

Sunday-School Lesson for February 18.

Jesus at Jacob's Well.

JOHN IV, 5-26.

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Religious....

THE FOLLOWING musical selections will be rendered in Elm Park church tomorrow under the direction of J. Alfred Pennington, organist and music-director.

- MORNING. Organ, Prelude in A flat. Smart Choir, Anthem, "Thy Sun Shall No More Go Down." Woodward Organ, Offertory in C. Novello's Choir, Hymn—Anthems, Novello's. Consolate. Buck Organ, Postlude in B flat. Pink EVENING. Organ, Prelude in G. Dubois Choir, "From Egypt's Bondage." Page Organ, Offertory in D. Franck Duet. Selected Contralto solo. Grison Organ, Postlude in F flat. Grison

On Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock a Sunday school service, in the interests of foreign missions, will be held in Grace Lutheran church, corner Madison avenue and Mulberry street. Organ prelude. Hattie Kline invocation. Hymn, "Wake the Song of Jubilee." Scripture lesson. Novello's Creed. Prayer. Hymn, "The Lord is King." School "The Promises" and "The Fulfillment." Superintendent. Contralto Solo, "The Nine and Nine." Miss Jennie Kaufman "Peter's Commission." Superintendent and School Hymn "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us." Address of welcome. Supt. D. L. Pickett, esq. Prayers for missions.

Early Missionary church—Hattie Kline invocation. Hymn, "Wake the Song of Jubilee." Scripture lesson. Novello's Creed. Prayer. Hymn, "The Lord is King." School "The Promises" and "The Fulfillment." Superintendent. Contralto Solo, "The Nine and Nine." Miss Jennie Kaufman "Peter's Commission." Superintendent and School Hymn "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us." Address of welcome. Supt. D. L. Pickett, esq. Prayers for missions.

First Presbyterian church—Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Dr. McLeod will preach mid-week service Wednesday evening at 7.45 o'clock. Strangers welcome. Second Presbyterian church—Rev. Charles E. Robinson, D. D., pastor. Services 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Mr. George G. Mahy, general secretary Y. M. C. A. will occupy the pulpit in the morning. Mr. Adair, secretary Y. M. C. A. in the evening. A cordial welcome to all.

Washburn Street Presbyterian church—Rev. John P. Moffat, D. D., pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Bible school at 12 m. Young People's Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m. Sunday school at 10.30 a. m. Sunday morning at 10.30 a. m. The pastor will preach morning and evening. The subject for the morning will be "Qualifications and Duties of Ruling Elders." Special music at each service. All cordially welcome.

Sumner Avenue Presbyterian church—Rev. F. J. Milman will preach at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Dr. Brooks will preach at 7 o'clock service. Christian Endeavor at 6 p. m. Dr. Brooks will preach at Taylor Presbyterian church at 10.30 a. m. Sunday morning at 10.30 a. m. Sunday Bible school at 12 o'clock; meeting of Christian Endeavor society at 6.30 p. m. No evening service. Capouse chapel, 1000 North Washington street, at 10.30 a. m. and Rev. L. R. Foster at 7.30 p. m.

Penn Avenue Baptist church, Penn Avenue between Spruce and Linden streets—Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and evening at 7.30 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce. Morning service in the lower temple at 10.30 o'clock. Topic of morning sermon, "Unrealized Blessings, or Is Christianity a Failure." Sunday school at 2 o'clock at Penn avenue church. Sunday school at the Amerman Memorial mission, on Prescott avenue, at 3.30 p. m. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m. Tenth evening sermon, "The World's Greatest Desire." Evangelistic services following the sermon.

First Baptist church, Main avenue—S. F. Matthews, pastor. The regular services Sunday morning and evening at 11.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. in the basement of the Welsh Baptist church. Sunday school, 2.30 p. m. at Plymouth church. Dr. Beddoe, superintendent. Church, Dr. Beddoe, superintendent. B. Y. P. U. prayer service 6.30 p. m. Myrtle hall, Industrial school 2 p. m. Saturday at Myrtle hall. Praying meeting Wednesday evening 7.30 p. m. All are cordially invited.

