INTERNATIONAL LESSONS

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mans I3: 1-10. GOLDEN TEXT .- Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. -Rom. 13:1.

Having concluded the doctrinal part of this Epistle, the Apostle passes, in the twelfth chapter, to certain practical considerations which are here continued. From the duties we owe to God and to our fellow-men, he now turns to our obligations to civil rulers and the Sta'es.

There were special reasons why this topic should be treated in this Epistle. "The Jews at Rome were notorious for their turbulence." And, since many of the Christains were Jews, they would be suspected of sharing in this spirit, and indeed would easily fall into it They had great need of the exhortations here addressed to them. The Apostle is careful, however, to set forth princiand timely.

1. Our duty to obey civil law (1-5) .-"Let every soul be subject to the higher powers." These "higher powers" are those in authority over us. And two main reasons are given for our subjection or obedience to them.

(a) The first reason for such obedience is that civil government is a divine ordinance (1, 2). "The powers that be, are the State. ordained of God": not the kind or form of government, but government. He

Where or how has God so ordained? painfully prevalent. In his word. Also in the arrangements of his providence. He has declared his will that there shall be law by placing men in relation which require it. But is not government a social compact? Never. Nor do "governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed." If so, parents have no right to govern children; nor the State to make laws for either children or women, or for the greater part of its voters even: therefore resisteth the power, resisteth public conscience. the ordinance of God," and merits judgment.

(b) A second reason for such obedience is that civil government is a means of good (3, 4). The worst government is better than none. It is safer to be under a bad rule then to be the subjects of unregulated human passion. no assured prospect of paying. Without some "higher powers" society

This does not imply that there are no our own hearts. limits to our obligations to obey. When then there is the right revolution; if there is power to accomplish it without enhancing the evil. Again, when governments require us to do wrong, there is the right of passive disobedience. "We ought to obey God rather than men.' No parent can compel a child, nor State a citizen, to do what God has forbiden. Rather than disobey God the Apostle went to prison and to death and Danie; to the furnace.

2. Our duty to support civil law (6, 7) .-The sixth verse may be regarded as a part of the preceding argument, or as an inference from the conclusion there reached. Taking it in the latter sense. it means that, such being the origin and design of government, we should cheerfully support God's ministers by evade taxes and duties is a sin.

Note the breadth of the Apostle's injunction: "Render to all their dues"; that is, to all in authority. Respect rulers as such, even when personally they have no claim on our respect, Teach the young to fear and honor authority.

But the support required of us goes further even than this. Government may be supported by voting (if we have the responsibility of voters) for the best men to administer it; and by helping to enforce law, giving to faithful officials the aid of our expressed approval; and by frowning upon private revenge and the violence of lynch law and of mobs.

The clamor for new and better laws should give way to a more earnest en. deavor to enforce such as we now have. Here is the grand need of the hour.

3. How to lessen the need of civil law (8-10) .- "Owe no man anything, but to love one another; for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law." Take care fully to discharge every obligation, save that one which cannot be dischar ged! Be content to be always under obligation to love. "For he who loveth another hath fulfilled the law."

In proportion as one is actuated by do the things which law requires, and abstain from the things it prohibits, of his own free choice. Few laws will he need to make him just to all. All possible obligations to others are comprehended in love to neighbors. Whoever this principle, in that proportion will he hended in love to neighbors. Whoever | tection.

actuated by such love will neither com. A Talk with the Saloon Supporter. her parents, or the parents over the loss seen that a bachelor on live in comparmit adultery, nor kill, nor steal, nor bear false witness, nor covet, nor do aught else which just laws forbid.

As informing or guiding principles and rules, there may be always and everywhere be the need of legal enactments; but, as terrors and restraints, supported by bolts and bars and prison walls, the prevalence of the gospel would do them away. There are some communities in which this blessed result is already approximately reached.

A point, to be specially noted, relates to what the love, which works such results, is. It is not a mere emotion, expending itself in sighs and good wishes but a principle of active benevolence. It not only keeps one back from injuring another, but moves him to do that other good. Nor does it content itself with seeking to promote the material comfort and welfare of others. Much of the so called love of neighbors of this age is of this sort. But true love looks at character, and moral well being, and would bring others into obedience to God and the blessedness of union with ples suited to all circumstances and him. Let this love abound and the work times. The things we may ourselves of law will be done without the law learn from these verses are important That, which the law could not do, will be done. Not only will grosser crimes cease but peace, barmony and good-will prevail. The best citizen is always a true follower of Christ, and works together with him for the world's redemption.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

2. That this duty is so seldom enforced from the pulpit, in the Sabbith has ordained that there shall be law school, and in the home, may help to explain the spirit of lawlessness now so

> 3. Since God is above all rulers, and is to be obeyed first of all, no earthly ruler, magistrate or parent can ever come between a soul and God.

> 4. It may be better to endure unjust and oppressive rulers, who are terrors to the good and not to the evil, than to offer resistance even when success is probable. "The remedy may be worse than the disease.

