

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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International Sunday School Lesson for April 7
THE MINISTRY OF ISAIAH
Isaiah 6:1-8; 20:1-2; 38:1-5

Six months are now to be given to the Old Testament. The general title is "Prophetic Teaching and Leadership of Judah." The aim, as stated by the International Lessons Committee, is "To lead the pupils in discovering and appreciating how God, through prophets and other leaders, gave help and guidance to the people of Judah, in order that the pupils may come to see the hand of God in their own lives in all human affairs." Five weeks are given to Isaiah, so read that book in time. This series continues the course which concluded with "From Samuel to Isaiah" December, 1927, and is part of the six year cycle.

A great heart ache led Isaiah to seek a special audience with God. Hezekiah, the efficient and greatly beloved king, died and life for the nation looked dark indeed. There is always resource in the recourse to prayer and the prophet was comforted as he looked into the future with Jehovah. Spiritual sight pierced beyond the horizon of the physical and Isaiah beheld his enthroned Lord in majestic setting. Heavenly messengers were about Him. Their six wings typified worship, humility and service. Salutation was heard in the antiphonal greeting, "Holy, holy, holy is Jehovah of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory."

Instantly the consciousness of the presence of Deity made Isaiah aware of his own sinful human nature by contrast. It is always so. As we come unto Him we are mindful of the difference, as the real self is acknowledged. Isaiah's outcry was akin to that of the man in the parable, when two men went up to the temple to pray, who said "God be merciful to me, a sinner." Such pleading moves our Father to action. Though it was

in a vision there was effective reality, as one of the seraphim took a burning coal from the altar and cleansed those lips as by fire. Thus made ready, Isaiah was able to give a noble response when the Lord called for volunteers, saying "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Instant answer was "Here am I; send me." Today, when opportunity is given for service 95 per cent of the average church members will be indifferent or suggest that the other 5 per cent, already doing most of the work, undertake the added tasks.

Isaiah served faithfully during four reigns. He fulfilled the office of a prophet. He foretold the truth as a messenger commanded by Jehovah. No toil was too hard to be undertaken in obeying a commission. He boldly faced kings as well as peasants, for every class equally needs the truth of life. When Hezekiah was sick Isaiah, in performing the office of a pastor, told him "Set thy house in order," in preparation for impending death. He is foolish indeed who straightens out his books only when the auditor is expected. Every phase of life should be loved so that the auditing can take place at any time.

Rice and Swiss Cheese

Boil 1 cup rice and place a layer in buttered baking dish, season with salt and red pepper; add a layer of grated Swiss cheese, more rice and cheese; cover to top with milk and bake until the milk is absorbed.

Keeps Cut Flowers Fresh

At night place damp oiled paper over cut flowers, tying sides of paper to top of vase. Stand in cool place and flowers will keep much longer. This is especially true of roses.

AMBASSADOR DIES AT PARIS POST

Myron T. Herrick Succumbs After Short Illness. Was Universally Loved By French People.

Paris, March 31.—United States Ambassador Myron T. Herrick, who won the heart of the French people by his refusal to leave Paris when other diplomats fled the threatened German invasion in 1914, died peacefully at 4:10 p. m. today. He was 75 years of age.

From a humble business career among the farmers of Ohio, he became governor of that state, was offered cabinet posts and was selected by two presidents as ambassador to France.

Mr. Herrick had not been in robust health for some time but was not seriously ill until 24 hours before his death. A slight bronchial attack, such as those from which he had frequently suffered, caused a heart collapse. His daughter-in-law, Mrs. Parmely Herrick, was with him. His son was in Cleveland, Ohio.

Conscious until half an hour before he died, the ambassador was cheerful, chatty and solicitous about engagements ahead. Then he suddenly collapsed. He rallied from the heart stroke.

Mr. Herrick on Tuesday had walked bareheaded in the Foch funeral cortege from Notre Dame cathedral to Les Invalides, three hours in damp foggy air relieved by occasional bursts of sunshine. In evening dress he sat through the long service in Notre Dame in the unheated and draughty nave of the cathedral.

The next morning he remarked that he was surprised that he had no cold but on the contrary felt fine. That afternoon he defeated Col. T. Bentley Mott 3 and 2 in a game of golf at Saint Cloud. On Thursday, however, he decided that he would not have his usual round of golf and remained at home. He told one of his callers, "I feel that blankety blank cough again."

