Sabbath School.

BIBLE LESSONS.

Adapted from Peloubet's Select Notes.

THIRD QUARTER.

Lesson XII. Sept. 20. Prov. 16: 22--23.

DESTRUCTIVE VICES.

MAY BE USED AS A TEMPERANCE LESSON.

Read the Whole Chapter. Commit Verses 26--27.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man: but the end thereof are the ways of death."—PROV. 16: 25.

EXPLANATORY.

I. THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE VS. THE BURNING FIRE.—Vs. 22--27. 22. "Understanding," wisdom, a true and accurate knowledge, with a desire to live according to it. It is not a knowledge of science alone, or of the world, but of all things pertaining to life,—a knowledge of God, of the heart, of the law of God, of the principles of true living. It is more than mere knowledge, which it sometimes joined with the supremest folly in daily life; but it implies an attitude of heart and will that chooses, and obeys, and loves that which is wise and good. "Is a wellspring" fountain "of life." If a man has real understanding and wisdom, good outward life will flow from it as freely and naturally as water flows from a fountain. And there is no other way in which to have a good life. Hence, "ye MUST be born again." Hence, the need of the world is new hearts. For "the instruction of fools," not that instruction which fools give, but the training, the discipline, the schooling of fools, "is folly," is utterly wasted and useless, so long as they remain fools. There is no use in reorganizing a society of fools till you have first changed them into wise men, so wise, at least, that they will seek after wisdom and righteousness. Reorganizing Tammany will not bring good government. But just so far as men become wise, so far a reorganizing of society, with new laws and new customs, will aid in redeeming the world.

TEMPERANCE APPLICATION. There are always two processes necessary in the temperance reform, both for the individual and for the community. There must be continual effort to put a new heart that loves temperance and all the virtues in the individuals. Then there must be a continual effort to have the laws and customs of society such as to be the natural expression and aid of temperance.

27. "An ungodly man," the man of Belial, "digged up evil." "Such an one digs a pit for others (chap. 26: 27; Psa. 7: 15), devises mischief again his neighbor, plots against him by lying, and slandering, and overreaching. Wordsworth confines the evil to the man himself; he digs it as treasure in a mine, loves wickedness for its own sake. But analogy is against this interpretation. Septuagint, 'a foolish man diggeth evils for himself.' So Ecclesiasticus 27: 26. 'Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein; and he that setteth a trap shall be taken therein.'" "And in his lips" there is "a burning fire" (chap. 26: 23). "His words scorch and injure like a devouring flame, James 3: 6, the tongue is a fire; the world of iniquity among our members is the tongue, which defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the wheel of nature, and is set on fire by hell."

INTEMPERANCE. Like the volcano Vesuvius, which destroyed the beautiful city of Pompeii with its fiery breath is intemperance in the land, consuming the homes and the wealth of the people, and destroying the people themselves.

II. WORDS, GOOD AND BAD.—Vs. 23, 24, 28, 30. 23. "The heart of the wise teacheth the mouth." If the heart be wise, the words spoken will be wise. Words are the easiest expression of the thoughts. The water of the stream will be like the water of the fountain from which it flows.

24. "Pleasant words are as a honey comb." The comparison with honey is common in all languages and at all times, etc.

So the story goes that on the lips of St. Ambrose, while still a boy, a swarm of bees settled, portending his future persuasive eloquence. "Sweet to the soul, and health to the bones" (chap. 15: 30). "'Bone' always means our innermost and substantial being." "The happy results of pleasant words are felt in body and soul. Honey in Palestine is a staple article of food, and is also used as a medicinal remedy. Of its reviving effects we read in the case of Jonathan, who from a little portion hurriedly taken as he marched on had 'his eyes enlightened' (1 Sam. 14: 27). Septuagint, 'Their sweetness is the healing of the soul.'"

