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SOMETHING PRACTICAL.

There is a persistent rumor that the Executive Committee has decided that the Parent-Teachers Assn. shall not confine its sphere to mere investigation and discussions but has taken the hint, and has something practical to propose at the meeting on Friday night. Let us give thanks that the children of our town will get some real benefit from the new organization. If the common people of Meyersdale are to be interested in the Parent-Teachers Assn. it must be shown that their children are to profit by it, otherwise the Assn. will be a fiasco.

INDUSTRIAL MURDER.

The slaughter of miners through laxity of discipline or carelessness in safety measures, because the main incentive to coal mining is the operators' profits instead of supplying fuel for use, has again taken a fearful toll at Finleyville where 125 men were killed.

Adam Smith and the capitalist school of political economists tell us that the capitalists get their profits through "reward of abstinence". By the same reasoning, we presume that the miners' lot is the penalty of participation.

When the mines are publicly owned, as they surely will be, then the theory of the "reward of abstinence" will be relegated to the scrap heap along with a lot of other philosophic junk that our schools and colleges are teaching, and human lives will be put on a higher plane than profits.

MOTHER JONES.

Wherever there is a mine settlement in the United States, the name of Mother Jones is known and revered as a saint, for this old woman has given her very life for the welfare of the miners. There has never been an industrial battle of any consequences which she was able to take part in, that Mother Jones has not been on the "firing line" with her "boys" as she affectionately calls the miners.

Mother Jones, now past eighty years of age, is locked up in a military prison because she will not obey the ukase of Governor Hatfield of West Virginia and leave the state so that the coal operators can beat the miners on strike for over a year, back into slavery conditions. The answer of this aged saint to the political tool of the operators was, "As long as there is life in this old body of mine, I will keep on fighting for the children, and the women, and the men of the mining camps. And I know that two months more in this prison will finish me".

That you miners and other workers may know what Mother Jones has had to endure in her work of organization, we quote an extract from an article by Harold E. West, in The Survey, which certainly cannot be suspected of being Socialist in its tendencies:—

"I have been with Mother Jones when she was compelled to walk the creek, having been forbidden to go upon the footpaths that happened to be upon the property of the companies and denied even the privilege of walking along the railroad track, although hundreds of miners and others were walking on it at the time. She was compelled to keep to the bed of the creek and the water was over her ankles. I protested to the chief of the guards, saying that no matter how much she might be hated, she was an old woman and common humanity would dictate that she be not ill treated. I was told that she was an old 'she-devil' and that she would receive no 'courtesies' there."

"I was with her when she was denied 'the privilege' of going up the footway to the house of one of the miners in order to get a cup of tea. It was then afternoon, she had walked several miles and was faint, having had nothing to eat since an early

breakfast. But that did not shut her mouth. She made the speech she had arranged to make to the men who had gathered to hear her although they had to line up on each side of the roadway to avoid obstructing the highway, a highway that was almost impassable to a wheeled vehicle and on which there was no travel. And in that speech she counseled moderation, told the men to keep strictly within the law and to protect the company's property instead of doing anything to injure it."

Such conditions will exist so long as you miners and workers continue voting for them. Vote for Socialism and you'll see the last of such conditions in its triumph.

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"As far as the destruction of pests is concerned there is a slight benefit from whitewashing the trunks of trees. However, this does not kill the pests that are not touched by the white wash and thus those on the branches above the whitewashed area are uninjured. Also, it does not kill the borers that are within the trees, although if applied regularly as a good thick coat, about the middle of June, July, and August, each year, it will keep the borers out."

"From the standpoint of appearance is not commendable, as the trees in their natural condition and beauty are much more attractive than those that are whitewashed to look like painted posts. Persons who love Nature are outraged in their finer sensibilities upon seeing natural objects like stones and trees whitewashed, painted or otherwise discolored."

Whitewashing gives a little benefit. It is certain that it pays far better to boil a little sulphur with the lime, and instead of making a regular whitewash, make the lime-sulphur solution with the sediment present, and apply this either with a brush or with a spray pump. It is not troublesome to boil some sulphur with the lime, and thus make the material an undoubted insecticide and fungicide. This can be applied with a brush just as the whitewash is applied and it will be far more effective in destroying insects and germs of fungous diseases, and will be far better for the trees."

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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

LESSON FOR MAY 11.

JOSEPH MADE RULER OF EGYPT.

LESSON TEXT—Gen. 41:25-40. GOLDEN TEXT—"God giveth grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5:5.

"Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." Surely Joseph has had enough of deferred hope during his thirteen years of humiliation, yet he did not lose faith in God during those days of the seeming failure of God's Word (Ch. 40:8; 41:16) and now there is dawning the day of his exaltation. Two years have elapsed since the events of last week's lesson and again his powers of interpretation are called into use.

I. Pharaoh's Dreams, vv. 25-32. Pharaoh is perplexed and his perplexity recalls to the butler his forgotten promise to his fellow prisoner, 40:14 and 41:9-13. It does not seem to us that the butler was much possessed by honest sorrow, but rather he is impelled by a desire to secure the advantage he felt sure would accrue if he could succeed in securing for Pharaoh the interpretation of his dreams. He ought to have remembered Joseph before this but even his ingratitude is used of God as a means of bringing Joseph to the fore at the most opportune moment.

Did Not Forget God.

Joseph is a good example for present day church members to follow in that being exalted among men or being away from home he did not forget to confess God. Furthermore his predictions based upon his intelligent knowledge of God came true to the letter. The whole matter, Pharaoh's dream and Joseph's ability as an interpreter were inspired "established" by God. There is no such thing as chance in the spiritual realm any more than in the realm of physics or chemistry. Back of every effort is an adequate cause. Joseph realized this, hence his words that, "the thing is, established (prepared) by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass."

