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INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Third Quarter-Lesson XII.—Sept. 18.

REVIEW.

SUGGESTIONS.—Prof. A. W. Burr makes some valuable suggestions about reviews. Among them are these:—

“Three things are essential to a good review:—

“1. A new phase or connection of the quarter's lesson, or a new end or reason for going over the past work must appear. The thought must be lifted out of the old rut and set off on a new parallel track. The old truth must be looked at from a new side. There must be no mere threshing over of old straw.

“2. Definite work, and not too much of it, must be the rigid rule. The knowing just what to do, and the hope of doing it, are the prime conditions of effort with the pupil. Many carefully planned reviews have broken down completely just here.

“3. The plan of review must be full of the teacher's own thought and spirit. It need not be of his own invention, but it must be so adapted to his class and his habit of thought that he wears it as his own and not as a borrowed garment. This skill and tact to adopt a plan, to carry out a suggestion into a wise use, is the key to success in a review, as it is to any teaching.”

Several methods of review will be presented, one of which may be selected and adapted to the needs of each particular class.

THE HISTORICAL REVIEW.

TIME.—About seven years; from May 18, A. D. 30, to May, A. D. 37.

PLACES.—Jerusalem, the Mount of Olives, Samaria and the country Gaza and Jerusalem.

CHAPTERS.—Acts, chaps. 1 to 8. Note the authorship and purpose of the book.

PERSONS.—Christ, the apostles, Matthias, Stephen, Philip, Barnabas Saul, the Ethiopian, Ananias, Sapphira, Simon Magus, a lame man, Caiaphas, the Sanhedrim, Gamaliel, multitudes of disciples.

EVENTS.—The ascension; the descent of the Spirit on Pentecost; speaking in unknown tongues; multitudes converted; great generosity; a lame man cured; trial before the Sanhedrim; imprisonment; release by an angel; death of Ananias and Sapphira; appointment of deacons; martyrdom of Stephen; the mission to Samaria; Simon Magus, the false disciple; and the conversion of the Ethiopian.

SUBJECT.—The birth of the christian church.

1. Preparations (Lesson I). The death and resurrection of Christ; the 40 days; the promises Christ made to his disciples; the ascension; the waiting by prayer.

2. The beginning of the church (Lesson II). The day of Pentecost; its effects; the number converted; how this was the birth of the church.

3. The character of the christians (Lessons III, VI). What it is to be a christian; how repentance and faith lead to this character; brotherly love, benevolence, humility, courage, zeal, prayerfulness, joy beautiful daily lives, attractiveness, the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit.

4. The work of the christians (Lessons III, IV, V, VI, X). Preaching, healing, miracles, community of goods, reproving enemies, prayer for enemies, suffering for Christ's sake.

5. Dangers from within, and how overcome (Lessons VII, X). Hypocrites,—their motive, their end, the effect; partiality and division; how overcome; fruits; lessons to us.

6. Dangers from without (Lessons V, VI, VIII, IX, X). Imprisonment; called councils, threatened persecutions, martyrdom; how overcome.

7. Results. Six or seven first years of the church,—chiefly at Jerusalem; great numbers converted,—multitudes of noble, earnest, holy, but imperfect christians; all the land excited; opposition only scattering the good seed; the church with such a foothold that it could now spread abroad; the beginning of a new era of missions.

REVIEW BY WORD PICTURES.

Chiefly for younger classes. The lessons of this quarter are so picturesque that word-pictures can easily be drawn. “Let the teacher draw word-pictures of the scenes, and call for the title of the lesson. Then, after the class has guessed the title, let the teacher question further on events, teachings,” etc. Or scholars may have certain lessons assigned to them, for which they are to draw word-pictures for the others to guess. As samples of word-pictures we give the following:—

I am in an enclosure, surrounded by beautiful buildings. Crowds of people are thronging the place. I see two men going through a beautiful gateway. Now they stop. Some one is asking them a question. They answer it. The man gets up, leaps, and runs, and shouts. Who were the three men, and what was done?

