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The world never owned such opulence The world never owned such opulence of womanly character or such splendor of womanly manners or multitudinous in-stances of wilely, motherly, daughterly, sisterly devotion, as it owns to-day. I have not words to express my admiration for good womanhood. Woman is not only man's equal, but in affectional and re-ligious nature, which is the best part of usg she is seventy-five per cent, his su-perior. Yea, during the last twenty years, through the increased opportunity opened for female education, the women of the country are better educated than the ma-jority of men; and if they continue to advance mentally at the present ratio, be-fore long the majority of men will have

<text> dove? But the majority of you will marry, and have a right to marry, and as your re-ligious teacher I wish to say to these men, in the choice of a wife first of all seek divine direction. About thirty, ive years ago, when Martin Farqunar Tupper, the English poet, urged men to prayer before they decided upon matrimonial association, people laughed. And some of them have lived to laugh on the other side of their menth. the standard of the source of them have instant. The need of divine direction I argues from the fact that so many may, and worked their lives at this juncture. With the same of them strong and wise, have worked their lives at this juncture. With the same of them strong and wise, have the same of the strong and wise have been strong and wise, have the same of the strong and wise have antipe! Witness Job, whose wife had bothing to prescribe for his carbon less than a strong who might perhaps have the strong of profamicy! Witness ananise, a list, who might perhaps have the strong of the strong of the best man that ever lived, united to one of the most outrageous and scandardous of women who at in City Road Chapel making months at him while he preached! With so the same comminal wretchedness it, and for Witness a thousand bells on earth which by unworthy wives, termagants in the secold like a March northeaster, fus the spendthrifts, that put their hus that esold like a March northeaster, fus the spendthrifts, that put their hus the spendthrifts, that put their hus the spendthrifts, that put the the strong the spendthrifts, the strong the strong women and the whole housand of them in the strong the whole housand of them in the strong strong to meet the lavishment of

overbearing, and namuy-pamby and un-reasonable women, yet married-married men who build the low club-houses, where the husbands and sons go because they ean't stand it at home. On this sea of matrimony, where so many have wreeked, in not right in advising divine pilotage? Especially is devout supplication needed, because of the fact that society is so fall of artificialities that men are deceived as how the Lord knows. After the dress-maker, and the milliner, and the jeweler, and the hair-adjuster, and the dancing maker, and the cosmetic art have com-mater and the cosmetic art have com-pieted their work, how is an unsophisti-and the hair-adjuster, the dress-mater, and the cosmetic art have com-mater, and the origin the goods de-pieroglyphics, and make accurate judg and heart? That is whom he offers hand and heart? That is what makes so many recreant husbands. They make an honor-bier marriage contract, but the goods de-ivered are so different from the sample by which they bargained. They were windled, and they backed out. They mistook Jezebel for-Longfellow's Evange-tine, and Lucretia Borgia for Martha

Wantington. Aye, as the Indian chief boasts of the scalps he has taken, so there are in asciety inasculue hearts they have captured. And these women, though they may live amid as the cyprians of the street, for these protes heaven while they mean hell. There is so much counterfeit woman-board abroad it is no wonder that some count tell the genuine cain from the base. Do you not realize you need divine guid-ance, the protein of you that mistake is an active their infamy, while the former protes they environ of the street, for these street of the street for the base. Do you not realize you need divine guid-mee the remind you that mistake is an active the simportant affair, and, if and, is irrevocable. The minister might bring you up again, and and in your presence read the mar-ing ecremony backward, might put you on the opposite sides of the affair from where you were when you were united, might take the ring off of the finger, might error, but that would fail to unmarry you fit is better not to make the mis-her and women do not reveal all their characteristics till after marriage, and both for each other. Adam had not all that is the Lord of Paradise. He mide that is the Lord of Paradise the mide that is the Lord of Paradise the mide that is the Lord of Paradise the mide the weld would shal sorts of mistakes when and women and sont seven and the oblet for each other. Adam had not all that is the Lord of Paradise the mide the weld all sort when be attal bunder? There is only one Being in the minet. More asset which she after when for you, as certainly as Eve was and that is the Lord of Paradise. He do the for each other. Adam had not all that is the Lord of Paradise the mide for you, as certainly as Eve was and that is the Lord of Paradise. He mode for Adam. All sorts of mistakes when the selection of a wife, there is the of Adam. All sorts of mistakes while he we selection of a wife, there is the of John bilton, who marking paratus, so that he turnished her a beand in not massacre; by the fate of James Ferg

