

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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Text of the Lesson. Math. xi, 20-30. Memory Verses, 28-30—Golden Text, Math. xi, 28—Commentary Prepared by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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20. "Then began He to upbraid the cities wherein most of His mighty works were done because they repented not." We find the word "upbraid" only in two other places in the New Testament. In Mark xvi, 14, He upbraided them with their unbelief, and in Jas. i, 5, He giveth wisdom to all who ask and upbraideth not. But the same word is translated "reproach" and "reproach" is in Math. v, 11; Mark xv, 32; I Pet. iv, 14, etc. He never upbraids the penitent or the seeking, but only the hypocrites and the unbelieving. His mighty works were the works of God, as He testified, "The Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works" (John xiv, 10), and these works testified that He was sent of God (John v, 36, 37). That all men everywhere should repent and turn to God and receive forgiveness of sins is the will of God.

21, 22. "Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida! And why? Because of the great condemnation that would come upon them in the day of judgment. There will be a time of judgment, and all who have ever lived will have to appear before the Judge, who will be none other than Jesus Christ our Lord, the risen Christ, God's own appointed Judge (Acts xvii, 31). There will first be the judgment seat of Christ for His redeemed ones (Rom. xiv, 10; I Cor. v, 10), then the judgment of the living nations (Math. xxv, 31, 32; Joel iii, 1, 2); and after the thousand years the great white throne for the rest of the dead (Rev. xx, 11-15), but in each case the Judge will be the same (John v, 22, 23). 23, 24. "And thou, Capernaum." It sounds strange to hear of Tyre and Sidon and Sodom being at the judgment with Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum, and that it shall be more tolerable for the former than for the latter, but the Judge Himself has said it, and He knows, for He can declare the end from the beginning (Isa. xlii, 10). The future of Sodom and other nations is mentioned in Ezek. xvi, 53, 55; Jer. xliiii, 47; xlix, 39. That the judgment will be according to knowledge and privileges of those who are judged our Lord Himself said in Luke xii, 47, 48.

25. "At that time Jesus answered and said, 'I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes.'" At that time, when John seemed to be doubting, Jesus said, Father, I thank Thee, who is the possessor of heaven and earth and death according to His will both in heaven and on earth (Gen. xiv, 18-22; Dan. ix, 8, 9), so that nothing can happen without Him, and it therefore becomes us in everything to give thanks, knowing that this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning us (I Thess. v, 18). Babes are not innocent, for sin is in them, but they are helpless, dependent, teachable, believing. Concerning such little children, who in their helplessness depend wholly upon God, believing all He says and looking to Him alone, the Saviour said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Mark x, 14; Math. xviii, 10).

26. "Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight." Or, yes, my Father, this is so because that Thou hast found it good (French text). He said, it is the Lord; let Him do what seemeth Him good (I Sam. iii, 18). David said, I was dumb; I opened not my mouth, because Thou didst it (Ps. cxix, 9). This fact, that our Lord is as much greater than either as He was greater than Eli or David. Never was such submission seen on earth as was seen in the whole life of our Lord Jesus, and in all His life perhaps it was never greater than when in the garden.

27. "All things are delivered unto Me of My Father." Understood by no one but by His Father, and He alone knowing the Father and able to reveal Him, to whom shall we go but to Him who only can show us or tell us of the Father and in whose hand are all things and who has said, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father" (John xiv, 9). What a comfort for sinner and saint that He has said, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (John vi, 37). In John iii, 35, it is written: "The Father loveth the Son and hath given all things into His hand. All life and power, all forgiveness and all judgment are His." Offering the riches of His grace and glory freely to all, He is gathering out of all nations those who come to Him, and they shall be His body the church and, as I now see it, also His bride the Lamb's wife.

28. "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." God so loved that He gave, and He who spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? (John iii, 16; Rom. viii, 32.) The Son of God loved me and gave Himself for me (Gal. ii, 20) it is the privilege of every one to believe and acknowledge, and He it is who gave Himself for us who says, "Come unto Me and I will give you rest." The greater gift, "Himself," includes all the others—"Redemption," "Eternal Life," "Bread of Life," "Water of Life," "Peace," "Wisdom" and "Righteousness." He is one and all, and all are in Him.

