

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR MARCH 8

WATCHFULNESS.

(Temperance Lesson.)

LESSON TEXT.—"Luke 12:35-48. **GOLDEN TEXT.**—"Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching."—Luke 12:37.

The words of Jesus are the greatest authority the believer has upon which to found his belief in the Second Coming. Some refuse to have much to do with this important theme because others have perverted it or else "overly emphasized it" yet in the 260 chapters in the New Testament there are 318 distinct references to this theme, a far greater proportion than is placed upon some of the doctrines upon which whole denominations have been founded.

Relative Value.

I. The exhortation to watch, vv. 35-40. This is the beginning of a new paragraph. Jesus has been showing the relative value of material possessions and the Kingdom of God and epitomizes his teaching in v. 34. He now sets before his disciples what shall their attitude towards him during his absence (II. Pet. 3:11, 12 R. V., Titus 2:13; II. Tim. 4:8). Thus to be watchful seems to contradict his suggestions about anxiety. We need to remember, however, that the child of the Kingdom is in entirely new relationship with the world. His desire is not for self enrichment but rather to be in such relations with God as his rights demand and thus to bring to others their highest good. This parable epitomizes opportunity. Rightly to make use of none's opportunities spells happiness for the disciple when he the king shall appear. The evidence that we are watching for his appearing consists of the readiness of the individual who is or is not watching, v. 35; I. Pet. 1:13. Jesus knocks at the individual heart (Rev. 3:20) but when he comes 'twill be to be present at a feast, v. 36. We cannot contract this time and there is no call to service tomorrow. Lions girt, ready for the battle or for the race, and lamps burning, (light is always the result of something being consumed), are today's visible evidence of continuous service.

Peter's Question.

II. The explanation to Peter, vv. 41-48. Between this parable and the one which follows, Peter interrupts by asking the question, "Lord, speak thou this parable unto us, or even unto all?" That which follows is his answer to that question but it is also a continuance of the teaching just given. In this part Jesus refers to stewards (bond-servants) that it is their supreme business to seek the Kingdom by selling in order to give. The one work of a servant is to give to the members of an household, each in due season his portion of the father's bountiful grace. John 21:15-17; I. Pet. 5:2; Jer. 3:15. There are many deceitful servants who first feed themselves, or feed only a portion of the household, or who feed chaff rather than bread, even the true bread of life, I. Pet. 2:2; 4:10, 11. Jesus teaches us that each bond-servant shall likewise be judged and that suddenly.

III. The exhortation. Jesus Christ here presents to us the fact that we shall all be judged. That the measure of our reward or of our punishment is dependent upon the measure of our knowledge and of our opportunity, James 4:17. To him to whom much is given, of him shall much be required. Our present responsibility is that of being ready for the coming of the King and of his Kingdom. The expression of that readiness is evidenced by our lives of service. There are of course many other phases of service not included in this parable, but our Lord is emphasizing opportunity, stewardship, service, watchfulness. In order to fulfill our service we must enter into fellowship with the king in his reign, and those who enter into that fellowship, who are faithful, he will reward vv. 37, 43. The measure of our punishment is conditioned upon the measure of our knowledge (v. 48) and our knowledge can be enlarged as we use our opportunities.

IV. The Golden Text, (v. 37). Is intended to fix our attention upon the acts of our Lord when he shall return. It seems astonishing that he shall compel those whom he finds watching to seat themselves that he may gird himself and serve them. Here we gird ourselves that we may serve him by serving others (Matt. 25:40). But in that tomorrow the day of his victory, he will gird himself and serve those who have been watchfulness and obedient servants. This is a suggestion of the exceeding grace mentioned by the Apostle Paul, Rom. 11:33.

