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SUNDAY'S DISCOURSE BY THE NOTED DIVINE.

Subject: "Business Troubles."

Text: "These were thy merchants in all sorts of things."—Ezekiel xviii., 24.

We are at the opening door of returning National prosperity. The coming crops, the re-establishment of public confidence and, above all, the blessing of God will turn in upon all sections of America the widest, greatest prosperity this country has ever seen.

Some of the best men in the land have faltered, men whose hearts are enlisted in every good work and whose hands have blessed every great charity.

The church of God anathematized its members who pined and pleaded before heaven with all availing prayer. The schools such men have established, the churches they have built, the asylums and benevolent institutions they have fostered will be their glory and their shame.

In the first place, I have to remark that a great many of our business men are being ruined by temptations coming to them from small and limited capital in business. It is everywhere understood that it now takes three or four times as much to do business well than it once did.

Sticks are the dice which he gambles. He bought for a few dollars vast tracts of Western land. Some man at the East, living on a fat homestead, meets this gambler of fortune and is persuaded to trade off his estate for lots in Western city, with large avenues, and costly palaces, and lake trains coming down with lightning speed from every direction.

And that is the process by which many have been tempted through limitation of capital to rush into labyrinths from which they could not be extricated.

Again, a great many of our business men are tempted to over anxiety and care. You know that nearly all commercial businesses are overdone in this day.

tent. The merchant came home from the store. There had been a great disaster there. He opened the front door and said in the midst of his family circle: "I am ruined. Everything is gone. I am all ruined." His wife said, "I am left," and the little child threw up its hands and said, "Papa, I am here." The aged grandmother, seated in the room, said: "Then you have all the promises of God beside, John." And he went to tears and said: "God forgive me that I have been ungrateful! I find I have a great many things left. God forgive me!"

The family table, which ought to be the place of the discussion of the Sabbath, often becomes the place of perilous expedition. If there be any blessing asked at all, it is out off at both ends and with the hand on the carving knife. He counts on the fingers, he makes estimates, he makes statistics of the report. The work done, the hat goes to the head, and he starts down the street, and before the family have arisen from the table he has broued up another thing of the good and says to the couplet: "Anything more I can do for you to-day, sir?"

Again I remark that a great many of our business men are tempted to put the attainment of money above the value of the soul. It is a grand thing to have plenty of money. The more you get of it the better, if it come honestly and go usefully.

Have you ever elphered out in the rule of loss and gain the sum, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" However fine your apparel, the winds of death will flutter like wings, and shake you to the dust.

Some of you remember the shipwreck of the Central America. That noble ship had, I think, about 500 passengers aboard. Suddenly the storm came, and the surges tramped the decks and swung into the air the tinkling of the bottles, and a hundred voices raised their shrill cry.

The Grasshopper Crop. Professor Otto Luzziger, State Entomologist of Minnesota, called at the Governor's office and made a report on the grasshopper killing in Chicago County with the hopper locusts. They have over 400 of these locusts at work and are gathering in 8000 bushels of grasshoppers daily.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR JULY 21.

Lesson Text: "Nadab and Abihu," Lev. x., 1-11—Golden Text: Lev. x., 9—Commentary.

1. "And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, offered strange fire before the Lord, which He commanded them not." The last lesson told us of failure on the part of Israel; this tells of failure in the priesthood. Every man at his best state (apart from God) is altogether vainly (Ps. xxxix., 5). This shall be fully seen when after 1000 years of the personal reign of Christ a host of liars shall follow the father of lies when he shall be released from the pit. See Rev. xx., 7-9, and Ps. lxxv., 3, margin.

3. "Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the Lord spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come near Me, and before all the people will I be glorified. And Aaron held his peace." That they were to be a holy people unto the Lord is the oft repeated requirement from Ex. xix., 6, 22 onwards. Jesus Himself in His great intercessory prayer said, "Thy will be done, O God; we must rise superior to all the claims and influences of nature and of earth.

