

INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Fourth Quarter-Lesson XIII—Dec 30 REVIEW AND TEMPERANCE.

REVIEW.

The Period of the Conquest. Seven years; B. C. 1451 to 1444.

The Period of the Judges (including Joshua's losing years). 350 years; B. C. 1444-1094.

Territory. The land of Palestine, on both sides of Jordan.

Division of the Land. Nine and a half tribes west of the Jordan, and two and a half east of the Jordan.

Persons. Joshua, the Captain of the Lord's host, Achan, Caleb, Gideon, Samson, Ruth.

Subject.—The Unfolding of the Kingdom of God.

I. The Work to be done. (Lesson I.) Overcoming enemies and obstacles; bringing the land under the dominion of God's laws and God's people; making a happy, intelligent, religious, prosperous nation, which should enlighten the world. Thy Kingdom come.

II. Entering upon the Work. (Lessons II., III.) The story of the crossing, and its memorial. Conversion.

III. God's Marvellous Works. (Lessons II., IV., X., XI.) Revivals, Conversion, Providence.

IV. Deeds of Heroism and Faith. (Lessons I., II., IV., VII., X., XI., XII.) Self-Sacrifice, Mission Labors.

V. Mutual Help. (Lessons II., IV., VII.)

VI. Putting away Evil. (Lesson V.)

VII. Failures and Imperfections. (Lessons V., IX.)

VIII. Religion in Daily Life. (Lesson XII.)

IX. Resolution for the last Sunday of the year.

APPLICATION TO MISSIONS. The work of subduing the whole world to become the kingdom of God. Consecration. God's wonderful works, seen in every mission. The greatness, the number, the cruelty of the enemies to be overcome, not by destroying, but by converting. There are needed deeds of heroism, of mutual help, and of faith. There will be final success.

TEMPERANCE LESSON.

THE VOW OF THE NAZARITE.—Num. 6: 1-4.

GOLDEN TEXT.—I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.—Rom. 12: 1.

Subject.—The First Temperance Order.

Its Nature (vers. 1, 2). When either man or woman shall separate themselves. It was entirely voluntary whether one should become a Nazarite or not. A vow. A solemn engagement or promise, or the consecration of a person or thing to some particular use or service. Vow of a Nazarite. This vow was either temporary or for life. It was a religious service. It was to be to the Lord. Signs of this vow were:

(1) Letting the hair grow without cutting. No razor, or scissors, was to come upon the head till the expiration of the vow, which was seldom less than thirty days. This was the outward sign of the vow. So a public profession of one's position in religion and temperance is of great value to him and to others. It gives strength and courage, it gives opportunity for example to have its effect, it honors and manifests the worthiness of the cause.

(2) Avoiding the touch of a dead body, whereby pollution might be contracted. He was not at liberty to enter a house where a corpse lay, nor to follow it to the grave. This was also required of the high priest. He was not even to touch the dead of his own household. This was to be a mark and type of perfect purity, from all that can defile body or spirit. (3) Total abstinence from wine and everything that could intoxicate. He shall separate himself from wine and strong drink: Strong drink made from the juice of any kind of fruit. Vinegar of wine, vinegar of strong drink: implying acid fermentation. Both these drinks were forbidden because they had virtually the same intoxicating effect with the principal liquors themselves. Liquor of grapes. Grape-skins steeped in water after the juice is pressed out, form the drink here alluded to. Nothing that is made of the vine tree, from the kernels (or stones) to the husks (or outer skin). These were not dangerous in themselves, but were forbidden to keep those who had made the vow, from temptation, and to avoid every appearance of evil. The Chinese have a proverb

that one should not stoop down even to tie his shoe in a cucumber or melon garden; for those who looked on would be sure to think that he was plucking the fruit, however innocent he might really be. The application to temperance people is obvious.

Its Object. The vow of the Nazarite involved the dedication of a person to God, either temporarily or permanently. It was for the time being a separation from and a renunciation of the pleasures of the world, and of all fleshly gratifications and indulgences. As by the Sabbath we are aided to make all days holy, and as by hours of prayer we can fill all hours with the prayerful spirit, so by this Nazarite vow we learn how holy and temperate all men ought always to be. We can give up even what might not harm us for the good of the world. Again the vow of the Nazarite contributes toward health of body and of soul. "Her Nazarites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing was of sapphire."

The Monster Evil,

All epidemic of yellow fever is certainly one of the most serious episodes of recent times. Men, women and children in our Southern States, especially in the extreme South, become panic-stricken, leave their former homes and property in trepidation and flee from the plague as if their lives were menaced by an earthquake; and yet here, in our own city, right under our own inspection, there is a cruel devastation of life going on, which, for horror and danger, far surpasses any yellow-fever pestilence ever known.

There is no need of microscopic demonstration or examination about this terrible scourge; it is accompanied by self-evident facts that are practically illustrated by the most flagrant crimes and a wholesale destruction of human life right in our own community; and yet we go to and from our homes, and attend to our business and all the various branches of our social and political life, perfectly regardless of the awful desolation and fatal results that are transpiring almost within sight of our own dwellings, and in some cases in our own homes.