The ambassador had a disturbed night on Thursday. His daughter-in-law telephoned Friday morning for Dr. H. Rabeau, assistant to the regular physician of Mr. Herrick, who was in Southern France. The diagnosis of Dr. Rabeau was a bronchial attack and he gave medicine to relieve the spasms of coughing. Desirous of other opinions he summoned Professor Vaquez and Dr. P. Ferrey-Rolles, two bronchial and lung specialists. One of these three always was at the home thereafter until death.

Dr. Ferrey-Rolles this morning informed Mrs. Herrick that the condition of the ambassador was critical. She immediately telephoned her husband in Cleveland, telling him of the serious turn. She previously had informed him by cable of the illness of his father.

Besides Mrs. Herrick, with the ambassador when the end came were Madam Salembrier, his private secretary for many years; Bradford, his valet, and Dr. Ferrey-Rolles.

Colonel Mott, who was one of the most intimate friends of Mr. Herrick, immediately called upon Premier Raymond Poincaré at his home and told him of their loss. The premier was greatly moved and said in a shaking voice, "I as well as France have lost a great friend. I am so very, very sorry. I had come to love him. I respected his great ability. But above all his heart and character."

The premier asked for all details of the illness. Then he said, "Anything that the French government can do shall be done. Ambassador Herrick's family may ask anything they please and if it is feasible it shall be done."

Colonel Mott remarked that he must call at the foreign office. M. Poincaré immediately said that he would personally look after the matter and inform all ministers of the government. Colonel Mott called at the Elysee palace and informed President Gaston Doumergue. The president immediately sent Admiral Vedel of his household to the American embassy to convey the condolences of France.

The sad news spread rapidly through Paris. Many notables of the French government and heads of diplomatic missions left their cards at the embassy. General John J. Pershing called personally.

Former Ambassador Jusserand was to have dined with Mr. Herrick next Wednesday. When informed of his death he expressed profound sorrow and said, "No American understood my people better. I am exceedingly sorry."

Myron T. Herrick, diplomat, statesman, lawyer, banker and manufacturer, began his career selling dinner bells, parlor organs and lightning rods to the farmers of Ohio. From this humble start he rose, by virtue of his application and ability, to the position of financier, promoter of great railroad enterprises, governor of Ohio and ambassador.

A close personal friend of President McKinley, he was offered three cabinet positions by presidents of the United States and twice appointed ambassador to France—first by President Taft in 1912 and again by President Harding in 1921. The title of colonel was given to him when he was appointed to the staff of McKinley when the latter was governor of Ohio.

Mr. Herrick attracted world-wide attention as American ambassador to France during the war by his refusal to leave Paris when the French government and the diplomatic corps fled to Bordeaux to escape the threatened

German invasion of 1914. In addition to the intricate matters connected with his own office, he also assumed charge of the British, Japanese and Turkish embassies, and by his calmness and devotion to duty in the face of great danger, is credited with having done more than any other individual to prevent the outbreak of a disastrous panic in Paris.

Another problem of immense proportions which confronted him during the early days of the war was the necessity of providing advice and financial aid for the thousands of American subjects stranded in France. Through the formation of an American committee, he not only assisted the needy American travelers but aided more than 4,000 English subjects to reach their homes. These services caused the French government to bestow upon him the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor.

Thousands See Moravian Service

Winston-Salem, N. C., March 31.—Thousands of people who came from over a wide territory to witness the picturesque Moravian Easter service gathered here today at sunrise and heard Bishop Edward Rondthaler of the Southern Moravian province, conduct the 163rd successive ceremony in Salem.

The annual commemoration of the resurrection started at 2 o'clock in the morning when units of the Moravian band began tours of the city, playing Easter carols. Two hours later all the units gathered at the home church and about 350 pieces interspersed the responsive litany with religious symphonies.

Bishop Rondthaler, conducting his 49th sunrise service, led the line of march to and from the graveyard. Five hundred ushers guided the throng along its way.

It was reported that visitors from as far away as California and Wisconsin were here for the ceremony.

The celebration is a custom of the Moravians brought with them to this section in 1753 when they settled in "Wachovia." The first service was held in 1766 in old Salem, now a part of Winston-Salem.

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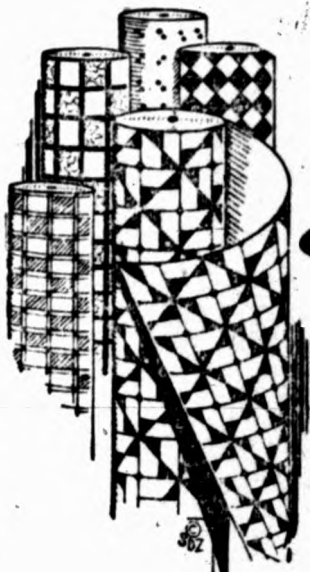
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