

OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE MISSED

Why Wait? Why Not Go to Western Canada Now?

The writer has frequently heard the remark that "after the war we will go to Western Canada." It does not occur to those making the remark that if they wish to secure lands in Western Canada, whether by purchase or purchase, the best time to go is now. After the war the welcome will be just as hearty as ever, but the chances are that land values will increase so that day house-holds are plentiful and land is reasonable in price. There is no question about what the land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta will do, what it will give under proper cultivation.

Farmers in Western Canada are paying for their land holdings with the proceeds of last year's crop. That this is no idle statement may be gleaned from the following figures, which are picked out at random:

"In the spring of 1914 a half-section of land was offered for sale at \$17.00 per acre. There were 100 acres of summer-fallow, which, because the owner could not at the time find a buyer, were added to wheat. A yield of 40 bushels per acre, 4,200 bushels all told, grading No. 1, was obtained. The price the day the grain was sold (which was very early in the season, before grain prices had advanced to round about \$2.00) was \$1.60, which brought the handsome total of \$6,720.00. Three hundred and twenty acres at \$17.00 equals \$5,440.00, so that a buyer, by basing less than half of the price under crop, would have made a profit of \$1,280.00."—Robson Messenger, Robson, Sask.

"That the Indiana Boys' farm this year raised sufficient crop to pay for the land, all the machinery and all overhead expenses as well as make a handsome profit, is the information given by N. B. Davis, the manager. The wheat yield was over 22,000 bushels. Of twelve cars already sold, nine graded No. 1, and Mr. Davis has sold over 2,000 bushels locally for seed at \$2.00. Naturally, when he gets to Indiana he will be a big booster for Alberta."—Bassett Mail, Bassett, Alta.

"Near Caspary, who bought land at Blusson after the crop had been put in last spring, for \$3,000.00, has threshed 3,000 bushels of wheat worth at present prices about \$7,500.00. He refused an offer of \$5,000.00 for the land after the crop had been taken off."—Lethbridge Herald, Lethbridge, Alta.

Reports from the wheat fields are highly encouraging and show that the wheat crop of many farmers in Western Canada was highly satisfactory.

Coblenz, Sask.—W. A. Rose has threshed an average of 33 bushels per acre and 83 bushels of oats.

Gleichen, Alberta—Up to date 237,812 bushels of grain have been received by local elevators, of which nearly 150,000 bushels were wheat. Seventy-one cars of grain have already been shipped.

Stoop Creek, Sask.—James McInnes has threshed 3,400 bushels of grain, 2,000 bushels of which were wheat, grading No. 1 Northern. One field averaged 41 bushels per acre, and a large field of oats averaged 83 bushels.

If information as to the best location is required, it will be gladly furnished by any Canadian Government Agent, whose advertisement appears elsewhere.—Advertisement.

She Was Shopping.
She had been sitting in the furniture shop for nearly two hours, inspecting the stock of lounges. Roll after roll the perspiring assistant brought out, but still she seemed dissatisfied. From her dress he judged her to be a person of wealth, and thought it likely she would have a good order to give. When at last he had shown her the last roll he paused in despair.

"I'm very sorry, madam," he said apologetically, "but if you could wait I could get some more pieces from the factory. Perhaps you would call again."

The prospective customer gathered her belongings together and rose from the chair.

"Yes, do," she said, with a gracious smile, "and ask them to send you one of two with very small designs, suitable for putting in the bottom of a canary's cage."—Chicago Journal.

She Had Heard of One.
"Whoever saw a perfect man?" asked an evangelist at a revival meeting. "There is no such thing. Every man has his faults, plenty of them."

Of course, no one had ever seen a perfect man, and consequently, the statement of the revivalist was received with silence. The revivalist continued:

"Whoever saw a perfect woman?" At this question a tall, thin woman arose.

"Do you mean to say, madam, the evangelist asked, "that you have seen a perfect woman?"

"Well, I can't just say that I have seen her," the woman replied, "but I have heard a great deal about her—my husband's first wife."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for January 21

FIRST DISCIPLE OF THE LORD JESUS.

