SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

THE TRANSFIGURATION.

LESSON VI. Feb. 5th. Matt. xvii. 1-13.

MEMORIZE verses 4, 5.

GOLDEN TEXT.—And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.—Luke ix. 35.

CENTRAL TRUTH.

The glorious nature of our Saviour Jesus Crist.

DAILY READINGS.

M. Matt. xvii. 1-23.
Tu. Mark ix. 2-13.
W. Luke ix. 28-36.
Th. 2 Pet. i. 1-19.
F. Dan. vii. 9-10.
Sa. John i. 1-14.
Su. Mal. iv. 1-6.

TIME.—Summer of A. D. 29, a week after the last lesson. In the night.

PLACE.—Probably Mount Hermon, near Cesarea Philippi.

PARALLEL ACCOUNTS.—Mark ix. 2-13; Luke ix. 28-36.

INTRODUCTORY.—In our last lesson Jesus had told his disciples of His humiliation, His suffering, and death. The announcement shocked their expectations of a kingly Messiah, and discouraged them; nor could they understand what He said about His resurrection. In to-day's lesson Jesus shows them His real glory, furnishes them testimony of His divine nature, gives them examples of the resurrection, and by the conversation with Moses and Elijah, shows them that His death was the central point of His mission.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.—1. *After six days*: Luke says, *about eight days*. He counts the two parts of days at each extreme, and says, *about*, because it was six whole and two parts of days. *Peter, James and John*: the three disciples most advanced in the knowledge of Jesus and His kingdom. *Apart*: from the other disciples. 2. *Transfigured*: changed in appearance, in form. The heavenly glory of His nature, which was still concealed under His earthly appearance, now broke forth. The fashion of His countenance was altered (Luke) by being lighted with radiance both from without and from within. Luke says He went up into the mountain to pray. The transfiguration was God's answer to prayer. *And His raiment* [plural, *His raiments*] *white as the light*: Mark says, *shining, exceedingly white as snow.* 3. *Moses*: the giver of the law, and the founder of the old dispensation which was soon to blossom out into the new. *Elias*: Greek for Elijah, the representative of the prophets and the forerunner of Christ. *Talking with him*: the subject of their conversation is given in Luke ix. 31. It was of *the decease* (exodus, departure, referring to His death and ascension) *which He should accomplish at Jerusalem*. This was the great event of the world's history; this was the real founding of the kingdom of God; this was the culmination of the salvation brought by the Messiah, and foretold by the prophets; this was the great act to which all the sacrifices appointed by Moses looked forward, and which gave them meaning and value. 4. *Then answered Peter*: in a bewildered way (Mark ix. 6). *Three tabernacles*, booths, of the bushes that grew on the mount. It seemed to him that the hour for the long-looked-for reign had come. From the slopes of Hermon he would have had the laws of a kingdom proclaimed, so that all men might recognize the true Messiah attended by the representatives of the old dispensation. 5. *A bright cloud*: like the shekinah in the wilderness. The brightest cloud veils and shadows the glory of God's nature. *A voice out of the cloud*: their faith was now confirmed by the testimony of God's own voice. 9. *Tell the vision*: the sight, the spectacle, *to no man tell*. It would not be understood till after His death and resurrection. 10. *Elias* (Elijah) *must first come*: from Mal. iv. 5, 6. They expected Elijah. But if Elijah was first to come, how could Jesus be the Messiah, when he had not yet come? Or if this appearance was His coming how could they preach that Jesus was the Messiah and not tell men that they had seen Elijah who had come? Jesus explains that John had come in the spirit and power of Elijah (Luke i. 17.)

SUBJECT FOR FURTHER STUDY AND SPECIAL REPORTS.—Where was the Mount of Transfiguration.—Why these three were chosen to witness this scene.—Christ's appearance when transfigured.—The object of the transfiguration.—What it teaches as to the future life.—Why Moses and Elijah appeared there.—John the Baptist as Elijah.

QUESTIONS.

INTRODUCTORY.—Where was Christ with His disciples? About what had He been teaching them in the last lesson? How long after that conversation was the transfiguration? (v. 1; Luke ix. 28.)

SUBJECT: THE GLORY OF CHRIST REVEALED.

I. TO WHOM WAS THE GLORY REVEALED (v. 1).—Where did Jesus go from Cesarea Philippi? Whom did he take with him? What mountain was this? Apart from whom? On what other occasion were these three specially chosen? (Mark v. 37, 38; Matt. xxvi. 37.) Why did these three have more privileges than the other disciples? (Matt. xiii. 12-17.) How can we have the best things in the Gospel? (Matt. xxv. 21.)

II. THE VISION OF CHRIST'S GLORY (v. 2).—What took place upon the mountain? Meaning of *transfigured*? Why did Jesus go up into the mountain? (Luke ix. 28.) What was He doing when He was transfigured? Was it an answer to prayer? What was Jesus' appearance when transfigured? (Matt. xvii. 2; Luke ix. 29.) What else do we learn about Christ's glory? (Rev. i. 13-16; Dan. vii. 9.) Did this show the true nature of Jesus? (John i. 14.) Is He as glorious now? Why do you love to think of Jesus as so glorious and powerful?

