Sunday School Lesson

LESSON XII.
KEEPING THE BODY STRONG
(A Personal Aspect of Temperance)
Mark 6:53-56; Judg. 13:12-14;
I Cor. 3:16,17; Rom. 12:1, 2

Golden Text.—Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink no wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing. Judg. 13:4.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time.—The events recorded by Mark took place in April, A.D. 29. The birth of Samson occurred near B.C. 1201. Paul wrote his epistle to the Corinthians about A.D. 59, and his epistle to the Romans within a year or two of that time.

Place.—The events in Mark occurred on the plain of Gennesaret. Samson was born in Zorah, a village about twenty miles in a straight line west of Jerusalem. Corinth was one of the great cities of southern Greece, and Rome was, of course, the capital of the world.

53. And when they had crossed over. It was in returning from the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee that Christ and his disciples were overtaken by a storm which is described in the preceding seven verses. They came to the land unto Gennesaret. This is a semi-elliptical plain on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee, about three miles long and something more than a mile wide. a place of unusual fertility and beauty. And moored to the shore, i.e., they anchored to the shore of Gennesaret.

54. And when they were come out of the boat, straightway the people knew him.

Healing Sick Bodies

55. And ran round about that whole region, and began to carry about on their beds those that were sick, where they heard he was. What is made emphatic in this passage is not the people's faith so much as their need.

56. And wheresoever he entered, into villages, or into cities, or into the country, they laid the sick in the market-places. And besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole. See also Mark 5:27; Acts 5:16; 19:11, 12. The garment was the outer robe, the tallith worn over the tunic. At each corner was a tassel with a thread or ribbon of blue. There was no virtue in the garment of Christ itself, and hundreds could touch the garment, without faith, and receive no blessing whatever. Christ simply honored the faith of these people by healing them when they manifested such faith by eagerly attempting to come near him that they might but touch the border of his garment.

Instructions for Diet
(Judges: Chapter 13)

12. And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass: what shall be the ordering of the child, and how shall we do unto him? 13. And the angel of Jehovah said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware. 14. She may not eat of anything that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing; all that I commanded her let her observe. In the earlier part of this chapter we are told that an angel of the Lord had appeared to the wife of Manoah, announcing that she would have a son who should be a Nazirite unto God all the days of his life, and who would "begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines." In making this announcement the angel had told her to drink neither wine nor strong drink, and not to eat any unclean thing.

It should be carefully noticed that not only was the Nazirite himself not to drink strong drink, but the mother of the one who was to live under a Nazirite vow all of his life was told to refrain from drinking any strong drink from the time of the conception of the child to the day of his birth.

The question naturally arises as to why men separated unto God for particular priestly work should refrain from strong drink, and the answer is that it clouds their minds and inflames their hearts in such a way that neither their thoughts, nor their purposes, nor their acts, can be truly holy when under the influence of such beverages.

Temple of God

16. Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17. If any man destroyeth the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, and such are ye. Paul is speaking in this chapter of the responsibility of ministers, of those who are building the Christian edifice, which building is the temple of God. A temple is a house in which God dwells; and therefore, it is added, "and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you." This indwelling of the Spirit constitutes each believer, every separate church, and the church collectively, the temple of God. As in the ancient Jewish temple, in its inmost recess, the Shekinah, or glory of God, was constantly present, and conferred on the building its awe-inspiring power, and rendered any profanation of it a direct offense to God, so does the Holy Spirit dwell in the church, and the profanation of this temple by false doctrine is sacrilege.

A Living Sacrifice

1. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God. Throughout preceding chapters of Romans the mercies of God have been unfolded. These mercies include God's love for men, his grace toward men, the sending of his Son, who is the very righteousness of God, to men, that men might be justified in God's sight, the death which Christ died as a propitiation for our sins, the new life which we have in Jesus Christ, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the access that is ours to the Father in prayer, our sonship and co-heirship with Christ, our present sanctification, our future glorification, and all the hope of the life to some, together with a consciousness that everything works together for good to those that love God, from whose love nothing will ever be able to separate us; these are the mercies of God which should prove the motive power of our life. God's mercy comes first and our consecration afterwards, never vice versa. To present. This is a term associated with gifts for the temple. This action is purely voluntary. Your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God. Sacrifices in the Old Testament were presented after the death of these sacrifices. Our body is to be a living sacrifice, i.e., utterly devoted to God in the life which is lived in these bodies.

