

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON V.—AUGUST 4, 1912.

The Worth of the Kingdom.—Matt. 13: 44-53.

Commentary.—I. The treasure in the field (v. 44). Again—Another aspect of the kingdom is to be presented. The kingdom of heaven—The minds of those to whom Christ as speaking of a kingdom readily grasp the idea of a kingdom from their comprehension of Oriental government. The Jews would at once catch the idea of Messiah's reign, but Jesus set forth the kingdom as wholly spiritual, indicating the work of grace in the heart and among men. Treasure hid in a field—In countries where property is not safeguarded, and wars are frequent, robbers are numerous, it is common for those who have wealth to bury it in the ground for safe-keeping. In the parable the man found the treasure accidentally, and appreciating its value, at once made arrangements to possess it. This he could do by buying the field, for all treasures hidden in the ground went with the land. Dr. Clarke thinks that the treasure of the parable was more than a pot of gold. His opinion is that it was a mine of precious metal that could be worked up after the year. Found—It would appear that the man in the parable of his ordinary work came upon the treasure, which he recognized as being valuable. God's truth often appeals to men's hearts through the operation of the Holy Spirit, when they are giving no particular attention to that truth. Hitherto—Jesus is describing the course ordinarily pursued by one who finds a treasure in another's field without any intention of doing so. He is not saying whether his course was right or not, but Jewish law allowed the purchaser of a field a right to all that it contained, and this right was recognized also by Roman law. For joy, saith all that he hath—A proper appreciation of the treasure of the kingdom of heaven will lead one to part joyfully with all things that he may obtain it. "He that would possess this treasure must prize it above all other things; he must give up everything that is his, and he must follow as a man," says Trench, "willingly fling down pebbles and mosses, which hitherto he had been gathering, and with which he had filled his hands, if pearls and precious stones were offered him in their stead." Buyeth that field—There is no money value placed upon the kingdom of heaven, yet one can not secure it without giving all he has. Included in what he gives, are his friends, his property, his occupation, his time, his reputation and his powers of body, mind and soul. He acknowledges no ownership in himself, but possessing the field, he is enriched forever.

II. The costly pearl (vs. 45, 46). 45. merchant man, seeking goodly pearls.—In this parable we are told distinctly that something of value was being definitely sought. The merchant knew that there were such things as pearls, and he was looking for them in places where they were likely to be. The customer referred to in this parable still prevails in the East. Travelling jewelers go from place to place buying and selling precious stones for profit. The merchant of the parable was seeking something of value, and was not employed with trifles as are multitudes to-day. The very pursuit of thousands preclude the possibility of their finding anything of enduring value. They are seeking earthen treasures and are longing for earth-born joys. In pursuing these objects they may measurably succeed, but they miss the best things in this life and destroy their hopes of a glorious immortality.

46. found one pearl of great price.—He was diligently seeking and his search was at last rewarded. The pearl of Christ, which is found only as one seeks after it, sold all that he had, and bought it. In comparison with the things that he possessed, the merchant saw that the pearl was much more valuable and he would realize more from it than what he then had. He would be able to sell it to some king or ruler for an immense sum. He considered it no sacrifice to let go all he had, that he might secure the "pearl of great price." One makes an infinitely profitable exchange who gives up all that Christ may set up his kingdom in his heart. To the one who seeks salvation with the diligence and intensity of desire which were exhibited by the "merchant man" success is sure.

III. The Net and the Fishes (vs. 47, 50). 47. The kingdom of heaven is like unto a net.—This parable resembles the parable of the wheat and tares. It teaches us that not all who are brought under the influence of the gospel are truly converted, and that the good and the bad will at last be forever separated. The net is the drag-net, which, when drawn, encloses everything within its reach, cast into the sea—a familiar scene to the disciples, several of whom were fishermen, gathered of every kind.—Those who were managing the net could not control the quality of the catch. In many revivals some are brought into the church who are not saved, but revival effort must not cease on that account, for the gospel net will enclose some good fish. 48. gathered the good—cast the bad away.—The fish were not all thrown away because some were bad, nor were they all called good because they were in the net. The time for separating them had come, and a proper disposition was made of the two kinds. 49. at the end of the world.—At the judgment. The angels—the messengers of God doing his bidding, sever the righteous and the wicked live together here and they may even be in the same church or congregation, but "at the end" they shall be separated. 50. into the furnace of fire.—The place of torment for the wicked.

