

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

NOVEMBER 20.

THE YEAR OF JUBILEE.—Lev. 25: 1-17.

1. Rest.—Every seventh year was to be a Sabbath, when the land was to rest, and when the fiftieth year came that rest was to be prolonged to two years. Neither during the forty-ninth, which was the ordinary sabbatic year, nor the year of jubilee which followed it, were the people to sow or reap, or perform any of their ordinary agricultural labors. So far as the sabbatic year was concerned, the observance taught the people to trust simply in God for the supply of their ordinary wants and reminded them that all the fruits of the earth came from Him. But in the jubilee year, the rest from labour had a still deeper meaning. The idea of emancipation, which was essential to it, as we shall see, was thus made more prominent. The original curse was, "in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread," etc., and it would not have been consistent with the symbolical designs of the year of jubilee, had there not been respite from the arduous toil of tilling the ground.

2. Plenty.—It was specially promised that the sixth year should produce a harvest sufficient for three years.—ver. 20-22. Then, a fertile country like theirs would, even without cultivation, produce larger quantities of fruits, and it is plainly indicated that there should be a special blessing producing special fruitfulness,—verse 12. The command, not to reap or gather that which grew of itself, did not mean that the fruits of the earth were to be wasted, but that no ownership in them was to be claimed—they were to be common property—a gracious Providence gave abundant supplies, to which all, without regard to ordinary rights, might help themselves according to their need.

3. Restitution.—All land that had been sold was to be restored to its original owner. There was no injustice in this, because the law was taken into consideration at the time of sale, and the land was valued according to the number of years to elapse before the jubilee. What we should call the "freehold" was not therefore sold at all, but the land was really parted with on a lease of so many years. The land was the inheritance of an Israelite in a more peculiar sense than is true ordinarily, and nothing but stress of severe poverty would induce him to alienate it. It was a merciful provision, therefore, that this alienation could be only for a given period of time.

4. Emancipation.—Slavery, which was general, and without wholesome restrictions in all other ancient nations, was permitted among the Israelites in a very modified form. From the pressure of poverty an Israelite might sell himself into servitude; but only for a limited period (Exodus 11: 2). But the year of jubilee freed all such bond-servants, whether the time had expired or not. The principle of emancipation was, however, to be still more widely applied. They were to "proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (verse 10).

5. Rejoicing.—No more joyful sound was ever heard in that land than the blast of the trumpet which proclaimed that the year of jubilee was come. It was most appropriately timed to commence at the close of the solemn ceremonies of the Day of Atonement. Whatever may have been the original meaning of the word jubilee, it has come to be synonymous with joyousness—to feel more than ordinary gladness—is to be jubilant—while at the same time, the original idea of a thankful and joyous celebration of the fiftieth year has been revived in our modern life, both in the history of individuals and of institutions.

Our sketch would be incomplete without a statement of the Divine ground of the observance as enjoined on the Israelites. "The first and leading idea of the year, then, was the restoration of Israel as a whole, to the position in which God had originally placed it, and that alike in regard to worldly possessions and personal freedom. Thus, in regard to the land, the principle upon which it returned in the year of jubilee to its former owner, was that it was God's (Lev. 25: 3). Israel had never received it to be a possession of its own. It had been originally distributed among the people by lot (Num. 26: 52-56; 33: 54), and God's absolute proprietorship in it had thus been recognized. In the same manner the persons of the Israelites were not their own. God was no less proprietor of them than of the soil. They were His servants, whom he had brought forth out of the land of Egypt (Lev. 25: 42, 45), and he had, therefore, to restore to them in a manner again consistent with justice and equity, the freedom which they had at any time forfeited."

