



FOR THE FARMER AND STOCKMAN. Developing Milking Strain. Experiments in developing a milking strain of short horn cattle have been begun by the dairy division of the United States Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Minnesota Experiment Station and with nine Minnesota breeders...

Cure of Horses. The hide and flesh of a young horse are more tender than those of an old work horse. If the shoulders of the young horse are allowed to become sore during the first season's work it is likely that they will be sore or tender all the rest of the animal's life...

About Butter-Making. A lady who seems to know a good deal about practical dairy matters contributes the following items to the Farm Journal: Sprinkle the salt in the butter and let it stand one-half hour and then work it.

Soils Are Improving. Declaring that the world's soils are today a greater storehouse of fertility than they ever were, Professor Milton Whitney, chief of the Soils Bureau in the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., in a bulletin just issued, takes a stand in direct opposition to the view of many writers that soils are gradually wearing out.

Grass Fed Beef. Professor Humford in referring to his six months' observations while in Argentina, South America, says that very fine breeds of cattle are produced in Argentina within a month of grain. These cattle are fed simply grass and alfalfa and were never in a stable. He saw breeding cattle in extra fine flesh on alfalfa pasture.

Heavier Farm Horses. We are more than ever convinced that many farm horses are entirely too light for the work required of them. On nearly every farm we see horses of different sizes, and while all may be good for certain uses, for heavy work and much of the work on a farm properly tilled, is heavy, the stronger horses not only do the work easier than the others, but they do it more effectively.

Good Scheme. Tall Office Boy—"What's the old man giving you his good cigars to smoke for? Does he want you to cut out cigarettes?"

Short Office Boy—"Now! His wife is coming down to make a touch before she goes shopping, and he wants her to think he is out."—Boston Post.



The Pulpit. A SERMON BY THE REV. IRA W. HENDERSON. An inspiring sermon written in the Holy Land, by the former pastor of the Irving Square Presbyterian Church, a present associate pastor with Rev. J. Watson Egan, and a member of the Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Topic: BETHLEHEM. Matt. 2:1: "Bethlehem of Judah." The gospel record is dual. Two evangelists, Matthew and Luke, bear testimony to the holy birthplace. In Bethlehem of Judah it is still Bethlehem, the city of David, and included in the list of cities in Judah—in contrast to Bethlehem which is in Galilee, occurred the event which differentiates distinctive ages and that is commemorated until this day.

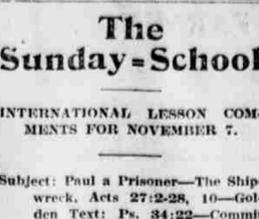
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The Sunday-School. INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 7. Subject: Paul a Prisoner.—The Shipwreck, Acts 27:22-28, 10.—Golden Text: Ps. 34:22.—Commit Verses 28, 9, 10.—Commentary.

TIME.—A. D. 60 or 61. PLACE.—Malta. EXPOSITION.—I. God's Promise Fulfilled, 30-44. We are glad to see when day broke (cf. v. 23, R. V. margin), but there were still uncertainties and perils before them. But there was no longer any occasion of excuse for anxiety—they had God's sure word of promise that not one life should be lost or any person injured in the slightest degree (vs. 24, 25, 34), and part of the prediction was already being fulfilled before their eyes (cf. v. 26). Every step they took and everything that occurred was in exact fulfillment of what God had said (cf. v. 22). One heart was perfectly calm (cf. v. 25; 1:26; 3). In the soldiers' counsel to kill the prisoners we have a striking illustration of the brutalizing tendency of the military life. They had just escaped from extreme peril themselves, and that, too, through one of the prisoners, and now they would turn around and kill all the prisoners, Paul included. The brutal ingratitude of the soldiers toward Paul is nothing to the ingratitude of the masses of men to-day toward Paul's Master. They owe their safety for time and eternity to Him, yet they are willing to turn upon Him at any moment. But the centurion proved true, and all the prisoners were saved for Paul's sake. It did seem as if some of these 276 persons must be lost, but God had given His guarantee that "there shall be no loss of any man's life among you," and God's Word is sure no matter how the breakers of the world are raised up to pieces. God's promises were fulfilled to the very letter and always will be.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES. NOVEMBER SEVENTH. Life's Lessons for Me from the Book of Hebrews, Heb. 12: 1-7. (Consecration Meeting.)

"Better things." Heb. 1: 4; 7: 19, 22. More "better things." Heb. 9: 23; 10: 35, 40; 12: 24. Heeding the message. Heb. 1: 1-3; The kind High Priest. Heb. 2: 17, 18. "The anchor of promise. Heb. 6: 9-20. Faith's heroes. Heb. 11: 1-10. The great and beautiful and beloved in heaven still know about earth, about you and me. Let us see to it that they know only good things! (v. 1)

We might well despair, knowing that our life depends upon our faith, did we not know that our faith depends upon our loving Saviour (v. 2). The devil is loving until we begin to hate him (v. 4). Chastening, which seems to be our undoing is the enduring foundation of all sound living (v. 7). Help from Hebrews. A good earthy servant is a wonderful help; how if we are ministered to by angels? (3: 1)

The man in the window of a burning building has no other business but to get to the ground; that is the plight of our souls, and we have every other business. (2: 3) We could never have doubted God's power to succor us, but we might have doubted His sympathy; Christ's life removes that doubt forever (2: 13). We make much of our duty to obey; do we make enough of our duty to get others to obey? (3: 13) Let us so work as to make the Sabbath rest of eternally a Sabbath indeed after a well-kept week (4: 9) God alone sees us perfectly; if we want to see ourselves as we are, let us look into the mirror of God's Word (4: 12)

If you think that your temptation is so gross that it cannot have assailed Jesus Christ, you doubt the completeness of His humanity (4: 15).

