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INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Fourth Quarter-Lesson XI.—Dec. 16.

THE TWELVE SENT FORTH. —Matt. 10 : 5-16.

GOLDEN TEXT.—*As ye go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*—Matt. 10 : 7.

THE WORKERS.—V. 5. *These twelve*, whom he had chosen for special training. For an account of them see lesson VI. *Sent forth*, two by two, making six delegations, each going in its own direction. For the first time the Apostles are sent out alone to their work. Two reasons appear to have led to this commission of the twelve: first, the growing eagerness of the people to hear the news of the kingdom could not be satisfied by one preacher; second, the growing opposition of the Pharisees made apparent the necessity of training men to preach Christ's gospel. They were sent two by two: Because each would supplement the work of the other; and where one failed the other would be ready with the right word. They would aid and encourage one another keep up each other's courage in time of difficulty.

THEIR POWER AND AUTHORITY. It is said that Jesus gave them "power and authority" to do the work required. In other words he both qualified and authorized them.

THE WORK.—Vs. 5-8. *Go not into the way of the Gentiles.* The time had not come for establishing missions to the Gentiles. A base of operations required to be secured among the Jews. *And into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not.* They could pass through Samaria to Judea, but were not to stop and preach. Two reasons are apparent: first, because,, if they had begun by preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles, they would have intensified the Jewish prejudices against it, and so closed the door to the Jewish hearts; second, because they did not themselves understand the universality of the gospel till long after; and if they had attempted to preach it to the Gentiles, they would have become preachers of the Jewish law, and made at best only converts to a reformed Judaism. A third reason is, that the Jewish nation were the soil, prepared for many generations by God's training, for the good seed of the gospel. Here it could take root, and thence be spread abroad through all the world. The Jews were the shortest way to the heathen. *To the lost sheep of the house of Israel.* They were lost, helpless, in danger, but they were sheep. *Preach saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.* The king had come; he had brought with him the laws and principles of the kingdom. The kingdom really came at the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ and the day of Pentecost. The immediate effect of this mission was to extend the fame of Jesus. *Heal the sick*, etc. They were to do as Christ had done, attract men to its spiritual blessedness by means of its temporal effects. *Freely ye have received, freely give.* As you have received your commission and power freely, exercise it gratuitously for the good of others. To take money for their miracles would ruin their work among the people.

INSTRUCTIONS.—Vs. 9-16. *Provide neither gold, nor silver nor copper.* He would relieve them from worldly anxiety, and teach them to devote themselves wholly to the preaching of the word. *Scrip.* A small bag. It was of the traveler's equipage. The scrip of the Galilean peasants was of leather, used especially to carry their food on a journey, and slung over the shoulder. *Neither two coats*, without change of garments. *Neither shoes*, no extra sandals. In substance, Jesus said, Make no preparations such as are ordinarily made on the eve of a journey; set out just as you are. God will provide for all your wants. The open hospitality of the East would be ample for their maintenance. *For the workman is worthy of his meat*, his daily sustenance. They were to let the people for whom they labored support them. They did not receive this support as beggars, because they really earned it. *Into whatever city . . . . inquire who in it is worthy*, i. e., a man of piety and hospitality. They must not lodge with those whose character would bring scandal on their profession. They should find some religious person, waiting for the coming of the kingdom, who would be glad to care for them. *And there abide.* Do not be changing your quarters in search of greater convenience or comfort. You will not be long in a place; do not waste your working time in trying to accomodate yourselves. *Salute it.* Saying, "Peace be unto you," the usual salutation at this day. *And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it.* Their very presence would be a benediction and blessing to all who were of open heart. *But if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.* That is, it will be as if the words had not been spoken. No such peace can come to such a home. The Apostles not dwelling in the family, the blessing of their presence could not be received by them. *And whosoever shall not receive you.* This denunciation was for towns where both message and messengers should be rejected. *Shake off the dust of your feet.* A symbolic act, expressing that they renounced all responsibility for them, for a testimony not against them, but unto them for their good. *It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom*, etc. Because those wicked cities sinned against much less light. Those who rejected Christ went on in sin against the full light, the truths brought by the Son of God. When we read of the destruction of Jerusalem forty years later, with its unutterable horrors and great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, nor ever shall be, we understand the meaning of this warning to the Jewish towns. And it is but a visible type of what will befall individuals. *In the day of judgment*, whenever that judgment should come. That day came to Jerusalem about forty years after this warning. To all sinners it will come on that last great day. *Behold, I send you . . . . as sheep*, harmless and defenceless, *in the midst of wolves*, who well illustrate the feelings and the power of the leaders, both Jewish and Roman. *Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.* Prudence and harmlessness are the defence of the weak.

PRACTICAL HINTS.

Christians are responsible for the evangelization of their own town and country. They are under obligation to have the gospel preached to the destitute in every portion of our land.

Those can do most, and are oftenest sent to this work, who have lived closest to Jesus.

The kingdom of heaven is at hand with its offers of salvation, forgiveness of sins, work to be done, heaven to be gained.

We must prove to men that we seek their spiritual good, by ministering to their temporal good.

We should give as freely to others as God has freely given to us, without money and without price.

Wherever we live we should be a blessing in the home.

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OUR MOTTO.—*If God be for us who can be against us.*

Schemes and a Thanksgiving.

BY ADA M. MELVILLE.

"We had better shake hands and go; it breaks my heart, but there's nothing else left."

