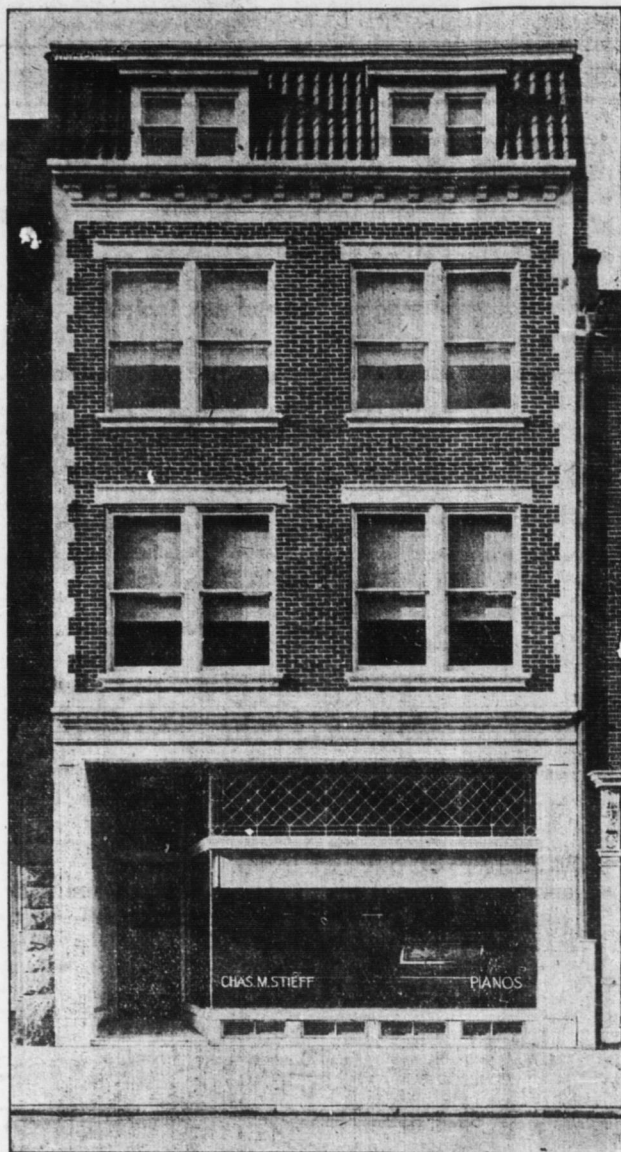


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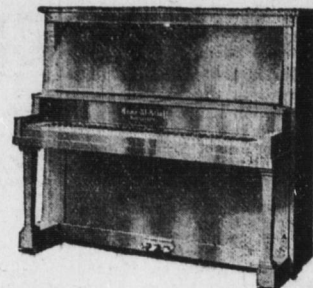
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Break With Britain Over Sunday School Lesson Changes

Graded Lessons and a New Lesson Committee Cause the Withdrawal of British Section (By the Religious Rambler)

When the board of trustees of the International Sunday School Association met in Chicago last Tuesday (September 28) it heard the startling news that the British section of the Sunday school movement has decided to withdraw from the scheme of co-operation which has been in operation for forty years. Unless this break can be healed, the boasted world-wide solidarity in Bible study will be destroyed.

Ever since within three years of the time when the international lesson committee began its work, in 1872, the British section has shared in the preparation of the lessons, which have since been used to a steadily increasing extent in all the mission lands of the earth as well as in Europe and in America and Australasia. What a bond of world-wide Christian unity this common weekly study of the same portion of Scripture has been can scarcely be imagined. The break has come, however, without any bitterness or unbrotherliness, and largely as the result of important changes that have been at work of recent years in the Sunday school, changes which have accentuated the difference of method

in conservative Britain and progressive America.

"Millions In It"

No other organization in the world save only the Christian Church itself is as vast as the Sunday school. Every city, town and village has its Sunday schools. Ten thousand crossroads are marked by them. Some eighteen and a half millions of persons are enrolled in the schools of North America, with more than ten million others overseas. Practically all of these study the lessons provided by the international committee. This uniform lesson is the commonest vehicle of Bible study in the world. So influential is it that President Woodrow Wilson has said: "The Sunday school lesson of to-day is the code of morals of to-morrow."