Jackson Street Baptist church—Morning prayer meeting at 9.30; pastor, Bro. Elmer Davis. The Rev. Thos. de Gruchy, D. D., has returned and will occupy his pulpit preaching at 10.30 a. m. "The City of God." Sunday school at 2 p. m. Alfred Roberts superintendent. Evening service at 7 sharp. Praise and song service followed by a short sermon. "Poetic." "Nicodemus With Jesus." The seats are all free and everybody receives a cordial welcome. Come.

CONNECTION—Shortly after His interview with Nicodemus Jesus and His disciples departed from Jerusalem and made a tour of the small town near by, preaching as they went and calling men to righteousness. All this time John the Baptist had continued his labors at the Jordan. Thus the great teachers were brought into close neighborhood, and many questions arose in the minds of the people concerning their purposes and practices. It is evident that an incipient jealousy existed among the disciples of the two, which might lead to unpleasant controversy. It was under these circumstances that John with his usual magnanimity gave his second testimony confessing the superiority of and claim of Jesus. The latter, as a wise leader, immediately determined to withdraw from Judea and return to Galilee. The journey led him through Samaria, and our lesson pertains to an incident in the way.

BEQUEST (Verses 5 to 8).—Jesus is now to be presented in a new and surprising role—seeking favor for Himself on the physical plane, of a total stranger, a Samaritan woman. He had traveled from Judea northward, perhaps forty miles, and reached a little town called Sychar, the same as Shechem (Gen. xlii, 6), of patriarchal times. A little outside of the city he sat down under the shade of the arbor near the well that Jacob gave to Joseph (Josh. xxiv, 32), there to rest until His disciples returned with food which they had gone to purchase. At mid-day a woman came, after oriental custom, to draw water to be borne away for the comfort of her household. Feeling the need of refreshment from the cooling beverage drawn from the depths of the well Jesus asked the woman for a drink (Matt. x, 42).

SURPRISE (Verses 9 and 10).—Ordinarily there would have been no propriety if a man had asked a favor of a woman (Lev. xix, 17). The simplicity of manners in eastern countries allowed liberties and secured protection impossible with us. But in this instance there was a strong barrier, the outgrowth of race prejudices, held and encouraged for centuries. The Samaritans were a mongrel race, the product of intermarriage after the Jewish captivity between the poor Jews and the imported foreigners (2 Kings xvii, 24). The people of Judea, proud of their purer descent, refused all intercourse with their northern neighbors. Hence, the woman, when approached, was surprised, and asked what it meant. Jesus replied, saying that if she had known who He was, namely, the Messiah, she would have known also that these old prejudices were to be cast aside; and she would not have waited for His request, but she would have been the quicker and He would have given more than He had asked, namely, living water.

MISTAKE (Verses 11 and 12).—The woman, like Nicodemus (John iii, 4), Hebrews xi, 7; evening, "Studies in Zechariah." The Seven Vision and Common Wickedness; Babylon and Its Judgment." Zeck. v, 5-11. Sabbath school at 12 o'clock noon; Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m. Seats all free at each service. Strangers always welcome. Washington's birthday, at 7.45 p. m. the annual "Give People's Day." You are welcome. Union Bible class for lesson study on Friday evening at 7.45 o'clock. Bring your Bibles. "Chapel Mission, Hulbert's hall, 117 Wyoming street, 7.30 p. m. Evening pastor, preaching at 10 a. m. Evening subject, "Was the Church of Jesus Christ Built Upon Peter?" Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m. Good singing, James Wilson, leader. People's Prohibition church—Rev. Dr. Bird, pastor. There will be regular preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. at 7.50 in the Morell hall on Breaker street, Green Ridge. Mr. Bird will also preach this evening in the Salvation Army barracks, Hyde Park. All are welcome. First Church Christ (Scientist), 519 Adams avenue. Sunday services 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 12.30 p. m. subject, "Our Safety." Sunday evening, testimonial meeting at 8 o'clock. The public is most cordially invited.

St. Paul's Universalist church, Pine street between Adams and Jefferson avenues—Rev. O. R. Beardsley, pastor. Residence, 629 Adams avenue. Morning services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Subject, evening service, 7.30, subject, "When We See Face to Face"; Sunday school after morning service, Mrs. S. Benjamin, superintendent; Y. P. C. U. meeting, 6.30 p. m. Prof. Donley, leader, subject, "Christian Citizenship, Sunday, Public Opinion." Better for our country if every person had a church home.

