

The Sabbath School.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Second Quarter Lesson 10 June 3, 1900

THE TWELVE SENT FORTH.

—Matthew 9: 35 to 10: 8.

Read Matthew 9: 35 to 11: 1;

Mark 4: 35 to 5: 21.

Commit Matthew 9: 36-38.

GOLDEN TEXT—It is not ye that

speak, but the Spirit of your Father

which speaketh in you.—Matt. 10:

20.

HISTORICAL SETTING

Time.—Autumn A. D. 28 and

winter of 28 and 29.

Place.—Some village or town in

Galilee. The exact place is un-

known.

The Third Circuit of Galilee was

begun at this time by Jesus with

his disciples, the instructions for

which are given in the chapter of

to day's lesson.

THE SPIRITUAL HARVEST FIELD

—Vs. 35, 36. Jesus went about all

the cities and villages. This was his

thir evangelizing tour. Teaching

in their synagogues, where he could

best reach the people on the Sabbath.

He unfolded the Scriptures to them

with new and deeper meanings.

Preaching the gospel of the kingdom.

Heralding far and wide the

good news of the kingdom, that it

was at hand, how to enter it, what

it would do for all who came into

it. Healing every sickness, positive

diseases, severe, dangerous, even

violent. Every disease. Weakness,

debility; it refers rather to chronic

cases. There was a triple reason

for those miracles of healing. They

helped and confronted the people.

They illustrated the gospel he

preached, showing its effects upon

the bodies and souls of men. They

showed the authority behind his

teaching and his preaching. When

he saw the multitudes. Many more

than any one person could reach or

help. He was moved with compassion.

Infinite love and compassion is the

keynote of the gospel, the motive

for missionary work and all deeds

of helpfulness. Because they fainted,

we were distressed. We were

scattered abroad. Not dispersed,

but prostrated by disease, by wear-

iness, by sin, by hunger of soul. As

sheep having no shepherd. Those

who should have been their shep-

herds, were no true shepherds, but

hirelings, who ate the sheep they

should feed.

THE DEMAND FOR MORE LABORERS

—Vs. 37, 38. Then saith he

unto his disciples. To all who ac-

cepted him as well as to the twelve.

The harvest truly is plenteous. The

seed had been sown during the

past ages. It had been sown by

the word of God, and now especially

by Jesus himself. The people

were prepared so that it was possible

for them to be gathered into the

kingdom. The fields were "white

already to harvest." But the labor-

ers. Those who were willing and

qualified to gather this harvest.

Are few, compared with the great-

ness of the work. It was apparently

for this reason that Jesus, after the

twelve had known him for a

year or two, had been instructed

by him, and had seen his works,

began a new method, that of setting

his disciples to work for themselves.

Pray ye therefore. It is instruc-

tive to note that the laborers them-

selves, and those who ought to be

laborers, were the ones instructed

to pray for more laborers. (1) They

felt the need and would,

therefore, pray with heart and soul.

(2) The prayer was an inspiration

to enter more heartily into the

work themselves. (3) No one has

greater need of praying than those

who would gather in his harvest.

That he will send forth. The word

is stronger; thrust out, force them

Jesus' heart. These first four called were fishermen. Bartholomew is an outcast of the Nazarene of John 1: 45. James is the modernized form of Jacob. Lebbeus is the same as Thaddeus, and as Judas (Jude) the son of James in Luke 6: 16. Simon the Canaanite means not "of Canaan," but "Zealot," a party of fanatic nationalists among the Jews, leaders of the national revolt against foreign yoke. Judas Iscariot is the man of Kerioth, a town of Judah. He was the only one of the disciples who was not a Galilean.

THEIR QUALIFICATIONS.—These twelve common men, fishermen, a publican, a Zealot, are a very interesting and helpful study.

Their Endowment with Power. He gave them power. The word signifies both "power" and "authority" or "right." He both qualified and authorized them. This endowment was vastly increased on the day of Pentecost.

Their Great Variety of Character. Jesus chose twelve disciples, that every man, in all time, might find himself represented among the apostles. The doubter finds himself in Thomas; the fire-eater, hot-headed, quick-tempered man finds himself in John, the son of thunder; the opinionated, impulsive man in Peter; the hard-headed, practical man, desiring the first place in the kingdom, in James, etc. We see all there. And to all of us can come like fitness, worthy of apostleship. All kinds of men can become Christians; all kinds can serve the Lord in the same good way. This great variety in Christians enables Christianity to meet the vast variety of men in the world. But all were one in heart, in the love of Jesus, in building up the kingdom of heaven.

Their Grouping. One of the ways Jesus takes to overcome their imperfection in doing a work which called for perfection in the workers was in his grouping of the apostles.

Peter, the bold, impetuous man, is joined with Andrew, the cautious, careful, full of the sense of difficulty. James and John differed in age. John must have been very young, for he outlived Jesus nearly seventy years. So the Master paired old and young.

Philip, the slow-witted, was paired with Nathanael Bartholomew, the quick-witted. Thomas, the doubting, skeptical intellect, was joined with Matthew, one of the heroes of faith.

James, the most practical of men, was united with Jude, the man of doctrine.

Simon, a man of zeal, enthusiasm, independence, and patriotism, was with Judas Iscariot, the business economist. So the Master made one whole man out of two half men. And so his church should go forth, two by two, each with the one most unlike himself, and therefore best able to help him.