Antoinette, and La Selle Hamilton, the enchantment of the Jourt of Charles II, are nowhere. There is another time when the plainest wike is a queen of beauty to her husband. She has done the work of life. She has rared her children for God and heaven, and though some of them may be a little wild they will yet come back, for God has promised. She is dring, and her husband stands by. They think over all the years of their companionship, the weddings and the burials, the ups and the down, the successes and the failures. They talk over the goodness of God and His faith-fulness to children's children. She has no fear about going. The Lord has sustained her so many years she would not dare to distrust Him now. The lips of both of them tremble as they say good-by and en-courage each other about an early meeting in a better world. The breath is feebler and feebler, and stops. Are you sute of it? Just hold that mirror at the mouth, and see if there is any vapor gathering on the surface. Gone, You had better go into the next room and rest," he says: "Wait a moment; I must take one more look at that face and at those bands." Beautiful! Beautiful! My friends, I hope you do not call that death. That is an autumnal sumet. The good, honest, loving, sympathetic wife; or if she is not sent to you, that you may be sent to her. At this point let me warn you not to bet a question of this importance be set-tled by the celebrated matchinakers flour-shing in almost every community. De-pend upon your own judgment divinely illumined. These brokers in matrimony are ever planning how they, can unite im-pecunious innocence to an heires, or cel-bate woman to millionaire or marquis, and that in many cases makes life an unhappi-ness. How can any human being, who knows neither of the two parties as God knows them, and who is ignorant of the future, give such directions as you re-quire at such a crisis? Take the advice of the earthly match-maker instead of the divine guidance, and you may some day be led to use the words of sloimon, whose experience in home life was as melancholy as it was multitudinous. One day his palace, with its great wide rooms and great wide doors and great wide hall, was too small for him and the lout togue of his neglects, and he re-treated to the housetop to get relief from the fungal bombardment. And while there he saw a poor man on one corner of the roof with a mattress for his only furni-ture, and the open sky his only covering. And Solomon envies him and crises out: "It is beter to dwell in the corner of the roof of the palace and began to drop in a pail or pan set there to catch it. And at one side of him all day long the water which house." And one day during the rainy season the water leaked through the roof of the palace and began to drop in a pail or pan set there to catch it. And at one side of him all day long the water wother side a finale company during the rain one side of him all day long the water wother side a finale company during the rain one side of him all day long the water wother die a finale company during the rain one side of him all day long the water wother side a finale company of drop! thop l and he swired his pen and wrote: "A continual dropping in a very rain at the bout sin a contenti Beautiful! Beautiful! My friends, I hope you do not call that death. That is an autumnal sunset. That is a crystalline river pouring into a crys-tal sea. That is the solo of human life overpowered by hallelujah chorus. That is a queen's coronation. That is heaven. That is the way my father stood at eighty-two, seeing my mother depart at seventy-nine. Perhaps so your father and mother went. I wonder if we will die as well. The costly revenge that one firm engaged in the iron trade took upon another in 1895 will always find a place in the annals of British trade. Both firms were engaged in the same class of work, and one chanced to clash with the other over the exportation of their goods, which so enraged the first firm that they determined to be revenged, however great the cost. They began by buying up all the smelting coal they could procure at a cost of \$375,000, but as this did not ruin the other firm they tried to copy

would not go again trouge my decimation forever. And the woman was right. If after all the second man she can be again to be an additional to be an additional to be an additional to be a second man she can be again to be solved in the second man she can be a set to be solved in the second man she can be a set to be solved in the second man and the second man she second man and the second man she second man show should be showed to be she she second man should be showed to be she she second man should be showed to be she she second man should be showed to be showe

The husband looks up in amazement, and says: "Well, well, you are the great-est woman I ever saw. I thought you would faint dead away when I told you." And as he looks at her all the glories of physiognomy in the Couri of Louis XV, on the modern fashion plates, are tame as compared with the superhuman splendors of that woman's face. Joan of Arc, Mary Antoinette, and La Jelle Hamilton, the enchantment of the Joart of Charles II, are nowhere.

