

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson II.—Fourth Quarter, For Oct. 12, 1913.

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Text of the Lesson, Num. xii.—Memory Verses, 10, 11.—Golden Text, I Cor. xiii, 4, 5.—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

The first verse of this lesson mentions the three children of this renowned family of Amram and Jochabed of the tribe of Levi of the family of Kohath (Ex. vi. 16-20). They are mentioned again in Num. xxvi, 57-59. Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron was eighty-three when they spoke unto Pharaoh that he should let Israel go that they might serve the Lord. Miriam must have been the oldest, for when Moses was three months old she was old enough to watch what might happen to the babe in the ark of bulrushes, to suggest to Pharaoh's daughter a nurse for the babe and to bring her mother as the nurse. The tribe of Levi was chosen by the Lord instead of all the firstborn in Israel, and they were given unto Aaron to minister unto him. They were to encamp about it, take it down, carry it from place to place, set it up and have all the care of it. They were not to be numbered with the other tribes. They had no inheritance in the land, like the other tribes, but only cities to live in. The Lord Himself was their inheritance, and they lived upon the tithes of the others and were to give to the Lord the tenth part of the tithes they received (Num. 1, 47-54; II, 33; III, 15-18; XI, 31; VIII, 5-26; XVII, 20-26; XXV, 1-8).

The sons of Levi were Gershon and Kohath and Merari, Amram belonging to the Kohathites, whose special charge was the holy vessels, while the others carried the heavier parts, as boards, pillars, sockets, curtains, for which wagons and oxen were provided, while the vessels, properly covered, were borne upon their shoulders (Num. II, 17, 27-35). Miriam is called a prophetess, and she was honored in leading the praises of the other women (Ex. xv, 20, 21). Aaron was given to Moses to be his spokesman or prophet. While there might be complaining and murmuring among others in Israel, might we not expect to find in this household the love of our Golden Text, that is always kind? But, no, the heart everywhere is deceitful and desperately wicked, and the author of all strife and confusion is ever busy. It is always true that our adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour, and we are not always careful to resist him (I Pet. v, 8, 9). Zipporah was neither the first nor the last woman spoken against in her own home or by her relatives by marriage. We think of Hannah, who suffered much from her adversary in her own home, who provoked her sore to make her fret (I Sam. I, 6), but as Hannah's resort was the one who hears prayer (Ps. lxxv, 2), so may He be the refuge of all tried ones. We might think that respect for Moses, whom the Lord had so honored, would prevent his brother and sister from speaking against him also, saying: "Hath the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses? Hath He not spoken also by us?" (verse 2).

Happy are those who can leave their affairs to Him to manage and roll off all the burden, casting all the care upon Him, for He careth. In this case at least Moses was very meek (verse 3), and that was evidently the manner of his life. The prophet, like unto Moses, said that we would find rest in bearing the yoke of meekness and lowliness (Matt. xi, 29).

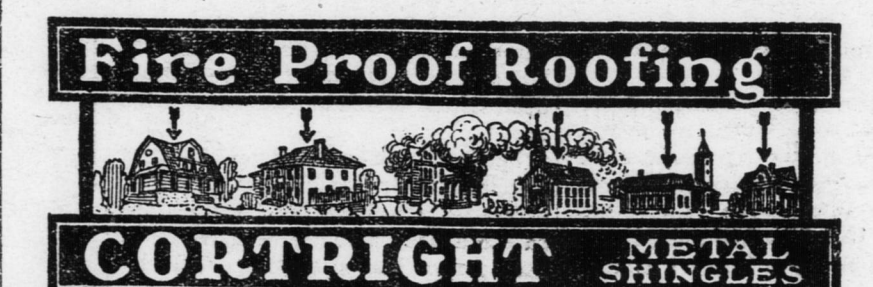
The Lord heard their words (verse 2), and it should be a comfort to every child of God that He hears every word spoken against us and sees every thought. One of the best things I know is that He hears those who talk to one another about Him and keeps a book of remembrance for all who even think upon His name (Mal. III, 16). In this case we read that the Lord spake suddenly. If that is the correct word, the best translation, it may indicate that these two were taken by surprise, perhaps not considering that the Lord was taking notice, Aaron evidently forgetting that less than a year before he had been commissioned to say to Israel, "Come near before the Lord, for He hath heard your murmurings" (Ex. xvi, 6-10).

The Lord said, "Come out ye three" (verse 4), for they were the only ones concerned in this. The three came forth, and the Lord came down in the pillar of cloud and talked with Aaron and Miriam concerning the honor He had put upon Moses and asked why they were not afraid to speak against Him (verses 5-8). Compare Deut. xxxiv, 7, 10-12, concerning the way the Lord honored Moses, His servant. See in Heb. III, 5, 6, Moses and Christ spoken of and the house of each, and consider what might happen today to those who do not hesitate to speak against Christ, denying His Deity, His supernatural birth, His resurrection from the dead, His coming again in glory, were God to deal with them as He dealt with Miriam. As Miriam was punished and not Aaron, she must have been the leader in talking against Moses because of his wife. Was it Jealousy? Consider Moses' prayer for his sister, "Heal her now, O God, I beseech Thee!" (verse 13). She was healed, but not instantly, as some would have us think is the only way.

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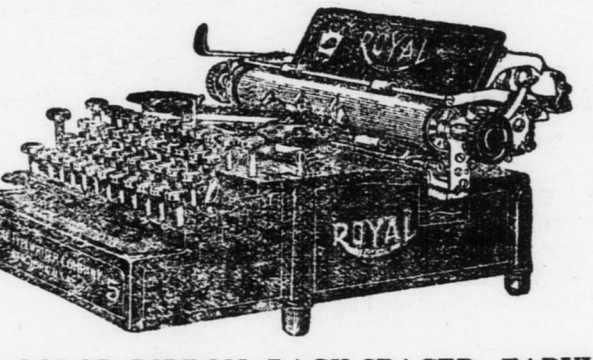
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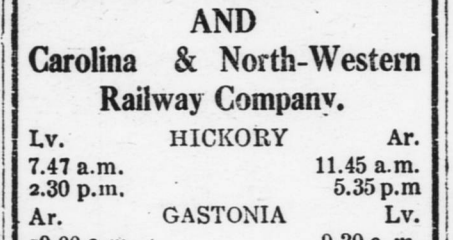
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Yorkville	2:16	8:36	
Gastonia	3:03	9:20	
Lincanton	4:10	10:27	
Newton	4:47	11:05	
Hickory	5:35	11:45	7:00 a.m.
Lenoir	6:35	1:05 p.m.	8:18
Mortimer	7:46	2:35	
Edgemont..Ar.	7:53	2:45	

Southbound	No. 7	No. 9	No. 51
Edgemont..Lv.	5:30 a.m.	12:10 p.m.	
Mortimer	5:37	12:17	
Lenoir	6:45	1:30	3:00 p.m.
Hickory	7:43	2:35	4:22
Newton	8:13	3:05	
Lincanton	8:55	3:43	
Gastonia..Ar.	10:00		
Gastonia..Lv.	10:05	4:40	
Yorkville	10:54	5:36	
Chester	11:40	6:25	

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