Subject: "Profit and Loss."

Brooklyn, N. Y .- Preaching at the Irving Square Presbyterian Church on the theme, "Profit and Loss," the Rev. I. W. Henderson, pastor, took as his text Mark 8:36. "For what Rev. L. W.

doth it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life." He said:

Jesus draws the picture with strength and in a startling manner.

What doth it profit a man if, in the end, he shall have saided from end, he shall have gained control over the sum total of the material things in the universe and have for-feited his soul life with God? "The question is between that life which consists mainly in having and that which consists in being." The quesshall tend to self-aggrandizement or to soul culture. Shall we devote our larger and finer energies to the atis in this world alone or to the enlargement of our spiritual powers? The difference is between getting and growing. The man whose career is given over to getting things is measured as a success according to the material wealth he has acquired. But the man who is a "growing man" is marked by his richness in grace, goodness and godliness.

There is in our time a most com-

mendable spirit abroad in the hearts of our people leading them to seek the amelioration and upliftment of the conditions of life about us. There is an earnest desire among men of purpose everywhere to make the most out of life. We have small pa-tience with the shirk and are getting to have less with the business slave. We read of the possibilities of cheap lower in its relation to economic affairs and millions of money transform Niagara into electricity and rapid transit. Our hearts are appalled at the ignorance of thousands of men here in America and we build schools. We are told that in order to a successful social system the worker must have fair hours and a The luxuries of yesterday are the necessities, and inexpensive, too, of to-day. Our millionaires have gold galore for charities and clubs, and men in all grades of society put more money into amuse-ments than ever before. All this is well in its way and place. Social conditions should be bettered and the standard of life raised. No man should waste any of his talents, nor should he give undue attention to any one to the detriment of the rest. The latent wealth of the world should be made productive. No man should be sent out into the battle of life mentally unprepared. Each member of this State deserves and should be enabled to acquire sufficient physical endurance to fit him for the fight. The man who sells his labor must receive a fair wage and decent opportunity for enjoyment and for the culture of other than his "business na-We cannot have too many charitable institutions to meet real need, nor can we do other than re-All of these things are good. all are necessary, each when used properly will be found to be a means to the betterment of this world and

But in our endeavor to utilize the possibilities of the present and material life there lies the danger to forget the immortal and spiritual exist e of the soul. Education at the State's expense is a curs for many social ills and a salve for many an economic store. Money may and does bring happiness to the hearts of all righteensly may nowars it man can deny the value of physical culture in the cure of many bodily allments and in strengthening th constitution. Fair pay for a fair day's work is only just. None of us begrudges the man of millions except we are aware he has robbed us. brain muscle and morality are not necessarily synonymous. Some of the most dissolute men the world has ever harbored have been the mightlest in intellect. The antics and eccesses of not a few college men but prove that book knowledge and purity of life are not one. Money is not an unrighteous thing of itself. but, oh, what slaves it does make of men; how soon the greed for it will stiffe all that is noble in its lovers. The size and development of your upper right arm is in no way an indication of the strength of sonl you possess nor is it a substitute for it Bulk of purse, brawn of muscle depth of learning and a fine mental-ity are both commendable and desirable if so be they are righteously acquired, but the acquisition of all these things is as nothing if so be a

business or profession—that is to say, for careers of economic useful-Our main aim in education is to fit men to achieve material sucshall turn out men who are able to take care of themselves. We pay but scant attention to individuality and to the leanings and peculiarities of personality. Any one here can state, as well as I, how much moral training the schools give our youth. In our fear that the Bible in the school may savor of denominationaldevil. From earliest youth till the own resources the continual cry is for him to achieve success. Fortunate, indeed, is the man who, by wise direction and personal preference enabled to choose the way that leads real and lasting success. pity is that too many of us spell sucas in the terms of material achieve-Too few are they who know that success is a matter not so much of getting as of being; that it is more a matter of soul culture than of ma terial gain. Success is measured not by the amount you have, but by what

Par be it from me to belittle a proper material success. The world owes a debt it never can repay to the men of money, the masterful mechanics, the learned lawyers, the crudits doctors, the brainy business men, the tireless teachers and tollers and leaders who have made possible and apparent the civilization we now enjoy.