War in the Iron Trade

Laughing Plants.

Have you ever heard of the laughing

THE SABBATH SCHOOL

aternational Lesson Comments For April 27.

subject: Gentiles Received Into the Church, Acts xi., 1-18-Golden Text: Acts x., 43-Memory Verses, 7-9-Commentary

on the Day's Lesson.

On the Day's Lesson.
1. "Heard." The news that the Gentiles had received the gospel and had been bapting deprend throughout the whole country. "Had also received." The manner in which the fact is stated shows, in the second place, the expression implies that the event was regarded as involving an important principle.
2. "Was come." There is no evidence the event was regarded as involving an important principle.
3. "Was come." There is no evidence to far that he would be censured until the particulars were known, and he may have bastened his return in order to furnish that information. "The circumsions." This must have been the whole church at this time, but St. Luke's narrative was compiled when "they that were of the circumeised." Disputed, reproved him, charged him with being at fault. They maintained that those who accepted for the the the the Would here is a distinct part. "Ontended." Disputed, reproved him, charged him with being at fault. They maintained that those who accepted for being at fault. They maintained that those who accepted howele be a well be come distinct parts. "Ontended." Disputed, reproved him, charged him with being at fault. They maintained that those who accepted howele be used here existent. The discipation of the Samariana (chap. 8: 14), but it was as cause of of fone that Peter had consented to become the use of the guest of a Gentile. He had eaten with them whole the character of the food, nor to the present of the character of the food, the to the character of the food.

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THE GREAT DESTROYER CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

April 27-"Samuel's Call."-I Sam. HL 1-21. SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT (Union Meeting With the Juniors.)

Scripture Verses.-Gen. 111, 8-10; Isa. xiv. 22; 1 Tim. vi. 12; Isa. vi 8; John I. 35-29; Gal. i. 15, 16; Mark sters That For Ages Has Trampled on Mau-If Life is Dull, Brighten It by Honest Achievement, Not Rum.

11. 14. Lesson Thoughts. The foundation, the leading factor in hu-man ills to-day is intemperance. It is a hideous army that attacks man-God's volce may be heard in child-ood. "Heaven lies about us in our

infancy;" and if boys and girls will only answer "Here am I" when God kind. Ignorance, vice, immorality, quarrel-someness, disease, obstinacy, brutality, cru-elty, timidity. Read over this list and ask yourself this calls, guidance, both providential and spiritual, will be vouchsafed to them through life. God's voice is most plainly heard

is not every one of these tormentors of by those who are already consecrated to him. If a child be sincerely de-voted to God's service, whether by his own infantile decision, or by the olemn baptismal covenant of his parents, of by some Christian pastor or teacher, that fact is always recogniz-

nine years of age, his father, Hamil-

himself once for all to the service of his country-Carthage,-and with

his hand upon the altar to swear eternal enmity to Rome. This dedi-cation in youth determined the course

of his whole life. Like Samuel we should answer God's call by "Here am I;" because, 1. It is easier to be a Christian in youth.

2. Then it gives us a much longer time in which to serve God. 3. We may not live to be old, and thus by putting off our duty we may fail al-together. 4. We escape many evils

oats in youth, and not reap a harvest

Suggested Hymns. Come to the Savior, make no de-

When he cometh, when he cometh, Quiet, Lord, my froward heart. O come to the Savior. Young men in Christ the Lord.

Oh! do not let the word depart. EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING TOPICS April 27-Samuel's Call-Union Meeting With the Juniors-1 Sam. ill. 1-21.