IV. The wise teacher (vs. 51-53). 51. Have ye understood all these things.—It was necessary for the Master to explain to the disciples the meaning of the parables, but now they were able to grasp the spiritual truths set forth in the others. Yea, Lord.—The ideas they received from the parables were satisfactory to them. They had a partial understanding of truth, but they were as yet far from comprehending the deep truths which they contained. 52. Scribe.—Among the Jews, the scribe was one learned in the law and capable of teaching it. The scribe "instructed unto the kingdom of heaven" was one who understood

the principles of the new kingdom. The disciples were to become able teachers of the truth of the gospel. An householder—One who stands at the head of the family. Bringeth forth—As a provider for the family. The most suitable emblem of the Christian scribe or minister, who provides for his spiritual family, the church.—Whedon. Treasure—Truths, knowledge. Things new and old—The old truths are to be enforced, but they may be presented in new forms.

53. Had finished these parables—Jesus had made a deep and lasting impression upon the minds of His disciples by this forcible method of presenting truth. He had given them a comprehensive view of the kingdom which He was in the act of establishing. He was presenting them with material and methods of teaching that would be of enduring service to them and their successors. He departed thence—He left Capernaum. His mission called him across the sea to heal the demon-possessed in Gadara.

Questions—How many parables are included in this lesson? How many Jesus speak during this day? Where and to whom were they spoken? Whom does the man who bought the field containing the treasure represent? What truth does it emphasize? What two important lessons are taught by the parable of the merchant seeking goodly pearls? What is the teaching of the parable of the net? What is essential to the successful teaching of God's word?

PRACTICAL SURVEY.
Topic.—The discovery of truth.
I. As recorded in the scriptures.
II. As experienced by seeking souls.
III. As determined at the judgment.

1. As recorded in the scriptures. Hitherto Jesus had likened the kingdom of heaven to small things as illustrative of its beginning. Here, for the first time, should on that account consider it unimportant, in the parables of the hidden treasure and pearl of great price he represented the kingdom in its great value and as of great advantage to all who embrace it. The kingdom of heaven, the gospel, the new dispensation, the offer of eternal life, lies buried like veins of precious ore in the mine of the New Testament. The gospel is the field in which the blessing of salvation may come and search and find eternal life. Their hearts may rejoice who are yet but seeking the Lord. When Christ is revealed, the Scriptures take on new meaning and possess new value. The salvation provided by the gospel is a rich mine in which rich truths are imbedded through all the scriptures. Christ is the promise of the scriptures. Salvation through Him is what the needy soul requires. Wise diligence leads to the blessed discovery of the transcendent value of the kingdom of heaven. Personal effort and sacrifice lead to a rich possession. Without spiritual aspirations, Christian life is impossible. Salvation, though entirely of grace, requires full self-surrender.

2. As experienced by seeking souls. The parable of the costly pearl represents the unparalleled richness of God's mercy in Christ in forgiving sin and bestowing peace. The merchant is represented as obtaining the pearl through the highest degree of conscious endeavor. He had a special object in view, and when he made the discovery of what he regarded as his chief delight, his resolution carried him to the completion of his joy of possession. The pearl may be appropriately regarded as a representation of the Lord Jesus Christ. Those who have been brought to realize the Saviour's merit, will regard no sacrifice too great in order to be made partakers of the divine nature. The quest of pearls had been the aim of his life. Had he been content without the pearl of great price he never could have found it. When in possession of the pearl, it became the property of the soul and its highest ornament. The discovery of divine things leads to the abandonment of all pleasures or pursuits that hinder advance toward their attainment. This heavenly treasure far exceeds all earthly treasures.