I am the last man to deny the value and advantage, aye, the necessity, all manner of human developms But what shall it profit us, individually or socially, if, surpassing Greece for wisdom, the Pomans for wealth, the arts of France, the manaphysical acumen of Germany, the landed pos-

power of our English cousins, we shall attain material success at the expense of our soul's life? "For what doth it profit a man to gain the whole sum total of material things

and have forfeited his soul life within God?

The highest measure of success is the permanency of achieved results. The test of service is in the worthiness of the labors to which our efforts have been applied. If sound money is more important than sound morals then the teacher of political economy is of more value to the world than the teacher of ethics, that is to say, of the science of right living. If fleets are of more consequence than spiritually minded and Christ-moved men, then Morgan with his merwith his Bible. If each counterha character then lot us relegate the Christ life to its proper, that I to say, the second, place in our scheme of living. If policy is better than principle and gain at any cost superior to righteousness, then let us hoist the Jolly Roger to the foreclare ourselves the moral pirates that we are. But I am persuaded that we do not value the material i\*ire than manhood. I am sure that fundamentally we do believe that principle, purity and godliness are more of account than all else in life. We are illiv, the transcendent importance the culture of the soul. a man, or but few, men anywhere ut discussion that to trade the soul's poor bargain. I have yet to meet the thinking man, whose opinions are worth a snap of my finger, who susrains any other proposition save that n godly life is the only sure founds

Believing these latter truths to be divine why, then, do we heatrate to councie logic with action? Why do e refrain to parallel our academic inclusions with definite effort. Why do we refuse consistency a hearing and continue to serve the god of ma-

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of the permanency and efficiency of

My friends, the whole question of service and sucress is a master of getting or being, of self-aggrandizement or of self-realization and soul culture. Getting is as natural as breathing. But we breathe not for the sake of breathing, but in order to live. Getting, the acquirement of the culture of our souls. used riches are a blessing. That man is wisest who makes all things in this life tend toward his soul's develo ment. Let us teach our youth that growth in godliness is the prime function, the primepal task of hu-man endeavor. Let us tell our young men and our maidens that it is best men and our matters that it is ossi-to serve God and to grow constantly into the graces and beauties of Christilkeness. Let us send home to the young and impressionable hearts of our boys and our girls the changenever profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own life within God. Then shall we have inculcated the true philosophy of life and hast-ened the coming of the kingdom of the God of Christ our Lord

Worry and Fear Removed. It is not religion, but the lack of that makes people unhappy. Yet as a galling drudgery, but as the should every patriot be, surest source of moroseness, melan. Whitman had a vice holy and unhappiness of life. Their dea is that religion is a system of suffering to which many people are religion's only happiness is in the future, its rewards after death. Intead, the rent fact is that religion is thing of present joy and ever con-inging blessedness. It is the glad-Her ways are ways of pleasantness.

It is religion that gives us the bright things in life and sin the dark things, and not vice versa. Religion goes down to the deepest springs o. ur mental and spiritual well-being. rings untold measures of peace It takes the ming out of te past and it takes the worry out the present. It takes the fear out the future.-The Rev. G. B. F.

How to Learn Love.

It is true that love cannot be forced, that it cannot be made to ornght or even because we want. ence of the lovable. into friendship through the door of discipleship. We can learn love through service. - Hugh Black.

What Could Hinder?

If man's device can produce pure white paper from filthy rags, what should hinder God to raise from the dead this vile body and fashion it like the glorious body of Christ?-

A man's knowledge of doctrine counts for nothing if he neglects

DISARMED.