Naturally, such a potent agency for shaping thought and character is the object of no little solicitude in religious circles. The original lesson committee, appointed in 1872, had such Sunday school pioneers as B. F. Jacobs, Bishop Vincent and Dr. John Hall in its membership, and it then comprised five ministers and five lay-

men. These were appointed, until a year ago, by the International Sunday School Convention; while the British section was named on the other side of the water.

Denominations to the Fore Serious changes have taken place in the religious life of the world in forty years. That period has witnessed the rise—largely in the United States—of the great denominational publishing houses, issuing many millions of pages of literature annually. Along with this growth has been the creation of a host of Sunday school experts, many of them connected with these denominational houses. Out of this condition has arisen the Sunday School Council of Evangelical Denominations, which has supplemented—and sometimes censured—the work of the international lesson committee.

At the latest convention of the International Sunday School Association a radical change in the method of constituting the committee was adopted. It was divided into three groups, eight appointed by the convention, eight by the Sunday school council and one representative from each denomination holding membership in the Sunday school council. This makes a total committee of about forty persons, one of whom is a woman, Mrs. J. W. Barnes, of the Northern Methodist board. This new body has proceeded without waiting for the approval of the British section and the latter has been unwilling to adopt its conclusions, especially as the British leaders had been restive under the introduction of elaborately graded lessons.

The Graded Lessons Controversy

Discontent with the unchanging form of the uniform lessons has shown itself here, and also a desire for graded lessons, along more strictly pedagogical and scientifically educational lines. In fact, the militant graded lesson advocates for a time carried everything before them; and they secured the adoption of an elaborate scheme of graded lessons, already issued, which includes seventeen separate courses. It is estimated by the graded lesson advocates that these courses are used, in part, in 14 per cent of the Sunday schools of North America, while the more conservative group say that not more than 6 per cent of the schools have adopted the graded scheme.

A vigorous fight developed in certain denominations over the graded lessons—notably in the Northern Presbyterian, which threw out certain courses not based on the Bible. It has been made clear that the consensus of religious opinion in the United States demands a Bible basis for all Sunday school teaching. The fourth year series of the senior course, just out, deals with "The Family," "The Community," "The State," "The Church," "The Industrial Order" and "Bible Spokesmen for the Kingdom of God," and all these provide extensive biblical material for study.

Now a New Plan

Now a compromise has been effected by the new and enlarged lesson committee. It has issued a prospectus of a proposed "improved uniform series of Sunday school lessons." These are a notable departure from the old international series. The former ran in a six-year cycle; the new plan is for an eight-year course, beginning in 1918. Thus every other quadrennial convention of the International Sunday School Association will have up for review and consideration the work of the committee.

This new course—which will directly touch the interest of thirty million persons—abandons the old chronological form as its major method. Topical courses are introduced, and history is passed more swiftly in review. The committee has tentatively outlined the first four years of lessons, 1918-1921.

Most important of all, provision is made for the graded treatment of these lessons. The committee retains, first, the common Scripture for the entire school; second, a general lesson for the intermediate grade; and, third, a common golden text for the entire school. A special list of references for teachers' reading is given each week.

Nevertheless, special provision is made for graded teaching by the different groups, as the primary, junior, intermediate, senior and adult grades, special material being furnished by the committee itself. This is illustrated by one of the lessons, "Jesus Chooses the Twelve." The primary topic is Jesus Chooses Twelve Helpers; the intermediate topic is "The Twelve and What We Know About Them," and the senior and adult topic is "What It Means to Be a Disciple of Jesus."

All of this is a fundamental victory for the graded idea, while at the same time it preserves the uniformity of Scripture study, which is the one most powerful tie in Sunday school work. While it has not found acceptance with all the British schools, there is still entertained a hope that they may continue in the international scheme, and a subcommittee of the American lesson committee has been appointed with that objective.

