

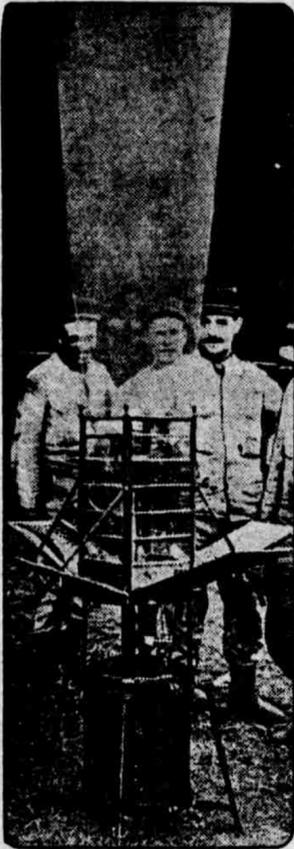
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FRENCH WOMEN AVIATORS ENLIST



Helene Dutrieu, one of the many women aviators who are acting as scouts for the French army.

REPORTED CUT TO PIECES BEFORE LIEGE



These are the famous Uhlans of the German army that are reported to have been annihilated by Belgians in the fighting around Liege.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR AUGUST 23

THE WEDDING FEAST.

LESSON TEXT—Matt. 22:1-14. GOLDEN TEXT—"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that killeth the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto her how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her own brood under wings, and ye would not." Luke 13:34 R. V.

To catch the full significance of this parable which is alone recorded by Matthew we need to be more or less familiar with the Jewish pride of race and their feeling of superiority over all "heathen" or outsiders, and the history of their treatment of God's representatives, the prophets.

Following upon the parable referred to in our last lesson the Pharisees perceived that Jesus spake of them and they sought to arrest him (ch. 21:46). In this lesson the figure of the kingdom is changed from a vineyard to a feast.

Relation to His People. I. The King's Invitation Rejected vv. 1-7. The change of figure just referred to suggests not alone an occasion of festal joy (Luke 14:16), but also Christ's relation to his people, which is that of a husband to his wife (he being the son referred to, see 1 Cor. 11:12; Eph. 5:24-32; John 3:29). These Jewish leaders and their nation were first to be invited to the marriage. This had been done by the prophets of old and later by John the Baptist. Under this figure of a marriage our Lord speaks of three different invitations. The first one was received with indifference, but indifference never removes responsibility. The second invitation was received with hostility. Nothing more fully reveals the foolishness and hardness of the human heart than the way in which men treat the gracious invitations of God's love.

Wonderful indeed is the forbearance of God. The sin of rejecting the cross, God's offer of grace, is immeasurably greater than that incurred by those Jews who rejected the "Man of Galilee."

Question of Worthiness. II. The King's Invitation Accepted vv. 8-10. Those invited had judged themselves "not worthy." Now go to the parting of the ways where people congregate and "gather them in." Our worthiness is in that we accept, and if we reject we are "not worthy." This command to go outside was a prophecy of the time when the Gentiles should likewise be "partakers of grace."

Those who finally accepted the king's invitation were both good and bad (v. 10), but the act of acceptance was not an assurance of position as we can see from the last part of the parable. It is sad to think of the many servants of the king who have neglected his command thus to go forth and recruit the banquet feast. Finally (v. 10) we read that "the wedding was filled." Heaven will not be an empty place! Rev. 7:9-14.

III. The Unprepared Guest, vv. 11-14. Every guest was scrutinized by the king. It was a strange sight to see one who had neglected to avail himself of the garment freely provided in which to appear on such an occasion. This robe is symbolical of the robe of righteousness with which God will clothe all who accept his invitation, Isa. 61:10; Rev. 19:7, 8; Eph. 4:24; Rom. 13:14. For this man to present himself clothed in his own garment was to insult the king, so our own righteousness is as "filthy rags" in his sight, Isa. 64:6; Phil. 3:9 R. V. When questioned about this act of insolence the guest was "speechless." So likewise will all unbelievers stand one day before the great king.

The Teaching of this parable emphasizes our privileges in the kingdom of God. A full realization of that kingdom means joy, gladness and perfect satisfaction. On a previous occasion Jesus gave up the parable of the Great Supper which so much resembles this. Both of these parables have to do with the attitude of men to the Gospel invitation. There is the further emphasis upon the nature of the answer of men to this invitation. The first is that of men who are blind to the glory and beauty of that which is offered to them, though their refusal was not final. Men, still blind, treat this invitation contemptuously and turn to their own interests, seeking satisfaction, while others shamefully treat the king's messengers. This treatment is followed by swift judgment. Once more the invitation and a mixed company are gathered, some with worthy and some with unworthy motives.

The Master's final words (v. 14) emphasize service and responsibility. The call was an open, general universal one. Those chosen were not only those who came but those who accepted the conditions laid down. The indifferent, or hostile, and those who accepted unworthily were rejected.

The Golden Text reveals the heart of the Lord. He deals in sure judgment; still his purpose and desire is to protect and to gather the children safe from all harm. The doom of the city was pronounced upon it as the result of its refusal to accept this his purpose.

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Matter-of-Fact Serelda's Two Good Reasons for Hesitating About Setting the Day.

The Blanks' maid of all work was a practical young woman of about twenty-seven years. One day when her mistress was making some plans for the future the matter-of-fact Serelda said:

"I don't know, ma'am. It might be that I won't be with you much longer, an' then mebbe I will. I ain't sure yet."

Knowing that a young man had called a good many times to see Serelda, her mistress said:

"Are you thinking of getting married, Serelda?"

Without the least show of embarrassment or enthusiasm Serelda said: "Well, yes, to tell the truth, I am. Then again I don't know if I will. I've got a good place here with good pay, and he's such a fool mebbe I'll stay on with you!"

ERUPTION OVER CHILD'S BODY

Route No. 3, Box 67, Little Falls, Minn.—"Our little boy was taken sick with a fever and after the fever he broke out with a sore eruption all over his body. We could get nothing to help him. The sores were large and red and bleeding. They started with blisters as if he were burned and when they broke they would bleed and they itched so that he could not sleep for some time. We had him all tied up with bandages and then we had to soak them off every day.

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Amazing Case. "Is there anything special in the case?" asked the reporter of the bank president whose cashier had stolen \$17.

"Yes," mused the president, "you may say that we did not trust him implicitly."

Might Be a New Drink. "Say, Bill, what's a mixed metaphor?"

"Dat's a new one on me. Let's go over an' ask de bartender."

Men without enemies have but few friends.

Good Eating. "Metchnikoff, the Metchnikoff of sour milk fame, is soon to celebrate in Paris," said a Paris correspondent on furlough in New York, "his seventieth birthday.

"Since his sixtieth birthday, when he began his sour-milk regime, Metchnikoff has not aged. On the contrary, he has become rejuvenated.

"To the committee that has in charge the splendid honors of his birthday celebration Metchnikoff gave some advice on the benefits of frugal eating—the benefits of taking no alcohol, very little meat and an abundance of well cooked green vegetables. And he ended his lecture with this crystal of wisdom:

"Good eating makes more pessimists than bad luck."

Making It Complete.

Mr. Fred Kerr, the actor, was playing at Ranelagh, and at the Lake hole drove eight successive balls straight into the water. He had so more left in his bag, and there was nothing more to be done—except one thing. Seizing his bag of clubs, he walked dramatically to the lake's edge. Then in a broken voice he said:

"Old pond, have these as well," and turning, with a sigh, walked home.

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