THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

NOVEMBER 2.

THE TEMPLE DEDICATED.

1 KINGS 8: 22-36.

The temple was finished in the eleventh year of Solomon's reign, in the eighth month, and was dedicated the following year, in the seventh month, during the feast of tabernacles. The ark and the tabernacle, with its holy vessels, having been brought into the temple, the bright cloud, the visible symbol of the divine presence filled the house of the Lord. This indicated to the children of Israel that God had indeed taken up his abode in his sanctuary, where he would henceforth receive their worship and from which he would issue his law and orders. This lesson gives a portion of the remarkable prayer that was offered at its dedication.

EXPLANATIONS.

Stood, on a scaffold or brazen platform, about five feet high, and built in the court of the temple for this purpose. *Altar*, of burnt offering. *Keepest covenant*, fulfilled the promises; an appeal by innocence, helplessness, and distress to the great Helper. *Word...be verified*, that spoken in 2 Sam. 7: 13-16. *Heaven of heavens*, the heaven or firmament in its most extended sense. Solomon strikes down all assertions that Jehovah is a finite or only national God, or that he is confined to one place as men are; while present on the earth he is infinitely above it. *Have...respect unto*, grant my present requests. *Thine eyes...open*, to grant blessings and answer prayers. *My name*, my presence as evidence of the holiness and name of God. *An oath be laid upon*, in cases where for want of witnesses God was appealed to; see Ex. 22: 7-11. *Have sinned*, or "kept sinning," and hence punished. *In this house*, some suggest "toward" for "in;" others say that the confessing and praying was to be done by those at home, and not by those in captivity. *That thou teach*, or "because thou teachest." *Good way...walk*, the object of the affliction is to induce them to walk in the good way.

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

1, God's eyes are always open toward all places where his people call upon him.

2. God will bring the evil doings of the wicked upon his own head, even though there be not sufficient evidence to convict before any human tribunal.

3. Sin is the cause of a great deal of temporal evil, as defeat, withholding of rain etc.

4. The object of God in connecting transgression with outward sensible evil is to turn people from sin and cause them to walk in the way that is good.

5. Chastisement being the fruit of sin, forgiveness is necessary before the chastisement will come to an end. —*Abridged from Scholar's Hand Book.*

STORING VEGETABLES AND FRUITS.

To keep fruit and vegetables well they should be gathered with more care. Potatoes, beets and turnips, cut and hacked and then tumbled and bruised, are sure to begin to decay early in the season. My men are invariably required to pour the vegetables into their bins with as much care as they do apples—and that is without dropping them from the edge above. Beets should be handled with particular care and gathered before hard frosts. Pumpkins, if picked carefully by hand before a frost, laid not tossed into a waggon, and then deposited "like eggs," in their storage-room, will keep till April, and their is no nobler fruit for a late winter. Squashes require the same care. Gather by the last of October and keep in a dry chamber, never in a cellar. The chamber should be cool but frost-proof. There is no part of farm work that it pays better to give personal supervision than the gathering and storage of perishable crops. The few days of care prevent the wretched disappointment consequent on a year's work going to waste. But nice handling must begin at the beginning of the harvest. Apples tossed or dropped a foot or even six inches into a basket in the tree, are injured enough to ruin them for keeping. But the ordinary orchard sees at least three such turns at bruising the delicate cells before the apple is deposited in the bin; first, in picking; second, by depositing in a waggon; third, by dashing them into the bin. It is equally important to secure the apple free from twigs and leaves.

TO INDORSE A CHECK.

Even among good people of great intelligence and good education, there are many who really do not understand how to properly endorse a check. A large banking institution in New York, on which the checks for payment of teacher's salaries are drawn, has found that nearly one half of the checks so drawn are endorsed *wrong side up*. This is done by an exceptionally intelligent class. In fact, as the matter is almost entirely arbitrary, it is not a sign of ignorance or stupidity to make an incorrect indorsement, but is due to the fact that no rules have been published for doing the thing exactly right. In order to supply this want the following rules are offered;

1. Write *across* the back, not lengthwise.
2. The top of the *back* is the *left* end of the *face*.
3. Sign your name in just the same form as it appears on the face. If "J. Smith, write "J. Smith; if "Chas. C. Smith," write "Chas. C. Smith." If erroneously spelt on the face, indorse both ways; first the wrong way, then the right.
4. If you merely wish to show that the check has passed through your hands write only your name.
5. If you wish to make it payable to some particular person, write above your name "Pay to——, or order."
6. If you wish to deposit the check, write above your name 'For Deposit.' —*Trade Reporter.*

HOUSEWORK.

