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THE LESSON TEXT.

(Ruth 1:16-22.)

16. And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave 16. And Ruth said. Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy pace ple shall be my people, and thy God my God;

17. Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried; the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.

18. When she saw that she was steadfastly

minded to go with her, then she left speak-So they two went until they came to

19. So they two went until they came to Bethlehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Bethlehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, is this Naomi? 20. And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara; for the Almighty

hath dealt very bitterly with me.

I. I went out full, and the Lord hath brought me home again empty; why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the Lord hath testilled against me, anothe Almighty hath afficient me?

22. So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab; and they came to Bethlehem in the begin-ning of barley barvest.

GOLDEN TEXT .- ite kindly affectioned one to another.—Rom. 12:10. OUTLINE OF SCRIPTURE SECTION.

NOTES AND COMMENTS. The story of Ruth is a story of the heart. It shows the beauty and the rewards of a life of unselfish devotion. But Ruth is not the only noble character in this little drama. In Naomi and Boaz, as well, we have illustrations of what the heart can do towards making one worthy of komage and imitation. In reading of the three one feels moved to live so as to bless others; and that kind of living, as Jesus showed, is the kind that is approved of God. In giving up all for the sake of Naomi, Ruth gained all; in losing her life she found it. So sweet a story is well worth study.

It is not known who wrote the book, or when he lived. Such explanations of the story as "Now this was the custom in former time in Israel" (4:7) show that the author wrote many years, and perhaps many centuries, after it all happened, and after many of the old-time customs had been forgotten.

The story should be read and reread, that it may teach its own simple lesson of fidelity and love in its own way. "Following the Book of Judges, which has been filled with bloodshed and violence and the heroism of the sterner virtues, it comes upon us like a benediction of peace. It contains no trace of war or high politics; the disasters of its story are the troubles of family life-exile, bereavement, poverty; while its grand incidents are no more than the yearly festivities of country life, and the formal transfers of property that must go on though kingdom rise and fall."-Richard G. Moulton.

"Entreat me not to leave thee, etc.:" Both Ruth and Orpah loved, but loved in different ways. Orpah dreaded the parting, but she saw that Naomi was right; it would be better for her to stay. She did not forget herself in her love. Ruth's love was of that higher and rarer kind that knows no obpeople shall be my people, and thy spade and wheelbarrow. It is 16 feet God my God:" The character of wide by 50 feet deep, and will hold Naomi is revealed here, too. It is no small thing to inspire such a noble devotion. She had gone into an idolatrous land, but had remained true to Jehovah, and won her daughter to Him also. "All the city was moved about them:" Naomi must have been well known and, though the years of sorrow had changed her, was remembered. "Jehovah hath testified against me:" Naomi's idea here is the common Hebrew one, expressed by Job's friends, that suffering was a sure sign of God's disapproval. Christ taught that this was not the case.

On reaching Bethlehem, Ruth found herself in a hard fight with poverty. She went out like others who were very poor, to pick up the scattering heads of grain that the reapers had missed. But the story of her unselfish fidelity was known, and every one was kind to her. The owner of the field in which she gleaned turned out to be a kinsman of her husband's and took a great interest in her, finally marrying her, so ending the struggle with poverty, and showing us that real nobility of character does not go unrewarded, even in the sight of men.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS. Each one at some time chooses between the road that leads to Israel and the road that leads to Moab. Orpah saved her life, but lost it; Ruth lost her life, but found it.

It is not enough to go part way on the road to the Kingdom of Heaven. One must continue to the end.

It is better to go with one only on the road that leads to Heaven than to remain with the multitude. If one chooses to serve God the de-

cision should be irrevocable. There should be no half-mind about it.

Spear Points.

Singing saints are seldom sad ones. A good man will always find some good in men.

The light of love is not created by the friction of religious controversy. Small vices may be fordable one at a time, but they soon unite into an impassable river.

You may try to do many a day's worry, but you can only do one day's

work at a time. Some men lay the loadstone of lust alongside the compass of conscience. and then talk about its being a good guide.—Ram's Horn.



APPLE SCAB FUNGUS.

It Is Said to Be One of the Most Destructive Pests That Comes Into Orchards,

Very few except scientists recognize that apple scab is one of the most destructive pests that comes into the orchard of the apple grower. The codling moth is supposed to be far more destructive, but such is not the case. Great precautions are taken against the said moth, but little or none against the apple scab fungus. When a picker takes an apple from a limb and finds the scab on it he gives it not another thought, for that is apparently only a blemish. He imagines that he sees on the apple all the result there is, and he considers ; It not worth investigating. In fact, this seab does most of its damage to the foliage, and what appears on the apples is merely its secondary work. By the work of this fungus the entire tree is weakened and the apple erop is cut short year after year. In addition to the fruit being smaller than it should be the apples fall early, as the tree is too much weakened to nourish them sufficiently to induce them to hang on. It seems that an apple hangs on just as long as it is receiving nourishment. When nourishment is cut off the apple automatically detaches itself and falls, Anything that causes a check to this supply of nourishment lends to the fall of the apple. The apple scab fungus, by sapping the strength of the tree, brings about this result. Another indication of the presence of the fungus is the fall of the leaves before the natural time. This is brought about in the same way as is the fall of the apple. The nourishment ceases going to the leaves and the stem begins to detach itself from the tree. Thus long before the other trees have dropped their leaves the tree that is badly affected by the fungus named

When a tree is badly affected it takes more than one year to bring it back to a normal condition of fruitfulness. Thus, if a tree has the disease this year, the crop next year is sure to be small, for the reason that fruit buds are formed more than a \$1.49 year ahead of the time of their fruitfulness. If the tree is seably this year the buds will be poorly developed \$1.15 or not developed at all. No matter how good its condition next year it will not, in a single season, develop buds and bear fruits on those buds. Spraying is the only remedy, and that must be continued for a number of years.-Farmers' Review.

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