4. "Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp." Thus their bodies, as in the case of Ananias and Sapphira, were buried, but what about Nadab and Abihu? We never bury people, strictly speaking—bury the bodies, not the souls, for they journeyed for a season. It has been a great comfort to me to think of this since ever I grasped the fact that if my body ever has a burial I will not be there the day, but absent from the body and present with the Lord, with Christ, which is far better (Phil. i., 21, 23; II Cor. v., 8). There is a vast difference between being cut off from further service on earth as a saved person, and being forever cut off from all possibility of being saved.

6. "Uncover not your heads, neither read your clothes." Mourning ordinances has in it a large element of rebellion against God. This we see at the grave of the poor man who was with God. We must even take sides with God, even though His chastenings fall on those who are dearer to us. If we love our loved ones more than we love God, we are not worthy of Him. The greatest love must have the greatest love, and in every dark and trying hour we must still hold to this—"God is love," and His ways are just and true.

7. "And ye shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die, for the anointing oil of the Lord is upon you." Because they were the anointed priests of the Lord, chosen to minister unto Him, they were to keep themselves wholly for Him. The Spirit says, through Peter that believers are a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ (I Pet. ii., 5, 9); a royal priesthood to show forth His praise. In Eph. iv., 30, we read that we are not to grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom we are sealed unto the day of redemption. We should never desire in any way to go out from His service, for He has called us by a holy calling—never in any way to be conformed to the world which lieth in the wicked one, but anointed with the same Spirit who anointed Him, walk in His steps, going about doing good (I Cor. x., 33).

8, 9. "And the Lord spake unto Aaron, saying, Do not drink wine nor strong drink, neither thy sons with thee, when ye go in to the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die." This is the so called temperance lesson, and only now in the case of the lesson come upon the strong drink question, and here it is in the form of a prohibition laid upon the servants of the Lord when on duty. A good word for the unwarmed who are given to drink is found in I Cor. vi., 10, "Nor thieves nor covetous nor drunkards shall inherit the kingdom of God." A good word for saved people inclined to indulge themselves is that in Rom. xiv., 21, "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth or is offended or is made weak." The story of Reehabites in Jer. xxxv., is a helpful one in this connection. As believers we are to live only "unto Him who loveth us, who will give us all things abundantly and liberally" (Rev. i., 5, B. V.; I Cor. x., 31). This should settle all difficulties.

FATE OF A DESPERADO. Killed a Man Who Offered Water to His Wounded Victim. Abithah Colston, a Kentucky desperado, only recently released from a seven years' term in prison for killing a farmer, shot and fatally wounded John Rhodes during a quarrel at Higgins's Landing, Ky., and a short time afterward shot and killed a man named Hasmond, whom he saw giving a drink of water to Rhodes, who had been left to die where he fell. A number of men came up, but they were unarmed, and Colston escaped that night. A lynching party was organized that night, however, and found Colston and Molly Smith in a cabin. He refused to surrender and opened fire on the party, which was returned, and both Colston and the woman were killed.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

THE ADVANTAGE OF A BLEACHING GROUND.

Bleaching powders, chloride of lime and chemicals are damaging things to use on good fabrics. They will inevitably decrease their wearing qualities, and unless used with the utmost care are likely to make holes in the goods. For all-round bleaching, a grass plot is the best of all places. To spread the linen out on the green turf and keep it well sprinkled with soapuds for a few days is to insure a bleach as perfect as one could ask. Failing of this, a great deal can be done on the roof of a porch or on the lines in the yard. Many housekeepers do not seem to be aware that if clothes are hung out of a suds dripping, and allowed to drain and dry in a bright sunshiny, they will bleach almost as well as on the grass. They may be sprinkled again and again, and for this purpose a force-pump that can be used in a pail of water is of very great advantage. In localities where there are no drying grounds or bleaching facilities of any other sort, a good deal may be accomplished by hanging a little frame from the window and putting the pieces to be bleached upon this. One ingenious woman has had a hinged frame attached to the outside of the window sill. The frame turns up against the wall and is secured with a hook. Whenever it is necessary either to bleach or dry anything, the frame is let down, a strong cord fastened at the other end and drawn through a ring at the top of the window keeping it in position. Here stained table linen or other articles are hung out and kept wet with soapuds, bleaching out in a very satisfactory fashion.

