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SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

This is a scene often to be witnessed in the happy homes of our land. The children of this family have all been out to Sunday-school, even down to little Tottie, seated now on her mamma's lap. They have returned and are now gathered around the fire-place in a happy group. The grate is burning brightly just behind Mildred, who is seated on the footstool. It is beginning to grow dark, so the boys have moved near the window in order to read their library books. The ruddy glow from the fire gives the appearance of cheerfulness which is reflected back from the contented faces of this happy family circle.



SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSON 8.]

SOBER LIVING.

[Nov. 25.

Tit. 2. 1-15.

GOLDEN TEXT.—We should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world.—Tit. 2. 12.

MEMORY VERSES, 11-14.—For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.

Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

LESSON STORY.

Paul was an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was his business to go about among all sorts of people, telling them the story of Jesus. It is a wonderful story, and many believed and became Christians through Paul's preaching. Paul calls Titus, who was bishop of the Church of Crete, "mine own son after the common faith," and he was one of Paul's good and trusted helpers. After Paul had preached for a time in a city he went to some other place to tell the story to those who had not yet heard it. Read the lesson carefully, and notice how many times the word "sober" is used. The Golden Text sums up the teaching of the lesson, and shows us we are to deny ourselves the things that are not right, no matter how good and pleasant they may seem.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Who was Titus?

Bishop of Crete.

2. What did Paul tell him?

To teach the people how to live.

3. What did Paul say Christians must be?

Sober.

4. What does God want us all to be?

His happy children.

5. Who is coming again some day?

The Lord Jesus.

6. Who will be glad to see him?

Those who have obeyed him.

Thy love is like the morning,
It drives away the night.
We promise at its dawning
To walk within its light.



ONLY A CENT.

Uncle Harris was a carpenter, and had a shop in the country. One day he went into the barn, where Dick and Joe were playing with two tame pigeons.

"Boys," he said, "my workshop ought to be swept up every evening. Which of you will undertake to do it? I am willing to pay a cent for each sweeping."

"Only a cent?" said Dick. "Who would work for a cent?"

"I will," said Joe; "a cent is better than nothing."

So every day, when Uncle Harris was done working in the shop, Joe would take an old broom and sweep it, and he dropped all his pennies into his tin savings-bank.

One day Uncle Harris took Dick and Joe into town with him. While he went to buy some lumber, they went to a store where there were toys of every kind.

"What fine kites!" said Dick. "I wish that I could buy one."

"Only ten cents," said the man.

"I haven't got a cent," said Dick.

"I have fifty cents," said Joe, "and I think that I will buy that bird kite."

"How did you get fifty cents?" asked Dick.

"By sweeping the shop," answered Dick. "I saved my pennies, and did not open my bank until this morning."

THE DRUNKARD'S HOME.

What a different picture this is from that on the front page! And what is the cause of the difference? It is because one shows the family of a sober, honest, upright man, while the other represents the poor home and family of a drunkard, a man who loves strong drink more than his wife and child.



It is one of the saddest sights in the world to see a man inflamed with drink. It turns him from a loving husband and father into a raving beast. He does not know what he is doing, and often wounds and even kills those that in his sober senses he loves and cherishes. Anything that has such an evil effect must be wrong to touch or taste. That is why it is a sin, to use strong drink. It always leads to misery.

OPOSSUMS.

All opossums do not have pouches, but the Virginia opossum has. In Mexico there is a kind of opossum no bigger than a mouse, and it is bright red in color. Then they have striped opossums in Brazil. Opossums will suck the blood of chickens and birds, but will not eat the meat. They generally live on bugs and such things. An opossum uses its tail almost as much as its feet in climbing a tree. Sometimes, when the little opossums get tired of being shut up in their mother's pouch, they climb on her back; she then raises her tail, and they wrap their little tails around it and ride around on her back.

A little girl was trying to tell her mother how beautiful a certain lady could trill in singing, and said, "You ought to hear her gargle; she does it so sweetly!"