INTERNATIONAL

ESSON

LESSON FOR MARCH 26

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READING LESSON-Revelation 7:5-17.

all tears from their eyes .- Rev. 7:16, 17.

ders worked among these believers, the

beginning of persecution, the selection

of seven deacons, Stephen's testimony

and death, the dispersion of the Chris-

tians, the work of Philip, great growth

Historically these lessons have to

do with the things that Jesus began

and continued to do after his resur-

rection through the power of the Holy

Spirit. It is, therefore, a story of the

power of the risen Christ. The prin-

cipal characters are of two classes. (1)

The leading workers. Of these are:

Peter and John, apostles; the 120 dis-

ciples, Barnabas, the seven deacons,

particularly Stephen and Fhilip; the

Ethiopian eunuch and Gamaliel, who

gave some friendly assistance. (2)

The chief enemies: Those who falsely

recused the apostles, the rulers of the

Jews and the temple. Ananias and

It is not difficult to paint a word pic-

ture of the events of the past quar-

ter. This may be dowe by assigning

to separate pupils such questions as:

Where, when and why did the event

of this lesson occur? To another pu-

pil assign the task of telling what he

thinks the scene looked like, and to

still another to name the chief per-

sons mentioned in each lesson. Let

these assignments omit lessons 4, 7

and 11, which do not chronologically

fit into the work of this guarter. The

remaining pupils should be primed to

supply any omitted facts and to cor-

I. The Coming of Power. Lesson 1.

The ascension of Jesus is one that

shows us the rises Christ as the giver

of the Holy Spirit and he is the All

Powerful One who has carried for-

ward the things Josus "began to do."

Lesson 2. This is very much the same

except that it suggests the man side

of this transaction. As the early dis-

ciples obeyed, they received. In like

manner the Spirst is given today to those that "ask him." Lesson 3 shows

what effect we may anticipate when

we proclaim the fact of the risen

rect any mistaker.

Christ.

Sapphira, Saul and Simon Magnus,

in the early church.



which if not completely eliminated. A quarter pound of limestone phoseach day, becomes food for the mil-phate costs very little at the drug lions of bacteria which infest the bow- store but is sufficient to make any els. From this mass of loft-over wast: rheumatic or lumbaro sufferer an enmaterial, toxins and ptemaine-like poi- thusiast on the murning inside bath. sons, called urie acid, is formed and Millions of people keep their joints then sucked into the blood where it are from these rheumatic acids by continues to circulate, collecting grain practicing this delly internal sanitaby grain in the joints of the body tion. A gins: of hot water with a teamuch like rust collects on the hinge spoonful of limestone phosphate drank as shown above.

vent more uric acid forming in the fresh all day. system. Before eating breakfast each | Those who try this for one week

morning, drink a glass of real hot may find themselves free from sick water with a teaspoonful of limestone headaches, constipation, pilious at phosphate in it This will first neu- tacks, sallowness, nasty breath and tralize and then wash out of the stom stomach acidity.

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Exactly It. "Won't you consider an apartment proposition? "No. I won't. That's flat."

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Just as coal, when it burns, leaves | ach, liver, kidneys and bowels the pre behind a certain amount of incombus- vious day's accumulation of toxins and tible material in the form of ashes, so poisons; thus, cleansing, sweetening, the food and drink taken day after day and freshening the entire alimentary leaves in the alimentary canal a cer- canal, each morning, before putting tain amount of indigestible material, more food into the stomach.

Men and women who suffer from orating; besides, it is an excellent lumbago, rheumatism or sore, stiff, health measure because it cleanses the aching joints should begin drinki alimentary organs of all the saste, phosphated hot water, not as a means gases and sour fermentations, making of the Bible by the Bible. The Bible to magic relief from pain, but to pre- one look and feel clean, sweet and

American Sea Poet. Now that John Masefield has come

to be the poelic interpreter of life at sea to his generation of Britons, it is interesting to see an American poet, Lincoln Colcord, rising to be the name for his countrymen. Beginning his Horn, he comes of five generations of seagoing Maine folk. His boyhood was spent on a ship sailing the seven seas, so that now, when he comes to

write a poem on "The Vision of War, or when he discusses, before clubs of literary and civic-spirited mea. "Some of the Fallacies of American Democracy," it is not a product of the urbau graded school which never has been out of sight of land who is speaking. Rather is it a ninn who has "seen the world." as that phrase is most accurately though not popularly used --

Christian Science Monitor. Amicable Alice.

Alice-Papa, its going to snow. Papa (who is busy)-Well let it SDOW. Alice-1 was going to, papa,

German soldiers carry small tin whisties to blow for medical aid should they be wounded.

