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In the afternoon Halsey walked over to the parsonage, hoping to have a chat with Orient. Instead of this the doctor re-ceived him in his study and talked divinity until Halsey was in a cold perspiration. It was only by the sharpest exercise of his fac-

ulties and by constant deference to his senior's opinions upon all points of dogma that he escaped suspicion.

After an hour of this ordeal Halsey issued from the study, feeling that he had under-gone the horrors of the inquisition. All sport had vanished from the situation; he was a guilty criminal who had baffled his detec-tives momentarily, but who would be surely descend down source or later, and that with tives momentarily, but who would be surely dragged down sooner or later, and that with-out mercy. He caught a glimpse of his face in the mirror in the hall hatrack and was startled by its haggard expression. He had taken his walking stick, when a burst of song floated out from the drawing room. It was "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," sung to Abt's sweetest of melodies. The doctor laid a de-

weetest of melecities. The doctor laid a de-taining hand upon his arm.

"It is our family custom to spend the Sab-bath afternoon in a service of song; will you not join us?"

"I do not sing," Halsey replied, "but it would be a privilege to listen." He took a seat near the door; his entrance was so noise-less that the young girl seated at the piano did not heed it. She sang on, hymn after hymn, and a great healing balm swept over his tortured nerves. "Flee like a bird to the mountain," brought the sharp tears to his ayes, for was he not "weary of sin," weary of this miserable subterfuge and refuge of his Had they been alone, he could have risen and throwing himself upon her mercy, have con-

that they been atone, he could have risen and throwing himself upon her mercy, have con-fessed everything; but the good doctor sat there, beneficent and unsuspecting; and when his nice rose at the close of the hymn and re-garded him for the first time he could call. garded him for the first time, he could only thank her in a choked voice.

'I am a wretch," he said to himself, as he 'I am a wretch,' he said to himself, as he strode along the country road, a little later, striking vindictively at the tall mullein stalks with his cane. "No punishment is too bad for me, and I have brought upon myself the sharpest retribution that man can suffer—that of turning away from the woman he loves, without making an effort to win.

LOWEST her."

The deacon met him at a little distance from his own gate. He had evidently walked out to meet him. "You have made a tremendous hit," he said, rubbing his hands gleefully: "there'll be an outpouring to-night, such as Ramoth Gilend has never known. The people are beginning to gather already. The shed is e'en almost full of vehicles the prenounced the word "ve-hicles", and moth-Market Prices. AS FOLLOWS: ORANGES. BANANAS, pronounced the word "ve-hio-les"), and moth-er, she's anxious as can be for fear you won't get a good cup of tea before preaching time. Brother Siccumbe and I have decided to call WALNUTS CREAM NUTS Brother Siccumbe and I have decided to can a business meeting of the parish for to-mor-row morning, so that you can have our de-cision before you go. There's a train that leaves in the afternoon, and you must stay ALMONDS, wer for that."
"I don't think I can," Halsey replied. "I ad planned to leave by the early morning

"Folks are set on coming to-morrow and bringing their lunches, and having a real (ci-lowship meeting, and hearing you once again, lowship meeting, and hearing you once again, and you mustn't disappoint them. There's that himb of a Job Johnson ringing that bell for service, and it lacks a minute and a half of the time, and you haven't e't but one

waffis."
Halsey rose from the table, hurried to his room, and turned over his notebook. Here was Rev. Joseph Cook's conversion of German metaphysics into Christian apologetics. No one would understand this but the Misses Pearce who had been to Concord. They would expect him to wait upon them at their home after service, and discuss philosophy with them, and if there was one thing which he was more determined upon to escape than another, it was this knight errantry of the smoky lantern. He turned over the leaves of his note books rapidly. Here were ser-mons by Chancellor Crosby and Bishop Coxe, by the incumbent of the "Little Church round the Corner" and by Andrew Jackson mons by Chancellor Crosby and Bishop Coxe, by the incumbent of the "Little Church round the Corner" and by Andrew Jackson Davis, Here was one preached by Evangelist Moody in Madison Square Garden, and others by young Mr. Spurgeon at the Acad-emy of Music, and Rabbi Gotthell at the emy of Music, and Rabbi Gotthell at 15e-synagogue. "I cannot bear to please them any further," he said to himself. "This farce must end at once, and I will end it with my own hand." He deliberately selected a sermon by the Rev. R. Høber Newton, which had drawn upon that gentle-man the anathemas of his brother clergy-

man the anathemas of his brother clergymen.

