

The Sabbath School.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

First Quarter, Lesson 12, Mar. 25, 1900.

REVIEW.

GOLDEN TEXT.—The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister.—Mark 10: 45.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST.

One of the most important things in our study for this year is to gain a distinct and vivid idea of the life of Christ as a whole and to keep it in mind while we are engaged upon the details as furnished with each lesson.

GEOGRAPHICAL REVIEW.

It is always helpful to travel with Jesus over Palestine by means of a map, large or small. Follow his movements from the beginning. Stop at each place and call from the scholars the events and the teachings connected with it. Pins with heads of different colored sealing wax or with small flags may represent the different persons, Jesus being the most prominent. The disciples may start from their different homes. John the Baptist, the Pharisees, and others may be represented. The scholars in turn can move them in their proper places at the proper times.

WORD PICTURE REVIEW.

A very interesting review can be made by means of word pictures or vivid descriptions of the various scenes in the lessons of the quarter, and the scholars can decide what lesson is referred to. Different persons may draw the picture, or scholars may be requested to write out the description and read it to the school. Most of the lessons of this quarter are particularly adapted to this method of review. Each is a distinct picture.

ANCESTRY. On one side God himself. On the other every phase of character, every human tendency represented in his genealogy.

PREPARATIONS FOR HIS COMING.

1. Universal peace.
2. One empire.
3. One language generally known.
4. The Jews with the Scriptures in all lands.
5. A general awakening and unrest.

CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH.

1. Home training.
2. Bible study.
3. Schooling.
4. Different languages.
5. Travel to Jerusalem.
6. Great religious meetings.
7. Village life.
8. Work at a trade.
9. Knowledge of his country's history and hopes.
10. A perfect and beautiful character.

PREPARATION FOR HIS MINISTRY.

1. John the Baptist.
2. Baptism.
3. The Holy Spirit.
4. The voice from God.
5. Temptation.

JOHN'S MINISTRY OF PREPARATION began six months before Jesus began to preach, continued through the first year and three months into the second year.

FIRST YEAR.—YEAR OF BEGINNINGS.

1. First miracles.
2. First miracle.
3. First reform.
4. First discourse.
5. First tour.
6. First Samaritan disciple.
7. First work of Galilean ministry.

SECOND YEAR.—YEAR OF PRINCIPLES.

The year in which Jesus laid down and worked out many of the fundamental principles and truths of his kingdom.

1. The water of life.
2. Organization. Choosing apostles.
3. Sermon on the Mount.
4. Miracles proving his authority and illustrating his work.
5. Forgiveness of sins.
6. Seeking the lost.
7. Life from the dead.
8. The light of the world.
9. Warnings and invitations.
10. Parables.
11. Training of the twelve.
12. The bread of life.

A. Imprisonment of John the Baptist, March.

THIRD YEAR.—YEAR OF DEVELOPMENT.

1. Rejection at Nazareth.
2. The twelve sent forth. Training.
3. Feeding of the five thousand.
4. Discourses.
5. Miracles.
6. The transfiguration.
7. The children.

B. The death of John the Baptist in March.

Opposition began early in the first year and increased gradually till the crucifixion.

Reminiscences.

TRIP TO NEW BRUNSWICK AND OTHER PLACES BY MRS. H. M. KELLY.

Since returning to Whitewater, I have thought perhaps a brief sketch of our journey may not be out of place. Leaving Machias, Maine, January 19, we set out for the province of New Brunswick. After a few hours' ride, arrived at Tracy Station, and were soon at the pleasant home of my sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Tracy. The remainder of January was spent at Tracy and Fredericton Junction, the home of my childhood. The passing years have brought changes in every place, and many dear to us have passed away. One sunny afternoon we stood beside the last resting place of loved ones, who have finished their earthly pilgrimage, and many boy and girl memories cluster round this sacred spot. We note that two churches have been erected on the homestead so dear to me. But the old familiar sawmills, built by my grandfather, father and uncle have disappeared. There is, however, on the opposite side a little farther up a fine steam saw and planing mill, where a thriving business is carried on. Good school privileges have been provided here from an early time. Some years ago what is known as a Superior school was established and many students were fitted to enter the university. New Brunswick has a fine system of education, and no person is allowed to teach more than six months without a teaching diploma from the normal school or the university which has a normal department.