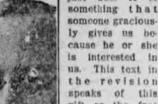


The Gift

of God

brough Jesus Christ our Lord .-- Roman

A gift is something for which we do not work. It is something that is not naturally our just due. It is



cternal life, when the text says that the free gift of God is sternal life Eternal life-what is it? It is the opposite of eternal death. Not eternal death does not mean nonexistence any more than eternal life means continued existence. God's word teaches before breakfast, is wonderfully invig that the soul never dies, in the sense of going out 6f existence. It does say that "The soul that sinneth, it shall die," but we must interpret the words you know, is not only a book that gives us the truth, but it defines the truth that it gives, and when it talks about eternal death ft does not mean

the annihilation of the soul. It is a truth that whatever exists always exists, so the scientists tell us, and the Bible says that the human soul lives forever. Well, what is eternal life then, and what is eternal death? Perhaps we might say that eternal life

means being born of God, raving the life of God. It is not our natural life pro'onged into ondless duration. It is the divine life imparted to us, the very life of God himself communicated to a human soul. To put it in another way, we might say that otern al life is right existence, while eternal death is wrong existence, or, to put it in still another way, eternal life is living in the presence of God, while eternal death is having the wrath of God abiding on one.

Now, God's gift is eternal life. Our text says that he offers us this life through Jesu: Christ our Lord, that is. Christ is the medium through whom eternal life comes. What a wonde-ful thing it is to know that Ged has planned to give the human race. dead in tresposses and in sins, eternal life through his son What is involved in that truth? A great deal, my friends.

Secondly, that there upon the cross

forgiven us on conflition of our simple recentance by faith of his Son, and the



DECREASE IN LIQUOR OUTPUT. Effective answer to the charge made

by the liquor interests that "Prohibition does not prohibit." is furnished REVIEW-THE GREAT MULTIby the report of Commissioner Osborn of the internal revenue department for the fiscal year ending June 1, 1915. According to this report the manufac-GOLDEN TEXT-They shall hunger no ture of both distilled and fermented nore, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat; for the lamb that is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd. liquors has very materially decreased. The production of distilled liquors. exclusive of fruit brandies, was 42,and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life; and God shall wipe away 477,492.8 gallons less than for the preceding year. The figures for 1914 were 174,611,645 gallons, and for 1915, 132.-1. General Information - Omitting 134,1522. There has been a decrease of 6,358,744 in the number of barrels of heer manufactured, the number of barrels for 1914 being 66,105,445 and for 1915, 59,745,701.

> For the first three months of this half the wheat on the farm to pay the fiscal year, for which figures have been made public, there is also a satisfactory docrease in the output of distilled and fermented liquors as compared with the corresponding three months of the previous year. Of fermented liquors the output for the first three months of the new fiscal year was 17,458,565 barrels, as compared with 19,181,605 for the same months his profits in live stock which will aslast year. Of distilled liquors there were withdrawn during the first three months of the current fiscal year 27, 903.829 gallous, and for last year 3S,-456,420 gallons.

ALCOHOL AFFECTS ARTERIES.

The statement that "a man is as famillar. The normal healthy artery of elasticity, so that it is easily capable of accommodating varying quantitles of blood according to the requirements of the occasion. When the heart pumps a new supply of b'ood into the arteries, they immediately expand to receive the additional blood. order to pass it on through the circulatory system. Here again we witness the hardening effects of alcohol. which causes an ever increasing loss of elasticity. The arterles become strala are liable to break, and thus lows; cause a homorrhage, small or large. This condition of the arteries is known

as arteriosclerosis; and if an artery bursts in the brain, the result is usually a stroke of apoplexy, causing 1915 314,118,774 346,569,924 more or less paralysis of one side of the body. The escaping blood forms a clot, which so presses upon the nerve cells as to put them out of action, at least, for a time. If not permanently. It is not necessary to say apoplexy is one of the serious diseases, and it is uncommon for a person to survive a third stroke .- Dr. A. B. Olsen.

PERIL IN MODERATE DRINKING. Doctor Ploetz, editor of the Archiv Ad fur Rassen-und Gesellschaftsbiologie. declares that "it is just the average moderate use of alcohol which intures the race more than genuine drunken-BD ness, since there is here relatively no



GOOD CROPS

HIGH PRICES-

It is no new experience for settlers located in a fertile country such as Western Canada, where lands may be bought at very reasonable prices, to harvest a crop that in one season pays the entire cost of their farm. Undoubtedly this was the experience of many farmers during 1915, but one instance may be quoted. A settler who came to Canada from the United States nome years ago decided to add to his holdings by buying an adjoining quarter section near his home at Warner. at \$20.00 an acre, with terms spread over a period of years. He got the land into a good state of cultivation and last spring put the whole quarter section in wheat. When the crop was threshed he found that it only took

whole purchase price of it: in short a single year's crop paid the cost of the land, paid all the expenses of operation and left him a handsome surplus as profit. This settler had some adjoining land, and his whole wheat crop for the season amounted to over 18,000 bushels. He is now planning to obtain some sheep and invest sure him a good living irrespective of what the season may happen to be. Canada's financial position is excellent. All speculation has been eliminated, and trading is done on a cash basis, with restricted credit.

