

Sunday School Notes

Side Lights on Next Sunday's Lesson for Teachers and Pupils.

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June 9—Hearing and Doing. Luke 6, 39-49.

We have for our lesson this week the last of the present series based on the sermon on the mount. How precious indeed has been the study of the words of Jesus setting forth of whom the kingdom of heaven is made up, and how the members should act. We are told the law of love on which the bible is based; that we must love our enemies, praying for them, for perchance they may see our good works for them and be drawn to the Savior. We are told that God looks on the heart and that hypocrisy is hateful in His sight; and further that the true christian will bridle his tongue and be truthful in all things.

The lesson of today takes up prominently the duty of not alone being a hearer of the word, but a doer of it. Having in mind the condition of the leaders of the Jews about Him, Jesus classed them as "leaders of the blind." They pretended to go before and teach from their superior knowledge the principles of God's religion. Jesus knew they did not understand God's will and so said both leaders and the led would fall in the pit.

These assumed leaders were very free to find fault with others, when they indeed were committing the graver sins. It was thus well to warn them to get right themselves before they found fault with others. Jesus put the matter plainly when He said "cast out the beam from thine own eye, and then thou shalt see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye."

One of the things brought forward forcefully by Jesus and the writers of the epistles was the duty to be not alone hearers of the gospel, but doers. It is not those who make the most pretensions of doing God's commands but those who actually do them who are to be commended. By their fruits ye shall know them, stands forth as the way christians are to be recognized. Way back in the Old Testament there came that striking truth "To obey is better than sacrifice," which meant that the first duty of a believer is to obey, as this is far better than professions of love and the performance of many outward forms.

In making plain the truth which He was telling, Jesus gave utterance to the well known illustration of the two men who built houses. The one built on the sand and his house was destroyed by the floods, and the other had a foundation on the rock and his building stood. Jesus said the last man was like one who believed in the gospel message and did what it said. By this he would build up such a christian character that the storms of temptation would not be able to move him from the path of right doing. One who hears the bible message and refuses to do it, is likened to a man who built on the sand and whose structure of character would speedily fall when the trials of life came upon it.

How beautiful to see is a well grounded christian man or woman. They are the salt of the earth, they are foremost in deeds of love and mercy, we go to them for advice and

sympathy, they live in love and harmony with their neighbors, they are not moved to deeds of hatred, dishonesty and revenge. Such are building not alone for this earth, but for all eternity. Can we not, like them, learn what God wants us to do, and then do it?

SOLDIER ITEMS

(Too late for last issue.) Mrs. Hans Boyens, of Hanover township, is visiting in this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Hans Kuehl, of Battle Creek, are visiting at the Adolph Kuehl home for a few days.

A jolly party of ladies gathered at the Hans Johannsen home to help them paper their new home.

Mrs. Fred Binger walked over to the home of her son Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Binger were visiting at the parental home Sunday.

Messrs. Paul Maas, Louie Rhode, Ben Christiansen, Walter Schwartz and Robert Reitz were visitors at the Rosburg home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Fester spent Sunday forenoon with the lady's mother, Mrs. A. Rosburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bruhn were in Charter Oak Tuesday.

Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Rosburg, accompanied by their son, Paul, and Mr. Albert Fester, autoed to Ricketts and Schleswig.

Saturday Louie Bruhn was a caller at the Ernest Binger home.

Miss Hattie Bruhn and sister, Hilda, and brother, Herbert, were shopping in Ricketts Thursday evening.

A good time was had at the Claus Rhode dance Saturday evening.

Peter Bruhn is busy replanting some twenty acres of corn.

Leo and Walter Bruhn, also the three Hagemann boys, visited Sunday at Henry Brockmann's.

Miss Sadie Brockmann spent Sunday at the August Mamanny home.

The following spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lehmann: the Albert Fester family, Mr. Eck and son, John, Mr. A. Rosburg, wife, and sons, Paul and Edwin, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brockmann and their daughter, Mabel.

The program given at No. 9 Friday afternoon was enjoyed by a good sized audience, considering the busy time of year. Forty people were present. The three families which constitute our school each furnished a delicious cake. Mrs. Binger furnished cream and the teacher furnished loaf sugar and coffee, which Mrs. Herman Schneidloth had steaming hot at the right moment. Everything disappeared except the dishes. The children tried hard to sell ten-cent tickets and a sum of \$3.80 was realized. School No. 3, of Charter Oak township, came in a body to visit us, extending us an invitation to meet with them on their last day, and our director has kindly given us permission to do so.

MILFORD CENTER ITEMS.

Miss Edna Norman spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Dow City.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cook attended the revival meetings at Boyer Monday evening.

Harry Anderson and wife were Denison callers Thursday.

F. L. Hawley visited friends at Carroll the first of the week.

Dr. Mills was called to the Woolscroft home Tuesday to attend a horse, which was injured by running into a disc.

