SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson X.—First Quarter, For March 7, 1915.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, I Sam. ix, 17, to x, 1. Memory Verse, x, 1—Golden Text, I Pet. ii, 17—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

These three chapters, in which we find today's lesson (viii to x), tell a sad yet beautiful and wonderful story, the sad part being Israel's rejection of God as their king and their desire to be like other nations; the wonderful past, His most gracious dealings with them and, the beautiful part, the way He overruled ordinary events to bring to Samuel the right man. It seems strange that Samuel, knowing so well Eli's failure to govern his sons, should have failed himself in the same way (chapter viii, 1-5), but perhaps some who may read this are not qualified to throw any stones. The desire of the people for a visible king, like all other nations, hurt Samuel, for he was now an old man and had all his life judged them righteously; but, knowing that he was only the Lord's representative, he told Him all about it, as we should always do in all things. The Lord reminded Samuel that he was not the rejected one, but that the people had rejected Him and that Samuel was only sharing His rejection (chapter viii, 6-9). It is so still, for our Lord Jesus counts all treatment of His messengers as done to Himself (Matt. x, 24, 25, 40).

The Lord told Samuel to heed their request, but to protest and show them what manner of man the king would be. This he did in the six times "He will take" of chapter viii, 10-18. Notwithstanding the warning the people insisted that they must have a king. Samuel told the Lord their decision, and He told Samuel to make them a king (chapter viii, 19-22).

Whether it be in answer to our right or our wrong requests, it is often His way to do beyond our desires, and so He selected for them the finest looking man in all Israel—a choice young man, none goodlier and head and shoulders taller than any other (chapter ix, 1, 2; x, 23). Samuel did not need to look for him nor to have any anxiety as to finding the right man, for the Lord told him in his ear one day, "Tomorrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin" (chapter ix, 15, 16). I like that expression "told him in his ear," for it is a great thing to have an ear for God, an anointed ear to hear His voice, His only. The commonplace events which the Lord used to bring the unsuspecting man to Samuel are fully told in chapter ix, 3-14, and, if He thus wrought for an unbelieving man and a rebellious people, how much more will He work on behalf of His own, who truly desire to please Him! (Rom. viii, 32; Isa. xlviii, 17.)

The special lesson portion assigned us today begins with Saul approaching Samuel by the direction of the young maidens whom he met going out to draw water. How many Bible incidents there are associated with women drawing water, and how these maidens must have rejoiced a few days or weeks later that they had been used to direct the king to Samuel! There is a lot of comfort in the assurance that God worketh all things after the counsel of His own will and a whole lot more when we are willing to have Him work in and through us the good works He has prepared for us (Eph. i, 11; ii, 10). As Saul drew near to Samuel again the anointed ear heard the Lord's whisper: "Behold the man whom I spake to thee of! This same shall reign over my people" (verse 17). The words "Behold the man!" make us think of Zech. vi, 12, and John xix, 5, 24, the God-man, the King who shall yet rule over all Israel and over all nations forever. As the maidens were used to direct Saul to Samuel, so may we all be used to direct many "whosoevers" to Him who is ready to save them and share His kingdom with them.

Now we find Saul in the kind hands of Samuel at a surprise party, where he hears wonderful things which he never expected to hear and which all came to pass. He is the most honored guest. Samuel, knowing that God would do as He had said, had made every preparation and had invited these thirty people to meet him. After the feast Samuel communed with Saul, then cared for him overnight, in the morning again communed with him alone. The servant, having passed on, showed him the word of God, kissed him and anointed him captain over the Lord's inheritance. Saul's humility (verse 21) reminds us of that of Gideon (Judg. vi, 15), and well would it have been for him if he had continued thus humble. Note also his wise conduct toward his enemies in chapter x, 27, "He held his peace," or, as in the margin, "He was as though he had been deaf." Compare Ps. xxxviii, 13.

Chapter x, 7, is one of the most restful verses I ever found, "Do as occasion serve thee, for God is with thee." And the context teaches me that each morning, as I start the day, the Lord knows every one I shall meet and all that shall come my way. He orders all the circumstances, and I have only to fit in, not counting my own will or pleasure, but, seeing His hand in everything and saying a hearty "Even so, Lord," aim to glorify Him by patience and long suffering with joyfulness. As Joseph was able to say to those cruel brethren, "Not you, but God," so may we by His grace (Gen. xlv, 8).

Mutual Benefit Column.

EDITED BY "AUNT MADGE".

Its Motto: "Helpful and Hopeful."

The purposes of this column are succinc y stated in the title and motto—it is for the mut al benefit, and aims to be helpful and hopefull Being for the common good, it is for the common use—a public servant, a purveyor of information and suggestion, a medium for the interchange of ideas. In this capacity it solicits communications, and its success depends largely on the support given it in this respect Communications must be signed, but the name of writer will not be printed except by permission. Communications will be subject to approval or rejection by the editor of the column, but none will be rejected without good reason. Address all communications to

THE AMERICAN,
Ellsworth, Me.

