

MESSAGE SIGN

Men not the dead, or they that still so young
Went some foreign field, whose bones
Lie in Slain.
With no shame to strange native soil,
That seemed so bright abode to English eyes.
Men not the dead, or say they died
In vain.
When they gave in blood, in toll,
In pride,
Be stuck far ever in eternal grill,
Remembering youth that never can grow old.
Men not the dead, in that they died
For God;
 Fighting things evil, they with virtue
Whose soul must have compassed vice
and sin.
Brought with the pain of sacrifice
within.
Men not the dead, they would not
with it;
Wrote in their them, yet bore the
bright arrow.
That they have lit and passed the
light way.
Do that much better land for which
we pray.

—H. E. Ridgway.

The Sunday School Lesson

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THE SACREDNESS OF LIFE

(Temporary Lesson)

Gethsemane. — Know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Ghost? (1 Cor. 6: 19.)

Lesson Text. — Gen. 1: 27, 28; Matt. 12: 11, 12; Rom. 14: 19-21; 1 Cor. 6: 19, 20.

Exposition. — I. Man Created in the Image of God. — Gen. 1: 27, 28.

"Let us make" is full of meaning. In it was the plurality of Persons of the Godhead suggested in the very chapter of the Bible (cf. Ex. 22: 11; 7: 1; Gen. 6: 19). This plurality is also indicated by the name of God, which is plural noun. Man is made in the image of the Godhead. This image and likeness reflected material to intellectual and moral likeness to physical likeness. (Gen. 1: 12; 19; 20; 21; Gen. 4: 24.) But God does manifest himself in a material form. (Phil. 2: 6; Rom. 2: 9; 10; Gen. 6: 8-10), and this form is seemingly the same persons like the human form. Through this image has been abominated (Gen. 3: 10). This image and likeness were perfectly manifested in "the Son of Man." Jesus Christ. (2 Cor. 4: 4; Col. 1: 15; Phil. 2: 3). This glorious image is completely restored in regeneration and what follows in (Phil. 4: 23; 24; Col. 3: 10; 1 Tim. 3: 23). God up-published man to have dominion over every created thing on earth (cf. Ps. 8: 4-6). The crowning off sin has manifested in a measure with the perfect dominion of man over the animal creation, but it will be restored in the regeneration and restoration of all things (cf. 1 Th. 4: 10; 1 Cor. 15: 28; Rom. 8: 20).

The first pair were CAIN AND ABEL to be fruitful and multiply. After command has never been abrogated (Gen. 9: 1, 7; 12: 17; 13: 14; 16: 8; 17: 1; Gen. 25: 5; Job 42: 12; 13; Ps. 127: 3-5).

One off the ship that traversed our national life to-day is the sin of disobedience to this commandment.

Man was to subdue the earth. That he is doing, but the earth often gets the mastery over man. God originally appointed for man a vegetarian diet (cf. 2: 19) but after the flood permission was granted to eat flesh (cf. Gen. 9: 3-5). This permission continued under the Noahid (Gen. 9: 4-5; 1 Tim. 4: 4-10). The beasts, too, were to have a vegetable diet, and this time is coming again when the beast shall be no longer carnivorous (Gen. 9: 10-12; Gen. 11: 10). God now that everything that he had made was good. He has been informed since by the returning of sin. Men do not appear good to God most because of what he has made himself (Gen. 3: 10-15; Gen. 6: 5). There is where sin entered but one way in which man can please the God, that is by the acceptance of the Saviour (God has provided this). (1 Th. 5: 12; 1 Cor. 3: 26).

III. The Believer's Duty. Belonging to God, 1 Cor. 6: 19-20.

This lesson has an important bearing upon the subject of healing, but it has far more important bearing in it than merely upon physical health. Paul states this glorious truth about our bodies being the temple of the Holy Spirit, not from the stand-point of hygiene, but in order to show how terrible is the sin of impurity. His inspired statement, "Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit," should be deeply pondered. "The Holy Spirit is in me" (cf. John 3: 17). It should be every believer.

