...T RELIGIOUS READING.

THE READINESS OF GOD.

...he hardest things for a human be-...derstand, in the Divine character ...liness of God to forgive, to help, ...d, to adopt, to bless. "How can ...e me, how can He accept me?" is ... despairing cry. "How can He ...nto His heart of love, when up to ... moment I have neglected and ...nd denied Him?" Yes, God's way ...t from the human way—so differ-...no wonder human nature stands ...d and wondering and doubting. ...man way, even if the better ...d come to a man, would ...forgive gradually with a cer-...ble reserve of feeling; to render ...e and help by degrees; and not until ...nder had thoroughly proved his ...f heart, to take him into one's bosom ...e life. God's way is not so. The ...full of assurances of our Heavenly ...immediate response to human re-...e and human need. The instant a ..., from the depths of a broken and ...heart, "God be merciful to me, a ...that instant God forgives and adopts ...k of taking to your heart one who ...ve cursed and injured you! Yet that ...ly what God does when He accepts ...ntant sinner. If you say that the ... God's child, and that therefore it is ...rd for the Heavenly Father to take ...is breast when repentant, consider ...the sinner just as much your brother ...God's child? There should be no ...n between the Divine feeling and ...n feeling on the score of spiritual ...ship.

...t, of course, to be supposed, or ...ent man's way should be like God's ...y in this respect. The difference repre-...s just what distinguishes the divine and ...an. The lesson which we are to ...e human the thought of God's readiness is ...w from the thought of God's readiness ...e lesson of hope, and joy, and confidence ...ng to Him. God never stops to ...over the matter when a human soul ...s to Him for love and help and for-... He is always in a state of watch-...siveness to meet the first prayer-...gs of the human soul, and bless that ...e to the uttermost. And no length of ...ng can carry the soul away from ...t of His love or power. The sweet ...f Whittier are always true,—

...only know I cannot pass
Beyond His love and care."

...tent alienation sometimes kills the ...the human heart, but never God's ...forever and forever He stands ready ...come the prodigal returning to his ...s house. So long as man has power ...to turn, so long the Divine arms are ...tched to receive him. There is no ...e of condemnation, save that awful ...which a man sets for himself when ...nders to evil the last possibility of ...rily turning to meet the winning ...ht in the face of God.

OPPORTUNITY AND POWER.

...n opportunity touches an undeveloped ... is astonishing what power is often ...ed; and it is undoubtedly true that, ...there are no mute Shakespeares, the ...s full of men and women of real ... who need only an opportunity to ex-.... But opportunities are oftener ...than found, and opportunities would ...often to all of us if we held our-... in the right sense, at a higher price. ...re too easily satisfied with what we ...done, and we too early accept what ...to be the limits of our growth. No ...or woman ought ever to accept any ...to development. There is a power ... us on which we have a right to ...even when we distrust our own capac-...right methods of life, right habits of ...and sound aim, keep us in touch with ...divine power, such as ... and un-...every ... which it ... Upon this ... of the new time that it shall give us ...and force and vitality such as the ...never gave us. We have a right ...of ourselves greater efficiency, en-...and freshness. Refusing to set any ...to our growth, we have a right to ...that life shall mean more to ... shall do more through us every year ...any previous year. Mr. Story was ...showing a friend, who was visiting him ..., his recent work. "For which of ...things you have done," asked his friend, ...do you care most?" "I care most," said the ..., "for the statue I am to carve next." ...is the movement which brings hope, conso-...and inspiration; it is opportunity. If ...is immortal, the future is our reality, ...the past.—The Outlook.

ECONOMY.

...Too often we think of economy as some-...skulking, practised by those of small, ...and grasping natures, or by nobler ...from stern necessity. That anyone ...exercise economy from a belief in it ...true and natural method of life is ...incomprehensible. Yet no close ob-...of the natural world and no careful ...of the Bible can fail to discover that ...is a law of nature and of God. ...the incident at Cana, Christ used what ...at hand. The hungry multitudes in ...ert must have marveled to see him ...the meager portion which they had ...hardly worth mentioning and con-...into sustenance. And if he, who of ...others had the right to be lavish and ex-...ant, was never wasteful, surely no ...can feel justified in wasting where ...would have saved. If he, in every ...ency, could discover some resource ...heeded only power and wisdom to ...it effective, ought we not to be more ...to see, more wise to improve the capa-... of good in the people and things ...us?