28. "A froward man," a subversive man, perverse, bent on mischief, devising ways of overthrowing good and injuring others. "Soweth strife," as one sows evil seed broadcast, to spring up wherever there is a congenial soil. "The character intended is the perverse man, who distorts the truth, gives a wrong impression, attributes evil motives; such an one occasions quarrels and heartburnings." "And a whisperer separateth chief friends" (chap. 17: 9). "Nirgan" is either "a chatterer," or "a whisperer," "calumniator." In chapters 18: 8 and 26: 20, 22 it is translated "talebearer."

30. Here the froward man's methods are described. "He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things." He lets nothing interfere from without, but gives himself wholly to studying new wicked sayings, daggers of speech, poison of asps, seeds of Upas tree, so that when he "moves his lips" to speak, "he bringeth evil to pass." "Let two idle tongues utter a tale against some third person who never offended the babblers, and how the tale spreads like fire, lighted none knows how, in the herbage of an American prairie; who shall put it out?"

EXAMPLES.—"Of bad words,"—Shimei, who cursed David. "Of wise words,"—Nathan, Ahithophel, Hushai.

III. THE TWO WAYS.—Vs. 25, 29, 25. "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man," because he is ignorant, or perverted in judgment, or prejudiced, or misled by his desires. He makes himself believe for the time that what he wants is wise and right, while all the time "the end thereof are the ways of death."

ILLUSTRATIONS. A mirage, Colored glasses. Glass which has twists and bubbles in its texture, and which distorts everything seen through it.

TEMPERANCE APPLICATION. Most people when they begin to drink persuade themselves that it is right and safe so to do. They scorn any such thought as that they are in danger.

TEMPERANCE ILLUSTRATION. "At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Verse 32. At the first, it sparkles and cheers; at the last, it poisons and maddens. At first, it excites mirth and song; at the last, it produces sorrow and curses. At the first, it is an affair of good feeling and fellowship; at the last, it is an affair of feuds, fighting, and murder. At the first it is a cup of exhilaration in the hands of thoughtless youth; at the last, it is a "cup of trembling in the hand of an offended God." At the first, there is a joyful anticipation of good times to come; at the last, there is "fearful looking for judgment and of fiery indignation which shall devour the adversaries." At the first, it is the wine of pleasant fellowship; at the last, it is the "wine of the wrath of Almighty God, poured out without mixture." At the first, it is the agreeable excitement of an evening; at the last, it is the long drawn agony of an endless petition. At the first, it is the grateful stimulus of an hour; at the last, it is the "worm that never dies, and the fire that never shall be quenched."

29. Not only are men misled themselves, but "a violent man," full of passionate power, ready to do evil, perhaps made violent by strong drink, "enticeth his neighbor," tempts him, and misleads him "into the way that is not good," into vice and drunkenness.

TEMPERANCE APPLICATION. The old liar-Satan will tell you: "Ye shall not surely die. You (others may be) are in no danger, you will not become a drunkard. You can stop when you want to."

Did he not lie to Eve?

IS HE NOT LYING TO YOU?

How many millions has he deceived and ruined by that same lie? Touch not, taste not, handle not,—the only safe way.

IV. FOUR AIDS TO TEMPERANCE.—Vs. 27, 31--33. FIRST: HONEST INDUSTRY. 26. "He that laboureth, laboureth for himself"; literally, "the soul of him that laboreth laboreth for him." "Soul" here is equivalent to "desire," "appetite" (comp. chap. 6: 30), and the maxim signifies that hunger is a strong incentive to work—the needs of the body spur the laborer to diligence and aidity. "He who wants bread thinks of everything." There is our own homely saw, "Need makes the old wife trot;" as the Italians say, "Hunger sets the dog a-hunting" (Kelly). "For his mouth craveth it of him"; his mouth must have food to put in it. Hunger in some sense is the great stimulus of all work. "We commanded you," says St. Paul (2 Thess. 3: 10), "that if any would not work, neither should he eat." There is a spiritual hunger without which grace cannot be sought or obtained,—that hungering and thirsting after righteousness of which Christ speaks, and which he who is the bread of life is ready to satisfy (Matt. 5: 6; John 6: 58). The Septuagint expands the maxim: "A man in labors labors for himself, and drives away his own destruction." Temperance is the friend of labor, and industry is the friend of temperance. Intemperance leads to idleness and poverty.