There is a frank honesty which cannot be made ridiculous, although it be an acknowledgement of ignor-It was an honesty that Lincoln used, and an anecdote of him in the Century shows how with it he once disarmed a learned opponent who had overwhelmed him with quotations.

Lincoln was not a learned man, but for true knowledge he had the highest respect. The practicing lawyer with his pseudo-learning, however, was a fair target for Lincoln. One such lawyer, in order to impreas his hearers and to embarrass his opponent, quoted massively a Latin

"Is that not so, Mr. Lincoln?" he

"if that is Latin," Lincoln responded, dryly, "I think you had better call another witness."

Probably the jury hailed the frank young lawyer as their own champion, since he professed himself as ignor-

EPWORTH LEAGUE LESSONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

Temperance: the Use of Strong Drink .- Prov. 23, 29-32. Daily Readings.

Strong drink unfits for the service of God.-Lev. 40, 8-10. Its evil hereditary effects avoided .-Judg. 13, 4, 5.

Abstinence while acquiring nationacharacter in the wilderness.-Deut

Strong drink brings personal and universal ruin.— Isa. 28. 1-7. Abstinence has to do with making great character and career.-Dan.

An ancient cure for drunkenness .-

If Christ is really to reign; if poverty and crime are to become exceptional rather than common; family shall ever have a fair chance to develop onward and upward: if the haunting specter of fear that her boys may be lured from virtue and safety the gurgling song of the wine is ever to be removed from the heart of the mother; if politics is to be made clean; if the law of heredity is to be utilized for happiness and not for sorrow; if the slums of our city are ever to be purified and disinfected; if the annual tribute of hundreds of girls to appease the minotaur of lust is ever to be discontinued, then the "saloon must go." It will go when the Christian forces of our land see eye to eye and stand together speaking with one voice and voting one ballot, saying, "It's Got to Go!"

This is not a plea for any party that might be named; it is a plea that the good men all get on one side, under some banner, no matter how named. When that shall happen then the rope of the great criminal will be found very short. It is quite possible that the voters of Methodism alone could do the deed; that is, they could "elect the issue," and when that had been done the victory would not be far off. Dr. William A. Smith, a prominent Southern Methodist of the old slavery days, said: "I told Dr. Bond that, at any time when the membership of the church shall unite their votes with the non-slaveholders, in West Virginia particularly, they are competent to overthrow the whole system."

author from whom the above is quoted (Matlack, The Antl-Slavery Struggle) quotes Quaker Thomas Whitson's remark on Methodism: "I have been at one of the camp meetings of thy people, and heard them shout and pray, with much inward comfort. And moreover: that if the Methodist people would try it they might shout and pray down this slavery in a short season. They have much power in that direction." But, alas! Methodism divided on the question, and God had to interfere, to settle the debate with 'his terrible swift sword." The prob lem which might, could, would and should have been solved, in a repubfigured out with red-pointed bayonets

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES

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NOVEMBER YWENTY-FIFTH

Whitman, and Missions on the Front ier.-Hab. 2:1-4.

Whitman was a man upon a tower, how strangely and how widely the watching the whole horizon for the opposite view prevails. There are tokens of God's providence. Such

> Whitman had a vision, such every man may have,—a vision great possibilities for his nution, if it followed God's lending.

> When Whitman saw his vision, he girded himself and ran for the goal of its fulfilment,-ran three thousand

Whitman, like all great men, was great through faith; great because he Hved for the unseen future and for

Outline of Whitman's Life. Marcus Whitman, the famous pio-neer missionary to the Northwest, was born in Rushville, N. Y., Sep-

tember 4, 1802, In his boyhood he was adventurus, and at the same time a Biblelover. He intended to be a minister but on account of physical weakness became a physician. Four Fiat Head and Nez Perce Indians travelled east three thousand miles, and made an earnest plea for Christian teachers. This resulted in the founding of Oregon missions by the Methodists.

