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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON FOR SUNDAY MAY 1.

'Prayer of the Penitent," Psalm 1-13. Golden Tex: Psalm iv 10-Com mentary.

1. "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness; according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions." This is the third of the seven penitential paslms, the others being the vi., xxxii, cii., cxxx, cxliii., xxxviii. The title gives the circumstances which led David to write this psalm, and the whole story is found in II Sam. xi., and xii. Let all consider the true significance of the seventh commandment as taught by our Lord Jesus, and let only those who are not guilty throw stones.

2. "Wash me thoroughly from mine inquity, and cleanse me from my sin." Like the leper who said, "Lord, if Thou will Thou canst make me clean? (Math. viii., 2), he believes that the Lord can cleanse him, and he wants it done thoroughly. How such a word as I John i., 9, would have comforted him 'If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." But he had virtually the same teaching in Lev. vi., 1-7.

3. "For I acknowledge my transgressor; and my sin is ever before me," "Only acknowledge thine injuity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God "was God's plea with Israel by Jeremiah (Jeriii, 13). David does this, not making light of it nor seeking to hide either his injuity, the root of all the trouble, or his transgression in which he overstepped the line, or his sin in which he came short of the mark (Ex. xxxiv., 7).

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xv., 11; I John i., 49.

18. "Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto Thee." This is the end of our salvation or restoration, that others may hear of Jesus. Jesus instructed Peter that after he was restored he should strengthen his brethren (Luke xxii., 32). Being saved, we should forget entirely our own welfare, and give our selves as living sacrifices to make known His righteousness, show forth His praise, and thus hasten the time when He shall appear in His glory to build up Zion. See verses 14, 15, 18, and compare Ps. cli., 16.—Lesson Helper.

SHE TORE UP THE WILL,

A Pfetty Nebraska Girl Would Accept Neither a Lover Nor His Money.

Lincoln, Neb., April 23.—Some six months ago Arend Arends, a well-to do farmer, hanged himself because pretty Mary Van Hove, a neighbor's daughter, did not return his love. Arends left a will in which he bequeathed his farm and possessions, valued at \$10,000, to Mary. To-day she came into court in response to a summons but positively declined to file the will for probate, dramatically tearing up the document before the astonished relatives, and renouncing her claims in favor of Arend's mother, who lives in Reynolds county, Mo.

TEMPERANCE.

WHICH SHALL IT BE A tidy little home for Betsy and me,
With just enough room for one, two, three!
Or a tumble-down hut with a broken gate,
And a sad-eyed woman tolling early and
late:

Yhich shall it be
For mine and me?

A five cent glass of beer for me, Or a five cent loaf for all of us three? Beer or baby—wine or wife, Which do I hold more precious than life, Which shall it be For mine and me?

Potatoes and sait with a crust of bread For the best little woman the Lord ever For the best lives volume to the handle, while the rumseller's wife feeds on turkey and wine,
Eought with my money—if I so incline,
This shall it be
For mine and me!

Tatters and rags for my little one,
My fair comely baby, my own darling son;
While the runseller's children go warm and
well cliad,
On my earnings, wrested from my bonny
lad; This shall it be For mine and me

Well, man, do you think me a whole fool, fool, Blindly to serve as the runseller's tool? Ah! How can I hesitate which to choose, When it's all to gain—or all to lose For mine and me, For mine and me?

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DRUNKENNESS AND DISEASE.

Drunkenness is indeed the cause of many fatal diseases—cerebral meningitis, congestion and softening of the brain, epilepsy, gastritis, diseases of the liver, heart and kidneys, and increased liability to all diseases. In itself, however, drunkenness is not a disease known as "imbritely" or by any other name intended to make it less odious; but it is now, as it ever has been, the most debasing of all sins against both Divine and human laws, and deserving the severest reprobation. It should, therefore, be made proportionately the most odious and the most fable to punistment, as being the most effectual of all means for its prevention.—The Santarian.

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Bishop Asbury was once the guest of a family who were very anxious to make his visit pleasant. They did everything in their power to show their hospitality, and make him feel at home. At dinner a bottle of brandy was placed on the table, and he was invited to partake, but he declined. The lady blushed and said, "Bishop, I believe that brandy is goo I in its place."
"So do I," replied the bishop, "and if you have no objection, I will put it in its place." So he arose and put if in the old-fashioned cupboard in the corner of the room, saying with emphasis, "That is the place, and there let it stay."