God does not always speak in sounds. Sometimes he calls to the soul n hushed whispers. In the "still small voice" he spoke to one in olden times. His messages come oftenest in inaudible thoughts. He sweetly whis-pers to the soul in the holy hush of

prayer. The mind must be in the lis-tening mood. Listless souls seldom hear the lays of love. It is encourag ing to youth that God thinks it worth while to speak to the young. That is

an important point. Another point that must not be missed is that God calls children to serve in his sanctuary. When the ark of the covenant was in Shiloh Eli war high priest of the Jews.

He was a good man, but too indulgent

with his sons Hophni and Phinehas, who were wicked priests. Samuel was the son of Elkanah and Hannah. His mother dedicated him to the service of God. God intrusted messages to him because he was a boy who

The Call of God Came to Camuel in Tones that Sounded Famillar to

Him .- Out of the old past God brings us to the fresh future. Up the stair-way of the old God would bring us to

the new. The human-sounding voice has often been God's call. It was the human teacher's, but the truth that it told was God's. The call of the

Master comes in the voice of the minister. We need souls attuned to di-

vine accents to catch God's call in

ould be trusted.

No one can sow wild

and dangers.

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Is not every one of these formenfors of mankind made more powerful by whisky? Who is the commonest murderer—the murderer of whom you read every day? He is the man naturally good-natured, kind enough when sober, but rendered combative and murderously furious by whisky. What is the history of the diseased man whose is the history of the diseased man ed by God. Selections. The power of devoting children in their earliest years to the service of

God is well illustrated by the story told by Merivale, in his History of Rome, of the famous Carthaginian General, Hannibal. When he was

THE VICE OF INTEMPERANCE.

Whisky Leads the Horde of Moral Mon

What is the history of the diseased man who goes in the annulance to the public hospital and thence to the Potter's Field? It is the history of a man born healthy, naturally able to work and to enjoy good health—whose health and power for work have been destroyed by whisky or other strong drift. What is the story of many a broken-hearted mother, and what is the story of the women who work among the unfortu-nates in big cites? It is always the same story—good moral character, good family influences de-stroyed; life and soul wrecked by drink. Timidity: There is one of man's curses. It destroys the promising career. It checks the rising man at the moment of success.

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Whether men speak of the prize lighter whose courage failed, of the financier whose nerves went to pieces at the criti-cal moment, or the writer whose imagin-ation and will died out, the story will be

ation and will died out, the story will be the same: "He took to whisky and that was the end of him." Deceit is another sign of mental decay. The lie in a man is like the hollow at the centre of the tree-it sounds hollow, it tells of decay. Whisky is the father of lying. Who be-lieves the drunkard's story? He tells how it happened to drink too much-the judge does not even listen. No one listens-all know he is prohably lying. He swars that he will never drink again. The whisky is swearing and lying. No one believes him - except, perhaps, some poor confiding woman whom nothing can discourage.

some poor confiding woman whom noticing can discourage. From drink comes boasting — another kind of lying. From drink men get lying, disease, ob-stinacy (did you ever see soher men try-ing to make a drankard go home?), bra-tality, cruelty (does any but the dranken man murder his own children?) and many other vices that destroy them. What single good thing comes from whisky?

What single good thing comes from whisky? Not one. Artificial strength, bragging instead of achieving, lack of will power, weakness of purpose, conceit based on an over-stimu-lated brain, foolish dreams, never to be realized-these things whisky gives. It gives nothing better. This monstrous army of vice rides over humanity, crushing all those unfortunate enough to be in the way. Many of these are unfortunate. The man made desperate by poverty cannot be blamed when he drinks: "Give strong deink unto him that is not be

"Give strong drink unto him that is ready

Give strong drink and to perish. And wine unto the bitter in soul: Let him drink and forget his poverty. And remember his misery no more." —Proverbs xxxi., 6 and 7.

