

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 22. THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN. MARK XIV. 32-42.

1.—The conversation in our previous lesson was evidently carried on as our Saviour and His disciples were walking towards the garden of Gethsemane, a favourite place of resort with them (John xviii. 1, 2). On this memorable occasion He left the majority of the apostles near the entrance, and taking only the favoured three who were chosen to be His companions at such special times, He went on for the purpose of praying. His apostles were accustomed to His withdrawing, especially in the night season, with this object. He had done it often in the mountains of Galilee, sometimes spending the whole nights in prayer. He evidently felt the need in His great mission of such seasons of sacred retirement and communion with His Father. In this, as in all else, He has left us a perfect example. It is thus that spiritual strength is obtained for life's conflicts and duties. But now the hour which had never been absent from His view was at hand, and His shadows were settling so heavily upon Him that He told His three favoured disciples how much His spirit was perturbed, and bidding them watch lest He should be disturbed by any intruder. He retired still further into the recesses of the garden to pray out His anguish into the ear of His Father alone (ver. 2).—The expressions used by the evangelist (ver. 33), as well as that used by our Lord Himself (ver. 34), show us that a mental anguish of mysterious horror and darkness now came upon the Son of Man. The body had no part in it, except as sympathetically affected. But that effect was so great as to produce the bloody sweat described by St. Luke, and to cause Him to need to be strengthened by an angel to go through the whole ordeal (Luke xxiii. 43-44).

His soul was exceeding sorrowful unto death. Not that He was afraid to die; for death simply in itself had no terrors for Him. But it was the sacrificial nature of the death He had to die, the shadow of which now settled down upon His spirit. He knew that the form was to be the most cruel possible—He was to be crucified. But it was not the prospect of physical pain, however excruciating, which thus filled His soul with horror; but that He was to die as a propitiation for our sins. It was the judicial expiatory nature of His death that caused His agony. He was to take the place, to endure the curse, to pay the penalty, to suffer the punishment of the guilty; and the contact of His pure soul with guilt, even vicariously, even for the sake of others, even though He would thereby save the guilty, filled Him for the time with a horror that overwhelmed Him, and led Him to cry to God in mortal agony.

3.—It is commonly considered that the cup which Jesus prayed might, if possible, pass from Him was His death. St. Mark's narrative, however, in which the word hour occurs instead of cup (ver. 35), shows that it cannot be so. Nor can it have been the nature of the case. He knew that it was not possible for the world to be redeemed unless He died. He had kept that death constantly before His mind as the consummation of His incarnation, His life, and His teaching. What he prayed might pass from Him or be removed—both expressions are used—was something which it was possible for the Father to remove consistently with the great purpose for which He came into the world. That this is so is evident, not only from the terms He uses but from the fact that His prayer was heard (Heb. v. 7). He "was heard in that he feared;" the angel was sent to strengthen Him; the cup was removed when he had sufficiently drawn of it for all the purposes of His passion, and He returned to His disciples in a state of composure.

"In the language of the Old Testament, the portion of men, both of good and evil, is called their cup; and the administration of the Divine judgment is frequently expressed under the same figure. Hence we read, 'the cup of trembling,' 'the cup of the Lord's fury;' and a mixed or empoisoned cup is represented as in the Lord's hand, which His enemies should be obliged to drink. The cup here spoken of by our Lord was His present bitter anguish and unspeakable suffering. This is plain from comparing the accounts of the evangelists. St. Matthew says this cup, that which He was then drinking; nor does He pray that the cup of death might not be administered; but, 'Let this cup, then put into His hands, pass from Me.' St. Mark expresses the same thing without a figure: 'He prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass from Him,' clearly meaning that the duration of His sufferings might be shortened. And St. Luke, still entering precisely the same idea in somewhat varied phrase, states the prayer of Jesus to be, 'If Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me. Mightily as He had been strengthened to suffer, and was sinking under it, He prayed that if it were possible, it might be removed, if it could be done without impairing the efficacy of His atonement, and vicarious undertaking, that bitter cup, that cup of trembling and horror, might pass away from Him; yet with entire submission leaving it to His Father to judge of the fitness of the request,

and the measure of suffering which His justice was to exact from One who was now, in the room and place of a guilty world, bearing their transgressions; and who by that substitution of Himself in their place had given up all right to decide this question for Himself."

