Delenses of Young Men.

And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man."-II Kings, 6:17.

ONE morning in Dothan, a young theological student was scared by findand Elisha, the prophet, upon whom he waited, surrounded by a whole army of enemies. But venerable Elisha was not scared at all, because he saw the mountains full of defense for him, in chariots made out of dire, wheels of fire, dashboard of fire, and cushion of fire, drawn by horses with nostrils of fire, and mane of fire, and haunches of fire, and hoofs of fire-

A SUPERNATURAL APPEARANCE that could not be seen with the natural eye. So the old minister prayed that the young minister might see them also, and the prayer was answered, and the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he also saw the fiery procession, looking somewhat, I suppose, like the Adirondacks or the Alleghanies in this autumnal resplendence.

Many young men, standing among the most tremenduous realities, have their eyes half shut or entirely closed. May God grant that my sermon may open wide your eyes to your safety, your opportunity and your destiny.

### A MIGHTY DEFENSE. for a young man is a good home. Some

of my hearers lood back with tender amay have been rude and rustic, hidden among the hills, and architect or upmever looked so enticing to you as those weeping willows. No barred gateway, pockets. adorned with statue of bronze, and swung open by obsequious porter in full dress, has half the glory of the swing gate. Many of you have a second dwellfirst family altar. There your children were born. All those trees you planted.

### IT IS HOME.

Now, I declare it, that young man as comparatively safe who goes out into the world with a charm like this upon him. The memory of parental solicisea ly and adopted home, who at the God's sentence will be satisfied. You same time was given over to any gross will be discharged from prison. Morm of dissipation or wickedness. He outside association, rather than from walk with, for in your constant activity, sures of which I have spoken, may be defences. Put your trust in God and go down by the valleys, and are at their and former associates, is there not some on like a beaver." room that you can call your own? Into it gather books and pictures, and a Have a portrait over the manspot with the knee of prayer. By the recreative day, when the soul is esconfidence, call it home.

### Another defense for a young man is INDUSTRIOUS HABITS.

waiting for the bank to declare its di- the world to come. vidend, or goes into the market expecting before night to be made rich by the rushing up of the stocks. But luck trade. In some dark night there may come in his dreams

A VISION OF BLACKWELL'S ISLAND, or of Sing Sing, but it soon vanishes. virtues. Then those young men who work, will come with their ox-teams to day onward." to draw him logs, and with their hard hands help heave up his castle. This upon him who tramples upon this life. I should not wonder if there were that young man who scrupulously obsome 10tten beams in that beautiful serves it. This day properly observed, palace. I would not wonder if dire thrill him with unbearable agony. I gins the duties of life with either secret | be faithful to duty, he need not fear any become to him a living curse, making venture to prophesy, will meet with no his home a pest and a disgrace. I permanent successes, God's curse will earth and hell can do you no damage. should not wonder if he goes to a mis-erable grave, and beyond it into the his studio, his body and his soul. The godly shall perish.

# THE BATTLE AND THE STAKES.

genuine success, except through toil either of the head or hand. At the by the enemy, sent word to his father step of eternal ages of happiness yet of unequalled polish and power. His for help. The father, watching the millions of years away. battle from a wind-mill, and seeing that his son was not wounded and could gain the day if he would, sent word: and confident expectation of approxi-No, I will not come. Let the boy mating to it, is an infallible defence. win his spurs, for, if God will, I desire | The artist completes in his mind the

Two monarchs of old fought a duel, You fight with sin, and the stake is

where multitudes fail.

### THE CURSE OF THIS AGE

is the geniuses: men with enormous self-conceit and egotism, and nothing else. I had rather be an ox than an eagle; plain, and plodding and useful, rather than high-flying and good for nothing but to pick out the eyes of carcases. Extraordinary capacity without work is extraordinary failure. There is no hope for that person who begins life resolved to live by his wits, for the probability is that he has not any. It hottest haste. I ask: was not safe for Adam, even in his unfallen state, to have nothing to do, and, therefore, God commanded him to be a farmer and horticulturist. He was to dress the garden and keep it, and had he and his wife obeyed the divine injunction and been at work, they would not have been sauntering under the trees and hankering after that fruit which destroyed them and their posterity; proof positive for all ages to come that those who do not attend to their business are sure to get into mischief.