"NOT MUCH" FOR TEMPERANCE.

...a visitor at the Carlisle Indian ...asked a young Cheyenne girl if she ...a member of the church, she answered: ..."No much; just a little."

...There are many otherwise excellent and ...spectable people, with more years, oppor-...unities and intelligence than this Cheyenne ...dian girl, whose relations to the temper-...ance reform are very much like hers to the ...church. They are—in their social, religious ...and political relations—temperance; but ...not much; just a little." For their own ...good and for the good of others they should ...come into full fellowship and enlist heartily ...in the important pending contest against in-...temperate social drinking usages and for the ...suppression of the liquor traffic.—National ...Temperance Advocate.

RECONSTRUCT LIFE.

...As a mother who expects her son from ...foreign parts would arrange his room to re-...mind him of his boyhood, gathering into ...it things he loved and the treasures he ...had before him, so will the Master recon-...struct our life beyond doubt of kindly cir-...cumstances, that shall fit into our character ...and work with this difference that the scale ...of heaven; and place us once more ...among those we loved and lost for a while ...with this difference that we shall not ...see through a glass darkly but face to ...face.—Ian Maclaran.

...are not writing in the sand. The tide ...will wash it out. We are not painting ...for eternity on the canvas, and with a ...touch that we can erase the error of yes-...terday or overlay it with another color to-...day. We are writing our lives with a chisel ...on marble and every time we strike a ...blow we leave a mark that is indelible.—...Abbott. D. D.

...not to carry others' ...burdens that ...they carry as well as ours. True ...sympathy consists in giving ... comfort; and ...sometimes giving strength ... those who ...are weak by inspiring them with ... they heal-...ing.—David O. Mears, D. D.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR MARCH 29.

Review of the Lessons for the First Quarter — Golden Text: Luke xii., 8—Commentary.

LESSON I.—The Forerunner of Christ (Luke i., 5-17). Golden Text, Luke i., 76, "Thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways." The standing of Zacharias and Elizabeth is given in the phrase "Righteous before God." How precious when a man and wife are thus one in Christ forever. Their daily life is summarized in "walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless" (verse 6). The grandest thing about their child John was that he should be "Great in the sight of the Lord and filled with the Holy Spirit from his birth" (verse 15). Observe the phrases "Before God," "Before Him," in verses 8, 17.

LESSON II.—The Boy Jesus (Luke ii., 40-52). Golden Text, Luke ii., 52, "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Observe the "Fear Nots" of the angels to Zacharias, Mary and the shepherds (i., 13, 30; ii., 10) and let it be God's word to you. Notice their "Glad Tidings" (i., 19; ii., 10) and be a bearer of the same (Rom. x., 15). Let us magnify the Lord as did Mary and Zacharias, and the angles, and the shepherds (i., 46, 68; ii., 14, 20). Let the first recorded utterance of Him who always pleased the Father, "about my Father's business" (ii., 49) be one of our daily mottoes.

LESSON III.—The Ministry of John the Baptist (Luke iii., 15-22). Golden Text, John i., 29, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John, like his Master, sought no honor for himself, content to be a voice, heard and not seen. Content to decrease if only He might increase; content to have all his disciples leave him to follow Jesus. His greatest cry was that of the Golden Text, "Behold the Lamb of God." Jesus humbles Himself to be baptized of John that He might fulfil all righteousness (Math. iii., 15). The Spirit abides upon Him, and the Father testifies, "Thou art My Beloved Son, in Thee I am well pleased."

LESSON IV.—The Early Ministry of Jesus (Luke iv., 14-22). Golden Text, Luke iv., 32, "His word was with power." Being full of the Spirit He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tried. We desire to be filled with the Spirit, but often forget that it involves trial. He conquered by the sword of the Spirit; let us become mighty in the use of the same.

LESSON V.—The Power of Jesus (Luke v., 17-26). Golden Text, Luke v., 24, "The Son of Man hath power upon earth to forgive sins." Between last lesson and this we see demons and fevers and diseases of all kinds fleeing at His word; even the leper is made clean. The fishes of the sea also obey Him and fill Peter's net. Peter and James and John follow Him more fully.

