THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

AUGUST 20.

THE WICKED HUSBANDMEN.—Mark xii. 1-12

1.—This parable is founded on Isaiah's description of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord (Isaiah v. 1-7). Israel and Judah are, of course spoken of in their covenant relation to God, by which they were constituted His ancient church. The figure of a vine or a vineyard is familiar throughout Scripture, and as applicable to the Christian as to the Jewish Church. Jesus Christ calls himself the true vine and his disciples the branches (John xv. 2-8).

The Hedge—A secure fence was necessary to a vineyard, because of the wild animals with which the country was infested. In some cases a stone wall was erected, but a cheaper fence was a hedge of prickly pear.

The Wine-fat—Multitudes of wine-vats are still to be found in Palestine. A sloping rock being selected, a trough was hollowed out two or three feet in depth, and four or five, or more or less according to circumstances, in length and breadth. This was the *winepress* proper. Then below, in the same slope, another trough of smaller dimensions was cut out, with an aperture or apertures, communicating with the compartment above. Into this the juice of the grapes ran when they were trodden in the press. Thence it whould be taken out and put into large bottles or skins. *The Tower.*—Of these watch-towers a traveller says:—"They caught my attention first as I approached Bethlehem from the south-east. They appeared in almost every field within sight. Those which I examined had a small door near the ground, and a level space on the top, where a man could sit and command a view of the plantation."

2.—The principle on which the vine-yard was let still prevails in eastern lands: that a certain proportion of the proceeds should be given to the proprietor as rent. These unscrupulous men thought to seize the vineyard for themselves. The application of all this is very obvious. The husbandmen to whom the Lord's vineyard was entrusted were, of course, the elders, rulers, and priests of the Jewish nation. God had committed His vineyard into their keeping, that He might secure from it the return in the obedience, love, and righteousness of his people. But He met with the disappointment mentioned in Isaiah's prophecy; and this was the result of the neglect and abuse of their trust, of which those who had charge were guilty. Then He sent His servants—prophets, ministers, special messengers—to remind these unfaithful men of their duty; but they not only refused to listen to them but insulted, ill-treated, and murdered them. (Matt. xxiii. 29-31, 34. 35).

3.—The sending of the son, and the treatment he received at the hands of the husbandmen, illustrate the coming of the Son of God and His rejection by the Jews. It is implied that they knew he was the Son of God, and their own admissions on some occasions imply almost as much (John xi. 47) "We cannot, indeed, imagine the Pharisees even in their most secret councils, ever trusting each other so far, or daring to look their own wickedness so directly in the face, as to say in so many words, 'This is the Messiah, therefore let us slay Him.'" But Jesus knew their hearts, and brought home the truth to them in this parable with overwhelming force, They wanted to keep the vineyard for themselves. "The Son was the heir, and He came to look after His inheritance.

4.—The prediction that the vineyard should be taken away from them was fulfilled in the rejection of the Jews; that the vineyard should be given to others, in the admission of the gentiles to the Christian Church; and that they should be destroyed in the destruction of Jerusalem, and the scattering of the Jews throughout the world.

Jesus, in conclusion, asks them if they have never read the passage in the Psalms (cxviii. 22). "The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner." He was the stone which God proposed to lay in Zion as the foundation for perishing sinners to rest upon (Isaiah xxviii. 16). They were rejecting Him, but God would overrule their rejection, and make it the means by which the foundation should be more securely laid, and He should be elevated to the place of honour as the chief corner stone of the temple (1 Cor. iii. ii; 1 Peter ii. 4-8).—*Abridged from Sundayschool Magazine.*

THE CHILDREN.

Take care of the children. After the sermon yesterday I turned to the choir to see what made it sing so sweetly, and I found it full of happy children. Remember the theory of our Church, that children are redeemed by the blood of Christ; that God has entered into covenant relations with man, wherein he has included children as partakers of its gracious benefits; that being such as is the kingdom of heaven, they are baptized and received on probation to the Church. Take care that they are brought into maturity of Christian experience and into full membership of the Church, for these are the sheep of Christ, which he bought with his death, and for whom he shed his blood. The Church which you must serve is his spouse and his body. And if it shall happen the same Church or any member thereof do take any hurt or hindrance by reason of your negligence, ye know the greatness of the fault and also the fearful punishment that will ensue.—*Bishop Warren.*

COUNTRY ROADS.