I do not know that the prodigal in Scripture would eyer have been reclaimed had he not given up his idle habits and gone to feeding swine for a satisfaction to their early home. It living. "Go to the ant, thou sluggard, consider her ways and be wise, which, having no overseer or guide, provideth, holsterer neve planned or adorned it, her food in the summer and gathereth But all the fresco on princely walls her meat in the harvest." The devil does not so often attack the man who is grough-hewn rafters. You can think of busy with the pen, and the book, and mo park or arbor of trees planted on the trowel, and the saw, and the hamfashionable country-seat so attractive as mer. He is afraid of those weapons. the plain brook that ran in front of the But woe to the man whom this roaring old farm-house and sang under the lion meets with his hands in his

## DRUDGERY NECESSARY.

Do not demand that your toll always be elegant, and cleanly refined. There ing-place, your adopted home, that also is a certain amount of drudgery through is sacred forever. There you built the which we must all pass, whatever be our occupation. You know how men are sentenced a certain number of years That room is solemn, because once in to prison, and after they have suffered at, over the hot pillow, flapped the wing and worked out the time, then they are of death. Under that roof you expect allowed to go free. And so it is with when your work is done, to lie down all of us. God passed on us the senand die. You try with many words to tence: "By the sweat of thy brow shalt tell the excellency of the place, but you | thou eat bread." We must endure our fail. There is only one word in the time of drudgery, and then, after a danguage that can describe your mean- while, we will be allowed to go into comparative liberty. We must be willing to endure the sentence. We all know what drudgery is connected with the beginning of any trade or profession, but this does not continue all our lives, if it be the student's, or the merchant's, or the mechanic's life. I know you have, Bude, watching, planning and praying, will be to him a shield and a shelter. I after a while these things will become sneyer knew a man faithful both to his easy. You will be your own master.

Bless God that you have a brain to who seeks his enjoyment chiefly from think, and hands to work, and feet to rigged, yet seem bound for no port. suspected to be on the broad road to do your level best, That child had it wit's ends. They sail by no chart, they ruin. Absalom despised his father's right when the horses ran away with watch no star, they long for no harbor. house, and you know his history of sin the load of wood and he sat on it. I beg every young man to-day to draw and his death of shame. If you seem When asked if he was frightened? he out a sketch of what, by the grace of unnecessarily isolated from your kindred said: "No, I prayed to God and hung God, he means to be. Think no excel-

# RESPECT FOR THE SABBATH

will be to the young man another pretel. Make ungodly mirth stand back | servative against evil. God has thrust from the threshold. Consecrate some into the toil and fatigue of life a an institution established at the begin-

# A SABBATH BREAKER'S LOSS.

seemed so dull he resolved on some had broken this divine enactment: "I stand up to the charge. With a million other tack. Perhaps he borrowed from was engaged in manufacturing on the against you, the match is just even. his employer's money-drawer, and for- Lehigh River. On the Sabbath I used Nay, you have a decided advantage. If gets to put it back, or for merely the to rest, but never regarded God in it. God be for us, who can be against us? purpose of improving his penmanship One beautiful Sabbath when the noise Thus protected, you need not spend makes a copy-plate of a merchant's was all hushed, and the day was all that much time in answering your assailants. signature. Never mind, all is right in loveliness could make it, I sat down on iny plazza, and went to work inventing a new shuttle. I neither stopped to eat nor drink till the sun went down. By that time I had the invention completed. The next morning I exhibited it, and In a short time he will be ready to re- boasted of my day's work, and was aptire from the busy world, and amid his plauded. The shuttle was tried and flocks and herds culture the domestic worked well, but that Sabbath Day's work cost me thirty thousand dollars. once were his schoolmates, and knew We branched out and enlarged, and the no better than to engage in honest curse of heaven was upon me from that