"There," he thought, "I shall now be denounced as heretical both by the doctor and
his niece. I have had the grace to cut my
own throat." It was characteristic of the
troubled state of his mind that he had come
to consider his own interests at stake and had
quite forgotten how those of his friend Steele
would be affected by his action. The deacon
and his wife had left. The bell had ceased
tolling, and aware that he was late, Halsey
hurried along the now deserted road. He
had nearly reached the church when he overtook Orient, who was walking rapidly alone,
without a hat, but with a shawl of China
crepe thrown over her head and shoulders in
a way that reminded him of the graceful
draperies of the Greeks or the veils of eastorn women. They were both surprised, but
she recovered first. "Uncle felt ill after supper," she said, "and I walked over alone."

"I am glad I overtook you," he replied;
"you must let me see you home after service."

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"It is not far, and I am not afraid, but I'm "It is not far, and I am not afraid, but I'm gird that I happened to meet you, for I have not had an opportunity to tell you how much I have enjoyed your sermon. When I think that you were a blacksmith's apprentice, and then consider what you have made of yourself, I cannot help admiring your genius. Yes, you must let me call it so. That description which you gave us last night of the Jericho road was nothing less. Uncle said so as we rode home. He said it was fully equal as we rode home. He said it was fully equal to some things of Mr. Bescher's, and I am sure that it is a great compliment for a young man. Then what opportunities you have had! I was born in Smyrna, while my parents were spending a year abroad, but they brought me home a baby with only my name as a souveriet of my Old World birth.

they brought me home a baby with only my name as a souverir of my Old World hirth. But I have always been wild to return to live in some one of those Eastern countries which you have visited. I hope you will tel us more about them to night."

"Orient," said Halwey, in his desperation, for the first time venturing to use her name, "I am a wretch, unworthy to speak to you, and too cowardly to confess the whole truth, for if I did you would spurn me, and I could not bear that."

They had reached the church door. Orient could not reply, but she gave him her hand with a look which said, "I believe in you, in spite of yourself."

spite of yourself."

Halsoy hardly knew what he read; he spoke vehemently, crushing his own heart and taking a savage delight in the idea that he was destroying his prospects. It was only a poor atonement, but it was something. He strode down the sisle after service, hardly recognizing those who pressed forward to speak to him. He informed the deacon mendaciously that there was a matter upon which it was necessary for him to speak with daciously that there was a matter upon which it was necessary for him to speak with the doctor that night, and brushing by the older Miss Pearce, who was holding her lantern with a meek air of expectation, he waited among the young men who were grouped by the steps for the appearance of Orient. The lamplight was reflected from her silken shawl, and it seemed to him with a radiance like that from an angel's wing. The young men made way for her to pass, and Halsey drew her arm within his own. "I shall heat

my condemnation from her lips," he thought, and he braced himself mentally to endure it, with the assurance that whatever har blame it would be less than his desert. He was silent and she did not speak until they had left all companions and turned into the lane leading to the parsonage; then she said: "I understand what you said to me before church now, and I home the man who has the courage to stand by his own conviction, even in the face of certain rejection and the rain of his wordily prospects. It was grand to see you standing there and avowing views which could not agree with those of your congregation. You reminded me of the young confessors before the Roman tribunals in that time of the first persecutions. And I want you to know that whatever may be the action of the shurch upon the morrow, I admire you and respect you with all my heart."

young girl loved hīm; he was sure of it, and everything else went for nothing. What was the part he had played! Nothing. And before he realized what he was doing he had told her that her good opinion was more to him than that of all the world beside; that with her love he could face contumely and scorn, let it come from whatever quarter, and it seemed to him as he spoke that he was really a martyr for the truth, instead of the poltroon which he had called himself a few moments before. If she would only respond with a like assurance he could make a clean breast of everything. But Orient only replied reassuringly that there would be no contunely, and that even if Ramoth Gilead did not give him a call, her father's opinion of him would not be lessened. "He has a great deal of influence with the board," ahe added, "and he has some nice appointment in view for you. He wanted me to come up here on purpose to hear you preach, and he was very curious for me to give him my opinion of you. He seemed to think that you were still an invalid, and he will be glad to know that you are so strong. I suppose it was your sea voyage and foreign travel that benefited you."

