

Sunday School Lesson

April 23, Lesson V.—The Cost of Discipleship, Mark 10: 17-27; 12: 41-44. Golden Text—Where thy treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt. 6: 21.

ANALYSIS.

I. HOW ONE CANDIDATE FOR KINGDOM HONORS FAILED TO STAND CHRIST'S TEST, 17-22.
II. WARNINGS AND LESSONS REGARDING THE PERILS OF RICHES, 23-27.
INTRODUCTION—We now find Jesus journeying towards Jerusalem and facing the solemn issues of his last appeal to the nation. It will be remembered that, before setting out on this eventful journey, Jesus had not only put himself entirely in the hands of God, but had required his disciples to do the same. Every one of them had been given the option of staying behind, or of coming with him; and coming with him meant not merely the leaving of all that they possessed, but the taking of their lives in their hands. This we saw to be the meaning of "deny thyself" and "take up thy cross." The disciples were to be prepared even to suffer death at the executioner's hands for Jesus' sake. And the disciples had done this. They had put their lives in pledge for Jesus' sake. They were at this moment going towards a possible martyrdom.

All this must be kept in mind if we are to understand the lesson which now follows. A new candidate for discipleship appears. He is exceptionally gifted and endowed. He has been wonderfully blessed and protected. No more promising aspirant had ever presented himself, and we read that Jesus "loved him," that is, set his heart upon having him. But can he stand the test which the other disciples have stood? He is rich, and they were poor. Can he leave his possessions for Jesus' sake, as they had left theirs? This is the question.

I. HOW ONE CANDIDATE FOR KINGDOM HONORS FAILED TO STAND CHRIST'S TEST, 17-22.
V. 17. The man comes of himself with eager interest and with every sign of deep respect. He goes on his knees to Jesus, and asks, "Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit the life of the kingdom?" Eternal life means properly, "the life of the coming age, the blessed life of the kingdom."

V. 18. There was something in the words, "Good Master," or in the tone with which they were uttered, that seemed to Jesus to be in need of correction. The man had used the word "good" in a light and even unthinking fashion. Did he realize the true meaning of the thing he said? So that at this moment points away from himself and everything else to God. God alone is the good, the one source of all goodness.

V. 19. Having thus prepared his questioner to face the situation in a really serious frame of mind, Jesus answers the question by referring first to the requirements of the Decalogue, particularly the laws of the Second Table, governing our duties to our fellow men. The promise of the law is that those who observe its commandments will "live." So that the law itself provisionally satisfies the petitioner's requirement, "What must I do to inherit the life of the kingdom?"

Vs. 20, 21. The answer of the man is that he has kept these commandments from his youth. It is an indication of his sincerity and ingenuousness of motive that at this moment Jesus set his choice upon the man as one of the inner circle of his disciples. When we read this, we are to think of love's election. The aspirant had indicated that he still felt that something was lacking to his happiness and peace of mind. Jesus now meets this need by asking him forthwith to become a disciple, and to throw in his lot with himself. But in order to do this, he must—like the other disciples—renounce all that he possesses. Can he do it? He is rich. He will ask what he is to do with his property. Jesus' answer is clear. He must divest himself of his possessions. Let him put them in trust for the poor. Thus, giving up earthly treasure, he will have treasure in heaven. Can the man do it? There is no possibility of his throwing in his lot with Jesus unless he does it. Is he willing, then, to "deny himself," and "take up his cross," and "follow" Jesus on the path to martyrdom?

V. 22. The candidate for the life of the kingdom is appalled by these conditions, and turns disappointed away.

II. WARNINGS AND LESSONS REGARDING THE PERILS OF RICHES, 23-27.

V. 23. The turning away of so choice a spirit inspires Jesus to utter the sorrowful word: "With what difficulty shall those who have riches enter into the kingdom of God?"

Vs. 24, 25. The disciples are taken aback at this pronouncement. But Jesus repeats the saying in a still wider form. His words according to the best ancient reading, run: "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God at all! Sacrifice will always be needed, and sacrifice is always hard. (Note that the rendering in our Authorized Version does not follow the best authorities. Jesus does not mean that it is trust in wealth that keeps men back from the kingdom, but the very fact of possessing it. Jesus uses the familiar saying about the camel and the needle's eye to enforce the point.)