While the Divine frown must rest is no fancy picture. It is every-day statute, God's special favor will be upon will throw a hallowed influence over all sicknesses should smite through the the week. The song and sermon and young man, or if God should pour into sanctuary will hold back from presumphis cup of life a draught that would tuous sins. That young man who beshould not wonder if his children should or open disrespect of the holy day, I gnashing of teeth. The way of the un- way of the wicked He turneth upside down, In one of the old fables it was said that a wonderful child was born in Nothing can take the place of it. He My young friends, there is no way to footsteps six thousand miles away. But Bagdad, and a magician could hear his may have manners that would put to I can hear in the footstep of that young a Lord Chesterfield. Foreign languages man on his way to the house of wor- may drop from his tongue. He may be battle of Crecy, in 1346, the Prince of ship this morning the step not only of a able to discuss literature and laws and Wales, finding himself heavily pressed lifetime of usefulness, but the on-coming foreign customs. He may wield a pen

# A NOBLE IDEAL.

before he orders the workmen to begin, Charles V. and Francis, and the stakes were kingdoms, Milan and Burgundy. seem to be nothing but blundering and rudeness, he has in his mind every heaven or hell.

Do not get the fatal idea that you are a genius, and that, therefore, there is ranges his entire plot before he begins no need of close application. It is here to chime the first canto of tingling rhythms. And yet, strange to say, there are men who attempt to build their character without knowing whether in the end it shall be a rude Tartar's tent or a St. Mark's of Venice. Men who begin to write the intricate poem of their lives without knowing whether it shall be a Homer's Odyssey or a ryhmester's botch. Nine hundred and ninety-nine men out of a thousand are living without any great life-plot. Booted and spurred and plumed, and urging their swift courser in the

"HALLOO, MAN, WHITHER AWAY?" His response is "Nowhere." Rush into the busy shop or store of many a one, and taking the plane out of the man's hand and laying down the yard-stick say: "What, man, is all this about, so much stir, and sweat?" The reply will stumble and break down between teeth and lips. Every day's duty ought only to be the filling up of the main plan of existence. Let men be consistent. If they prefer misdeeds to correct courses of action, then let them draw out the design of knavery and cruelty and plunder. Let every day's falsehood and wrongdoing be added as coloring to the picture. Let bloody deeds red-stripe the picture, and the clouds of a wrathful God hang down heavily over the canvas, ready to break out in clamorous tempest. Let the waters be chafed, and froth-tangled and green with immeasurable depths. Then take a torch of burning pitch and scorch into the frame the right name

THE SOUL'S SUICIDE. If one entering upon sinful directions would only in his mind or on paper. draw out in awful reality this dreadful future, he would recoil from it and say "Am I a Dante that by my own life I you are resolved to live a life such as God and good men will approve, do not let it be a vague dream, an indefinite determination, but in your mind or upon paper, sketch it in all its minutiæ. You cannot know the changes to which you veracity and faith stand in the heart of the sketch. On some still brook's bank make a lamb and lion lie down together. Draw two or three of the trees of life, not frost-stricken, nor ice-glazed, nor wind-stripped, but with thick verdure waving like the palms of heaven. On the darkest cloud place the rainbow, that pillow of the dying storm. You need not burn the title on the frame. The dullest will eatch the design at a glance, and say: "That is

THE ROAD TO HEAVEN." Ah, me! On this sea of life what innumerable ships, heavily laden and welllence so high that you cannot reach it. He who starts out in life with a high ideal of character, and faith in its attainments, will find himself encased from a thousand temptations, There are

MAGNIFICENT POSSIBILITIES memory of other days, a father's coun- pecially to be fed. It is no new-fangled before each of you young men of the sel, and a mether's love, and a sister's notion of a wild-brained reformer, but stout heart, and the buoyant step, and the bounding spirit. I would marshal ning. God has made natural and moral you for grand achievement. God now ment: "Thirty years ago two young laws so harmonious that the body as provides for you the field and the armor, well as the soul demands this institu- and the fortifications; who is on the the Park Theatre, New York, where Many young men, in starting upon life tion. Our bodies are seven-day clocks, Lord's side? The captain of the zonaves an this age, expect to make their way that must be wound up as often as that in ancient times, to encourage them cause of religion was to be placed in through the world by the use of their or they will run down. Failure must against the immense odds on the side of a ridiculous and hypocritical light. wits rather than the toil of their hands. come sooner or later to the man who their enemies, said: "Come, my men, They came to the steps. The con-A boy now goes to the city and fails breaks the Sabbath. Inspiration has look these fellows in the face. They was when he first saw the spires of the devotes it to the world is guilty of rob- Surely the match is even." That speech to the door, and yet had not courage to great town-Sitting in some office, rent- bery. God will not let the sin go un- gave him the victory. Be not, my ed at a thousand dollars a year, he is punished either in this world or hearers, dismayed at any time by what other young man entered the pit of the are devils against you, though the mul-This is the statement of a man who titudes of earth and helt confront you, Many years ago word came to me that

