

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

AUGUST 6.

THE FRUITLESS TREE.

Mark xi. 12-23.

I.—The mention of this hunger is one of those little touches in the gospel narratives which serve to impress us with a view of the true humanity of our Saviour. It was not remarkable that Jesus should see a fig tree in the distance, for this locality abounded with them, Bethpage, a neighbouring village, meaning the house of figs. It has been said that it was unreasonable to expect to find figs on the tree so long before the proper season; but for fig trees to produce their fruit abnormally early is no uncommon occurrence, and in this case the tree had put on the appearance of having done so. When Jesus found it thus flourishing on false pretences, he declared in the hearing of his disciples, that no man should ever eat fruit of it again. This has been called by unbelievers an outburst of petulant disappointment, unworthy the character of Jesus. But His intention was to make the incident the occasion of teaching both his disciples and us important lessons. The only thing which the Son of Man in the whole course of His life exerted His power to destroy was a barren wayside tree.

Many people are too much like this fig tree. Let us aim at never appearing different from what we are; let us avoid all false pretence. We may not be very wise, or great, or good, but we can all be genuine. In relation to our Divine Master, we are not like that wayside fig tree, with which no pains had been taken to make it fruitful, but like that other fig tree mentioned in His parable, which was planted in a vineyard and carefully cultivated.

2.—When they arrived at Jerusalem Jesus entered into the temple, and, as He had done on a previous occasion (John ii. 14-17), He proceeded to drive out the traders and money changers who were carrying on their traffic within temple precincts. The excuse for this unhallowed traffic was the convenience of those who came up to the passover from distant countries and the remote parts of Palestine. The animals to be offered in sacrifice could thus be purchased on the spot, and the coins of foreign states could be thus current at Jerusalem without difficulty. The outer court of the temple—the court of the Gentiles—was by this means converted into a market or bazaar, and lost all appearance of being part of the sacred edifice. It would have been a profanation if the traffic had been honourably conducted. It is evident, however, from our Saviour's words, that dishonest practices extensively prevailed.

3.—As Jesus and His disciples again passed on their way into the city, the fig tree, which the morning before had looked so flourishing, was seen to be withered away and dried up from the roots. Peter called his Master's attention to its condition, and then Jesus took occasion to teach them from the circumstance a lesson of faith. We must not restrict the words of Jesus to the miracle working power of his disciples, for there is a spiritual sense in which they are of general application. The mountain illustrates those spiritual difficulties which it appears humanly impossible for us to overcome, but which shall all fall and disappear before a true and firm faith in God. This lesson of faith is still further enlarged upon in the next verse, which does not fall within to-day's lesson.—Abridged from Sunday-school Magazine.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

No political economist can calculate the debt the nation owes to Sunday Schools for the loyalty of the hosts of the poorer classes of the community. Three or four generations have been taught in them; and the result has been a growth of loyalty to the crown, and respect for good national institutions. Respect for law is a characteristic of our countrymen, and that has been learned in our schools. There is but little of the fuel that makes the fires of political agitation blaze to be found among the crowds who have been Sunday School scholars. The interests of the country have been promoted, the morality of great classes has been improved, the tastes of myriads have been refined, fewer prisons have been needed—fewer police, fewer troops, fewer restrictive laws, as some of the minor benefits of our Sunday Schools.

It is less apparent now than it was many years ago, but there are still many men living whose history would prove that the Sunday School is a valuable educating institution. It would be easy to cite numbers of cases in which almost all the instruction that men and women obtained was obtained here. Not a few who have risen to prominent social position, commercial success, and wealth, learned the very alphabet and acquired all their education in the Sunday School. And right nobly have many acknowledged the obligation and paid their debt!

One of the chief of the minor benefits of our institution is that in the school, young companions, often find most congenial and desirable companions. Friendships life-long and eternal have been formed there. The pleasant intermingling of persons of different grades in society has

been advantageous; and while social distinctions have not been blotted out, it has been found possible to associate in such a way that the objectionable caste-like evils of modern society have been toned down and often entirely removed. The Sunday School has furnished a fine constituency to the advocates of social reforms. The army of workers in the cause of temperance, for example, have enlisted tens of thousands of youthful recruits, and embodied them in Bands of Hope. They have made them at once soldiers against personal drunkenness, and missionaries of the temperance movement to their own homes—homes in which, in too many cases, there were victims to the sin of intemperance, who needed to be won to a sober life.

The sympathies of children have been secured in our schools in behalf of other children who were born to sorrow, poverty, misfortune, and danger. The large amount of money contributed in the classes to wards the funds of Orphan Asylums, Children's Homes, etc., has been a gratifying outcome of proper teaching.—W. M. Sunday-school Magazine.

ORDAINING A SALOON-KEEPER.

