

SELECT RELIGIOUS READING.

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LIVE TEMPERANCE TOPICS.

WALK STRAIGHT. I saw a poor man, Who had only one leg And one hand—so, you see, He did nothing but beg; And, wanting his crutches, He stirred not a peg!

YET I knew a worse case, Quite sad to relate, Of a man who had two legs, Yet couldn't walk straight, But staggered and reeled— A most terrible state!

ALCOHOL USELESS IN HOSPITALS. Doctor B. W. Richardson states that in nine thousand cases treated at the London Temperance Hospital, the death-rate was only 6.3 per cent, a rate which is on a par with, if not lower, than that of any other hospital. He also said that in the seventeen cases in which alcohol had been administered at the hospital he did not believe it had done a bit of good, and that he never prescribes it himself.

SACRAMENT A MYSTERY. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is a very great mystery and it is the means of conveying unspeakable blessings, but the Lord intended that the bread and the wine should first of all win for him his one request that he be remembered, Jesus is not so for one moment thought of as simply the divinity of all the forces that mold life to God, immanent by his Spirit, but as the Man who ever loves most passionately and hungers most for love. He craves little for monuments; he craves for hearts. Jesus is only satisfied when the doors are shut to the world, and in a quiet place his friends meet Him to keep His commandments.—Ian MacLaren.

HIS OWN INTERPRETER. "God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain." I am standing among the discordances of a crowded workshop; I see one pairing metal through the fire and molding it in forms and one with axe and hammer building a frame; and one with crucial chisel and plane, forming the monster tubes; and one adjusting the keys. No melodies, no harmonies there. But the scene changes. I am standing in a vaulted cathedral, with the soft, dim, religious light. Yonder is the stately instrument with genius at the keys. Hark! there come whispings of melody, ripples of melody, drippings of melody, gustings of melody, trumpet-tones of melody, orchestral bursts of melody, diapason thunders of melody, that roll through the vaulted magnificence. Time is the workshop, eternity the vaulted cathedral, time the process, eternity the completion; time the discordance, eternity the melodies, the song, the jubilate forever. "For our light afflictions, which are but for a moment, work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."—George Douglas, D. D.

ECONOMIC REMEDY FOR HARD TIMES. In an able article under this caption in the Christian Herald, Mr. H. B. Rev. Fred C. Britton has this to say of strong drink as one of the causes of hard times: "How much waste does it cause? Directly, \$1,500,000,000 annually. The figures show that in 1892 the annual liquor bill of the United States was \$1,200,000,000 and it was increasing at the rate of from one to two hundred millions every year. Do you know what \$1,200,000,000 would do? It would build 200,000 homes at \$2000 each, put \$1500 worth of furniture in each of them, add \$1000 each to the salaries of all the gospel ministers in the land, and leave a \$5 gold piece for every man, woman and child in the United States.

TEMPERANCE NEWS AND NOTES. License money is blood money. The devil never likes to have a man read a temperance paper. Before the devil can be chained the saloon door must be shut. Cowards are despicable, and a moral coward is the worst of all. Out of 8000 persons engaged in the liquor business in Philadelphia, 3636 are women.—Charleston Messenger. "Show me where my boy's boots are after dark, and you may have him during the day," was Judge Woodbury's homely but happy epigram at an Oxford County (Maine) Temperance meeting.

FRAYER. Almighty God, who by the giving of Holy Ghost has changed the shadows of the law into the realities of the body of life, and by the continual operation of thy quickening spirit dost cause thy children to grow and be profited by thy grace, we beseech thee that all who have been born of the flesh and blood of the Son may be filled with the blessed comfort of the Holy Ghost and be endowed with heavenly gifts, favorably regard the word of God, which servants, and grant us, may always be satisfied after Thy grace through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR JULY 26.

Lesson Text: "God's Promises to David," 2 Samuel vii, 4-16. Golden Text: Psalm lxxi, 1.—Commentary.

4. "That night the word of the Lord came unto Nathan. In David's house was Mary, the mother of our Lord (II Sam. v, 14, Luke iii, 31), but this is another Nathan, who was a prophet in the time of David and is first mentioned in verse 2 of this chapter and afterwards over twenty times in this book and in I Kings. The greatest thing about him was that he was a messenger for God. In verse 3, however, he seems to have given a message from himself which was not in accord with the mind of God. To be always under the control of the spirit of God, and speak only the words of God, and do only the things of God is a life that was seen only in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. "Go and tell my servant David, thus saith the Lord." Again in verse 8 the Lord says, "My servant David," and in verses 19-21, 25-29, David speaks of himself ten times as "Thy servant." In Isa. xlii, 1, God says of His Son, "Behold My servant." To be a whole hearted bond-servant of the Lord Jesus Christ is the highest position in the line of work for God that He can enjoy. As fellowship and real communion, we are His friends, but as to service may we be true servants.

6. "I have not dwelt in any house since that day that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt." As David dwelt in his house of cedar and had rest from all his enemies he contrasted his surroundings with those of the Lord. The greatest thing about him was that he was a messenger for God. In verse 3, however, he seems to have given a message from himself which was not in accord with the mind of God. To be always under the control of the spirit of God, and speak only the words of God, and do only the things of God is a life that was seen only in our Lord Jesus Christ.

7. "Spake I word with any of the tribes, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar." It is not for the servant to suggest to his Lord what he should or should not do. The servant is to be obedient and obedient "and ready to do whatsoever the Lord the King shall appoint" (Isa. l, 19, II Sam. xv, 15). If we thus hold ourselves ready to walk in His ways, that is all He asks of us.