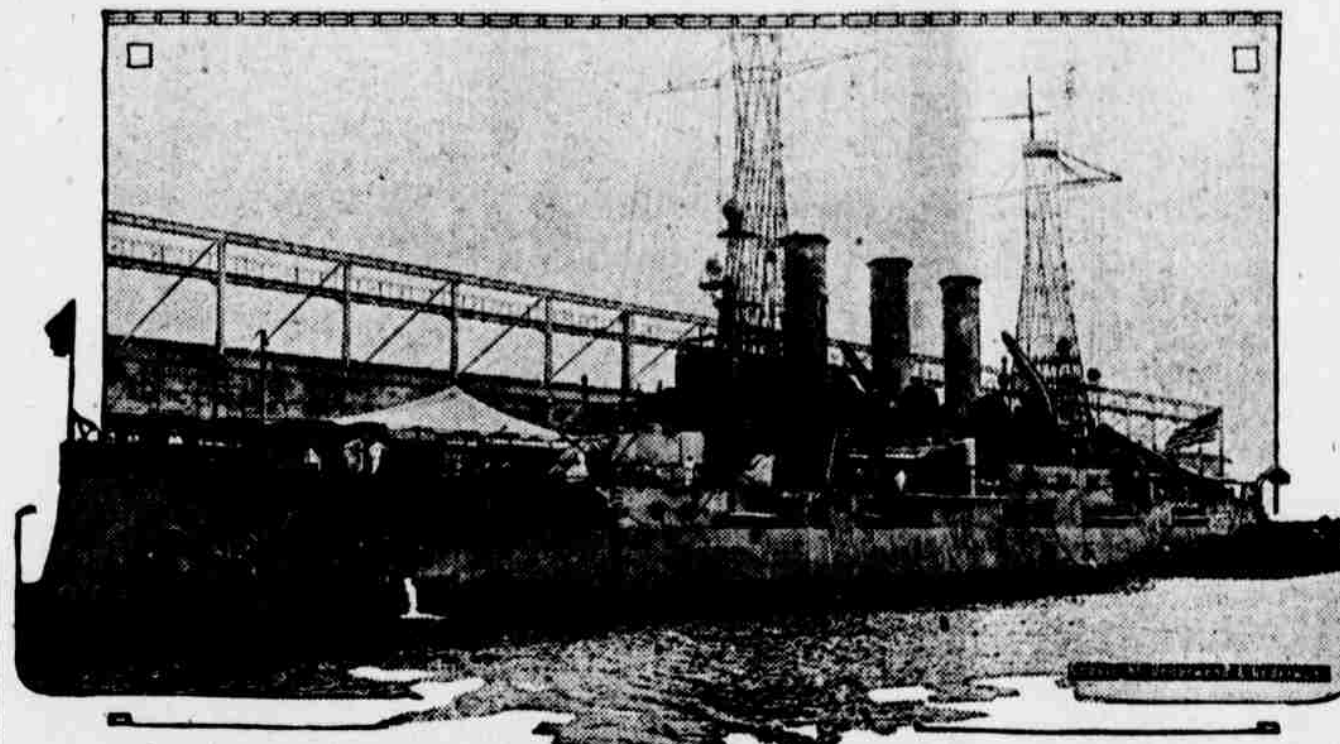
V. The Temperance Lesson is suggested by the conduct of those who are not watching for the King's appearing (v. 45). They were indulging in the animal pleasures of the moment. The Kingdom of God is not in eating and drinking but consists of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, Rom. 14:17. The effect of intemperance on the death rates, on the next generation, from an economic standpoint or viewed from any angle, is only the result of the most criminal shortsightedness. A clear apprehension of the fact of the imminence of his return would change all lives.

C. H. MACKAY, JUST DIVORCED, AND HIS CHILDREN



Clarence H. Mackay, the wealthy New Yorker, just divorced by a Paris court from his wife, the former Katherine A. Duer, is here seen riding in Central Park with his children, John W. and Katherine.

FIRST WARSHIP AT THE NEW COLON DOCKS



To the battleship Minnesota belongs the distinction of being the first warship to tie up at the new government docks at Colon. The photograph shows the coaling of the Minnesota at the dock preparatory to her sailing from the canal zone with 600 marines for duty in Mexican waters.

IN MEMORY OF THE MAINE'S DEAD



Pretty girls strewing flowers on the waters of the Potomac river while the memorial service for the dead heroes of the U. S. S. Maine was being held at Fort Myer, Virginia, near the Arlington national cemetery. Left to right: Misses Florence Stonebraker and May Borland, Ensign Frank Sigourney, Misses Knowlton Pritchard and Belva Laughlin.