3. As determined at the judgment. The day of judgment will disclose the true character of men. The parable of the net cast into the sea represents the whole church in its missionary capacity among all nations. Christianity alone will endure all nations. The net is intended to enclose a draught, not to separate its contents. Bad fish, or hypocrites, will be found even in the holiest assemblies. The mixture of good and bad is not here attributed to an enemy, as in the parable of the tares, but as resulting from the nature of the case. The gospel is to be publicly proclaimed to all classes. Invitation to come to Christ must be extended to all men. If some crowd into the church without first becoming Christians, the church can still maintain its standard, but the hypocrite will find its true measure when the Lord brings him to judgment. Jesus went before his hearers the great truth that there is to be a day of judgment. Christ's parables were full of importances to his disciples. They had a bearing on their future work among men, touching their own responsibilities and opening up clearer views of methods in presenting the gospel. Jesus enjoined on them the duty of making a proper use of their knowledge, that they might bring it forth on every proper occasion to benefit others. They were to make old truths new by personal experience.

FREAK EGG
Small Egg Inside Yolk of Larger One.

New York, July 29.—Many egg experts were on hand yesterday when a monster egg, which was laid last week by a Plymouth Rock hen owned by W. F. Hollman, of No. 247 West Lincoln avenue, Mount Vernon, was opened by its owner. Inside the outer shell was a smaller perfect egg with a hard shell. The egg is considered remarkable by experts of the country. The two eggs weighed five and a half ounces. The outside shell, which had a circumference of nine and one-half inches, lengthwise and seven and one-half inches in the middle, contained the white and yolk, and inside of this the other egg with a hard shell was found. The smaller egg is on exhibition in a local market.

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Poultry Hints For Breeders

As the season advances reports still come in of poor hatches and a high death rate of chicks. Eggs promise to be high next winter. The later hatches should do well, as the weather promises to be more reasonable and fertility higher.

Prices of eggs held up well this spring and are not likely to go any lower in 1912. The poultry raiser who can produce his eggs at a profit is doing well. The May-hatched chicks growing steadily and many of them will go into winter egg producers.

For best results separate the males from the females as soon as possible. Kill off the small males, keeping those that show strong and vigorous breeding qualities. It is always well to keep the different hatches separate, as the older ones who breed a few times over a feeding time, again the different sexes, and the two sexes together cannot be so well controlled.

At this time of the year great care should be taken that the temperature in the brooder should not be too high, which the chicks are usually not used to. They will spread out before being too hot. Never forget charcoal, grit and finely ground oyster shell. They are essentials that are often neglected, and in a measure, they are essential to the success of the brooder.

Brooder chickens must be allowed to get out on the ground as soon as possible, and spring nature demands that they go on ground, as they are not used to it. If the chicks are "chickened" in yards must be fed. At low winter temperatures, do better when some form of green food is fed.

The very cold winter, the coldest known in many years, is said to be the cause of the low fertility and poor hatches of the low fertility and poor hatches of the winter in giving the winter raiser plenty of cool weather and rain.

TO WATCH TEDDY Bryan to Care for the "Bull Mouse."

In Presidential Campaign, in Wilson's Interest.

New York, July 29.—A despatch from Segrist, N. J., says: The question as to what is to become of William Jennings Bryan in the Democratic national campaign was seemingly answered here today, when close political advisers of Governor Wilson let it be known that Mr. Bryan's assignment would be to worry and harass the "bull mouse" candidate, and to follow him into every debatable state.

The assignment of Bryan to take care of Col. Roosevelt is regarded here as one in which the Nebraska man will take great joy. It is known that Bryan has regarded Roosevelt as a trespasser upon Democratic preserves, and the Wilson forces expect him to make a brave showing as a defender of his party's right to carry out in office the things which Bryan advocated long before Col. Roosevelt decided that he, too, would take them up.

