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Mr. Samuel Griffin of Baltimore has announced the marriage of his daughter, Rachel Esther, to Walter Wetmore Higgins, on January 7, in Berkley, Cal. Miss Griffin formerly lived in Denton.

ORPHANS COURT

At the regular session of the Orphans' Court, there were present their honors, Judges West, Harper and Shawn, and the following business was transacted:

Ezekiel H. Jones and Gertrude Cranor, executors of William A. Corbin, deceased, filed a release from John Cranor, distributee.

Mary Gruwell, administratrix of Frank R. Jump, deceased, filed a release from Bertha Melvin and Harry Jump, distributees.

In the matter of the estate of Edna Von Staden, deceased, on petition and order of court, John N. Wright, Jr., administrator, was authorized and empowered to deposit in the Federalsburg Bank of the Eastern Shore Trust Company, the distributive shares of Albert Von Staden and Bertha E. Von Staden, minors, until they shall arrive at the ages of twenty-one and eighteen years, and subject to the order of this court.

Harvey L. Cooper and Linda Elbert, administrators of George H. Elbert, deceased, filed an account of sales of the personal property which was approved by the court.

Renunciation having been filed, on application letters of administration on the personal estate of William R. Miley, deceased, were granted to J. L. Miley. Bond filed and approved, notice to creditors ordered and A. J. Messick and Everett C. Kelley were named as appraisers.

Charles M. Turner, administrator of the personal estate of Sarah E. Cohee, deceased, filed an interest account, a rent account and his first and final administration account and distribution, all of which were approved by the court.

Edward E. Nuttle, administrator of the personal estate of William C. Trice, deceased, filed a list of sperate debts, a first and partial administration account, a dividend and a second and final administration account.

In the matter of the sale of the real estate of William C. Trice, deceased, Calvert C. Merriken, trustee, filed a first and partial account of trusteeship, a dividend and a second and final account of trusteeship, all of which were ratified and confirmed by the court.

Foreign Miss. Society to Hold Bake

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Denton M. E. Church will hold a bake Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 at the old parsonage. Bring your bowls and baskets and get hot baked beans and potato salad, bread, pies and cake.

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LESSON FOR JANUARY 22

ELIJAH'S FLIGHT AND RETURN.

LESSON TEXT—I Kings 19:1-21.

GOLDEN TEXT—I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.—Ps. 40:1.

REFERENCE MATERIAL—Ezek. 2:1-7; Acts 16:6-10; 18:1-11.

PRIMARY TOPIC—God Sends an Angel to Help Elijah.

JUNIOR TOPIC—God Strengthens Elijah.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Jehovah's Champion Encouraged.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Finding and Finishing Our Task.

This lesson story proves Elijah to have been a man of like passions as we are (Jas. 5:17).

1. Elijah's Flight (vv. 1-14). Upon Ahab's return from the excitement on Mount Carmel, he told his wife all that Elijah had done—that even all her prophets had been hewn to pieces by the sword. This so enraged her that she sent a message of death to Elijah, who seems to have been waiting at the gate (vv. 1, 2). This was clearly a bluff on Jezebel's part. Though Elijah had courageously stood before the king and the priests of Baal, he now cowered before this woman and fled for his life. He seems to have failed at his strongest point.

1. Elijah under the juniper tree (vv. 3-7). The juniper tree was a shrub of the desert which afforded shelter and protection to travelers from the burning sun by day and the cold wind by night. (1) His request (v. 4). This was that he might die. This was, no doubt, a foolish thing for him to say, but let us be as considerate toward him as was God. The discouragement, and even despondency, of Elijah was due to the nervous strain of about four years of unusual service for God, which culminated on Mount Carmel. Such nervous reaction is to be expected. (2) God's tender treatment (vv. 5-7). (a) He gave him sleep (v. 5). "He giveth His beloved sleep" (Psa. 127:2). (b) He sent an angel to cook Elijah's meal (vv. 6, 7). The angel of the Lord is usually understood to be the second member of the Holy Trinity. If this be correct, then we see Jehovah-Jesus preparing food for His servant Elijah, as He afterward did for His discouraged disciples by Galilee (John 21:19). God again gave him sleep, and at the proper time again gave him food. Though Elijah wanted to die, God had something better for him, for in a later day He met him with the "chariot of the Lord" and took him to heaven untouched by death.

2. Elijah at Horeb (vv. 8-14).

(1) God's interview with Elijah in the cave (vv. 9, 10). (a) God's question (v. 9). "What doest thou here, Elijah?" This was a stinging rebuke, though most kindly given. It implied that His appointed messenger was now far away from the field of duty. Elijah was not where God wanted him, but God sought him where he was. How blessed to know that "A God-forsaking saint is not a God-forsaken saint!" (b) Elijah's answer (v. 10). Elijah tried to vindicate himself by asserting his jealous loyalty to God—that in spite of all this the people had not only rejected his message and dishonored God, but had sought to destroy him. (2) God's interview with Elijah on the Mount (vv. 11-14). While standing before the Lord on the mount, God caused a mighty demonstration of wind, earthquake and fire to pass before him to show unto him the nature of the work which he had been doing for God, and to show him what was lacking in his work for the fullest attainment of success. Elijah had about him much of the whirlwind, earthquake and fire. His work had been terrifying and alarming, but it lacked in gentleness and love.

II. Elijah's Return (vv. 15-18). Though Elijah had erred, God brought him again into His service. How comforting to know that God does not reject His servants because of their failures in times of despondency! He deals with them after the motive of their hearts. Elijah was nourished and instructed by the Lord and then sent on a high mission. God is a fine psychologist. He took Elijah out of himself by giving him a new commission. The most healing ministry is that of work. Many bereaved ones have been lifted out of themselves by active ministry to others. Before God would come in His chariot to take Elijah home, He set him upon a threefold ministry:

1. To anoint Hazael king over Syria (v. 15).
2. To anoint Jehu king over Israel (v. 16).
3. To anoint Elisha as his own successor (vv. 19-21).

Time Rightly Employed.

Never talk with any man, or undertake any trifling employment, merely to pass the time away; for every day well spent may become a "day of salvation," and time rightly employed is an "acceptable time." And remember that the time thou triflest away was given thee to repent in, to pray for pardon of sins, to work out thy salvation, to do the work of grace, to lay up against the day of judgment a treasure of good works, that thy time may be crowned with eternity.—Jeremy Taylor.

SHE: WHAT ARE WE TO DO NOW? CA[illegible] [illegible]ONE TO THE GARAGE AT HOME AND HAVE THEM TOW US IN?

HE: NO I CANNOT, THEY HAD A G[illegible] [illegible]HAND CAR THAT WE AGREED TO BUY, BUT YOU INSISTED ON BUYING THIS E[illegible] [illegible]D DRIVING BACK HOME, IN STYLE.

ALL IS WELL THAT ENDS WELL

All is well that ends well, and all is well in an automobile if it keeps rendering the service you were told it would render when you purchased it. When buying a second hand car and automobile accessories do not stray from your home town with the expectation of returning in style, as was the anticipation in the above illustration.

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