SECOND. THE WAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. 31. "The hoary head is a crown of glory" (chap. 20: 29). (For "crown," see on chap 17: 6.) Old age is the reward of a good life, and therefore is an honor to a man (comp. chap. 3: 2, 16; 4: 10; 9: 11; 10: 27). "If it be found"—rather, 'it shall be found'—"in the way of righteousness"; the guerdon of obedience and holiness; whereas "bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days" (Psa. 55: 23).

TEMPERANCE leads to a long and happy life. Intemperance always shortens the days.

THIRD. SELF CONTROL. 32. "He that is slow to anger," controls his temper and passions, "is better than the mighty," for it requires more strength and courage than any feats of physical strength. "And he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." Because it costs more; it requires more will, more power, more courage, more self-denial, and the victory is worth more when it is gained: One's whole nature is like a city, with many passions and feelings, good and bad, and no city is so hard to control and perfect.

FOURTH. THE DIVINE GUIDANCE. 33. "The lot is cast into the lap." The bosom or fold of the garment (chap. 6: 27; 17: 23; 21: 14). For the lot probably they employed stones differing in shape or color, or having some distinguishing mark. These were placed in a vessel or in the fold of a garment, and drawn or shaken thence. Such a practice has been common in all ages and countries. "The whole disposing thereof is of the Lord." In these cases the Jew learned to see, in what we call chance, the overruling of divine power. "There is a divinity that shapes our ends, rough-hew them how we will." It is a blessed comfort to know that all things that come to us, from whatever source, are under the control, not of chance, nor of men, nor of demons, but of God.

Be not o'ermastered by thy pain,
But cling to God, thou shalt not fall;
The floods sweep over thee in vain,
Thou yet shalt rise above them all;
For when thy trial seems too hard to bear,
Lo! God, thy King, hath granted all thy prayer;
Be thou content.
—P. Gerhardt.

You picture to yourself the beauty of bravery and steadfastness. And then some little wretched, disagreeable duty comes, which is your martyrdom, the lamp for your oil; and if you do not do it, how your oil is spilt.—Phillips Brooks.

Beauty is your Duty

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Prayer Meeting Topics for Sept. 13th.

B. Y. P. U. Topic.—"Getting ready for Usefulness."—1 Timothy, 4: 12-16.

Christian Endeavor Topic.—Our Tongues for Christ.—Prov. 15: 1, 2, 4, 7, 10, 14, 23, 26, 28.

The Rev. G. O. Gates has laid down the editorial pen. He well deserves the thanks of the Maritime B. Y. P. U. In the midst of the calls of a large pastorate he has made time to provide material for the B. Y. P. U. column. The task has not been a light one, but it has been well done. We regret the necessity of his retirement. We have appreciated his efforts. They have had their effect in hastening the coming kingdom. He steps out of his editorship with the best wishes of his readers.

The new editors now strike out into an untried field. We are raw but ready to do the best work we can. We hope to find pastures green and waters still. We may meet snags but we plan to take them philosophically. We ask for the sympathy and the hearty co operation of all connected with our Maritime work. We send forth the Macedonian cry, Secretaries of Societies send us your reports. Do not despise the pen. If you cannot write your names in the annals of your country you can in these columns. We throw open the door to all thought that will push our movement.

(Continued.)

Tuesday—The N. S. Western Association B. Y. P. U., through Rev. J. W. Brown, moved the following resolution: "Whereas, the B. Y. P. U. of the maritime provinces is organized for service, we believe that the undertaking of some definite and practical work would serve as a valuable stimulus and inspiration of the body; and whereas, we believe that the most needy field and also one that would most likely lead into other departments of work should be chosen for this purpose; Therefore resolved, that we, the B. Y. P. U. of the maritime provinces, unite in the support of a missionary on the Foreign field who shall be nominated by the B. Y. P. U. and sent under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board.