II. Pharaoh's Deliverer, vv. 33-40. Joseph told Pharaoh the meaning of his dream which had been repeated, and which seemed like two different dreams whereas it was but one in the lesson to be taught. It is not enough, however, to tell a man what is the matter with him, most men know without being told, but it is quite another thing to present a rational cure. Joseph's interpretation commanded Pharaoh's confidence and his suggestion is one of wisdom and good judgment, viz: (1) a man who shall be the executive supervisor of the plans for meeting the impending catastrophe; (2) a governmental department which shall devote itself solely to this matter, and (3) abundant storage of provisions during the seven years of plenty.

Pharaoh's Wisdom.

This man of piety knew how to properly improve his opportunity and Pharaoh saw the secret of Joseph's wisdom (v. 38), "a man in whom the spirit of God is" (2 Tim. 1:7). Pharaoh had the wisdom to set in authority the spirit-filled man, a broad suggestion for voters, business men, and even church members. True discretion is God taught (v. 39) and we now begin to see that Joseph's testimony for God is being honored (Jno. 12:26) and that Joseph was worthy of the honor and power conferred upon him (vv. 40, 41, 44; cf. Matt. 28:18). The source of Joseph's wisdom is open to all (Jas. 1:5), and his worthiness came because of his obedience (Isa. 1:19). His training and testing had prepared him to occupy his exalted position with proper humility and zeal. Faithfulness is of great value and always pays well in the long run. Joseph's exaltation to power is a good type of Christ, (a) in the power bestowed upon him, Jno. 3:35; (b) in that the power was unlimited—all the princes were under his feet, Ps. 105:20-22; Eph. 1:20-22; 1 Peter 3:22; (c) by the certainty of Pharaoh's promise, "I am Pharaoh," see Ex. 3:13, 14.

Joseph did not use his great power for his own selfish ends as do so many modern rulers among men. He did not at once send for the members of his family and place them in lucrative positions, but at once set about making provision for the future. It has been suggested that the unsuccessful interpreters of Pharaoh's dream must have ridiculed Joseph but he certainly was sustained by the conviction that God's word was true and that the years of famine were certain to come. This ought to admonish us to improve our present, priceless, opportunities (Eph. 5:16). Joseph's open confession was his leaning back upon God.

This story gives us a remarkable revelation of the value of faith as the chief element of strength of a man. It is also a valuable lesson in its revelation of the methods of God in ruling and overruling the affairs of men. When we remember Joseph in a pit because of the hatred of his brothers and see him now occupying the supreme place of power in Egypt it seems impossible to reconcile the two events, and yet we see how perfectly natural the order of events are and remember how God is constantly performing these seemingly impossible feats.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

Methodist Episcopal church service, Rev. G. A. Neeld pastor—Services at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Epworth League at 6:45 p. m. Evening service at 7:30.

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.

Evangelical church, Rev. L. B. Ritzenhouse pastor—Services will be held next Sunday as follows: Sunday school at 2:00 p. m. Preaching by the pastor at 7:30 p. m.

St. 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.

Christian church services, evening of May 4th. Sermon by new pastor, J. A. Hopkins. Sunday school and Communion services as usual.

St. Paul, Wilhelm Reformed charge E. S. Hassler pastor. Holy Communion will be celebrated on Whit Sunday, services beginning at 10 a. m. The usual Preparatory service will be held on Saturday at 2:30 p. m. At this service there will be Baptism of infants and Confirmation and reception of new members. Services will also be held every evening of week preceding. The pastor will have the assistance of the following ministers who will preach the sermons: On Monday evening, Rev. Harvey Hostetter; Tuesday evening, Rev. F. D. Ellenberger; Wednesday evening, Rev. L. P. Young; Thursday evening, Rev. I. S. Monn; Friday evening, Rev. A. M. Schaffner. Next Sunday, regular services will be, Sunday school at 9 a. m. and preaching services at 10 a. m. All are invited to these services.

Brethren Church—H. L. Goughnour, pastor.—Special Evangelistic and Preparatory services are being held each evening this week. Special sermon at 10:30 a. m. on May 11 and the celebration of the Lord's Supper and Communion service in the evening. Evening services begin at 7:30. Sunday school and Christian Endeavor at usual hours. All are invited to these services.

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W. VA. COAL FIELD SITUATION A MENACE TO THE NATION.

Washington, May 4.—An inquiry into the Paint and Cabin Creek West Virginia coal strike was deemed certain here tonight. Many senators stated they had received requests from disinterested parties asking that Senator Kern's resolution calling for an investigation be favorably acted upon and all seemed inclined to fight to a finish.

Additional impetus was given to the enactment of the resolution by the intimation that President Wilson favors such an investigation. Secretary of Labor Wilson has already made an urgent plea for a probe, stating that "conditions in West Virginia were a menace to the American republic."

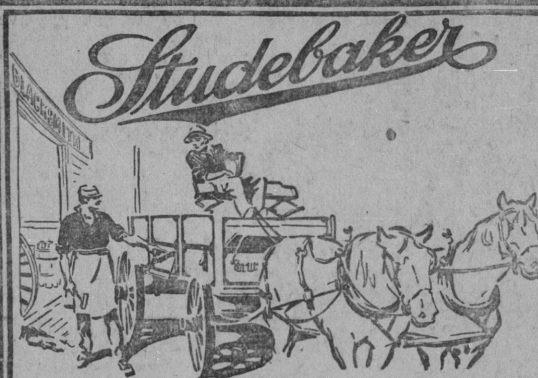
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