LESSON TEXT—John 1:35-40.
GOLDEN TEXT—Jesus saith unto him, follow me.—John 1:42.

"The words 'I see' or 'behold' occur fifteen times in this first chapter. John was a witness to the Son of Man. This term, 'Son of Man,' occurs eighty times in the gospel. The words 'Come and see' or their equivalents, occur five times in this lesson. 'This is a great invitation lesson. It would be interesting if the scholars would tell what the voices are which say, 'Come,' and those which are urging them to 'stay' away from God. Bethsaida was probably two miles from the Jordan, where John baptized. Jesus was thirty years old, just entering upon his ministry. The Herod Caesar was the emperor and Pontius Pilate the governor of Judea.

1. The Son of Man Attracts Men. (vv. 35-38) not by his ethical teachings nor alone by his works and his character, but what he was and inspired in others attracted men to Jesus (John 10:41). Crowds still gathered around the baptizer who "changed the hearts of men as by a spell." John, the Baptist, brought terror to men. He broke through the crust of self-righteousness and indifference, and compelled men to see their need of forgiveness and of a new life, but the time had come when John must step aside, and Jesus "to increase," to begin his ministry.

John's successors days are noticed in this chapter. Andrew (v. 40), and doubtless the apostle John, who wrote this account, were the two disciples (v. 85) to whom John, the Baptist, refers. It is interesting to note the different kinds of men who were attracted to Jesus; the aggressive Peter, the reflective Thomas, the practical Judas. He had what the souls of men needed, and they followed him. Aware of their questioning, Jesus turns to them with the question: "What think ye?" the first recorded words of his public ministry. This is a great testing question of every man's life. What is the aim and purpose of your life? Jesus, the kingdom of God, goodness, righteousness, usefulness or on the other hand selfishness, worldliness, success, ambition, money, pleasure? These disciples who had listened to this testimony of the baptizer, realized that they wanted to know where he dwelt, implying that they would like to talk with him and discuss the problems which were arising in their minds. Three steps of Christian experience are here suggested. These two disciples heard, they looked and they followed. Other steps must come, but we must first look at Jesus as the Lamb, if we are to follow him as our example. We must believe what he has done (Rom. 8:25) before we can ask what would Jesus do to try to imitate him. It is by following that we demonstrate that we have really looked unto him and been saved.

2. The Son of Man Cares for His Own. (vv. 39-42). The instruction which they received from abiding with him impelled them, as we have already indicated, to go out and spread the good news. The greatest act in the life of Andrew was the bringing of his brother Peter to Jesus. Jesus changed Peter's name, and gave him a prophecy of his future life and career. He saw the possibilities within him, though it took much instruction, bitter experiences, prayer and long abiding with Jesus before he attained to these possibilities. It is this passage which have rise to the organization of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, which has adopted, first, the "Rule of Prayer," that of daily prayer for the spread of Christ's kingdom among young men; second, "The Rule of Service," to make an earnest effort each week to bring at least one young man within the hearing of the gospel of Jesus Christ. On the morning Jesus would go forth to Galilee, that is to the East side, across the Jordan river, and on the way he found Philip. It was Philip who asked the question, "Show us the Father," and of whom the question was asked as to the resources sufficient to feed the hungry multitude (John 6:5). John, the Evangelist, alone tells us about Philip. Philip saw not only the resources of Jesus, but he was a unit of the law of the prophets (v. 45) in this Jesus, and therefore could and did invite his brother to Jesus.

Christianity would soon fill the earth if Christians would put forth the personal effort here suggested. Nathaniel (v. 46) repeated a proverb of the country, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip's reply was: "Come and see." As to his statement Jesus reveals not only his character but his supernatural power; whereupon Nathaniel's reply was: "Thou art the Son of David, the King of Israel" (v. 49). Jesus, seeing his faith, promised that he should see still greater things (vv. 50, 51). Everybody in this lesson who found Jesus seemed to go at once for someone else, and though some were rejected, yet their scepticism ended, even as Nathaniel's, in following.

Could It Be Pleasant?
Redd—I hear your brother spent the autumn in his stables.
Green—Yes, he did.
"Well, I hope he had a pleasant fall."—Yonkers Statesman.

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