29. "Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." First, we come unto Him, and receiving Him, we find in Him righteousness and redemption and deliverance from the wrath to come and acceptance in Him, and we rest in Him because He, the Judge, assures us that there is no condemnation since He has borne it all for us. Now, though we are saved by His blood and have rest concerning our eternal welfare, there is the daily life, with all its cares and annoyances and vexatious things, to be lived to His glory.

30. "My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." If we find it otherwise, He will be with us. "God is His way is perfect," and "Lord will perfect them" (I John iv, 8; Ps. cxxxviii, 1).

A SONG FOR THE HOME-LAND.

BY MARGARET E. SANGSTER.
A song for the homeland, its valleys and hills. Its lakes lying blue, and its silvery rills. A song for its fields and its harvests of gold. A song for its mines with their wealth all untold; The home-land, the dear land, the home of the free,
O beautiful Mother, our hearts cling to thee.

A song for the church with its call unto prayer, For the comfort and healing and joy we have there; A song for the school with the flag on its roof, For the lessons it teaches for manhood in proof; A song for true brotherhood, sturdy and free,
O home-land, dear home-land, a chorus for thee!

A song for our Sabbath that dawns with its peace, From greed and from bondage, a day of release; A song for our Bibles wide open and fair, For our Sunday Schools, and the bands gathered there; For the men and the women whose service is free;
O home-land, fair home-land, a chorus to thee!

And O, may our home-land be cleansed from all stain, And pure as the fathers endowed to remain! Its banner of stars be flung out to the breeze, Its fearless ship sail on the path of the seas,
God bless it, the dear land, the home of the free,
O beautiful mother, our hearts cling to thee!

Trusts Are Putting Up the Price of Bagging and Ties.

Savannah News.
The cotton planters of the South may again have to resort to cotton sheeting as a covering for their cotton and to seek some substitute for ties to hold the bales in shape. These needful supplies are now entirely controlled by the trusts. Last year there were half a dozen competitors in each line. This year there are none. One concern has absolute control of the cotton ties.
The American Manufacturing Company of New York controls the cotton bagging of the country, and the American Steel Hoop Company, which is included in the great Federal Steel Trust, controls the tie output. The latter is a comparatively recent amalgamation of several concerns.
The result is seen in the changed quotations. For several months the quotations on ties and bagging in the Morning News trade columns have remained practically unchanged. There was no necessity to change them, for the simple reason that no prices were being made by the trusts, and none of their products were being sold at any price. Today's quotations will be found to differ considerably from those which have been in force heretofore. An increase of about 2½ cents a yard has been made in the price of bagging, and it is not unlikely that there will be further increases. The trusts have in fact given notice that a further increase in prices may be expected in June.

About Mr. Aycock.

Biblical Recorder.
The Democratic nominee for Governor of North Carolina is a Baptist. His name is Charles B. Aycock. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Goldsboro, of which Chief Justice Faircloth, Republican, ex-Senate Senator Grant, and Hon. W. P. Exum, formerly Populist candidate for Governor, are members. Rev. W. Carey Newton is pastor of this church, and he says it is the best church in the world. This goes to prove that Baptist religion is good for public men—or vice versa! Brother Aycock is a Baptist in the best of standing, being in every fibre a man of faith, of courage, of benevolence, and of solid character. We are happy in the rise to eminence of any good man; and we take it as no breach of religious newspaper ethics to say that we are glad that the first man in the field for Governor is so noble, so whole, so true as Charles B. Aycock; and to express the hope that his opponents will be no less so.

Why They Didn't Come.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—Senators Allen of Nebraska and Pettigrew of Dakota did not attend the Pro-Populist convention in Raleigh, N. C., today, as had been expected. They both accepted an invitation from the state committee, represented by Senator Butler, several weeks ago, it being understood at the time that they were wanted merely to dignify national issues. They afterward ascertained that Butler's purpose was to get them to Raleigh as opponents of the proposed constitutional amendment and by circumstances forced them to speak against that measure. When they realized that they were being made tools in Butler's hands they declined to go. In spite of this fact, however, the Populist and Republican leaders continued to advertise that they would be present to-day at Raleigh to oppose the amendment, and even as late as this morning it was announced in the papers that the two senators had left for Raleigh.

Nobody Can Make Bryan Abandon Free Silver.

CHICAGO, April 24.—A special from Wichita, Kan., to the Times-Herald says: "The only man who has not been attracted to me to abandon free silver as much as I do is Bryan."

