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SOCIALIST PARTY — WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE

THE PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

The Parent-Teachers Association of Meyersdale began its career last week at a meeting held in the school on Friday night, and the central action was a paper read by Mr. Goughenour on the Moral Training of Children in the Home. The paper was able in presenting a number of ways by which parents might develop the good that is inherent in every child's nature, by a proper understanding of the child-mind, the speaker taking for granted that the family is the unit of society and that it is almost universally ideal and in ideal circumstances, except in a minority of cases.

While this may be true of a small portion of the middle class, we do not believe that it is true of the great majority of the people, who live in circumstances that are anything but ideal and we believe that the economic conditions in which children are born and reared largely determine their state of morality. Few people will deny to-day that children born in the homes of parents that are in poverty, in which it taxes all the physical strength of the father to earn the livelihood and the mental anxiety of the mother to make ends meet in these days of the high cost of living, in which there is often not proper sanitation and hygiene, can reach the highest state of morality without some state aid and supervision.

So soon as you admit this, generally speaking, the home, under present conditions, fall from its high estate as the most ideal place to develop child morality, considering the home, of course, as the speaker did, as being the narrow confines of family life.

We are much more in accord with the view expressed by Mrs. Kiernan in her address to the Assn. last month, which is the view of the most modern thinkers, that "the home is wherever the child goes"; the school, the church, the street, the playground, the theatre, the picture show, the store, the office, the mine and the factory as well as the four walls of a dwelling or a shack.

Considering the question from this wider view, the social view, we cannot agree that the distinctly family life is necessarily the determining factor in morality.

The public view of the family has undergone a marked change. We no longer consider the child as the sole property of the parent to do with as he pleases. We establish a public school and with the police power behind us, we force the unwilling parent to give his child an education outside the home. We say to the parent, you shall not send your child to the mine or factory at a tender age, you shall not be cruel in your discipline of the child, and we may soon say let us hope, that children shall not be employed at night or in dangerous occupations. We are beginning to say what kind of a house the family shall live in and doing numberless other things that our ideal family has fallen far short of doing? All of which tends to prove that the real home of the child is the whole community. This viewpoint will help us more easily to solve many perplexing problems concerning children, especially when we become broad enough to make the school the social home of the community.

There are many things that a parent-teachers association might learn from similar organizations in other schools that we believe are behind ours. We used to think that our country was the final dictum in social, political and industrial development, yet we are beginning to attempt in city, state, and nation, comprehensive programs of social improvement that are all foreign importations from countries that we have always looked upon as behind our own.

If it is to be the province of the new organization to "investigate and discuss," then we should learn the best that similar organizations are doing, and endeavor to improve on the same or at least do as well. It should be our task too, to investigate our own school and find out just what we know and what we do not know.

Do we know definitely what goes on at our school directors' meeting? We can know if we send a committee to attend and report to us.

Do we know what is the record of attendance and tardiness in detail? We can know if we send a committee to find out by analyzing the records and reporting to us.

Do we know how the truancy and child-labor laws are being enforced? We can know if we have a committee investigate and report to us.

Do we know in detail the result of the medical inspection in our public schools, the extent of various physical ailments among children in our community, the causes of the same, and whether proper remedies have been applied? We can know if we have an industrious committee to find out and report to us.

Do we know whether the teachers of our children are as competent as they should be, whether they have too many children to a class, whether they have special problems that we might assist them in, whether worthy efforts on their part are being noticed and commended? We can know if we elect school visitors to find out and report to us.

Do we know what goes on at the teachers' meetings where the teachers problems are discussed? We can know if we send a committee to attend and perhaps we might be of some assistance.

Do we know if some of our children are wasting time on useless studies and why so many children drop out of our High school? Let our committee find out and report to us.

Do we know why the night school was a success last year and a failure this year? Let us be diligent and find out.

Perhaps the greatest need of our school children at present is to have a playground. Shall we have a representative of the Playgrounds' Assn. or Commission address us and advise us?

Let us hope that more parents and teachers will interest themselves in the new movement, and if they do so conscientiously, it will become a potent factor in our social growth. Then we will not end our work at theorizing and discussing, but will get to work and do something practical.

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Salisbury—Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Prayermeeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Garrett—Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Prayermeeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Rockwood—Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 7:20 p. m. K. L. C. E., at 6:30 p. m.

Harnedsville—Preaching Saturday 7:30 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 10:30 a. m.

DEAD LETTER LIST.

Miss Stella Buerdman, Mrs. Jeremiah and Josef Fojcik (Foreign)
Apl. 12, 1913. J. F. NAUGLE, P. M.

Good Filler.

There's a country editor not a thousand miles from here who, when he gets shy on copy, runs in a couple of columns of "Lucile."

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

LESSON FOR APRIL 20

JACOB'S MEETING WITH ESAU.

LESSON TEXT—Gen. 33:1-15.
GOLDEN TEXT—"Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other even as God also in Christ forgave you." Eph. 4:32 R. V.

