



Best Opportunity for Industrious Young Man and Woman on Farm

By ARTHUR CAFFER, Governor of Kansas



The farm affords the best opportunity for industrious young men and women. The young man who has pluck and ginger can win in Kansas—and win on the Kansas farm. There is magic in the little word "work."

I want to appeal to the older folks to give the young people more of a chance. I believe that every boy and girl on the farm should have something he can call his own—something to keep him interested in the farm and something which will train him in a business way. If I had my way every girl in Kansas would be trained to bake, cook and sew. One of the finest things the agricultural college is doing is to train girls to take care of themselves.

The biggest mistake a boy or girl can make is to pull away from a Kansas farm and go to a city. No state in the Union offers greater opportunities than Kansas.

I am glad the progressive farmers of Kansas are taking an interest in better schools. More money is being spent on school buildings and the people are taking pride in their schools.

I think one of the important things that the agricultural college is doing is emphasizing the idea to young men and women of the importance of staying on the farm—teaching them to love the farm.

The farmer is doing more for the welfare of this Western country than those engaged in any other calling. The farmer who is doing his duty faithfully and well is just as great a man and as useful a citizen as captains of industry, who perhaps get a little more advertising than the farmer.

Free Exchange of Opinion Between Teachers and School Executive

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At this crisis the world is alert as never before to the principle of democracy, and public opinion is ready to react against anything savoring of the autocratic in school administration. A proper school administration must provide the opportunity for a free exchange of opinion between teachers and executive. Such conference will remove most occasions for hostility. The school head must be a real democrat. He must analyze his opinions and his actions to see whether deep down in his heart he is autocratic or democratic. The democratic administration will take account of the sentiment of his community and the opinions of his teachers. Teachers want to work in an intelligent way, hand in hand with the authorities of the school. They should have a voice in school policies. Teachers will gladly follow an educational leader, but not mere authority. If the man is big enough for his job, he doesn't want "one-man power." As a safeguard to himself, he ought not to want autocratic authority and will not attempt to exercise it.

The man who builds up a practice in law, medicine or dentistry has some rights in the community. The teacher who has done successful work for years has certain claims, and no man or set of men has the right to take them from him without at least a chance to be heard in his own behalf. When a man wakes up in the morning and learns that he has been "fired" without warning or a hearing, he has suffered a gross injustice and perhaps an irreparable injury. Even a teacher is entitled to his "day in court." He must have a hearing. If we teachers are professional, we will rise up as one man and protest against this thing, for our profession is being jeopardized.

During the past year I not only asked our supervisors and principals for a confidential rating of their teachers, but also asked the chairman of our board to request a similar confidential rating of the superintendent by the teachers.

There must and should be authority in the hands of the administrator in order that things may go ahead. But it is the abuse of that power in such a way as to undermine the teaching profession that I protest against.

Rural Preacher Should Know More of Modern Agriculture and Sociology

By E. L. HOLTON, Professor of Education, Kansas State Agricultural College

The country preacher should know more of modern agriculture and sociology and perhaps less of medieval theology. He should have a whole-hearted sympathy for agriculture and rural people. The rural preacher's job is a man's job in itself and he cannot be a specialist in agriculture. He might, however, specialize somewhat in some phases of agriculture, such as gardening or poultry, which would be an avocation rather than a vocation. He should have some knowledge of economics and production, distribution and consumption of agricultural products.

Graduates of such colleges as the Kansas State Agricultural college are better prepared to preach in rural communities than graduates of theological seminaries. They are more familiar with country conditions.

Population of Cities Increasing Faster Than That of Country

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Will the cities ever stop increasing faster in population than the country? From 1790 down to the present there has been but a single decade, that of 1880 to 1890, in which the increase in the urban population each succeeding decade, has not been greater than the preceding decade. In 1790, 3.3 per cent of the population lived in cities of 8,000 or over; in 1810, 31 per cent. In 1890, 36 per cent of the people lived in cities of 2,500 or over; in 1900, 40 per cent; in 1910, 46 per cent. City population is growing faster than the rural. From 1900 to 1910 cities increased 35 per cent in population; the country increased 9 per cent. At the present time the rural population is a little over half the population of the country. Within a few years, unless the unexpected happens, the cities will contain a big majority of the people.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR MARCH 17

JESUS SENDING FORTH THE TWELVE.