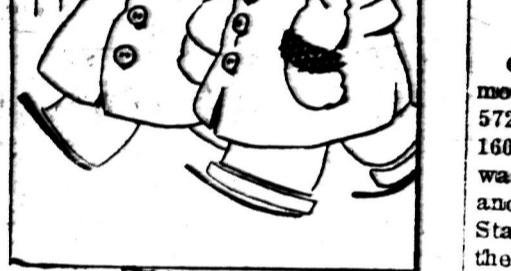
Vs. 26, 27. In reply to the objection of the astonished disciples that this would seem to put the salvation of men beyond the reach of possibility—Jesus reminds them of the power of God. God, coming to men in the midst of life, makes things possible which they, left to themselves, would not dream of doing. So it was with St. Francis of Assisi. Do the words of Jesus indicate that the man who had now gone sadly away would yet make the great renunciation? It would seem as if they did.

Prince of Wales Uses Two Fingers

Types His Speeches But Is Not an Expert

London.—The Prince of Wales types his speeches, but he only uses two fingers. Visiting several workers' clubs in the East End of London the Prince enviously watched a girl's fingers flashing over the keys of a typewriter.

"I have a portable typewriter," he said. "Sometimes I type my own speeches on a train, but I can only use two fingers." The Prince at another club took a beating from a boy in a game of ping pong. Apparently not fatigued by his race through mud and water to win the Highland Brigade cross country race, the Prince then went to central London to see the Civil Service boxing matches.



Too Expensive For Him. "Why don't you get your self a cheap automobile?" "I would if they weren't so expensive."

Ecuador Accedes To Slavery Pact

Notifies League of Adherence to International Agreement

GENEVA.—The government of Ecuador has notified the League of Nations of its accession to the international slavery convention which was concluded at Geneva in September, 1927. Only two other American states, Nicaragua and Haiti, have ratified the pact formally. Canada, which is the only part of the British Empire that has not ratified the treaty has signed it but has not given formal acceptance. In the same category are Panama, Uruguay, Columbia and Cuba. The suggestion has been made that the United States should adhere to the treaty on humanitarian grounds, just as many European governments have done. But the only official response so far received to that observation is that the United States abolishes slavery in 1865.

This One May Make It



UNUSUAL DESIGN FOR TRANSCONTINENTAL PLANE: It is being made at Meudon, just outside Paris, to be piloted by Maurice Drouhin across the sea.

Ireland to Hold Olympics At Ancient Telltown Fair

Oenach Tallteann is to be revived in Ireland next summer after a lapse of many centuries. Translated into words that are more commonly understood, the Irish are about to hold the ancient Telltown Fair again. Established about 3,000 years ago by Lugaid of the Long Arm in memory of his foster mother, Telltown Fair was one of the three most famous assemblages of its kind, the others being at Tara and Carman.

Originally laws were promulgated or rehearsed at these fairs and councils passed upon local disputes. Foreign merchants came to them to display their wares. On the side were games and sports, together with contests in poetry and other arts. As it stands on the threshold of a revival, Oenach Tallteann will emphasize the former side line of games. The occasion will be in the nature of a Little Theatre tournament among other artistic activities. The dates of the games are such that they will follow the Olympics at Amsterdam, and it is hoped that a great deal of the athletic talent that will appear in the quadrennial games in Holland will appear also in the revival of the Tallteann.

Increase is Shown In Canada's Trade

Figures for the Month and Year are Issued by Ottawa

Ottawa.—Canada's trade during the month of February, 1928, totalled \$174,572,093, as compared with \$163,934,160 in January. The February total was made up of \$88,565,196 exports, and \$86,006,897 imports, the United States was Canada's best customer, the Republic taking \$37,016,699 worth of goods. On the other hand Canada purchased from the United States during February articles to the value of \$57,981,819. The United Kingdom bought \$23,840,164 worth of Canadian merchandise and Canada purchased from that country to the extent of \$13,151,404.

Hermit Thrush Stops Here On His Way North in April

April is the month for the arrival hereabouts of the birds which have spent the Winter in southern latitudes. Some arrive even before April, but they are not of the rarer species. Among the arrivals to be noted in April is that of the hermit thrush. In the vicinity of Toronto this bird is likely to appear in the woods or other secluded spaces through April. As a rule it goes considerably further north to build its nest.

One must be patient to gain a glimpse of a hermit thrush. It is extremely shy. The bird seeker, to come within sight of this intriguing spirit of the forest, whose voice has been praised afar, should choose a spot in a thicket or in woods known to be favorable to this migrant, and await his opportunity. He should watch for an olive brown bird, a little smaller than a robin, with a bright cinnamon tail—distinctly different from the brownish olive of the back. The throat, neck and breast arrow points and round spots. The under parts are white and there is a yellow ring around the bird's eye. The cinnamon tail is always the identifying mark of the hermit. It has the habit of lifting its tail several times after alighting, as though calling attention to its marking. The hermit has a quiet, unobtrusive way of moving about and possesses unusual grace. Only in its further northern nesting locality it is likely that one will hear it sing during migratory flight. The hermit's song has been called the finest sound in nature. "It is not a proud, gorgeous strain like the tanager's or the grosbeak's," observed John Burroughs, "it suggests no passion nor emotion, nothing personal, but seems to be the voice of that calm, sweet solemnity one attains in his best moments. It realizes a peace and a deep solemn joy that only the finest souls may know."