LESSON VI.—The Sermon on the Plain (Luke vi., 41-49). Golden Text, Luke vi., 46, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" See in v., 39, and vi., 11, the increasing opposition and hatred of the self righteous against the meek and lowly One. While this sermon is the same in substance as the one on the mount (Math. v., to vii.,) it is evident from verse 17 that it was another sermon on another occasion. Jesus teaches us to be and do what He Himself was and did, and that every disciple must be perfected as His Master was (verse 40, margin; Heb. ii., 10).

LESSON VII.—The Great Helper (Luke vii., 2-16). Golden Text, Luke vii., 16, "They glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us." They boasted of the worthiness of the centurion who had shown his love to their Nation by building them a synagogue, but they did not know the worthiness of Him whom they were addressing, nor His love to their Nation in giving Himself to die for them. They did well to judge of the centurion's love by his conduct—our Lord judges of our love to Him by our deeds rather than by our words (I John iii., 16-18).

LESSON VIII.—Faith Encouraged (Luke vii., 43-55). Golden Text, Luke vii., 40: "Thy faith hath made thee whole. Go in peace." He is ever going about doing good (Acts x., 38), healing the sick, casting out demons, raising the dead to life and preaching the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. Here is a case of life ebbing away for twelve years, and another of life steadily developing, for the same period, but until each touches Him there is nothing enduring to either. He only can give real life that will endure forever, but He can and will if we are willing. Hear His "Fear not; believe only," and say, "I will trust and not be afraid."

LESSON IX.—Jesus, the Messiah (Luke ix., 18-27). Golden Text, Luke ix., 35, "This is My Beloved Son; hear Him." Observe in verse 11 how He continues preaching and healing, then see Him feed the 5000 men, the only miracle recorded in each of the four gospels, and if you would be used by Him to feed the multitudes learn from this lesson the secret of losing your life, denying self, bearing the cross daily. It is either Christ or I, Spirit or flesh, the Father or the world. Let the glories of the kingdom as seen in the transfiguration take such hold of you that you will gladly die to self.

LESSON X.—True Love to One's Neighbor (Luke x., 25-37). Golden Text, Luke x., 27, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself." A good lesson, if you include verses 38 to 42, on the difference between the wise and prudent who get nothing and the babes who know His mind by receiving His words.

LESSON XI.—Teaching About Prayer (Luke xi., 1-13). Golden Text, Luke xi., 9, "Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." The great thing in prayer as well as in life and service is to know God as our Father. Confidence in our Father, who so loved us as to give His only begotten Son for us and therefore can withhold no good thing (Rom. viii., 32), is the secret of all quietness. To live only and wholly for Him is the secret of all asking and receiving. The Holy Spirit is the sum and substance of all good things.

LESSON XII.—Faithful and Unfaithful Servants (Luke xii., 37-48). Golden Text, Eph. v., 18, "Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit." There could hardly be a better text with which to close the quarter, for if "filled with the Holy Spirit" we will be watchful, wise and faithful, trustful as to all our own affairs and diligent in His business who careth for us, seeking in all things to please Him and never to please people (Gal. i., 10; I Thess. ii., 4), ready to serve or to wait, to live or to die, to go or to stay, as He may appoint (II Sam. xv., 15; I Chron. xxviii., 21).—Lesson Helper.

SUNDAY OPEN SALOONS.

Thomas Carlyle is reported to have said: "The superabundant number of open public houses on the Sabbath is transforming all our multitudinous towns into Dantean hells by the gin and other intoxicants they sell there." Baron Rothschild said of the effects of the open saloon on Sunday: "There are many streets in London where you may see row after row of public houses, dens of the worst description, which are simply supported by the money which flows into their coffers on Sunday, and if closed on that day they must eventually go to the wall."

A writer in the Religious Telescope says: The criminal statistics of England show that 13,000 persons are convicted annually for Sunday drunkenness as a result of open saloons in London and other cities. Notice that this number is convicted. How many are drunk or tipsy in their homes who are not arrested? This demonstrates the work of the Sunday open saloons.

The King of Abyssinia claims to be descended in the direct line from the Queen of Sheba and King Solomon.

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

BOTH CONFESSED.

Two Young Men Charged With Highway Robbery.