A deadly certainty grew upon Halsey's mind. He had never heard Orient's family name mentioned, but he was sure now that this was Dr. Corcoran's daughter, and that he had supplanted his friend. He was not prepared for this, and be tried to put the conviction from bim—to believe that it was not so, "Orient," he said, as the clock struck, "can you believe that we have actually been acquainted only twenty-five hours and about

you believe that we have actually been ac-quainted only twenty-five hours and about

he same number of minutes?"
"Oh, it cannot be possible," she exclaimed "Oh, it cannot be possible," she exclaimed;
"what an imprudently short acquaintance to become engaged upon. But I know your
whole life from the time you were a blacksmith's boy to the present, and all your wanderings in Palestine." Halsey winced, but
did not interrupt her. "And father knows
you so thoroughly and respects you so highly,
and both he and mother have talked to me so
much about you. When I came back to my
room it was full of reminders of your presence. That explanation of the unpardonable ence. That explanation of the unpardonable sin which you left on my desk was a masterly piece of reasoning. And all the notes which you made in my books were interesting to me, though I confess that I was indignant enough at first to think that you had read my silly lottings. I was not so primes I enough at first to think that you had read my silly jottings. I was not so prim as I seemed to be when I declined corresponding with you, for I was secretly pleased that you had learned to care for me in such an old way. Oh! indeed I assure you that I would never have fallen in love with you in this disgracefully precipitate way without that long mental preparation."

Clearly it was no time now for Halsey to explain that he had no connection with the past she treasured. He accepted the situation recklessly, with all the advantages which it conferred upon him. "So the actual does not come up to your ideal?" he asked.

asked.

"You are very different," she replied, musingly, "not a bit as I had imagined you. You are very worldly looking. I never would have thought you a minister if I had met you anywhere else; but then you are handsomer than I expected, and so wonderfully talented. I am proud to think you should care for little me. And I, no doubt, am very different from what you imagined. Are you greatly disappointed?" Are you greatly disappointed?"
Of course Halsey protested that he was not, and he parted from her at the parsonage gate with many assurances of his devotion; and, however false their relations to each other, these at least were genuine.

Halsey sat thinking deeply far into the night. He reviewed every possible plan for avoiding confession and for keeping up his assumed character, but he saw that this was impossible. Orient had told him that she was to return home upon the morrow, and he had agreed to accompany her. On the jour-ney the explanation must be made. Every moment of delay made it more difficult, and he bitterly regretted that he had not be more honest with her. However, to have firmly made up his mind to throw off the

mask was something of a relief and he awok

would come out right. would come out right.

As he was not to lay aside his role during the morning, he determined to deepen the good impression which he had made upon Orient, and to select the sermon made upon Orient, and to select the sermon which he was to preach before the fellowship meeting solely with reference to her tastes. He hesitated some time between "Buddha and his Philosophy of Despair," a discourse of Dr. Newman's, and "The Parables of the Tahmud," by the Rev. Charles Eaton, but finally extited user the first product of the contract of the contra finally settled upon the first as more compli-mentary to her intellect. He was a little dis-turbed to notice, on taking his place in the pulpit, that Orient was not in the choir, the eldest Miss Pearce occupying her place at the organ. All through the aermon he kept his eyes fixed upon the door, hoping to see her enter, but only to be disappointed. He knew, too, from the strong stare with which his hearers confronted him, that his audience his hearers confronted him, that his audience did not care a penny for Buddha or the religion of India. Only Miss Pearce seemed in in the least interested, for she had just read "Mr. Isaacs," and had, beside, her reputation as a philosopher at stake. The business meeting was called immediately after the sermon, and Halsey, leaving it to its deliberations as to his eligibility, burried over to the parsonage. He was informed by the servant that Miss Corcoran had left town on the noon train. He was struck with sudden apprehension.

"I understood that she was going on the af ternoon train."

The servant believed that she did intend to do so, but had changed her mind. Halsey next asked after the doctor. He had driver his niece over to the station and had not ve returned; he would come soon; would not the gentleman wait! Halsey concluded that lie would do so and was shown into the doctor's study. A volume of sermons by Henry Ward Beecher lay upon the desk, open to the very one which he had abridged for his prayer meeting talk. The doctor had evidently looked it up from a haunting suspicion that its resemblance to Beecher's style was not en-tirely accidental. Grant's suddon loave tak ing was explained; she had found this, and it was enough. She did not wish to see him again. He rese quickly and left the house, not caring to face the doctor now. He walked across the fields to the deacon's house. It was deserted, for the discussion over his case

was very warm and the meeting not yet over. He sat down and wrote an impas sioned letter to Orient, making a clean breast of everything and begging her mercy. As he sealed it he noticed that the congregation were dispersing, and the descon soon after entered the room.