Old Time Flare Up

London.—Deaths in the mines from Johannesburg say that a pitched battle is raging between rival Zulu camps—the Moutos and the Mitshas—about five miles from Weenen, Natal. A band armed with assegais is reported hurrying to join in the fight. Native women and children have fled to Weenen. Mounted police have left Pietermaritzburg to intervene.

Boosting Maritimes

\$5,500,000 Loan To Saint John and Halifax as Federal Aid

Ottawa.—Loans of \$5,000,000 to the Saint John Harbor Board, and \$500,000 to the Halifax Harbor Board, are proposed by the Federal Government. These advances are for the purpose of constructing such terminal facilities as are necessary to properly equip both ports. The proposed loans are the first to be made to the new Board of Harbor Commissioners recently appointed at Saint John, N.B., and Halifax, in accordance with recommendations contained in the Duncan report on Maritime rights. Detailed plans, specifications and estimates for these works, in addition to the deposit of debentures of the boards to cover the advances will be subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council.

American Unemployment

Nation and Athenaeum (London): It would be rash to exclude the possibility that the rapid "mechanization" of American industry may give rise, for all the high mobility of labor in the United States, to an awkward unemployment problem. It is possible, indeed, that this problem has only been prevented from emerging earlier by the development of the system of instalment-purchase which gave, in the course of its development, a great impetus to consumption. The trend of unemployment in the United States during the next few years will, therefore, be of peculiar interest.

FLOWERS and VEGETABLES No. 10

The "Renter's" Garden

Even the tenant who moves regularly on the first day of May can have a good garden, almost as beautiful, in fact, as the man who has been farming the same plot of ground for 20 years. Of course the man who rents his place will have to do a little more planning, as he must start from the bottom each year, because he is forced to use annuals entirely. But there is a great variety of flowers in the latter division. If a verandah screen is wanted, or if one desires to cover an objectionable back fence, plant gourds, Sweet Peas, Hops, tall Nasturtiums, Morning Glories, or even wild cucumber, but when the latter is used, it is advisable to get out next winter, as this stuff is inclined to spread into the neighbors' property. A tenant can hardly afford to plant expensive shrubbery, but he can make a brave show with groups of Sunflowers, Cosmos, Zinnias, Salpiglossis, Castor Oil plants and other tall or bushy annuals. And then for the regular flower beds one can select from a list of a hundred or more, with a range of bloom from June until frost.

Colors in the Flower Garden.

It has become a popular idea to develop flower gardens with one prevailing color tone, the majority of the plants in the garden being in various shades of the color favored, with a few others planted to enhance by harmonies or contrasts the general color plan. Blue gardens are one of the favorites for this type of planting, because of the delicate and effective plantings that may be made by employing a few groups of pink and pale yellow to set off the blue. While it is often said that blue is the rarest color among flowers, the list of annuals gives a wealth of material, starting with the Asters in both light and dark blues, and with the Dwarf Ageratum for an edging. Bluest of the blues is the Cornflower, more effective for cutting than for garden planting because of its rather mediocre foliage, but a mass of it makes a brilliant blue patch. The little Swan River Daisies give dainty blue edgings, and the intense colors of the dwarf Lobelias make a vivid mat of color.

On the taller growing annuals the Lupinus, Scabious, or Morning Glory and the annual Lupinus are all End members both for ornamental planting and for cutting. Daintiest of all is the Lace Flower, which has become a favorite greenhouse annual. Lower growing and with feathery foliage to add to its beauty is the old Love-in-a-Mist or Nigella. For fragrance in the blue garden, one may rely upon the ten weeks' Stocks which will furnish a fine show of color until the hard frosts.

Lettuces.