Any of these ways are far superior to the chloride of lime bleaches or any of the thousand and one labor-saving compounds with which the market has for the last few years been flooded.—New York Ledger.

TO CAN VEGETABLES.

The manner of canning one kind of vegetable applies to almost all kinds except corn, and by mixing corn and tomatoes no difficulty is experienced with these. Tomatoes are the easiest to can, and are invaluable in a household. They make delicious soups and sauces. Mrs. Henderson gives the following recipes:

To Can Tomatoes—Let them be entirely fresh. Put scalding water over them to aid in removing the skins. When the cans with their covers are in readiness upon the table, the red sealing wax (which is generally too brittle and requires a little lard melted with it) is in a cup at the back of the fire, the teakettle is full of boiling water and the tomatoes are all skinned, we are ready to begin the canning. Put enough tomatoes in a porcelain preserving kettle to fill four cans, add no water. Let them come to the boiling point, or let them all be well scalded through. Fill the cans with hot water first, then with the hot tomatoes, wipe off moisture from tops with a soft cloth and press the covers on tightly. While pressing each cover down closely with a knife, pour carefully around it the hot sealing wax from a tin cup. Hold the knife still that the wax may set. Put the blade of an old knife in the fire and when it is red hot run it over the tops of the sealing wax to melt any bubbles that may have formed. There will be juice left after the tomatoes are canned. Season this and boil it down for catchup. Self sealers are very convenient, but many think that heat hardens the rubber rings so that they are unfit for use in a year or two, and for this reason they prefer the cans or jars with a groove around the top for sealing with wax.

String Beans—Next to tomatoes the vegetable easiest to can is the string bean. Remove the tough strings at the sides and break the bean into two or three pieces. When ready throw them into boiling water for ten minutes and can like tomatoes.

Corn and Tomatoes—Scald, peel and slice tomatoes in proportion of one-third corn and two-thirds tomatoes, put in a porcelain kettle and let boil fifteen minutes and can immediately in glass or tin. Some take equal parts corn and tomatoes, preparing them in the same way. Others, after cutting corn from the cob, cook it twenty minutes, adding a little water and stirring often, cooking the tomatoes in a separate kettle for five minutes, and then adding them to the corn in the proportion of one-third corn to two-thirds tomatoes, mixing well till they boil up once, and then canning immediately.

Canned Corn—The following process is the one patented by Mr. Winslow, and is the best for preserving the natural flavor of green sweet corn. Fill the cans with the uncooked corn (freshly gathered) cut from the cob, and seal them hermetically; surround them with straw to prevent striking against each other and put them into a boiler over the fire with enough cold water to cover them. Heat the water gradually and when they have boiled one and one-half hours, puncture the tops of the cans to allow the escape of gases, then seal them immediately while they are still hot. Continue to boil them for two and one-half hours. In packing the oat corn in the can the liberated milk and juices surround the kernels, forming a liquid in which they are cooked.

Whole Tomatoes—Fill a large stone jar with ripe, sound, whole tomatoes, add a few cloves and a sprig of sugar between each layer. Cover well with one-half cold vinegar and one-half water. Put a piece of thick flannel over the jar, letting it fall well down into the vinegar, then tie down with a cover of brown paper. These will keep all winter, and if mold collects on the flannel it will do no harm.—American Agriculturist.

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William Rogers, of Chicago, an old man and wealthy, had occasion to visit Niles, Mich., the other day. A pretty girl of sixteen waited on him at the hotel table, and her manners at once captivated the old gentleman's heart. He went to the clerk and asked for an introduction to the young lady and immediately proposed to marry her. He proved that he was rich; she consented to have him, and in twenty minutes they were man and wife.

Big Production of Ginseng.  
Traveling men from up the Big Sandy valley report that there will be a larger production of ginseng up that way this season than ever before. All the natives have learned that the sang digging business is a paying one, if it can be worked to advantage, and they are giving it greater attention than ever before.—Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal.

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Wonderfully Malformed.  
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Place did not know he was malformed until a short time ago. His wife tried to have him insured. The insurance company's physician called at the house, and after examining Place told him that he could not insure him, as his anatomy was not properly constructed.—New York News.

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