

SATURDAY NIGHT TALKS

By REV. F. E. DAVISON
Rutland, Vt.

KING AND HIS CABINET.

International Bible Lesson for Jan. 16,
1910—(Matt. 4:12-25).



The selection of a cabinet for presidents and kings is a most important and serious undertaking. Peculiar fitness is necessary for executive officers and royal counsellors. You cannot imagine King Edward going down to the Liverpool docks to find a prime minister, or President Taft searching among the fishermen of Marblehead for a Secretary of State.

Yet that is precisely what the King of this kingdom did. He deliberately passed by the wise, and influential and mighty and took the majority of his earthly cabinet from the fishing boats of Galilee. Imagine the scene. In the background the lake in the grey morning, the mist slowly rising, the deserted boats drawn up on the shore. An old man, Zebedee, standing with a bewildered look upon his face, trying to imagine what he would do without his sons; and what they would do without him; and in the foreground five men walking along, four of them without the least idea of where they were going or of what they were going to do. That is the beginning of the king's cabinet. Could anything be more ridiculous? Doubtless other fishermen talked it over among themselves that day and said, "Simon Peter and Andrew, James and John have left their nets and gone off after that man, Jesus of Nazareth, who imagines himself a king. He has made them believe that he is the Jewish Messiah and that he is to set up the kingdom of heaven upon earth, and they have forsaken everything and gone off on a fool's errand after him. Well, they will soon realize their mistake, they will be back again. Fortunate for them Zebedee will keep the fishing boats and the tackle, that they may have something to fall back upon when they discover how they have been deluded."

It is almost impossible for us to realize what it meant in those days, to those people, when Christ made up his cabinet. Where was there ever such a beginning? How could anything be more ridiculous in worldly eyes—weakness in the Leader who had such dreams of universal dominion, weakness in the followers to leave a paying business of which they knew so much to take up a stupendous task of which they knew absolutely nothing.

And yet, as we look back upon that scene, we recognize it now as one of the grandest and most logical beginnings the world has ever seen. No wonder Paul says of it, "God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty, that no flesh should glory in His presence."

The trouble with almost all men who enter the service of Christ is that they have so much to unlearn before they can qualify as witnesses, they know so many things that are not so, they are so much in love with their own ideas and opinions, they have such an overwhelming conviction of their own importance, that they consciously taint the water of life with their own personalities, and hide their Master behind themselves. They are not satisfied to deliver His message until they have rewritten it and taken the heart out of it with their explanations, which do not explain. The king's cabinet was not troubled with any of these things. They were to be witnesses unto Him and they knew no more than to intelligently repeat just what they had seen and heard. They never attempted to argue a case, they took the witness box and unflinchingly told just exactly what they knew of Christ. They had nothing to unlearn, they were not troubled with the intellectual, social, spiritual, moral, political, sectarian difficulties of the high-browed professors and worldlings of their day. Their minds were like unsoiled paper on which the King could write his messages to suit Himself. They carried the seed of the kingdom in untainted vessels, and all they had to do was to sow it far and wide. They were to be merely the echo of His voice without any attempt to originate ideas or to speak their own message. As itinerant preachers whose work would demand physical stamina and obliviousness of weather conditions, those brawny, sun-burned, rugged Galilee fishermen were ideal timber for the sills of the spiritual temple Christ was about to erect. The more one thinks of it, the more one comes to realize that when the King formed His cabinet He showed His infinite wisdom in the selection of the men who were to carry on His work in the development of His kingdom. No wonder the apostle in describing the church long afterward said, "We are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ, Himself, being the chief corner stone."

The Zoological Press Bulletin.

Timely Topics of Plants and Pests Discussed Weekly, by H. A. Surface, State Zoologist.

CAUSE OF DEFECTIVE FRUIT.

Commencing his letter with the statement: "I have an orchard of a few hundred fruit trees, of all kinds, but for the last few years our fruit has been extremely faulty, apparently all of it stung by insects and worm eaten," a Monroe county man wrote Professor H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, Harrisburg, for information, and also inquired about "oil emulsions."