And there it did stay, never to be brought on that table again. The dinner-table is no place for the wine bottle or brandy bottle, for strong drink is hurtful for digestion. A well person does not need strong drink of any kind, and it is too dangerous to be used in sickness.—Youth's Temperance Banner.

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At the great Columbian Exposition of '98 a building will be set apart for the use of the W. C. T. U., and in connection with it there will be a most unique exhibit by the temperance children of the whole world. The juvenile department is under the charce of Miss Anna A. Gordon, of Evanston, Ill., Cards 2x3 inches in size will be furnished to all invanils temperance secretics throughout. Cards 2x3 inches in size will be furnished to all juvenile temperance societies throughout the world. Each child will write his or her autograph on one, each country adopting its national color, or using white if preferred. The United States will be represented by red, white and blue. Canada has chosen crimson and yellow, the colors of the maple leaf. These cards will be fastened into a chain, miles long, and will festion the headquartars of the W. C. T. U department, hesides being draped round the world's petition, which is fast assuming colossal proportions.

About two months ago the employes of the Cleveland Roiling Milis Company upon going to their work saw the following notice posted on the gates and in all the mills, "Now, and after this date any employe who have been considered as a supposed to be ordered or left a saloon, or to carry beer or intoxicating liquors to the works, or is seen under the influence of liquor either coming to work, at any time during which he is work, or at any time during which he is supposed to be on duty, will be immediately discharged. W. B. Chisholm." When payed were told that their services were no longer required. When they asked the reason they were told that their services were no longer required. When they asked the reason they were told that they had been seen going into the saloon during working hours. Naturally, as a significant work of the work in the saloon during working hours. Naturally, as the work in which they are engaged is dangerous enough for men who are perfectly clear-headed. Others think the order dictatorial, and that it imposes on their regunerate with which we are familiar. All right minded workingmen, and people generally, will see that the proprietor has done a favor to those to whom he has furnished an added motive to lead spher lives,—Union Signal.

TEMPERANCE NEWS AND NOTES The only foe England has to fear is drink," said the late Prince Leopold. A royal commission has been appointed in Canada to inquire ipto the drink question. The decrease of revenue from spirits in Canada last year amounted to \$1,600,000. Surgical operations are very successful in Japan, and the healing process is rapid, owing probably to the abstinence of the people from alcohol and their not being flesh eaters.

There is a batallion of eighty boys in the Church of the Redeemer (congregational), at Lakewood, III., every one of whom has taken the triple pledge against liquor, tobacco and profanity.

Lady Somerset assisted recently in spilling some liquor which had been seized at Portland, Me. "Here goes!" she said, as her neatiy-gloved hands upset a brown jug that the sheriff assigned to her.

RELIGIOUS READING.

Break, O glad morning, break thou in spien-

Streak, O giad morning, oreas thou in spendNight, with thy sceptre and darkness be
gone!
Tis morning, giad morning, that early
should render
The homse now due to the conquering
On!
Go tell his disciples the Master is risen,
He has burst from the tomb with its thrall
and its chain:
He has freed him from death, he has broke
from its prison;
He's risen, he's living, and ever shall
reign!

They in their sorrow the news scarce believing,
Haste to the sepulchre empty and lone,
And there a sweet vision of angels receiving,
They knew that the night of their weeping
was done.

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was done.
Oh great was the power, the strength oh so mighty,
That broke from the grave and conquered its sting.
That opened death's gate so massive and weighty,
Oh praise ye his power as our Saviour and King!

Down from high heaven an angel came flying And from the dark sepulchre rolled the

And he who so lately hung bleeding and dying are the second the se abroad,
Our Jesus has risen in robes of salvation;
Yes, Jesus has risen, our Saviour and
God!

