

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson in the International Series for October 11, 1903—God's Covenant with David.

THE LESSON TEXT.

4. And it came to pass that night, that the word of the Lord came unto Nathan, saying...

5. And he said to Nathan, Thus saith the Lord, Thou shalt build me an house for me to dwell in.

6. Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought out the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.

7. In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel, I have not seen a man build an house for me to dwell in.

8. Now therefore so shall thou say unto My servant David, Thus saith the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, I have chosen thee, because thou followest the words of the Lord, whom I commanded to say to thee, saying, Why buildest thou an house for me?

9. And I was with thee, whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great ones that are in the earth.

10. Moreover, I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and they shall be no more a wandering people, neither shall they have any more an enemy against them, any more, nor shall I be angry with them any more.

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The man who is engaged in agricultural pursuits at the present day is expected to keep up and advance with the agricultural progress of the world.

We must dispense with the old methods and adopt the new and later inventions. We cannot raise and feed our stock as our forefathers did a hundred years ago because we are advancing and land is more closely taken up; consequently we must work more on the order of the intensive system.

We know it is hard for some farmers, who have been taught and raised to do a thing a certain way, to change to the better methods. It seems to them that it is wrong, and often they cannot be blamed for feeling so.

But we must gradually free ourselves from these ideas. All the other departments of the business world are advancing, and why should not agriculture advance with it?

The whole race of humanity is depending upon agriculture for a living and the trade should not be thought any the less of by anyone. The man who is engaged in other pursuits of life should honor the farmer, as he must understand that whatever he eats comes from him.

If the farming class does not advance with the rest of the world it will be to its own loss. It is not natural that we should be satisfied to work in the same road we did years ago, or even one year ago. We should strive to do better this year and make an advancement wherever possible.

The best, easiest and most practical way to advance ourselves is given in one sentence, namely, "Read plenty of agricultural literature and apply the facts gained to actual experience." The farming world would be far behind where it is now if it were not for the help that has been given us by farm literature.

Every farmer should try to make some improvement and advancement every day. Never let your business get the best of you, but get the best of it, and you can best do this by advancing with the rest of the world.—E. J. Waterstrip, in Epitomis.

AN IRRIGATION HINT.

How a Staten Island Gardener Supplements the Rainfall with Good Effect.

The dry season has enabled me definitely to prove the practicability of an exceedingly simple method of supplementing the rainfall, which is so cheap as to be within the reach of gardeners, while it does not have the objections of digging and washing away the food of the ground, nor endangering it in case of a heavy rainfall immediately after the watering, as is the case where the soil is flooded by the old method. I elevate the water to a tank set high, and for a plot

of 400 feet square run a half-inch pipe to the center, as shown in the diagram, making a cross in the pipe at the center and placing five one-fourth-inch stands, as shown by the dots. These stands are eight to ten feet high, and have two atomizers upon the top of each one, which will discharge 20 to 25 gallons of water in the form of a heavy mist each per hour, and give a total of 2,000 to 2,500 gallons each ten hours. The water is turned on only at night, or if the weather is very warm at six p. m., and turned off at seven a. m. Thrown out so fine, the water is buoyed up by the air, and drifts more as a heavy dew than as rain. The number of atomizers may be doubled if desired, or only used each other night. I have found 2,000 gallons a night ample for the finest plant growth.—S. S. Boyce, in Rural New Yorker.

Commercial Fertilizers. Commercial fertilizers are not very extensively used in the middle west. The lack of interest is due largely to the extravagant claims made for them years ago by chemists and dealers. Now they are better understood. Very frequently they can be profitably used for special crops, and in connection with barnyard and green manures. As the natural fertility of our virgin soils decreases they will become more and more important. Inform yourself concerning them and see if some of your crops cannot be increased by the use of lime, potash salts, phosphate or other compounds.—Orange Judd Farmer.

Some Angora Goat Advice. Angoras are at their best when three years old and should then be sent to the butcher unless it is desirable to keep them longer for their fleeces. After this age they begin to grow coarse, both in fleece and fiber. No wether should be kept in the flock after it has passed its prime and done its best. Where a number of old wethers are kept in the shearing flock the average fineness of the clip of mohair is materially lowered, and the longer they are run in the field, the lower goes the standard of the hair.—Texas Stock Journal.

A good ration for farm horses is ten pounds of hay, eight pounds of corn, and seven pounds of bran per day.

Successful War on Ants. Large numbers of ants can be destroyed by a liberal use of boiling water, kerosene emulsion or strong soap suds poured over the nests at night when the insects are all at home, but the more effective is a substance known as carbon bisulphide, which may be used in the following manner: Make some holes some inches apart and several inches deep with a broomstick or bar in the nests, and pour in each about a teaspoonful of carbon bisulphide, and cover the nests with a wet blanket, and after a few minutes explode the fumes collected underneath with a match or other light on the end of a short stick. This treatment, if repeated one or two times, should destroy all the occupants of a nest.—Country Gentleman.