In 1834 the American Board deeld ed to send Dr. Whitman with Res Samuel Parter to explore Oregon with a view to establishing a mission. September, 1836, Dr. Whitman,

who had returned and married a noble young woman, had reached Walla after a most difficult journey. He established his mission at Wallian pu, and in August, 1838, he organized there the first Presbyterian church in the Oregon country,-that is, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and parts of Wy oming and Montana. There were then only fifty Americans in that region.

In the winter of 1842-3, Dr. Whitman made his famous ride across the continent to Washington, his purpose being to prevent the loss of Oregon to the United States and its seizure by Great Britain. It was a hazardous and thrilling ride, accomplished only with great and heroic suffering.

Dr. Whitman Interviewed President Tyler, Webster, and other statesmen. On his return he piloted 800 emmigrants, with 1,500 cattle, and thus proved Oregon accessible.

During his absence the Indians be-

1847, a terrible massacre occurred. and Whitman was the first to die Fourteen were killed at his station. In his memory Whitman College has been established at Walla Walla. A memorial church has been built at the scene of the massacre, and a noble

came disaffected. On November 29,

monument has been erected over the martyr's grave. Gregorio Lecca, of Villadama, Nuevo Leon, has invented a new machine for the extraction of libre from plants which, according to Modern Mexico, is said to be very successful and economical in its operation. A model machine at work at the Golondrina hacienda is said to have demonstrated with maguey fibre, that, while It is considered one of the most difficult fibres to extract, the machine handles it with ea 's.

To Kill Cabbage Worms, Common salt sprinkled on cabbage teaves will kill off worms and destroy their eggs as well. The salt application will have to be renewed after every rain. This is a simple and effective remedy, and it does not injure the plants, either.

Ditch Cleaner.

A ditch cleaner is described in Farm, Field and Fireside' by C. T. Baker, as follows: "In connection with the road scraper a ditch cleaner is used to pass the earth from the side ditches up the grade far enough for the road scraper to reach it. This ditch cleaner is made something after the fashion of a snow plow, but the left hand side is made shorter and the side is made vertical, so that

practice this perpendicular side acts like a landslide. The other side is beyeled something like a plowshare and is faced with steel. side is made longer than the other, and it is this side that shovels the earth out of the ditch. The hitch is not at the point like a snow plow, but about ten inches to the right of the point, as shown in the illustration, which is adjustable."

The Perches.

The perches should be so arranged that the hens are on a level. One of the best arrangements that I know is a frame made of inch lumber with have settled to the bottom. If acid strips nailed crossways, eighteen is present the paper turns red. inches or two feet apart, for perches. This frame is hinged to a 2x4 strip on one side and rests on some sulteasily lifted and fastened out of when the hen house is he adapted to the size of the hen several of these frames for convenience in handling. Thirty-five feet of roost will comfortably accommodate fifty hens. Dropping boards are doubtless good, but we do not all have them, and yet manage to get 'lots of eggs" in the winter. If the there is danger of mites hiding under contact with the saw-horse is very Farm Stock and Home.

Wheat For Layers. While growers have long recognized the value of wheat for laving hens, attention has been recently accidentally called to its value as an egg producer. At the time we hauled our wheat to the barn the hens had per cent, more than if it is scattered almost ceased to lay. The wheat was by hand. inloaded from the wagon outside of the barn, and the scatterings were picked up by the hens. In a few days the egg product increased from five or six to sixteen or eighteen, and so continued for about two weeks, and then again dropped off. Three weeks later the threshing was done, and the hens had access to the straw stack, especially among the chaff that remained on and near the ground. The result is about two dozen eggs per day at the present time. have taken the hint, and are now feeding about two quarts of low grade wheat per day among the chaff, in the scratching room. that rate a bushel will last about two weeks. The money value of the increase is about \$1.70 per week .-Farmers' Home Journal.

