

YEAR'S GREETINGS

Leads of Canada's Western Provinces, and Their Message.

United States having been in great world's war for about nine months, the touch of war's spirit has permeated the great commonwealth...

Having already contributed 400,000 soldiers, Canada was recently asked to approve of sending another 100,000. With a sweeping majority, consent was given.

How the war affects Canada is best shown by the willingness of the people to contribute. They, too, realize the great and noble part they are taking in this great conflict.

Probably the best word of encouragement comes from the Premiers of the three great provinces where the bulk of the food products will come from.

"Manitoba has prospered exceedingly during the year 1917, and the new year finds us not only still ready and willing, but unceasingly able to bear whatever burdens the fourth year of the war may bring.

"Manitoba farmers, generally speaking, have never been in better condition to carry on. Out of her prosperity Manitoba is giving lavishly toward the winning of the war.

"There is no doubt that the province today is in a better condition financially than ever before. True, the effects of the town and city real estate boom have not altogether passed away, but speaking generally, the farmers on the plains and the merchants in the towns are in a better financial position today than at any previous time.

"While we have in some portions of the Province a mixed population, education and scientific methods are making rapid strides and we are looking forward with every confidence to a glorious future and the development of a people on the central plains of Canada, of which the whole Dominion and the British Empire will have every reason to be proud."

"While Alberta has given over to the thousands of her virile manhood, making from the farmer a large percentage of its producers, it still stands up big and buoyant. The farm has thus temporarily removed means a demand for farm help and increased farm effort to till its highly productive acres.

"The prosperity of the farming communities is reflected in the towns and cities by increased wholesale business and bank clearances. Wholesalers report increases from 20 per cent to 25 per cent and their collections the best in the history of the Province. Alberta

being essentially an agricultural Province at the present time, these conditions are a source of great gratification to our people, and no doubt will be to Canada as a whole...

Little Circulated His Way. Bacon—This report tells us that the total circulation of money in the United States last year was \$3,419,168,308.

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Who Would Not? Bacon—Which do you enjoy the most, the day or the night time? Egbert—Well, you see, on one side of my house is a shop where they test boilers all day, and on the other side lives a man who is testing his violin nearly all night.

BOSCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP

will quiet your cough, soothe the inflammation of a sore throat and lungs, stop irritation in the bronchial tubes, insuring a good night's rest, free from coughing and with easy expectoration in the morning.

Camouflage. "I didn't much care about the way Josh's clothes looked down to camp," commented Farmer Cornstossel.

"Not yet. If they're going to keep him dressed that way in hopes of deceiving the enemy into thinking he's just an obscure peasant or something, what I say is that it's carrying this new keramofoled idea too far!"

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Proper Place. "Pop, where are they going to put the bulls they are driving on the ship?" "In the steerage, my son."

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Boy, Page Hoover. "Why did they pinch Terry Toad?" "Oh, he simply wouldn't observe fly-less day."

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Russia "has found herself," but doesn't know what to do with the discovery.

If your eyes smart or feel scalded, Roman Eye Balsam applied upon going to bed is just the thing to relieve them. Adv.

Wherever you go keep one eye peeled for the fire escape.

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So Great Salvation. By REV. W. W. KETCHUM. For of Practical Work Course, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

TEXT—How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?—Heb. 2:3.

It is very evident that the salvation here spoken of is that which God has provided for us in and through his son, the Lord Jesus Christ.



God provided. The very fact that God has provided salvation makes it great. Jacob of old was right when he said: "I have waited, O God, for thy salvation," and the Psalmist spoke truly when he said: "Salvation becometh unto the Lord our God."

Many have the idea that salvation is something that originates with man; an effort by which he attempts to extricate himself from sin. Contrary to this notion is the fact that salvation is of God. He is the author of it.

When the fullness of time came God sent his Son to be the savior of the world. From the lofty heights of heaven he came to the lowest depths of death and on Calvary's cross he bore our sins in his own body, putting them away by the sacrifice of himself.

