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## SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson VIII.—First Quarter, For Feb. 25, 1912.

### THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Matt. iv, 1-11; Mark i, 9-11—Memory Verses, Matt. iv, 3, 4—Golden Text, Heb. ii, 18. Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

The record of the baptism is found in Matthew, Mark and Luke, but most fully in Matthew. In Luke III, 23, we read that Jesus began to be about thirty years of age, and we cannot but wonder at the lowly and submissive life of all those thirty years at Nazareth. How can we ever murmur at limitations and humiliations in our lives as we think of this life lived for us? He came from Nazareth, where He had been brought up (Luke iv, 16, and after His return to heaven He called Himself "Jesus of Nazareth" (Acts xxii, 8), yet Nathanael said, "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" afterward acknowledging that out of Nazareth came "the Son of God, the King of Israel" (John i, 46, 49). He came to Jordan, river of judgment, yet there was nothing in Him to be judged. Others were baptized of John, confessing their sins, but He had no sins to confess. We do not wonder that John said to Him, "I have need to be baptized of Thee, and comest Thou to me?" But our Lord's "Suffer it to be so now" has helped many a humble follower to submit to seemingly unnecessary things that the righteousness of God might be seen in them and others won to Him. This and that other saying, "About My Father's business," His two first recorded utterances, are good for all of us in our daily life. As He came up out of the water something happened from the skies—the heavens were opened, and the Father testified, "Thou art My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." At the same time the Spirit of God descended in bodily shape like a dove upon Him. The Father had told John that it would be so, and John bare record that He was the Son of God (John i, 33, 34). The one who sent John also testified that the one on whom the Spirit would descend and remain would Himself baptize with the Holy Spirit. Then what hinders us thus to be baptized? Luke tells us that Jesus was praying when the heavens were opened. He seems to have prayed always and about everything and sometimes all night. He fasted too. Is that where we fail? Consider the other six places where we read of the heaven being opened and always see Himself. Consider well every place where, as here, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are seen or mentioned, as in Matt. xxviii, 19; II Cor. xiii, 14; Heb. ix, 14. See in John xiv, 17, 23, how the Spirit and the Father and the Son make the bodies of believers their abode or mansion and to their "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Let us gladly answer, "Here am I; send me," remembering His words, "As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you" (Isa. vi, 8; John xx, 21).

When Spirit filled we may then expect to be specially attacked by the devil. As our representative He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. Both Mark and Luke say that He was forty days tempted of the devil. Matthew and Luke say that He fasted forty days and forty nights; that He did eat nothing. Thus did Moses on two occasions and Elijah once, and these three we find on the Mount of Transfiguration, and we hear them speak of the devil's most awful piece of work, the death of Jesus. He is the fearful adversary of God and man and has been at work as such ever since he deceived and conquered Adam and Eve, and he will not cease till he shall be shut up in the pit for 1,000 years. As the devil tempted Eve on the line of the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life (I John ii, 16) and won the day, so he tempted the Lord Jesus, but was defeated. Eve had everything that the Lord saw that she needed, yet she ate the forbidden fruit. The Lord Jesus, having fasted forty days and being hungry, yet overcame by the words, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Luke iv, 4). The devil's ambition to be as God conquered Eve (Isa. xlv, 14; Gen. iii, 5), but the Lord Jesus conquered by the words, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." Adam and Eve had been given dominion over all things (Gen. i, 26-28), but they lost it by giving heed to this great enemy, and he has ever since been the god of this world (II Cor. iv, 4). The Lord Jesus, the last Adam, knew that some day He would restore the dominion to man, and the kingdoms of this world will be His kingdom (Rev. xi, 15). So He could say to the great adversary, "Get thee hence, Satan." It is written, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." We read in Luke that "when the devil had ended all the temptation he departed from Him for a season," and Matthew and Mark tell us that "angels came and ministered unto Him." We must remember that the same great adversary is still going about seeking whom he may devour. But with the armor provided for us and by the sword and the blood of the Lamb we, too, may be overcomers, seeking nothing for ourselves, walking humbly with our God and worthy of the kingdom and glory to which we are called (Eph. vi; Rev. xii, 11). If we resist the devil he will see from us, for God is with us.