TWO IMPOSTORS as temperance lecturers, had been speaking in Ohio, in various places, and giving their experience, and they told their audience that they had long been intimate with me, and had become drunkards by dining at my table, where I always had liquors of all sorts. Indignant to the last degree, I went down to Patrick Campbell, Chief of Brooklyn Police, saying that I was going to start that night for Ohio to have those villains arrested, and I wanted him to tell me how to make the arrest. He smiled and said : "Do not waste your time by chasing these men. Go home and do your work, and they can do you no harm," I took his counsel, and all was well. Long ago I made up my mind that if one will put his trust in God and evil. Have God on your side, young man, and all the combined forces of And this leads me to say that the mightiest defence for a young man is

the possession of RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLE. shame the gracefulness and courtesy of quickness and tact may qualify him for the highest salary of the counting-house, He may be as sharp as Herod and as strong as Samson, with as fine locks as those which hung Absalom, still he is that this day be his with all its honors." great thought that he wishes to transfer Young man, fight your own battle, all through, and you shall have the victure to the canvas or the marble before he takes up the crayon or the chisel. The Satan does not care for the allegiance of not safe from contamination. The Bory. Oh, it is a battle worth fighting. architect plans out the entire structure a cowardly and illiterate being. He ground squirrel.

cannot bring him into efficient service. But he loves to storm that castle of character which has in it the most spoils and treasures. It was not some crazy craft creeping along the coast with a valueless cargo that the pirate attacked. but the ship full winged and flagged, plying between great ports, carrying its million of specie. The more your natural and acquired accomplishments, the more need of the religion of Jesus. That does not cut in upon or hack up any smoothness of disposition or be-

IT GIVES SYMMETRY. It arrests that in the soul which ought to be arrested, and propels that which ought to be propelled. It fills up the gulleys. It elevates and transforms. To beauty it gives more beauty, to tact more tact, to enthusiasm of nature more enthusiasm. When the Holy Spirit impresses the image of God on the heart He does not spoil the canvas. If in all the multitudes of young men upon whom religion has acted you could find one nature that had been the least damaged, I would yield this proposition.

You may now have enough strength of character to repel the various temptations to gross wickedness which assail you, but I do not know in what strait you may be thrust at some future time. Nothing short of the grace of the Cross may then be able to deliver you from the lions. You are not meeker than Moses, nor holier than David, nor more patient than Job, and you ought not to consider yourself invulnerable. You may have some weak point of character that you have never discovered, and in some hour when you are assaulted, the Philistines will be upon thee, Samson. Trust not in your good habits, or your early training, or your pride of character; nothing short of the arm of the Almighty God will be sufficient to uphold you. You look forward to the world sometimes with a chilling despondency. Cheer up, I will tell you

HOW YOU MAY MAKE A FORTUNE. 'Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all other things will be added unto you." I know you do should write another Inferno? But if | not want to be mean in this matter. Give God the freshness of your life. The disciples began to rejoice....for all You will not have the heart to drink down the brimming cup of life and then pour the dregs on God's altar. To a Saviour so infinitely generous you have not the heart to act like that. That is may be subject, but you may know what | not brave, that is not honorable, that is always will be right, and always will be not manly. Your greatest want in all wrong. Let gentleness and charity and the world is a new heart, In God's name I tell you that. And the Blessed Spirit presses through the solemnities and privileges of this holy hour. Put the cup of life eternal to your thirsty lips. Thrust it not back. Mercy offers it; bleeding mercy, long sufférings mercy. Reject all other friendships, be ungrateful for all other kindness, prove spise God's love for your immortal soul How art thou fallen from heaven, O day -don't you do that.