These selections sent by E., are a fine "opening" for this week:

Be not simply good—be good for something.—*Thoreau.*

My friend is one whom I can associate with my choicest thoughts.—*Thoreau.*

In battle or business, whatever the game,
In law or in love, it is ever the same;
In your struggle for power, or scramble for pelf,
Let this be your motto, "Rely on yourself."—*John G. Sage.*

Back of the loaf is the snowy flour,
And back of the flour, the mill;
Back of the mill is the wheat, and the shower,
And the sun, and the Father's will.

Dear Aunt Madge:

I hope that all the M. B.'s are enjoying this beautiful weather, if it is unusual for the season. Some of the weather prophets say "we shall have something to make up for this," but rough weather cannot last very long, for the spring will soon be here.

I send you a few quotations, as I have nothing of interest. Perhaps they will be handy sometime, and the recipes, too. I hope you enjoy the bouquets, you certainly deserve them. With love. E.

I give you part of a personal letter I have just received from Melissa. You remember she sent me the Pasadena flower carnival book. A home friend of hers who has THE AMERICAN there each week wrote her:

Jan. 1 was a lovely day, just like a July day back home. Our party met at Hotel Clark. The auto was a fine sixteen-passenger, sightseeing car. There were fourteen of us in the car, and the ride was grand. We had reserved seats in front of Hotel Maryland, so we had a fine view of the parade. Afterward we rode out in the country among the mountains and orange groves.

Melissa adds that she has just finished reading "The Winning of Barbara Worth", and she sends the clipping about Henry Van Dyke, taken from the *Woman's Home Companion*, which I am gald to place in the column:

Aside from other more practical considerations, it seems most appropriate that our new representative in the land of dikes and "Vans" should be a Van Dyke. As minister to The Netherlands Dr. Henry Van Dyke, an ex-president of the Holland society, is merely returning to the home of his Dutch ancestors. Doctor Van Dyke was born in Germantown, Pa., in 1852; and the symbols D. D., LL. D. and M. A. which he is entitled to write after his name, may be considered—in part, at least—the fruits of his studies in the Brooklyn Polytechnic institute, Princeton university, Princeton theological seminary, and the University of Berlin.

Doctor Van Dyke was ordained a Presbyterian minister in 1879, and has been professor of English literature at Princeton since 1900.

While a man of exceptional scholarship, he is no pedant, but delightfully human in thought, feeling and expression, as the popularity of his religious and ethical books, his literary essays and his poetry clearly shows.

East contributes the following, thinking some of the M. B.'s would like to try it:

A pretty plant for a centerpiece can be grown from grape fruit seeds. Fill a pot of good loam with as many seeds as you can get into it. The seeds must be thrust into the soil as soon as they are removed from the fruit. The plant grows rapidly, resembling smilax, and the leaves are a beautiful shiny green color that is delicate and rich. Water as often as any other plant.

PEACH ON APPLE COBBLER—Prepare a rich shortcake crust, use sweet cream to mix with if you have it. Fill a baking dish with pared and stoned peaches or apples; one cup sugar (more if liked sweet); cover and bake an hour or until well done; cool and serve with sugar and cream. I always grease a pudding dish, it washes so much easier.—E.

A boiled mackerel alway appeals to my taste. If salt, have it well freshened, wipe dry, brown on both sides after boiling, cover lightly with butter and pepper to suit the taste. Serve flesh side up. Salmon and herring are good the same way, or even salt cod fish.

A recipe I haven't tried, but think I will: CREAM OF PEANUT SOUP — Allow one pint shelled peanuts to a quart of milk and a pint of water. Run the peanuts through a food chopper, using medium knife. Grate a small onion and add to the peanuts; pepper and salt to taste. Cook in a double boiler twenty minutes; thicken with a rounding tablespoon of flour rubbed smooth in a little cold milk, a tablespoon of butter; cook ten minutes longer. Flavor as you like.—E.

Among the Grangers.

This column is devoted to the Grange, especially to the granges of Hancock county. The column is open to all grangers for the discussion of topics of general interest, and for reports of grange meetings. Make letters short and concise. All communications must be signed, but names will not be printed except by permission of the writer. All communications will be subject to approval by the editor, but none will be rejected without good reason.

BAY VIEW, SALISBURY COVE, 267.

Feb. 24 the first degree was given to three. George P. Fogg gave his report of lecturers' conference at Bangor which contained many good hints and suggestions for future meetings.

Nearly 200 were present at the grange rally Feb. 19. Seven past-masters responded to the toastmasters' call with interesting reminiscences of the work of the grange when first organized.