Many of the Corinthian believers were very imperfect Christians nevertheless, Paul says that the Holy Spirit was in them. He is God's gift; we have Him "from God." This dwelling of the Holy Spirit makes us God's property. We are not our own, "we" i. e. our whole self, including our bodies, have been "bought with a price"; and that price was the shedding of the Son of God (cf. 1 Pet. 1: 18, 19). Because we have been bought with a price we are under obligation to "honor God in our body."

III. The Kingdom of God is Not Meat and Drink. But Righteousness and Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost. Rom. 14: 13, 15.

The true Christian principle of total abstinence is found in v. 21. It applies to the question of the use of intoxicating liquors. It applies also to a great many other things. It will go far toward settling many questions that are troubling Christians as to whether they should do this or that. It is not merely a question as to whether the thing is wrong in itself, or whether you will be hurt yourself by it, but the real question is, will anyone be injured, made to stumble, by my doing it? I cannot have meat, or drink or any other indulgence as a lover of my fellowmen and a follower of Jesus Christ if thereby I destroy the work of God. I know that all meats are clean, but I know many cannot eat them with a clear conscience, and they are evil for that man. If anyone else will be injured by my indulgence, no matter how innocent the thing itself may be, and how harmless it may be to me, I will not do it. That settles the moderate drink question, the tobacco question, the theatre-going question, the card-playing question, the dance question and a thousand other questions. It is well to have faith, but it is well also to have the love that has faith to itself and does not injure others by the exercise of its own faith.

Then the girls and their families have some place to go in Canada, the home of near relatives of their husbands or themselves. These homes are investigated in Canada before the wife sails from England, to make sure they are satisfactory and in position to assume responsibility for the new Canadian.

Waiting to cross the Atlantic now are 1,347 women and 672 children who have filled all requirements. The immigration offices are usually filled with applicants, filling in forms, waiting to be interviewed, or staring curiously at the pictures of the Rockies and a map of Canada on the wall.

"Happy indeed is the man who con-

The Salvage of Human Lives

ARTICLE FOUR
(Proposed by the Association of
Children's Aid Societies of the
Provinces of Ontario.)

In this series of articles we have been looking back over to the days of the Children's Protection Movement in Ontario and following its development down the past half century. We have emphasized and emphasized the democratic nature of the Children's Aid Society in your own and every other community. We must never forget that with great wisdom, vision and high social intent the Children's Aid Societies were founded as organizations to be placed in the hands of the people of our communities.

This work of protecting children square from the hands and was developed by the efforts of good and heroic men and women. Legislation followed upon the Children's Aid Societies, namely the instrument for the carrying out of the ideal that every child is a birthright in a childless society.

Let us put in this song: "The organization of the carrying out of the work are the Societies; the structure of the individual enterprises be the legislative dividing the powers and purpose of the Societies, but the life-blood that flows through the whole organization of protection is your zeal, your interest, your concern and your support of your Children's Aid Society."

In a later article we shall show what the public-spirited heart of children can do for him on his Children's Aid Society by sending an envelope or one of their contributions; how such people can broaden and extend his services, strengthen his hand in his training and paid officials and end the whole-hearted co-operation and intelligent understanding of other men and women of the community.

It is the intention now to give a clear picture as is possible in a brief space of some of the various functions performed by your Children's Aid Society under Ontario Statute. Under the Children's Protection Act the Society is constituted the specialist in guardianship, being legally appointed to appraise and determine the suitability of a child's own natural guardians.

Let us review in typical case that came before one of our Societies. Here we have a married couple with three children ranging in age from 2 to 6 years. Neither one vicious, but they are irresponsible, lazy and shiftless to the point that their children are being neglected and suffering. The man has lost one job after another, due to his inefficiency. What he does earn he and his wife spend in the best partout. All the time the Society is called in by neighbours the man has had but jobs; usually all the functions have been sold; there is scarcely any cash in the house, the gas and electric power have been cut off and the children are sleeping on a chaffield. But these parents are not actively unkind to their children, who obviously have affection for them. Is there any hope of salvaging this family? Certainly not without very severe discipline and surveillance. The Society decides to change their both with neglect and bring into court, applying for temporary wardship of the children. Pending the disposition of the case father and mother are detained until finally both placed on probation. They are told they must be able to show a rehabilitated home before their children will be returned to them. In this case the couple did make amends. They went to work re-establishing their home, to-day under the watchful eye of the Society, have their children back with them. Had they not strengthened up the children would have been made permanent wards.