Hog Ringing Trap.

Mr. C. Avery, of Indiana, writes the Ohio Farmer about his hog ringing trap as follows: "Subscribers who raise hogs may be interested in a ringing trap which I use, so I send sketch. The frame of trap is 2x4 inch pieces, D. D. and D. lapped and bolted at corners as shown, and a tight, smooth floor; also side and top boards are solidly nailed to inner edge of the frame, as shown, making a strong crate from which boards can not be crowded off. Rear end is fitted with slide door to raise up as indicated by dotted line V. Front end has a door, AA, made of two thick, strong boards on inside cross cleats at top and bottom. A, A is joined at bottom by two strong hinges to frame D, and held up when



in use by the iron cramp P, being are either dete frame, D. Door has a central opening B, below which are several holt holes X, for fastening an iron lever, C. The top of door also has wide dark and be very gentle about it. He cleat, E, bolted at one end with isn't built that way. blocks behind to hold it out from door, so the other end will form a so as to avoid milking during fly guide for lever C, which, when pulled forward, partially closes opening B. are short, too, and a dry cow can and firmly holds hog, with head stand it better than a good milker. through the opening. Lever C is fastened while in use by a spike nail inserted as shown, in one of several holes bored through side cleat and door at Z. Opening Q % twelve inches long and nine and one-half inches wide at widest place near lowor end, and lower and of opening is ten inches above floor. Crate is four feet two inches long, two feet four peared in a New Zealand Journal; inches high, and one foot six inches wide, fuside mearure. Place trap able to milk. Four good-looking sons squarely with rear end close up to in the family.

back; raise slide door, drive in a hog and drop slide door behind him, and he will thrust his head through hole B. Pull lever C tight against his neck and insert spike to hold it there, and you can ring (as I have done) with ease, a hog weighing nearly 400 pounds."

Liming the Land.

Recently there have come to us

requent enquiries as to methods for liming the soil and the relative value of such treatment in comparison with commercial fertilizers, consider it worth while and in season to bring up the subject for such of our readers as are contemplating the use of time upon ground just in preparation for next season's wheat crop. Lime gives the best service to plant growth when placed on land in which soil acidity prevails. This is indicated most certainly by the presence of sorrel, oxalis and sometimes by yellow dock. The existence of much organic matter in the soil is conducive to the acid condition. Lime being alkaline by nature naturally follows the chemical law of neutralizing or sweetening the acid in the land when applied in moderate quantities. Every farmer can readily tell whether his land needs an application of lime by the presence of sorrel in his fields, and if he is not satisfied with that sign he has recourse to the blue litmus paper test. This test never falls.

To make the acid test for soil with litmus paper dip a small strip of the moistened paper into the liquid, made by stirring a sample of the soil in clear rain water, after the solids

There is as much dange from the abuse of lime on the soll as from its non-use. One must exercise good able support on the other. This can judgment in its application. The amount to be used of course must be guage by the degree of acidity. For cleaned. The size, of course, must land of ordinary sourness usually about twenty-five bushels (equivalent house, which if large may require in weight to a ton) of air slacked lime is applied to an acre. For abnormal acidity more than this will e remaired.

One of the best and most convenient seasons of the year in which to apply lime is in the fall Just before the wheat is sown. It can be roosts are just laid across saw-horses | hauled upon the plowed ground and placed in small piles at convenient them. But a handful of coarse salt distances apart, and then, if it is placed just where the perch comes in quick lime, it may be allowed to lie until it air slacks and later, scattered discouraging to mites .- C. R. P., in and worked into the soil with a harrow and cultivator before sowing the wheat.