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Divine pity and forgiveness are extended to "the bitter in soul." Many a miserable drunkard may be a better man at heart than the righteous man who despises him. Many a man has good excuses for his drinking and loss of manhood.
But you have not that excuse. There is no reason why you should fall under the feet of this hige monster with the whisky barrel on his back.
Keep your blood clean and your brain clear. If his is dull, make it bright by honest achievement, or at least by hard trying. A whisky bottle can't make you better than God made you. Give yourselt a fair chance. You would give this same advice to any other yourselt.—New York Yournal.

Rum Drinkers of No Account.

Magistrate Meade, of New York City,

GOD'S MESSAGE TO MAN

PREGNANT THOUGHTS FROM THE WORLD'S GREATEST PROPHETS.

Poem: A Prayer For a Man's Possing Lack of Physical Development is Cause of Sorrow; Lack of Spiritus Development is Unnoticed.

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Let twilight come, then night; And when the first birds sing Their matin songs, and light Walcens each slumbering thing, Let Some One walcen me, and set My feet to steps that lead me upward yet. -H. V. Sutherland, in Christian Register.

car, proposed to take him on one of his military expeditions, which offer the young Hann^(b,a) eagerly accepted. His father then bade him to devote

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Prayer is the Christian's vital breath, The Christian's native air:

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath, 'A The Christian's native air: Without it how can we live? Physi-cians say that the cause of many phys-cal ills is that we do not breathe deep enough. The brain worker is sometimes so absorbed in his work that he barely draws in enough oxygen to keep his heart going, but not enough to expand his lungs illy and give the poison in the blood a chance to be expelled by the outgoing breath. With how very little prayer some of us manage to get along! The next essential is nourishment. The Bible is the food of the Christian, and many Christians exist on one meal a week on Sunday and that not a hearty one either. Who has not watched a thoroughly normal baby eager for its food, casting aside plaything, pushing may everyone, caring not for gold or glittering treasures, or ambition, or anything in its future, so it may get its food? It is that way we are to read our Bible. "As newborn babes desire," mark that word desire—'The sincere milk of the word." Everything clee is as nothing to the Bible. Who of us feels that way? How many Christians are almost unwilling to pledge themselves to read the Bible every due because of the time it takes? What baby feels so about its daily meals? And yet that is the condition of growing is grace.

Let me not pass till eve. Till that day's fight is done; What soldier cares to leave The field until it's won? And I have loved my work, and fain Would be deemed worthy of the rank

A Little Sermon.

"A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are abke." If Solomon had been as prayerful at the beginning of his life as he was at his close, how much domestic infelicity he would have avoided? But prayer about this will amount to nothing unless you pray soon enough. Wait until you are fascinated and the equilibrium of your soul is disturbed by a magnetic and exquisite presence, and then you will answer your own prayers, and you will mistake your own infatuation for the voice of God. If you have this prayerful spirit you will their rival's goods and gold them in America at a loss of \$1,500 a day. The opposing firm still held out doggedly. wever, and at last the revengeful parties, unable to stand this seriou drain upon their resources, decided to give up the game as not being worth the candle. This, however, was only one when their revenge had cost them over \$1,250,000.

<text> plant? It gets its name from the intoxicating property of its seed. It grows in Arabia, a bush of moderate size, with yellow flowers, each producing a pod of black beans, which are ground and the powder taken. Its effect is like that of "laughing gas," causing the very soberest man to ca-per, laugh and shout for nearly an hour until he is thoroughly exhausted

and falls asleep. On awakening he seems to have no recollection of his previous antics. This frivolous plant ans not jet been classified by botan-

