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BIBLE LESSONS.

Second Quarter.

STUDIES IN LUKES GOSPEL.

Lesson XIII. June 29.

REVIEW AND MISSIONS.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Hunger and thirst are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."—Matt. 5: 6.

SUBJECT.—THE PRINCIPLES OF THE NEW KINGDOM TAUGHT AND LIVED.

I. GREAT TRUTHS. Love, Lessons I, III, Jesus the Resurrection and the Life, Lesson II, V; Forgiveness of sins, Lesson III; The love of God, Lesson III; Sowing and reaping, Lesson IV; Jesus the Bread of Life, Lesson VI; The glory of Christ, Lesson VII; Eternal life, Lesson IX; Prayer, Lesson X; Treasures in heaven, Lesson XI, XII.

II. GREAT DUTIES. The Golden Rule, Lesson I; The right use of God's Word, Lesson I, V; Faith in God, Lesson V, XI, XIII; Helping others, Lesson IX; Missionary work, Lesson VIII; Prayer, Lesson X; Devoting all to God, Lesson XI, XII.

III. GREAT VICTORIES. Victory over disease, Lesson III, V; Victory over death, Lesson III, V; Victory over want, Lesson VI; Victory over the body, Lesson VII; Victory over covetousness, Lesson XI; Victory over unbelief, Lesson XII.

INSPIRATION TO MISSIONS. From the Golden Rule, Lesson I; From true love to our suffering neighbors, Lesson IX; From the example of the disciples, Lesson VIII; From riches toward God and treasures in heaven, Lesson XI, XII; From the certainty of success, Lesson X, XII.

ILLUSTRATION. "Has Canon Taylor heard Mr. Calvert and Mr. Webb tell the story of Pagan missions? How heathenism has been so swept away that the visitor cannot believe that those people, polite as Parisians and honest as Norwegians, were wild cannibals a generation ago? How, out of less than 12,000 Fijians, over 100,000 are attendants on Christian worship? How, where fifty years ago there was not one Christian, there is to-day not one avowed heathen? How there are over 1,300 places of Christian worship, and not one cannibal oven or heathen temple? And yet Christian missions are 'a great failure'! Is it not rather the Canon himself?"

Twenty years ago Englishmen who had travelled around the world insisted to me that the native Australians were absolutely beyond reason, and must first be educated up to it in some way, before they could understand the simplest truths. To-day this opinion is refuted by the Moravian missions in Gippiland. To-day the Portuguese can no longer maintain that the Hottentots are a race of apes, incapable of Christianization. You can no longer find written over church doors in Cape Colony, "Dogs and Hottentots not admitted," as at the time when Dr. Van Der Kemp fought there for the rights of the down-trodden natives. To-day no one would be found to agree with the French governor of the island of Bourbon, who called out to the first missionary to Madagascar, "So you will make the Malagasy Christians? Impossible! they are more brute, and have no more sense than irrational cattle," since there are hundreds of evangelical congregations established there, which have now, counting those only of the London Mission, 386 ordained native pastors, 156 native evangelists, and 3,468 lay preachers and Bible readers.—Christies (1878).

Lide Parker's Influence. KATE S. GATES.

"I don't believe that I have any," said Lide, with a positive toss of her head. "I should like to have you tell me, Aunt Margaret, who you think would pay the least attention to anything I said or did." "You may laugh if you will, dear," said Aunt Margaret, gently; "but the fact remains the same, consciously or unconsciously you are constantly exerting either an uplifting, helpful influence, or just the opposite on all with whom you come in contact. Think of it, Lide, earnestly and prayerfully, for it is no light matter to lead any one even the least astray. Pray with all your heart that the whole influence of your life may be helpful and strengthening." Lide could not but be touched by her aunt's earnestness; but still she was hardly convinced. "It does not seem possible," she said to herself, as she went up-stairs, "that what I say or do makes any difference with any one. Of course, if I had a class in Sunday-school, I should hope to influence them by what I said; but I haven't; I only just go to school and have lots of good times. When I am as old as auntie, I can talk to folks and do good as she does; but I don't believe I could now if I tried."

Half an hour after Lide was in the library studying; the twins, Margie and Nellie, were in the sitting-room. Lide could hear their voices plainly, though for some time she paid no heed to them.

Just as she was going, however, something attracted her attention. "It's dreadful to think Amy's dead, isn't it?" she heard Nellie say in an awe-stricken tone. "I wonder if she was a Christian no she wasn't afraid."

"Maybe being a Christian keeps one from being afraid then; but I don't think it amounts to much before," answered Margie.

"Why, Margie Parker!" exclaimed Nellie.

"Well, I don't," persisted Margie; "there's Lide, I don't see as she is much of any different; when she feels cross she is cross, just as she used to be; and if she don't feel like doing what you want her to do."

"But," said Nellie, "there's mamma and Aunt Margaret."

"Oh, well, they're good anyway; I know, but they weren't Christians, I know; but Lide's most the same she ever was. I don't believe I shall fuss to her."

Lide put up her books, and stole softly upstairs to her own room.

"Oh, dear!" she fairly sobbed, as she closed her door; "why, I hadn't the least idea those midgets were watching me and knew so much, and to think that I've been in the house for three weeks that all the time! Oh, dear, dear, it is dreadful; what shall I do if I can't undo it? I don't believe it has made much real difference with me either; as Margie says when I've felt cross I've been so; but I'll be in real earnest now, if God will help me."