"I'm powerful sorry," he said, "but there was a good sleai of feelin", and the motion to give you a call was lost. You see your ser-mon yesterday evenin' wasn't considered Halsey wrote the doctor an explanation

for the sake of his friend's good name, but he did not feel obliged to confess to the deacon, who conveyed him to the station, and was who conveyed him to the station, and was profuse in his regret over the vote of the church. At the station he mailed his letter to Orient, and returned to his friend Steele, whom he found in a much more hopeful state. The fever had been broken, but he was very weak. "You must help us keep his mind in a cheerful, calm condition," the level deep said to Halvey. his mind in a cheerful, calm condition,"
the local doctor said to Halsey,
before he went up to his room. When Andrew Steele inquired about his friend's experisuce at Ramoth Gilend, Halsey told him
that he had explained the state of affairs to
the pastor and had simply read three sermous; that of course under the circumstances
there could be no call to the pastorate, nor
did he see how his interests could be affected
very much even though Dr. Corcoran must
understand that his health was not in so favorable a state as he could wish.

"I made the best of everything." Hal-

"I made the best of everything," Hal-

sey assured his friend; "it is only a little longer waiting, and they will be willing enough to do that."

"Thank you," Andrew Steele murmured, and closing his eyes he slept as peaceful as a child. When he awoke his mother handed him a letter. "You look as if you were able to read it," she said, "and I suspect it is from your friends, the Corcorans."

It was from Orient; the young man recognized the graceful script at once, though he had only received one letter from her. He opened it with trembling engerness. But what did it mean! She had always imagined him the sole of honor. She had loved him for his goodness and unworldiness; it was hard to give up her ideal of him, but now everything was changed. No explanation on sither side was upocasers, he must under-

stand, and she coe¹³ not forgive.

"Believe me," she wrote, "that my own un happiness is greater than any you can suffer To have cherished an ideal as I have done

happiness is greater than any you can suffer. To have cherished an ideal as I have done, and allowing to cluster about it all that was holiest and tenderest in my thought is not a slight thing. The discovery that I have been utterly mistaken has given me a shock from which I shall never recover. I have been in a dream and the awakening has been cruel. I only hope that I shall never hear of you again as eccupying the sacred desk. For me at least and against love you have committed the unperdonable sin."

Andrew Steele lay dared. His mind was in too weak a condition for him to connect his friend's readings at Ramoth Gilead with this letter. It was as if he had received a heavy blow upon the head. He lay stunned a long time, but when Halsey came in he had arisen from his bed and was preaching wildly to an imaginary congregation on the sin that hath never forgiveness. Halsey led him to his bed and compelled him to he down. Then he noticed the letter, read and concealed it. He saw that it was mailed from a way station and had been written on the train, and therefore before Orient had received his letter of confession. Why had he delayed making it when he was with her? All regret was useless now. He had no fear, and his hopes rose, but he was wildly additable and the received with the was wildly additable, and hoods early the mother. not forag, and his hopes rose, but he was wildly delirates and incoherent, and the mother seriously alarmed by this new turn in her son's condition, which had been pronounced as very encouraging when the physician last called. "I think we had better summon Dr. Converse," the said at least the production of the condition of the

called. "I think we had better summon Dr. Corcoran," she said at length; "he understands Andrew's case and cured him once before."

Halsey telegraphed at once, and anxiously awaited the doctor's coming at the country station. The train paused and two passengers alighted. That portly gentleman with the gray whiskers he knew must be Dr. Corcoran, and—Orient had come with him. He stepped up quickly, a great delight showing through the humiliation which crimsoned his face, but Orient forestalled any explanation.

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"So," she exclaimed, a fine fire flashing from her indignant eyes, "this was a piece of deception like the rest, and you are not ill with brain fever. I might have suspected as much." She wheeled about and was walking rapidly from him when her father laid his hand upon her arm.

"Orient," he said, "I thought it was Andrew Steele who was ill." drew Steele who was ill."