Detailed figures of Canada's trade for twelve months ending October 31 old as his arteries" is as true as it is show how the war is forcing Canadian trade into new channels. One of the is endowed with a wonderful amount | most extraordinary changes is in commerce with the United States. A couple of years ago Canada imported from the United States two or three hundred million dollars' worth of goods more than she exported. The balance of trade was all with the United States. The balance is rapidand then quickly contract again in by disappearing, and the present outlook is that by the end of this year Canada will have exported to the United States more than she has imported. The figures for the past four years

hard and brittle, and in the case of are illuminating. They are as fol-

Exports. Imports. 1912\$145,721.650 \$412.657,022 1013 179,050,796 442,341,840 421.074.528 1014 213,493,406 Four years ago, in 1912, the balance of trade in favor of the United States was no less than two hundred and sixty-seven millions, and this year, the balance is reduced to only thirty-two millions. The figures are extraordinary and reflect the changed and new conditions in Canada. It looks as if for the first time in nearly half a century this year Canada will sell more to the United States than PDFF TRIAL OUTFIT The Out



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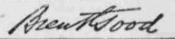
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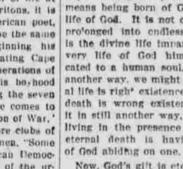


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First of all, that on the cross Christ died for our sins.

God haid upon Christ all our sins. Thirdly, that all our sins will be

lessons 4, 7 and 11, all of the past gift as the free quarter's work has to do with the gift of God. Now early, the spostolic church, covering there are many a period of time from A. D. 30 to perpeople who ex haps A. D. 37, six or seven years. The pect to pay their chief events are the resurrection of way into heaven Jesus, the coming of the Holy Spirit, -many who ex the change in the apostles, particularpect to compenly Peter, the conversion and baptism of 3,000 believers, fellowship and won-

sate God for



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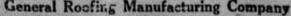
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one who thus receives his Son we are told, is born. "not of blood, nor of the man, but of God." I have met many people who were striving to get etern. al life. I have even met Christians who have had the 'dea that eternal life becomes theirs, not through faith but by works of righteousness which they

I shall never forget preaching in a little church in the Catskills, and talking about the way of galvation, when a brother arose and controverted what ctornal life through the accentance by faith of Jesus Christ as one's Savior. Another brother, thinking he would rour oil on the water, which was very tronblows just then, told about two

t'eologians who were crossing a stream. One of the theologians was prening that salvation was by works. and the other that salvation was by faith, when the oarsman, listening to the argument, began to row with one our, and the boat went round and round, when they said, "What are you doing?" and he realled. "Don't you see. that oar with which I am rowing is

works, and I don't get anywhere." and then he took the other oar and rowed with that, and went round and round in the other direction, and he said, "That our, you see, is faith, and when I row alone with that we do not get across the stream. To reach the other shore we must row with both oars." That was a good story, but a poor ilinstruction, for, while it sounds very plausible, the trouble is it is not scriptural. The Bible tells us that it is "not by works of righteonsness that we have done, but according to his merey he saved us." Change the illustration and have it true to the Scriptures. Jesus Christ is the oarsman.

and is rowing the boat of salvation from earth to heaven, and if we would reach the other shore what we must do is by simple faith to get on board. I go down to the ferry slip in New York. Now. If I wish to go across to the other side, what I must do is to step upon the ferry boat. The moment I do that I have trusted myself to the ferry, and it is for the ferry

now, by its own power, to take me over. This crude'y illustrates Christ's work of salvation for us. We commit ourselves to him, and he, by his own power and work saves us. "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus

Christ our Lord."

To Read Scriptures Correctly. One great inconvenience in reading the Scriptures is our own vain curios We lose much of the benefit which might otherwise be gathered from them by pretending to nice disquisitions of difficult points, and laboring to bring to the standard of our own imperfect reason what we should be content to receive with the simplicity of an humble obedience, and place to the account of divine faith .omas a Kempis.

II. The Use of Fower. Lesson 5 (cmitting No. 4) has to do with the will of the flesh, nor of the will of daily walk and work of those who had sc recently received this newly bestowed power. Through his servants, Jesus, by the power of the Spirit, heals and makes strong the lame man at the temple gate-a case of "applied Christianity," the priver of practical social service. As .. result of this

service Peter and John (Lesson 6) had opportunity to give their testimony to the rulers, the result of which confounded the enemies who thought they I said about the simple way of having had conquered Christ at Calvary-tho use of power in testimony. The further evidence of how this new power was using men is that given in lesson 8, the Christian Brotherhood at Jesalem.