8. "I took thee from following the sheep to be ruler over my people, over Israel." It is well to remember when we were and what we were when God called us. It is well to continue little in our own sight and never think anything of ourselves. When called to special service for God, we must bear in mind who we are, and that He has in view for us some special work. In this case it was to be "ruler over Israel."

9. "And I was with thee and have cut off all thine enemies and have made thee a great name." It is not for the servant to suggest to his Lord what he should or should not do. The servant is to be obedient and obedient "and ready to do whatsoever the Lord the King shall appoint" (Isa. l, 19, II Sam. xv, 15). If we thus hold ourselves ready to walk in His ways, that is all He asks of us.

10. "Moreover, I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them." The fact that when they are thus planted they will move no more nor be afflicted, any more in that second sense, is simply a statement, such as Jer. xxxi, 28-40, xxxii, 41, Amos ix, 15, and still awaits fulfillment. All events which to us may seem and may be, are in the future as to Him, who sees the end from the beginning, a present reality and are as sure of fulfillment, however unexpected they may seem, as if actually accomplished.

11. "Also the Lord telleth thee that—That He will make thee an house." The word "house" may signify a dwelling, whether tent, temple or palace; also a place containing anything, or one's family or posterity. The following will show that here it means posterity and kingdom.

12. "I will set up thy seed after thee, and I will establish his kingdom." The Apostle Peter, filled with the Spirit, said on the day of Pentecost that God had sworn with an oath to David that the fruit of his loins He would raise up to sit on His throne (Acts ii, 30), and the next verse in Peter's sermon says He would be raised from the dead. To Abraham were promised the land and the prosperity as the stars and as the sand, and now to David are promised the kingdom, the throne and the king.

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ONLY SOBER MEN WANTED. An examination of the Metal Workers' advertising columns reveals the following: "Must be competent, reliable, total abstainer." "Must be sober and industrious." "Must be sober and industrious." "Must be sober." "Must be sober." "Must be temperate." "Must be practical and sober." "No drunkard need apply." "Steady job to sober, reliable men." "Strictly temperate and industrious." "Drinking men need not apply."—Kansas Templar.

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

A LEAP FOR LIBERTY.

Morris, the Uniontown Murderer, Tries to Escape.

Hopeless of any further executive mercy and with the hangman's noose tightening about his neck, Frank Morris, the boy murderer, who was convicted two years ago for killing Bernard L. Oker, made a desperate but unsuccessful attempt to escape from Uniontown Jail Sunday morning. When breakfast was being served to the prisoners Morris lingered at the end of the line, and while the jail guard's back was turned to him he made a plunge through the hole by which rations are passed into the jail and was almost into the kitchen when his clothes caught at a small moment, sheriff's assistant and Deputy Johns accidentally entered the kitchen and captured him at the point of revolvers taking him back to his cell.

Mrs. Rosanna McDowell, aged 69 years, was beheld by a Pittsburgh and Lake Erie freight train while walking along the railroad tracks at McKees Rocks. No one saw the accident and the particulars are not known. The body was found by a track walker in the ditch beside the railroad. Mrs. McDowell resided at Kittanning and was visiting her daughter.

Louis Miller, a baker, single, aged 26 years was drowned at the Tumbling run dam near Fortsville, while boating with a companion. About 30 feet from the shore the boat upset. Miller not being able to swim sank in about 25 feet of water, Hartman his companion, swam ashore.

The survivors of the Two Hundred and Eleventh regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, of Hartranft's division of the Ninth corps, will hold their annual reunion at Warren, September 1.

Several thousand acres of coal land in the northern end of the Laguerre valley have been leased by Mathias Lexman, of Latrobe, and other capitalists. The coal will be used in making coke.

Eighteen shares in the Fayette branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad were sold at auction at Uniontown for \$22 per share, and one Uniontown Electric railway bond which weighed \$25.

A. L. Smith, of Bangor, aged 34 years, a cigar dealer, committed suicide, taking a dose of laudanum. He told his wife he had taken poison and refused to have a physician.

The Penn Bridge Company of Beaver Falls has secured the contract of constructing the building of the Cleveland bicycle tube mill, at Greenville. It will cost about \$300,000.

Headache tablets swallowed in the suppository form by a child, caused the death of Little Helen Inlay, the 3-year-old daughter of L. E. Inlay, of Wilkensburg.

A new postoffice has been established in Clearfield county, three miles from Woodland. It has been designated Nesdall, with Edward W. Lift as postmaster.

Oscar Bradley, burglar of Bridgeport, was arrested and fined for drunkenness and then arrested on a charge of assault and battery preferred by his wife.

Democratic primaries will be held in Washington county Saturday, August 1, and convention to be held the following Monday.

The residence of W. E. Piper and Walter Patton, of DuBois, was entered by burglars Sunday night, and nearly \$300 worth of goods were stolen.

A. H. Early shot an eagle on the Little Beaver river near Knox, that measured 6 feet and 11 inches from tip to tip of wings.

It has been learned that the accounts of James E. Britt, who disappeared from West Newton some weeks since are short.

The cornerstone of the new Evangelical church at Greensburg, was laid Saturday by Bishop Stauffer, of Meadville.

All but two of the Mercer attorneys signed a paper agreeing to take a month's vacation, commencing Monday.

Jarrett Smith, of Dunbar, is in jail at Uniontown, charged with collecting money under false pretenses.

William Eckart, a farmer living near Rochester, was struck by lightning and killed.

During the storm at Greensburg, lightning severely shocked two miners working in a mine.

Samuel Hutchinson, aged 8, fell from a bridge at Greensburg, and was drowned.

Starkey & Cramer, merchants at Ellwood, failed. Liabilities and assets, \$6,000.

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