We are about to lose sight of Jacob, "a cheat," and we shall hereafter consider Israel, "a prince." While Jacob is not so grand a character as Abraham nor so lovable as Isaac, yet he is much more like the average man. The story of his days of willing service for Rachel (29:20); of Laban's deception and of his prosperity in spite of Laban, can be found in chapters 29 and 30, while that of his return to Canaan is contained in chapters 31-35. Though not included in the selected portion of Scripture, we do not see how anyone can teach this lesson and omit the consideration of chapter 32. We therefore see before us (1) Jacob's diplomacy, 32:1-8; (2) Jacob's prayer, 32:9-12; (3) Jacob's present to Esau, 32:13-23, and (4) Jacob's wrestling, 32:24-32.

A finger tip of God disabled Jacob, yet vanquished he is victorious for God—the angel of Jehovah—has taken from this double-dealing, crafty child that which hindered all that was truest in his life. Not by compelling but by yielding was Jacob enlarged; by submitting he found the throne of power. So much in preparation for the lesson of today.

Not a Coward.

I. **The Approach—vv. 1-3.** Jacob had just had a vision of God (32:30); why, then, should he fear the face of his brother? Even so, however, he continued his measures of precaution and separated his children into Leah and Rachel and sent the handmaids and their children ahead. Notice how he places his most loved in the rear of the procession which he himself led. Jacob was not a coward and, indeed, with his new-found power he had no need to be. Before he had fled from the face of his angry brother, now with boldness, and yet with humility, he enters the presence of that same brother even though he had had no assurance as to the character of that meeting.

II. **The Meeting—vv. 4-11.** Twenty-one years had passed, days of great testing but of great blessing, before Jacob began this homeward journey. Jacob had learned the "upward look" (v. 1) and his prevailing prayer brought Esau to him in haste but not in anger. Now Esau lifts up his eyes (v. 5) and beholds not the fugitive of old, but a transformed, prosperous and richly blessed brother. "Who are those with thee?" he asks, and Jacob at once acknowledges God as the giver and the blesser. (See 32:26; Jas. 1:17.) Jacob speaks of his children as God's gracious gifts. Although this is everywhere the teaching of the Bible, yet how often is it the modern view, at least in many circles of society. Following the children came the handmaids and their children, then Leah and her children, and last of all Rachel and Joseph. At once Esau inquires as to those gifts Jacob had sent ahead (32:13-21), and Jacob replies, "That I might find grace in the sight of my Lord." It is well to notice that Esau refused this gift (v. 11) as a purchase price of reconciliation.

Jacob Astute.

From the marginal reading we see that Jacob's words when urging Esau to accept his gift were: "Because I have all." Every child of God can truthfully say as much. (I Cor. 3:21; Phil. 4:18, 19; Rom. 8.31, 32.) Thus we see the astute Jacob who had so arranged his affairs as to make gifts or not as might be necessary is surprised, not as at Bethel when he met God, but to find that God had so moved upon the heart of his brother as to remove for a time at least all danger.

III. **The Separation, vv. 12-15.** We infer from a study of Esau's life that Jacob did not deem it safe to make the proposed journey. "Discretion is the better part of valor." God does not demand nor desire rashness and needless danger upon the part of his children.

There are three main teachings in this lesson, aside from those of the preceding chapter. (1) That in matters of supreme importance in the life of any man God is interested and ready to lend his assistance. Jacob ready to lend his assistance.

(2) There is the lesson that while men with anxiety seek to make plans for the Kingdom it is only as they fully commit themselves to him and allow him to dominate and to guide will they spell success in their lives.

(3) And lastly, when God controls, when he has the victory in our hearts and our lives, he not only changes the attitude of our enemies towards us but changes our attitude towards them. (Rom. 12:20, 21.)

The Golden Text emphasizes this last thought. The only way we can possibly obey Paul's injunction will be as we are "in Christ Jesus." As we abide in, and recognizing the exceeding riches of his grace, as we recognize God's forgiveness as manifest in Christ Jesus; as we submit to him, we will be able to "be kind one to another."

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Church of the Brethren—Preaching 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Christian Workers Meeting at 6:30 p. m. Bible Class, Saturday evening, 7:30 p. m. Teacher Training classes meet Monday evening 7 and 8 o'clock, respectively. Sunday School Workers' Meeting, Friday evening, 30th inst., at 7:30.

Evangelical Lutheran church—Rev J. A. Yount, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Morning service at 10:30. Luther League at 6:45 p. m. Evening service at 7:30. Lenten service every Wednesday evening at 7:30

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SS. Philip and James Catholic church, Rev. J. J. Brady, pastor.—Mass next Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 a. m. Vespers and Benediction at 7:30 p. m.

At the A. M E. Zion church Sunday School at 3:00 p. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 7:45 p. m.

Brethren Church:—H. L. Goughnour, pastor.—Miss Mary Maud Billman, of Dayton, Ohio, the National President of the S. S. C. E., will speak at the regular church services in the morning at Salisbury, in the afternoon at Summit Mills, and in the evening at Meyersdale. Sunday school and Christian Endeavor at usual hours. All are invited.

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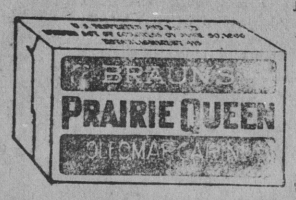

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