

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson in the International Series for May 20, 1900—Parable of the Sower.

[Prepared by H. C. Lenington.] THE LESSON TEXT. Matthew 13:1-23.

1. The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side. 2. And great multitudes were gathered together unto Him, so that He went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

3. And He spake many things unto them in parables, saying: Behold, a sower went forth to sow: 4. And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up;

5. Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth; and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: 6. And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

7. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them; 8. But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

9. Hear ye, therefore, the parable of the sower. 10. When anyone heareth the Word of the Kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

11. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; 12. Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while; for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the Word, by and by he is offended.

13. He also that receiveth seed among the thorns is he that heareth the Word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the Word, and he becometh unfruitful. 14. But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the Word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

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They Were Nice Pills. "Mister," said the small boy to the druggist, "give me another box of them pills you sold father the day before yesterday."

No Cause to Worry. "I suppose," he said, as they undulated around the hall, "that my mother would be awfully worried if she knew I was here. She's very religious and thinks it is a terrible sin to dance."

Lotus Esters. Youth dreams of the future. Age dreams of the past. Their life-days far off thus adorning; But the life of to-day wears no glamour, and they Both hate to get up in the morning. —Puck.

ATWENTIETHCENTURY CEREMONY.



She (hypochondriac)—"You'll remember all my instructions, dear, about my funeral, won't you?" "Yes."

Same Old Lesson. For eighty-seven miserly years He pinched, and scraped, and shaved, And found, when his soul had left his clay, That the cent or two he'd given away Was all that he had saved. —Chicago Tribune.

The Sad Feature of It. "The salary of the czar of Russia amounts to about \$1,000 an hour." "Well, I'd hate to have a job of that kind."

The Proper Thing. She—Isn't that a duck of a bonnet Dr. Cubeb's wife has on? He—Yes, and it's very appropriate, too.

South African Item. Newspaper Man—I should like to telegraph home that the commanding general is an idiot.

To Get Revenge. "I hate him!" she exclaimed. "I would do anything I could to make him miserable." "Then why don't you marry him?" asked her dearest friend sweetly. —Chicago Post.

High School Progress. Mrs. Church—Has your boy learned anything since he has been going to school? Mrs. Gotham—Oh, yes; he's learned to smoke cigarettes. —Yonkers Statesman.

Not the Only One. "Skinflint is gifted with second sight." "I didn't know that." "Yes, he always looks at a dollar twice before he spends it." —Town Topics.

A Friend. Miss McCarlem—That piano lamp you sold me is no good, an' Oi want yez to take it back. Dealer—Eh? Why? Mrs. McCarlem—Divil a chune can we get out of it. —N. Y. Weekly.

Where Ignorance Is Bliss. "Whose new silk umbrella is this you've brought home?" "I don't know." "Don't know?" "No; and what's more, I don't want to know." —Chicago Record.

Behind Her Back. He—Ah, that Miss Rockingham has a face that looks as if it might have been cut out of marble. She—Yes; I have often noticed her stony stare. —Chicago Times-Herald.

Customary Duty. Bings—What is the first duty of a man coming to America? Bangs—The duty he pays on everything he brings with him. —Harlem Life.

Prospects of Another. Wife—The plumber came and looked at the drain pipes this morning. Husband—What's the use? I've got one mortgage on the house already. —N. Y. Journal.

BANDAGES OF PULP.

Their Ready Application is Only One of the Many Advantages They Possess.

A United States naval surgeon advocates the substitution of wood pulp sheets for flaxseed meal, etc., in making poultices, says the Philadelphia Record. He cuts a sheet of the pulp to a size approximate to the surface to be covered, soaks the sheet in hot water until it has become thoroughly softened, then wrings it out, very lightly, and applies. The wood pulp sheet will absorb and hold from four to five times its weight of water, and, since heat and moisture are the desiderata in poultices, this furnishes them in simple, cleanly form. No cloths are needed, no cooking, no stirring and spreading on cloth, just a soaking in hot water. And the nicest part is the total absence of the mess inevitable to making flaxseed meal poultices, although there is, too, a great economy of time and trouble. It is sometimes advisable to put a piece of oiled muslin over the sheet to help to retain the heat and moisture.

When the "poultice" begins to get cold take it off, wring out the water, and soak it again in hot water, and so on indefinitely. The surgeon has used the same sheet of pulp wood for two days' poulticing, in the hands of an ignorant man at that, his instructions to him being "to soak the plaster in hot water whenever it got cold, and put it on again."

By the way, every physician who has had the annoyance and trouble of being compelled to leave an all-important matter of poulticing to an ignorant person will appreciate a way that will allow no loophole for mistakes and failures.

Quickly Arranged. "You take me by surprise," she exclaimed, after he had finally put the question. "Well, I'm glad to get you in any way," he replied, pursuing his advantages.

Leading Up to It. Miss DeMuir—Papa, this is Mr. Gallager—no, I mean Mr. Pacer. The Young Man—I beg pardon, but my name is Trotter.

Why He Declined. "Tempsit has written a letter declining to be a candidate for congress." "I don't know that anybody had asked him to be a candidate."

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