Which is your spiritual service. It is to be noted that in the margin of the Revised Version the word here translated "spiritual" is said to mean, literally, "belonging to the reason." Consecration is intellectual as contrasted with the uninteligent offering of the animal in the Jewish sacrifices.

Unworldly Attitude

2. And be not fashioned to this world. In verse 1, we have, as it were, the positive aspect of consecration, and in this verse we have, as it were, the negative aspect. The word here translated "fashioned" means outward conformation. We are not, then, to conform to the world in its worldliness, either in our life, or our conversation, or our pleasures. But be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind. The word here translated "transformed" is the very word used in the account of the transfiguration of our Lord (Matt. 17:2). Here it has a far deeper significance than the preceding word "fashioned," and refers to that which is essential and real, the very inner part of one's being. To be a new creature in Christ is to have a new mind. That ye may prove what is good and acceptable and perfect will of God. The result of this purification is to make the intellect, which is the seat of moral judgment, true and exact in judging all spiritual and moral questions. To prove means to prove and approve, to test and attest. By daily consecration we prove that God's will is good and acceptable and perfect.

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Youngest Soldier

"Boy" Martin, 15, member of the Seaforth Highland Regiment, the youngest soldier on the British roster, right, stands inspection in Glasgow, Scotland, prior to sailing for service in China.

Famous Portrait Brought To Life At Fair

The famous painting of Madame Recamier is brought to life at the British Industries Fair in London, England, with Iris Leslie, at left, posing as the noted French charmer.

Child's Intelligence May Grow With Environment

Scientist Says IQ Is Not Fixed—It May Go Up Or Down — Whole Concept of Intelligence Must Be Reformulated.

The IQ—short for intelligence quotient as measured by standardized tests—is a variable element in the composition of a human being, it was pointed out in a recent paper by Beth L. Wellman of the Iowa Child Welfare Research station at Iowa City.

It was once the opinion of most psychologists that the IQ was fixed. that, for instance, a child who had a low mental rating would never rise above it, and vice versa. It isn't so, Prof. Wellman insists, for "there is now no escape from the fact that children's IQ have possibilities of change over practically the whole range from genius to feeblemindedness."

Slip Back To Moron Style

Her paper was illustrated with charts showing increases in genius levels by children once average in IQ and others decreases from average to feeblemindedness.

Thus, she said, our whole concept of intelligence must be reformulated.

"The demonstration of these changes," she explained, "forces us to abandon the idea of an innate unchangeable intelligence and to entertain the idea that children may change in almost any amount."

Race Intellectually Undernourished

Further, she added that "a functional view of intelligence does not conflict with the acknowledgment that there is a biological basis for behaviour," but observes that the changes have been demonstrated to be due to environmental conditions.

"Socially," she concluded, "such changes have far-reaching implications. Extreme upward changes are beneficial to the child and to society. Eventually we may be led to the conclusion that as a race we are at present intellectually undernourished."

The paper was read before the educational section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Plan to Uncover Asia Minor City

American Savants Will Dig to Find the 2,000-Year-Old Ruins Of Ancient Van.

A little band of ditch diggers announced last week they would dig into Asia Minor in the hope of finding new information on the Bible story of how the world began.

They are scientific ditch diggers—archeologists of Brown and Pennsylvania universities—and their ditches will be dug this summer into the 2,000-year-old ruins of the ancient City of Van.

Prof. Robert P. Casey, chairman of Brown's department of Biblical literature and one of the leaders of the expedition, and his associates looked for "discoveries as important as any in Asia Minor to date, including those of the recent Hittite digs."

New Light on Bible Stories

"If a sufficient number of ancient writings can be found," he said, "translations may be possible which would give the history of the kingdom and reveal the now sketchy story of international jealousy, conflict and conquest that marked the opening of centuries of the first millenium."

Knowledge of the language used by the people of Van, the professor explained, might shed light on the historical background of the Old Testament's Book of Genesis as well as the Book of Kings.