Lide's face was tear-stained and subdued when she appeared half an hour later; but, notwithstanding, there was a new expression of peace upon it.

The day held one more painful lesson for her though. Lou Warner and Aggie Pratt joined her on her way to school.

"Oh, by the way, girls," said Aggie, in the course of conversation, "have either of you seen Alice Grey since she joined the church? You've no idea what a little fanatic she is; she won't dance, nor play cards, nor read novels Sunday, nor do lots of things. It's well enough to be a Christian. I mean to be one myself sometime; but I shall pattern after you, Lide; you are sensible and comfortable about it."

Lide's face crimsoned, and her eyes filled with tears; for a moment she could not speak.

"No, I am not," she said as quickly as she could, "and you know it, Aggie, in your heart you don't believe in any such Christian as I have been; but I mean to be different now. I think—I can't help thinking that there was a little change in me; but I wasn't in real earnest. I am now though, and do let what I have now influence you; will you?"

It was Aggie's turn to be embarrassed. "Oh, dear me," she said, trying to laugh; "I hadn't any idea of stirring you up in this fashion, Lide; but then, if I must tell the truth, I do like you better for it. What has been so real about you really being what they pretend to be, you know. Good luck to you, and she hurried off, lest the conversation should get more personal.

Lide had a long talk with Aunt Margaret that day.

"Oh, Auntie, you were right; but truly I had no idea that I was influencing people like that. What shall I do?"

"Just seek with all your might to be Christ-like in every least little bit of thing you do or even think, and then you'll be able to help others. Ask God every day and hour of your life to help you grow into a sweet, sunny, unselfish woman. I have read somewhere that they do most for others whose work lies most within themselves. There is certainly something in the power of earnest, unselfish life. Study Christ's life and try to make yours like it."

"I will," said Lide earnestly.—National Baptist.

Married Lovers.

It was a little country railroad station; a white-haired old man, and a woman, almost as old, drove up to the door in an antiquated buggy, to which was attached a horse lagging past its youth.

Shabbily as was the old man's turnout and garments, and simple-minded as he seemed, his bearing toward his aged wife was courtliness itself.

"Don't try to get out of the buggy until I hitch old Ned and help ye," he said as he alighted; "I ain't scarce, but you'll get along all right. Aaron'll meet you sure when you get there, an' don't fail to have him drop me a card right off, lettin' me know you're all right."

Just before the train arrived he came over to where Lide was sitting and asked her where it was bound for.

"For M—," he replied.

"Well, don't say," he said gleefully. "Ye don't say, then ye wouldn't mind lookin' after my wife a little. She's goin' to M—, too; called there sudden by the sickness of our daughter Harriet. She ain't never travelled alone none, and I feel real guilty lettin' her start alone now, but it ain't so we can both go. I know it ain't but forty mile, but I'll feel easier to know that some one'll tell her when she gets there, an' I'll be over of the train, maybe. She can't see so very well, and her hearin' ain't none too good."

I gladly agreed to give the old lady all necessary assistance, and the old gentleman was profuse in his thanks. I had taken "quite a load off his mind," he declared.

He kissed his wife good-by two or three times when the train came in, and stood on the station platform waving his red handkerchief as it moved away, while the old lady's handkerchief fluttered from her window in loving response until the station was quite out of sight.

Protection for Africa.

It is well known that the enterprise of the missionary in penetrating into the dark places of the earth with the blessed gospel of salvation is equalled, if not surpassed, by the enterprise of human greed, and that run and other intoxicating liquors are working dire evil in Africa.

It is from Christian lands that this monstrous traffic has come, from America and England and Belgium and Germany and France that intoxicants are carried to debase these people and plunge them into even deeper miseries than heathenism and ignorance had already brought them to.

The evil resulting from this infamous traffic has long been notorious, and it is none too soon that the various women's missionary boards have been moved to take it up. Not long ago a deputation from these boards representing the leading denominations went to Washington and waited upon the president and others, with the view of securing the aid of the nation in the protection of these helpless ignorant people against those

who are thus ruthlessly doing them wrong. This was not, indeed, the first time that these women have moved in the matter, and the fact that on a previous occasion their efforts solicited no response from those in authority, did not suffice to deter them from making a second attempt.

What will be the immediate result of this effort it is too soon to predict. It is cheering to learn that Secretary Blaine manifested interest in the matter and undertook to consider what could be done, and that Senators Morgan, of Alabama, and Colquhoun of Georgia, as well as other influential men of both houses, took up the subject with heartiness. Whether or not this seal continues warm, and any real departure is to be dated from this time, one thing is certain; the Christian church, having once opened its eyes to the enormity of this great wrong, cannot—dare not—accept rebuffs, nor let the matter rest until some way has been found to right the wrong. Africa must not be left a prey to the spoiler, and this work, we feel assured, will go on until that great and beautiful continent, opened under the providence of God by the toils and the prayers and blood of His devoted servants, will be rescued from this terrible curse.—American Messenger.

If a man should come into the studio of a great artist, and abduct designedly break in pieces his most excellent work, which cost him years of study in the design, and months of labor in the execution, how would he bear such wanton injuries? How would his spirit be aroused, and how would you expect the Lord to bear with sinners who have ruined His glorious work in themselves, and are polluting the world which He has made so fair and beautiful? Yet still His long-suffering is exceeding great towards them. What then can we do that exclaim, Oh, omnipotent patience! Oh, omnipotent patience! Oh, infinite forbearance of the God of love!—Spurgeon.

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