"Did you not receive my letter?" Halsey asked, humbly. "It is true that you have been deceived, but not by Andrew Steele." And once more he made his miserable confes-

sion.
Orient regarded him with keen, merciless
eyes, "I do not see why you should tell me
this if it is not true," she said; "it certainly is not complimentary to yourself." She did not speak to him again on their way to the house, and they all cutered Andrew Steele's

noise, and they all catered Andrew Steele's room together.

He was reading from an open Bible, and looked up vacantly, repeating: "Lest by any means when I have preached to others I my-self should be a castaway." Orient stepped firmly to his side, and tak-ing Andrew Steele's hands in both of hers, she said simply: "I have made a great mis-take. I have learned that I had no cause to write you the letter which pained you. I am Orient Corcoran. Can you forgive me:"

Andrew Steele regarded her with an un-comprehending, expressionless stare. Dr. Corcoron started violently, and leading Mrs. Steele aside, said to her: "This is worse than I had imagined. It is not brain fever or nervous prostration; it is insanity."

The poor woman uttered a sharp cry. "And

be cannot be cured?"
"I did not say say so. We will talk it over." And be called his daughter into another room for a consultation. They will stay all night," said Mrs. Steele things to neighbor Brown's so that I can arrange your room for the young lady?

"Yes," he replied, "if I can be of no assist-"Yes," he replied, "if I can be of no assist-ance." He felt that he was set aside as a use-less thing, and crushed and indignant he re-moved his effects. "I will see her in the morning," he said to himself; "and make one more appeal for myself," for now Orient was busy with his friend talking with him, gently and patiently trying to lead him back to the actual. Sore of heart and utterly miserable, he retired to his new room spending the greater part of the night in framing occuses and arguments which might recommend him greater part of the night in framing excuses and arguments which might recommend him to mercy. At last, completely worried out, he fell usleep, and, tired nature asserting her right, it was late the following morning when he awoke and saw that a traveling wagon stood before the Steeles' door, and that "his friend" was being helped into it. He hurried across the fields and saw that Dr. Corcoran held the reins while Andrew Steele, propped with cushions, occupied the back soat. Orient was bidding farewell to Mrs. Steele at the door of the house. He joined her, and taking her bag walked with her to the gate. It was only a short space, but is the gate. It was only a short space, but it was his last opportunity, for they were tak-

ing his iricou to toser own home, intending to drive all the way by easy stages.

"Orient—Miss Coccoran," he said desperately, the words tumbling over each other in their eager utterance. "I beg of you not to walk so fast, and to listen to one word, We have been described. We have heard a great deal lately about the unpardonable sin; tell me in mercy has mine

been that?"
She looked up at him with eyes that were full of hope and happiness. "Father is sure that we will save him," she said; "he is confident that when we get him back to my little room, with everything arranged just as it was during his first visit, his mind will go back to that time; his life will start afresh from that point, and all this and interim be

as nothing."

They were just behind the lilac bush now, which shielded them from the view of the occupants of the carriage. "Of course I am glad to hear that there is hope for my friend," Haisey said, "but you cannot expect me to be indifferent to my own interests. Is there no space of repentance? Shall you always despise me, always think of me with detestation."

tion?"
"Oh, no," Orient replied, forcing herself to think of him for a moment, for, indeed, all her thoughts were centered on her patient. "Do not imagine for a moment that I shall cherish resentment, or remember what has happened very long, for I shall probably never meet you again; and what do I know of you! Not even your name! You were only comested with my life by this distressing experience of Mr. Steele's. You are nothing to me."

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As Halsey saw the train start he was filled with bitter remorse. He thought he should always consider himself a murderer if his friend Steele should not recover his reason.

After a few days, however, he plucked up courage to call on Mrs. Steele. She received him kindly, and lifted a little of the load from his heart by telling him that her son had shown marked improvement since he arrived at Dr. Corcoran's.

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Upon Halsey's return to the city he heard from his friend's mother from time to time, and at last, to his infinite relief, learned that Steele had entirely recovered his reason, and his health was otherwise much improved.

About a year afterward appeared the analysis of Steele and his health was otherwise much improved.

About a year afterward appeared the announcement of the marriage of Steele and Miss Corcoran, and shortly after this they sailed as missionaries to the east. No notice of the marriage, however, was sent to Halsey. He was simply ignored. But he felt that his punishment was far less than he deserved.—American Magazine.