WINTER CARE OF LAWNS.

Lawns and dooryards are so often neglected during winter, that it is no wonder they look so miserable during summer. Grass on lawns should not be cut too short in the fall. A good growth should be left to help protect against the severity of the winters. In addition to this a good covering of manure should be applied just before the winter sets in with severity. If possible, get well-rotted manure, such as will break up fine when put on. Spread as evenly as possible over the lawn, so that every part shall receive a benefit. Do not put it on so thick as to smother the grass, as then more damage than good will result. I consider well-rotted manure far ahead of any of the artificial manures for invigorating and keeping a lawn in good condition. The fine manure works into the roots of the grass, by the action of the frost and the rains during winter, and consequently serves as a mulch during summer. Such is not the case with artificial manures; they stimulate the grass quicker than the barn-yard manure, but this excitement appears to be at the expense of the whole nourishing properties of the soil, having no "last" to it, the August drought showing detrimental effects upon the much stimulated growth.

Pure ground bone is the best and most lasting artificial manure for lawns there is. The effect is not so immediate, but the duration is much longer than either phosphate of lime, soda, or any other of the many kinds now on the market. I would urge the evenly spreading of manure over the surface of the lawn to insure a beautiful green surface during summer. If put on in lumps and allowed to remain so, the grass will appear in tufts all over; the places where the manure lay will be vigorous, while the places missed will be poor.

FAINTING PERSONS.

It is surprising how everybody rushes at a fainting person and strives to raise him up, and especially to keep his head erect. I must have driven a mile to-day, while a lady, fainting, was held upright. I found her pulseless, white, and apparently dying, and I believe that if I had delayed ten minutes longer she would really have died. I laid her head down on a lower level than her body, and immediately color returned to her lips and cheeks, and she became conscious. To the excited group of friends I said: "Always remember this fact: fainting is caused by the want of blood in the brain; the heart ceases to act with sufficient force to send the usual amount of blood to the brain, and hence the person loses consciousness because the function of the brain ceases. Restore the blood to the brain, and instantly the person recovers. In the erect position the blood ascends to the head against gravitation, and the supply to the brain is diminished as compared with the recumbent position, the heart's pulsation being equal. If then you place a person sitting, whose heart has nearly ceased to beat, his brain will fail to receive the blood; while if you lay him down with his head lower than his heart, blood will run into the brain by the mere force of gravity; and in fainting, in sufficient quantity to restore consciousness. Indeed, Nature teaches us how to manage the fainting persons, for they always fall and frequently are at once restored by the recumbent position into which they are thrown."—Medical Journal.

USEFUL HINTS.

Do not use the eyes too long at a time for near work, but give them occasional periods of rest. It is thirty per cent. more profitable to dispose of fattening cattle at two years old than to keep them up to three years. Veal cutlets dipped in beaten eggs and then in Indian meal, or in very fine bread-crumbs, and fried in butter till a sort of brown crust forms on them, make a delicate breakfast dish. Although the soil in which cess-pools are dug may be able to retain the sewage for a long time, still the ground gradually becomes saturated, and, acting as a sponge, the impure water is carried for many yards until, perhaps, it strikes a well into which it may drain. To candy fruit: Take one pound of white sugar and as little water as possible; let it boil down and skim it until it is perfectly clear and thick; have whatever fruit you desire to candy dip each piece in the hot syrup, then spread them on a dish and they will soon become hard. M. L. Fourment asserts that salting is not certainly fatal to triel in its immediate use. These parasites may live in salt provisions for five months. Salting indeed, often serves to preserve the vitality of triel in its destructive influence of heat.

The crops which I regard as especially injurious to land are oats, timothy hay, especially if sown from the farm, and beans. I do not say that good farmers should not grow some of all these crops, but they should do so with the understanding that somehow the fertility they take from the soil must be restored." So says a correspondent of an exchange.

INFORMATION.

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