

Sunday School Notes

SIDE LIGHTS ON NEXT SUNDAY'S Lesson for Teachers and Pupils Edited by CHARLES K. MEYERS

July 13. Baptism. Matt 28, 18-20; Mark 1, 4-11.

Our lesson today brings before us the great charge of Jesus to His disciples to go into the world preaching His gospel, baptizing in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and promising His presence with those so preaching until the end.

The lesson verses tell of the baptism of Jesus in Jordan and bring to thought the subject of baptism in all its bearings.

In considering the subject of baptism it is plain that it is not a religious observance which came into existence because of the birth of Christ. The Lord's Supper, the observing of the first day of the week, as the holy day, are the direct outcome of the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus, but baptism was brought to notice by John the Baptist had its origin long before the birth of Jesus.

Purification by the sprinkling of blood, and the use of water in washing, pouring, immersion in, had long religious use among the Jews.

Our lesson calls to mind the great career of John the Baptist. He it was who came as the forerunner of Christ, coming out from the wilderness and calling on all to repent for the Kingdom of God was at hand. Baptism in water was considered as a sign and even requirement as an outward showing of repentance from sin and the re-dedication to lead a different life, and so John made use of this in his work, and went forth by the river Jordan calling on the people to come out to him there.

Being divinely called, and there being in the hearts of every one the knowledge of sin, great multitudes swarmed to hear him and he baptized hundreds and thousands. In the course of time there came a young man who was destined to have the mightiest impress on the religious world, Jesus of Nazareth. He too desired to express before the world His desire to live an upright life and unite with those who put sins behind them.

John knew Him and at first would not consent to treat him as another, but Jesus insisted, saying, "Suffer it to be so now for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." Then Jesus was baptized. Now there came a remarkable thing. There very heavens above opened and there came a flash of lightning upon Jesus, and a voice saying "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased."

Jesus then came before the public as the Son of God, with divine approval on this day when He was with John at Jordan. During His ministry on earth there is no record that He ever baptized either His disciples or any converts. It is thus plain that Jesus did not consider the baptism of John

as essential to being a follower of His. When He sent forth the disciples as told in the last of Matthew, He did say to baptize their converts. The great apostle Paul did not make it a part of his ministry to baptize his converts. Paul said that he could recall the names of only two persons and one family that he had himself baptized affirming that Christ sent him forth not to baptize but to preach. Our first record of Christian baptism is in connection with the preaching of Peter.

The world at large and the majority of the churches have settled that baptism is not an essential to salvation through faith in Jesus. There is no doubt that the custom is good, and makes a distinct impression for good on the individual. One who would shrink from being a Christian because of not wanting to be publicly baptized in some form has not the spirit of Christ very deeply within him or her. It is a strong test of one's true desire to live the Christian life before men and in the sight of God.

The Catholic church believes that baptism is needed for salvation, and the babes are soon given this rite. It is thought so essential by that church that any person a member of the church is in duty bound to act as the priest in the case of a child about to die unbaptized. In many churches the babes are presented by parents before the minister and there dedicated to Christ, the parents taking vows to teach the child to grow up unto years of accountability as a follower of Jesus. The churches of which the Baptist and Disciples are prominent examples teach that infant baptism is a custom without reason and that with conversion a public dedication of life to Jesus in baptism should be given.

Human experience shows there is a difference in the life of those who are Christians and those who are not. There is evidence of a new birth, new aspirations, a new spirit within, influencing the acts and thoughts. The same experience shows that the form of baptism does not evidence a better form of Christian. The noblest and best Christians of history have been either sprinkled with water, had it poured on them or been immersed in it. A close study of their lives will fall to discover from their deeds, good works, faith and enthusiasm, which form of baptism they were given or desired. The thief on the cross and millions of professed believers since have the evidence in their lives and consciousness that they are accepted of God, and will be with Jesus in paradise. Faith in God, good deeds, activity for His work, money spent in the mission cause stand out in the true Christian life, rather than any form of baptism.

since his return from overseas where he saw eleven months of the most active service on the front lines. He was kept busy during the day shaking hands with old friends.