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Special Correspondence.
There is some chance for the preservation of Porto Rico from being looted by the franchise grabbers who are swarming in this city and who will soon be swarming around the carpet-bag executive council of the islands, to which the original tariff bill allots the duty of dealing out the pie. This chance comes through the desire of the President for more time in which to select the officers of the new government and his consequent appeal to Congress to permit the military office holders to retain their posts until August next. In reply to this appeal, the Senate promptly agreed to a resolution granting the necessary authority. The House, however, dissatisfied with having the franchise provisions of the tariff bill crammed down its throat took advantage of this opportunity to have something to say about franchises and tacked to the Senate resolution an amendment limiting the granting of franchises. The Senate as represented by Mark Hanna and other friends of the trusts who propose to loot the island, seriously objects to this, and says that the bill shall never pass with any amendment lessening the powers of the council. But the House, too, insists on its point. As only a week is left for reaching an agreement, there is little doubt that the House will have its way. Even if no agreement is reached and the bill fails, the Democrats will have won, as in that case, the civilian officers will have to be appointed at once and will be confirmed by the Senate which will have adjourned by August. The trusts will not dare to run the risk of having their men nominated and rejected and the President will be forced to select far better men than he would have done had they seen able to take office without being confirmed.

Democrats in this city are amused by the almost frantic search of the Republicans for a candidate for the Vice Presidency who will add strength to their ticket this fall. It is conceded that Roosevelt would do this, but Roosevelt declines to be impressed, and the Republicans really have no other man who can be relied upon to make up for McKinley's tremendous loss of popularity on account of his dodging attitude on the Porto Rican bill. Before this blunder was made by the Republicans in Congress there was no thought of the party being constrained by the consideration of local expediency in the selection of a candidate for Vice President on the ticket with McKinley. It was not thought to be necessary for a candidate for the second place to add strength to the ticket. It was enough that he should not be a source of weakness. Nor was it formerly felt that there was any section of the country that had to be particularly considered. But now, in consequence of the universal disapproval of the Porto Rican tariff it is felt to be necessary to be guided in the selection of a candidate by consideration of the weak spots in the West.

While one dislikes to believe that the present flurry in Turkish affairs has been gotten up merely for home consumption, and with a view to the convention and election, it cannot be denied that there is something very curious in the fact that it has been saved up until now, although the outrages complained of took place years and years ago, and although the missionaries have been clamoring for reparation ever since. Long before the Spanish war, public meetings were held in various parts of the country demanding redress at the cannon's mouth; meetings, by the way, which were ignored entirely by the administration. But now that a closer and bitterer struggle than that of '98 is approaching, and now that the church people all over the country are passing resolutions condemning the President for sustaining his Attorney General in defiantly violating the plain intent and purpose of Congress by maintaining the canteen, it is, to say the least, most lucky for McKinley that he should have a chance to stand out as a "Defender of the Faith" by jumping on the Sultan. Having fought one war without the authority of Congress by calling it "suppressing an insurrection," while at the same time holding that the Constitution and laws of the United States did not extend to the country in which the "insurrection" was in progress, it will not be difficult for the President to win the approbation of the missionary societies by waging war on Turkey under the euphemistic title of "collecting an indemnity." Long live Imperialism!

Mr. Quay has been denied a seat in the Senate by the narrow majority of one vote, and the line of precedents of the Senate in similar cases for half a century has not been reversed, even by Mr. Quay's "charming personality." It is now probable that never again will it be in such serious danger as on this occasion. Quay, it will be remembered, had been appointed Senator by Governor Stone, of Pennsylvania, when the legislature adjourned after a long but fruitless effort to elect. Most of the Senators have held that in such cases the Governor has no right to appoint, as the recognition of such right would encourage personal favorites of the executives to strive to deadlock the legislatures, with the idea that they could be nominated by him after it had adjourned. As a matter of fact, this has happened more than once in the past, and any general attempt at this would mean the selection of Senators by the governors of the states and not by the legislatures, as provided by the Constitution. Probably there will not be so many deadlocks hereafter.

Ex-Governor John P. Buchanan, of Tennessee, has renounced Populism and returned to the Democratic party.

THIS IS THE WAY IT WORKS.