III. The Test of Fower, Stephen (lesson 10) was one of those who had been separated for the care of the temporal affairs of the early church yet his testimony and martyrdom eas ily makes him more famous than most of the apostles and forever exaits the layman in the Christian church.

One other (lesson 1.) of those seven deacons, Fhilip, was also so signally used and blessed that his name and deeds are almost as familiar to us as

is the work of St. phen. In the first case this newly bestowed power filled the witness with a caimness and courage that will always remain an inspiration, while in the second illustration Failip so gave himself to the direction and leadership of the Spirit as to go where he was sent; and when to human judgment his presence was essential to the carrying on of a great revival, he obeyed the new command and left the multitude to deal with a single individual.

Jesus makes no reference to the "mass consciousness" and the Holy Spirit's power receives no greater or more far-reaching text than that which had to do with its dealings with the Individual soul.

Each teacher should see to it that each scholar shall read these eight chapters several times, if possible, before the review occurs, in order that they may see the quarter's work as a whole, for it is indeed one story: the story of the risen Christ winning men to himself and equipping them to go forth in obedience to his last great command /Luke 24,46-49; Acts 1:8.)

Daily Thought.

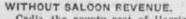
It is not erudition that makes the intellectual man, but a sort of virtue that delights in beautiful and vigorous thinking, just as moral virtue delights in vigorous and beautiful conduct .--Hamerton.

One of the Judge's Symptoma. "On the quiet," said Short Jenks. "I can always tell when Judge Johnson has taken one drink too many, for then he always begins to tell how dearly he loves his wife."-Atchison Globe.

elimination through sterility or infant Jun mortality as is the case with the hard drinker. Many who imagine themselves in the category of the wholly moderate must actually be placed in a bal lower category. From the standpoint of race hygicne, an absolute end of the drinking of alcohol is the most desirable. The greatest need is that you the average 'moderate use' should disappear-that is, drunkenness is secondary."

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Cadiz, the county seat of Harrison county, Ohio, has been dry for nineteen years and is said to be the wealthlest town of its size in the country. If the wealth of Cadiz were divided equally to population, each man, woman and child would have \$2,500. The latest estimate of the wealth in the three banks and the three building and loan associations is \$2,300,000. Cadiz pays \$23,000 annually for church support and \$17,000 for schools, besides large sums for a library of 8,000 volumes, and a 40-acre park with pavilion, grandstand, lake, race track, etc.

UP AGAINST MODERN BUSINESS. It isn't the crank who is putting the liquor traffic out of business. It's the business man, the railroad man, the banker, the lawyer, the merchant, the men who have to depend upon someone else for efficiency in the various departments of the important works. The liquor traffic is up against the modern business age. It is up against an enemy that it cannot throttle or buy or browbeat or bluff, and it might as well save what it can and go out of business.-Wichita Beacon.

MAKE PROTEST EFFECTIVE. It is a great thing for the votor to make his protest against the liquor traffic in the prayer meeting or by his manner of life, but if he would really tell the government, as well as the Lord and the people, that he wants the saloon closed, there is but one method by which he can be recognized; but just one law under which his opinion can declare itself, and his conviction makes itself felt, and that law and method are fulfilled when he drops into a box a ballot that calls for prohibition,-Frances E. Willard.

DRINK IS HANDICAP.

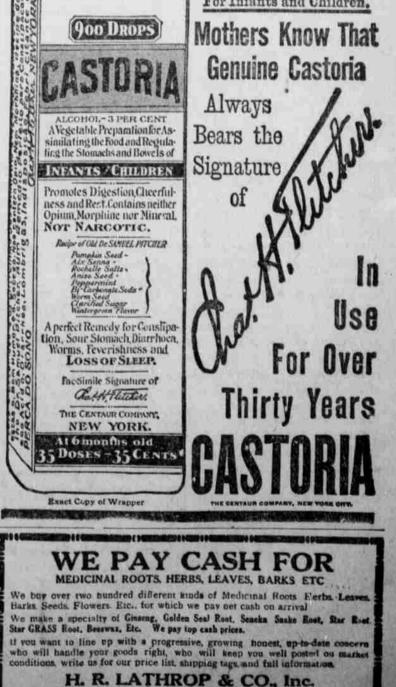
Mr. E. L. Devington, the new chairman of the Transcontinental Passenger association, an organization of 60 railroads, says: "I used to drink a glass of beer, but now I am a dry, I never saw any good come from it The young man who wants to get anywhere must keep away from drink."

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