The Dunlap band made their initial appearance in their new uniforms on Fourth and presented a very bright and shiny town, surely proud of having an up to date band.

The celebration was carried out as scheduled with a large crowd in attendance. An abundant rain during the night previous had settled the dust and made the day and grounds ideal, but perhaps prevented some of the people coming by auto early in the morning. A number of out of town people were present and the day passed without accident or mishap of any kind.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wheeler and daughter, Grace, arrived Monday from their home in southern Colorado, making the trip in the Winton roadster.

Geo. Hall was up from Omaha to spend the Fourth with old friends and neighbors, he having gone to make his home in Omaha only a few months ago.

A Ballard left last week for a week or ten days' visit with a brother at Mitchell. While there he expects to spend some time fishing.

A. H. Burling and family, of Missouri Valley, were in town for the Fourth and they and the S. E. Burling family from the country made a family gathering at the home of their mother, Mrs. Mary E. Burling.

Mrs. Geo. Oliver, who had been the guest the past week at the home of her friend, Mrs. Sullivan, left for her home the last of the week.

Mrs. Daisy Barrett and daughters, Irene, Blanche and Jessie, are in town from their home in Omaha to spend a couple of weeks and from here expect to go to California to make their home for a year in the hope of benefiting the mother's health.

Two paint cars caught on fire the night of the Fourth at midnight while the crowd were at the depot waiting for the late train. The fire company soon had the flames under control.

Chas. Jones, who is with the Lester Lindsay show that was at Denison last week, was here between trains on the Fourth shaking hands with friends. The Methodist and Congregational churches are having union services

during the month of July in alternate churches with the services in charge of Dr. Burchell of the Congregational church. During August Rev. Penn will have charge.

Fred Vore and family motored up from Omaha the night of the third and with the Frank Palmer family left for the lake the next morning.

Robert Moorhead and family, of South Omaha, were in town the past week at the parental, J. J. Moorhead, home.

Mrs. Frank Howarth motored down from Dow City one evening last week, bringing home her mother, who had been spending a few days there.

Anthony Monahan, of South Omaha, spent the week end with the family on the farm.

The Misses Roth and their guests, the Misses Barrett, of Omaha, motored to Woodbine one evening the past week.

Mrs. Mary E. Burling, with her Fourth guests, motored to Denison on Saturday afternoon and then to Woodbine and return.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dozier and sons, William and Henry, also Miss Jennie Ferren, of Omaha, have been spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Anna McCall.

Some of the people connected with the Lester Lindsay show that has been in Denison the past week, held concessions on the park grounds here the Fourth.

E. T. Ryan spent the Fourth in Omaha. Large numbers of tourists are going through town every day, some on long trips and some Omaha people going to the northern lakes.

Arch Cook, of Council Bluffs, was in town the Fourth. Word was received last week of the precarious condition of Tom Robson at his home in Wyoming. A fact his friends were grieved to learn.

Mrs. Anna Belliss, of Fremont, with some of her children were in town for a visit with relatives the Fourth. The Boy Scouts conducted a stand on the park grounds the Fourth.

Mrs. Claude Stewart and two youngest children left last week for a visit of several weeks with relatives in Missouri.

Mrs. Thompson, formerly Miss Cora Weed, has been here the past month visiting old friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Brainard, of Omaha, was in town a few days last week. Claude Stewart had the misfortune to receive a sprain in getting into his car which necessitated his walking on crutches for a time.

Ray Gorham has sold his garage to Ike Ward, who has been in the employ of the Hammes Brothers for the past season. Mr. Gorham has not decided as yet what he will do but it is hoped he will continue to keep his residence here.

A. E. Smith and daughter, Helen, were passengers to Council Bluffs on the late train Sunday evening.

Miss Arla Dawlings was an Omaha visitor the first of the week with relatives. The ball game Sunday with Manilla resulted in a score of 7 to 4 in favor of the home team.

The Boy Scouts leave this week for their summer outing. It has not been decided definitely yet where it will be spent, but at some lakes. The boys have been working hard this summer to raise funds for this occasion and they anticipate much enjoyment.