In order to prepare Mr. Bryan for his excursion into the "bull mouse" trail, Governor Wilson will hold a conference with him at Segrist shortly after the speech of acceptance is delivered on August 7. Mr. Bryan has been invited to come here prepared to remain for two or three days. So far no political visitor has been asked to stay overnight at the Little White House.

Col. Bryan will urge, according to the present plan of campaign sketched out for him, that Col. Roosevelt tell just why George W. Perkins is contributing so largely to his campaign; just why he colored did so little with the tariff in his seven years in office; just how the Tennessee coal & iron deal came about, and how it came that the steel trust maintained so persistently its status as a "good trust."

Governor Wilson's part in the programme by which it is made Mr. Bryan's chief duty to care for the bull mouse party calls for his coming into direct contact with Roosevelt as little as possible. Governor Wilson wishes to make only a few set speeches in the campaign, and to rest his credence upon his record of public questions.

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MARKET REPORTS

TORONTO MARKETS

FARMERS' MARKET	
Dressed hogs	11.25
Butter, dairy	0.27
Eggs, dozen	0.28
Chickens, 1 lb.	0.18
Do., Spring	0.20
Potatoes, bag	1.50
Cherries, cooking, bbl.	1.25
Cabbage, dozen	0.40
Potatoes, bag	1.50
Celery, bunch	0.06
Rhubarb, bunch	0.02

THE FRUIT MARKET

Oranges, late Valencia	4.40
Lemons, case	1.50
Bananas, bunch	1.75
Harrisburg, red, basket	0.75
Apples, 12 quart basket	0.14
Cherries, eating, basket	1.50
Do., cooking, basket	1.50
Gooseberries, 12 quart basket	0.10
Potatoes, new, bbl.	2.25
Onions, Bermuda, box	1.25
Cauliflower, each	0.40
Carrots, each	0.20
Tomatoes, basket	1.10
Watermelons, each	0.40
Strawberries, 12 quart basket	0.10
Do., California	1.10
Pecanias, Georgia, Elbertas	2.25
Half-dozen, bbl.	2.25
Do., California	4.00
Pears, Bartlett, box	4.00
Plums, basket	1.75
Bilberries, basket	1.50
Apples, bush, hamper	1.25

SUGAR MARKETS

Sugars are quoted in Toronto, in bags, per cwt., as follows:

Extra granulated, St. Lawrence	5.65
Do., Goldens	5.50
Do., Acadia	5.50
Imperial granulated	5.50
White granulated, No. 1	5.50
No. 2 yellow	5.50
No. 3 yellow	5.50
In barrels, 50 per cwt. more, car lots, 5c less.	

LIVE STOCK

Toronto despatch: Receipts at the city cattle market this morning were 114 cattle, 874 sheep, 600 hogs and 236 calves. All classes of stock were in good demand.

Export cattle, choice	87.40
Do., medium	5.50
Butcher cattle, choice	7.25
Do., medium	5.50
Butcher cows, choice	5.00
Do., medium	3.50
Do., canners	1.75
Do., bulls	5.50
Feeding steers	5.50
Stocking choice	5.00
Do., light	3.50
Milkers, choice, each	50.00
Springers	40.00
Sheep, ewes	3.50
Bucks and culs	2.25
Lambs	7.75
Hogs, fed and watered	8.40
Hogs, fob.	7.75
Calves	6.00

OTHER MARKETS

MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN

Wheat—No. 1 hard	1.00
No. 2 hard	0.98
No. 3 hard	0.96
No. 4 hard	0.94
No. 1 soft	0.92
No. 2 soft	0.90
No. 3 soft	0.88
No. 4 soft	0.86
No. 1 white	0.84
No. 2 white	0.82
No. 3 white	0.80
No. 4 white	0.78
No. 1 yellow	0.76
No. 2 yellow	0.74
No. 3 yellow	0.72
No. 4 yellow	0.70