Criticise the public schools us we please, we are all obliged to own, after investigation, that they offer to every child who enters them certain advantages which no private wealth can buy. In our cities and large towns they are, to begin with, as clean as the decks and cabins of a man of war. Every child who enters them learns, so far as the school room influence goes, habits of neatness, method, decerum and punctuality—points of training hardly to be surpassed in their importance, not only for the mental, but for the meral nature. When I enter such a school room, and came upon fifty little people marching in procession to or from their seats, obscient to a wave of a flager from the resolute youthor maiden who finger from the resolute youth or maiden who has them in charge, and when I redect that all neross a continent, from the Atlantic to the Parifle, this same process is going on, then that modest teacher's work rises into sublimity, and seems one among immunerable web of a new gumeration.—"T. W. H. Harper's Basar.

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LESSON IX, INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES, FEB. 26.

of the Lesson, Matt. xix, 16-26. Golden Text, Matt. vi, 24-Memorize Verses 20-22-Comment by Rev. William

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Notes.—Came, i. e., out of the company around. Mark says, running. One, Luke says ruler, or member of the Sanhedrim. Manter, or teacher. Enter into life, be saved from death and have everlasting life. Keep, obey or live according to. Honor, this is more than to obey, and no one word will define it. Reverence is perhaps the best. Hardly, or, it is hard for. A rich man, one that trusts in riches. Exceedingly, very much. Then, in that case, or, if that is so, This, i. e., that rich men can be saved. Impossible; possible, i. e., men cannot do this, but God can.

V. 16. Mark and Luke supply two very interesting features of this case. From one we learn that he was a ruler, i. e., a member of the Sanhedrim. From the other we learn that he came running. He was in earnest,

of the Sanhedrim. From the other we learn that he came running. He was in earnest, and not afraid to have it known that he was. He was not satisfied with what the doctors of the law taught concerning this great question. He felt, he was sure, three was something more. But what was it! Where should he find the one who could lift the veil and let in the light! It would seem from the narrative that he had been following Jesus secretly, or without making himself known. He wanted to hear what this great teacher would say about it. And now, as teacher would say about it. And now, as he hears his last words, he could restrain himself no longer. He came running to

Jesus, with the great question, "Good Master! what must I do that I may have eternal life!"

V. 17. Before answering his question our Lord, gently yet pointedly, rebukes him for the use of the title by which he addressed him. Why did he use it? He did not mean him. Why did he use it! He did not mean it. He did not mean to say that he (Jesus) was the good. For that title belongs only to one—ort God. And, as an unmeaning compliment, he could not receive it. Now this does not mean that Jesus declined a title belonging only to God; but that the young ruler himself did not mean to intimate that it so belonged to him. And therefore he could not receive it from him. Now, in our Lord's answer to the young ruler's question, we must observe that he answered from his standpoint. He occupied the ground on which he stood. His question was, "What shall I do that I may have, or inherit, sternal life?" He would have it as the result of his own doings. He proposed to work for it. He wanted to have it, as of debt, as a workingman receives his wages. And so the master realize to him. "Keep the commendance." wanted to have it, as of debt, as a workingman receives his wages. And so the master
replies to him, "Keep the commandmenta."
He did not propose the difficulties of the
case. He would have him ascertain these for
himself. He would have him find out for
himself that obedience to the law, as the
price of eternal life, was a chain of many
links, and if one of these was broken the
chain itself was worthless. It offered no
connection between the man and the object
he had in view. But the young ruler did
not see this. And so

V. 18-30. When he heard the Lord's anawer he at once asked which of the com-

swer he at once asked which of the com-mandments he meant. And in answer the Lord cited the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and fifth, while Mark adds the tenth. Now all these were of the second table of the law. Not a word is said about these of the first seems to have been entirely left out of the question. Why was this? And there seems to be no doubt about the answer. For it is manifest that our Lord meant to show how utterly hopeless his case was, even on his own closen ground. For it, he propresed to own chosen ground. For, if he proposed to be saved by the works of the law, or to enter into life because of obedience to the law, it must be very clear that he had obeyed the law. Now, if it were a question of obedience to man's law—i. a., if it concerned the out-ward act alone—it would be very easily set-tled. But if that "law is spiritual," if the lustful thought is adultery and the angry thought is murder, then the case is a very different one.