-[Anna D. Walker, in American Messenger TAVERNS SEVEN HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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The following description of a drinking-tavern, or groggery, is the seventh part of the confession of the Waldenses and Albigenses, composed, at least, as far back as the year 1120 or nearly 800 years ago. It will be seen that strong drink holds its own, and that the fruits thereof are as deadly and destroying now as they were in ancient days:

"A tavern is the fountain of sin, the school of the devil; it works wonders fitting the place. It is the manner of God to show his power in the church, and to work mirscles; that is to say, to give sight to the blind, to make the lame go, the dumb to speak, the deaf to hear; but the devil doth quite contray to all this in the tavern; for when a drunkard goeth to a tavern, he goeth uprightly, but when he cometh forth he cannot go at all, and he bath lost his sight, his hearmag and his speech. The lectures that are read in this school of the devil are gluttonies, oaths, perjuries, lyings, and blasphemies, and divers other villalmies; for in a tavern are quarrels, slanders, contentions, murders."

LOCKING UNTO JF US.

A lady had a dream, in which she fancied herself at the bottom of a deep pit. She looked around to see if there were any way of getting out; but in vain. Presently, looking upward, she saw in that part of the heavens immediately above the mouth of the pit a beautiful, bright star. Steadily gazing at it, she felt herself to be gradually lifted upward. She looked down to ascertain how it was, and immediately found herself at the bottom of the pit. Again her eye caught sight of the star, and again she felt herself sacending. She had reached a considerable height. Still desirous of an explanation of so strange a phenomenon, she turned her eye downward, and fell to the bottom with fearful violence.On recovering from the effect of the shock, she bethought herself as to the meaning of it all, and once again turned her eye upon its light, until at length she found herself out of the horrible pit, and her feet safely planted on the solid ground above. If taught her the lesson that, in the hour of danger and trouble, deliverance is to be found, and found only in looking to Jesus.—[Dr. Guthrie.

THE SABBATH QUESTION.

It gives us great pleasure to note the tast that while efforts are being made to rob the workingman of the rest of the Sabbath in the United States, in Europe equally determined efforts are being made to recover that day from the toils of labor. The following, which we cut from the "Christian at Work," shows the progress that has been made:

Austria: A labor law protects women and minors from Sunday work, and makes the flat of a minister of the government necessary for any manufacturing operations on the day of rest. Postal deliveries are now ilmited to one. Sunday evening and Monday morning newspapers are profibited, because of the Sunday work, a necessary for their production. Many shops are now closed.

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Belgium: A labor law has been passed to diminish Sinday work in factories. Work on state railways has been greatly reduced.

Denmark: A Sunday rest law has been passed. Shops are closed at 9 days. Factories and workshops may not work between 9 a. n. and midnight. All employes have at least alternate Sundays off. Postal work is limited to one delivery. Tram-car work is considerably lessened.

France: The work of the French League for Sunday Rest, which was founded at the International Paris Congress in 1889, has spread with rapidity in many parts of the country. The closing of shops becomes more aud more common. Railway, goods and parcels offices, have been closed at 10 a. m. or at noon, instead of at later hours.

Germany: A labor law protecting the Lord's day has been passed. The second delivery of letters on Sunday has been suppressed throughout the whole empire. Goodstraffic is limited. Shops are now closed largely in Berlin and other cities and towns, and hone may remain open more than five hours. Work is prohibited in mines, sallpits, collieries, founderies, timber-yards, tileyards and factories of all kinds.

Holland: One of the most influential newspapers has closed its offices on Sunday, in agreement with the general movement for Sunday rest. Goods trains do not run, and parcels and goods are delivered only early in the morning. A law has been passed securing rest for women and minors in factories and workshops.

Hungary: A law has been passed, generally the same as for Austria, both making the rest longer; i. e., from 6 p. m. on Saturday till midnight on Sunday.

Norway: The hitherto unbroken toil on tramways has been reduced, and a large proportion of men rest. Labor in factories and workshops is greatly diminished, and women and children are protected.

Admirable work among insbriate women is being done at the Brownsland Temperance Home for Women, Peebleshire, under the auspices of the Scottish Christian Union. Women who have fallen into habits of intemperance and who desire to reform and are willing to enter such a home are received at Brownsland for \$1.75 a week. In a country where a poor creature has to work like a slave to earn \$1.50 salvation should be cheaper.

THE work of installing the Hebrew immigrants in the Argentine Republic is being actively carled on. A branch rallway has been constructed to what is known as the Mauriois Colony, where the Hebrews are being established, and 200 families are already comfortably settled and engaged in the cultivation of the soil.

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