5. The punishment of law-breakers is since to none is it left to choose whether not merely a matter of social expediency tion to occupy some position in respecta or not they will obey. "Whosoever but is also a means of quickening the ble society, but now she is more and

6. He who conceals property to evade taxes seeks to get the benefits of protection for his life and property by lying husband is marked. The children hear full dress wear. 7. The exhortation "owe no man any,

thing" does not forbid credit, but it they lose all respect for him, and begin Basques are almost invariably worn does forbid contracting debts one has

8. Since love is the fulfiling of the law, our most important work is in 9. Missionary service at home and

governments become hopelessly bad, a abroad is doing more for this world's terror to good works and not to evil, peace, and uplifting, than all other agencies combined.

Deposit Vaults and Bank Burglars.

"I suppose there are stored in the banks and safe deposit vaults in Wall street and vicinity not far from \$1,000, 000.000," said Mr. Robert Pinkerton as he sat in a comfortable easy-bair in his office in Exchange place. "I may be a trifle out of the way in my estimate, but not very much. The protection of all this wealth requires the services of large number of men in addition to the usual mechanical and electorial devices employed for that purpose. The bulk of this large sum of money is stored in the vau'ts of safe deposit companies. The vaults are built of fire-poof and paying tribute. This is to say that to burglar-proof material and are made as secure as modern invention will allow. They are connected with electric wires with the nearest district telegraph office. Armed watchmen pace to and fro in the rooms upon which the vaults open. These men are required to give a signal over the wire at stated intervals during the night, in order to prove to the proper authorities that they are faithfully attending to their business and that nothing of an evil nature has happened. If the signals are not given an armed posse of men are sent to the vault in question. In addition to these watchmen there are other watchmen who patrol the streets in front of the building in which the vaults are placed Private watchmen and detectives are also on the lookout for suspicious per-

"Are there as many professional bank robbers now as there were former-

ly!" inquired the reporter. "I don't believe there is the making of a regular gang of first-class bank burglars among all the theives of this country," replied Mr. Pinkerton. "Nearly all the old professionals have either died or have been arrested and put away in prison, and the younger men don't seem to have the ingenuity of their predecessors. Look at the noted bank burglars who have been caught and shut up within fifteen or twenty

One of the leading professors of chemistry in a leading medical college in this city, stated before his class in a recent lecture: "Alcohol is a poison just as much as anything else is a poison." Another prominent physician said to his class last week, "Lager beer contains twelve per cent. of alcohol." He also said, "Men drink lager for the alcohol that is in it." You are asked now to put these three facts together and reflect a moment on what you are doing for yourself when you drink a glass of beer But whatever this beer does for you or does not do, you are requested to think others every time you take a glass,

1. You are putting five cents into the pocket of the saloon keeper. Well, that is not so bad for him, and it may be that his family need the support you thus give them, if so, this is the only possible good that can come of such pat

But in the next place, let the suppor ter of the saloon man think a moment of what his beer drinking is doing for his own family. Suppose, while he is sitting there late at night in such company as the saloon draws together, we step inside the door of the place he calls home. In most cases, if there is a wife and children, they will show that they have been neglected, sadly neglect 1. The duty of obedient subjection to ed by the man who has sworn to protect higher powers applies to children in and help them on in life. The shabby home, pupils in school, and citizens in clothing, to begin with, speak of the fact that the money has gone for some other purpose than to make the devoted wife and the dear children comfortable and happy! Yes, it has gone down the throat of a man who is likely, utterly selfish and so beer besotted that he cares for nothing except how he may again and again satisfy his own depraved or abnormal appetite. He is the only one in the household who has a chance to earn anything, and that amount, though perhaps small, mainly because of his drinking habit, he habitually appropri. ates to his own stomach's craving. If this is not robbery, what is it?

Still further, that poor wife and mother once had some pride and ambimore inclined to keep out of sight. The neighbors well know every man who of colored or metallic beays. visits the saloons, and of course ber from their playmates what the public opinion is about their father, and so grace and effectiveness to a costume. to lose self respect also. The father, in pointed in front. urn, feels like blaming wife and children or other relatives or friends because of his low down condition, and so the Medici lace, which is greatly prized there is misery, self-condemnation, and for its intrinsic value. loss of self-respect and all interest in affairs that are of a public nature and look toward the well being and improve ment of society.

The course is every moment downward and never upward from the very moment a man begins to drink beer or any other intoxicating drink. The difference between the beer drinker and whisky drinker has been defined thus: The beer drinker kills himself, and the whiske; drinker kills others. This however may be considered a distinction without a difference, for it has been observed that both are sure to bring wretchedness to their own families which ought to be the most precious on

earth, and are such to every real man. times a bird of paradise. And this leads to the third charge: f we assert that saloons ought to be closed by public sentiment expressed n the form of law, a multitude, yes, the possessor. even those who are slaves to their cups will cry out that sacred liberties are being encroached upon. But whether the punished or not, one thing is certain that the drinker of beer is the worst enemy of himself and family and well deserves the punishment that public sentiment pretty sure to inflict, as well as that which he inflicts upon himself.