It is one of the inexplicable marvels of our times that while the increased consumption of alcoholic poison has become so common that the whole community is more or less involved in its ravages, yet most of the people seem to act as if this were a matter of course, that need not concern or disturb them; in fact, this plague is treated as if it were an evil of the past ages, or so far distant from our own knowledge that its results could never reach our homes or interfere with our personal comfort.

But the truth will and must be met, and the people ought to be fully aware of the awful consequences that will follow the continued use and toleration of this most seductive and exhilarating poison; if we do not soon become aroused and shake off this terrible monster that now threaten to choke our moral life, the people will find themselves involved in all the horrors of anarchy and the final destruction of everything that is now worth living for.

And this is no mere chimerical idea, or the result of an extravagant estimate of the consequences that may come out of this horrible traffic; for we have only to give a careful attention to the terrible and ghastly array of statistics that are furnished by the slums of our cities, to become thoroughly convinced that we are standing on the brink of a threatening volcano whence streams of burning lava may at any moment belch forth to destroy every vestige of our present civilization.—W. Jennings Demorest, in Demorest's Magazine.

Temperance News and Notes.

Dr. Donnet says that Bordeaux, where many persons drink one and a half litres of wine with each meal, has a greater number of apoplexies than any other city of the world.

The Rev. Charles Goss, of Chicago said in a recent sermon: "One single saloon in a town of 3000 people is more to be dreaded than all the thieves and gamblers in the State. In five years it will break up twenty families, cause at least three suicides and result in at least fifty infractions of the law. The tears cannot be counted nor the heart-aches numbered. God alone knows them."

One of the rules of Cornell University read as follows: "Students found guilty of intoxication, gambling, or gross immorality, or of any interference with the personal liberty of any student, will be removed from the University." President Adams has given notice that the rule will be promptly and impartially enforced.

A member of the medical staff in the London hospital being recently asked by a reporter of Pall Mall Gazette how many of the cases treated in the institution are attributable to intemperance, replied: "It would be difficult to estimate the number, but is unquestionably great. We sometimes find even children with drunkards' livers, due to the habit of giving infants gin to soothe them while teething. Drink is with us a source of much trouble. If the public houses were shut, we should have to close half our wards, or rather we should be able to take twice as many patients."

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Market Building, St. John; Garney, 5; Thursday; John P. Bell.
Orange Hall Portland; Portland, 7; Monday; A. Y. Paterson.
Market Building, St. John; Albion, 14; Monday; E. A. Everett.
Gagetown; Queens, 21; Saturday; H. J. DeVeber.
Chatham; Northumberland, 37; Friday; G. Stohart.
St. John; Mariners and Mechanics, 33; Tuesday; John Kinney.
Hillsboro, Albert Co.; Albert, 39; Wednesday; John I. Steeves.
Sackville, West Co.; Sackville, 40; Tuesday; J. C. Harper.
Richibucto, Kent Co.; Richibucto, 42; Wednesday; A. Haines.
Newcastle; Newcastle, 45; Thursday; Robt. N. Beers.
Point de Bute, West Co. Westmorland, 50; Thursday; Jas. W. Colpitts.
Hopewell Hill, Albert Co.; Golden Rule, 51; Tuesday; L. R. Moore.
enfield, Charlotte Co.; Safeguard, 53; Saturday; H. C. Trynor.
Cambridge, Queen's Co.; Johnston, 62; Saturday; George S. Wilson.
Dalhousie; Dalhousie, 64; Monday; G. Haddow.
Baie Verte; Baie Verte, 65; Wednesday; R. Goodwin.
Dover, West Co.; Dover, 70; Saturday; Alfred E. Steeves.
Carleton, St. John; Granite Rock, 77; Tuesday; John C. Thomas.
Derby, North Co.; Nelson, Monday; J. Betts 99.
Douglastown, North Co.; Caledonia, 126; Tuesday; J. Henderson.
Collina Corner, Kings Co.; Collina, 129; Thursday; Jacob I. Keirstead.

- Upper Gagetown, Queens Co.; Oxford, 130; Saturday; A. E. Crothers.
Benton, Carleton Co.; Garibaldi, 151; A. F. Campbell.
St. Martins, St. John Co.; St. Martins, 164; Tuesday; Samuel Osborn.
Moncton; Moncton, 188; Monday; F. W. Steeves.
Douglas, York Co.; Dunphy's W. O. Farmers 190; Saturday; Arthur W. Ross.
Salisbury, West Co.; Crystal Stream, 191; Monday; C. A. Beck.
South Bay, St. John Co.; Lime Rock, 207; Monday; Wm. Roxborough.
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Victoria Mills, West Co.; Victoria, 245; Thursday; A. J. Main.
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Portland; Valley, 250; Tuesday; J. Fowler.
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St. John, 102 King Street; Gordon Division No. 275; Monday; Robert Maxwell.
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