WISCONSIN GRAIN

Wheat—No. 1 hard	1.00
No. 2 hard	0.98
No. 3 hard	0.96
No. 4 hard	0.94
No. 1 soft	0.92
No. 2 soft	0.90
No. 3 soft	0.88
No. 4 soft	0.86
No. 1 white	0.84
No. 2 white	0.82
No. 3 white	0.80
No. 4 white	0.78
No. 1 yellow	0.76
No. 2 yellow	0.74
No. 3 yellow	0.72
No. 4 yellow	0.70

GLASGOW CATTLE MARKET

Wheat—No. 1 hard	1.00
No. 2 hard	0.98
No. 3 hard	0.96
No. 4 hard	0.94
No. 1 soft	0.92
No. 2 soft	0.90
No. 3 soft	0.88
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No. 1 white	0.84
No. 2 white	0.82
No. 3 white	0.80
No. 4 white	0.78
No. 1 yellow	0.76
No. 2 yellow	0.74
No. 3 yellow	0.72
No. 4 yellow	0.70

BUFFALO LIVE STOCK

Wheat—No. 1 hard	1.00
No. 2 hard	0.98
No. 3 hard	0.96
No. 4 hard	0.94
No. 1 soft	0.92
No. 2 soft	0.90
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CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

Wheat—No. 1 hard	1.00
No. 2 hard	0.98
No. 3 hard	0.96
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MANGLED BY BULL

Young Farmer Likely to Die of Injuries.

Bloomington, Pa., July 29. Stepping to scatter straw in the barnyard of his father, Samuel Harrison, of Seagers, Columbia county, last evening, James Harrison, 30 years old, looked up to see a bull towering above him and ready to strike.

The young man's effort to escape the animal fight, the bull caught him in the groin, tossing the man high above his head, and bearing a gash in his forehead. As the man struck the ground the animal fell, continuing the attack with horns and hoofs. The stricken man crawled 40 feet into an empty, into which the bull could not follow, and it was an hour later before his father, who came to his son's aid, was able to subdue the animal.

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70,000 MEN Needed to harvest Crops in the Northwest.

Calgary, Alta., July 29. Every prospect of harvesting being general about Aug. 15, Western Canada will this year require at least 70,000 men to handle the harvest, according to experts who have been keeping close tabs on the grain situation. The governments of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta have taken action in the matter and with the railways are attempting to supply the demand, but even so only a small number of men are the labor shortage will be acute. The Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Saskatchewan states that 26,000 men will be needed in that Province alone. Altogether it is estimated 100,000 men can find work in Canada this summer, the bulk of them in the West, with the possible supply is placed at about 75,000.

GOOD ROADS. Lord Montagu on Motor Cars, Etc.

London, July 29. Lord Montagu, of Beaulieu, has just returned from a two months' visit to Canada and the United States, where he studied motoring and the opening up of new roads. He says that the progress in the motor industry in America has been remarkable and that the number of private automobiles per head of population is far greater in that country than in England. Both Canada and the United States, he finds, are awakening to the advantage of cheaper and lower powered cars, which are being sold in increasing numbers. Lord Montagu, speaking of the agitation for good roads in America, declares that at present the roads there are much inferior to those of England. The agitation is widely supported, he says, and is bound to result in considerable improvement in the main highways of Canada and the United States.

SEVEN LEGS This Oxford Township Colt Well Supplied.

St. Thomas, Ont., July 29. Richard Moore, an Oxford township farmer, possesses a freak colt which is now two months old. The young animal has the unusual number of seven feet and an eighth foot, which was only connected by a small ligament fell off a few days after its birth. The extra foot is attached to each leg immediately behind the regular feet and growing out from the fetlock. The supplementary feet are slightly smaller than the others. The colt is a handsome young specimen and his owner has already received \$1,000 for him.

MADLY INSANE. Slayer of Fred McKenna to Go to Asylum.

Montreal, July 29.—The alienist who examined John Sheppard, the man who shot and killed Fred McKenna, of Hamilton, on Friday, this morning reported that he is madly insane and recommended that he be placed in an asylum. The report will be forwarded to the Lieutenant-Governor of the province, who will decide on what is to be done with the man.