Can a Society remove children from their homes? Yes. It can and must lay evidence and produce information that these children are in unfit hands. Court action is taken and the judge or magistrate decides whether to commit them to the Society, either permanently or temporarily. "Ward care"—that is, the overall cost of maintenance in foster home or institution—is paid for under statute of the municipality. What this guardianship implies in the moral, physical and spiritual care of these little future citizens will be discussed later. It involves the policy of Children's Aid.

The Unmarried Parents' Act gives the Society very definite powers. These make it obligatory for it to act as a protective agent to any child

dishonest not himself in that thing which he approves. But if a man does that about which not only others condemn him, but about which his own conscience has doubts, then he is condemned indeed. "Whatever is not of faith is sin." You may keep saying to yourself, "I do not believe this thing is wrong. A great many good people do it"; but if you yourself have doubts in your mind about it, if you are not absolutely clear it is the will of God, then it is sin in you. The question is not, are you sure the thing is wrong? The question is, are you perfectly sure it is right? When in any doubt as to whether any action will please God, don't do it.

Airmen Remember Black Youngsters

Fly Santa Claus to Little Folk
on Landless Island off North
Australia

DARWIN, Australia (CP)—Little black children on a lonely island off the north coast of Australia used to wait for Allied airmen flying over to fight Japan. Then they would go to the little mission church, knock down and pray for their safe return.

World-wide round among the Australian, American and Netherlands airmen on the mainland, and on Christmas morning, particularly, bringing two large boxes filled down and buried in the mission grounds. These boxes were filled with presents. The airmen had packed their own Christmas hamper to provide them.

Ammunition boxes were not big enough so they built the boxes themselves, which the airmen loaded onto a bomber. On each was written:

"From Australian, American and Dutch Airmen."

Netherlands flew them over on

the most pleasant mission we ever likely be undertaken."

FARMERS URSED
TO TAKE DELIVERY
OF FERTILIZERS

From the fertilizer manufacturers comes a warning that unless farmers will order and take delivery of their fertilizer early, they may not get it in time for use. This is due to labor problems and to the fact that more farmers are buying more fertilizers than formerly.

If the spring season is a short one situation will confront the fertilizer manufacturers with respect to labor and transportation which may be beyond their control entirely.

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Of course care must be exercised in storing it. Bags should be placed on either a thick layer of straw or a false bottom floor and piled up on piles covered, thus leaving plenty of air space between the bags. It should be stored in a dry place and in reasonably small piles, if possible.

Farmers will safeguard their own interests and help the general situation greatly if they will buy and take delivery of their fertilizer requirements in the very near future.

BRITAIN'S NEW TRANSPORT PLANE



The Avro York is a civil transport version of the famous Avro Lancaster bomber. Externally, the main points of difference between the York and the Lancaster are the shape of the fuselage (which has been specially designed for passenger or freight carrying) and the introduction of a triple-fin tail unit in the former. The design of the individual fin and rudder is also fair, and the wings and engine nacelles of the York were designed originally for the Lancaster. The York's wing span is 102 ft. and its overall height 37 ft. It is powered by four Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin engines. When employed over comparatively short distances it is capable of carrying more than 30 passengers, but it may be used for either short or long journeys, and can be adapted readily to take oil or passengers or freight alone.

The Shortest Thing in the World

No, not a gnat's eyelash nor a mosquito's whisker -- PUBLIC MEMORY.

You may have been in business for fifty years and the people know about it. But they forget -- new customers are being born every minute and they grow up and have to be told.

A Note to Merchants

Unless you keep telling them by Advertising what you have to offer them, the fellow who has only been in business fifty weeks, and who advertises intelligently will prove to you the truth of it.

You Must Tell Them to Sell Them