Once A Trade Centre

The City of Van, trade centre on the caravan routes which crossed the known world 25 centuries ago, was destroyed by conquering Scythian armies about 600 B.C. Huge dust mounds which now cover the ruins are northeast of Angora, three miles outside the modern City of Van.

Safe Driver Must Have Road Sense

Importance of a Driver's Ability to Judge Correctly and to Be Prepared For the Unexpected.

It has often been remarked that no driver of a motor vehicle can be considered to be a safe driver unless and until he has acquired a high order of road sense, writes a correspondent in the Glasgow Herald. But a question that has never been easy to answer is: "What is road sense?" The most direct reply I have heard, the simplest definition, is that road sense is the ability to put two and two together and to use the total as the key to the solution of a road problem!

But such a definition tells nothing, even though it has some underlying truth. For myself, I would venture to define road sense as the ability of a driver to judge correctly, by experience of signs and portents rather than by direct evidence, when danger threatens and how it can be avoided, or when and where there is no danger despite its seeming to exist.

Road sense is not derived from lengthy experience alone. I have known men and women who have been driving for years without acquiring it to any greater extent than other people who have been motorists only a few months. Experience is, however, an essential element; but equally, if not more, important is keen observation and recollection of cause and effect. A driver possessing road sense will instinctively realise that when such-and-such a thing happens—a perfectly innocuous occurrence of itself maybe—it will probably be followed by some situation representing either a danger or an opening for safety—or, again, no danger at all.

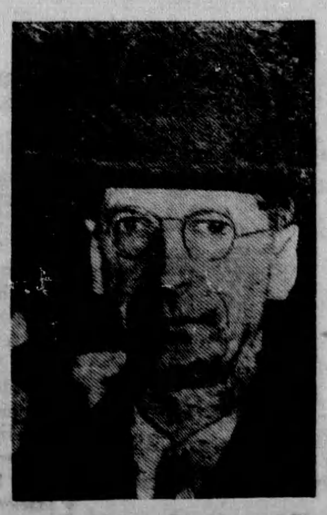
Uncanny Foresight

A driver possessing road sense will often surprise his passengers (even though they also may be owner-drivers) by his seemingly uncanny foresight.

Inexperienced motorists while desirous of acquiring road sense must, while driving carefully, cultivate the habit of watching other road users and things seen on or near the road, and making mental note of what they are prone to do or omit to do in various circumstances, both of their own initiative and as a result of what other people in front or to either side of them do or fail to do.

The Deal Island lighthouse in Tasmania, 957 feet above sea level and probably the highest in the world, is to have electrical equipment giving a beam of 1,000,000 candlepower in place of the present 3,000 candlepower acetylene lamp.

Makes London Visit



Eamon De Valera, President of Eire, formerly the Irish Free State, arrives in London for a conference to discuss conclusions drawn from former visits to the English Capital.

Around The Dial

RADIO HEADLINERS OF THE WEEK

By FRANK DENNIS

Pond's "Ask Another" program presents a new game to radio listeners on Fridays 10 to 10.30 p.m., over CFRB. The new gag is known as What Have I Got. A rather hazy description of things is given by some member of the cast, and it's up to the audience to guess what is meant. For Example—I have two parallel lines crossing another two parallel lines, and a bunch of x's and o's—what have I got? Obviously (?) a game of X's and O's. If any of our readers have any such stuff to offer—just address it to Pond's, CFRB Toronto. The regular business of asking questions will still continue.

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Tune Chasers

We had an enquiry as to the whereabouts of the Tune Chasers, those pixillated men of melody, gags and Birds, Bert Pearl, Bob Farnon and Rai Purdy. The time has been changed to 6.00 to 6.15 p.m. over CFRB, Sundays, and the boys are still very much at it.

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The Dr. Hagen Show, True or False, originated last week in the studios of CFRB, Toronto. Two teams were picked, 6 men on one side and six women on the other. All participants were from the University of Toronto—boys from Engineering and girls from Household Science. The questions asked were of general interest and had to be answered by either true or false. The teams are picked at random—not long ago, Dr. Hagen conducted a program of truck drivers against a team of chorus girls. The time—9.30 to 10.00 Wednesdays.

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What! No Hisses?