Roy Miller and Ike Farmer, aged 17 years, were arrested at Uniontown, charged with the highway robbery of the two Huns several weeks ago. Later they broke down and made a clean breast of the whole affair, implicating Irvin Miller, John Riffle, John Jordan and Harry Blaine, colored. Miller and Raffle are already under arrest on the same charge. Jordan was captured since, but Blaine is still at large. In their confession the boys exonerated "Eatable" Tibbs. He was not along when the robbery was committed and knew nothing of the deed. One of the victims of the robbery identified Tibbs in jail as one of the robbers.

UPSET THE LAMP.

Miss Phoebe Welsh, aged 55 years, was so badly burned at her home in Waynesburo that she died four hours afterward. She had been nursing her sick father throughout the night and was preparing to retire when she upset a lamp. Her clothing caught fire and the flames communicated to the furniture, which was destroyed. Her nephew, Charles Welsh, inhaled the flames and was burned about the body. It is feared that he will die. Miss Welsh was a cripple.

Fire resulting from an explosion in a reduction furnace caused a reported loss of $1,000,000 to the Pennsylvania salt manufacturing company at its extensive plant, Natrona, on the West Penn road, in Allegheny county. For a time the town of Natrona was threatened, and frequent explosions of chemicals and tanks of acid imperiled the lives of scores of country people, who crowded all the fire lines dangerously close. The offices of the company are in Philadelphia. It is believed the insurance covers the losses. The works manufactured sal soda, caleium, baking powder and other chemicals, besides extracting gold, silver and copper.

In granting licenses in Lawrence county Judge Wallace reiterated the warning he gave last year, that he would revoke the liquor-selling privileges of all licensees and their bar-tenders who take a drink during hours of duty. The court also ruled that if a saloonkeeper have his license transferred, he will not be granted another license for at least three years.

At New Castle, Judge Miller sentenced Charles Walker, Joseph Ingalls and Lewis Zackman to four years each in the penitentiary. The three were charged with 40 different burglaries, pleaded guilty to one case, and in the other nine verdicts of not guilty were rendered.

W. K. Truax, agent of the Pan Handle railroad at Paris Bends, eloped with Lola Snyder, the 17-year-old daughter of John Snyder. They sent letters to their families saying that they had gone forever. Truax is 48 years old, and leaves a wife and four children.

Henry S. Freeman, for many of the years in the employ of Ashton & Vincent, at Erie, fell down a flight of stairs and broke his neck. Medical aid was immediately called, but they only succeeded in prolonging life two hours. Mr. Freeman was 58 years of age.

At Forest City Frank Crespie went to the house of his wife and shot her because she refused to live with him. Then he turned his pistol on himself and put a bullet through his head, dying instantly. Mrs. Crespie is in a serious condition, but she may recover.

The State Department of Agriculture is preparing to bring suits in Pittsburg, Philadelphia and other parts of the State against grocers who sell ordinary table molasses without its being labeled according to the pure food act.

A freight train and nine loaded cars were wrecked on the Pennsylvania railroad in South Williamsport by running into an open switch. It was the work of train wreckers. Loss, $15,000. A tramp named J. A. Howard was arrested.

At the special election Saturday voters of Sharon decided by a majority of 173 against the proposition to issue $85,000 in bonds to construct a sewerage system on the east side of the city.

Charles Gardner, Elmer Gardner, Ward Rockwell, Herbert Gardner, Patrick Cline, H. A. Hart and Carrie Reynehl were arrested at Athens on the charge of passing counterfeit coin.

A "nest" of four boilers at the Algonquin breakers, Miners Mills, exploded and two of the boilers were found a quarter of a mile away. The engineer escaped.

Information has been made by Food Commissioner Kinnell at Jeannette against the Western Butter Company for selling oleomargarine.

The rolling mill of the Altoona iron company has been started up on full time, with orders that will keep the mill running indefinitely.

The barking of a dog saved the family of R. M. McConnell, near Paulton on Thursday night from cremation in their burning house.

The Labor World.

Tacoma, Wash., has one hosiery mill.

Glove makers are endeavoring to establish a National union.

Gripmen on the Broadway line, New York City, are paid by the trip.

Boilermakers in Cleveland, Ohio, went on strike for increased wages.

Building operations at some Eastern points are not as active as anticipated.

The strike of 12,500 Berlin joiners is ended. They obtained higher pay and shorter hours.

The oyster openers are anxious to form a union. They say that incompetent men are coming into their trade.

One thousand names have been dropped from the pay rolls of the Southern Pacific within the last sixty days.

