

Sunday School.

LESSON XIII.—SEPT. 26, 1909.

Temperance Lesson.—I Cor. 10: 23-33.

Commentary.—In verses 12-22 Paul resumes the discussion of chapter 8, 13 touching the eating of meats which had been offered to sacrifice to idols. In the lesson before us we have some practical directions on this subject, which every Christian would do well to carefully heed. In applying the lesson to the temperance question it will be necessary to insist upon the importance of total abstinence and prohibition.

1. The Duty of Living for Others (vs. 23, 24).

All things are lawful—"I may lawfully eat all kinds of food, but all are not expedient. It would not be becoming in me to eat of all, because I should by this offend and grieve many of my brethren." Though it may be admitted that it is strictly lawful to eat meats offered to idols, yet there are strong reasons why it is not expedient, and those reasons are having the hindrance of law—Barnes. Not expedient—and so, being unprofitable and injurious, may therefore become unlawful—Whedon. Eat not—All things do not deserve to build up the cause of Christ, and therefore are not expedient—Clarke. His own—Let no man consider his own happiness, pleasure or convenience, but let him seek what will be for the good of others. "No rule is laid down about eating or not eating any kind of food as a matter of importance in itself. With such things the Gospel has no concern. What Paul does prescribe relates to the effect of one's conduct on others."—Cam. Bib. "Let every man live not for himself, but for every part of the great human family with which he is surrounded."—Clarke. Another's wealth—"But each his neighbor's good."—R. V. This will cause true happiness.

II. The Duty of Guarding the Weak (vs. 23-30).

3. Is sold...—The meats of idol sacrifices were often exposed to sale in the markets, especially by the priests when they had on hand a surplus. To the Christian this was as lawful as any other meat.—Whedon. Shambles.—The meat stalls in the market. Asking no question—The Jews were vexed with their immeasurable scruples with regard to their eating and were accustomed to ask many questions about every food, as to where it was obtained, how prepared, etc. All of these scruples and questioning—the Gospel abolished. The conscience need not be sensitive on this point.

Earth is the Lord's—See Psa. 24, 1. This meat belongs to the Lord and is not man's use. It does not belong to the idol even though it has been offered to him.

The measure of our love to others is the measure of our love to God. "No man truly loves God who does not love his fellow-men, and no one loves his fellow-men in the highest sense who does not love God."

Alcohol is the curse of the world. It has taken away the sense of health from the drunkard and placed there the hue of the wine-soup; taken the luster from the eyes and made it dim and bloodshot; taken vitality from the blood and filled it with seeds of disease and death; entered the brain, the temple of thought; deformed reason and made it reel with folly; taken intelligence and exchanged for the stupid stare of idiocy; taken away from the face and left it ill-natured and blotched; taken firmness and elasticity from the steps and made them faltering and treacherous; taken vigor from the arm and left weakness; bribed the tongue to utter malice and cursing."

Alcohol deadens the sensibilities and changes love to cruelty.—The conductor tells of the most revolting sight he ever saw—Take home rummer, led by any number of liberty of yours, given by the votes of a Christian (?) people, become a stumbling-block to them that are weak. A child lay dying. Her father had struck her a blow on the spine while insane from the influence of rum. Among those who gathered by her side, the child in the excitement, was the rummer who had a hand in putting the poison to the father who loved his child. She died near the death-bed and heard a watchman striking the child's beautiful face, saying, "That blow killed her."

The child caught the whisper, and, raising her eyes to the rummer's face, said, "You did it," and died.

Take head, young fathers and mothers, lest you taking your medicinal glasses become a stumbling-block to the weak, and your children inherit an appetite and want control. A gentleman was the father of a family of healthy, intelligent children. As they came of age, they all showed a strange liking for alcohol drinks.

His three sons were drunkards. One daughter married well, but could not leave the curse alone. She became the victim of her own frenzies and committed suicide. She left two little boys and a heart-broken husband.

The cause of all this misery was a habit of beer-drinking in the years when the children were born. Truly, "No man liveth unto himself."

God's word tells us that drunkards cannot go to heaven. Men capable of accomplishing great things for God and humanity are losing their souls through drink. Can we then say that pray and vote for the overthrow of the liquor traffic?"—A. C. M.