Glen Smith, who is employed in the Bluffs, was home for the Fourth. Ed O'Banion and family motored up from Omaha the latter part of the week and are planning on going from here to Spirit Lake to enjoy an outing.

Lester Myers made a trip to Arion Monday. Frank Pfeiffer has been driving a new Essex car the past week.

M. O'Connell is in Sioux City where he underwent an operation last week in hopes of benefiting his health.

Frank Weitenberg has had his residence treated to a new coat of paint the past week.

S. G. Wright was a business visitor at Omaha on Monday.

WHY OPPOSE BETTER ROADS?

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solely for the payment of the cost of such improvements or the maintenance thereof, and for the redemption of any bonds issued thereon as herein provided. For the purposes of administration, the apportionment to any county may be made up partly from the federal allotments. And visitors have the opinions as to procedure—May or on petition shall submit question of hard surfacing to vote of election. Each county, acting through its board of supervisors, shall have three options in the expenditure of its allotments from the primary road fund: First, it may elect to complete the grading and drainage of any part of the primary roads within the county before laying any hard surfacing; or second, it may hard surface in any one year such portion of the roads in the primary system in its county as may be met by its allotted portion of the primary road fund for said year, plus any balance remaining to its credit from previous allotments, plus the special assessments on abutting and adjacent real estate as hereinafter provided; or it may proceed in any one year with grading and surfacing on one or more divisions of the primary system and with hard surfacing or other divisions of said system. Third, it may proceed with said hard surfacing in a more rapid manner when authorized to do so by the voters of the county as hereinafter set forth, provided no hard surfacing shall be constructed on any division of the primary roads until the drainage and grading of said division shall have been fully completed.

The law provides that, "the board of supervisors shall not proceed with hard surfacing of roads until such work shall be authorized by a majority vote of the electors of such county at a general election or a special election, called for that purpose." A large majority of the counties of Iowa that have voted upon the proposal to hard surface the primary roads have voted favorably and in most cases have carried bond issues therewith. Those results indicate strength in the law and a determination on the part of the progressive counties of Iowa to build roads.

This county has about \$200,000.00 of primary road fund available. Only about fifty or sixty thousand dollars of that will be needed to complete the earth work on the primary road system. What shall we do with the rest and with the succeeding allotments?

In the past two or three years, congress has made two appropriations of 75 and 200 million each for highway improvements subject to a number of rules and regulations. The people of Crawford county, contribute to the federal funds in various ways, and thereby help to provide one-half of the primary road fund, regardless of whether or not we build any pavement, and automobile owners will be required to pay the same registration fees which help to provide the other half of the primary road fund whether or not Crawford county builds any durable roads, and we can not use any of our allotment of roads other than the primary road system.

When the people of this county contribute to the federal and state funds, which will pay three-fourths of the cost of hard surfacing roads in other counties that vote favorably, can the voters of this county afford to defeat a proposal to get paved roads with the rest of the progressive counties?

If we defeat the proposal to build better roads, do we not deny ourselves of the very thing we help to pay 75 per cent of the cost of in other counties not any more progressive than Crawford?

Considering how costs in the clothing trade have advanced a dollar spent for bargains now being advertised in the Review should go at least as far as \$1.50 next fall.

VAIL ITEMS

Miss Lena Jensen is working for Ella McCarthy. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Patterson, a daughter.

Emil Bohmker landed safe and sound. He expects to be discharged Tuesday.

Ben Mazine spent Sunday at the Pete Voegel home with his friend, Otto, who has returned from France. There will be a dance in Vail on the 15th. Hain's orchestra will furnish the music.

Mrs. Charlie Gilmore, of West Side, spent Tuesday in Vail. Jim Mallory visited with friends in Vail Sunday.