The importance of good roads, both as a matter of economy and pleasure, cannot be easily overrated by the farmer, or the residents of rural districts generally. Much has been written and said on this subject, and there has been more or less legislation; but the results thus far have not been satisfactory, as a drive over the great majority of country roads abundantly proves. There is need of a thorough and systematic reform in this matter. Viewed in its economical aspect the loss to individuals and communities in wear of vehicles and breaking of harness, the injury to teams and waste of time in light or heavy travel is beyond computation, and it is a wonder that in so many farming sections, and where matters pertaining to economy are so carefully considered, so little attention is given to the subject. In many cases, of course, an expenditure beyond the ability of the "road district" would be necessary to make a good road, but in most instances the easily-performed labor, of removing the loose stones would improve the road vastly. It has been estimated that the damage to horses, wagons, and harness upon an ordinarily-travelled road ten miles in length during a year will amount to thousands of dollars, while the removal of the stones causing this loss would not cost a hundred dollars. The inhabitants of agricultural districts should interest themselves in securing such legislation as will insure them better roads.

WATERING PLANTS.

Unless one has an abundant supply of water, so that its use, when once begun, can be continued, it is better, as a general thing, to not water at all. In the drouth which we so often have this month, a mere sprinkling of the leaves is worse than no water at all. Still, we all may have in the vegetable as well as in the flower garden certain plants that we would like to favor. In such cases, instead of watering the plant, the water should be applied to the soil; draw the earth away from the plants, forming a sort of basis around them; then pour on water gradually, and let it soak in around the roots. Afterward return the removed dry earth to its place, and this will act as a mulch to keep the roots moist.—*American Agriculturist.*

USEFUL HINTS.

No farmer is complete without a workshop well stocked with tools, and an ingenious owner to use them. Rainy days can always be turned to good account, in making repairs on tools, or making some needed articles for use about the house or barn.

No amount of theoretical training will fit a man for the successful pursuit of agriculture; yet, without theoretical training, a man rarely rises to the dignity of an intelligent farmer.

If you want a good starch, mix it with cold water; add boiling water until it thickens, then add a dessert-spoonful of sugar and a small piece of butter. This makes a stiff and glossy finish, equal to that of the laundry.

The food of the eye is light, as is air for the lungs, bread for the stomach, and as the fins of the fish presuppose water. To shut ourselves up in dark rooms, with or without weak light, is simply suicidal. Weak eyes, indeed, are the accompaniment of dark rooms, stained glass and gas.

A Western agriculturist recommends a new way of preserving fruit. It is this: Stuff the skin of a calf until it looks like life, then set it on the limb of a cherry tree, or in some natural position on the strawberry bed; if the position is changed every day it will effectually frighten away birds.

There are quince orchards in Central New York that pay at the rate of $500 to the acre. Quince trees require an abundance of moisture at all times, and they often succeed on the banks of running streams when they fail on land in the immediate vicinity that is subject to drouth for a certain season of the year.

An experienced practitioner says "Put up two or three geese in a darkened room and give each bird one pound of oats daily; throw on a pan of water. In fourteen days they will be found almost too fat. Never shut up a single bird, as geese are sociable and will pine away, if left alone."

A doctor's opinion on taste is not more valuable than a layman's, but if he speaks about health we should listen to him. The crinolinette is not unhealthy, he says, so far as it brings us back to the crinoline days, and in those days women suffered from two opposite ills, cold and fire. The number of ladies blunt was almost as great as the number of Irish landlords shot, while the wearing of an open umbrella round the lower limbs led to incessant colds and much rheumatism.

A London lecturer on female attire said recently: 'Dressed as women are, the less exercise they take the better for health. In fact they are seldom fit to stand erect or walk a block, but should be rolled around or carried in a palanquin. Not one woman in 10,000 has room inside her clothes for the rise and fall of the ribs in breathing, and there is not one in 10,000 whose vital organs are not displaced by external pressure. While this is so, the less exercise the better."

The proper signature for a married lady, says *Harper's Bazar*, is her own Christian name, as, "Yours truly, Laura Jones." "Yours truly, Mrs. John Jones," betrays ignorance and vulgarity, for you are only "Mrs." by the courtesy of others. With married women, notes in the third persons are properly written "Mrs. John Jones requests the pleasure," etc. etc.; but all notes in the first person must be signed simply with your own proper name.

String-beans are rarely properly cooked. When well prepared, they are quite as healthful as peas. Take the pods as fresh and young as possible, and shred them as finely as a small knife will go through them, cutting them lengthwise, and as it were, shaving them very thin. Put into salted, boiling water, and boil two hours. Then drain in a colander, and serve with plenty of sweet butter, and they will be as delicate as peas. If one likes vinegar, a little of it will improve the dish.

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