Peter is taught that men are not to make such distinctions and separations longer. For meat destroy not the work of God. Rom. 14: 20. 10. "Three times." For the greater cer-tainty and in order that a deep and lasting impression might be made on the apostle's mind. Compare Pharaoh's dream (Gen. 41: 32) and Joseph's interpretation there-of. "Drawn up again." The reception of the whole into heaven again was designed to point out that it was a lesson which God had as directly sent as of old He sent the law on Sina. 11. "Behold." Behold how remarka-bly the incidents coincide! This shows that God is directing in the matter. "Im-med ately." St. Luke tells us (chap. 10: 17) that when Peter had aroused from his trance he was "much perplexed in himself" (R. V.), not knowing at first how to ap-ply what he had seen and heard. 12. "The Spirit." Before this God had spoken to him with a voice, but here "Spirit apoke to apirit," silently yet clear-ity. "Nothing doubting." "Making no dis-tinction." R. V. Between Jew and Gen-tile. But, according to the Cambridge Bible, this form of the yerb is not used until after the events had taught him pre-cisely what the vision and the spiritual application meant. 13. "An angel." Cornelius referred to this heavenly messenger as a "man in bright clothing." 14. "Tell thee words." The gospel mes-sage concerning Christ. "All thy house." The assurance embraces them because they were prepared, as well as Cornelius to welcome the spostle's message. "Shall be saved." They were indeed now saved, with a present salvation. Peter is sent not to be the instrument of the conversion of Corneuus, but simply to "show him the way of God more perfect." 15. "As I began." What right or pow-ming." On Pentecost. Acts 21: 14. 16. "The Lord." Peter remembered Christ's words as recorded in Acts 1: 5. 17. "What was I." What right or pow-ming." On Pentecost. Acts 21: 14. 18. "The Lord." Peter meansmeet is of the Christian church. "Withstand God dual the Gentiles should be received ind the

must give way, 18. "Held their peace." They opposed

Peter no longer because they saw that God had directed him in all he had done, and that the Holy Spirit had indorsed his action.

Mosquitoes Hear Sound.

Major Ronald Ross writes to the British Medical Journal that he has recently received a communication from Mr. Brennan of the public works department, Jamaica, containing the following observation: "You will pardon me for drawing your attention to the fact, if you have not already no-ticed it, that the mosquitoes (I do not know if every variety) will respond to such sounds as a continuous whoop or hum. I have tried the experience lately, and find swarms gather round my head when I make a continuous whoop. There may be, however, some particular note or pitch that would be more attractive to them."

Fish Fowder as Food. One of the newest things in the way of foods is fish powder, which, it is claimed, is a highly nutritious article, easy of digestion, and therefore, par-ticularly suitable for invalids. It is intended, however, for ordinary house-

Magistrate Meade, of New York City, delivered a brief temperance lecture when Mary Woods had her husband up before the magistrate for non-support. She said he drank too much. "A man who drinks rum is of no account," thundered Magis-trate Meade. "He is no good. No one wants him around; he is a general nuis-ance. A woman who lives with a drunk-en husband might just as well be locked up in an iron cage with a royal Bengal tiger."

Local Option in Sydney.

In 'odney, Australia, the vote for local option was taken in connection with municipal election and was car-ried in every ward. So that, for the next three years for certain, there can be no new licenses in Sydney. Although not quite so emphatic, yet by a very large majority, it "was also carried that there be no renewal of licenses for the same pe-riod."

Germany's Big Drunk Industry.

An article on drunkenness in the sixth volume of Dr. Konrad's "Cyclopedia of Political Economy," makes the statement that one-fourteenth of the men in gainful occupations in Germany are employed in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, and that one-fifteenth of the ara-ble land is required to grow the materials for these drinks.

A Campaign of Education.

A Borlin firm, making electrical ap-pliances, is carrying on a campaign of edu-cation against beer drinking among its men, and has found an increase of ten per cent. in product per man. Aside from the physical harm which it causes, drink is more and more recognized as a handi-cap in business.—Youth's Companion.

Crying Evil of the Age.

The curse of drink is too apparent to re-quire sober discussion; it is the crying evil of the age. It is sapping the man-hood of the rising generation, and alast both sexes seem to have fallen beneath the power of its seductive influence.

The saloon is the breeding place of the criminal.

Saloons are the devil's best nets with which to catch those whom he seeks to devour. The man who best solves the Sunday opening question for himself is the man who doesn't drink on Sunday-or any other

The drinkers have got the idea into their heads that their families should not see them get drunk-it being time enough for them to see the effects of drinking after they are drunk.

One of the best firms of British shipbuild-ers recently stated that there is a loss of time amounting to nearly twenty per cent, due largely to drunkenness.