The American Federation of Labor is making arrangements for a National demand for an eight-hour work day on May 1.

Organized labor worked for the passage of a number of bills in the interest of labor through the New York Legislature.

The Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators has secured a trade-mark patent on its seal, which will also be used as a label.

At Lima, Ohio, Horace Gregory has sued Mayor Smiley for $10.00 damages. The plaintiff alleges that Mayor Smiley garnisheed his wages, which were exempt from execution. The garnishment, it is alleged, destroyed his good name and credit, and he has been unable to obtain employment since.

The Retail Clerks' Protective Association, of Milwaukee, Wis., is making a strenuous effort to have the stores closed Sundays.

Metal Polishers, Buffers and Platers' Union decided to demand that its members be paid $2.75 for a day's work of nine hours.

A street waterer in Calcutta, India, who sprinkles the streets from a water-skin carried on his shoulders, is paid six cents a day.

The oldest engineer on the Boston & Maine system, and probably in New England, is said to be Squire Wilson, of Lyndonville, Vt. Engineer Wilson has been running a machine since 1852 and is yet in active daily service.

The inspectors of the London County Council recently discovered that 600 shops were ignoring the law passed in 1892 that no person under eighteen shall be employed in or about a shop for more than seventy-four hours per week.

INDUSTRIAL MATTERS.

Miners Wages Increased—Window Glass Trade Meeting.

A meeting of the Window Glass Manufacturers is called to assemble at Columbus, Ohio, to discuss matters affecting their interest. It is understood that one of the most important questions which will be discussed at the meeting will be the advisability of establishing southern agencies in all large cities to sell direct to consumers. This idea had developed as a result of the contention which has been going on between manufacturers and jobbers for some time. Jobbers have been holding back their orders, and manufacturers have been forced to hold their stock or sell at prices below that agreed upon.

The Old and the New.

Who recollects the buckwheat cake of a generation ago, before we had patent pancake flour? Who can see any likeness between the modern substitute, made of nobody knows what combinations? Once we had real buckwheat cakes, with real country butter and real maple syrup. What do we eat now? Probably buckwheat cakes made of a mixture of cheap baking powder, buckwheat enough to flavor, and wheat flour of a low grade to give a white color. To this is added maple syrup made of brown sugar, glucose and a maple flavoring. We eat the imitation buckwheat because we turn up our noses at the honest dark color of the real buckwheat. We eat a tasteless white wheat bread for the same reason. The sweet, nutritious black wheat flour that we can recall in the years gone by is no longer pretty enough. We want white bread, forgetting that we are throwing out of our flour the bone and muscle elements of the wheat when we take it for looks rather than on a food value.

Miners' Wages Increased.

The long promised increased in the mining rate throughout Northern and Central Pennsylvania is to be made April 1. Notices to that effect are posted at all mines in Philipsburg, Pa., section. The increase is to be 5 cents a ton, making the rate 15 cents per gross ton and 40 cents per ton net. The miners are disappointed that the increase was not 10 cents a ton.

Watch Works Closed Down.

Immediately following the settlement of the strike in the American Watch company's factory comes notice from the management at Waltham, that the factory will be closed until further notice. Manager Fitch says this step is taken to secure a more equitable division of the work, some departments being able to go faster than others.

Heaviest Rails Ever Made.

The Edgar Thompson steel works has just completed rolling a 50,000 ton order for the Pennsylvania railroad of 90-foot rails 100 pounds to the yard. These are the heaviest rails ever rolled. The Edgar Thomson has just been awarded the contract for a 10,000 ton order of 90-foot rails from a railroad to be built in Japan.

Peach Crop All Right.

Telegrams from Fort Valley, the heart of the Georgia peach region, say that the cold weather has done no damage to the fruit crop in that section so far. The growers say that while some varieties may be hurt others are not, and with favorable weather to the end of April all will be well.

A Rolling Mill Resumes.

The rolling mill of the Altoona Iron Company, which has been idle for some time because of lack of orders, has been started up on full time. The number of employes now on hand will keep the mill running indefinitely.

In a cattle battle between cowboys and citizens at Indianapolis several men were shot, one fatally and many arrests were made.

Czar to Be Crowned on May 26.