Miss Hilda Rickers and Emil Fick attended the movies at Vail Tuesday. Miss Mary McGovern and Albert Duffy attended the dance at Deloit. Band concert Saturday night at Vail. Mr. and Mrs. Bart Mitchell are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Most of the people from Vail celebrated the Fourth at Dow City. Miss Clara Rasmussen visited with friends in Vail Wednesday. Miss Fern Farley visited with Mrs. Charlie Gilmore at West Side. Otto Massman visited friends here Sunday.

Misses Mary Duffy and Mary McGovern and Albert Duffy visited friends in Denison Saturday evening. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Patterson had the misfortune to break an arm while playing Saturday. Roy Moghler spent the day here with friends Tuesday.

Miss Anna Bohmker spent Wednesday with friends in Denison.

WEST SIDE ITEMS

A. W. Starek drove over to Atlantic the Fourth, returning the next day. Mrs. Starek came home with him. They were accompanied by her father, H. L. Frost.

The Chas. Wiesbrod, C. L. Patterson and M. J. Campbell families spent Sunday at the Theo. Bundt home. Misses Mildred and Bessie Buton and Muriel Jenkins visited in Vail last Tuesday.

Miss Margaret Dalton, of Vail, and James McGrover, of Dalton, Neb., were Sunday guests at the F. J. McCullough home.

The A. W. Starek family, Thos. Buton, Jr. and family, Thos. Buton, Sr., H. L. Frost, Miss Ruth Frost and Clay Weber picnicked at Frost Point on Sunday.

The West Side band played for the celebration at Dow City the Fourth. Mrs. Faye Schoenjahn and children left Friday for a visit with relatives and friends in Clinton county. Among those who spent the Fourth at Lake Wood were Mr. and Mrs. Hans

Wilkins, M. C. Buton and family, Muriel Jenkins, S. B. McGarvey and family and Margaret Schoenjahn. Miss Pearl White came up from the Bluffs Wednesday, where she is attending summer school, to be at home for the Fourth.

John Kelly and family drove to the lake the afternoon of the Fourth. The large barn belonging to Martin Schoenjahn was burned to the ground early Sunday evening. Four horses, some hay, harness and other articles were also burned. The house caught on fire in several places but the blaze was extinguished although considerable damage was done.

Miss Edith Bennett and friend, of Des Moines, are visiting at the C. A. Book home. A. J. Kelly and family motored to Carroll Saturday evening. Chautauqua will be held in West Side from July 28th to August 1st, inclusive, evenings only. The program promises to be a good one and a good crowd is anticipated.

If some towns would spend a little less money putting up welcome signs

along their highways and a little more filling up holes in the roads visiting motorists would be quite as likely to come again.

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DUNLAP ITEMS

Miss Edna Smith, who has been working in Chicago the past year, has been spending some time with her parents during her vacation.

B. H. Frazier was home for the week end. Mrs. Thos. Lehan motored out to the grove one day last week with six ladies. They took lunch and picked berries after which Mrs. Lehan took them for a delightful auto ride.

Miss Margaret Burke, of Omaha, has been visiting her sisters the past week. Mrs. Casey, of Atlantic, with her baby has been in town the past week visiting her mother, Mrs. Dugan, and other relatives.

Miss Kiger, of Council Bluffs, was in town for the Fourth. Mrs. Royer and family, of Woodbine, were in town Friday.

Miss Helen Smith, of Council Bluffs, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Smith.

Miss Bessie Dalton came up from Omaha Friday morning for a visit with the home folks.

E. H. Barrett, of Omaha, has been in town for the past few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Haight and family, of Woodbine, were in town Friday at the S. D. Fox home. They with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rannels and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Curtis, made a family gathering at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fox.

Miss Carrie Edwards left for her home in Nevada Wednesday morning after about ten days' visit with her cousin, Mrs. Amanda Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Moorhead and son, Harley, of Omaha, were in town Monday on business connected with the bank. They have been spending some time in California.

Mrs. Botes, of Woodbine, has been visiting her son, C. L. Botes, and family. A picnic was held at the Thos. Lehan home the Fourth, at which time all the relatives from a distance enjoyed a porch picnic.

Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Cobb, of Council Bluffs, were in town the Fourth, the guests of Mrs. Amanda Edwards. This was the doctor's first visit here



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