I would like to see some of you this hour press out of the ranks of the world of Jesus. This hour is no wandering vagabond staggering over the earth, it is Of how much sorer punishment.

A WINGED MESSENGER, skies whispering mercy the more quiet and unpresuming plea- O young man, is one of your strongest wave, they go up by the mountains, they soul. Life is smooth now, but after a while it may be rough, wild and precipitate. There comes a crisis in the history of every man. We seldom understand that turning point until it is far past. The road of life is forked, and I read on two sign-boards: "This is the way to happiness." "This is the way How apt we are to pass the to ruin." forks of the road without thinking whether it comes out at the door of

### bliss or the gates of darkness. A PARTING AT A THEATRE.

Many years ago I stood on the anniversary platform with a minister of Christ who made this remarkable statemen started out in the evening to attend a play was to be acted in which the sciences of both smote them. One enter, and finally departed. But the The world through its wisdom knew seems an immense odds against you. Is theatre. It was the turning-point in II. Truth Revealed Unto Babes. fortune, is want of education, are men, the history of those two young men. The man who entered was caught in the | babes (25). whirl of temptation. He sank deeper Out of the mouth of babes ... hast thou and deeper in infamy; he was lost. That other young man was saved, and he now stands before you to bless God that for twenty years he has been permitted to preach the Gospel.

"Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth; but know thou that for III. Truth Known Through the Son: all these things God will bring thee into judgment,"

### Memory Returns When Danger Flees.

Miss Gosh, the belie of Bird Island, stood beneath the wide-spreading branches of a sturdy oak that cast its shadow over the northeast corner of her father's broad pasture, Her tiny foot tapped coquettishly a little tuft of blue violets. A little way off George Comstock leaned on the bars, his chin resting on his hands and his eyes drinking in the charm of Miss Gosh's beautiful face. The breezes toyed with her skirts and lifted them, displaying a pair of pretty ankles.,

Her socks were red. The glaring color caught the eye of a nervous bovine of the male persuasion grazing near her, and with an angry roar he lowered his head and charged straight at the tantalizing hosiery. With a frightened scream the girl fell into George's muscular arms, and he lifted her over the bars just in advance

of the horns of the maddened beast. lay confidingly on his low-cut vest, modern history this reminds me of?" "I haven't the slightest idea," mur-

mured George, "Bull Run," she lisped, and George's breast hove with sub-dude emotion.

If work horses are not in good condi- II. Chris't Call: tion when they commence spring work they will continually get poorer. They are offering twenty-five cents apiece for cats on the San Joaquin

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

SUNDAY, "9 .. AM, 1887. Judgment and Mercy. LESSON TEXT.

(Matt. 11: 20-30. Memory verses, 27-30.)

LESSON PLAN. TOPIC OF THE QUARTER: Jesus the

King in Zion. GOLDEN TEXT FOR THE QUARTER: Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thouart exalted as head above all .- 1 Chron. 29: 11.

LESSON TOPIC: The King's Declarations Concerning His Hearers. Hearers Who Repent Not, vs. 20-24 2. Hearers Who See Truth, vs. 25 27. 3. Hearers Who Accept Christ, vs. 28-

GOLDEN TEXT: Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.—Matt. I1:28.

DAILY HOME READINGS: M.-Matt. 11: 20-30. Declarations concerning His hearers.

T.-Matt. 13: 1-23. Three classes of hearers. W.-Luke 10:1-16. Hearers who

T.—Gen. 19:12-26. Slow to hear. F.—Jonah 3:1-10. Quick to hear. S.—Heb. 2:1-18. Heeding what we hear.

S .- Jas. 1: 16-27. Hearing and doing.

# LESSON ANALYSIS.

I. HEARERS WHO REPENT NOT. I. Mighty Works: The cities wherein most of his mighty works were done (20). Whence hath this man...these mighty works? (Matt. 13:54.)

