

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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THE CITIES OF REFUGE.

JOSHUA XX. 1-9.

The design of the city of refuge was not to screen criminals but to afford an opportunity to all accused of so grave a charge to show the absence of a guilty intent. To do this the guilty must be temporarily received as well as the innocent. Even the altar itself was to afford no shelter to the guilty, for the Mosaic ritual said "If any man come presumptuously on his neighbor to slay him with guile, thou shalt take him from mine altar" Exod. 21. 14. In no instance did the Jewish law connive at sin.

From the avenger of blood—In avenging blood the relative of the murdered person acted thus, not from mere blind passion, but as a public officer appointed to the task; and to shrink from it was, therefore, recreancy to duty, as for a policeman or sheriff to shrink from the infliction of just punishment is with us a recreancy of duty.

He that doth flee unto one of those cities—The rabbins relate how every possible facility was to be afforded to the refugee. The roads to these cities were to be kept in good repair, no hillock was left, no river nor stream was allowed over which there was not a bridge, the road was to be at least thirty-two cubits broad, (three rods), and every kind of obstruction was to be removed that might hurt the foot or hinder the speed of the fugitive. At every turning or branching of roads, posts were erected bearing the words, "Refuge! Refuge! Stand at the gate—The gateway was sheltered from sun and storm, it was a convenient place for the sessions of the judges, and was habitually used by them. Its publicity also tended to prevent abuses of their authority. Give him a place—It may be asked why, if the proper officers were satisfied of his innocence of wilful murder, he were not at once dismissed and suffered to go at large as usual. The proper reply doubtless is: (1) That he might still be in danger from the enraged passion of the pursuer. (2) His detention was probably designed as somewhat of a punishment for the rashness or heedlessness to which the homicide was owing. Something of a penalty was to be paid for carelessness as well as for crime.

Until he stand before the congregation—It is probable that the "congregation" here spoken of was of his own city, or of the people at large, who were also allowed to constitute a tribunal, and to sit in judgment on the case. Thus the death of each successive high-priest presignified the death of Christ by which captives were to be freed, and the remembrance of transgressions made to cease. To the unfortunate homicide the death of the high-priest would be a most desirable event; hence the rabbins say, that to induce such fugitives not to pray that it might be hastened, the relatives, and especially the mothers of the high-priests, provided them with food and clothing, thus making their asylum as agreeable as they could. The rabbins say further, that if the fugitive died before the high-priest was buried in the city of refuge; but that, after the high-priest's death, his bones were delivered to his relatives to be interred.

And they appointed—It may also be remarked of these cities, (1) That they were located at convenient distances from each other for the benefit of the several tribes. Kedesh was in the northern, Shechem in the central, and Hebron in the southern district of Canaan. (2) They were all Levitical cities, so ordered that the cases of manslaughter might come under the cognizance of those most competent to give judgment, and who, moreover, would be less likely than others to be swayed by private bias in their decisions. On the other side Jordan—The two and a half tribes east of the Jordan had as many as the western tribes, because they were scattered over a territory nearly as large. They assigned—These three cities were "severed" by Moses for this purpose at the time of the conquest of Gilead and Bashan, (Deut. 4. 42); the statement is repeated here merely for the sake of completeness. And for the stranger—A foreshadowing of the provision for the salvation of the gentiles through Christ.

USEFUL HINTS.

To make cod liver oil less disagreeable, take it in tomato catsup, or eat a bit of fresh orange peel before and after the dose.

To clean copper tea-kettles, use turpentine and fine brick dust, and rub hard with a flannel, and polish with leather and dry brick dust.

Silver should never be washed with soap if you wish it to retain its original lustre. When it requires polishing use a piece of soft leather and whiting and rub hard.

A writer in one of the medical journals says he has found the application of a strong solution of chromic acid, three or four times a day, by means of a camel's hair pencil, to be the best and easiest method for removing warts.

An infant that had been accidentally drugged with laudanum, and was fast sinking to its fatal sleep, was saved by administering strong coffee cleared with the white of an egg, a teaspoonful every five minutes until the drowsiness had passed away.

Bees should be fed their winter stores early, so that it may be capped over. To cap the honey the bees must secrete the necessary wax, which they cannot do when the weather is very cold. Uncapped honey gathers moisture and becomes unwholesome as food.

Spade burdocks out, and lay the roots up to dry. If that is considered to be too laborious a job, take a sharp hoe and cut them off just below the surface of the ground, and in a few weeks go over them again, cutting all off that have sent out new leaves. Going over them a few times this way will finish them all.

Profit on a farm cannot be made more sure than by large plantings of the best forest trees. The labor and outlay are both at a minimum; the profit will, doubtless, be greater per acre on such plantations hereafter than now. The value of timber belts is also very marked on farm products that are sheltered by them.

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HAYING.

To accomplish a large amount of work in haying with comparative ease, and also to secure the hay in the best average condition, the following method is recommended by the American Cultivator:—Run the mowing machine from four until eight in the afternoon. As soon as the dew is off in the morning spread the swaths any. Then draw in the hay, if there is any ready, and rake up that which was mown the afternoon before. The early morning hour may be devoted to grinding scythes and machine knives and unloading the hay in the barn. If the grass lays in the swath one night, in the tumble the next night, and is drawn into the barn in the heat of the day, and left to stand and sweat another night, it will not need many hours' sun either day. If sweet, bright hay, free from dust, is wanted, the farmer should neither mow it, spread it, rake it, nor load it while it is wet with the dew. In order to follow this plan a supply of suitable hay caps is needed; then, if a shower is seen coming up, the farmer will find it less work to put it in heaps and cover it up than to get it into the barn.

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I was unable, in the summer to walk any distance without much fatigue. I can now take my gun and travel all day, and feel first rate at night, and eat as much as any hunter shows. Let me not brag, since I took your preparation, and can now inflate my lungs without feeling any soreness, and I think I can inflate them up to full measurement, same as before I was sick; have also gained in flesh, my weight in the summer was 173 lbs., and now it is nearly 190 lbs., which is pretty well up to my former weight. This foregoing is a correct statement which I am prepared to swear to, and I hereby authorize you to give it publicity in my name.

I am, dear sir, yours truly, (Signed) C. H. S. CROOKHITE. We, the undersigned, hereby consent to have our names published as witnesses to the effects of Robinson's Phosphorized Emulsion on the person of Mr. Crookhite, and do assert that the foregoing statement is correct in every particular. Alexander Bennett, J. P., William Main, Rev. Thomas Martin.

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