There are some women who seem naturally to dislike housework, but are nevertheless obliged to do it or let their families suffer from an untidy house. Now, if they do this work conscientiously and with some loving thought of what it is for, there is no drudgery about it. A woman may hate to do cooking but how can she help deriving a deep satisfaction and even pleasure from the row of shapely, light and perfect loaves which she has baked, and which she considers will be digestible and in every way healthy for her family? She may hate to wash and iron, but there is something delightful to her in the pile of clean and neatly ironed clothing, when she stops to think how this work of her hands will minister to the health and comfort of her dear ones. She may hate to make beds, sweep and dust rooms and scrub floors; but a tidy house can not be any thing but a joy to her heart when she realizes how much the purity of the moral character is influenced by the neatness and order of the home one dwells in. Thus all the so-called drudgery of the household is far from being ignoble when looked at aright. *Farmer's Tribune.*

MEANING OF "CHARIVARI."—The word "charivari" is used throughout a large portion of the west, and describes the attentions which a howling, music mad country crowd pay to a newly married couple. In those parts it is pronounced "chivaree." Its origin is as follows: In the middle ages "a charivari consisted of an assemblage of ruffians, who armed with tin pots and pans, fire-shovels and kettles, gathered in the dark outside the house of any obnoxious person, making the night hideous by striking the pots against the pans and howling, 'Haro! Haro!' or (in the south of England or France) 'Hari! Hari!' In 1563, the council of Trent took the matter up, and solemnly interdicted 'charivaris' under the pain of excommunication; nevertheless, the practice continues in France to this day, notably in the village of La Ruscade.

USEFUL HINTS.

A bowl of quicklime in a cupboard will quickly absorb dampness.

Manure begins to draw interest as soon as spread, payable at the next harvest.

Soap will last longer if kept in a dry place. This small economy will amount to something in a large family in the course of a year.

The farmer who has first class farm implements is justified in disliking to lend them. They are never so good after they have been borrowed.

If you want a nice dish for lunch, roast a chicken until it is very tender. Then strip the meat off the bones and mix with the stuffing; press in a dish, let it stand until cold, then cut in slices.

Sour cream cookies are made of one cup of sour cream, one cup of sugar, two eggs, one teaspoonful (not heaping) of soda, a little salt, and flour enough to make a soft dough; flavor with cinnamon.

An exchange says: Put a solid silver spoon into a glass can, and hot fruit can be poured into it without any danger of breaking. We state the fact without attempting to give the reason.

A very little cream of tartar in the frosting for a cake will hasten the hardening process. If the knife is often dipped into water while spreading the frosting it will give a gloss or polish greatly to be desired.

An English journal says that in 1832, while the cholera raged in St. Petersburg, a prominent firm of iron founders, employing 500 men, informed them that all those who would not take a teaspoonful of powdered charcoal on entering the works in the morning must leave their employ. They did not lose a single man when numbers were dying around them.

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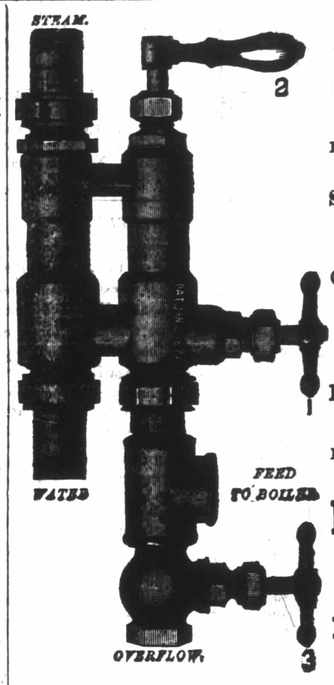

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