THEIR METHODS OF WORK.—Vs. 58. Go not into the way of the Gentiles. Do not take any road that leads to the surrounding nations. City of the Samaritans. Though nearer the Gentiles. The time had not come for this more distant work; it would come later. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. These belonged to the flock of God, but had wandered far away. This limitation was only temporary. The soil of the Jewish nation had been prepared for the good seed for generations, and here it would be easiest to get it rooted and growing. They were not yet prepared to understand the universality of the gospel. They were best acquainted with these people. Begin at home and then reach out into the wide world. They were to preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. The King had come. He brought pardon and peace and salvation from sin. Everything good was waiting for them. Therefore repent and believe. Heal the sick. (See on Lesson IX, First Quarter.) Only by visible help for the body that costs us something is it possible to prove that our efforts for men's souls are sincere. Sickness and demon possession were fruits of sin. Jesus came to undo the works of the devil. By healing sick bodies he proved his power and willingness to heal sick souls. Freely ye have received. Jesus had charged nothing for what he had done. He gave his life freely, he brought salvation to the disciples freely. Freely give. Be like your Master, filled with the spirit of love.

INSTRUCTIONS.—The rest of the chapter contains instructions as to their work. They were to go on their journey with no more preparation, and no less, than about their ordinary business at home. It was the best way to reach the people. The religion of Jesus was for daily life. There was no show, no self-seeking, no expense. They were to go two by two (Mark 6: 7). They were warned of dangers and told how to act. They were encouraged by pro-

phets of God's care and future rewards.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS 1. There is the same need for workers now as then.

2. We should look at the spiritual harvest field as Christ and the disciples did, feeling the greatness of the evil, but looking at it in the light of the heavenly remedy and help.

3. We are trained by this work for greater work here and hereafter.

4. We are to follow the principles laid down by Christ for the twelve.

A Plain Case of Cause and Effect.

A humorous writer says, Bring up a child in the way he should go, but first go that way a few times yourself. The Epworth Herald shows how a gentleman was convinced of the wisdom of this remark. It was at a patriotic State convention in Indiana, when the music was furnished by a boys' band from one of the State benevolent institutions; though several of the little fellows were not over seven or eight years of age, the quality of their music was really excellent. The Herald says: The organization was under the leadership and guardian care of a gentleman whose especial duty upon such an occasion as this, when the boys were removed from the restraint of the institution, was to see that they were kept within legitimate bounds. There are certain restrictions placed upon the youth admitted in the State home, one of which is that the use of tobacco in any form is prohibited. A certain citizen of the convention city, wishing to show his appreciation of the leader and his juvenile company, invited them around to the leading restaurant to partake of cream and cake. While the little fellows were enjoying the refreshment, the following took place between the host and the leader: Will you not smoke, Mr. B? asked the citizen. No, I thank you, returned the leader. You do not know, though, how I crave a smoke. But, you see I do not dare let the boys see me indulge; they are prohibited from using tobacco, and my example would demoralize them. Then I shall not insist, returned the citizen.

Is there not a private room where we could retire for a friendly cigar? asked the leader. I dare, I would enjoy just one cigar hugely! The two stepped back into the inner parlor, and there, away from the boys, the guardian indulged his desire in a social way. The following evening, as this same citizen was entering a hotel, he noticed groups of these same band-boys seated on the sidewalk and in the corridor. He was astonished, as his eyes went from one group to another, to observe that every boy was puffing away at a cigarette. Approaching one group, he asked, Boys, are you not afraid that your leader will see you? Oh, we have our eyes on him; we know just where he is, came back with a laugh.

But do you not know that it is against the rule to smoke? I guess we're no worse than Mr. B, answered the largest boy in the group. We've seen him smoking when he thought we didn't, piped the smallest, and they all laughed. And a third one said, If he can smoke, I guess we can. The citizen could not consistently say anything more, but he was convinced that the only safe way to make a boy go the right road is to go that way ourselves.—Temperance Banner.

Speak Like You Do When You Laugh

A baby of three years, says a recent writer, once preached me a sermon, and I pass it on for the benefit of other downcast and despondent ones who need to learn to rejoice evermore. How is the baby? I asked drearily, standing at the foot of the staircase leading up to a chamber where the little one lay ill. I was tired, unhelpful; my mood came out in my tone. Speak like you do when you laugh, called the weak little voice upstairs; and if ever I felt rebuked by an angel, that was the moment. It has come up to me a hundred times since. I hope I am the brighter and cheerier for it.

Speak like you do when you laugh. That means sparkle and gladness and good will. Those fretful lines at the mouth corners don't come from laughing. The weary ones around the eyes have another origin. But the plainest, outward sign of despondency is that in the tone. The sick feel it; that is why visitors are forbidden. Little children are infallible weather prophets; they will not take to you. And you and I—just common working men and women, neither sick nor young nor old, but busy and often tired—we love—yes, that is the word—we love the bright, loving, laughing, happy voice. Speak like you do when you laugh.

Most people would succeed in small things if they were not troubled with great ambition.—Longfellow. The three things most difficult are to keep a secret, to forget an injury, and to make good use of one's leisure.

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If it had not been for Miss Williams' singing they would not have been observed, and very likely would have drifted on to death, as so many other victims of the wreck did.—Young People's Paper.

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