In some sections of the country farmers secure the finely ground quick time in sacks and apply it with the fertilizer drill when sowing the This is a very convenient wheat. way, but the lime costs nearly 100

We know of farmers who haul quick lime and place it in great heaps, and there allow it thoroughly to air slake and afterwards scatter it over the field. This seems an increased labor, but if the lime is secured before the field upon which it is to be used is broken this is the better way. Lime may be applied to land at any season of the year most convenient to the farmer. It may be used as a dressing upon broken

We ground or plowed under, just like or-Lime is not a fertilizer. It is a substance which acts on the locked up constituents of the soil and renders them available for assimilation by plants. Potash is one of these. It is said to encourage the presence of the nitrogen bacteria found in root nodules of legumes, such as clover, soy beans, etc. It also renders the

soil more mellow and workable. Either quick lime or air slaked lime can be applied. The quick lime is calcium oxide, which soon changes to caustic lime or calcium hydroxide by coming in contact with moisture from the air or soil. Slacking of lime is the changing of quick lime to caustic lime. It is in the caustic condition that lime does its best work -Indiana Farmer.

Farm Notes.

Quality in mutton can be improved by careful breeding and feeding.

In attempting to feed sheep during the winter be sure to have good ones. Be patient with the cows. They can't help giving you a swat in the face with their tails.

If there are any unthrifty sheep among the flock now is the time to select them out and fatten.

Give the new born calf a touch of fly repellant on that spot on the back where the hair parts. The flies like to feast right there.

It is not the man who cures his sheep so much as the one who prevents their becoming sick who makes the most out of them. Of course there should be shade in

the pasture. The more dense the better the cows like it just now. Make a shade if there is none. In sheep breeding there is but one way of keeping the ideal sheep and that is by trying to improve it. Sheep

are either deteriorating or else they

Don't expect the hired man to work in hay and Larvest till dark and then milk a dozen cows after

At this season cows should be dry time and excessive heat. Pastures

it's a toss up between milking out in the cool yard where mosquitoes and flies pester the cow and the tall works like perpetual motion, and the darkened barn with a host of hot cows adding to the heat of the day.

The following advertisement ap-Wanted, capable girl, for dairy farm EDUCATE THE FARM BOYS.

Gov. Terrell, of Georgia, Advises Appropriations to Colleges.

In his annual message, Governor Terrell, of Georgia, gives more attention to schools, says the Savannah News, than to any other subject.

"He is particularly impressed with the necessity for educating along agricultural lines. He advises that an appropriation sufficient to erect agricultural college buildings at the State University be made. He points out that the prosperity of the State is largely due to agriculture, which, therefore, ought to be encouraged in every possible way. That he is right in this matter, there are few who will deny.

In connection with the proposed agricultural college at the State University, he believes there ought to be an agricultural college established in each Congressional District, and if it is thought not to be advisable to have so many agricultural schools supported at public expense, thinks there ought to be at least three such schools, one in the northern part of the State, one in the central part and another in the southern part. There is now one in the northern part."

The South has developed its manufacturing industries in a way that is wonderful and has become a great manufacturing section; but it is still a great agricultural section, and its manfucturing industries make the farming industry all the more valuable. The South has many tecnnical schools for the training of men in the manufacturing branches, but she has neglected to provide ample schools for the training of men in the art of agriculture. It is encouraging to know, however, that this subject is now being agitated in all the Southern States and that the neople are becoming more and more impressed with the importance of beter school facilities for our embryo farmers.

It is a branch of education that must not be neglected. Agriculture is the very foundation of our wealth, and it ought to be conducted by men who have had the best scientific and business training .- Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Size of Heads.

The average adult head has a circumference of fully twenty-two in-The average adult hat is fully 6 % size. The sizes of men's hats are 6 % and 6 % generally. "Sevens" hats are common in Aberdeen, and the professors of our colleges generally wear 7 % to 8 sizes.

Heads wearing hats of the sizes 6% and smaller, or being less than twenty-one inches in circumference, can never be powerful. Between pineteen and twenty inches in circumference heads are invariably weak, and, according to this authority, "no lady would think of marrying a man with a head less than twenty inches in circumference.