Misses Myrtle and Grace Ingham attended the commencement exercises at Battle Creek last week. The cousin, Lucile Goin, was a graduate.

Miss Faye Hutchinson came home Friday from West Side to spend the summer vacation.

George Conery spent Decoration day in Denison.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Breen autoed to Denison Wednesday evening to attend the graduating exercises. The latter's brother, Tom Collins, was a member of the class.

Mrs. Claud Jones and little daughter, of Clinton, are visiting at the N. W. Ingham and John Miller homes.

ARION ITEMS.

Mrs. Harry Knowles and baby visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Stilson, last week and accompanied her grandmother, Mrs. Barsby, to Dunlap for a visit with relatives.

Misses Ella and Olive Fox drove in to church Sunday morning.

Miss Smith, of Scranton, is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Underwood.

Mrs. Wm. Butler returned last week from a visit to her niece, Mrs. Kern, at Vinton. A baby boy has lately come to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kern, who are well known here.

Mrs. Ad Fishel and Mrs. William Fishel were calling on Mrs. Milo Kelly Monday.

Earl Brake, of Dow City, took Sunday dinner with his friends at the N. F. Stilson home.

A ball team picked up around town defeated the high school boys at the fair ground by a score of 17 to 16.

Mrs. V. Talcott returned Saturday from a pleasant visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Searles, at Jesup.

The afternoon club enjoyed a meeting with Mrs. Ida Talcott lately. Conversation and fancy work occupied the afternoon, and a dainty lunch was served.

Mrs. Earl Morrison visited Miss Jennie Halliwell last Sunday afternoon.

The school in the Thos. Ahart district closed Friday afternoon with a picnic, which was well attended by the pupils and their parents. Miss Muir has been the teacher.

Cards have been received announcing the birth of a daughter, Marjorie Gertrude, to Dr. and Mrs. Don D. Talcott, of Crofton, Neb. Both Dr. and Mrs. Talcott have many friends in this neighborhood who send congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Doidge went to Denison Monday. Mrs. Doidge has been a great sufferer from recurring attacks of quinsy and it is hoped that an operation to remove the tonsils will prevent any more attacks of this very painful affliction.

The high school arranged a surprise party in honor of the principal, Professor Merritt, Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Doidge. Games were played, light refreshments served and good wishes extended to Professor Merritt, who will teach in Monmouth next year.

Mrs. C. C. Tripp went to Dow City to the services Decoration day.

Chas. Sciford, of Charter Oak, visited at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sciford.

George Stilson and Loren Butler went home with Mrs. Harry Knowles and are trapping gophers.

Mrs. Earl Morrison entertained a party of young ladies at her home south of town Saturday afternoon. The rain prevented several from going.

Misses Grace Thomas, Gladys McCord, Hilda Turnlund, Ruth Glassburner, Helen Swasey, Jennie Halliwell, Mabel Cole, Ethel Smith, Marjorie Bland and Jean Rowland enjoyed a charming afternoon and a dainty lunch.

There was good congregations at church Sunday at both morning and evening services. The sermon in the morning was taken from the parable of the leaven and the sermon Sunday evening upon the duty of right living was appreciated.

Joseph Kepford bought a fine auto last week.

Quite a number of fields of corn have had to be replanted, but the fine weather has brought the late planted corn so that generally there is a fine stand around here.

Mrs. Green returned Friday from a visit to Ute at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joe Larson.

The Arion school closed with an entertainment Friday evening that was creditable to all participating. Every number was well rendered and many were encored. The exercises with dumb bells pleased the audience greatly. The program was as follows:

Song, "If on a Quiet Sea"—High School.

Reading, "Gettysburg Address"—David Cruise.

Solo Duet, Grace Butler and Bessie Marr.

Reading, "The Home and the Government"—M. Merritt.

Dumb Bell Drill—High School Orchestra.

Reading, "The Vision of War"—Louis Carroll.

Reading, "Oration on Lincoln"—M. L. Merritt.

Instrumental Solo, "The Wreck of the Titanic"—Margaret Mullen.

Reading, "The Newsboy"—Edna Johnson.

Solo, "When Autumn Tints the Leaves to Gold"—Alta Mackey.

Reading, "Grandpa in the Way"—Lila Lee.

Reading, "Toussant L'Overture"—M. L. Merritt.

Instrumental, Florence Johnson and Grace Butler.

Orchestra.

Song, "The High School Cheer."

When They Will Appear.

The locusts should appear about the last week in May, and remain for about a month, disappearing about the first of July. After having been in the soil ever since 1895, the young locusts, or nymphs as they are called, will come up near the surface this spring and emerge from their long stay underground. Some of the nymphs make small earthen chambers, or cones, which reach two or three inches above the ground, but not all of them do this.

Scientists are now attempting to give reasons for Noah's ood. Sometime I hope the flood will be able to give excuses for the scientists.

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