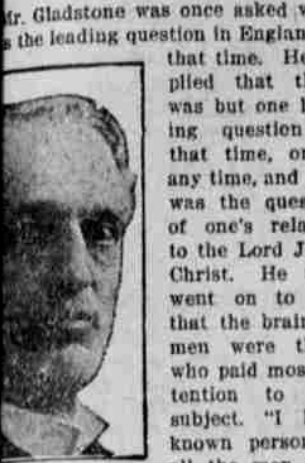


An Appeal to Students

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Next—Study to show yourself approved of God.—II Timothy 2:15.



Mr. Gladstone was once asked what was the leading question in England at that time. He replied that there was but one leading question at that time, or at any time, and that was the question of one's relation to the Lord Jesus Christ. He then went on to say that the brainiest men were those who paid most attention to this subject. "I have known personally all the men who have been prominent in England during the last fifty years, in business, politics, or literature, and of the sixty most prominent men, fifty-four have been professing Christians."

Mr. Gladstone was right, and if the question of one's relation to Christ is the leading question which confronts a student, it is very important that he settle it early. Indeed this question lies at the basis of all education. What is the real object of education? It is to increase one's capacity to know God, and to make him known to others. This is what education is for, what life is for. "And this is life eternal that they should know the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3).

The keenest delight of which we are capable comes to us from knowing God. When the devout astronomer Kepler made his great discovery, he exclaimed, "O God, I think thy thoughts after thee." There is no greater joy than this, unless it be that of seeing God's character reproduced in our lives. If this be true, then education is not optional with us, but imperative. We are bound to cultivate every talent which we possess, because each is an avenue through which God can reveal himself to us. We are bound to open every window of our soul "towards Jerusalem," and sit in the light of God's glorious truth.

No wonder the Great Teacher said, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me. . . . and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Young people have souls as well as minds, and the former need training quite as much as the latter. It is possible to develop the mind at the expense of the soul, and to leave the spiritual nature in a stunted condition. Indeed, it is not possible for a student to go forth with a well-trained mind and irreproachable morals, and still fall far short of being a whole man, because he does not know God? "Having no hope, and without God in the world." The Greek student does not need to be told that "without God" means "atheist."

The superior advantages which students enjoy make it doubly important that they should become acquainted early with the Lord Jesus. Education enlarges one's capacity to see and foresee, to do and to undo. It multiplies his influence, and thus increases his responsibility, since the welfare of others depends upon his action and attitude. No educated person can possibly live a Christless life without leading others to do the same. This consideration should have great weight. A professor in a large military school recently told the writer that it was the thought of his influence with the boys which led him to decide for God and put himself on record as a Christian.

Again, the peculiar temptations which confront a student make an acquaintance with Jesus indispensable. Among these may be mentioned: (a) The freedom from home restraint. The strong, steady hand of the father and the indescribable influence of the mother is lacking. There is no younger brother or sister to be considered, not even the restraining influence of someone else's sister. The consequence is that one grows selfish and comes to think that all the world was made for him.

(b) The petty vices which prevail so commonly among students. By the side of the writer in college sat the mediocritarian of the class. He was a well-disposed man, but he had no religious principles. When others drank he was not strong enough to refuse. After graduation he studied law and became one of the most brilliant and promising lawyers in the state. Temptations now grew stronger and more frequent, and having no acquaintance with him "who is able to save to the uttermost," and "able to keep you from falling," he soon lost his standing and business, and died a common drunkard.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SHELLERS, Acting Director of Sunday School Course, The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill.)

LESSON FOR MAY 16

DAVID SPARES SAUL.

LESSON TEXT.—I Samuel 26:1-11. GOLDEN TEXT.—Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you.—Luke 6:27.

Professor Beecher gives 1065 B. C. as the date of this lesson and the death of Samuel. Saul had been on the throne 37 years and David was twenty-seven years of age. There are ten famous episodes between the lesson of last week and that of today. (1) David and the shew-bread; (2) Goliath's sword; (3) David feligns madness (ch. 21); (4) The cave of Adullam; (5) His care of his parents; (6) The killing of the priests (ch. 22); (7) Wandering in the wilderness (ch. 23); (8) The cutting of Saul's robe (ch. 24); (9) Nabal's churlishness, and (10) Abigail's kindness (ch. 25). It might be well to have one scholar give a summary of each of these events.

I. David and Abigail, vv. 5-7.—Once before, the Ziphites had informed Saul as to David's whereabouts (23:19). Learning that Saul evidently intended to follow him into the wilderness (v. 4), David sent spies to learn the exact location of Saul and the 3,000 men under command of Abner. Abner was a cousin of Saul, a brave man with a remarkable history. Unwittingly they had placed themselves in David's power, and that for a second time (24:3-8). Like the camp of the Midianites which Gideon visited, Saul and his men were scattered about sleeping "within the place of the wagons" (v. 5 R. V.), with Saul in the center, the spear marking his resting place and the bolster beneath his head. Doubtless Saul trusted Abner's protection, but no arm of flesh can save or protect a sinful man. From a neighboring rock David and his friends could distinguish the spear and the outlines of the camp. David's challenge was directed to both of his companions. Ahimelech, the Hittite, declined the summons, whereas Abishai, David's nephew who had already proved himself in the affair at the well (II Samuel 23:13-16) and later became a leading figure in David's kingdom, accepted the challenge.