February 1, my sister and I spent the day in Fredericton, the capital of New Brunswick. The parliament building is a handsome structure built of freestone with granite base and cost \$200,000. The assembly chamber is spacious and tastefully designed, which bears upon its walls painting in oil of more than passing interest. That of Queen Charlotte is esteemed of special value. It is from the brush of Sir Joshua Reynolds and exemplifies all the subtle art of England's foremost portrait painter. The legislative library contains volumes extremely rare. One of the original set of A. Dubois's Book of Bards is there and is valued at fifteen thousand dollars. Among the churches of Fredericton are some fine stone edifices, the cathedral being especially grand. The cathedral is an exact copy of the church at Southham England. Its chime of eight bells is exceptionally fine. On the second inst. we had the pleasure of meeting my eldest brother, his wife and daughter at their home in Blissville. March 11 we started out for the village of Oromocto, which is situated on the west side of the St. John river, and ten miles below Fredericton. Our visit here was a pleasant one. After which we were favored with a delightful ride on the glistering ice for a distance of nearly twelve miles to Upper Georgetown. After spending several days with friends here, we took a short ride to Sheffield, which is a farming district on the east side. We also visited relatives at Mauderville ten miles farther up the river. As is generally known, the St. John overflows when the ice melts, leaving a sediment on the land, which enriches it very much. April 1, we returned to Fredericton Junction, a few minutes' walk bringing us to the fine home of my mother's sister and her husband. May Day I went with my nephew's three little girls to gather trailing arbutus. This is a pleasure I had promised myself, and the fragrant little blossoms seemed almost to bridge over the past years. On the way we passed the place where the school house formerly stood, in which I taught my first term of school.

On the 23rd we went to St. John, the metropolis of N. B. Its harbor is open all the year round, and it is the centre of an extensive commerce. The great natural wonder of St. John is the cataract or reversible falls. The vast volume of water of the river empties into the harbor through a narrow gorge. Twice a day there is said to be a giant battle between the mass of river water and the overwhelming Bay of Fundy tide. When the river wins it falls with deafening roar upon the tide-water, when the tides win the fall is reversed, and the tide water rushes leagues and leagues up the river. The gorge is spanned by a cantilever railway bridge and a suspension passenger bridge, from which a good view is obtained of the rapids and eddies and the seething mass of falling water. Soon after our arrival we took dinner at the W. C. T. U. rooms, established sixteen years ago. After spending a few hours in this part of the city, we crossed on the steam ferry to Carleton, or West St. John, where our relatives reside. This ferry seemed quite a novelty to us; double horse teams as well as single carriages came on board from the floating bridge, the bridge rising and falling with the tide which at this point

reaches from twenty-one to twenty-seven feet.

The next day, May 24, was a public holiday, it being the Queen's birthday. Business was suspended and instead of street parades, the people took the day for an outing. A very pleasant party joined our friends at their club house at Spruce Lake, about eight miles distant. The drive is delightful. Far away in the dim distance forty-five miles across the bay may be seen the shore of Nova Scotia, and the rift in the rock, we are told is the harbor known as Digby. From St. John we spent a few days very pleasantly at Wolford, twenty-two miles distant. Returning to Fredericton Junction in June, we visited the old homestead which brought memories of joy commingled with sorrow. But we pass on, and bidding friends good bye were soon at the home of my sister at Tracy Station, where July 12 we had the pleasure of attending the wedding of my sister's youngest daughter. Soon after we started for Hillandale 140 miles distant, calling on friends and relatives at Harvey, Farmerston, Jacksonville, Woodstock and Hartland, arriving on the 25th inst. at the home of my sister and her husband, Rev. and Mrs. John Hartt. From here we made several excursions into the surrounding country. On one of these occasions we rode to Fort Fairfield, a distance of twelve miles. This is a thriving city in the state of Maine, near the dividing line which Webster and Ashburton drew so amicably. Portions of the old fort occupied by Gen. Fairfield are still standing. The next day we went to Clearview, where we enjoyed a very pleasant visit at the home of my niece, which is in a fine agricultural region. During our stay a ride across the country gave us a good idea of Carleton county, which is sometimes called the garden of New Brunswick. After our return to Hillandale a pleasant drive of twenty-eight miles brought us to Grand Falls, where the river St. John plunges over a precipice of sixty-five feet in the midst of impressive scenery.