There is room in the modern garden for all three types of lettuce. The most easily grown is the leaf sort which will give plenty of good salad material with the minimum of effort. It should be sown early while the weather is cool, and thinned a little for best results. All lettuce must be grown quickly and to hurry this process cultivation, nitrate of soda and watering when the weather is dry are advisable. Head lettuce needs to be planted early and transplanted to eight inch intervals after the plants have formed two or three leaves. Snip off half the leaves when transplanting. Between the leaf and the head type and partaking something of the nature of both is the cos lettuce. An upright growing form with long narrow leaves. While self-blanching this process may be assisted by tying up the tips of outer leaves. The cos lettuce is of as fine a quality as the head type and is an excellent substitute for gardeners who have not the patience to fuss with the latter. A popcorn patch will be appreciated by the youngsters. Lettuces are sown next month for summer use, and in August for the Fall crop. Hill up like celery. The old fashioned summer savoury is an excellent tang for stews and soups.



Her Palm Not Read. Mrs. Arstah Kratt—"Have you ever had your palm read, Mrs. Nourich?" Mrs. N—"Why, of course not—I do not work with my hands."

Speedy.

An old negro, who was with the army in France, was beating it for the back areas as fast as he could go, when he was stopped by a white officer.

"Don't delay me, son," said the negro. "I see gotta be on my way."

"Boy," replied the officer, "do you know who I am? I'm a general."

"Go on, white man, you ain't no general."

"I certainly am," insisted the officer, angrily.

"Lordy," exclaimed the negro, taking a second look. "You sure is! I musta been trabelin' some, 'cause I didn't think I'd got back that far yet."

"Then you deny," said the magistrate, "that you were rude to the policeman when he asked to see your license?"

"Certainly, sir," replied the motorist. "All I said was that from what I could see of him I was sure his wife would be happier as a widow."

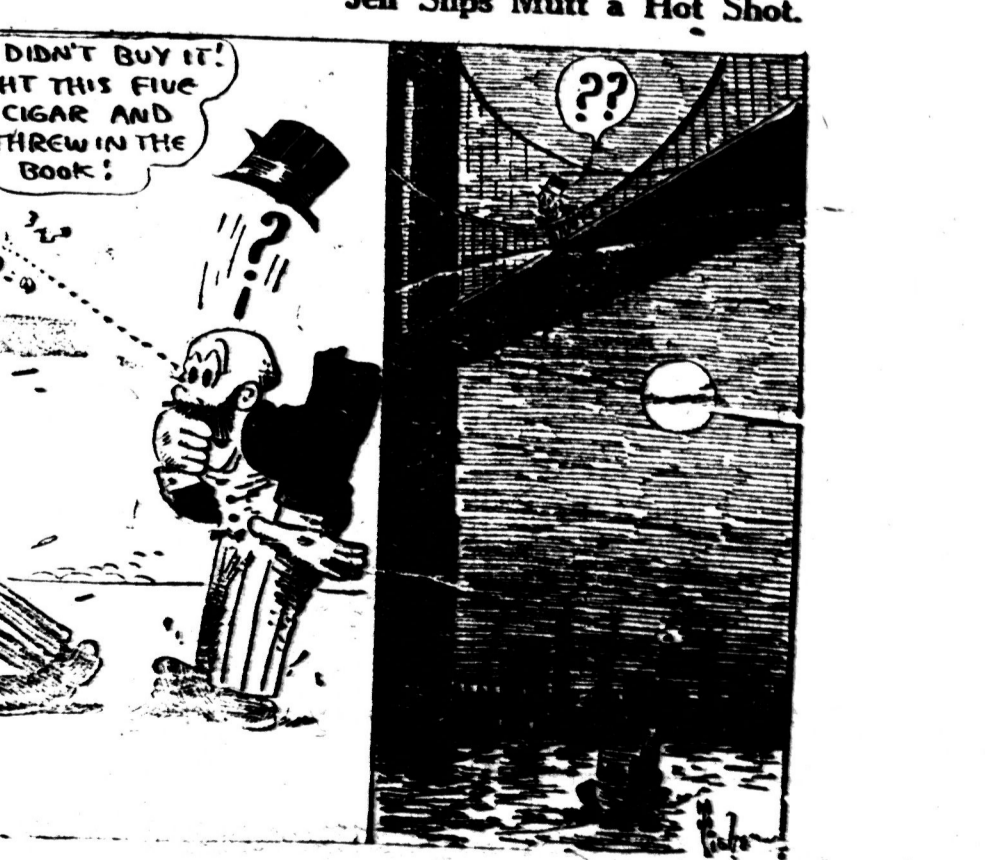
Just on the chance that it might be true, we intend to keep away from the eminent alienists for the defence who declare that insanity is a contagious disease.

"He was bitten by his own dawg."

"Was 'e now? How was that?"

"He forgot himself and spoke to the dawg like he does to his wife."

MUTT AND JEFF—By Bud Fisher



Jeff Slips Mutt a Hot Shot.

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