"If I had money, I'd make an impression!"

The speakers were Mrs. Laddon, president of the local W. C. T. U., and Carol Osborne, the bright young secretary.

"You young folks talk and dream, but older heads know. We've hung on in the face of opposition but now it is time to quit."

It was "Aunt Milly" who spoke last, the only remaining member of the union aside from the officers named, and the discussion was in reference, not to a motion to adjourn but to disband.

The three shook hands and Mrs. Laddon went sadly away leaving the secretary to chat with Aunt Milly.

"If some of the rich people would patronize our W. C. T. U. as they do the milliner stores, my schemes alone—carried out—would set the town on fire;" this from Carol.

"Bless your brave heart! Perhaps the way will open before you some day. But we haven't money and we haven't members. We've sacrificed everything we can and failed; now we'll quit."

"Saloons won't quit! And men—good men—"

Carol's voice was tearful and Aunt Milly knew silence was better than words just then.

Among the "good men" was one who had been a friend of Carol's, and Mrs. Grundy had whispered about a possible tenderer relation.

This Aunt Milly—so called by all who knew her—was an unmarried woman possessed of means; i. e., a home where she lived with her domestic and a bank account sufficient to supply her simple needs.

Besides these, she owned a corner lot to the possession of which she clung with odd tenacity. Her brother wished to purchase and offered her her own price. But she had had a private difference with this same brother and her pride kept her lips from speaking the words of consent to sell. Her brother was mayor of the city and it was on the liquor question the difference had been.

After Aunt Milly had settled down in the quiet of her room that night, her own words recurred to her mind, — "We've sacrificed everything we can." They haunted her until in a quaint way peculiar to herself she said aloud, "Well, let's have it out then,—*we've sacrificed everything we can.* Haven't I, for one? I didn't go gadding this summer, I gave up coffee and I've worn my best silk so many years, even the mayor ought to disown me. As for—ah!"

The ejaculation was more of a shiver than an utterance. She sat silent then until the fire in the grate went out and every sound in the street died away. When at last she moved to retire, her face was a trifle pale, but there was a glaring light in her eyes.

Weeks passed. It lacked but a month of Thanksgiving.

"Temperance seems to be on top here," said a traveling man who was passing through Seabright.

"It will be if them temperance women go on. Lectures by big guns every week, Gospel meetings every night—they say the mayor goes to some!—and the coffee cart scheme. Beats me where the money comes from. There wa'n't but three members in the W. C. T. U. a bit ago; now they have a bank account and are running the town. It hasn't hurt my business none and they may go ahead for all me." (The speaker was a butcher.)

One week to Thanksgiving. A novel scene was being enacted in Seabright. Opposite each of the saloons in the city was a house on wheels, through whose open door came whiffs more fragrant than issued from the saloons. These wheeled houses were improved and enlarged lunch-wagons, each presided over by a young woman assisted by an "honorary". The legends on the wagons read thus: COFFEE, HOT, —THREE CENTS. TWO SANDWICHES GIVEN AWAY WITH EVERY DRINK.

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In one of these establishments Carol presided as inside waitress. Her "honorary" helper thought she seemed nervous in the watch she kept on the saloon door. One afternoon she startled him by a sudden exclamation.

"What's the matter, Miss Osborne?"

"That — that gentleman — stop him—don't let him get in!"

"That? Why, that's Torrence Jackson. Oh, Torr! Stop a minute will you?"

"What is it?" gruffly asked the other halting on the saloon step.

"Miss Osborne wants you."

"Miss Osborne wants me?"

Passers-by turned in surprise to see a young girl standing in the storm of snow and wind, pleading with the young man who stood shamefaced before her. But no one heard what passed, they only saw that the gentleman turned and went the way he had come.

Thanksgiving day. The largest hall in town was not large enough to hold the people that poured in. Flaming posters through the streets had announced, "Every saloon in Seabright closed up. Come and rejoice with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union."

The news was true. The three saloon keepers had closed out and temperance sentiment was too unanimous to make it safe for would-be successors. Enthusiasm in the called meeting of rejoicing waxed high and higher. The mayor sat among the speakers but the majority thought it was just a dumb show to placate his temperance sister. But he had a speech to make and it called forth such cheers as a Seabright audience had never before delivered themselves of. His closing words were:

"Office or no office—wealth or poverty—popularity or enmity—I shall never by voice or vote do otherwise than outlaw the salcon by every means at my command."

"Oh, Aunt Milly! Now I know where the money came from. You sold the mayor your lot! What a sacrifice!"

"Fudge; I though I'd sacrificed everything and I hadn't begun to. What did I need of that lot compared to souls needing salvation and the Lord needing my help and the money? Yes, the mayor offered me my own terms. I shut him up in my parlor one day and made them. They wer'nt just what he expected 'Cash down' he didn't mind, but I stipulated that he attend at least one gospel meeting a week and that no matter what the W. C. T. U. did he'd wink at it for a change, seeing he'd winked at saloons so long. I had a tussle with him but you heard what he said awhile ago!"

"Yes; and the best of all—no, not the best—but my best—you know what I mean—this Thanksgiving—"

"Sure, child. Torrence will make a good man and you were brave But see here—has it never occurred to you that our little secretary started all this? Don't you remember what you said? 'My schemes would set the town afire!' My money only carried out your schemes. It's your Thanksgiving."—*Union Signal.*

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