III. HEAVENLY VISITANTS CONFIRM THE GLORY (vs. 3, 4). Who appeared with Jesus? What was there peculiar about the death of these two? (Deut. xxxiv. 5, 6; Jude ix.; 2 Kings ii. ii.) Did this have anything to do with their appearance here? (1 Cor. xv. 42-50.) What would Moses represent? Whom did Elijah represent? What did they talk together about? (Luke ix. 31.) How did the law point to the crucifixion of Jesus? (Heb. x. 10-12.) What did the prophets foretell of it? (Isa. liii. 1-9; Dan. vii. 9, 10, 26, 27.) Why was this the topic of their conversation? What proposal did Peter make? What for?

IV. THE TESTIMONY OF GOD TO JESUS (vs. 5-8). What now enveloped them? Of what was this the symbol? (Exod. xl. 34-38). What voice came from God? On what two other occasions were the same words uttered? (Matt. iii. 17; John xii. 28.) How would all this comfort the disciples after what Jesus had told them of His sufferings; How would it strengthen their faith in Jesus in the trial yet to come?

V. EXPLANATION (vs. 9-13).—What did the disciples want explained? Who was *Elias*? What did they expect statistics given are the latest official him to do? (Mal. iv. 5, 6.) How did Christ explain this prophecy to them? *Shall how John the Baptist fulfilled the prophecy*? (Luke i. 17).—*Selected.*

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Doing the Devil's Work in the Livery of Christ.

EDITORS CHAMPION,—You are no doubt aware that during a week past nightly meetings have been held in our town hall by a couple of young men who are very anxious to make all our young men and women, and even our married men and women, members of what is called the "order" of "Royal Templars of Temperance." For this purpose these young men sing, tell stories, and advocate teetotalism, Scott Act, and general prohibition. This "order" is, I fear, falsely named. For, I cannot even suppose that it has any connection with royalty. Neither has it the slightest connection with the order of Knights Templars, which was suppressed, in the 14th century, by the Pope of Rome and King of France; and although some profess to believe that it has survived that suppression, yet it is most certain that the so-called Royal Templars have not a shadow of connection with the alleged survival. Neither is this "royal order" an order of temperance; for temperance does not mean either teetotalism, Scott Act, or general prohibition, nor all of them together. In fact this so-called "order" is sailing under false colors. It is an imposition on public credulity. I may be a good life insurance company, which it greatly professes to be, but where one finds false pretences in the very name of a society, he should not put much trust in the honesty of its financial transactions, especially when so important an affair as life insurance is concerned.

I attended one of their meetings, which was held on Tuesday night, 17th inst. The hall was tolerably well filled. There was much singing, good, bad, and indifferent. Some of it happened to be of the religious negro kind, but shockingly flippant, and grossly irreverent and profane. This was particularly noticeable in a song in which the angels were represented as singing the sacred word "hallelujah," a word which all intelligent Christians are careful to pronounce with reverence because it contains one of the names of God. But the two singers divided the the word into two or three parts, in a chorus, and repeated and re-repeated the parts with most outrageous frequency, changing the word into something like haleloo-loo-loodgo-loodgo, &c., &c., until the sacredness of the word was lost in what might be justly called downright blasphemy. Besides the two singers there were several others on the platform who took a part in the proceedings, one of whom read a chapter from the New Testament (1 Thes. v.) which exhorts us to be watchful and sober, and not to be like those who are drunken in the night. That portion of scripture was intended, no doubt, to prove that God requires of us total abstinence and our approval and support of the Scott Act and general prohibition; though where the proof is found would puzzle even a Scott Act detective.

On the Sunday before this meeting I had heard read the scripture which tells of our Saviour supplying by miracle a large quantity of wine for the guests at the marriage feast in Cana of Galelee. The company had already been drinking wine, but the supply had been exhausted. The wine which our Saviour gave them was pronounced by the ruler of the feast to be good wine—not unfermented grape juice, called *must*; not the thick stuff like apple-butter, called *dibs*; not grape jelly, thinned by water; but what a man of Palestine would call good wine:—old, with a rich bouquet, and having sufficient strength in it "to cheer the heart of man," as the psalm says. It was with these ideas fresh in my mind that I attended the meeting in the town hall. Towards the end of the meeting one of the young singers stood and repeated the form of a teetotal pledge which was really of the form of an oath, as it contained the name of God, and had to be taken standing. The exact words of it I do not remember, but it pledged those who took it to abstain from all fermented or alcoholic drinks while they live. He requested all who were willing to do so, to stand up; which I thought was a piece of impertinence. The bulk of those present did stand up, thereby taking the pledge. The young man, or some other one meanwhile, praying for them. Now what were those professing Christians saying in effect by such conduct? They were saying, "We do not approve of wine at marriage feasts. If we or our children get married we shall have no wine at our marriages. Had we been present at the marriage feast of Cana we would not, could not have drank of the wine which Jesus supplied. We would have rebuked Him by our total abstinence from it. His example was not for good but for evil; and we shall not be guided by His wisdom and authority in the matter, but by the wisdom and authority of this wise and good young man who administers the teetotal pledge to us."

