

A MIRACLE AND A MYSTERY

The International Sunday School Lesson For April 1 Is, "Jesus Gives Sight to the Blind."—John 9:1-38

By William T. Ellis

In a remote village in the Southland, far away from the main currents of life, I recently met an interesting man, who first attracted attention because of his resemblance to the storied picture of Jesus on the unshaven, unkempt, looking out on life from beneath the lowered brim of an old soft hat, he appeared like the heavy burdened man of the East. Yet it did not take long to discover that the real interest of Mr. Blackbeard was in the old, old problem of immortality and personal responsibility to an Infinite Being. He quoted for me, verbatim, and at great length, the newspaper report of a sermon upon the deathless hope of humanity. Further, I found that he could quote extended passages from the New Testament, and fugitive poems concerning the problems of life which have engrossed all the world's thinkers, from the beginning of time to the present hour.

Everywhere we may find the same unobtrusive interest in the eternal mysteries. Man is man, with a capacity for a quest after the spiritual. The commotion created in Jerusalem by this miracle of the healing of the man blind is true to life in it the people saw not only a wonder and a "sign," but also an instance of the great riddle of sin. Eagerly they seized upon the Wonder-Worker, for possible light upon the mystery of the relation between sin and suffering. Beneath the froth and flash of our pleasure-seeking life of to-day there still revolves this old, old question.

The Philosopher Who Had Eyes
We rather expect philosophers to dwell amid the clouds, oblivious to the practicalities of life. Jesus, on the contrary, had an eye for all the wayside realities of life. Business men of Jerusalem, and temple officials, and pilgrims to the feast, were accustomed to pass daily by the blind beggar without really seeing him. He was as much a part of the landscape as the stones of the street, or the gray olive trees over the Hill to the East, outside the city wall. But Jesus saw him; that is, took a personal, human, intelligent interest in

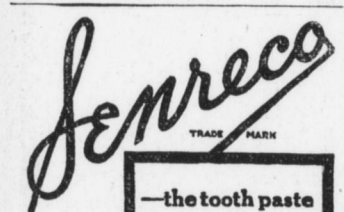
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Wherever the Gospel is doing its real work of making over lips, there it is creating a sensation. That man who once had been blind was the best press-agent Jesus could have had in all Jerusalem. A big electric sign on the church door may be good, but saved and shining saints in the membership are better.

Baffling the Bigots
I shrink from commenting so often upon the fact that the professional churchmen of His time were in constant opposition to Jesus. Yet we cannot escape the record. The principal controversy of Jesus was with the accepted leaders of Judaism. His harshest words were reserved for them. We contemplate with awe the possibility for our own day which is wrapped up in the clear fact that the official custodians of the religious welfare of the nation were the arch-enemies of the Revealer of religion! The truth should make us open-souled and forward-looking, and filled with a horror of what the lingo of to-day calls a stand-pat mind. Let us be gentle and tolerant toward all new teachings which come confessing the name of God; but let us not run after them simply because they are new. When God speaks, let us have listening ears.

Here again, in this lesson story, we have the ecclesiastics hot and hungry and hateful on the trail of Jesus. They were openly displeased over the healing of the blind man. They cared more for their dogmas than for human welfare—a sure sign that the dogmas are not of God. There's was the ignoble mind which Longfellow characterized as "The strife for triumph more than truth." The deeds of Jesus ran counter to their little creeds. Like all established religions or forms, their faith had solidified into a set of rules, which is always contrary to the spirit of Jesus. The great helping, healing heart of Jesus had broken the ecclesiastical regulations concerning the Sabbath. This made one more occasion for an-able truth, boycott him or take his

job away from him, or crush him somehow. How often some of us have felt that! Every man who would speak the truth that is given to him must reckon with the stones in the hands of the strong.

Driven out from the synagogue, this newly-bold beggar found himself driven to Christ. Ah, that made it worth while to be an outcast. Some persons, even of those who have received most signal benefits from the Saviour, do not really find Him until, in turbulence and distress of soul, they are forced to fly to Him for refuge. Bitter as seemed the fate of the persecuted man, who was one of the first to suffer for Christ's sake, it was a means to fuller knowledge, larger life. No price is too high to pay for finding Christ; and many there be who have found Him in the stress of soul who would never have known the fulness of His personality and power had they remained unsheltered from persecution. This is but one of the aspects of the blessedness of persecution. For the blind beggar entered into the goodly company of those who have not only received favors from Christ's hand, but who also have entered into the secret of real fellowship with Him. Once he had been blind even to the beauties of earth, but now his eyes had been opened to see Jesus himself.

FIRST WOMEN CONDUCTORS
Moore Jaw, Sask., March 30.—Four Moore Jaw street cars were run with women conductors yesterday. It is believed this is the first time women ever have served as conductors in Canada. They wore uniforms with military capes, short skirts and leggings.

BANK CLOSURES WITH \$30,000 SHORT
Newcastle, Va., March 30.—The Bank of Newcastle, a State institution, closed its doors yesterday with an announcement that a shortage of \$30,000 had been discovered.

Mrs. Arnold Dies Three Months After Her Husband
Mechanicsburg, Pa., March 30.—The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Arnold occurred yesterday after a stroke of paralysis at her home in West Green street. She was aged 78 years. Her husband, George Arnold, died a little more than three months ago. The following sons survive: Amos and William, of Mechanicsburg, and Charles, of Harrisburg. Funeral services will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. E. C. B. Castle, pastor of the First United Brethren Church. Burial will be made in the Mechanicsburg Cemetery.

FIND HIS BODY MONTHS LATER
Lancaster, Pa., March 30.—Tony Madona, 6, of Lancaster, disappeared last December under circumstances that led to the belief he had been kidnapped. Last evening his body, in good condition, through being in cold water, was found in the Conestoga River, at Wabank, by an employee of the electric light plant there. It is supposed the child ventured on the icebound river and fell into an airhole. The case was one that excited unusual interest here.

SUFFRAGE BILL PASSES
Des Moines, Ia., March 30.—The Iowa house of representatives, by a vote of 85 to 20, yesterday passed the joint resolution submitting to the people a constitutional amendment which would provide woman suffrage. The resolution already had passed the senate.

DRYS WIN IN WISCONSIN HOUSE
Madison, Wis., March 30.—A bill calling for a referendum on state-wide prohibition passed the lower house of the Wisconsin legislature here yesterday by a vote of 56 to 37.

ROMAN PREVENTS A LYNCHING
Trenton, Tenn., March 30.—Mrs. Lena Taylor, daughter of Sheriff Davidson, of this county, early yesterday prevented a mob from gaining entrance to the cell of a negro charged with abducting a white girl. While her father debated with the leaders she secured the cell keys and slipped away through the crowd.

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