### GROWING HORSE RADISH.

Pungent Crop Does Best After Beets, Cauliflower or Early Cabbage.

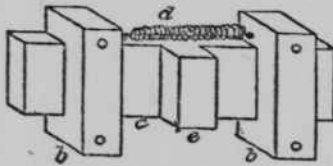
A Wisconsin subscriber of American Agriculturist asks for information on the methods of raising and marketing horse radish. Although the horse radish is a perennial and will continue to grow indefinitely if some of the roots are left in the ground, it is usually treated as an annual when raised in commercial gardening. It is most profitable as a second crop, following beets, cauliflower or early cabbage. Only the main root is used for market, the small rootlets being broken off and preserved for planting. The upper part of each set should be cut straight and the lower part slanting so that they may be planted right end up. Of course, they will grow anyhow, but they will make a more satisfactory crop if planted properly. The sets may be stored for the winter in a cellar or in pits out of doors. It is a good thing to sprinkle sand between them to prevent heating. While the crowns of the plants may be reset and will grow, they do not produce a very satisfactory crop of roots for market and will not pay for replanting.

The sets are planted between rows of cabbage or cauliflower in holes eight or ten inches deep made with a light crowbar. They are covered two or three inches deep. If they are not set deeply they are likely to come up too soon and interfere with cultivating and harvesting the first crop. By planting one hill of horse radish opposite each cabbage plant from 12,000 to 13,000 plants per acre are grown. One cultivation is usually sufficient, because the ground is already clean from the first crop, and horse radish leaves soon shade the ground and prevent weed growth.

### SELF CLOSING GATE.

Directions For Making One That Is Serviceable and Inexpensive.

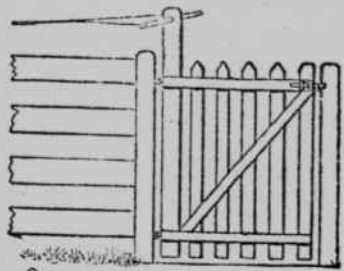
Here is a good plan for a self closing gate, reproduced from the Orange Judd Farmer, from which cuts and description are taken. The upright piece at the hinge end of the gate is made higher than the post it swings on. A crossbar is driven tightly through a hole at right angles with the gate. Make the crossbar two feet long or over and run



GATE LATCH.

wires from the ends of the crossbar to a point two feet from the crossbar and continue by a single wire for one foot.

A spiral spring from a mower or binder is here attached, and a wire is connected with this spring and run to the second post of the fence. This gate will swing either way and be pulled shut again. A latch made as described in the drawing will be a great help. Take a piece of hard wood—oak or maple—and saw as indicated at c. This should be 8 by 2 by 2 and sawed so



SELF CLOSING GATE.

should be one inch thicker than the thin parts. Two pieces should be sawed like b, just so the thin part of c will slide easily through it. Then saw a, making the groove one and one-fourth inches wide and its edges rounding so the latch will work easily and attach to the fencepost horizontally. A spiral spring from a shade roller is attached, as shown in sketch. This is inexpensive but serviceable and works well if rightly made.

Everything that we have except a few fish and a hope in the hereafter comes out of the ground. Be good to the ground. —American Agriculturist.

### Orchard and Garden Notes.

Early cabbage, lettuce and cauliflower are sown in the north in hotbeds any time from the latter part of January to the 1st of March. Sowing early in February is preferred by most growers, although excellent results may be secured by later sowings if the frames are handled properly.

It usually takes nearly a week to get the manure ready for the pit, and from four days to a week is generally required for the temperature to drop in the frame sufficiently to make sowings safe. The reader will thus understand that the manure for the hotbeds should be stacked about two weeks before he intends to sow.

While flats are not used by many gardeners there are strong points in their favor. It is more convenient to sow in flats in a warm, comfortable room, carrying the flats to the hotbed or cold frame after sowing or planting and perhaps watering, although watering is more frequently attended to in the hotbed or frame.

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