I see a dark, bare, but small underground room. I notice two men in it. It is night. A strange being suddenly appears. He is silently opening the doors, and the two men go out into the street. I look again. It is daylight. I see the same two men in a kind of colonnade with rows of pillars. Listen, they are talking very earnestly. Pretty soon some police officers come and stop them, and lead them away. I look again, and see the same two men in a large room, with richly dressed men sitting in a circle around it. One of them makes a speech. The two men are beaten and sent away. Can you name the men, the places, and what was done in each place?

WRITTEN REVIEW.

I have found that for classes of medium age, one of the most interesting and helpful reviews is that in which printed questions are placed before the scholars with blank spaces for the answers. The teacher should join the scholars in writing the answers. Then all should compare notes, and agree on the best answers.

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Let us then be up and doing With a heart for any fate. Praying God that our voice may yet be heard, and our hands help to banish from our land Canada's curse and shame—the liquor traffic.

ALICE EMMS, W. C. T. U.

Bands of Mercy.

Have we any “Bands of Mercy” in our Loyal Temperance Legions? What is their object, do you say? “To teach and lead every child and older person to seize every opportunity to say a kind word, or do a kind act that will make some other human being or some dumb creature happier.”

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A CHILD'S VICTORY.

A coal cart was delivering an order, and the horse made two or three efforts to the heavily-loaded cart to the spot desired, and then became obstinate. The driver began to beat the animal, and this quickly collected a crowd. He was a big fellow, with a fi-roc look in his eye, and the onlookers were chary about interfering, knowing what would

follow. “I pity the horse, but I don't want to get into a row,” remarked one.

“I am satisfied that I could do him up with the gloves on, but he wouldn't fight that way,” added second.

“I'm not the least bit afraid to tackle him,” put in a young man with a long neck, “but about the time I got him down, along would come a policeman and arrest us both.”

The driver was beating the horse and nothing was being done about it, when a little girl about eight years old approached and said: “Please, mister.”

“Well, what yer want?” “If you'll only stop, I'll get all the children around here and we'll carry every bit of the coal to the manhole and let you rest while we are doing it.”

The man stood up and looked around in a defiant way, but, meeting with only pleasant looks, he began to give in, and after a moment he smiled and said: “Mebbe he didn't deserve it but I'm out of sorts to-day. There goes the whip, and perhaps a lift on the wheels will help him.”

The crowd swarmed around the cart a hundred hands help to push, and the old horse had the cart to the spot with one effort.—Sel.

FAITH has been defined as “Fidelity of will to a matter of moral insight.” “Curses and arsenic will kill a flock of sheep,” said the cunning Voltairre, but in dealing with the saloon we are afraid that too many depend upon the curses only. How would it do to put a little more sulphur in the ball-t-box and keep the sweetness for the pulpit and press? Talk of “separation of church and state,” as we will, yet the church is the mainstay of the state, and the state cannot afford to brush away her sacred institutions, her Sunday and her quiet worship, until she is prepared to accept the results. Nothing is more illiberal than the nothingness of agnosticism. What a change in the church since the “aged and godly women” were recognized as entitled to recognition for support, and deacons appointed to see to it. And this is the more strange to-day, when, in almost all our churches women are doing so much to support everybody else.

“The proper nurse for Moses is Moses' mother.” And wouldn't it be a great gain if the saloon could be taken away from between the child and its mother? It stands today between thousands of them.

ON DUTY.

THE American Sunday-School Union gives very encouraging reports of its work for the past year. One thousand and sixty-four Sunday-schools, with fifty-nine thousand scholars have been organized in places otherwise destitute of all religious advantages. Aid was given to over ten thousand other schools, besides six thousand Bibles and nine thousand Testaments were given or sold. The missionaries report over six thousand conversions and two hundred and sixteen churches have been developed. Who can estimate the wide-reaching results of this one year's work?

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