The ceremony of the coronation of the Czar of Russia has been finally fixed for May 26. The official programme has been published. The Czar and Czarina will make a triumphal entry into Moscow on May 21 and will leave that city on June 7. The interim will be filled with ceremonies, religious services, receptions, balls, fetes and reviews. The preparations for the affair are on the most lavish scale, and the ceremony of coronation will be one of the most impressive and magnificent ever seen in the old Russian capital.

MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—No. 1 red	73	80
No. 2 red	75	77
CORN—No. 2 yellow, ear	33	33
No. 2 yellow, shelled	33	34
Mixed ear	32	32
OATS—No. 1 white	25	25½
No. 2 white	24½	25
Light mixed	23	23½
RYE—No. 1	43	46
No. 2 western	41	44
FLOUR—Winter patents, per bbl	3 75	3 90
Fancy spring patents	3 60	3 65
Fancy straight winter	3 45	3 60
Rye flour	3 35	3 80
HAY—No. 1 timothy	16 00	17 00
Mixed clover, No. 1	15 50	16 00
New hay, from wagons	15 00	16 00
FEED—No. 1 white M'd., ton	17 50	18 75
Brown Middlings	17 00	17 50
Bran, bulk	16 50	17 00
STRAW—Wheat	8 50	9 75
Oat	7 75	8 00

Dairy Products.

BUTTER—Elgin creamery	24	25
Fancy Creamery	22	23
Fancy Country Roll	18	18
CHEESE—Ohio, new	9	10
New York, new	10	11

Fruit and Vegetables.

APPLES, bbl	$2 00	$3 50
BEANS—Hand-picked, per bu	1 35	1 40
POTATOES—Fine, in car, bu	23	25
CABBAGE—Home grown, bbl	1 50	1 75
ONIONS—Yellow, bu	45	50

Poultry, Etc.

CHICKENS, ₰ pair	40	60
TURKEYS, ₰ lb	10	11
EGGS—Pa. and Ohio, fresh	10	11

Miscellaneous.

SEEDS—Clover, ₰ lbs	$ 1 75	$ 5 00
Timothy, prime	1 90	2 00
Blue Grass	2 40	1 90
MAPLE SUGAR, new	70	80
CIDER—Country, sweet, bbl	2 50	3 50
TALLOW	4	4

CINCINNATI.

FLOUR	$ 3 20	$ 3 50
WHEAT—No. 2 red		74
RYE No. 2		42
CORN—Mixed		31
OATS	22	23
EGGS		9
BUTTER—Ohio Creamery		20

PHILADELPHIA.

FLOUR	$ 3 25	$ 4 75
WHEAT—No. 2 red		76
CORN—No. 2 Mixed		33
OATS—No. 2 White	25	25
BUTTER—Creamery, extra		20
EGGS—Pa. fresh		11

NEW YORK.

FLOUR—Patents	$ 3 75	$ 4 15
WHEAT—No. 2 red		80
CORN—No. 2		37
OATS—White Western	28	29
BUTTER—Creamery		19
EGGS—State and Penn	11	12

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Fair light steers, 900 to 1000 lbs	3 45	3 60
Common, 700 to 800	2 75	3 25

HOGS.

Medium	4 20	4 25
Heavy	4 00	4 10
Roughs and Stags	2 75	3 40

SHEEP.

Extra, 110 to 125 lbs	3 85	4 10
Good, 85 to 90 lbs	3 70	3 85
Fair, 70 to 80 lbs	3 50	3 60
Common	2 75	3 40

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LIVE TEMPERANCE TOPICS.

POOR PROTECTION.

A song bird, perched in the orchard near,
Poured forth her notes on the morning air;
Then flew to propose her darlings dear,
From a truant boy who wandered there.

She fluttered silent and cried with pain,
"Oh! Spare my darlings! They're all my care,"
But her cries of fear were all in vain,
Her darlings are gone, her nest is bare.

She sings no more in the orchard tree,
But chirps to her disappointed mate
Of their birdlings sweet, no more to be;
Of cruel boys, and of cruel fate.

So grief worn mothers, in sad despair,
Mourn for their baby ones and find no rest.
They were once their joy, their pride and care;
But Rum has robbed the dear home nest.

But law protects the song bird's nest,
Avenges their blood in field and grove;
But laws, which answer our own behest,
Refuse to shelter the lambs of Men.
—Rev. D. A. Haddock, in the Ram's Horn.

HOW THE STOMACH IS INJURED.