One more ward should be said of him whospends his money and his time at the saloon. He is thus sinning against his God and his own soul. He is destorying surely, by degrees, all moral sentiment. Love and virtue die out; self-respect, love of home gone, and heaven lost!

Is it surprising that we feel in duty bound to ask the saloon visitor to stop, stop just now, and turn his thought to a better life and to the great Physician who came to save even such men from the impending ruin.

Affection's Endurance.

A writer recently had a talk with an old grave-digger, and drew from him some interesting observation upon the grief when death enters the domestic will cost him \$2,500, his meals at the the houshold. He remarked:

over the death of his wife, and lastly the for relatives any more distant than these, the grief is of short duration. Of course, there are exceptions to this rule, but I am speaking generally. I have seen lovers stand by the graves of their betrothed and weep with more earnest. ness and show the grief that filled their did any parent.

"A young lady pledged in marriage to a gentleman will show the most uncontrollable sorrow, and will often swoon at moment of what you are doing for the grave, but after marriage she is the first to get over it. I think a man's grief is more lasting. Let me show you Here is a little 3-year-old child's grave see hew neat it looks and how fresh the flowers are. They are placed there by a poor mother; now on this side is husband's grave. On the slab it says he ronage at your hand; so it seems to was but 26 years old. I dug that grave hose who have duly considered the and that cross of flowers was placed there on the day of the funeral, and the wife has not been here since.

"Now walk up this path a little way and I'll show you a wife's grave. But wait, see that girl over near the big walk cleaning twigs off that grave with the wooden cross ? Her mother is buried there and has been for five years, but every week, when the weather permits she comes here to attend to it. Now. bere's the wifs's grave, and that neat little headstone and flowers were placed there by her husband. He's a poor brakeman on the railroad, and she has been dead for three years, but you drop in here any Sunday when he's off and you'll find him here cutting the grass around it or doing something toward making it look neat, and paying what little tribute he can to her who must have been so dear to him"

Fashion Notes.

The spring bonnets are pretty, but

Dark bair requires more of a special coiffure than light. The pleated back is a great improve-

ment to the traveling pelisse. Swiss embroidery is shown in exqui-

site designs. Velvet ribbons combine beautifully with pearl and steel ornaments.

Handsome tabliers are made wholly

Lace caps will soon be in demand for Artistic drapery is necessary to give

Florentine lace is a favorite garniture for ladies' underwear this season : a'so

For corsage boquets, simple field flow: ers, such as dsisies, buttecups and wild flowers, lilacs and bunches of white clo-

ver are obtaining. Slippers of black satin bronze or black kid, or Newport ties of black kid, with toes rounded and beels low and broad are fashionably worn.

Uisters and dolmans for summer travel are of a light quality of cloth, serge Chinese or Japanese silk or surah. The dolman ulsters are the most convenient, being doffed with ease and worn with comfort.

Eccentic fans are made of dark, metal lic-looking feathers, having a bright, green parrot in the centre, and some

Japanese carved ivory images are used for expensive parasols, the work being beautifully done and always of value to

Some of the designs on lace this season are of the Renaissance period, representing figures of interlaced bars, scrolls s, loons be closed or not; whether fleurde-lis and medallions, a chantilly, the dealer in poison in various forms be lace, lilies and roses, in fine chenille outlined upon it.

Sets of collars and cuffs of blue, white and red cambric, made of fine tucking are pretty novelties in lingerie. New linen collars have a straight narrow band with rounded corners.

Persian pink rnd Neapolitan violet are the newest spring and summer shades. Brown and Quaker gray continue obtaining.

Table mats of semi-twine are said to be exceedingly durable. They will wash well, and two sets will last a life-

The Cost of Bachelor Life.

An unmarried man can spend a very snug little fortune in New York with. out dissincting to any large extent. Supposing he takes a small suite of rooms in a fashionable apartment house, eats at the club, keeps a road horse and wagon and gives a half dozen question as to who manifest the most parties in a year. At this rate his rent circle and carries off the loved ones of club or fashionable restaurant about \$3,000, his borse's board and his club "A mother who loses her first child is dues about \$1,000 more, his entertainabout as sad a sight as you would care ment an additional \$500 and that makes to see at the grave, and I am positive a total of \$7,000. Throwing in a thouthere is no grief to equal hers; next sand for clothes and sundries and a thouthe daughter over the loss of either of sand more for losses at cards, it will be

of their daughter; then the husband ative comfort in New York for \$10,000 a year. Of course it is to be presumed wife over the death of her husband. As that he has furnished his rooms, bought his horse and wagon and paid the initiation at his club before these expenditures begin. This is much less expensive than it would be if a married man attempted to live in a corresponding style. As a rule, a man's expenses, if he be of any social prominence, are hearts to a much greater extent than enormously increased after marriage rather than diminished.

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