Its spiritual fulfilment is clearly pointed out in several prophetic passages (Isaiah 61: 1, 2; Ezek. 46: 16-18). Jesus Christ appropriated to Himself the passage in Isaiah (Luke 4: 21). He is the great emancipator and restorer for the whole world. One year in fifty was a jubilee to the Jew; but the whole period since Christ came down to the end of time, is a jubilee, to a redeemed world, if it were only awake to its privileges. But alas! the majority remain in bondage, though the proclamation of liberty as to the captives has so long gone forth. They claim not the long-gone inheritance, though its restoration is freely offered them. But the believer realizes that

the year of jubilee has indeed come. He realizes it in the many and abundant blessings which are given to him, all of God's free grace, in the inheritance recovered through faith, so that he can claim to be called a son of God and joint heir with Christ (Rom. 8: 16, 17); in the liberty wherewith he has been made free (John 8: 34-36).—S. S. Magazine.

HISTORY OF THE TOMATO.

A good many years ago, a man who had recently arrived from the Bermuda Islands was sent to York County, Pa., jail for some offence committed against the laws of the Commonwealth. He had with him a few seeds which he planted in the rich soil of the jail yard. Before the plants which sprang from the seed reached maturity, he was discharged, and no one knew the name or nature of them. They grew luxuriantly, bearing fruit of a large size and unusual appearance. As this strange fruit ripened, its color changed from green to a brilliant red, and became an object of wonder and admiration to all the inmates of the jail. Mrs. Klinefelter, the lady keeper, cautioned all the prisoners against eating any of the fruit, as she was sure it was poisonous, and besides wanted the seed, as she would endeavor to preserve the specimens of it for him should he return in time.

Just when the fruit was fully matured the Bermuda prisoner revisited the jail and asked to see the plant. This request granted, he next called for pepper, salt and vinegar, and to the honor of the good lady, commenced to eat of the supposed poisonous fruit with a relish that astonished the beholders. After enjoying the strange repast, he informed Mrs. K. that the fruit or vegetable was the tomato, or love apple, and it would be found wholesome and nutritious. The seeds of the remaining tomatoes were carefully preserved and distributed among the friends and neighbors of the lady, and thus this new popular esculent was introduced into the ancient and goody borough of York. For many years thereafter it was cultivated as an ornament rather than for table use, but by degrees its merits began to be more fully understood and appreciated, and there, as elsewhere, it grew into general public favor.

USEFUL HINTS.

The leaves are now falling rapidly. Do not forget that they make excellent bedding for stock, and that it pays to gather them for this purpose.

Dr. Dio Lewis says that for a tired workman the best meal after a day's work is oat-meal porridge with a little warm milk. He says he has thus cured many dyspeptics. Try it if you have dyspepsia.

Celery boiled in milk and the milk served as a beverage is said to be a cure for rheumatism, gout, and a specific in cases of small-pox. Nervous people find comfort in celery. We wish more were known of its medicinal qualities.

Sugar-making from sorghum, amber sugar-cane and Indian corn is regarded by many as the dream of visionaries. However this may prove, it is evident that there is an increasing interest in sorghum culture and sugar-making in the West. More sorghum has been grown this season than ever before, and sugar refineries and syrup mills are going up in many places.

In purchasing new farm waggons, farmers would do well to remember that a four inch tire will carry two tons over soft ground more easily than a two-and-a-half inch tire will carry one ton. Moreover, there is less strain to the wheels from inequalities in the road, the roadway itself is improved, and the draft, contrary to the common opinion, is less.

Towels with handsome, bright borders, should never be boiled, or allowed to lie in very hot water; they should not be used till they are so much soiled that they need vigorous rubbing to make them clean. It is better economy to use more towels than to wear out a few in a short time. A gentle rubbing in two sudas, and a conscientious rinsing in warm water and then in cold, ought to be all that is required.

The custom of commencing dinner with soup is a good one if the soup is plain and nutritious. It is an especial advantage when after a day of exhaustive work, without having partaken of much substantial food at lunch, the tired man sits down to his late dinner. In find from the aliment is ready to almost immediately enter the blood without using the gastric fluid to prepare it, and exhaustion and irritability disappear marvellously after a plate of warm, nourishing but simple soup. It is manifestly improper, therefore, to use highly seasoned or very rich soups as a preface to a hearty meal.—Christian Union.

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