After spending a few more days with my sister and family we made them a reluctant good bye, realizing that nearly eight months had been spent in my native land, and that it had been a season long to be remembered with much pleasure and satisfaction. Accompanied by my niece, Mrs. T. B. Roberts, we arrived at Machias, Maine, September 15, remaining with friends there until the 20th inst., and after visiting at Westbrook we arrived in Boston on the 23rd inst., spending ten days very pleasantly there and in Lynn. The Congregational International council being in session we were pleased to attend some of these interesting meetings. Leaving Boston October 5 we arrived at Whitewater on the 13th inst. having spent a few days in New York, Philadelphia and Washington on our way homeward.

An Egyptian Boy's Copybook

The boys and girls who think that arithmetic is a recent invention devised to punish children in this day are mistaken. Arithmetic is an old study. The Philadelphia Record tells about a remarkable discovery in Egypt.

Probably the oldest copybook for home lessons in arithmetic was recently unearthed in Egypt. The papyrus, which was found in excellent condition, dates from the period about 1700 B. C.—that is about one hundred years before Moses, or almost 3,600 years ago. It proves that the Egyptians had a thorough knowledge of elementary mathematics almost to the extent of our own. The papyrus has a long heading: Direction how to attain the knowledge of all dark things, etc. Numerous examples show that their principal operations with entire units and fractions were made by means of addition and multiplication. Subtractions and divisions were not known in their present form, but correct results were obtained nevertheless. Equations are also found in the papyrus. Among the examples given is this one: Ten measures of barley are to be divided among ten persons in such a manner that each subsequent person receives one eighth of a measure less than the one before him. Another example given is: There are seven men, each one has seven cats, each cat has eaten seven mice, each mouse has eaten seven grains of barley. Each grain of barley would, if cultivated, have yielded seven measures of barley. How much barley has been lost in that way?

The papyrus also contains calculations of area, the calculation of the area of a circle, and its transformation into a square and finally calculations of the cubic measurements of pyramids.

Rules by Which to Rise.

Find your purpose and fling your life out to it. Try to be somebody with all your might.

What is put into the first of life is put into the whole of it. Start right.

The first thing you do, if you have not done it, is to fall in love with your work.

Don't brood over the past nor dream of the future; but seize the instant and get your lesson from the hour.

Necessity is the priceless spur. Give a youth resolution and the alphabet, and who shall place limits to his career?

Don't wait for extraordinary opportunities; seize common occasions and make them great.

A great opportunity will only make you ridiculous unless you are prepared for it.

The lucky man is the man who sees and grasps his opportunity.

The world always listens to a man with a will in him.

The man with an idea has ever changed the face of the world.

Find a way or make one. Everything is either pushed or pushed.

There is nothing small in a world where a mud creek swells to an Amazon, and the stealing of a penny may end on the scaffold.—Success.

A Pious Rogue.

Have you aught more of which your conscience should be purged? Ask of the venerable Father Anselm, addressing a kneeling sinner at the confessional.

Ye, holy father, replied the penitent. I have committed the foul sin of theft. I have stolen this watch; will you accept it?

I exclaimed the pious priest: I receive the fruit of thy villany! How darest thou tempt me to the commission of so abominable crime? Go; instantly return the watch to its owner.

I have already offered it to him, replied the culprit, and he refused to receive it again; therefore, holy father, I beseech you to take it. Please, wretch! rejoined Anselm; you should have repeated the offer. I did repeat it, holy father, and he persisted in the refusal.

Then I must absolve thee from the sin thou has committed, returned the priest.

The purified (?) Catholic had scarcely departed when the astonished father discovered that his own watch had been stolen from the place where it had been deposited near the confessional.

Five Pennies.

A boy who had a pocketful of coppers dropped one in the missionary box, laughing as he did so. He had no thought in his heart about Jesus or the heathen. Was not his penny as light as tin?

Another boy put in a penny, and looked around to see if anybody was praising him. His was the brass penny; the gift of a lowly heart, but of a proud spirit.

A third boy gave a penny, saying to himself, I suppose I must, because all the others do. That was an iron penny. It was the gift of a cold, selfish heart.

As a fourth boy dropped his penny into the box, he shed a tear, and his heart said, Poor heathen! I am sorry they are so poor, so ignorant, and so miserable. This was a silver penny—the gift of a heart full of pity.

But there was one who gave his, saying, For Thy sake, Lord Jesus! Oh, that the heathen may hear of Thee, the Saviour of mankind! That was a golden penny, because it was the gift of faith and love.—Exchange.

The greatest desert is called Life, and it hath many oases. These are called Hope and Ambition and Love and Charity and Home. And of them all the last is the most beautiful. Besides these are many others smaller in extent, whence the travellers obtaineth refreshment during the weary journey through Life.

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