Salvation Preached. Salvation which is provided by God is made known through preaching. "It pleased God," we read, "by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

But what avail is it to hear the gospel if one does not accept it? Hearing the gospel is not sufficient to save one. It must be accepted if it is to be in one's life the power of God unto salvation.

What It Does. And then salvation is great, because of what it does. It brings to those who believe the forgiveness of sins. "Through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins and by him all that believe are justified from all things."

But salvation does not stop there, for God not only forgives our sins, but he gives us power over sin. That is, he puts his own life within us when we believe, and because of this new life which is his own, we have power over sin.

The text asks, How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation? Frankly, I do not know, do you? If there is only one way of being saved, and we do not take that way, what escape is there for us from the wrath and judgment of God against sin?

The scribes charged blasphemy which is to slander God and speak treason against him. Blasphemy is practically uttered treason. He perceived their inmost thoughts and answered them (v. 9). To forgive sin, or to command the man to rise were both divine acts; he could do either; he provided one by the use of the other.

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON. (By E. O. SELLERS, Acting Director of the Sunday School Course of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.)

LESSON FOR JANUARY 27. JESUS FORGIVING SIN.

LESSON TEXT—Mark 2:1-12. GOLDEN TEXT—The Son of Man hath authority on earth to forgive sin.—Mark 2:10.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FOR TEACHERS—Psa. 2; Luke 15:11-24; 7:36-50; Matt. 1:21; Heb. 7:26. PRIMARY MEMORY VERSE—Forgive us our sins.—Luke 11:4.

INTERMEDIATE TOPIC—Jesus healing soul and body. SENIOR AND ADULT TOPIC—Jesus meeting man's deepest need.

This is one of the most dramatic, spectacular incidents recorded in the Bible. It is a good illustration for Sunday school teachers on how to tell a story by imagining what one would naturally do.

Introduction. Jesus could testify in a home as well as before the multitudes. Indeed it was after having testified in the home (v. 1) that the crowds gathered about the doorway, for it was not known that he was there, until some days after he had been in the house.

11. An Impelling Need (vv. 3-4). This man who had paralysis, i. e., disabled on one side, was not only deprived of his sensation but his power of motion. As to the cause of his difficulty, his previous character of life, there is no word of suggestion.

11. Jesus Forgives and Defends His Rights (vv. 5-12). The crowd was so great about the house that "they could not come nigh unto him for the press." They were not, however, discouraged; but leaving the crowd, they went up the usual outside stairs, bearing the sick man with them unto the roof which "they uncovered"—literally they dug through the flat roof made of branches and twigs and covered with earth, and which could be as easily repaired.

Travelers in eastern countries have often seen a similar act performed even in this day. They then let down the bed or mattress by the four corners. The roof was so low that no cords were needed and those below received the man from the hands of the four upon the roof and placed him in front of Jesus. Jesus commends "their deed" as indicated in all three of the Gospel records.

Not alone physical obstacles had to be overcome, but the attitude of the scribes (v. 7). Was it right, was it honest to break through the roof of a man's house? Would they make it good? Was the owner glad to have had it done? Jesus did not hesitate or speculate over such questions, but goes at once to the issue and said to the man sick of the palsy, "Son, be of good cheer, thy sins be forgiven thee."

"Son, be of good cheer, thy sins be forgiven thee." See Matthew's and Mark's account. "Son," is a word of endearment; the word "be" is not as strong in the old form as the word "are" forgiven. Jesus went at once to the unhealed wound in the soul, the sense of unforgiven sin. Forgiveness is not of the judge who sentences "not guilty," but a father who welcomes and restores one to sonship. It is restoration to life. The Bible story of the prodigal son and that scene pictured in the seventh chapter of Luke, the feast where Jesus dealt with a woman of the city, who ministers unto him, are good illustrations of the master's attitude of mind on this occasion.

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