

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson in the International Series for October 7, 1906—Jesus Dining with a Pharisee.

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THE LESSON TEXT.

(Luke 14:1-4)
1. And it came to pass, as He went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath day, that they watched Him.
2. And, behold, there was a certain man before Him which had the dropsy.
3. And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day?
4. And they held their peace. And He took him, and healed him, and let him go.
5. And answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the Sabbath day?
6. And they could not answer Him again to these things.
7. And He put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when He marked how they chose out the chief Pharisee, and said unto them:
8. When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honorable man than thou be bidden of him;
9. And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.
10. But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher; then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.
11. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.
12. Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbors; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee.
13. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind.
14. And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee; for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.
GOLDEN TEXT—Whoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.—Luke 14:11.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Intervening between the lesson of watchfulness and the present lesson several important events have taken place. He has uttered the parables of the mustard seed, of the leaven and of the straight gate. Then has come the lament over Jerusalem, and a visit to the home of Mary and Martha. After attending the feast of the dedication, He has retired across Jordan and resumed His Persean ministry. It is in Perca that He dines with the Pharisee and he takes the occasion to impart important lessons on those present. These lessons are:

Concerning Sabbath Keeping.....vs. 1-4
Concerning Exalting One's Self.....vs. 7-11
Concerning Hospitality.....vs. 12-14
Concerning Sabbath Keeping.—One of the chief Pharisees had asked Jesus to a Sabbath dinner. Among the other guests was a man who had the dropsy. Jesus had had discussions on previous occasions regarding healing on the Sabbath. This time Jesus decided to have the argument (if any) before, rather than after the event. So He asked the lawyers and pharisees present regarding its lawfulness. But they held their peace. They believed it unlawful, but wanted Jesus to give His own decision, and afterward they could criticize and find fault. So Jesus healed the man, and then without waiting, answered the thought in the hearts of the lawyers and pharisees by asking: "Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway (note the "straightway") pull him out on the Sabbath day?" The pharisees had refused to answer His question before, now they could not.

Concerning Exalting One's Self.—It has been thought by some that the man with the dropsy had been brought by the pharisee to his house in order to see if Jesus would heal him. This, we think, is true, as evidently Jesus felt Himself on trial before His host and fellow guests. One thing that might indicate this is His rebuking those who had sought the best places at the table. It was an unfriendly atmosphere in which He found Himself. So after the incident of the healing He took up another shortcoming of the Jews. He had noticed it on this very occasion. At first He took their own argument. If it was honor they sought, why not pick out the less honored places that their honor might be the more conspicuous when asked to take a higher place. Imagine the chagrin of the one asked to move down. This actual rebuking for honored places at the dinner table may not be a fault with us, still self-preference is deeply ingrained into our selfish human nature. Therefore Jesus brings out this deeply spiritual fact that "whoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

Concerning Hospitality.—Then Jesus turned to the host. He had been bidden to the dinner that His conduct might be criticised, and the other guests, notable Jews, chief pharisees and lawyers, were there to witness His discomfort. This was not true hospitality. Nor was there any true honor to a table by their presence. True hospitality infers an unselfish, not a self-seeking spirit. Then why not invite the poor, the maimed, the lame and the blind? For entertaining such a man will be blessed, "for they cannot recompense thee; for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just."

Ramp's Horn Wrinkles.
Heavy grades need heavy engines. A friction is the best aid of memory. Depression of spirits ought to lift us to God. When a man is upright, his head is towardward. True spirituality is in doing, not in dreaming. The splendor of a station should not make us low the train. Nothing can be brighter or better than to shine as one of the lights of the world.

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DR. PARKER HONORED.

One of the Veteran Missionaries of the Methodist Church Elected Bishop for India.

Rev. Edwin Wallace Parker, D. D., of North India conference, was born at St. Johnsbury, Vt., January 21, 1833. His father was a farmer, and for many years a steward in the Methodist church. Dr. Parker was con-



DR. EDWIN W. PARKER.
(Elected Missionary Bishop for India by the Methodist Church.)

verted at St. Johnsbury Center in 1853. He joined the Vermont conference in 1857, and was ordained in the New England conference in 1859. In the same year that he was ordained graduated from the Concord Biblical institute. On April 11, 1859, he sailed for India by way of the Cape, and landed in that country, August 21. Dr. Butler met him at Calcutta. The young missionary was at once sent to Bijpjour, a new field in northwest India, where the Hindustani language was learned and work opened. In 1864, when the India conference was organized, he was made a presiding elder, and has remained in that office almost all the time since. He has at different times been in charge of nearly every part of the work in both conferences in northwest India. In connection with his work as presiding elder he established many primary schools, including the Goucher schools, with several middle schools and one high school especially for educating and building up the young people and converts. He also had charge of the publishing house at Lucknow for several years, in addition to district work, in which time buildings were completed and the house nearly freed from debt. While thus actively engaged in overseeing the work of the church Dr. Parker has ever been an earnest soul-winner. The revival which spread over the northwest of India, gathering in so many converts, started on Dr. Parker's district and under his direction. This was, perhaps, his largest work. For this reason he was removed from the care of a district and appointed general evangelist. Dr. Parker is thoroughly familiar with the needs and opportunities in India, and will be able to successfully carry forward whatever part of the field is assigned to him.

UMBRELLA-RIGGED BOAT.

Queer Craft Constructed by an English Inventor Who Claims Great Things for It.

The queer rig of a boat which has appeared in the harbors of Southampton and Cowes is exciting a good deal of attention. The sail has the general appearance of an umbrella, of which the mast is the handle. It does not open and shut like an umbrella, however, but like two fans, extending fore and aft from the mast. The sail is oval,

UMBRELLA-RIGGED BOAT.
(It is Said to be Very Swift and Absolutely Safe.)

measuring about 36 by 15 feet, while the hull of the boat is only 12 feet long. With ordinary rig a boat of this size would carry about 20 square yards of canvas, but this sail measures nearly twice as much.

