INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TODAY

TOPIC—JESUS THE GREAT MISSIONARY.

Luke 8.

GOLDEN TEXT—The Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10.

Luke 8:1-3; 26-33, 38, 39.

And it came to pass soon afterwards, that he went about through cities and villages, preaching and bringing the good tidings of the kingdom of God and with him the twelve. 2 and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary that was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3 and Joanna, the wife of Chusas Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, who ministered unto them of their substance. 26 And they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is over against Galilee. 27 And when he was come forth upon the land, there met him a certain man out of the city, who had demons; and for a long time he had worn no clothes, and abode not in any house, but in the tombs. 28 And when he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice he said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the Most High God? I beseech thee, torment me not. 29 For he was commanding the unclean spirit to come out from the man. For oftentimes it had seized him and he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters; and breaking the bands asunder, he was driven of the demon into the deserts. 30 And Jesus asked him, What is thy name? And he said, Legion; for many demons were entered into him. 31 And they entreated him that he would not command them to depart into the abyss. 32 Now there was there a herd of many swine feeding on the mountain; and they entreated him that he would give them leave to enter into them and he gave them leave. 33 And the demons came out from the man, and entered into the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep into the lake, and were drowned. 38 But the man from whom the demons were gone out prayed that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, 39 Return to thy house, and declare how great things God hath done for thee. And he went his way, publishing throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done for him.

CERTAIN WOMEN.

A beautiful picture is this of the ministering women. How significant that Jesus was not only accompanied on this missionary tour by certain women but he and his disciples were supported by them. And think who they are. Mary Magdalene, probably from Magdala, a village on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee a few miles north of Tiberias. Only a few miserable huts there today, but Mary made the place memorable. She had received much, therefore, she loved much and gave much. Then there was Joanna, the wife of an officer of Herod's court. Think of it, the gospel already invading the kings court, the gypsy circle of society. Also there was Susanna and "many others." We know not their names but Jesus knew. We do know that they "ministered unto them with their substance." They humbly followed his steps from place to place that they might supply his needs. Men of every class criticized Jesus but not one criticism is recorded as made by a woman. The women loved him. They were the latest at the cross and the earliest at the sepulchre.

A visit to Palestine today will convince one of the miserable condition of woman when Jesus is not known. Long ago the men shut Jesus out and shut sin in. They chose darkness rather than life. The poor women are not "mothers in Israel" but beasts of burden. They are taught that they have no souls. They are not even allowed in the mosques at the hours of prayer.

Jesus was the friend of the helpless. It is little wonder that "certain women" ministered to Him. He had given them their freedom. He had a mother to whom he was subject. Jesus honored womanhood. And today as always where they know and can the women are especially prominent in supporting Jesus' workers at home and abroad. The countless women's missionary societies are the fountains from which flow the streams of money to evangelize the world.

Tombs.—"He abode not in any house but in tombs."

In the mountains above the ancient ruins of Jiberan there are numbers of caves and also many rock-cut tombs. Here the demoniacs lived—strange hospitals and sanitaria for the poor and afflicted and helpless! Such was the world when Jesus came. We are glad that today in Syria there is at least one place to carry the diseased. It is the "Asylum" near Beirout. To this Hospital for the Insane the mentally deranged are brought from all over Syria. Because Jesus came and taught us how to love the unlovely and to help the helpless, such poor wretches no more must wander alone in the tombs assigned for. To such places are associated with solitude and sadness the old world and the unfortunate ones.

See Saturday's News for Sunday School Lesson with Notes.

EDUCATION WEEK SUPPORT NEEDED GOVERNOR AVERS

Following is the proclamation by the governor of the State of Texas in regard to American Education Week:

We live in the greatest democracy that the world has ever known, and Texas is the greatest state of that democracy. One of our most noted Texans Mirabeau B. Lamar has said that Education is the governing genius of democracy. The founders of the Texas Republic showed their view of the importance of education in setting aside for the training of the future citizens of our state a great public school fund as the foundation of public education. It was their intent that future Texans should be second to no other American citizens in scholarship, in high ideals, and in patriotism.

In order that all citizens of the American nation may in unison concentrate their efforts upon arousing sentiment for the improvement of our educational system and for definite instruction in American ideals of citizenship, the custom has arisen of annually setting aside one week of the month of December as American Education Week.

Accordingly, I, Pat M. Neff, as Governor of Texas, at the suggestion of and in cooperation with the President of the United States, with the National Educational Association, and with the American Legion, proclaim and declare the week of December third to ninth, inclusive, as American Education Week to be suitably observed by the citizens of Texas in line with program to be arranged by our State Superintendent of Public Education. I respectfully ask the cooperation in this observance, of the state, county and city officials, of school trustees, officers and teachers, and of men's and women's organizations interested in the progress of our state and our nation, and above all, of the mothers and fathers of the future citizens of our state.

In testimony thereof I have hereunto signed my name and caused the seal of the State to be hereto affixed in the city of Austin, Texas, this the twenty-first day of November, A. D. 1922.

(Signed) PAT M. NEFF,
Governor.

By the Governor:
(Signed) R. STAPES,
Secretary of State.

U. S. Educational Week to Be Kept December 3 to 9

American Education Week to be celebrated all over the United States from December 3 to 9, inclusive, is divided into six separate sections, a day being devoted to each department. Sunday, December 3, is devoted to "For God and Country Day," on which ministers of all denominations are urged to preach Education Week and asking the people to consecrate.

Newspapers are requested to give all the space possible to educational matters, articles, editorials, and news matter, and merchants are requested to use window displays appropriate for the occasion, and to devote as much space as possible to matters of education in their newspaper advertisements. Citizens everywhere are requested to ask the moving picture theaters to flash slides on the screen, urging the people to visit the schools and study educational questions.

At all public meetings held that week it is hoped space can be found for some one to talk a few minutes on the necessity of education. Cooperation with the educational officials and other patriotic, civic, and fraternal organizations asked, on the ground that the country looks to the American Legion to pave the way to patriotism and educational service to Nation, state and community.

Beach Queens

The queens of the Florida beaches were made more attractive at St. Petersburg, Fla., by the presence of the lovely brunette, Miss Bertha Cole of Corning, N. Y., and Miss Jan de Booth of Ft. Worth, Tex.

CLARENDON BEATS MEMPHIS 7 TO 0

CLARENDON, Nov. 25.—Clarendon high school football team defeated Memphis high eleven here this afternoon by a score of 7 to 0.

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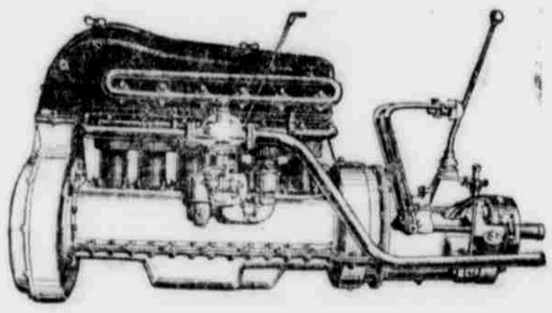

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