People with heads less than nineteen inches are mentally deficient. and with heads under eighteen inches are "Invariably idiotic,"-Young

Bereavement in Bombay. Lady Curzon made a point of collecting any amusing attempts made by Hindus to write English that came under her notice and had many curious specimens in her scrap book. Once she got from Bombay a letter that two brothers sent out to their patrons on the death of their father, who had been the head of the firm. have the pleasure to inform you that our respected father departed this life on the 10th inst.. His business will be conducted by his beloved sons, whose names are given below. The opium market is quiet and Mal. 1500 rupees per chest. O. death, where is thy O, grave, where is thy victory? We remain, etc." - London Standard.

Diving For a Wife.

In many of the Greek Islands diving for sponges forms a considerable part of the occupation of the inhabitants. The natives make it a trade to gather these, and their income from this source is far from contemptible.

In one of the islands a girl is not permitted to marry until she has brought up a certain number of sponges and given proof of her skill by taking them from a certain depth, but in some of the islands this custom is reversed. The father of a marriageable daughter bestows her on the best diver among her suitors. He who can stay longest in the water and brings up the biggest cargo of sponges marries the mald .- New York Herald.

Anti-Phonetic.

President Eliot, of Harvard, is no believer in the Rooseveltian spelling reform. Once there was a student who was a candidate for the degree of doctor of philosophy. The man adopted spelling reform as his line of work; and as commencement day drew near he went to President Ellot with a request. "You know, Mr. President," he said "that you are proposing to make me a Ph. D. Now, have made a specialty of spelling reform and I always spell philosophy with an f. I therefore called to ask you if you could not make my degree F. D. instead of Ph. D." tainly, my dear sir," replied the prez-ident of Harvard. "In fact, if you insist we shall make it D. F.'

Rings on Her Finger Nails.

A famous Philadelphia beauty, Kate Furniss, hardly more than a debutante, though she is now Mrs. Thompson, has been the sensation of fashionable watering places all this summer, displaying her rings-which are countless—in a most original and barbaric manner. She wears her jewels only on the upper joints of her fingers, weighting the slender digits up to the nails with diamonds and rubies, and sapphires and emeralds, leaving the bottom story entirely vacant. The effect is certainly distre and not altogether fortunate, But what's the use of being alive if one can't be unique.-Louisville Courier-Journal.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COM. MENTS FOR NOVEMBER 25.

Subject: The World's Temperance Sunday, Isa. v., 11-23-Golden Text: I Cor. ix., 27-Memory Verse, 11

The drunkard's feast (vs. 1), 11. "Woe." Grief, sorrow. 12). 11. "Woe." Grief, sorrow, misery, a heavy calamity, a curse. "Early in the morning." When it "Early in the morning." When it was regarded especially shameful to drink (Acts 2: 15). Banquets for revelry began earlier than usual (Eccl. 10: 16, 17). "May follow strong drink." That they begin and continue to use it from early morn till night. Palm or date wine was, and is still, in use in the Eastern countries. Judea was famous for the abundance and excellence of its palm trees: and consequently had plenty trees; and consequently had plenty of this wine. Drinking strong drink is the chief business of the day. "Till wine inflame them." Until there is excited, excessive action in the blood vessels, causing them to act in excitement, in anger, or any evil way which their natures might be made to feel, under the unnatural pressure upon the forces and functions of the body. In this condition no man is able to use good judgment, or to ex-

ecute his work correctly.