Music by grange orchestra and recitations by Sisters Effie Shand and Lottie Andrews were pleasing features of the program. An old-fashioned harvest supper was served, after which games were enjoyed.

A three-act comedy drama will be given March 4 and 5.

HARBORSIDE, 478, SOUTH BROOKSVILLE.

Harborside grange held an extra session Feb. 22, to confer third and fourth degrees. There was no regular meeting Wednesday, as many members attended the Pomona meeting at Bluehill.

ALAMOOSOOK, EAST ORLAND, 409.

Feb. 20, one candidate was instructed in the first and second degrees. There will be a harvest supper March 6.

SCENIC, 529, WALTHAM.

Feb. 24, forty-eight were present, with visitors who joined in the literary program. The grange plans to entertain the deputy at the next meeting. Refreshments will be served.

LAKE VIEW, 451, HAPPYTOWN.

The grange held a fine meeting Feb. 20. First and second degrees were conferred on two candidates and one application for membership was read.

MARIAVILLE, 441.

Feb. 20, about thirty members were present and an interesting meeting was held. Feb. 27 the third and fourth degrees were conferred on two. A harvest supper was served. C. L. Shand gave an interesting talk on Scotland, with music on the bagpipes.

HIGHLAND, 364, NORTH PENOBSCOT.

Feb. 26, during the lecturer's hour, the members enjoyed an old-fashioned candy pull.

NEW CENTURY, 356, DEDHAM.

Feb. 27 the program included short readings, a piano solo by Ethel Fogg and report of lecturers' conference in Bangor by the lecturer, Hazel Cowing. The topic for discussion for the meeting of March 13 will be: "The effect upon us of the European war." The grange will serve a dinner for the town meeting March 8.

SEDGWICK, 244.

Feb. 19, sixty members were present, and visitors from Rainbow granges. The third and fourth degrees were worked upon three.

HANCOCK POMONA.

Hancock Pomona grange met in the town hall at Bluehill, Feb. 24, being entertained by the three granges of Bluehill. This is the first meeting of its kind in this county, and it was a great success. Although weather conditions were unfavorable, nearly 400 patrons were present.

The welcome was given by Dr. Littlefield, and the response was by Roy C. Haines, of Ellsworth. State Master Stetson was the principal speaker of the day. Marie Gurdy, of the U. of M., spoke on the forming of clubs for girls.

Degree of Pomona was conferred on a class of fifty-four. Dinner and supper were served in the vestry of the Baptist church and in Odd Fellows hall by the ladies of the entertaining granges. A drama was presented in the evening.

MASSAPAQUA, 477, SOUTH BLUEHILL.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas It has seemed fitting to our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our much-esteemed and beloved brother, Dr. Gilbert F. Candage, and

Whereas, In his removal the grange loses an efficient member, the home a faithful husband and father, and the town an official of sterling integrity, therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to the widow, our sister Edith, and the family our deepest sympathy, and while we shall miss him from the grange and the home, we must bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well. Be it further

Resolved, That in token of respect for his memory, our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the widow, one placed on our records, and a copy sent to THE ELLSWORTH AMERICAN and The Bangor *Commercial* for publication.

LEROY R. FLYE,
OSCAR B. BOWDEN,
FLORA L. HODGDON,
Committee.

NARRAMISSIC, 224, ORLAND.

Feb. 20 Narramissic grange convened with all officers in their stations, and a good meeting of loyal patrons. Several items of business were disposed of, including action on several bills pending in the legislature; grading and packing apples, equal suffrage, distribution of State school fund, and the operation of telegraph or telephones and other public utilities.

The hall was attractively decorated, and the program specially prepared in celebration of Washington's birthday. The program included national songs, readings by Sisters Gertrude Hutchings, Martha C. Hutchins, Clara M. Hutchins, Carrie Crosby, Brothers J. Wesley Eldridge, Worthy Master Hutchins, Valentine Ripley and Dr. Brown; solo, Miss Churchill; piano solos, Miss Mildred C. Gross, Miss Lenora Hodgdon. Refreshments were served by two good-natured brothers.

EAST BLUEHILL, 252.

Feb. 28 one candidate was accepted. Leon Chapman was elected as first trustee to fill vacancy caused by the resignment of Percy T. Moore. It was voted to hold an afternoon and evening session March 20.

HARVEST HOME, 403, WEST ELLSWORTH.

Feb. 27 there was a small attendance. March 13 it is hoped all the officers will be present, as the master wishes to practice degree work.

WEST SULLIVAN.

Miss Sara Bunker visited relatives in Gouldsboro last week.

Mrs. S. T. White, of Bangor, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. H. A. Holt.

Mrs. G. W. Pettingill is in Ellsworth at the home of her son Elmer.