When a crime has been committed the police make a round of the saloons where the criminal element congregates, in scarch of a clue, and they generally find it there. The exhausting effect of the demands of society upon its devotees creates a desire for a stimulant, and hence the ever-present and generous punch bowl is often the most popular feature of the social event. The American science is had another the social event.

The American saloen is had enough and churchmen have made up their minds more upon making the six days of the week more decent. But surely do not let us bring Sunday down to the low level of week

he human cry. The bush 300 to Moses in the meadows of Midian, but out of that familiar shrub spoke strange, sweet voice of God the

God Calls by Convictions .- We call hose convictions conscience. Or We speak of them as impressions. We re-fer to the feeling that we ought. Then we say of something else that we ought not. Whatever we name this sense of duty, it is God's call to us. It is high honor to be thus called. The Lord of harvest calls the reapers to

the white fields. God Calls by Capacity.-He points out duties along the way our strength Ability fixes responsibility. Service according to strength-that is the law of labor. "To whom much given, of him much shall be required' is God's plan. He never asks other than a reasonable service at our bands.





No amount of pruning ever made peaches grow on fence-posts.

The heavenly man does not need to write "Holiness" on his brow.

The vision of God gives right views of all things. Proficiency needs no parade.

A parasite makes a poor partner.

He works best who worries least. A blessing abused becomes a bane. No perfection without pain.

A hard heart is apt to be brittle. Service is the first sign of freedom. Faith alone lifts the fog of the uture.

Endeavor counts for more than ваув.

The more we look up the less we need to look out for ourselves. The religion that does not reach character does not rise with Christ.

You cannot sop up the sins of the

to pledge themselves to read the Bible every day because of the time it takes? What baby feels so about its daily meals? And yet that is the condition of growing in grace. There are other essentials, too. Exer-cise for instance. Christian work is the daily exercise we are to take. But the most glorious part of it all cemes in our last selection of Scripture. There is coming a time when all ministry of the gospel shall be unnecessary, when we shall have grown to a place where we do not need teaching and preaching, when we have attained, all of us, "the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." And it becomes us to take heed to the warnings, and to put aside all hindrance and apply our hearts to growth, for some of us have a great way to grow before we shall attain.-Grace L. Hill, in the New York Mail and Express.

Translate Prayer Into Action.

Translate Prayer Into Action. Prayer is practical, is a means to an end. There is food for thought for us all in the disparity between our prayer and our working. We pray with an undoubted fervor for the kingdom of God. It is so easy to say, "Thy kingdom come." It is so hard to work for the coming of that kingdom. To work, to translate prayer into action, to do the deed on which the coming of the kingdom depends—that is the test.—The Rev. Dr. R. W. Perkins, President of the Leiand University, New Orleans. Orleans.

Look Upward.

Look Upward. It is wise for us to look at the dangers, to be fully aware of the perils, to be tremblingly conscious of our own weakness; but it is folly and foolishness to look at the danger so exclusively, or to feel our own weakness so keenly as that either one or the other, or both of them com-bined, shall obscure to our sight the far greater and confidence giving truth of the knowledge, the sympathy, and the ex-tended protecting hand of our Brothest and Lord,

Leve is Forever.

When God gives us love. He gives it for-ever. Superficial sympathies, based on accident, on praximity, or common in-terests of the hour, are fugitive. But the love which sees what is best in us, and cares for that, is something which cannot pass away. For this is like God's lave.

When God Laughs.

It is said that He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh at some things. M He not laugh when a man with a big ba account puts in a petty situ, suying the he gives "the widow's mite?"-Sund school Times.

Frozen Boap Bubbles. Many lateresting experiments can be made with soap bubbles blown from a mixture of castile soap and giue. It is not generally known, however, that bubbles can be frozen, though it is very easily done. Blow a bubble of moderate size and carry it to the door or path it out of an open window on a window day. The bubble will freuse instanting retaining its shape, but forming most beautiful crystals. If you try this White experiment on a clear day when there experiment on a clear day whi is little wind, you will be d

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