State Journal, Republican.
The Western voter has not the remotest idea of Eastern conditions. The former can not understand why there is such intense hatred to Republicanism in the East and why the white people are all Democrats.
In a number of counties the negro vote outnumbers the white vote and in all the counties east of Raleigh and nearly all east of Charlotte the negro is in the majority if the white vote divides. It is natural with the negro or any other race of people to seek office and its emoluments and if the white people divide, the negro at once takes charge of affairs. Go back twenty years and there was a large per cent of white Republicans in all the Eastern counties. In some instances they outnumbered the white Democrats, but the negro outnumbered the white Republicans. This enabled the negro to run conventions, control nominations and by this means he was soon in control of nearly all Eastern counties; while some good white Republicans and some good negroes were put in office, bad white men and the ignorant negro were running party machinery and in the saddle. This state of affairs soon drove the bulk of the white Republicans into the Democratic party; they had to go there for self preservation. However much they disliked Democracy, they preferred it to ignorant negro rule.
Now this state of affairs confronts us in the East. In many of the counties, with honest elections, that is, with a free negro ballot, he controls the counties and in some instances the Judicial and Congressional districts and in all the counties he would control, if the white people divide.
The negro never fails to take advantage of his opportunity; the past and present is proof of this fact. They go to Congress, they have been solicitors, they go to the legislative halls, they hold county and minor offices. They swarm like bees after positions, county, State and Federal. They demand it; they claim they do the voting and are entitled to them. They run Republican conventions. We speak not from hearsay but from actual observation. This state of affairs prevents the white people dividing and considering any other question but the negro; thereby the interest of the State suffers.
We ask our white people of the West, white Republicans, should the negro be allowed to control, and with present conditions and a free ballot can he be prevented? Should the wealth, wealth producing and industrial class and business interests of this section be held under ignorant negro domination? Consult your own conscience and white manhood and imagine yourself in like conditions and then cast your vote? But some say it will not disfranchise all the negroes. No, it will not disfranchise the intelligent and better element of the negro race, and should not they cast their votes intelligently as much so as any white man? But it disfranchises the ignorant ones who should be disfranchised, and to disfranchise this class, which is very large in the East would so much diminish their votes that it would remove all danger. One thing certain, it would make it less dangerous than at present and if we cannot do all that should be done let us make what improvement we can. But there are some who say it is wrong in principle to disfranchise the negro. Would this be so if it improves the conditions of the country? Is the principle right that gives the negro an opportunity to outvote and control the white man? If so, the principle is as black as the negro and the man who advocates it is as black as the principle. Remove this cancer from the political body in the East and you free the white man in political thought and action and then the Eastern white man will divide along political lines.

Hal Fixing to Descend.

Winston Sentinel.
If Hal Ayer sticks to the declaration that he made after he was nominated for auditor by the Populists it is not likely that he will be a candidate on any ticket by the time the election rolls around. He said if any committee attempted to take down any nominee he would that instant come down himself. It is not to be expected that Butler will undertake a campaign without trading and fusion, therefore Ayer had as well cancel his arrangements for a run to the finish.

Latest information reports from the India famine districts say that the misery existing there is indescribable and unparalleled and that the present relief is quite inadequate. They add that the mortality among the cattle is so severe that the authorities are trying to adapt farm implements so that human power can replace that of bullocks. Such a drastic measure has never before been necessary even in the greatest scarcity of animals.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Burlington Hawk-Eye.
It is an easy matter enough to forecast the weather like Professor Tice and Mr. Vennor if people would only give their minds to it. By closely reading and studying the predictions of these great weather breeders we have deduced the following rules, by which they make all their forecasts. Hindecasts of the weather are not made until the next day.

An intensely blue sky indicates a temporary absence of clouds. Under other circumstances, again, an intensely blue sky indicates a tornado.
When a woman leaves a piece of soap on the stairs where her husband will tread upon it, it is a dead sure sign of a storm.

When the sun rises behind a bank of clouds, and the clouds hang low all around the horizon and all over the sky, and the air feels damp and there is a fine drizzling mist blowing, the indications are that there will be a rain somewhere in the United States or Canada.

When it begins to thunder look out for lightning.
When a man gets up in the night, and feels along the top pantry-shelf in the dark, and knocks a big square bottle without any label down to the floor and breaks it, it is a sign there is going to be a dry spell until seven or eight o'clock in the morning.