Miss Mary Milne, of this village, and Howard Cousins, of Bar Harbor, were married in Ellsworth Saturday evening. March 1. M.

FRENCHBORO.

Mrs. Mary Osier has returned home.

Charles Wallace spent last week at Waldoboro.

Schools have closed, after a term of ten weeks taught by Marie McLaughlin and Vera Ross. Feb. 27. G.

SEAL COVE.

J. J. Heath went to Augusta Thursday.

W. S. Rowe, wife and sons visited at Swan's Island this week.

Charles Rowe, engineer of steamer Pemaquid, and Mr. Dix visited Mr. Rowe's brother, W. S. Rowe, recently. Feb. 27. N.

Ten Thousand Matches a Minute.

Simple and insignificant as a match is, its manufacture is a complicated and elaborate process that can be carried on commercially only by means of a succession of ingenious machines and devices that must work at all times with the utmost precision and delicacy. Recent improvements in the process of making square matches make it possible to turn out matches from a single dipping machine at the rate of more than 600,000 an hour, and a green log is made into matches and packed for shipment in less than two hours.—Popular Mechanics.

Common Law.

The early settlers brought with them the laws and system of courts which they had been used to in England. These laws had grown partly out of men's sense of right, also out of men's dealings in trade and in holding property. As new questions rose in the courts the decisions became precedents to help decide other cases. The common law is the accumulation of such decisions through many generations.—New York American.

Long Tailed Roosters.

Undertaking to breed roosters with but one aim in view, that of lengthening the tail feathers, the natives of the Island of Shikoku, Japan, have produced, after a hundred years of patient efforts, some marvelous results. It is of record that tail feathers eighteen feet in length are to be seen on the island.—Argonaut.

For the Children

Young German Patriots Saluting Kaiser Wilhelm.

Photo by American Press Association.

Young people, as a rule, are intensely patriotic. They believe—and it is natural they should—that no country equals their own native land. No other nation is so great and powerful and nowhere else are the soldiers so brave. It is entirely proper that one should cherish a love of country and home, for without patriotism to inspire it no nation would amount to much. The boys in the picture are German, and their picture was taken during a recent visit of the German emperor to Berlin. At the present time he does not spend much time at his capital, but more frequently is at the battle front. The boys, you will notice, are dressed in uniform. They were standing at their window so as to be able to see their loved ruler, and when he arrived opposite their place they saluted in true military fashion.

Double Beheadings.

1.—Remove the first letter from a word which signifies durable and leave a piece of furniture; behead again and leave a word that implies skill.

2.—Remove the first letter from a building material and leave a musical sound; take away the next letter and leave a unit.

3.—Remove the first letter from a part of harness and leave a trial of speed; behead again and leave a single spot.

4.—Remove the first letter from a grain and create warmth; behead again and learn what to do with the first word.

5.—Remove the first letter from an edge and leave a place of amusement; remove the next letter and you can write with it.

6.—Remove the first letter from the cost and leave a grain; behead again and leave something very cold.

7.—Remove the first letter from a shallow dish and you will be behind time; take away the next letter and it will be eaten.

Answers.—1. Stable, table, able. 2. Stone, tone, one. 3. Trace, race, ace. 4. Wheat, heat, eat. 5. Brink, rink, ink. 6. Price, rice, ice. 7. Plate, late, ate.

The Game of Teapot.

An amusing game to be played by any number is called "teapot." Let one player choose a word. The others are to guess the word. In order to do this they all ask questions which the word chooser must answer. This sounds simple. The difficulty, however, is that the chosen word must have two meanings, "roll," for instance, which may mean either the variety we enjoy for breakfast, or to turn over and over. Or it may be words spelled differently, but pronounced alike, such as "night" and "knight."

In answering the questions the player must use the meanings alternately, substituting "teapot" for the chosen word. Thus, suppose the word is "roll," the beginner might ask, "Does it belong to the vegetable kingdom?" The answer would be, "Teapot does belong to the vegetable kingdom."

Suppose the next player asks, "How would you get to the top of a high mountain?" The answer might be, "I could not teapot there." The successful guesser has the privilege of choosing the next word.

Advice For Hiking Scouts.

There are several things for boy scouts to remember when going on hikes. An old woodman gives the advice, "Never walk over anything you can walk around; never step on anything that you can step over." H. W. Gibson, in an article on the subject of hikes, advises a pace of two or three miles an hour and warns against excessive water drinking on the part of the hikers. He also advises that the scout carry only the things absolutely needed, rolled in blankets, poncho army style.—Chicago Tribune.

Table Manners.

When I am eating bread and cake
I never smack my lips;
And milk I always try to take
In quiet little sips.

At breakfast, luncheon and at tea
I hold my fork just right,
For little folks should always be
Exceedingly polite.

—Portland Oregonian.