This resolution was hotly c[illegible] by Rev. Mr. Gordon, against the resolution, and Rev. Messrs. King and others. Rev. Mr. Gordon thought such work should pass through the regular channels of the church. This subject was under discussion when the hour of adjournment came.

Wednesday morning—At 9 o'clock the B. Y. P. U. session was continued in Aberdeen hall. After the opening exercises and reading of minutes it was announced that hereafter the B. Y. P. U. Conventional minutes will be printed in the year book. Printing of annual programmes was also placed in the hands of the executive.

The Committee of Literature reported as follows: "We your committee recommend that Rev. Mr. McDonald's excellent paper on "Baptist Principles, are they worth defending," be printed in tract form under the various divisions. One thousand copies of each title to be printed and distributed among the societies."

Signed { W. N. HUTCHINS / E. W. SAWYER / GEO. A. MCDONALD }

There was considerable favorable discussion of this excellent paper.

The executive committee reported concerning district secretaries and named them as follows:—

P. E. I.—R. H. Jenkins, Charlottetown.

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N. S. Eastern—Rev. J. H. McDonald, Amherst.

N. S. Western—Rev. Z. L. Fash, Liverpool.

N. S. Central—Rev. W. N. Hutchins, Canning.

Resolved that an auditor be appointed. The programme of next annual convention was left to be arranged by the executive.

Rev. J. H. McDonald was chosen educational leader and $20 was granted him to aid his work.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Berwick B. Y. P. U. for its hospitality. Adjourned to meet at call of executive.

Convention Thoughts.

God has not forsaken the young Baptist host.

The Maritime B. Y. P. U. sun climbs senethward.

Muscilage is mixed up with the movement of the young. Hearken to the cry of "co-operation."

We are learning to make haste slowly. Resolutions rest on the table for a year.

Berwick supplies the springs for the Annapolis and Cornwallis rivers. Springs were opened there that will yet flow east and west, watering the land.

The B. Y. P. U. badge was conspicuous for its absence. We must fly our flag.

The C. E. of Berwick knows how to decorate.

The young people are getting their eyes fixed upon the Foreign field. Telugu land loomed up as never before.

The directors of the Maritime Publishing Company are not asleep when B. Y. P. U. needs are on deck. We appreciate their push.

The old officers of our organization have descended from the bridge. They have kept the ship steadily on her course. Thanks to them we are well clear of the breakers. The new men act as if they understood the ropes. Let them now shake out all the canvas.

Queens County, N. S.

The Queens County B. Y. P. U. held its semi-annual meeting at Port Medway, Monday, Aug. 3rd. The meeting opened at 3.30 p. m. with a devotional service led by Pastor Herman. The president then took the chair and the reports of societies were called for. Five societies were represented. The reports of their work was very encouraging. Twenty-nine active members have been added since the rally in February. The new officers chosen for the ensuing year are, Enos Ford, Milton, Pres.; Frank Freeman, Greenfield, 1st Vice-Pres.; Charlie Kempton, Liverpool, 2nd Vice Pres.; Miss Minnie Ford, Milton, Sec.-Treas. Additional members of the committee, Kate Clements, D. McRae Minard, Jessie Freeman. The subject of "What shall we do with members of the societies who are not keeping the pledge," was spoken on by several of the brethren. In the evening session addresses were given by Pastors Herman, Siddall and C. H. Day. The meeting closed with a consecration service taken part in by six societies. We all went home feeling a greater enthusiasm in the work.

E. K. FREEMAN.

Lower Canard, N. S.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Avora Dickey; Vice President, Mrs. Lawrence Eaton; Secretary, Walter Eaton; Cor. Secretary, Jennie MacLatchy; Treasurer, Lawrence Eaton. The Union held on Sunday evening, Aug. 30, an Echo meeting of the Convention at Berwick. Three members of our society attended the Convention and brought back reports from the Young People's meetings and the W. B. M. U. which they presented that evening. Several earnest prayers were offered and suitable music made a pleasant and profitable time. We hope as our Union grows older it may increase in strength.