C. I. and S. Reorganization Plan Is Now in Operation

Reorganization of the Central Iron and Steel Company along the lines decided upon several months ago has been agreed to by a large number of the stockholders, bondholders and creditors and it is now operative. A committee consisting of A. A. Jackson, chairman, Robert C. Dayton, J. M. Cameron, James B. Bonner, B. H. Jones and Ross A. Hickok has been appointed to conduct the affairs. The bondholders, creditors who have not yet filed claims, and stockholders who have not yet filed their assent to the new arrangement have until December 1 to do so. This may be done by communicating either with the Girard Trust Company, Philadelphia, or the Dauphin Deposit Trust Company, this city.

WAYNESBORO FARMERS' DAY

Waynesboro, Pa., Oct. 1.—Everything has been arranged for Farmers' Day here, and the program will begin with the automobile parade this evening. Two hundred machines are expected to be in line. One of the Saturday morning features that will delight the hundreds of people that will come to town on that day, will be a "Rube" band composed of 30 members. Sheriff George Walker, Chambersburg; Chalmers P. Omwake, Shady Grove; and M. L. Reacher, Hagerstown, will again act as judges of grains, fruits, poultry, vegetables, etc.

WIDOW STRANGLED TO DEATH

Special to The Telegraph Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 1.—When John Michael, a neighbor, went to the home of Mrs. A. J. Davis, a widow, who lived two miles from Berkeley Springs, near Hancock, to borrow a harrow he found Mrs. Davis dead in a corner of a room. An investigation showed finger prints on her throat and blood on her hands. Physicians pronounced death due to strangulation.

HELD AS BOARD JUMPER

Alderman J. William Bayles of the Seventh ward has held Clarence Brown for court to answer a charge of defrauding a boardinghouse keeper. Bail was fixed at \$200. The prosecutrix is Mrs. Mary Johnson, 1406 North Sixth street.

CYCLISTS TO STOP HERE

Motorcyclists on a four-day run from Dayton, Ohio, to New York City, will stop in Harrisburg, October 11. This city will be the noon control on the third day. Two Harrisburgers will make the run, DeWitt Grove and Irwin Cole.

Advertisement for BEACON SHOE featuring a large image of a shoe and text: WILLIAMS SHOE SHOP, 5 SOUTH FOURTH ST., SOLE AGENCY. The Shoe that Satisfies. BEACON SHOE. MEN'S \$3.00 to \$4.50 BOYS' \$2.50 & \$3.00

VACATION CLUB advertisement: Owing to numerous requests for admission to the 1916 Vacation Club we have extended the time for closing the club to Monday, Oct. 4, 1915. Pay 25c a week for 40 weeks and get a check for \$10.00, with interest. Pay 50c a week for 40 weeks and get a check for \$20.00, with interest. Pay \$1.00 a week for 40 weeks and get a check for \$40.00, with interest. The more classes you join, the more money you will have for your vacation. Union Trust Company of Pennsylvania

Fresh Fall Groceries advertisement: Philadelphia Scrapple, in 3-lb. cakes, 40c. Jones' Dairy Farm Sausages, lb., 30c, 32c. Aunt Jemima Pancake Flour, pkg., 25c. Vermont Pure Sap Maple Syrup, bottle, 30c. Stonuffer's Homemade Sausage, lb., 20c. 5-lb. Sacks New Graham and Whole Wheat Flour, 25c and 30c. Nonpareil Mince Meat, lb., 15c. Granulated Sugar, lb., 6c; 25-lb. Sacks, lb., 5 1/2c. New Paek Curtice Bros. Peas, can, 15c, 18c and 20c. Blue Valley Butter, lb., 34c. Kellogg's Wheat Bran, pkg., 25c. Bran Blague, pkg., 15c. 16-lb. Hoff's Best Flour, sack, 44c. Seeded Raisins, pkg., 12c. Best Quality Fresh Meats at market prices. S. S. POMEROY, MARKET SQUARE GROCER

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