The scriptures tell us that the devil sometimes transforms himself into an angel of light. But thank God we are not ignorant of his devices.

Yours, &c.,

Jan. 26, 1888. S. R.

Success of High License.

New York Times: Testimony to the value of a high license law as an agent for the promotion of temperance accumulates rapidly, as experiments are made in different states; and as the evidence of its practical workings increases honest men are inclined to wonder how it is possible that any legislature can unblushingly reject a scheme which has been proved to be of great benefit to every community in which it has had a fair trial. The latest testimony in favor of high license comes from Gov. McGill of Minnesota, a state which has just begun the experiment of encouraging temperance by this kind of restrictive legislation. The result of the law thus far has been that the number of saloons in Minnesota has been reduced by over 1,600, and in the city of St. Paul, where 750 saloons are now open under the old law, the governor thinks that not more than 350 licenses will be renewed at the expiration of their term on the first of next month. In Winona, according to Bishop Ireland, whom the governor quotes liberally, there is now but one saloon, instead of eight or ten, and in many of the smaller places of his parish drunkenness has almost entirely disappeared.

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The Century for February.

The delightful essay by James Russell Lowell, on Walter Savage Landor, is one of the many features of the February Century. It is accompanied by a frontispiece portrait of Landor, and a collection of his before unpublished letters to Miss Mary Boyle, revealing his interesting personality, and his opinions on art, politics, etc. Mr. Kennan's series, which is important enough to be torn by the Russian censor from copies of The Century sent to that country, receives a notable edition in the study of "A Russian Political Prison," a terrible pathetic description written from personal investigation and inquiry. Theodore Roosevelt writes, also in a popular vein, of "Ranch Life in the Far West," with intimate knowledge of his subject, which is largely the cowboy. His article tells just the things one wishes to know of the subject, and is fully and vigorously illustrated by Frederic Remington, who himself has had experience as a cowboy. "Pictorial Art on a Stage" is a subject upon which Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Blashfield throw much curious light, the theme being treated from an artistic point of view, with pictures by Blashfield and much entertaining information withal. "Living in Paris," a third illustrated paper of general interest, is by the late J. D. Osborne, and was written out of a full experience. The Rev. Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of "The Christian Advocate," adds to his papers on the Mind-Cure series a study of "Astrology, Divination, and Coincidences." "The European Craze for Decorations" is a timely article by Ernest von Hesse-Wartegg, whose scientific attainments and travels have won him many decorations. The poetry of the number, besides lines by Lowell and Landor in the articles above referred to, includes: "A Song of the Mockingbird," by Maurice Thompson; "At the Literary," in dialect, by James Whitcomb Riley (illustrated by Kemble); poems by Charlotte F. Bates, Richard E. Burton, and Orelia Key Bell, and a sonnet to Emma Lazarus, by Richard W. Gilder. The fiction is by Edward Eggleston ("The Graysons"), by George W. Cable ("An Large"), the conclusion of "The Dissenter," by F. R. Stockton, and a short story, "The Governor's Prerogative," by Octave Thanet. Miss Eggleston's illustration of "Mr. Britton and Big Bob" shows that in her we have a substantial addition to the list of illustrative artists. The variety of the number as above shown is in no way impaired by two important papers to which a large number of readers will turn first of all, viz.: (1) General Sherman's study of "The Grand Strategy of the War"—in which there are interesting comparisons with foreign military operations, and characterization of the relation of the different Union movements throughout the war; and (2) The Lincoln History, in which the narrative deals with the Confederate Commissioners, the Cabinet opinions on the reinforcement of Fort Pickens (given from unpublished MSS.), and Lincoln's tussle with Seward, in which it was decided whether the Secretary of State or the President should rule the country. The editorial articles are on "The Real Nature of Politics," "Honesty at Elections," and "No Successful Substitute for Justice" (Lowell's words on the international copyright question). In Open Letters there are letters on Mr. Irving's acting, Miss Terry as Gretchen, and on "Lynching."

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Lippincott's Monthly Magazine.

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Mr. John Preston True begins an interesting school serial, "Drill: A Story of School-boy Life"; Palmer Cox tells of the Brownies and their adventures with a whale; Doli W. Lyman tells "How Polly Saw the Aprons Grow" a fanciful story, with amusing pictures by E. B. Bensell; Tudor Jenks contributes "The Astrologer's Niece," which has quaint designs by Birch; and among the poems are; "Cupid's Kettle-drum," by Clara G. Dolliver, illustrated by Albertine Randall; "She Displains It," humorous verses by James Whitcomb Riley; and a pretty "Lullaby" by E. Cavazza.

Other interesting features are: "A Wonderful Wall," with curious pictures by the author, S. Mary Norton; an answer to Grace Denio Litchfield's poem, "My Other Me," by Alice Wellington Rollins; and the usual pictures, jingles, and departments.

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