

INTERNATIONAL
Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 1915
AMOS, THE FEARLESS PROPHET
(Home Missionary Lesson)

Motto Text—"He that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully." (Jeremiah 23:28.)
Lesson Passage—Amos 5:1-15.
Memory Verses—14, 15.

This man might well be called "the twentieth century" prophet; for one in contemplating his burning message may see references to conditions which prevail among us in our boasted civilization and in our fancied security in material prosperity. So his book might be studied in the light of prevailing conditions in the normal Christian world of today. Human nature does not change. Men are the same in their dealing with fleshly temptations. Amos describes himself as being from Tekoa, which was a little town about twelve miles south of Jerusalem. We are familiar enough with the customs of his age to sufficiently understand that such little settlements as Tekoa were inhabited by agricultural or farm laborers who retired thither to their simple and unattractive homes after their labors in the fields; the rich and luxurious did not live in such hamlets but were found in the great cities. So, Amos describes himself as a herdsman, or watcher of grazing cattle and also a dresser of sycamore fruit.

The Home Mission Enterprise
As the preceding study suggests the dignity and encouragements of Foreign Mission effort, the present one may be taken to emphasize Home Missions. The same conditions in which Amos found his country prevail among us. Many an anxious pastor realizes that these conditions threaten the downfall of the nation; and the serious question arises whether the men of today will hear the message that God sends or as the men of Amos' time did, reject and despise it to their own hurt. Intemperance, graft, dishonest dealing, protected vice abound on every hand. Vulgar extravagance and unspeakable dissipations mark our great civic centers. The houses of worship are abandoned by thousands, while the places of amusement are crowded upon the Lord's Day. Christian men have a responsibility that cannot be shirked. Whatever is attempted to stem the tide of worldliness carries its pregnant lessons. The necessity of legislation on pure food is in itself a reproach to any people, for it would not be needful if men did not seek their profit in poisoning their fellows. The opportunity for remedying the many obstacles in the way of simple living is in the great number of efforts for evangelizing and urging men to return to the precepts of the religion of Christ. Numerous institutions for saving ruined lives that in this era ought never to have been ruined, the wide-spread interest in great evangelical movements in large cities; the awakening of conscience in many a dormant self-satisfied church; all these and more afford the opportunities that invite the personal co-operation of all lovers of the Lord and the furnishing of the money needed for their support and increase. The modern Amos, however, is apt to find as hard a time as did he of old; and perhaps his hardest task is to maintain the vigor of this prophet and prevent his own drifting into the indolent living and abounding frivolity of the times. He needs the strong arm and fellowshiping hand of Christ's disciples everywhere who will not demand that his preaching shall be on trivial matters or discussions that do not develop the inner life.

Special Topics
Not every man is willing to reflect the idea of a learned one who said he preferred the preaching that disturbed his carnal ease, that awakened his conscience and destroying his comfort, quickened him to the pressing duties of the hour. It is not true that tender and loving persuasions alone have power to prevail. It is pleasant to hear the wooing voice, tremulous with loving anxiety, but "the very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument" falls often upon ears that hear the words but do them not (Ezek. 33:32).

The love of God is surely a precious fact; but his wrath and indignation against sin is equally a fact. The teacher must be faithful, and soft words are not always faithful. To warn is not to scold, denounce, calumniate; but it is an earnest, heart-breaking cry that is like unto the call of a mother to a child that is in peril. Our Lord has not said that the rich and luxurious shall not be saved, but "how hardly" will they themselves enter into the kingdom of heaven; and any casual observer is able to see why. There is no sin in having wealth; the sin consists in the manner of accumulating it, in the wrong uses of it, and in the substitution of it in the place of God as providing the things most desirable to the human heart.

With great aptness Amos began his prophecies by calling attention to other peoples who had either known God or paid no attention to him. He pointed out to the maddened leaders the fate of Damascus, of Philistia, of Edom, of Moab, of Ammon; and then he portrayed the same things for his

own country. The sole trouble was in the forsaking of God. Christian America might well learn the same lesson. We can look out over the world and see what has come to people who have done that very thing. We may talk as we please about national dignity and importance, but there is no need for turning away from the counsels of God. The besom of destruction has swept over Europe because of what one of its princes has styled a silly and senseless war. What is to become of us if the principles of the gospel are ignored and forgotten in the mad race of fancied prosperity? Shall we learn nothing from the indescribable ravages of nations that have turned away from God?

Hester Local Notes

(Correspondence Public Ledger)
Miss Hallie Hester went over to Durham Wednesday on a shopping expedition.

Miss Annie Fleming spent Wednesday in Oxford.

Dr. Battle Bullock and Mr. J. C. Pittard spent Tuesday in Oxford.

Miss Ella Hall spent the week end at her home near Stem.

Miss Margaret Cannady spent the week-end with relatives in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Fleming spent Thursday in Oxford.

Mr. B. B. Bowling and Miss Pearl Mitchell drove over to Hester last Sunday morning and were quietly married by Magistrate R. G. Stem.

We are very glad to learn that Mr. Thollie Green, who has undergone an operation at Watt's Hospital, is rapidly recovering.

Mr. S. Green went over to see Mr. Thollie Green, at Watt's Hospital in Durham, Wednesday.

We are indeed sorry to learn of the illness of our former teacher, Miss Margaret Wright. Miss Wright is now teaching at Cary.

Mrs. Thollie Green and Master William Green spent the week-end in Durham.

Hester will soon boast of another store, as Mr. Johnnie Farrot will build in the near future.