CRUISER CANADA.

May Go on Service on the Great Lakes.

Halifax, Sept. 20.—Some changes in the Marine Department shipping in this district are expected for the next season.

One story is to the effect that the cruiser Canada, the flagship of the Canadian navy, and protector of fisheries along the New York coast, will cross the seas to Quebec a short time ago and convey Admiral Kingsmill to Montreal, and rumor now has it that she will go on service in the great lakes hereafter, but that the commander, Captain Knowlton, and his crew will return here later on and go into winter quarters at the dockyard.

The report further goes that hereafter the fisheries in this vicinity will be protected by a small force of gunboats, one of which will be officered and maned by Captain Knowlton and his crew, the latter being drilled at the dockyard during the winter.

Temperance Instruction.—During the past few years there has been a great revolution in the medical world in regard to the use of alcohol. Formerly it was used in all hospitals and for almost every disease. Occasionally a physician would abandon its use, as did Dr. Nathan S. Davis, but this was exceptional. In 1872 a temperance hospital was founded in London, which at first used alcohol only in extreme cases, and afterward abandoned it altogether. The records of the London Temperance Hospital show that in 15,224 cases under care during twenty-five years the mortality has been less than seven per cent—very much less than any hospital in London. Since alcohol is used, recently a number of temperance hospitals have been established, with the same remarkable results; and in hospitals where alcohol is still used, the amount used is small compared with the amount used a few years ago.

Dr. Rogers, one of Chicago's foremost

surgeons, in three years operated on about a thousand cases in the Barnes Willard Hospital without alcohol and without losing a single patient from "shock," that terror of surgeons, in defense against which many physicians have believed alcohol was necessary. It has been proved that the death rate in temperance hospitals is very much less when alcohol is not administered.

Medical men everywhere recognize that abstainers have greater power to resist disease, withstand contagion and recover from wounds than have non-abstainers. The chief cause of this is the paralyzing effect of alcohol upon the white blood corpuscles. These white corpuscles are the scavengers of the body, pushing through the linings of the blood vessels, they envelop them or "eat them up." Alcohol paralyzes these corpuscles and diminishes their number, with the result that the germs multiply and claim their subject as an easy victim. Some time ago the professors of the Royal Medical College gave two rabbits pneumonia by injecting pneumonia germs in them, and in one a little alcohol was injected. The rabbit with the alcohol in its system died, while the other recovered. A subsequent examination under the microscope showed in each showed that in the rabbit in which the alcohol had been injected, the white corpuscles contained no germs, and had evidently been paralyzed, while the white corpuscles of the other rabbit were literally full of them, as many as twenty germs being found in one corpuscle. This is a vivid illustration of what takes place in a drinker. His decreased vitality and resisting power can easily be wondered at in the light of such facts.

These moderate drinkers play the game of life with a great handicap. The clear eye, the steady nerve, the keen perception that indicate a man at his best are not his to enjoy. He has started on the road to woes and sorrows.—B. L. O.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS.

Take Head.

If any man say...—This is offered in sacrifice to idols, not for his sake" (v. 28). "I was led by the spirit when they had on hand a surplus. To the Christian this was as lawful as any other meat.—Whedon. Shambles.—The meat stalls in the market. Asking no question—The Jews were vexed with their immeasurable scruples with regard to their eating and were accustomed to ask many questions about every food, as to where it was obtained, how prepared, etc. All of these scruples and questioning—the Gospel abolished. The conscience need not be sensitive on this point.

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MARKET REPORTS

TORONTO MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

The railways reported 15 carloads of live stock at the city market on Wednesday and Thursday, consisting of 2,017 cattle, 2,702 hogs, 4,215 sheep and lambs and 286 calves.

The price of fat cattle was about the same, the bulk of deliveries being common to medium.

Trade was not ask brisk, there being enough cattle to make an easier feeling, but all were sold.

Prices were about the same in all classes, except for lambs, which were easier.

Exporters—Geo. Rountree bought one load of exporters at \$35.00 per cent.

