Now is a good time to look over the calves' heads for warts. If there is no corn doctor in the neighborhood remove the warts with a draw-shave, beginning at the southwest corner of the wart and working due east. If the calf is inclined to be restive under this treatment, soothe her with an ax heve laid firmly across the nose. If she REMOVES THE WARTS recovers from WITH A DRAW-SHAVE, this treatment she will live to be eighty years old.

With all due respect for wearers of the cloth, we advise against buying a jack that carries around indorsements from a minister of the gospel. We had a friend who bought a jack from a



SPRAY HIS STOMACH WITH ICED TEA. surface, when they can be easily removed with a pair of pliers. This treatment is good only during the dog days, for cholera germs have no thirst during the winter months.

After the boy has worked on the farm all summer for his board and overalls hand him 20 cents in currency and send him to the county fair for an outing. The average boy can have a regular Fourth of July celebration on 20 cents and your generosity will endear him to the farm and give him a broad, liberal outlook on life.

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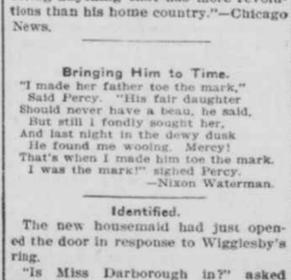
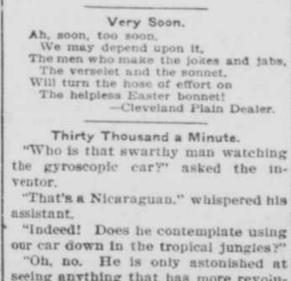
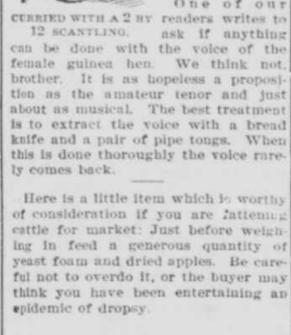
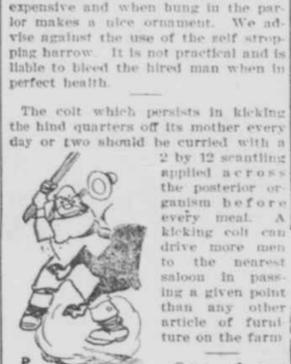
The practice of dehorning as usually carried out is needlessly cruel. The best method is to have the horns extracted by a painless dentist, who will draw them while you wait at \$1 per horn. The heifer which has inhaled a couple of bags of laughing gas while in the dentist chair will never kick anybody's front teeth loose again.

Every farmer ought to have a strap for his disk harrow. It is neat and inexpensive and when hung in the parlor makes a nice ornament. We advise against the use of the self-strapping harrow. It is not practical and is liable to bleed the hired man when in perfect health.

The colt which persists in kicking the hind quarters off its mother every day or two should be curried with a 2 by 12 scantling applied across the posterior organism before every meal. A kicking colt can drive more men to the nearest saloon in passing a given point than any other article of furniture on the farm.

One of our curried with a 2 by 12 scantling writes to 12 SCANTLING. ask if anything can be done with the voice of the female guinea hen. We think not, brother. It is as hopeless a proposition as the amateur tenor and just about as musical. The best treatment is to extract the voice with a bread knife and a pair of pipe tongs. When this is done thoroughly the voice rarely comes back.

Here is a little item which is worthy of consideration if you are fattening cattle for market: Just before weighing in feed a generous quantity of yeast foam and dried apples. Be careful not to overdo it, or the buyer may think you have been entertaining an epidemic of dropsy.



Very Soon.
Ah, soon, too soon.
We may depend upon it.
The men who make the jokes and jabs, the voracious and the voracious.
Will turn the nose of effort on.
The helpless Easter bonnet.
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Thirty Thousand a Minute.
"Who is that swartly man watching the gyroscopic car?" asked the inventor.
"That's a Nicaraguan," whispered his assistant.
"Indeed! Does he contemplate using our car down in the tropical jungles?"
"Oh, no. He is only astonished at seeing anything that has more revolutions than his home country."—Chicago News.

Bringing Him to Time.
"I made her father to the mark," said Percy. "His fair daughter should never have a beau, he said. But still I fondly sought her. And last night in the dewy dusk I found me wooing. Mercey! That's when I made him to the mark. I was the mark!" signed Percy.
—Nixon Waterman.

Identified.
The new housemaid had just opened the door in response to Wigglesby's ring.
"Is Miss Darborough in?" asked Wigglesby.
"Yes, sorr, she's in, sorr, but she's engaged," said the maid.
"Yes, I know," smiled Wigglesby. "I'm what she's engaged to."—Harper's Weekly.

Counted Out.
Emie, meemie, minnie, mo, Teeenie buggie, big auto.
Horsie jumpie-splinter, split!
Chaufeur chuckies, "Gee, you're hit!"
—Judge.

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Perilous Experiments.
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Earnings.
"Father, today I earned money for the first time in my life."
"Excellent, my son! How?"
"I lost a bet."
"Lost a bet?"
"Yes, father, and refused to pay it."
—Flegende Blatter.

Pearls.
The perfectly round pearls are the most valuable; next come the pear shaped and lastly the egg shaped.

The Wrong Ticket.
Conductor (on railroad train)—This isn't the right ticket, sir.
Absentminded Passenger—What's the matter with it?
Conductor—This ticket you gave me calls for a diamond ring!—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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