A disordered stomach will feel uncomfortable after eating; fermented liquors will remove for a time the unpleasant sensations. Potion after potion is swallowed on this account, often without producing permanent tranquility, and much to the injury of the stomach. Wine drinkers do not drink wine after every meal, which proves that wine is not necessary to their digestion, and many who have confided in this belief have been convinced of their error by leaving it off and finding that they digested their food as well when deprived of it, and that such privation greatly contributed to their eventual restoration to health.—Dr. Benjamin Ward Richardson.

INEBRIATE FARM HOME.

An interesting experiment is being tried in England in the opening of an Inebriate Farm Home. A large farm has been secured in Surrey and numerous cottages erected upon it. It is announced that each cottage will represent a family circle, under the care of a sister. The females will be employed in poultry rearing, fruit culture, bee keeping, flower growing and dairy work of all kinds. No patient will be received for less than one year.

INTOXICATION AND CRIME.

The Court of Appeals, through Justice Morris, on Monday pronounced a most wholesome doctrine of criminal law in passing on a murder case that involved the question of how far a crime may be excused because of the intoxication of the defendant. There is a perverted sense of charity in some quarters that pleads for mercy for a man who robs, shoots, cuts, assaults or otherwise offends while drunk. It is urged that the drink habit is a disease, that the influence of strong liquor is to make a man an irresponsible agent, and, therefore, that intoxication must, in criminal matters, be likened to insanity as a palliation of the offence. This doctrine is plainly dangerous, tending at once to increase both drunkenness and crime. It has obtained a certain vogue in some of the lower courts, and this, it is urged, has spread a belief among the criminal classes that liquor is regarded by the law as an excuse for all sorts of offenses. The holding by the Court of Appeals is of such force and expressed with so much certainty that it should be spread abroad as widely as possible to check the unfortunate tendency that all too plainly exists. Justice Morris, in upholding the action of the court below, said:

"We hold emphatically as the law of the District of Columbia that voluntary intoxication is neither an excuse nor a palliation for crime. Voluntary intoxication is itself a crime, at least in morals if not always in law. It is always at least a vice. And it would be subversive of all law and all morals if the commission of one vice or crime could be permitted to operate as an excuse or palliation for another crime."

This is definite language that may be understood by all, whether versed in the law or not. It is an eminently wise decision, and it gives the courts of inferior jurisdiction the district ample ground for some effective reformatory work. The process should begin in the Police Court, where drunkenness and petty crime commonly go hand in hand. It should follow the course of justice through the Grand Jury to the criminal courts in special term, and so on up to the tribunals of last resort. When men are brought to a clear, definite understanding that intoxication is held by the law to aggravate instead of to excuse a crime committed under the influence of liquor, they may be less easily tempted by the bottle.—Boston Star.

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GOD ENTERETH THE SOUL.

Children, on this wise God entereth into the soul immediately without a veil; that is, when a man wholly renounces self—all that he has. One moment in this state were more worth living than forty years spent in doing and leaving undone what we pleased. O God! with what things are men taken up while they waste this precious, blessed season of grace and come short of that poor, exalted good which might, and ought unceasingly, to be wrought in them; and so the long years roll slowly by, and they are as one in a sleep never coming any farther, unstirred by God's grace.—John Tauler.

TEMPERANCE NEWS AND NOTES.

The Father Matthew Society of East Cambridge celebrated its forty-sixth anniversary at Union Hall, Cambridgeport, on January 19.

Pure alcohol is the basis of all intoxicating liquors and is known to the chemist as one of the most deadly of poisons, being third on the list.

Personal total abstinence is not narrow because it is an act of charity to set good example to others, nor is it extreme because it is according to reason.

Alcohol is so deadly in its character that there is no other article or material in nature so well calculated to produce disease and consequent crime and misery.

Alcohol has not yet been found anywhere in all the wide universe of living matter. It is not there and can only be produced when life has been destroyed and the substance rotted.

The labor question is also the saloon question. The New York Voice has demonstrated that one-ninth part of all the working men's wages in this country goes to support the saloon.

Belgium schools back up the temperance teachings by a pledge-taking day, when the school is decked with flowers, pupils are in holiday costume, and the local officers, the clergy and the parents of the new members, are invited to be present at the ceremony. Children from the age of twelve are invited to pledge themselves to abstain from all strong liquors until they are twenty, when it is found they do not usually want to drink.

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