When the spring millinery openings are advertised, look for bright sunny weather all around the house, with treacherous calms and rising barometer, indicative of sudden tempests and mean temperature.

When the cradle begins to vibrate with irregular, spasmodic motions about one o'clock in the morning, look out for signals and try to remember where you put the nargoric the last time you used it.

When the youngest boy in the family comes home three hours after school-hours, with his hair wet, and his shirt wrong side out, look out for a spanking breeze.

To see the head of the family feeling in his right hand pocket then in the left hand pocket, then in his vest pocket, then in his hip pocket, then in his coat pockets, then at the ceiling, indicates "no change."

If he suddenly stops whistling at the ceiling and expands his face into a broad grimace of delight it means "unexpected change."

If the spring bonnet comes home trimmed on the right side for the wearer's seat in church, and has two more sprigs and three more dandelions than the women in the next pew, it is "set fair."

An unusually large number of spiders presages a very mild or a very open winter, as the case may be.

If the corn husks are very thick the winter will be colder than summer.
If the corn husks are very thin the summer will be warmer than the winter.
If the corn-husks are neither too thin nor too thick the summer will be warm and the winter will be cold.

If the weather prophet predicts a rainy season and it happens to rain away out in Calaveras County, and it is dry as a bone all over the rest of America, this rain must be set down to the credit of the weather breeder, and all the dry time counts for nothing.

The Iowa Populist convention, in session Tuesday, did not say a word, in its platform or otherwise, about the free coinage of silver. The subject was not mentioned in the platform of the North Carolina Populists, adopted Wednesday, and a returning delegate reports that 16 to 1 was not heard during the session of the convention. Democratic conventions everywhere are re-affirming the Chicago platform but plowing shallow on free silver; and yet it was for this that the country was set by the ears four and two years ago, and men were seized by the slack of the breeches and nape of the neck and thrown summarily out of the synagogue.—Charlotte Observer.

Why the Republicans and Populists Will Put Out Separate State Tickets.

Washington Special, 18th.
The Republicans and Populists will put out separate State tickets and the public is thus made to believe that there is no alliance between the two parties. Senator Pritchard has authorized a statement that the Republicans and Populists in North Carolina will not fuse on the State ticket.

It was stated in the Journal Saturday that a secret conference was held in Atlanta looking to a coalition in the approaching election. It is a fact that a close alliance on the terms then stated was agreed upon.

The proposition to have separate State tickets was agreed upon and the publication that the fusion proposition had fallen through, authorized for the purpose of influencing those white Populists who oppose fusion to vote against the constitutional amendment, which is the issue of the campaign and for the further purpose of capturing those Democrats who are alleged to oppose the proposition to disfranchise the ignorant vote.

The leaders of the two parties, Butler and Pritchard, thoroughly understand each other.

No wonder the negroes have lost their senses. The negro Manly insulted white women and said they welcomed the embraces of negro men; the negro White boldly proclaimed in Congress that negro brutes raped white ladies because white men used negro wenches. When negro leaders like Manly and White utter such insults, justifying the violence of negro brutes, we may expect poor ignorant negro animals to rush blindly into crime of all sorts, crime that even a gorilla or a baboon never commits. It is natural for such crimes to drive the white people to a frenzy of indignation and naturally lynchings follow. And now the negro White, after justifying negro rapings and thus making lynchings a certainty if not a necessity, threatens to introduce a bill to punish as treason the lynching of a negro brute rapist. No wonder the United States Congress after only three years experience disfranchised the negro in the District of Columbia.—Raleigh News and Observer.

A suit out of the ordinary has arisen in Kentucky, based on the law which requires separate railway coaches for the races. A negro woman is suing a railroad for damages because the company permitted disorderly white men to invade the only car in which she was allowed to ride and insult her by their actions and conversation.

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CONSUMER.
WHITTSBORO, TEX., Sep. 12, 1899.
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Gentlemen—I write you a few lines of gratitude. I think your Groves' Tasteless Chill Tonic is one of the best medicines in the world for Chills and Fever. I have three children that have been down with malarial fever for 18 months and have bought Chill medicines of all kinds. Doctor's bills coming in all the time until I sent to town and got three bottles of Groves' Tasteless Chill Tonic. My children are all well now and it was your Tasteless Chill Tonic that did it. I cannot say too much in its behalf.
Yours truly,
JAMES D. ROBERTS.