He did not many mighty works there (Matt. 13:58). What mean such mighty works (Mark

the mighty works (Luke 19:37). II. Exalted Privilege: Thou, Capernaum, shalt thou be ex-

alted unto heaven? (23.) I will exalt my throne above the stars of God (Isa. 14:13). It waxed great, even to the host of heaven (Dan. 8:10).

What advantage then hath the Jew? .... Much every way (Rom. 3:1, 2). Whose is the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants (Rom. 9:4). III. Greater Condemnation:

More tolerable for the land of Sodom, ... than for thee (24).

star! (Isa. 14:12.) He hath cast down from heaven unto the earth (Lam. 2:1). and lay your conquered spirit at the feet | Thou shalt be brought down unto Hades (Luke 10:15).

shall he be judged worthy (Heb. 10:29). "Then began he to upbraid the cities." (1) The Lord of life; (2)

The cities of privilege; (3) The voice of censure. 2. "They would have repented long (1) What did occur in Tyre and Sidon; (2) What might have occurred in Tyre and Sidon.-The fate of Tyre and Sidon (1) As now written in history; (2) As once possible of attainment; (3) As ever

monumental among men. 3. "Thou shalt go down unto Hades." Capernaum's penalty; (1) Its imposer; (2) Its intensity; (3) Its re-

alization. II. HEARERS WHO SEE TRUTH. I. Truth Hid from the Wise:

Thou didst hide these things from the wise and understanding (25). He taketh the wise in their own craftiness (Job 5 : 13).

The wisdom of their wise men shall perish (Isa. 29:14). twice before he is as old as his father called it the Lord's Day, and he who are six thousand, you are three hundred. started to go home, but returned again The wise men . . . have rejected the

word of the Lord Jer. 8:9). not God (1 Cor. 1:21).

Thou .... didst reveal them unto

established strength (Psa. 8:2). Unto us which are being saved it is the power of God (1 Cor. 1:18). Your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men (1 Cor. 2:5).

As newborn babes, long for the spirit-ual milk (1 Pet. 2: 2). Neither doth any know the father, save....the son willeth (27).

Learn of me (Matt. 11:29). The only begotten Son,...he hath declared him (John 1:18). Thou....of a truth teachest the way of

God (Luke 20: 21). Christ Jesus ... brought life and incorruption to light (2 Tim. 1:10). 1. "O Father, Lord of heaven and

earth." The Father's relations (1) To the Son; (2) To the heavens; (3) To the earth; (4) To the believer; (5) to the rebellious. 2. "Thou didst hide, ... and didst re-

veal." (1) The hiding of truth; (2) The disclosure of truth.—(1) From whom hidden; (2) How hidden; (3) | way of the clothing. To whom revealed; (4) How revealed.

3. "So it was well-pleasing in thy sight." (1) The sight of God; (2) decisions of God.

III. HEARERS WHO ACCEPT CHRIST. L Humanity's Condition: Ye that labour and are heavy laden

"George," panted Miss Gosh, as she As a heaven burden they are too heavy for me (Psa. 38:4). 'George do you know what battle in Yet is their pride but labour and sorrow (Psa. 90:10).

They bind heavy burdens, ... and lay them on men's shoulders (Matt. 23:4). A yoke ... which neither our fathers 15:10).

Come unto me (28). Come, follow me (Matt. 19:21).

Come to the marriage feast (Matt. 22:4), River, California, to kill the gopher Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom (Matt. 25: 34).

If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink (John 7:37).

III. The Soul's Rest : Ye shall find rest unto your souls (29). Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace

(Isa, 26:3). We which have believed do enter into that rest (Heb. 4:3).

Let us.... give diligence to enter into that rest (Heb. 4:11). That they may rest from their labors (Rev. 14: 13).

1. "Come unto me." (1) The call; (2) The called; (3) The inducement. 2. "Take my yoke upon you and learn ofme." (1) Thristian life a service; (2) Christ the believer's yokefellow; (3) Christian life a schooling; (4) Christ the believer's teacher.

"Ye shall find rest unto your souls." (1) The soul's need of rest; (2) The soul's capacity for rest; (3) The soul's place of rest; (4) The soul's abundance of rest.

LESSON BIBLE READING.