EPWORTH LEAGUE LESSONS. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7. I. Business on Borrowed Capital (Luke 19: 11-27). Luke 19: 12, 13. The Borrowed Capital. Everything is in a state of excitement. The lord of the place has fallen heir to a kingdom. He must go at once to take possession of it. This means that the things here at home must be left in other hands. So he sends for his most trusted and capable servants, divides his possessions and authority among them, and says, "Carry on business until I return."

Luke 19: 16, 13, 20, 21. How the Business Was Carried On. While all started with equal capital, all did not have the same success. By wise methods and strict attention to business one man made ten pounds out of one. Another, perhaps just as faithful, but certainly not as capable, made a five-fold increase. There was, however, one overcautious, self-centered, self-indulgent individual who did absolutely nothing, and, of course, his money made no gain.

Luke 19: 15, 17, 22-26. The Day of Reckoning. But coronation day is over. The new government is running smoothly. The king will go to see how the servants to whom he has left his property are caring for it. Besides, he needs competent, trustworthy men who are fitted for high position in the kingdom. He was delighted to find a man who with one pound had gained ten, and said to him, "You are just the man I need to govern this large province with its rich and important cities." To the man who had gained five pounds he said, "I have a very desirable five-city province, where you will be a perfect fit." But to the stammering, apologizing delinquent who had done nothing with his pound the king said: "You have a very small province, but you are not fit to govern it. I will give it to another man." The man who had made no use of the capital which he had been entrusted with anything of value. Hand over to one who will know what to do with it. If you don't.

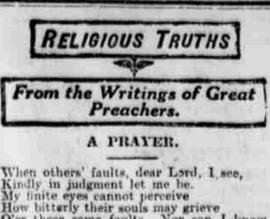
Luke 19: 14-17. The Rebellious Subjects. This reference to the Jews who had rejected their Messiah need not be further considered by us in our study about "In Business on Borrowed Capital."

How Every Man Makes Himself. Sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny.—Thackeray. Like flakes of snow that fall unperceived, unimportant events of life succeed one another. As the snow gathers together, so our habits are formed. No single flake that is added to the pile produces a sensible change; no single action creates, however it may exhibit, a man's character.—Jerome Taylor.

The Wondrous Love. However rich we may once have been in earthly things, and however poor we may be to-day, we may be many times richer if only the heart is open for the entrance of the Infinite and Living Love. No alienation, no arrangement, no bereavement, can leave us poor, for we but know the love of Christ that passeth knowledge.

The Wrong Kind. The preacher who is not quite sure whether the death of Jesus was a sacrifice or a martyrdom cannot effectively preach Christ crucified.—The Examiner. The Materialist. The materialist is looking upon things that can be touched and weighed and handled as measured, the actual facts that are about him and around him.—Rev. E. L. Powell.

Roller Skating on Shipboard. The craze for roller skating, which has spread in such extraordinary fashion throughout all classes of society in the British Isles during the last year or so, has now caught the sailors and petty officers of some of His Majesty's fleet in its seductive sway. During the Thames display the people going around the warships in steamers were amused to see quite a number of seamen making a precarious rick of the deck of a battleship.—Illustrated London News.



RELIGIOUS TRUTHS. From the Writings of Great Preachers. A PRAYER.

When others' faults, dear Lord, I see, Kindly in judgment let me be. My little eyes cannot perceive How bitterly their souls may grieve Of these same faults, which I know Their secret struggle 'gainst the foe. Grant me some share of love divine. And make my judgment like to Thine.

When my own errors I survey, Dear Lord, and know that, day by day, Fall off I willfully transgress; My judgment, then, be made to see, May I in all its blackness see My sin as it appears to Thee. Then, conscious only of my need, May I, O Lord, Thy mercy plead.

What the Bible Teaches About Prayer. It must be borne in mind that God has never promised to hear the prayers of any but His own spiritual children. Mankind are not His such children of God. All men are natural children of God by creation, as are all other living beings. The Brewer's Review says: "A distinguished scholar of Copenhagen said to me, 'The people of this climate can partake freely of stimulants, and, in fact, we must use them.' Miss Blume writes: 'It is a fact that the leaders of expeditions in search of the North Pole, such as Fridtjof Nansen (a Norwegian), and others, absolutely forbade stimulants during their journey. They cannot bear the cold if they take a drop of spirits. I think that is a proof against the 'distinguished scholar.'"

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THE WARFARE AGAINST DRINK. TEMPERANCE BATTLE GATHERS STRENGTH EVERY DAY.

Some Facts About Denmark and the Liquor Curse. In a recent issue of the American Brewer's Review, Chicago, there appeared a detailed "story" attempting to prove that Denmark had "settled" the liquor question by the use of beer and light liquors, and claiming that the people of that northern empire kingdom required stimulants because of the severe climate.

In reply to an inquiry made by the Associated Prohibition Press, Miss Astrid Blume, president of the Danish W. C. T. U., forwards a most interesting comment upon the claims made in this leading brewers' journal. Here are some of the claims made by the brewers' article, and the facts as given by the W. C. T. U. president, Miss Blume:

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