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Mistress—Jane, Jane! You must be more careful. Each of those tumblers you've broken cost a dollar apiece. Jane—Law, mum! now I should 'ave thought they wouldn't cost more'n 20 cents apiece.—Judge.

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On every farm where small fruits and vegetables are grown a one-horse harrow is a great convenience. By its use the lighter weeding is done and the surface of the soil kept loose at small expense of labor.

If one has a lever harrow two of the beams may be used for this one-horse harrow or the beams may be readily made with lumber of proper length, using long wire nails for

the teeth. The beams are fastened together in a V shape, as shown in the cut, and a wooden frame is constructed, as shown, to support the handle. If a blacksmith is conveniently near the support for the handle may be two iron rods running from the corners of the harrow to the handle. A board may be placed over the frame and heavy stones set upon it to weigh down the tool if it is found too light for certain soils. This tool will be found especially useful in corn cultivation during the early growth of the plants.—Indianapolis News.



PLANT LIFE ELEMENTS.

Nitrogen Is the Most Important and Shows Its Effect in a Variety of Ways.

Each element used by plant life helps in the building of certain parts of the plant, and likewise, doubtless, each has some one or more special functions. What some of these are, says a late Vermont station bulletin, is not well understood, but some are known. Nitrogen is known to show its effects on plant life in three ways. It promotes stem and leaf growth, and, in excess, delays seed and fruit formation. It deepens the green coloration of the leaves. Its abundance may increase and its deficiency may lessen the relative amount of nitrogen in the plant. This means a variation in food value. If nitrogen is freely applied in fertilizers, or is present in plentiful quantities in the soil, its effect is generally shown—unless its effect is negated by phosphoric acid—by a vigorous, dark-green leaf growth, and by a somewhat retarded flower and seed formation. If available nitrogen is relatively lacking, either in the soil or in the added fertilizer, a somewhat more scanty foliage than occurs under better conditions—one of a rather lighter green—is grown. The seed, moreover, is apt to mature rather earlier than usual.

The farmer may, by careful observation, judge somewhat as to the crop needs in this connection that nitrogen is essential to plant growth, that available nitrogen is in small quantity and easily exhausted from soils, and that consequently it is and always has been the most costly form of plant food.

GARDEN AND ORCHARD. Check out the strawberry bed, unless you are going to plow it under. Cultivate often in the garden and orchard, weeds or no weeds, and thus keep the surface in condition to receive the rainfall or to retain soil moisture.

An old sow with a litter of vigorous pigs will root recognition out of the garden in about 15 minutes. Pigs and a garden cannot be raised on the same lot.

When the lettuce are too old to use on the table clear the garden of them—unless you have some little chicks that will relish them; in this case let them remain as chicken feed.

The value of good stock was shown at New York recently when strawberries were selling all the way from two to ten cents per box. There were only about 50,000 crates received on that particular day.

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MIGRATION OF NEGROES.

Thousands Leave the Country Every Year to Find Employment in the Large Cities.

Booker T. Washington recently gave two reasons for the general migration of the colored population from the country into the cities—the superior educational facilities for colored children and the better police protection afforded by the cities.

The increase in the negro population of the United States between 1890 and 1900 was 1,350,000, or at the rate of about 18 per cent., the white population in the same period increasing 21 per cent. But this gain in the colored population is not evenly distributed.

The cities generally gaining at the expense of the country districts. In Charleston, S. C., the colored population increased in ten years from 35,000 to 60,000; in Jefferson county, Ky., which includes Louisville, the colored population increased from 33,000 to 43,000 in ten years; in Shelby county, Tenn., which includes Memphis, from 61,000 to 85,000; in Fulton county, Ga., which includes Atlanta, from 35,000 to 45,000; in Baltimore from 67,000 to 79,000; in Washington from 165,000 to 230,000; in Duval county, Fla., which includes Jacksonville, from 14,000 to 22,000; in Warren county, Miss., which includes Vicksburg, from 35,000 to 45,000; in St. Louis from 24,000 to 35,000, and in Galveston from 7,000 to 8,700.

Indications of the migration of colored residents to the large cities may be found in the north as well as in the south. In the case of Pennsylvania the increase in the colored population in ten years was 49,000. Of this 37,000 was in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh alone.

In New York the increase in the colored population in ten years was 29,000, but of this total 16,000 was in New York county, 7,000 in Brooklyn, and 2,000 in Richmond and Queens, and 4,000 in the whole rest of the state.

Another reason for the increase in the colored population of the city, not given by Mr. Washington, is the better wages paid to colored people in the cities and their larger opportunities for material advantage.

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