Let us look and listen while the authorities ordain a saloon-keeper. He openly professes that he has been "called" to sell rum; and he is recommended as a man of good moral character by some one who is willing to back him financially. The license fee is paid, and he is pronounced all O. K. by the ordaining authorities, who now proceed with the ceremony, as follows:

Take thou authority to tempt men, Take thou authority to rob men of their money and reason. Take thou authority to stain our streets with blood. Take thou authority to fill our jails and increase taxation. Take thou authority to destroy the sons of men, and take thou authority to defy the commands of high Heaven. And when you are called to an account in the day of judgment, present this license, and say that we, the authorities, who have been elected by Christian people, authorized you to SELL RUM.—The Palm Tree.

SATAN'S KINDLING WOOD.

Beware of cigarettes. Says a correspondent of the Rural New Yorker: I have tried cigarette smoking, and have examined cigarettes, wet and dry. I find opium and fengreek in them to such an extent that the smoking of one or two would narcotize me, although I am an old smoker. In closely observing ardent smokers of cigarettes, I have observed the effect of opium in the eyes and its unmistakable operation on the nervous system, and in other ways have seen the ruin the use of the fashionable cigarette is bringing upon young men and middle-aged men, too. That there is misery and death in the use of the cigarette as now made, I challenge any man to deny. No person who habitually uses them, as now prepared, can long be healthy, especially in the nervous system, nor can such persons long have good sight, appetite, or physical comfort.

THINNING FRUIT TREES.

Thinning the fruit when it is quite small, on apple peach or pear trees, will give better fruit, and enough larger to afford as many bushels as can be had from small overcrowded trees. On heavily loaded trees, from two-thirds to three-fourths of the fruit may be taken off to a great advantage. The thinning may be performed by cutting off the blossoms with a pair of sheep-shears; or after the fruit is set, and is as large as small cherries, or still larger, so as to show defects or insect marks, leaving the largest and best.—Country Gentleman.

USEFUL HINTS.

If you cut pine-apple in thin slices and scatter sugar over it the day before you serve it, you need not add any water to make the liquor. Keep it in a cool place.

A salt box does not cost much, and should be provided in every pasture, where the farm animals can be constantly supplied with the needed salt.

It has been demonstrated that timber planted six or eight years ago is now giving handsome return for the money and labor invested. A piece of land forty-five acres, set in cotton wood, walnut, and ash, in 1874, has furnished, during the last two years, all the fuel needed by the owner, besides posts sufficient for forty-five acres of pasture.

The easiest and best way to prepare tomatoes for catsup is: First wipe them with a clean towel; then place in dripping-pan and bake them until they are tender. Then you will have no difficulty in rubbing power is wonderful." "Brown's Household Panacea," being acknowledged as the great Pain-Reliever, and of double the strength of any other Elixir or Liniment in the world, should be in every family handy for use when wanted, "as it really is the best remedy in the world for Gramps in the Stomach, and Pains and Aches of all kinds," and is for sale by all Druggists at 25 cents a bottle, feblly.

A cow reared on a farm where she is to remain is more valuable to her owner than a strange cow. She is acclimated. She is acquainted with the herd with which she must associate. She is familiar with the land

from which she obtains her food, and can travel over it with greater ease than a strange cow. In consequence of these things she will yield more milk and be more profitable.

If you would have a good circulation of the blood, a cool head and warm feet, remove those elastic from the limbs, or wear wide ones, and that above the knee, that they may not obstruct the circulation to the feet, by which they are kept warm, the warm flow from the heart freely reaching them. If you would have the body warm, either remove those cruel corsets, or loosen them, so that you can breathe with reasonable ease.

Every farmer should keep a book in which to paste agricultural scraps. Every one in reading a paper will see a number of things he will wish to remember. He will perhaps see suggestions the value of which he will desire to test, or hints which he will want to be governed by in future operations, and yet, after reading the paper he will throw it down and will probably never see it again. In such a case all the valuable articles will be lost. To prevent such a loss, every reader should clip from the papers such articles as he desires to preserve and remember, and paste them in a scrap-book. Such a book at the end of a year or two will be very interesting and valuable.

INFORMATION.

Johnson's Anodyne Liniment will positively cure chronic diarrhoea of long standing, also dysentery, cholera morbus, and cholera, used internally. There is no remedy known so valuable for immediate use as this old life preserver.

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IMITATIONS VS. SUBSTITUTES.—Good points are worth remembering, for the reason that they assist us in avoiding many discomforts, and protect us against the cupidity of over-reaching people. When you learn from friends that PUTNAM'S CORN EXTRACTOR is safe, prompt and effectual, don't allow druggists to palm off a worthless and perhaps poisonous substitute. His object is quite patent. He wishes to make a few cents difference between a good article and a cheap imitation or substitute. Putnam's Corn Extractor. Sold everywhere.

THE FIRES THAT RAGE in the bowels of the earth are like the impurities that rankle in the blood, the former break out in volcanoes, like Aetna and Vesuvius, the latter in Boils, Carbuncles, Erysipelas and Scrofulitic sores. Purify the blood and all these disappear. Hanington's Quinine Wine and Iron, and Tonic Dinner Pills, cleanse and enrich the blood, and may always be relied upon to cure all eruptive diseases. Beware of imitations. See that you get "Hanington's," the original and genuine. For sale by all druggists and general dealers in Canada. July 16 lin

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