Miss Emma Kindt, a small woman, who has the Union News stand at the Southern passenger depot at Asheville, was able to catch up with a man, G. B. Brackett, who had been robbing passengers of their suitcases for some time. Miss Kindt saw Brackett take the valise while the owner was buying a ticket, bravely holding onto his coat, she brought him before the special agent. Miss Kindt will probably be offered a commission as a special policewoman.

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C. C. Covington, a merchant of Wilmington, has brought suit for libel against State Senator W. B. Cooper, of that city. Covington and Cooper are both members of the board of stewards of Grace Street Methodist church, Wilmington, and Covington charges that Cooper told the pastor, Rev. J. D. Bundy, that he (Covington) had buncoed Cooper out of \$500 a few years ago.

A new organization known as "The Radio Club" has been organized among the electrical students at A. and M. College, Raleigh. The wireless telegraphy students have a receiving apparatus in Winston Hall, which gets reports of the weather from Arlington every night.

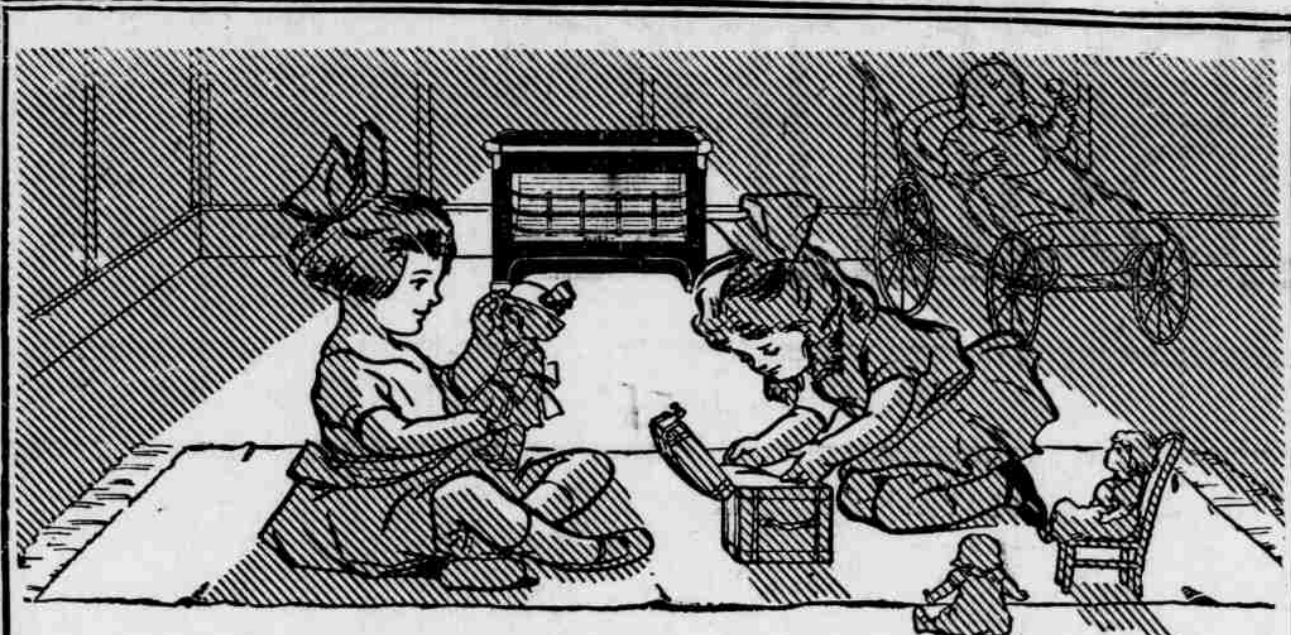
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SALE OF REAL ESTATE
Pursuant to authority contained in a certain deed of trust executed by James Oakley and Bella Oakley on the 5th day of January 1914 and duly recorded, default having been made in the payment of the debt secured thereby, I shall on

Monday, 20th December, 1915 sell at public auction at the court house door, in the town of Oxford, to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate: A certain lot of land situate in Granville county in Tally Ho township, joining the lands of Meadows, Currin and others and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post oak and pointers in Pinckney Meadows line run thence S. 29 chains to a white oak in Currins' line, thence W. 10 chains and 50 links to a Spanish oak Currins' line, thence S. 3 chains and 25 links to a stone and pointers, Currin's line, thence W. 13 chains to pointers and blazed bushes, thence N. 31 chains and 50 links, thence by Meadows line to the beginning, containing 98 3/4 acres more or less. Time of sale 12 o'clock M.

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Kill Wild Onions in November

(Weekly News Letter)

The secret of the vitality of the wild onion lies in the two sorts of underground bulbs. Each plant produces one large bulb which germinates in the fall and four or five small ones which start growth in the spring.

Late fall plowing followed by early spring plowing and planting the infested land to some clean cultivated crop destroys the wild onion pest by killing both sorts of bulbs as the growth from them appears and before they have had a chance to multiply. The fall plowing should be deep and care should be taken to completely bury all green tops of the onion. If very much top growth has been made, a harrow run before the plow

will facilitate the thorough covering of the tops.

Another interesting and valuable point about the wild onion is that the wild onion is that the spring bulbs rarely produce heads; consequently, if the infested land is plowed in the fall, a spring oat crop practically free of onions can always be secured. But for complete eradication of the onion both fall and spring plowing is necessary, and November is the best time to do the fall work.

Near Wilmington two negroes tried to hold up M. H. Hodges, who was carrying \$350 to pay off a construction force. Mr. Hodges knocked one of them down and drew an unloaded pistol whereupon both fled.

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