

PENNEY'S CREEK

Penney's Creek, March 26.—News has been received from Private O. L. Ellenberg that he is doing fine, but would like to cross the pond any time, but did not know when he would get home.

Mr. A. E. Williams and mother spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Williams. We are glad that Mrs. W. E. Williams is doing nicely. She had the misfortune of sticking the scissors in her foot last week. The doctor was called and the wound dressed. It is doing nicely now.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rogers had as their guests last Sunday their mother Mrs. O. B. Rogers, and sister, Miss Hattie. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Price and children, Messrs. Clyde Sharp and Henry Salley of Brownlee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rogers and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Crawford of Martins Mill.

Mrs. O. B. Rogers and daughter, Miss Hattie, spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. M. L. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rogers, Mrs. J. F. Rogers and Miss Ione spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Williams.

Mr. J. F. Ellenburg and son spent Sunday with Mr. M. L. Williams.

Miss Anna Bell Ellenburg spent the week-end with her grand parents, Mr and Mrs. M. L. Williams and aunt, Mrs. O. L. Ellenburg.

Mrs. M. L. Williams spent last Sunday with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Seawright and sister, Mrs. George Ferguson. We are glad that the latter is improving after a spell of mumps.

Messrs. Julius and Ned Bradberry spent Sunday with Mr. John Frank Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stokes and two little daughters, Elizabeth and Frances, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Williams and Mrs. O. L. Ellenburg.

Mr. Baker, the Watkins man, was calling in this section Monday.

Mr. Jim Rogers was on the sick list Sunday, but was able to be out Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rogers spent Monday in Lowndesville on business. They brought Misses Grace and Ruth Daniels home with them to spend a while. We are glad the little girls have gotten over a light case of flu.

Mrs. Will Crawford and daughter, Ethel, and little son, Ray, spent Saturday with her sister and aunt, Mrs. J. F. Rogers.

Mrs. O. L. Ellenburg and little daughter, Lucia joined them in the afternoon.

You can't gather figs from thistles, nor can you get fine yields from poor seed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR MARCH 30

REVIEW.

GOD'S HAND IN A NATION'S LIFE

SELECTION FOR READING—John 24: 14-28.

GOLDEN TEXT—Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.—Proverbs 14:34.

PRIMARY TOPIC—How God led his people (Psalms 77:20).

JUNIOR TOPIC—Recognizing God's leading.

INTERMEDIATE TOPIC—Evidences of God's guidance.

Since Israel was a theocratic nation, perhaps the best method of review will be to trace God's hand in that nation's life. Israel was led, fed, clothed and disciplined by God.

Lesson I. God's hand is clearly discernible in the experiences of Israel in Egypt. Israel was to be the religious teacher of the world, therefore the nation must sojourn in Egypt, the most advanced in learning of any nation at that time. In order that Moses the great lawgiver might be equipped with the best possible education God used Pharaoh to oppress the people. This oppression served a threefold purpose: (1) It served the testimony to the Egyptian nation that the living God was the God of Israel. The more they oppressed them, the more they multiplied. (2) It served a beneficent purpose, in bringing the nation into its own. It required the crucible of suffering to bring humanity into its own. (3) It made the nation willing to leave Egypt and go to Canaan, the promised land. Had not the hand of oppression been upon them they would have chosen to remain in Goshen.

Lesson II. When Israel was ready to go to Canaan God had a leader ready for the difficult task. His parentage, education at his mother's knee and at Pharaoh's court, and communication with God in the desert of Midian had equipped him for this work.

Lesson III. Though enslaved by a powerful nation, God undertook freedom for Israel, and by ten plagues struck the plagues—he tore the shackles from their hands and set them free. The Passover is a memorial of that blessed deliverance.

Lesson IV. God opened the Red sea and made a path of safety for Israel to cross, but overwhelmed Pharaoh and his hosts in the sea.

Lesson V. Israel bitterly complained when they faced the wilderness without food. God sent them manna and quails. The manna did not fall them until they came into Canaan.

Lesson VI. God sent Jethro to give needed counsel to Moses. The strength of Moses was about to break. God took one outside of the commonwealth of Israel and through him communicated the wisdom which Moses needed to save him from collapse through overwork.

Lesson VII. At Sinai Israel is organized into a nation, and the ten commandments are given as their constitution. In this constitution is clearly set forth man's duty to God and his obligation to his fellow men.

Lesson VIII. God's hand is seen in his burning anger against the nation for turning away from him to worship the golden calf. He is a jealous God; he will not tolerate a rival.

Lesson IX. Through unbelief the spies are sent to search out Canaan. When they were urged to take possession of the land according to God's promise they rebelled. Because of this failure God caused them to wander in the wilderness for 38 years.

Lesson X. When God's disciplinary measures had run their course the people were back again upon the borders of Canaan. Joshua was chosen by God to lead the people, at Moses' time to depart had come.

Lesson XI. In the cities of refuge God provided that revenge should not take the place of justice.

Lesson XII. Before Joshua's death God through him set forth the conditions upon which the nation's welfare could be maintained, namely, whole hearted obedience to God and separation from their wicked neighbors.

A Prayer.

Our Father, we bless thee that thou hast not waited to be asked but knowing our need, hast permitted us, in thy great mercy, to make our requests known unto thee, as well as our adoration and joy in thee, so we pray thee for the things that are requisite and necessary. Thou knowest what things we have need of before we ask thee, but thou hast bidden us ask thee because thou delightest in our consciousness of dependence upon thee, and wouldst have us feel our needs that we may be fit to receive their supply. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Sphere of His Holiness.

If this sphere of his mercy and wrath, tenderness and severity, is so beautiful, what shall be the splendor of the sphere of his holiness? What the glory of the presence chamber, judged by the excellence of this distant boundary lodge?

Going to Church.

We cannot take advantage of the church without going to church, any more than we could take advantage of a week-day school, without going to classes each day.

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