II. David and Saul, vv. 8-12.—Abishai was quite right that God had delivered Saul into David's hand (v. 8), but he was wrong in his conclusion as to what that meant. God delivered Saul that he might, if possible, save him. It was a challenge that tested David's magnanimity, his sense of honor and also an event wherein he could appeal to Saul's honor. Abishai's anger is evident from his words, "I will not smite him the second time." There was ample provocation, but David recognized in this experience the hand of God, nor would he profit by never can be anything like a high average of physical well-being in a country where a large part of the male population insists on poisoning itself regularly or periodically. I will simply sum up a few of the reasons—strictly from the standpoint of the physical trainer—why men should not drink alcohol.

Alcohol is not a food; it is a drug. It injures the blood. It retards the digestion. It is the worst enemy of the brain worker. It hardens the liver. It destroys the kidneys. It furnishes no support to the body. It is a depressant. It is a most destructive agent in the state of health or of disease. It deadens the body and the senses. It affects the mental and moral side of nature. Alcohol users show death rate of 20 per cent greater than nonusers.

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Temperance

(Conducted by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.)

NATION ON THE WATER WAGON.

"The German emperor has put us in the way of saving ourselves. Not he, but drink, was our enemy, and the Kaiser has slain our enemy for us. He has made us adopt temperance and nothing can defeat us now." This was said in Petrograd by Mr. Benislowsky, director of the Russian-American Steamship company and a member of the duma, as reported by Mary Isabel Brush in an article, "A Nation on the Water Wagon," in the Saturday Evening Post. To the czar the writer gives credit for the empire-wide stoppage of drink. Others, she says, would have stopped the sale of vodka merely for the mobilization, but it had long been the determination of the czar to abolish the evil and with the war came the psychological moment. When his prime minister declared a total abstinence measure "impossible" he requested his resignation, and shortly afterward issued the mandate which lifted the liquor curse from a domain which covers one-seventh of the entire globe.

"Russia," says Mrs. Brush, "entirely sober for the first time in her national existence, stands up bright and buoyant, with a new hope and a new joy. She has no regrets and no problems. Even the minister of finance, His Excellency Mr. Bark, says she has not, as he stands smiling with optimism in the capital of his emancipated country and faces the situation of raising—to replace the revenue from vodka—the modest sum of a thousand million rubles a year."

BEER CONDEMNED.

After twenty-five years of practice Dr. S. S. Lungren, a leading physician and surgeon, has this to say about beer: "It is difficult to find any part in the confirmed beer drinker's machinery that is doing its work as it should. This is why their life cords snap off like glass rods when disease or accident gives them a little blow. Beer drinking shortens life. This is not a mere opinion; it is a well-settled, recognized fact. Physicians and insurance companies accept this as unquestionably as any other undisputed fact of science. The great English physicians decide that the heart's action is increased 13 per cent in its efforts to throw off alcohol introduced into the circulation. The result is easily figured out. The natural pulse beat is 76 per minute. If we multiply this by 60 an hour, and 24 hours in a day, and add 13 per cent, we find that the heart has been compelled to do an extra work during that time in throwing off the burden of a few drinks equal to 15.5 tons lifted one foot high."

REASONS FOR ABSTINENCE.

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TENDS TO LAWLESSNESS.

The saloon is a business the natural tendency of which is toward lawlessness, and the time has come when it will either run the politics of the state or be run out of the politics of the state.—Joseph W. Folk, ex-Governor of Missouri.

HER "LOVE" RETURNED

WHEN HUSBAND HAD MADE HIMSELF FAMOUS.

But Now, Despite Her Pleas, He Does Not See Why He Should Take Her Back—His Concise Explanation of His Reasons.

They had been deeply in love when they married. That was ten years ago. Much had happened in ten years, and in their case they had drifted apart. At first there were little scraps, mended with a kiss and a few loving words. By degrees the rift became larger. She wanted the comforts, if not the luxuries of life, and told him many times she could have had it if she had married Tom, Dick or Harry instead of him. Once he used to weave stories of a tomorrow, but tomorrow never came, and finally the friction became too much for him.

"You are never satisfied," he said after one of their quarrels, according to a New York letter to the Cincinnati Enquirer. "You have no belief in me. Perhaps I don't amount to much. We don't get on. You remain here and I'll find a place for myself. I'll let you have enough to keep you going—\$25 a week."