Yours in the work,
AVORA DICKEY,
Retiring Cor. Sec'y.

Personals.

Walter Golding, of St. John, reported proceedings for the Daily *Record*. We have used some of his paragraphs.

Pastor Gordon is deeply interested in the support of a missionary question.

Rev. D. G. McDonald was ready to counsel wisely.

President Wall takes up the work with spirit. He should prove an energetic leader. Help him.

Ex. Pres. McDonald considers the time now given to convention sessions much too short. And many are they who agree with him.

Secretary Estabrook's familiar acquaintance with our maritime work qualifies him for the task in hand.

Amherst will welcome their old leader, Rev. J. H. McDonald. Amherst gains at the expense of Woodstock.

Lady Vice-Presidents!

One of the Fine Arts.

To say graceful things and to pay fitting compliments, is one of the fine arts, and one that can be cultivated with exceeding profit in the home circle. Some people fall into the mistaken notion that bluntness and brusqueness are signs of superiority, whereas they are signs of a small and mean spirit. There is a gracious quality in speech that diffuses light and warmth like sunshine. Just the right thing said at the breakfast-table will often attune the soul to a joyous key for the whole day. If complaint were in every household to give place to compliment, what happy changes would result. Most of us are as chary of a compliment, particularly to those we love the best, as though it were deadly poison, and would prove instantly fatal. In fact, instead of being dangerous, there is nothing that so lightens the burdens and dreary round of daily drudgery as appreciation charmingly expressed. Suppose, you, sir, should tell your wife that she seems to be growing younger and prettier every day, it is not likely that the shock of surprise would kill her, but it is altogether likely that the words would be like a singing angel to her through the day. Dr. McCosh says it is characteristic of the Scotchmen that, although they love their families deeply, yet they never praise or compliment, deeming this a species of hypocrisy. But there is no good reason why affection and praise should find no manifestation in the family circle, and every reason why they should have free play.—Selected.

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Declining a Treat.

The following conversation was heard between two collegians, who were discussing a class dinner:

"Of course," said one (with a consequential touch of self-complacency and patronage which students call "fresh," and which only length of days can cure), "if a fellow hasn't wit enough to know when to stop, he'd better be careful at first. Some heads are built weak, you know."

"Careful in what?" interpolated I, and both laughed.

"Why, drinking, of course," said the first speaker. "A fellow has to take his seasoning sooner or later. Some can stand it. Some cannot, at least for a while."

He was, as I have intimated, a freshman. His friend, a bearded senior, the only son of a rich man, slapped him good-humoredly on the shoulder.

"When I was your age, old fellow, my father said to me, 'If I had my life to live over, I would never take a glass of wine or smoke a cigar.' I answered, 'It would be foolish not to profit by what such a sensible man says.' I have never tasted wine or touched tobacco, and I am glad of it—gladder every day I live. I might have been 'built' with a strong head—and then, again, I might not."

"What do you say when you are offered a 'treat?'"

"I say, 'No, thank you, I never take it.' Generally that settles the matter quietly."

"And if they poke fun at you?"

"I let them 'poke,' and then stand ready to put them to bed when their heads give out."

There are—for the comfort of mothers be it said—many "fellows" strong enough to maintain this stand and sensible enough to see that the risks are not worth taking. It is the fool who meddles with firearms; the coward who carries a loaded revolver.—Home-Maker.

Christ does not want to be shut out from graves; he has a great interest in our graves. He was in one Himself once; and He came out of it; so we must call these graves "our graves", meaning Christ and we own these graves. They are ours. Then you will glorify Him, and that is your deepest need and His highest pleasure. You know He said, "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me."—Ladies Home Journal.

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—Christina Rossetti.

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