different one. The young ruler proposed to win eternal life by the deeds of the law. Now the summing up of the second table of the law is. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." He said he did. And Jesus replied in effect, "If you do it is very easy to prove it. You would not hesitate to part with anything you. would not hesitate to part with anything you have to relieve your own wants. Now why should you hesitate to relieve the necessities of your neighbor! You would not if you of your neighbor! You would not it you loved him as you do yourself. Now, therefore, go and do it, and prove your claim is true. This was the simple issue; and one more clearly defined could not well be premore clearly defined could not well be presented. And is that all? No. For that might spring from a motive utterly inad-missable. And so the Master adds, "and

V. 22. How true to the life this is. How clear the revelation it makes of the ruling power in this young ruler's heart. Doubtless he was attracted by the Master's tabing; but the glitter of his gold had a brighter luster in his eyes! Doubtless he was concerned for his eternal life. But clearly, the present had for him the greater attraction. He was in "the valley of decision," and quietly yielded to the power of the present and the seen! "He turned and went away, for he had great possessions." The present for he had great possessions." The present and the eternal life were weighed against each other, and the beam went down on the

side of the present. Poor young man!
V. 23, 24. It is not hard to imagine the deep
compassion that moved in the Master's
breast, as beturned to his disciples and spoke
these words. Doubtless they had seen and
heard all that had passed; and he would
shield them now from any wrong impresshield them now from any wrong impre sions the young ruler's example might make upon them. And if we ask for the russen underlying the declaration of the Master—or why it is hard for a rich man to enter the

ons, i. e.: 1. Riches beget a sense of power in the holder of them. Therefore the rich man is commonly puffed up with a sense of his im-portance. He can do anything; and his pride

crects itself even against God.

2. Riches become an object of trust to their possessor. They seem to break down the simplicity of childlike faith in God. How can he pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," when he knows that his check is good in bank and his credit high on exchange? And so he learns to "trust in riches," as the ultimate good in life. How can he enter the kingdom?

V. 25, 26. The disciples were beyond measured ve astonished. And to their question, who then can be saved! Jesus gave the answer, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." He alone can change the heart and bind the affections around himself as manifested in the finished work of Jesus. For when that is seen—i. e., when his love takes the heart captive—the affections drop off from earthly things and twine themselves around him, who redeemed us from this present evil world, with his own precious blood.

A new plan for the rescue of shipwrecked sailors, which it is thought is a great improvement on the inventions now employed, has been proposed to Secretary Whitney by Rear Admiral Ammen. It consists of the construction of what is called a balsa, or a doat. The rear admiral suggests the follow-ing method of launching them: "The head sail should be hoisted so as to bring the wind sali should be hoisted so as to bring the wind quarterly; oil bags would be thrown over from each quarter. The railing at the stern fitted for unshipping would be let down and the launching skids put in place and the balsa carried aft by eight men and lowered with four on it. Then a rough car to fit u the skids would be loaded with the helpless persons and lowered to the balsa, be received and placed, and the operation continued until persons and powerest to the bana, he received and placed, and the operation continued until the heat has her load, then she would be east adrift, make a drag of her mast and sail, throw overboard her oil bag, and the same operation would be repeated until every one was embarked. Then they should fasten to each other in sections of fives, "The balance of two controls of two controls of two controls of two controls of two controls." consists of two casks, upon which a platform is laid. In the casks are souttles for stowing provisions. A sufficient number of them to carry a thousand people could, in the opinion of the rear admiral, be carried on a large steamer without inconvenience,—Chicago

The first exercise for the morning session was an essay by Flora Jones, "How to Teach Reading." Among the principal points given were. "to know the words, to be able to pronounce them correctly, to know their THE RICH YOUNG RULER. meaning standing alone, or in connection with the text." Sadie Masters in a pointed way gave some good ideas of "How to Teach Arithmetic." No one thing in school

needs so much attention. jects in teaching fractions is important in order that pupils may draw their

Anna Runyan read an interesting easy on "Language." The principal objects mentioned were, "to teach the pupils to read and write correctly, by cultivating the ear, eye and hand." Mess Ada Kitchen, not being prepar-

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The Institute was called to order by H. W. Eves. Devotional exercises conducted by Prof. Grimes, and consisted of music led by J. Emory Eves, followed by Scriptural reading and prayer, after which the organization of the Institute was effected by electing Geo. W. Henrie and Annie C. Potter

Aless Ada Kitchen, not being prepared with an essay on spelling, read a
selection on Reading.