She agreed to this joyfully, and in a few days he removed to a furnished room not many blocks away. Each week she received an envelope with the stipulated amount in it. Otherwise they lived as strangers. The man had only left himself enough out of his salary to keep himself alive. There was no surplus for amusements, and his chief recreation was reading at the public library. One evening, having finished his evening paper, he took up a pencil and began to draw on the edge. He had a sense of humor and was making a comic picture of something he had just read. He was fond of drawing and had given much time to it before his marriage. Then he took a sheet of paper and drew several comic sketches, and they amused him so much that just for fun he sent one to a comic paper. It was accepted and the editor asked for more. He kept on drawing, and in three years had attained a reputation under the name of "Scorn." Meanwhile his wife lived on in the old house, perfectly contented and only slightly curious when her allowance was gradually increased. When one day the envelope contained fifty dollars she decided to go after him. She called at the place where he had been employed when they parted and asked to see him. The clerk grinned.

"He left over a year ago." "She rushed to the house where he had roomed. "He left over a year ago," she was informed. Still the fifty dollars arrived regularly. In California lives a thin man who is something of a cynic. His reputation as a comic artist is established and money comes easily to him. Once a pretty woman asked him why he lived alone.

"I have a wife," he told her. "I left her because she didn't believe in me. I am never going back to her. It hurts a man to be tied a bundle of pessimism in petticoats." "And did she love you?" the pretty woman asked. "I hardly think so." Once his agents wrote to him that she wanted to know where he lived. "Tell her," he wrote, "that I am in the Town of Tomorrow." And she understood.

Want Market Commission. California women are anxious to establish a national marketing commission as suggested by the United States delegate to the International Institute of Agriculture in Rome. According to this plan, the president of the United States will appoint the national marketing commission, consisting of the commerce, the mayor of three of the largest cities in the United States, three members of the leading mail order and department stores, a leading railroad man, a parcel post man, a leading banker, a leading workman, two congressmen, a senator, making fourteen in all, and in addition to this fifteen farmers from various sections of the United States, making twenty-nine members of the commission. There would also be state commissions, appointed by the governors, and so on down to township commissions. There would be places in each town and city for sales, and farm produce would be put on sale at different hours in the week.

Riley's "Lost" Works. The search for the "lost" works of James Whitcomb Riley, which has been carried on for almost a year in connection with the preparation of the first complete collection of his works in prose and poetry, has brought to light a great mass of material of which little or nothing was previously known. More than two hundred hitherto unpublished poems were discovered. One of the most typical of the Hoosier poet's works dating back to the earlier days of his career is an illuminated manuscript of a poem entitled "Man's Devotion." Another interesting find was a baby book containing pictures of the child friends of the poet. He wrote a poem to each of the little portraits.

Took Easily to Strong Drink. It was some time about the middle of the seventeenth century that the practice of adding hops to malt liquor was introduced into England and numerous petitions were sent to the king and to the protector of the commonwealth that this "sickened weed" would spoil the drink and endanger the lives of the people. Historians with a taste for statistics have found that in 1555 there were 26 breweries in the city of London and that their output was 650,000 barrels per annum. It would be interesting to get at the per capita consumption of beer among the English and the Germans in those times, which appear to the people of the present as having been very hard-drinking times.

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Too True. "What is the main point of a censor's job?" "I guess it's incensing people."

Useful Study. "I see Jimmie studies his arithmetic lesson faithfully every night now." "Yes, the class has taken up percentage, and he's learning how to figure out batting averages."

He's Got It. "Doctor, I'm afraid I've an attack of spring fever and ague." "Indeed? How does it affect you?" "My temperature goes up when I start for business, and when I get there I feel like shaking work."

Not Asking Much. "So you are ambitious to have a little garden?" "Yes." "You ought to get a lot of pleasure out of it." "I don't expect to get any pleasure out of it, but if I can get a few beets and turnips in return for a great deal of hard work I'll be satisfied."

Heir, Not a Gale. The guide suddenly halted the party of Americans. "Ah, there comes the heir to the throne," he said, removing his hat as a royal equipage appeared. The little boy of the party nudged his mother and whispered: "Did he take off his hat for fear the heir would blow it off!"

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Among the Wounded. It happened at Christ's church dispensary. The little fellow had a badly dislocated thumb. He was only nine years old, but he was brave, and scarcely winced as the doctor pulled and hauled to get it back into position. "We'll have you back in the trenches soon," said the doctor. "How do you stand on this war, anyway?" "How do you think I stand?" said the boy. "I'm a Belgian." "How did you dislocate your thumb?" asked the doctor, somewhat abashed. "Swinging on a German kid, but gee!"—a grin of delight overpread his countenance—"you just ought to see him!"—New York Evening Post.

Natural Invention. "Please, sir, I'd like this afternoon off to go to my cousin's funeral." "Your cousin? Oh, I see! You are saving up your grandmother for the championship games." "Yes, I'm saving up for my cousin's funeral." "Is Blinks making any progress?" "Yes, he forged ahead until the handwriting experts proved it on him." If she doesn't own a mirror she has lost all interest in life.



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