

TEMPERANCE LESSON

Sunday School Lesson for June 30, 1907
Specially Prepared for This Paper

LESSON TEXT.—1 Cor. 10:23-33. Memory verse, 31.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth."—Rom. 14:21.

TIME.—Paul wrote this epistle, from Ephesus, about A. D. 57.

PLACE.—It was written to the church at Corinth, one of the most worldly and luxurious cities of the time. Paul had lived and preached there for nearly two years (A. D. 52, 53), and knew the people well.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES.—Temperance and power: 1 Cor. 9:25-27; Hos. 4:11; Pet. 1:13. Temperance and honor: Prov. 31:5; 1 Tim. 3:2, 3, 8; Tit. 2:2-4, 6. Temperance and wisdom: Prov. 20:1; Isa. 28:7; Dan. 1:3-21; Amos, 6:6. Temperance and the future: 1 Cor. 6: 10; Matt. 24:48-51; Luke, 21:34; Gal. 5:21; 1 Thes. 5:6; 1 Pet. 4:7.

Comment and Suggestive Thought.

The Problem—Before Paul and Before Us.—The new religion that Paul preached was, as was said of it, turning the world upside down. It introduced new tests of conduct and set up new and exacting standards of living. It banned as wrong, deeds that for centuries had been accepted as proper and even pious. It is no wonder, therefore, that Paul, writing in those disturbed times, was often obliged to discuss questions of conduct that perplexed the Christians themselves. Some of these were the matter of a rest day, whether they should observe the Jewish Saturday-Sabbath or the Christian Sunday or both; the matter of divorce; the question whether the Gentile converts should be required to become Jews. But the most generally perplexing question, at least for Christians living in Gentile cities like Corinth, was whether they should eat meat that had been offered to idols.

On the one hand, they should refuse to partake of such meats, because

(1) the practice had been forbidden by the decree of the council at Jerusalem seven years before (Acts 15:29). (2) Because the act was peculiarly offensive to their Jewish brethren. (3) To use the flesh which had once been offered to a heathen divinity, "even in ordinary circumstances, would be an encouragement of the practice of sacrifice; much more to partake of the banquets which took place in the precincts of the temple itself, and on the scene of those licentious orgies, with which the heathen worship was so often accompanied."—Stanley. (See 1 Cor. 8:9-13.) (4) There was especial danger that the disciples themselves would be led not only into the ceremonial, but the moral pollutions connected with idolatry. (5) There was danger of leading into temptation those who were not strong in the faith, and of inducing them to act contrary to their consciences.

On the other hand, it seemed right to partake. (1) The decree at Jerusalem "given in Acts 15 was intended for special circumstances, and not for a universal rule. The letter containing it was addressed only to the churches of Antioch, Syria and Cilicia."—Cambridge Bible. (2) There was no essential wrong in eating such meat. "An idol is nothing in the world." "If they abstained, they seemed to say that an idol was a real being, and so they gave a sanction to superstition."—F. W. Robertson. (3) The prohibition interfered with the Christian liberty, and such liberty is of the utmost importance to all. (4) The prohibition would cause a great deal of difficulty in obtaining meats for food. (5) Any unnecessary burdens on disciples hindered others from becoming Christians. (6) It compelled the disciples to keep away from almost all social and civil assemblies, and prevented them from influencing their heathen neighbors toward the gospel. (7) Such emphasis on matters not wrong in themselves would call attention away from real sins and crimes. It is always dangerous to lay as much emphasis on incidental things, as on the great truths and principles.

The parallel with the modern liquor problem is very close in all this. The evil of strong drink ramifies everywhere. There is scarcely a tradesman but may be called upon to work in the interests of the saloon. Newspapers with their advertisements, politicians with their laws, citizens with their votes, artists with their pictures, poets with their songs, farmers with their corn and rye, pharmacists with their drugs, and even confectioners with their candies—almost every one is liable to become involved in the sin of the saloon. It touches, soon or late, every household. Here also, as in the matter of meat offered to idols, there is the fear of driving men from Christianity by appearing to be over-strict, censorious, and "cranky." How far shall a Christian go in conformity to the saloon, and to a society where strong drink is such a power? This is an important practical problem for every one.

EXAMPLE OF TRUE CHIVALRY.

Modern Lover Proves Himself Equal to Heroes of the Past.

There was a moment of profound silence. He was the first to speak. "You are richer than I am," he faltered, with emotion.

She bowed her head, replying nothing. But now the true nobility of his character manifested itself.

"Yet for all that I am no better than you are!" he cried, and folded her to his breast.

And when, her conscience accusing her, she tried to tell him that not only her father but four of her uncles were Pittsburg millionaires, he sealed her lips with kisses, and would hear nothing.—Puck.

THOUGHT CHILD WOULD DIE.

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Injury from Mosquitoes.

New Jersey has many places ideal in situation and accessibility, and one such place developed rapidly to a certain point and there it stood, halted by the mosquitoes that bred in the surrounding marsh lands. Country club, golf, tennis and other attractions ceased to attract when attention was necessarily focused on the biting or stinging pests that intruded everywhere, and the tendency was to sell out. But the owners were not ready to quit without a fight, and an improvement society was formed which consulted with my office and followed my advice. In one year the bulk of the breeding area was drained, mosquitoes have since been absent almost entirely; one gentleman, not a large owner, either, told me his property had increased \$50,000 in value, and new settlers began to come in. This year one of the worst breeding areas of the older day was used as a camping ground, and 100 new residences are planned for next year.—Prof. John B. Smith, in the Popular Science Monthly.

Advanced.

"Hiram," said Mrs. Kornkob to her husband, who was reading the Weekly Screech, "they say that Jones man who has taken the farm next to ours is mighty intellectual."

"I guess he is," replied Farmer Kornkob. "He knows four different almanacs by heart."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

DOCTOR'S FOOD TALK

Selection of Food One of the Most Important Acts in Life.

A Mass. doctor says: "Our health and physical and mental happiness are so largely under our personal control that the proper selection of food should be, and is one of the most important acts in life.

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Just the Size.

"I understand that dere will be several bogus animals on de stage," said the long and lanky tramp as he read the sign "Supes Wanted."

"Yes," replied the short and stout wayfarer, "I am going to play de head of de elephant and me fat pardner is going to play de hind legs."

"Huh! Then I suppose dere is no chance for a tall, thin supe like me?"

"Oh, yes, pard, you could play de neck of de giraffe."

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A Spider That Fishes.

Prof. Berg, in Buenos Ayres, has discovered a spider which practices fishing at times. In shallow places it spins between stones a two-winged, conical net, on which it runs in the water and captures small fish, tadpoles, etc. That it understands its work well is shown by the numerous shriveled skins of little creatures that lie about in the web net.

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right Starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using Defiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

Has Forgotten Her English.

Mme. Modjeska for 25 years was a household name among theater-goers, yet now that she is writing her memoirs she says she finds it necessary to go back to her native Polish and rely upon the services of a translator to remake her book into English.—Chicago Evening Post.

Smokers have to call for Lewis' Single Binder cigar to get it. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

It is easier to prevent ill habits than to break them.—Motto on Plato's Ring.

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A lawsuit is the thief of time and money.

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Satisfied.

A seedy-looking loafer, having ordered and eaten a large and sumptuous dinner, explained to the waiter that he had no money.

The waiter immediately told the restaurant proprietor, who sent for a policeman.

The proprietor, going up to the unwelcome guest, explained that he had sent for a policeman.

"Thank goodness! you didn't send for a stomach pump!" the seedy one replied, with huge contentment.—Illustrated Bits.

Paper Pails for Milk.

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