Geo. D. Sherk, of Toronto, bought 20 cattle, \$24 to \$26 for steers and heifers, and \$15 to \$14 for steers and heifers, and \$13 to \$12 for lambs.

The Government is arranging for a direct steamship service to the West Indies.

The Detroit Federation of Labor has practically withdrawn from the American organization.

The Grecian D'Italia, Rome, states that Vesuvius is again in activity. Several eruptions have opened and discharged large quantities of lava.

The resolution in favor of Imperial preference was carried by a large majority at the meeting of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire at Sydney, N. S. W.

Police have gone to the White Dog Indian camp at Swan Lake, 50 miles north, to arrest an Indian who, it is alleged, wantonly shot and killed a young girl.

Bishop, of Ottawa, the letter-carrier sent to Kingston penitentiary for three years for opening mail matter, has been released after six months. He came out yesterday.

The Sisters of the Hotel Dieu, Kingst

on, are to erect a new hospital building to connect with the Brock street end of the present main building, to cost \$15,000.

The liner Umbiali has been wrecked in a fog off the Cape of Good Hope. The crew and passengers put off in small boats, one of which collapsed. A child was drowned, but all the others were saved.

Three annual oyster suppers for the inmates from the Toronto Home for Incurables is the somewhat annual object for which \$300 is set aside in the will of the late Henry Pelletier, father of Sir H. M. Pelletier.

The American Telephone & Telegraph Co. has acquired nearly \$16,000,000 worth of New York Telephone Co. stock owned by the Western Union Co. Papers covering the purchase were signed yesterday.

The APPLE CROP.

It begins to look now as if the market for really choice apples will be good. The crop is to be harvested in the Iroquois Valley, that is the district between Toronto and Belleville, caused by the aphids in sucking the juice of the early-formed apple, and thus causing them to dwarf and deform, will seriously interfere with good samples. Apple-picking of the earlier sorts has commenced, and this week big gangs have gone into the orchards.

Prices for buyers are ranging from \$1 up. R. Peckner of Ontario county, who has a very choice small orchard, has sold his for \$1.50 per barrel. Fred Gibson, of the same county, reports a sale of apples at \$1.00 per barrel for first and seconds, the buyers to take firsts and seconds, and the buyers to take seconds.

Alfred, farm, bushel 6 25

Asparagus, bushel 5 60

Red clover, bushel 6 75

Timothy, bushel 1 40

Dressed hogs 11 50

Barley, bushel 0 45

Do, inferior 0 18

Eggs, dozen 0 27

Chickens, lb. 0 15

Ducks, lb. 0 18

Turkeys, lb. 0 12

Pork, bushel 0 10

Pots, new, bag 0 80

Do, goose 0 35

Oats, new, bushel 0 65

Barley, bushel 0 54

Rye, bushel 0 68

Hay, timothy, ton 18 00

Straw, per ton 15 00

Seeds—

Alaske, farm, bushel 6 25

Asparagus, bushel 5 60

Red clover, bushel 6 75

Timothy, bushel 1 40

Dressed hogs 11 50

Barley, bushel 0 45

Do, inferior 0 18

Eggs, dozen 0 27

Chickens, lb. 0 15

Ducks, lb. 0 18

Turkeys, lb. 0 12

Pork, bushel 0 10

Pots, new, bag 0 80

Do, goose 0 35

Onions, yellow, basket 0 65

Cauliflower, dozen 1 00

Cabbage, barrel 1 25

Beef, hindquarters 10 00

Do, forequarters 9 00

Do, choice, carcass 8 00

Do, medium, carcass 7 00

Tomato, per cwt 8 00

Veal, prime, per cwt 10 50

Lamb, per cwt 10 00

Lamb, per cwt 12 00

SUGAR MARKET.

St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows:

Granulated, \$1.00 per cent, in barrels;

Beaver, \$1.45 per cent, in barrels;

Linen, \$1.40 per cent, in bags.

These prices are for delivery here. Carries 10 cents less. In 100-pound bags prices are 45 cents less.

OTHER MARKETS

WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET.

Wheat—October 97 1-8c, December 93 5-8c, May 95-8c.

Oats—Aug. 34-5c; Dec. 32-4c.