

The Sunday School Lesson THE SLIGHTED INVITATION

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL
The International Uniform Lesson on the above topic for Jan. 19 is Luke 14:15-35, the Golden Text is Luke 15:17, "Come; for all things are now ready.")

THE SCENE of the lesson today is the same as in last week's lesson, somewhere in Perea, the province of Palestine, opposite Judea, the eastern side of the Jordan. The time was January, A. D. 30.

Jesus was dining with a Pharisee and his friends, and He had just finished telling them that the type of guest they should invite to their feasts was the poor, the maimed, the lame and the blind, because they would not be able to return the favor. In other words, the host would not be trying to gain benefits from such guests.

As our Lord finished this speech, a man near Him said: "Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God." This man thought, doubtless, that the talk

was getting a little out of hand. He was afraid Jesus would say something to offend, and he tried to change the conversation. Jesus answered him by telling another parable. "A certain man made a great supper and asked many people to it. When all was ready he sent his servant to those invited, saying, 'Come, for all things are now ready.'"

Instead of hurrying to the feast as real friends would, rejoicing at the chance to eat the good food and have a happy time, each one made some flimsy excuse. One said he had bought a field and must go to look at it. Another announced that he had bought some oxen and must try them. And still another explained that he had married and could not leave his home. Naturally the host was very hurt and angry. "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city," he said to his servant, "and bring in hither the poor, the maimed, and the halt, and the blind."

Still Not Enough
The servant did as his lord bid, and came to him again to say he had done so, but there were still not enough. "Go into the highways and hedges," he answered, "and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, That none of these men that were bidden shall taste of my supper."

The refusal of these men to come to the supper of the man who had invited them was an insult, for none of the excuses given were important enough to keep them away if they had wanted to partake of the Lord's bounty. The things we are doing may seem of large importance to us at the time; but are they, when we consider what it means to us to be forever kept away from His hospitality?

Next Jesus reminded those that followed Him that in order to be a true disciple, it was necessary for a man to leave all his kith and kin—even to hate them if they would hinder him in his mission—and to "bear his cross and come after Me." He must not value even his own life if it interfered with the service of the Master.

Giving His reasons for this, Jesus says:
"For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him."

Ask for Peace
"Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth

Peace Envoy?



According to Verne Marshall, Cedar Rapids, Ia., editor and head of the recently organized No Foreign Wars Committee, William Rhodes Davis flew official Nazi peace plans to the U. S. from Germany, in October, 1939, but they were suppressed by the State Department. Marshall says the plans called for a White House peace conference with President Roosevelt as mediator. Davis is a New York oil operator.

CHURCHES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. H. G. Hammett, Pastor.
Waynesville, North Carolina.
Sunday, January 19, 1941.
Bible Study 9:45.
Morning Worship 11:00.
Sermon: "Knowing Jesus."
Evening Worship 7:30.
Sermon: "The Attractive Christ."
Baptist Training Union 6:30.
Baptist Brotherhood 6:30.
Wednesday Prayer service 7:30.
Friday Choir Practice 7:30.

THE GREATEST PATH IN THE WORLD is the path from your door to the door of your Church. Many joys and perils are here, too. If all faithfully used this path and were guided by its influence the nation, the church, the town would be safe. The path was made by the Son of Man for the sons of men that they might become the sons of God. Are you walking on this pathway?

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rector, Rev. Raymond E. MacBlain.
2nd Sunday after Epiphany, Jan. 19.
9:45 a. m. Church school.
11 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon.
2:30 p. m. Service at Micadale church.

At the annual Parish meeting held Jan. 12, the following were elected to office:
Senior Warden, D. Drayton Perry; Junior Warden, Wm. Shoolbred; Treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Abel; Secretary, Lauriston Hardin; Members of Vestry, Walter B. Hill, Everett Camp, Thos. Michal, Dr. J. R. McCracken, Lauriston Hardin.

HAZELWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
S. B. N. Ghisein, Pastor.
11 a. m. "With all his heart and all his soul and all his might."
5 p. m., community singing service led by John M. Spivey. Spivey quartet will sing.
Sermon, "Be ye also ready for in such hour, as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON
The subject of the lesson-sermon

whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassador, and desireth conditions of peace."

There must be no distractions when a disciple "takes up his cross" to follow Jesus and teach His message.

"So, likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

"Salt is good; but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?"

"It is neither fit for the land, not yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

"Come; for all things are now ready," our Golden Text says. The world so badly needs the message of brotherhood and good will our Lord preached. We must not give excuses nor hesitate to follow Him at once and do those things He asks of us.

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Rev. V. A. Morton Addressed PTA Of Beaverdam School

The Rev. V. A. Morton, of the Rockwood charge, addressed the Parent Teacher Association of Beaverdam school at the January

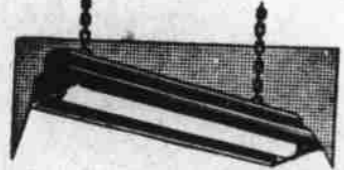
meeting. The Rev. Mr. Morton chose as his subject "Character Building." He stressed the importance of character to hold the homes, school and nation together, and give instances in history of the fall of nations as they lost their character. He pointed out the opportunity offered the teachers in the schools in the teaching of character while other subjects may be forgotten. "We teach more by the attitudes we take and the motives we show, than by what we say," said the speaker.

at the assembly hall in the Masonic Temple on Sunday morning will be "Life," and the Golden Text will be from Revelations 21:6-7, "I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
Waynesville, every Sunday 11 a. m., E. S. T.
Franklin, every 2nd and 4th Sunday 8:00 a. m., E. S. T.
Cherokee, every 3 Sunday 8:00 a. m., E. S. T.

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