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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.—April 30.

(For Questions See Quarterly and Lesson Papers.)

### THE TRADITIONS OF MEN.

DAILY READINGS.

M. The traditions of men. Mark 7: 1-23.

W. The traditions of men. Matt. 23: 1-5.

Th. The traditions of men. Luke 11: 37-52.

Fr. The traditions of men. John 4: 13-26.

S. The traditions of men. Gen. 1: 1-5.

Golden Text.—"In vain do they worship, teaching for doctrines, the commandments of men."—Mark 7: 7.

### MARK 7: 1-23.

(Revised Version.)

7 And there are gathered together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, and

8 which had come from Jerusalem, and said

9 unto him, Why do thy disciples transgress the

10 tradition of the elders, when they wash not their hands before they eat of any thing?

11 And he answered them, saying, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God, that ye may keep your tradition?

12 For ye say, that if a man shall say unto his father or his mother, *Whatsoever I desire, that will I do*;

13 because of this commandment of God, that ye say, *Whatsoever I desire, that will I do*;

14 ye have made void the word of God, that ye may keep your tradition.

15 And he said unto them, How can ye say, that ye do not transgress the commandment of God, that ye may keep your tradition?

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## SISTER BROWN'S MISTAKE.

BY ELD. D. M. CARBRIGHT.

It was half past one o'clock Sabbath afternoon when brother Jacob Brown and family

got home from meeting. Stephen, a lad of

fourteen, assisted his father to put out the team,

while sister Brown and the girls made ready

the dinner.

"I am half starved," said Jane, in a scolding

tone, as she hung her bonnet and shawl in the

wardrobe, "the meeting was so long. It seemed

to me it would never close."

"Brother William is no more fit for an elder

than our little Tommy is," replied sister Brown,

with some impetuosity in her tone and manner.

"I told your father to before they put him in,

and I voted against him. He is so slow and

stupid in his talk. He will drag out a meet-

ing till everybody is tired out."

"Well, brother-in-law, if you've all done—

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## "I CAN PREACH AS WELL AS HE CAN."

Stephen.

"I think he is rightly named Green," put in

Rose. "I don't care whether he comes or not

I shan't put myself out much to hear him."

On the next Friday Elder Green came. He

was a young man of fair ability, good judgment,

and earnest piety, though possessing but little

education. That he might work understand-

ingly, he inquired of brother Brown, who was

a deacon of the church, and his host, "What is

the condition of things here? How large is

the church here now? Are they all doing

well?"

"There are not very many of us, only thirty

members," answered brother Brown, "but we

have a few trials. One of the whole, I think

our church is about as good as they will aver-

age."

"I pity the rest of the churches, then, if they

are all like this one," said Jane, who glanced

at the speaker with a look of scorn.

"I think you ought not to do so," said

Elder Green, as he lay down to rest. "What is

the matter with you? Some things will be

different here before anything can be done.

There is brother Jones and sister Smith, they

will hardly speak to each other; yet they both

live in the meetings. I can have no con-

fidence that they are Christians, they are

that way. And there is brother Lawrence, he

never pays his debts. He has owed Mr. Sturges

ten dollars for a year. I don't want my children

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