(May be used with missionary application.)

LESSON TEXT—Mark 6:1-11. GOLDEN TEXT—Freely ye have received, freely give.—Matt. 10:8.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FOR TEACHERS—Romans 10:13-15; Isa. 40:3-5; Matt. 23:16-29; Acts 1:6-8; 2:14; 16:9-10.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus feeding the hungry.

MEMORY VERSE—Give ye them to eat. Mark 6:9.

JUNIOR MEMORY VERSE—Isa. 52:7.

INTERMEDIATE TOPIC—Messengers of Christ.

JUNIOR AND ADULT TOPIC—The power of the Gospel of Christ.

The time of this lesson was autumn, A. D. 28; the location Galilee.

I. Marvelous Unbelief. (vv. 1:1-6a). Jesus is selected the second time at Nazareth. He entered into the synagogue on the Sabbath, as was his custom, and the people were astonished at his doctrine. His application of the scripture was similar to that of his first rejection. The significance of this visit is found in verses 5 and 6—the limitation of the mighty Christ through unbelief by those who knew him best.

II. The Mission of the Twelve. (vv. 6a-10). From the parallel account we find why Jesus sent forth these disciples (Matt. 9:36)—because the people were scattered as sheep without a shepherd. In the tenth chapter of Matthew we find the names of those whom he sent out (vv. 2-5), the fifth verse of which designates that only Jews were included in this mission. We need to remember that these disciples were sent out before his crucifixion. Their pilgrim character is shown in Mark 6:9, and the solemn manner of their dealing with those who reject them is indicated in verse eleven. They were being sent forth as sheep in the midst of wolves. They were to be delivered up to the council and haled before the rulers of the synagogues, but with them was to go an enabling power (Matt. 10:20). Meeting persecution was to be a part of their program. They anticipate the persecution with which Christ is identified, for he exhorts them (Matt. 10:23-31), to be of courage and to fear not, for are they not "of more value than the sparrows?" Their going forth was to bring divisions (Matt. 10:34), but also a reward to those who received their light—a righteous man's reward. (Matt. 10:40-42.) Notice their obedience (Mark 6:12-13), and their achievements as the visible evidence of the power they had received.

III. Malignant Hate. (vv. 14-29). Mark gives us the most complete account of the death of John the Baptist. It is not a lesson that we need to emphasize to the scholars of the younger grades, but it has a deep significance to those of the more advanced departments of the Sunday school; and if we are going to get the scope of the whole Epistle of Mark, it must be considered. Herod thought he had triumphed, but he was defeated. Thus it is with the sinner always—he overshoots the mark. Germany's hatred of England stands in the way of its complete domination of Europe, and it was Germany's pride which caused it to make the military blunders which prevented it from capturing Paris. So it is with Satan and the sinner; just when the victory seems to be complete God intervenes. "They that be for us are more than they that be against us." The counteracting power of God offsets the devil's hatred so that we are made "more than conquerors through him that loved us."

It was because Jesus sent forth these disciples that they were called apostles, literally "sent ones." They had been called into him (Mark 6:7), then sent forth, not singly, but by twos, so today the lonely servant has with him the Holy Spirit. Our message is "peace," but we must have peace ourselves if we are to impart it to others.

If punishment is to be measured by the amount of light one sins against, the heaviest punishment must rest upon those in America and England who know the gospel but reject it.

It is evident that the disciples received great power (vv. 12, 13) as suggested by their return (v. 30). They acted wisely in telling Jesus "all things," both what they had done and taught. Although sent forth, they were not to spend time in visiting and entertaining, nor in seeking the hospitality of the rich. They were to be wholly dependent upon God, taking nothing with them in their journeyings, but staff and sandals, betokening their pilgrim character. The gospel of Mark gives us the picture of the ideal servant.

