

SELECT RELIGIOUS READING.

How we come to be what we are remains among the mysteries of life. We may learn something about it; but there is much more we cannot learn. We must be responsive to grace.

LIVE TEMPERANCE TOPICS.

WHAT WE CAN DO. Oh, what can we do, my brothers, To speed the cause along? We can speak a word to others.

TEMPERANCE WORK THAT TELLS. A saloon keeper on the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad complains that the temperance advocates have been the cause of the reduction in his receipts.

A REMARKABLE RECORD. Hangsund on the west coast of Norway, midway between Bergen and Stavanger, has a remarkable prohibition record.

A HELPING HAND. A saloon sign the pledge for Rev. Charles Garrett, but soon after broke it. Conscience-stricken and ashamed, he tried to keep out of the way of his friends.

THE SOT A SUICIDE. The Right Rev. Monsignor Thorpe, of Cleveland, during a sermon on the great evil of modern days, said a man who will squander his money in destroying his health.

UTTERLY USELESS. At a temperance mass meeting in St. Paul the Rev. John Gmeiner called attention to the fact that the liquor traffic, which is the cause of the loss of life and property.

TEMPERANCE NEWS AND NOTES. "Is the young man safe?" Not if his father is a moderate drinker. Sorrow is supplied with a life preserver that makes the effort to drown it in vain impossible.

A PRAYER. How many lights are there in the world? Is there light in the child, and she says, There is light.

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INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 20.

Lesson Text: "Destructive Vices," Prov. xvi, 22-33—Golden Text: Psalm xvi, 25—Commentary.

"Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it, but the instruction of fools is folly." In verse 16 of this chapter we read that wisdom is better than gold and understanding than silver.

"Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul and health to the bones." If we keep the words of God in us, they will be fitted in our lips as the Spirit leads us to use them.

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, and that thereafter is the way of death." There is but one way, and that is He who said, "I am the way."

"He that laboreth laboreth for himself, for his mouth craveth it of him." What multitudes spend all their strength in getting their mouths filled with things that are not of God.

"A forward man soweth strife, and a whisperer separateth chief friends." It is better to be a man of peace than a man of strife. Let us be men of peace.

"A violent man enticeth his neighbor and leadeth him into the way that is not good." The devil and his followers are at work in the business world, and it is our duty to be on our guard.

"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." He that is slow to anger appeaseth strife and is of great understanding.

FULL OF FAITH. Faith—that faith which has the closest possible connection with religion, which lies nearest its roots and embodies the most of its spirit—is best defined as the sense of the unseen.

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

BARNY BURNED. New Soldiers Monument—Longest Pastorate in the State.

The thirty-sixth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. David H. Barron, D. D., was celebrated in the First Presbyterian church at Hollidaysburg.

Farmers in the vicinity of Avondale are using an electric current to furnish power for their threshing machines. Many barns have been destroyed by sparks from the steam engines.

John Vincono, an insane Italian, escaped from Beaver county home and in attempting to cross the river was drowned. The body was recovered two hours later.

Thomas Brown started out from Benton for a spin to Jamison City. When within a mile of Jamison City he was precipitated over the mountain side.

People of West Newton have been victimized by a man claiming to be the agent of the Stephens, Thompson Company.

A new postoffice has been established at Nihil, Westmoreland county, with William Irvin as postmaster.

The grand jury in its report recommended the erection of a monument to commemorate the soldiers in the civil war.

Isaac Cook, a constable in jail at Brookville, charged with the murder of Augustine Corina, an Italian, while the officer was trying to stop a disturbance among the Italians.

An incendiary set fire to a stable and a large warehouse belonging to A. K. Lasky & Co., at Altoona. He was seen in the act, but escaped.

The large stock barn of Thomas Stewart, of near Clarksville, with a lot of hay and grain, was burned. Loss, \$4,000.

Richard Scott, formerly of Pittsburg, died in a hospital at New Castle, from blood poisoning caused by fracturing his thumb while moving a barrel.

While Mrs. Anna Bush and her family were absent from their home near Beaver Falls, thieves entered the house and hauled away a wagon load of goods.

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