SENATOR ROOT'S NOBEL PEACE MEDAL



Obverse and reverse sides of the Nobel peace medal which has just been received by Senator Elihu Root of New York. He was awarded the prize for his work in connection with the movement for international peace. Besides the gold medal the prize carried with it a cash bonus of \$40,000.

Woman's High Position.
Dr. Catherine B. Davis, just appointed by Mayor Mitchell of New York as correction commissioner at a salary of \$7,500 a year, received her doctor's degree from the University

of Chicago in 1900 for work in the department of political economy. This is thought to be the most responsible position ever given to a woman in administrative work in this country outside of the field of education.

WALKING AROUND THE WORLD



Joseph Frank Mikulec, an Austrian from Croatia, since October, 1901, has been walking over the world. Now he is in Washington, where he walked from New York to get the autograph of President Wilson. On January 16, 1911, he completed his first circuit of the globe and started on a second tour. He has walked through 48 of the United States, through all European countries, South Africa, South America and Asia. On his return to his home he will receive 250,000 crowns from an Austrian newspaper.

Famous Revolutionary Soldier.

One hundred years ago William Heath, a distinguished soldier of the Revolution, died in Roxbury, Mass., in which place he was born in 1737. General Heath was a student of military science and in 1770 he commanded the Ancient and Honorable Artillery of Boston. At the battle of Lexington he was the only general officer on the field. On the organization of the Continental army he was commissioned brigadier general and a year later was made major general. He was ordered to New York and after the disaster at White Plains commanded the defenses of the Highlands. He had charge of Burgoyne and his army at Cambridge, Mass., where they were held as prisoners of war for nearly a year. In 1779, after Arnold's treason, General Heath commanded the posts of the Hudson river at West Point, and several times he was in temporary command of the entire American army.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Aiding the Busy Editor.
J. C. Vincent McMaster, the well known efficiency engineer of Cleveland, said in a recent lecture on scientific management:
"Carry scientific management far enough and you not only double and treble your employes' work, but you get other people to do part of your own work also."
"Take the case of the magazine editor."
"A sonneteer, entering the editor's office timidly, said:
"I have here, sir, a sequence of fourteen spring sonnets which I hope—
"Very good," said the editor without looking up. "Very good. Just drop 'em in the waste basket yourself, please. I'm busy this morning!"

ERUPTION ON ANKLE BURNED
Kingsville, Mo.—"My trouble began eighteen years ago. Nearly half of the time there were running sores around my ankle; sometimes it would be two years at a time before they were healed. There were many nights I did not sleep because of the great suffering. The sores were deep running ones and so sore that I could not bear for anything to touch them. They would burn all the time and sting like a lot of bees were confined around my ankle. I could not bear to scratch it. It was always so sensitive to the touch. I could not let my clothes touch it. The skin was very red. I made what I called a cap out of white felt, blotting paper and soft white cloth to hold it in shape. This I wore night and day.
"I tried many remedies for most of the eighteen years with no effect. Last summer I sent for some Cuticura Soap and Ointment. The very first time I used Cuticura Soap and Ointment I gained relief; they relieved the pain right then. It was three months from the time I commenced using Cuticura Soap and Ointment until the sores were entirely healed. I have not been troubled since and my ankle seems perfectly well." (Signed) Mrs. Charles E. Brooke, Oct. 22, 1912.
Cuticura Soap and Ointment sold throughout the world. Sample of each free, with 32-p. Skin Book. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston."—Adv.

In Dire Disgrace.
"What's the matter?"
"I'm in disgrace with my wife."
"What about?"
"She sent me down town to match some hair. I got some like the sales-lady's. I thought it was prettier."—Washington Herald.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. Constipation is the cause of many diseases. Cure the cause and you cure the disease. Easy to take. Adv.

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Most of us are apt to make light of the fellow who has money to burn.

The Promotion of Health

The knowing how to keep strong and healthy is not so much of a secret. You must first see that the digestion is kept normal, the liver active and the bowels regular. To bring about this healthy condition you should try **HOSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters**. It is for Indigestion, Poor Appetite, Nausea, Costiveness, Bilioussness and Malaria. Start today.

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