There are more temptations to break the commandments than there are encouragements to keep them. Resolve to help break the temptations and to help make the encouragements.

In material things it's not what we want but what we get that counts. In spiritual, it's not what we claim but what we've got.

Faith is the practical exercise of the spiritual eyes. Spirit is the only true substance. The spiritual body is the real man.—Henry Wood.

HOME TOWN HELPS

CITY MANAGERS IN ILLINOIS

Plan is Growing in Favor—Eight States Now Have Laws Dealing With the Matter.

Glencoe and Winnetka have operated successfully for some time under the city management plan, in spite of handicaps. They have felt the need of specific statutory authority and have been somewhat embarrassed by the presence of certain elected minor officials who are not under the jurisdiction of the village trustees. For this reason many cities and villages wish to adopt the commissioner manager form of government.

The plan is to be made applicable to cities or villages not exceeding 500,000 population—that is, to all municipalities of the state except Chicago. Under its terms the city or village council would consist of the mayor and four commissioners, to be elected. All administrative and executive powers would vest in a city manager appointed by the council for an indefinite term at compensation fixed by the council and subject to removal at the council's pleasure.

Eight states now have laws of this sort in successful operation. They include New York, Massachusetts, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio and Kansas. Notable instances of successful use of the manager system are found in Dayton and Springfield, O., and Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Only one feature appears to vex the student of municipal government. This relates to the payment of a salary to the mayor, whose functions would be largely ceremonial—although he is to be a member of the council and its presiding officer and fees to the other four commissioners for each meeting attended and for time spent on city committee work. Yet it is quite possible that the absence of such emoluments would tend to make available for these positions men of high class and marked ability.—Chicago Daily News.

GUARD AGAINST ROSE SLUG

Good Idea Now to Devise Means for Combating Deadly Enemy of Successful Flower Garden.

One of the greatest drawbacks to a successful garden is the ravages of the rose slug, which renders an entire bush unsightly in a short time. But this enemy may generally be combated if the work is begun in time.

If given, early in the season, a good spraying once a week for several weeks in succession with the full force of the spray from the garden hose, this pest can easily be kept down. If you do not have a hose make up the following solution and use it full strength from the ordinary watering can: To one bucketful of boiling water use a good-sized cake of white-oil soap and one teaspoonful of nicotine. Apply this mixture four nights in succession.

Commence to combat all garden enemies early in the season, before they have rendered the plants unsightly.

Climbing roses grow luxuriantly in almost any sunny situation. They are strong feeders and care should be taken that their growth is not interfered with by being planted in too close proximity to the roots of trees or strong shrubbery. While many varieties are very hardy, yet they will flower longer if planted where they can be protected from strong winds.

Man Who Must Vanish.

He still breathes, the "man with soul so dead" that he can say, not only to himself but publicly: "What was good enough for my father is good enough for me," says a writer. Mercifully for human progress there are signs abroad that give us hope of his ultimately becoming extinct. He will be survived for a time, but not indefinitely, by his mate whose marvelous prehensile tenacity leads her to believe—and act accordingly—that what was good enough for her great-grandmother is good enough for her. Undoubtedly, the least violent modernist would be willing to deal the blow that should rid us of them, but there is a strange resilience in both the male and female of this species that makes them rise unscathed after the sharpest attacks on their benighted tenets. We shall have to wait the slower end that must befall them. Evolution by exclusion, or the killing off of those who persistently go the wrong way is a sure process if not a swift one. So knowing him to be doomed, let us not waste energy in hopeless argument with him.

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"Money cannot buy a home," declares Mr. Hoggson, "but," he adds, "he who hungers for a home may, by taking counsel with those who are practiced in giving expression to human desires in terms of houses and their environments, achieve a result quite as happy and as truly as if he were to sit to a great portrait painter."

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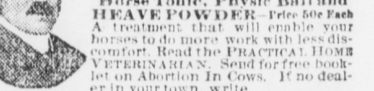
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ON GUARD

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