Calvary Reformed church, Monroe avenue and Gibson street, Rev. Marion L. Prior, pastor—Services Sunday at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 11.45 a. m.; Christian Endeavor at 6.45 p. m.; Wednesday evening service at 8 o'clock; special service Friday at 7.45 p. m. subject, "Singing and Reading"; "The One Who Hold the Rope." Primitive Methodist church, East Market street—Gospel meetings are being held, 10.30 a. m., preaching by pastor, subject, "Agreement." 2.30 p. m. Sunday school; 7 p. m., Rev. G. Farnsworth, preacher; 7.30 p. m. service held on Monday at 7.30 p. m. Mr. Peter Hahn will speak on Tuesday, Mr. James Eldiam, on Wednesday, Mr. A. Harshbarger, on Thursday, Rev. James Hughes will lecture on the "British and War War" in the Primitive Methodist church, East Market street, on March 5. Admission, fifteen cents.

Adams Avenue chapel, New York street—Rev. James Hughes, the pastor will preach both morning and evening, at 10.30 and 7.30 o'clock. Subject, "Just What Is Needed." "Religion an Experience and a Joy." Sabbath school at 10.30 a. m. Mr. Chandler, superintendent; Christian Endeavor society at 6.45 p. m. A hearty invitation is given to all who may desire to attend these services.

Railroad Y. M. C. A.—George E. Davis will address the meeting at 3.45 p. m. The singing will be in charge of W. A. Barton, assisted by cornet and piano. All are welcome.

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placed a purely worldly meaning upon the words of Jesus. She thought He referred to the pure, cool water to which she had come lapping up from beneath, supplied by a never-falling spring, and she could not understand His proposal to supply her with such beverage. The well was very deep. Men had only been able to draw from the surface. Jesus, while the Jews claimed that it reached the depths proposed. His offer was therefore an unwarranted assumption of superior ability. Even Jacob, whose men, centuries before, had dug the well and laid up the stones around it, had not been known to stand the well's mouth, after its completion and attempt such an impossible task. Was this man, this stranger from Judea who had asked for a drink, superior to Jacob? So the woman queried.

MEANING (Verses 13 to 15).—Interest having been awakened in the woman's mind, a primary condition for instruction, Jesus attempted to explain His words, but He was compelled to proceed carefully according to the ability of His pupil to receive. He endeavored to make her know that the water of which He spoke was not to be drawn from the well at all—that she would quench thirst only for a time. But He would give water which would remain with the person, wherever he went, and spring up within him, even as the living water at the bottom of the well, producing not merely physical comfort, but everlasting life (John vii, 38). This reference to the interior, satisfying and abiding portion was as near to spiritual teaching as Christ could come at that time. It is not probable that the woman fully grasped the meaning. Her desire was awakened, however, and she requested that she might obtain this water and so be spared the labor of coming to the well.

DISCLOSURE (Verses 16 to 19).—The figure of speech thus far employed had failed to arouse the spiritual nature of the Samaritan. She did not perceive her need, neither did she know the person with whom she conversed. Jesus therefore adopted another method. Directing her to call her husband and return, he received information which He needed to make that fact be added that she had five times been a widow and that she was leading an immoral life, having unlawful relations with one who was not her husband. This disclosure was the source of profound astonishment, she was surprised, and she requested that she might obtain this water and so be spared the labor of coming to the well.

CONCLUSION.—This narrative displays the skill of Jesus as a teacher. He began with a request for a drink and pursued a conversation by a series of varying remarks, until he made the open declaration of His Messianic character. At every step He retained the interest of the woman whose mind passed through seven transitions until she became fully convinced of the nature of the person before her. Little by little the light had broken in gradually, the experience, from surprise to conviction, from curiosity to confession. It has always been a cause for wonder that Jesus should have selected this place and occasion to make this earliest and boldest statement concerning Himself. But He knew that the record would be preserved, and that "Thou art a prophet" (Luke vii, 16). One important point had been gained.