PERSONAL APPEALS OF THE LORD. Look unto me (Isa. 45 : 22; John 3 : 14,

Come unto me (Matt. 11:28; John 7: Abide in me (John 15: 4; 1 John 2:6). Learn of me (Matt. 11:29; Phil. 2:5-8). Follow thou me (John 21:19, 22; 12:

Watch with me (Matt. 26:38; Rev. 3: Lovest thou me? (John 21:15; 1 Cor. 16:22.)

LESSON SURROUNDINGS. The present lesson is connected with the previous one. The intervening passage (vs. 16-19) belongs to the discourse which followed the message from the Baptist, and Matthew begins verse 20 with the word "then." It should. however, be noted, that Luke, who presents no parallel to Matthew, at this point, reports something similar in connection with the sending out of the seventy (Luke 10:13-15, 21, 22). But it is more probable that the sayings were repeated than that Matthew has

anticipated. The Bethsaida spoken of in this lesson was the Bethsaida of Galilee, not the Bethsaida of Gaulonitis (or Bethsaida-Julias). The first named of these two places was on the west side of the Sea of Galilee, not far from Capernaum. The second was on the north-east of the sea, near the eastern bank of the Jordan as it enters the sea.

The time and place are the same as those of the last lesson,—the summer of 781 (A. D. 28), in Galilee, probably near Capernaum, or near Nain.

## Titus Was Getting Bald.

A clerk in a Broadway drug store was accosted recently by a very swell girl with a very swell dog. "Have you any hair restorative?" she asked in a clear soprano voice

while an expression of anxiety sat on her beautiful face. "Yes, miss," said the clerk with a glance at the fluffy bang and abundant eks of the damsel. "Here is a mix-

ture which I can recommend. "It must be the very best. Titus's hair is coming out, and it worries me a great deal," she said, with a little droop to her mouth. "I don't know what the matter is. He is too young to be

getting bald," she continued. "Well, I think your husband will find relief from this," said the clerk, throwing much sympathy into his Ligh-

salaried smile. "My husband!" echoed the girl. "It's for my dog." Titus wagged his tail, as if to say:

'What's the matter with her dog?" There was a small patch on his body. too far back for him to see it well, where the hair had departed, leaving his skin exposed to all the rigor of a New York winter.

"Rub it on well," said the clerk, as the damsel paid him \$1 for a small bottle. "It will renew the hair." Some of the pet dogs of women are

so overfed that their hair falls out. This is not noticeable in the long-haired Skye and Yorkshire terriers. Their hair covers a bald spot. But the larger dogs with shorter hair show a spot, and it does not add to their beauty. "I have had several calls for hair re-

storatives for dogs." said a clerk in another drug store, "They get the mange, or are overfed, and their hair drops out. It breaks the women all up to have a dog with a big spot on him. They'll do anything for a dog.

"Sometimes they come here and get chocolate soda. They take some, then give some to the dog, and drink out of the same glass afterward without a wince. They couldn't do that if a newsboy had taken a drink out of it. Oh, they are good to their dogs, you bet. A hair restorer works on a dog as well as it does on a man. That is, sometimes it is effective and sometimes it isn't. The women who run expensive dogs think nothing of money or trouble to keep them in good order."

# To Cure Round Shoulders.

The following movements, performed with one-pound wooden dumb-bells, or at free hand movements, will be found very beneficial if persevered in. The best time is upon rising and retiring, as the body should not be bound in any

1. Arms extended horizontally in front, with palms facing, hand clenched. Hold the head erect and the chest out. Then draw the hands in The good-pleasure of God; (3) The strongly, the elbows passing close to the body and as for back as possible. 2. Same position except the hands are open. Swing the hands back to the

side horizontal position—as far back as possible. 3 Hands hanging in their natural position at the sides. Raise the arms slowly, side wise, until the backs of the

hands touch above the head, keeping them as far back as possible. Of course as erect a position as possible must be maintained at all times, or the special traning will do no good. nor we were able to bear (Acts Do not be discouraged, for you have been getting that stooped back for

years and you musn't expect to straighten all of a sudden. Above all things don't wear shoulder braces. They strengthen the muscles of the chest by the continual resistance. while the back muscles are not called