Professor Surface replied: "I have at hand your letter stating that you find your fruits defective, and asking what to do to prevent such troubles. I beg to say that the first thing to do is to find out just what is the cause of such defects. You can send damaged fruits, leaves and twigs to this office for examination. The cause of each imperfection will be given. Then the next step is to apply the right remedy in the right way, with the right material, in the right proportion, and at the right time. All these things are necessary for success. Not one can be overlooked. For example, the insect making the wormy fruit, of which you write, is, doubtless, the codling moth. The preventive is to spray with an arsenical poison, such as Paris green or arsenate of lead, using either one-third pound of the former, or two pounds of the latter, in fifty gallons of water or Bordeaux mixture, applying it thoroughly as a spray blown with force from above the fruit so as to reach into the blossom ends of the young fruits just after the petals have fallen, and again in ten days or two weeks.

"If you do not have any certain kind of pest present, or liable to appear soon, it is unnecessary to spray for it. For example, the lime sulphur and oils, used when the trees are dormant, are for San Jose scale and other scale insects. If such are not present, there is no need of going to the expense and trouble of spraying. However, you should be certain whether your trees have San Jose scale. To be sure of this you should send to this office some clippings or twigs. Get twigs showing the ring that was last winter's terminal resting bud, from which the 1909 growth started. It is here that we will be most likely to find the Scale, if present. Specimens can be sent by mail. Your spraying operations should be in accordance with what we find.

"You ask about the use of oil emulsions. I presume you mean the commercial preparations. I do not recommend them, for the fact that they do not always kill the Scale without injury to the trees. Many orchards in this and other States have been entirely destroyed by them. You can not afford the risk. The commercial oils may be all right for two years, but the next year cause thousands of dollars of damage in the same orchard, as was experienced by one of Pennsylvania's most prominent and successful fruit growers. At Mont Alto, Franklin county, an owner lost between five and ten thousand dollars worth of fruit in 1909 by using oil sprays, although in 1908 and the year before, the results with the same materials on the same trees had been apparently good."

Missing Heiress Found.

Miss Elberta de Janon, the granddaughter of Robert Buist, who disappeared from Philadelphia two weeks ago, in company with Ferdinand Cohen, a waiter at the Bellevue-Stratford, was found on Monday with the man in Chicago. The police have been conducting a careful search throughout the country. The couple had succeeded in concealing their whereabouts, however. While traveling they went from Philadelphia to Atlantic City, thence to New York, then to Montreal, Canada, and from there to St. Johns, N. B. There they took a steamer bound for England, but left the ship at Halifax, and went from there to Boston and thence to Chicago, where they were located. Both were brought back to Philadelphia, where the girl was put in care of her grandfather, and the man was locked up pending prosecution.

With the mercury three below zero, Ohio State University was compelled to close on Monday in all departments except one, because of the lack of coal.

MAKE A NOTE NOW to get Ely's Cream Balm if you are troubled with nasal catarrh, hay fever or cold in the head. It is purifying and soothing to the sensitive membrane that lines the air-passages. It is made to overcome the disease, not to fool the patient by a short, deceptive relief. There is no cocaine nor mercury in it. Do not be talked into taking a substitute for Ely's Cream Balm. All druggists sell it. Price 50c. Mailed by Ely Bros., 50 Warren Street, New York.

LACKAWANNA RAILROAD.

"THE ROAD OF ANTHRACITE."

If you contemplate spending the Winter months in Florida or California, call upon our local ticket agent for particulars.

... PRINTING ...

MUCH of the work that is done in this office is of kinds that can be done by hand only. Nine-tenths of all job printing done in any country office must be done by hand. It can't be done with a machine.

This office is fully equipped to do all kinds of printing at the lowest prices consistent with good work.