MUSICAL GOSSIP. [Continued from Page 5.] It is due primarily to his ability and self-sacrifice that this concert holds the promise of so much real success. The announcement of the death of Raymond H. Weaver came as a shock to teachers and students of the Conservatory of Music. He was a bright, talented lad and was a favorite pupil of Mr. Pennington, who, when announcing his death at the conservatory recital last Tuesday evening, broke down with emotion. Those who attended the recital in December have not forgotten what a pretty picture he gave the following year, marching with confidence to the piano and played his piece. He possessed a particularly artistic temperament and music and drawing were his favorite studies.

The second in the series of mid-winter recitals given by students of the Conservatory of Music will occur on the evening of March 1 in Guernsey hall. Alfred Wooley, solo tenor of Elm Park church, tests voices gratis at his music studio, 316 Washington avenue.

The music at the First Presbyterian church tomorrow morning and evening will be: Anthem—"The Heavenly Father".... Chadwick Anthem—"God is a Spirit"—(by request), from the "Woman of Samaria".... Bennett Anthem—"Great Jehovah".... Schubert Contralto Solo—Selected.... Mrs. H. S. Keller

The musicale which will be given at the Bicycle club, Washington avenue, under the direction of J. T. Watkins, promises to be of rare excellence. It will be followed by a provision social at which the members of the club will be at their best as entertainers. Among those who will participate in the musicale will be Misses Alice and Anna Burke, Miss Matthews, Miss Scanlon, Miss Gibbons, Mrs. Randall, Miss Hays, a chorus made up of Mr. Watkins' pupils, the Schubert quartette and Mrs. Joseph O'Brien; Mr. Harvey Blackwood, cellist; Messrs. Charles Doersam and Lew Jones, at the piano. Bauer's orchestra will furnish music for the social.

Principal among the musical events of next week will be the organ recital at the Providence Presbyterian church, to be given by Prof. J. M. Chances, assisted by Charles Doersam, the full choir of the Second Presbyterian church and orchestra.

Like the recitals of last year at this church, it will be under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society, and for the benefit of the organ fund of the church.

Many will remember with pleasure the different recitals of last year given by Prof. J. Alfred Pennington, Miss Florence Richmond and Prof. Carter, for this same cause, and it will be in place to say that Prof. Chances and his co-workers who have so kindly proffered their services for this occasion will be met with the same hearty and unreserved approval. Like the preceding recitals the admission will be by a silver offering. The recital will take place on Tuesday evening, February 20.

L. B. Powell & Co. will have on exhibition in their window in the Connell building, 14th Street, a grand piano attached to a Mason & Hamlin grand piano, upon which selections will be rendered from time to time.

A MEXICAN BEAN CLOCK. From the Scientific American. A few years ago public curiosity was excited by the curious beans called the "devil beans" or "Mexican" which shopkeepers placed in their windows. They somewhat resembled roasted coffee beans in shape and color. They were also known as the "jumping beans" owing to the fact that from time to time they made spasmodic movements which propelled them quite a little distance. The beans grew on a small bush in the Mexican mountains, and it is conjectured that they belonged to the order Euphorbiaceae. The bean really consisted of three similar pods which formed a single bean. It is usually a third of the bean which was excited as a curiosity. On opening the pod it was found that it contained a small larva something like that frequently found in chestnuts. It is this little occupant which gives motion to the bean by its jerks and thumps against the side of its home. If the bean is slightly warmed it begins to turn from side to side, and perhaps with a sudden jump turns completely over and stands on one end, and then by successive jumps moves quite a distance. Those who are not in the secret are often greatly puzzled. This strange scheme of utilizing them to make a magic clock. He accomplished this by imitating the shape of two of the beans, making the dummy beans out of soft iron. One he gilded and the other he silvered. The prepared iron beans were placed within with the ordinary jumping beans on a thin white piece of pasteboard, outlined and numbered like the dial of a clock, but devoid of the hands. This dial was located over the works of a large clock which was placed facing upward on the floor of the store window. He fastened small magnets to the ends of the hands. The works were of course carefully hidden from view. All that was in evidence was the jumping beans, along which were the gold and silver-painted iron beans. These were placed on the cardboard over the concealed hands with the magnets attached. The magnets were moved by the hands of the clock so that they were almost in contact with the cardboard. As they moved around they carried the iron beans with them, thus telling the time of day, and the public was greatly interested by the intelligence shown by the two beans, which distinguished them from their lively associates.

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