12. "The harp." A stringed instrument of triangular figure. Music was common at ancient feasts (Amos 6: 5, 6). "The viol." An instrument with twelve strings. "The tab-ret." A small drum or tambourine, played on as an accompaniment to singing. "Pipe." The principal musical wind instrument of the Hebrews. Such as indulge in revels must have every sense gratified, for only by being stimulated by such excitement could they at all be satisfied. "They regard not." The most positive proof that such conduct is

II. God's judgments on the drunkand (vs. 13-17). 13. "Therefore." Because they ignore God's warnings and continue in their drunkenness. "My people." Judah, or Israel, or both. "Are gone." The prophet sees the future as though it were present. "Because they have no present. "Because they have no knowledge." Because of their foolish recklessness in following strong drink they make drunkards of themselves. They are contrary to wisdom. They become captives because their brains are so ruined by excessive drinking that they are not capable of acting the part of prudent, careful men. "Honorable men are famished." Strong drink ruins those in honorable positions just as quickly as men of low estate. "Dried up with thirst." Both the great men ished." and the common people suffer alike when in captivity to the cruel power

of strong drink.

14. "Hell." Sheel, the place of the dead. Sheel is personified and compared to a ravenous beast, eager to swallow its prey. "Hath enlarged herself." There has been so great a slaughter that the world of the dead is too narrow to accommodate all who enter there, and has to build on an addition—has to increase its ca-pacity. "Opened her mouth." The tense in the Hebrew changes here. It should be "and is opening her mouth." The slaughters have

censed. "The mean man," etc. victims include all classes. Even "the mean man" is "brought down" to a lower level, and to the same level "the mighty" and "the lofty" are degraded. The drunkard soon loses all self-respect, then his respect for all that is good, even respect for God and fear of his judgments. This is to become a scoffer. 16. "Shall be exalted in judgment." When man's glory is all passed away God is un-changed. Though men scorn His offered mercy and refuse His wise counsels He is not cast down. He is "Sanctified in ness." Regarded as holy by reason of His righteous dealings. 17. Then shall the lambs," etc. these are gone into captivity and swallowed up in death others shall

swallowed up in death others shall fill their places.

III. The woes of the drunkard (vs. 18-23). 18. "Iniquity." Guilt incurring punishment. "Cords of vanity." Wickedness. Rabbins say, an evil inclination is at first like a flue hairstring, but the finishing like a cart rope. These siners harness a cart rope. These sinners harness themselves like horses to a cart, and, straining every nerve in sin, they drag their punishments with them, 19. "Let him make speed," etc. They challenge the Almighty to do His worst, and set His justice at de-flance. They do not believe that the judgments threatened will come. 20. 'Call evil good," etc. Men resort to lying subterfuges to justify selves in sanctioning the traffic. 21. "Wise in their own eyes." Those who prefer their own reasonings to divine revelations, who despise or reject the gospel, or who claim to have a knowledge of it, but do not practice it.

"Mighty to drink." Those who boast that they can drink more than others and yet be able to stand. They shall not escape the curse of drunkenness. "To mingle strong drunkenness. "To mingle strong drink." To add spices to strong drink, and then count themselves strong because they can endure the effects. Their glory is their shame. -23. "Justify the wicked for reward." Who, as judges, pervert justice and for a bribe acquit the guilty. Who for the sake of votes, or political in-fluence, or favor with the people, vote with the saloonkeeper and help make bad laws. God will punish such. "Take away the righteous-ness." Thought a man be proved innocent, yet because he does not give a fee he is condemned by these unjust men. Misery will overtake him.

Ball Player's Finish.

The ending of a ball player's career has in it much the same tragedy that accompanies the loss of voice by the singer. At one fell swoop the player and his family drop from comparative luxury, ease and ability to have all the ordinary pleasures of life and fall to something like actual poverty. Oftentimes poverty is encountered before the end of the struggle is reached. The still young couple, after several years of good living, traveling, seeing the world, enjoying all the fun in sight, suddenly come with a spiash to the icy water of poor living, poor clothes, inability to pay for theatre tickets and trips about, and inability perhaps to much more than pay the rent of a small flat—for the ball player who has never done anything but play ball and who has not saved his money is against a hard proposition before he can learn a trade or find something to carry him safely along.—Prockton Enter-