Many strange things happen during a broadcast. Stan Francis, rehearsing a show that was to be recorded on a disc as well as broadcast corrected the script in the last remaining moments. However, one little error escaped him " . . . hilarious situation" and the word should have been "situations." Stan noticed it, but it was too late to tell the announcer. During the program when this part came up, the announcer read "situation." Francis kindly added the "s" at the end. The cast thought Stan was hissing the announcer, but the recording showed that everything was perfect and the word sounded "situations."

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Charlie Hannigan is sitting on our desk right now—and just by way of questioning—we had the audacity to ask him if he ever took violin lessons. Whereupon everything that was on the desk including the inkwell and Charlie came flying at us. Apparently there was a time when Charlie could play DeBussy compositions. Maybe you do have to be a musician to play old time tunes. Anyway, you can hear Charlie and his Mountaineers every Monday at 8.00 p.m. over CKCL.

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Thriller Program

The radio program "The Shadow" sponsored by the producers of "blue coal" and heard every Wednesday evening over Station CFRB, is frankly of the "thriller" type. But it is a thriller with a difference, as the star role is played by Orson Welles, whose "Julius Gaesar" is currently one of New York's biggest hits, and the entire cast and production is of so much smoother a type that "The Shadow" was recently honored with the annual Pilot Radio Award—one of airdom's most coveted honors.

Seventy feet beneath the busy Potsdammerstrasse men working on Berlin's new underground railway found the bones of a mammoth believed to have lived 35,000 years ago.

Fifty years will be required to chart the coast of Labrador, according to estimates. The British Navy has started the job.

They Have Been Following The Hounds

The Regent of Hungary, Admiral Nicholas von Horthy (left) and President Ignatz Mosiciki of Poland, chat together as they participated recently in a hunt held in von Horthy's honor, near Warsaw, Poland.

Your Handwriting Tells The Truth About Your Character!

By LAWRENCE HIBBERT
(Psychologist, Character-Analyst and Lecturer)

CHOOSING YOUR SWEETHEART BY HIS WRITING!

Some of my readers, especially the younger ones, will probably say, "what an impracticable idea! Isn't love a spontaneous experience, and not a matter of choice?"

Yet most people DO exercise a certain discrimination when they fall in love, even though it may be quite subconsciously. For instance, girls seek certain qualities in the men they love. They believe that their sweethearts come up to the standard they have set up in their own minds. The mere fact that a girl falls in love with a particular man presupposes that, in her opinion, he has certain characteristics she feels her man should have.

There is the "nigger in the woodpile!" Love is so blinding an experience, blended as it is of physical, emotional, spiritual and mental attractions, that it temporarily beclouds one's faculties of judgment. Then, we believe pretty much what we WISH to believe!

Now, handwriting tells the story of the character of a writer. If you take the writing of a girl and lay it beside the writing of her boy friend, you have a complete picture of both their characters. The dispositions of both are shown clearly, like an aeroplane caught in the beams of a searchlight—not the things which they each imagine about the other, but the unvarnished truths, shorn of the roseate hues with which romance has draped them, and divested of the lure of personal propinquity.

It is a simple matter for a character-analyst to forecast how they will get along together.

Joan had two beaux. She liked them both immensely, and was in a quandary when both asked her to marry. Which should she accept? . . . I said of one, "he is deceptive; he will weave tortuous paths, deceiving people by his very plausibility." The other one, I said, was straightforward, more of a plodder than a scintillating genius; a lover of home life and yet not averse to an occasional jaunting.

Like a wise girl she accepted the second man. Only the other week I had a letter from her, telling me how happy she and her husband were. In a postscript she added, "when you analyzed the writings for me, I was somewhat dismayed, for I had a secret preference for the other man. How lucky it was for me that I took your advice, for the man I rejected has turned out very badly."

Readers are invited to send specimens of their own writing, as well as that of their friends, sweethearts or relatives, for an unbiased analysis personally prepared by Mr. Hibbert. Enclose 10c for EACH specimen (coin or postal note preferred) to help defray handling charges. Enclose with stamped addressed envelope to: Lawrence Hibbert, Room 421, 73 West Adelaide St., Toronto, Ont. Replies will be forwarded as quickly as possible.