The subject of Spelling was then
open for general discussion. Supt.
Grimes asserted that special attention
should be given to spelling and the
meaning of words. Also spoke of the
great need of dictionaries in our public
schools.

Aujourned to meet at 1:30 p. m. The afternoon was taken up with

lass drill, essays and addresses. The first was an essay entitled Use of Blackboard," by Annie C. otter, showing its advantages for the eacher; substitute for text books, pencils or slates; saves time; advantages for the pupil; incentive to do good work; change of position; good influ-

ence on others, etc. Class drill by Jennie Kester, respiraory system. This was a most excelent exercise. Great interest was man-ifested by both audience and pupils. While one member of the class was putting all difficult words on the board and another at the chart, the teacher gave questions to the remainder of the dass which were answered both individually and in concert. The lungs of calf were shown and inflated. The lass examined them with lenses before lissecting them. While this was beng done quest ous were ask d by members of the class to each other All lifficult words were spelled by the class

and definitions given.

An essay by W. C. Johnson; teachers should be able to produce activity in the minds of their pupils; teachers must understand the mind and the means to be used; dull pupils the real

est of the teacher's power. Recitation by Bertha Wright, "Have You ever Thought?"

Recess.
After recess Prof. Grimes gave a talk "Value of Public Exercises." on "Value of Public Exercises." Speof few pupils can now appear in pab-

tic; frequent rehearsals necessary; args the need of pupils being obliged to take part in public exercises. Essay by Frances M. Essa, "The Teachers' Outlook." Words of ancouragement only; knowledge that a person can use the only real knowldge; intelligence the corner stone of our government; teachers must understand the obligations resting upon them; the indifferent and the bad

reached through the public school-Recitation by Lillie Leggott, " erty and Independence."

Speech by A. P. Young, "Needed improvements in Public Schools." improvements in school houses and heir surroundings; apparatus hadly needed; standard of teachers not what t should be which is due to small -alsries paid; school board at fault; concens need improvement. Mr. Young advanced the idea that consolidation of our schools would be advantageous. Placing enough scholars in each school to make it a thoroughly graded one. By this plan the school could be kept open during the entire year with less

Address by G. W. Faus, "Scho i Inluence." The child is what the mother makes it; the teacher helps the child to mould its character; acts of teacher reproduced in the pupil; parents should unite with the teacher in the work.

A short time was taken up in an wering questions. Address by H. W. Eves, "Give Woman her Rights in this School Training." What seeds are we sowing in the mind? To disperse education? Parents should not follow in one path

and direct the chila in another. Appropriate cemarks were made after many of the easays had been read. Plenty of music was furnished during the day and was nicely conducted by J Eu ory Eves.

The evening session consisted of music by the choir and a lecture by Prof. D. J. Waller, Jr., of Bloomaburg. Subject, "Yellowstone Park." The Professor, in his usual pleasant manner, gave a very interesting and in-structive talk, which occupied one hour. He then allowed the audience the pri-vilege of asking questions, of which me availed themselves.

GEO. W. HENRIE, | Secretaries. ANNIE C. POTTER, Rather Odd.

A man who has traveled a bit and sees what is going on around him bserves that in some Southern cities, otably New Orleans, a Chicago man is very likely to bump into people when he is walking along in the streets. The reason is that down there it is the custom for everybody to turn to the left instead of to the right, as the rule is everywhere else, when two persons meet. On some of the lines, at least, the horse cars run up on the left track and down on the right. Drivers of vehicles get into the way of the steering to the left also. It strikes a Chicago man as being rather odd .- Chicago Tribune.

A Great Battle.

Is continually going on in the humin system. The demon of impure blood strives to gain victory over the constitution, to ruin health, to drag victims to the grave. A good reliable medicine like Hood's Sarsaparilla is the weapon with which to defend one's self, drive the desperate enemy from the field, and restore peace and bodily health for many years. Try this peculiar medicine.

A remarkable animal was captured a short time ago in the swamps near New Orleans. It has the head and tail of an alligator, and the back and claws of a tortoise. It is on exhibition in Liverpoal.

Rub silver spoors with finely sifted wood ashes to remove stains left by

Every day is a little life, and our

whole life is but a day repeated.