The boat is very swift, partly because the wind has a tendency to lift it. Instead of careening it to leeward and skin friction is diminished. The sail is not movable about the mast, but the mast itself rotates.

The rig is the invention of Messrs. Perry and Pilcher, of London, and Wilson, of Dublin. Its success has induced Mr. Selwyn Edwards to order from Thornycroft, the shipbuilder, a 400-foot vessel on the same plan.

Lyddite Is Inhuman.
The inhuman explosive lyddite used by the British in the war against the Boers is said to be composed largely of picric acid, made by treating carbolic acid with nitric. It has about 11 times the force of gun cotton, and the concussion is even more fatal than the fragments of the shells. The name comes from the town of Lydd, where it was first made.

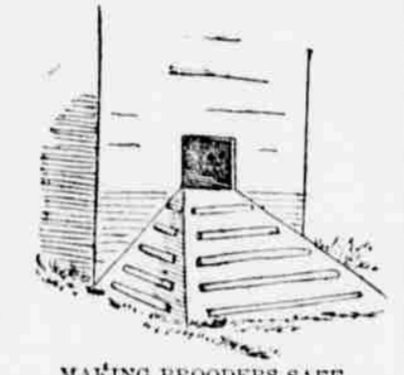


DOULTRY & BEES.

DEVICE FOR BROODERS.

How to Avoid an Inconvenience Which Has Annoyed Poultry Raisers for a Long Time.

Almost all the brooders, whether factory made or home made, have a lower story for the lamp and an upper floor in which the chicks are housed, making necessary an inclined board for the chicks to run up on. They are constantly getting under this board, and often become chilled because they do not know enough to "walk the plank" properly. The cut



MAKING BROODERS SAFE.

shows how this trouble may be avoided easily. Three slopes are made to the incline, thus affording no chance for missing the way. A chicken is a very stupid thing, and cannot be depended upon to do any thinking for itself. It is this nature of both old and young fowls that makes it so necessary to be constantly watchful in managing poultry. A little lack of care and a dozen chicks, perhaps, have become chilled and lost. The ingenious caretaker by using such devices as that shown in the cut can save himself some work by making it nearly impossible for the chicks to go wrong. There are many such devices for saving labor that can be thought up.—N. Y. Tribune.

FARM TURKEY RAISING.

Giving the Young Birds the Right Kind of Food is the Most Important Matter.

When the turkey hen is in a good sitting mood, give her 17 eggs; at the same time set two chickens on 11 eggs each. When the hatch is off, give all turkeys to the turkey hen. Feed the young turkeys on curd, often mixing black pepper in it. Feed three times a day all they will eat. Do not give raw corn meal; if fed at all, bake into corn bread. Screenings is a poor food, as it contains many wild seeds, causing diarrhea, killing them in 24 hours. That is the one thing to guard against and the greatest difficulty in raising turkeys. When feeding only curd as the principal food, you overcome that trouble.

I find by keeping the young turkeys in a pen 10x10 feet and 12 inches high for a few days it gives them strength and they can follow the hen. You cannot shut turkeys up in a coop or yard, as they will die if confined. After four or five days old, let them go, see that they come home every night, which they will do if fed morning and evening. For breeding purposes, select hens not less than two years old, toms from two to three, of the Ky Bronze variety.—May C. Sugdam, in Farm and Home.

AMONG THE POULTRY.

Generally, the quicker a sick hen is killed the better. Select out the best of the fowls each year for future breeding.

Exercise is better than drugs as a stimulant for egg production. The hardy, wide rangers, those clean of limb and having small combs, are the kinds of fowls wanted by farmers. For broilers you should have some breed that matures rapidly, and that will not have to be fed all summer to make them weigh a pound or two. On the farm, especially, one good breed of poultry, well fed and cared for, is of more value than a dozen varieties neglected.—Garden and Farm.

Sells Fowls in Midsummer.

The cockerels of this season's hatch when sold for market will pay all the expense of their own raising and that of the pullets. The time to sell the cockerels is on the first day that enough of them of marketable size can be gathered together for a shipment. Most farmers put off selling until just before winter. The market is then glutted and prices are at the lowest ebb. The increased size does not make up for the losses which will occur in the interval between midsummer and fall, and the smaller price per pound which will then have to be accepted for them. Taking one year with another, it is a saving of money to sell the surplus young stock in July and August instead of in October.—Farmers' Voice.

Caring for Yarded Fowls.

I lived in town from 1890 to 1897, and kept from 24 to 48 chickens in a lot 10x26 feet. This was set in plum trees, with an occasional run over the garden and a small grass plot. We had very satisfactory results. We fed whole corn, oats and wheat. They also had milk and scraps from the kitchen. In addition they were allowed to run at will in a small stable yard 30x30 feet. They also had access to the stable and buggy house during the day, but invariably kept on their own ground at night.—J. E. Roberts, in Farmers' Voice.

HEALTHY OLD AGE



The majority of persons upon reaching middle age and past find their blood becomes weak and thin, and diseases that were easily controlled in earlier life begin to affect the constitution.

Those predisposed to Scrofula, Cancer, Rheumatism, Gout and other hereditary troubles may escape till then, but as they age the blood, so long tainted and weakened by accumulated waste matters, is no longer able to properly nourish the body, and it becomes an easy mark for disease. At this critical period of life the blood must be re-enforced before it can perform its legitimate functions and rid the system of these poisons, and nothing so surely and effectually does this as S. S. S.

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