A Large Stock is Carried in

- ENVELOPES, LETTER HEADS, NOTE HEADS,
- BILL HEADS, STATEMENTS, SHIPPING TAGS,
- BUSINESS CARDS, VISITING CARDS, INVITATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CARD BOARD,
- BOOK PAPERS, COVER PAPERS, &c.

And Everything in the Printing Line

If you have been a customer of ours, you know the character of our work. If not, we shall be glad to fill a trial order. Among other things in our line are

Dodgers, Posters, Sale Bills, Pamphlets, Books, Receipts, Orders, Check Books, Ruled Work, Half-tones, Line Cuts, Engraved Work, Stock Certificates, Bonds, &c., &c.

No trouble to show goods and give estimates.

The Columbian Printing House,

GEO. E. ELWELL, PROPRIETOR.

Entrance First Floor, through Roys' Jewelry Store.
Next to Bloomsburg National Bank. BLOOMSBURG, PA.

Professional Cards.

H. A. MCKILLIP
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.
Columbian Building 2nd Floor
Bloomsburg, Pa.

A. N. YOST,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
Wirt Building, Court House Square
Bloomsburg, Pa.

RALPH R. JOHN,
ATTORNEY AT-LAW.
Ent R Building, next to Court House
Bloomsburg, Pa.

FRED IKELER,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
Office Over First National Bank.
Bloomsburg, Pa.

W. H. RHAWN,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.
Office Corner of 3rd and Main Sts.
CATAWISSA, PA.

CLINTON HERRING.
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.
Office with Grant Herring,
Bloomsburg, Pa.
In Orangeville Wednesday each week

A. L. FRITZ.
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.
Office—Bloomsburg Nat'l Bank Bldg.
Bloomsburg, Pa.

J. H. MAIZE
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, INSURANCE,
AND REAL ESTATE AGENT
Office 116 North Street,
Bloomsburg, Pa.

N. U. FUNK
ATTORNEY AT LAW
Ent's Building, Court House Square
Bloomsburg, Pa.

EDWARD J. FLYNN,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
CENTRALIA, PA.
Office, Liddicot Building, Locust Ave.

H. MONTGOMERY SMITH,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
Office 1—Ent building, 11-16-99

WILLIAM C. JOHNSTON,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.
Office in Wells' Building, over W. McK
Reber's Hardware Store,
Bloomsburg.

J. S. JOHN M. D.
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.
Office and residence, 410 Main St
7-30-19 BLOOMSBURG, PA

M. P. LUTZ & SON,
INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE
AGENTS AND BROKERS.
N. W. Corner Main and Centre Sts.
BLOOMSBURG, PA.
Represent Seventeen as good Companies
as there are in the World, and all
losses promptly adjusted and
paid at their office.

DR. W. H. HOUSE
SURGEON DENTIST
Office Barton's Building, Main below
Market, Bloomsburg, Pa.
All styles of work done in a superior
manner. All work warranted as
represented.
TEETH EXTRACTED WITHOUT PAIN
by the use of Gas, and free of charge
when artificial teeth are inserted.
Open all hours during the day

DR. M. J. HESS
DENTISTRY IN ALL ITS BRANCHES
Crown and bridge work a specialty
(Corner Main and Centre streets
Bloomsburg, Pa.
Columbia & Montour Telephone.

J. J. BROWN, M. D.
THE EYE A SPECIALTY.
Eyes tested and fitted with glasses.
No Sunday work.
311 Market St., Bloomsburg, Pa.
Hours 10 to 8 Telephone

Montour Telephone. Bell Telephone
H. BIERMAN, M. D.
HOMOEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
Office and Residence, Fourth St.,
Office Hours: 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.
5:30 to 8 p. m.
BLOOMSBURG, PA

C. WATSON MCKELVY,
Fire Insurance Agent.
Represent twelve of the strongest com
panies in the world, among
which are
Franklin, of Phila. Penna. Phila.
Queen of N. Y. Westchester, N. Y.
North America, Phila.
Office: Clark Building, 2nd Floor.