

Sunday School Lesson Young Peoples' Topic

FORTHTELLERS OF THE BEST.

The International Sunday School Lesson For March 22 is a Quarterly Review.

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS.

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THE RICHEST MAN. Terse Comments on the Uniform Prayer Meeting Topic of the Young Peoples' Societies...

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS. The greatest of wealth is greatest influence. He is richest whose life is most powerfully invested in the largest number of other lives.

A Wilderness Prophet. A certain type of mind will hear no teacher who is not arrayed in common vestments... INSTANT RELIEF OF ITCHING HUMOR

Limbs Below the Knees Were Raw—Feet Too Swollen to Get Shoes On—Sleep Completely Broken by Intense Itching and Burning—Well in Two Days and Says That CUTICURA IS AMONG HIS HOUSEHOLD GODS

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FOR BABY RASHES. Eczemas and Irritations, Cuticura is Worth Its Weight in Gold. The suffering which Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment have alleviated among the young, and the comfort they afforded worn-out and worried parents...

A Life's Outreach. A curious assortment of people are found linked, in one way or another, to the life of the Hero whose career is being studied. Nearly all of these—such as, and still is, the peculiar power of Jesus over His friends—because henceforth of His helpfulness. It is the fashion of Jesus to make men His wit-

nesses, and thus, inevitably, witnesses for all that is most worth while in life. There, for instance, was that dignified, self-witted and not altogether respectable Samaritan woman by Jacob's well. Unpromising material she. Yet the touch of Jesus upon her spirit made her an evangelist to her village; and she who had stood for the worst straightway began to stand for the best. Then there was that eager, distracted nobleman, seeking health for his son—and finding it, along with better things, at once he became a proselytist of the truth. The sufferer at the Pool of Bethesda, and the man born blind, what stout and effective champions of the truth they became, after coming under the healing influence of Jesus. In a crude, cross and selfish fashion, the hungry mob whom Christ fed on the hillside likewise bore their testimony of the Wonderful One. Only Nicodemus failed to be true to the best he had learned—and even he, belatedly, came out in reckless and unreserved allegiance to the Teacher whom he had discovered to be the promised Revealer of God.

Truth's Noblest Knight. This practical, unflinching, present-day theme of utter loyalty to truth, which runs through all the Sabbath School Lessons, naturally found its fullest expression in the central figure of this moving biography. Jesus alone lived life at its best. He was revelation of human possibilities; in His school men learn how to be true and good and forever steadfast.

The motives that sway most of us today—pride, fear, lust for gold, concern for reputation, and all the other varied forms of self-interest wears—He showed men how to subordinate, putting above them all a regnant loyalty to the will of God. Consistently, and inspiringly, Jesus lived to please His Father and to save mankind. He sought no glory from men. He did not fear the face of man. For Him life meant one thing supremely—and this principle He reiterates for all men's guidance—an opportunity to live the life of God in the world of men.

Some well-meaning folk are diligent engaged in trying to convert themselves into ciphers. They seek to efface their personality, that they may please and serve their fellows. Thereby they commit a cardinal offense against themselves, their fellows and God. For a person must be somebody before he can do anything. Characterless shadows lead nobody anywhere.

Only objects possessing substance cast a shadow. And influence, after all, is only the shadow cast by character. Cultivate character, and let the Sun determine the shadow.

Too much concern for our influence begets an unwholesome self-consciousness. It also tends to Pharisaism. If we live for the eyes of men, we cease to regard the Father who seeth in secret. On the other hand, if we make sure that our hearts are right with God, we may depend upon Him to take care that not hurt but only help come to others through our lives.

"What we really are, somehow or other, will ooze out," tersely and truly says the great Robertson, of Brighton.

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone; As thou hast sought, so let me seek Thy erring children, lost and lone.

O strengthen me, that while I stand Firm on the Rock and strong in Thee, I may stretch out a loving hand To wrestlers with the troubled sea.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The precious things thou dost impart, And wing my words, that I may reach The hidden depths of a man's heart. —Francis Ridley Havergal.

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and of strength as well as sweetness. Even a hitching post, before it can be tied to, must stand.

There is no influence without individuality. The first contribution any body can make to the well-being of the race, or the glory of God, is to achieve a character for himself.

A facile, fatuous amiability is some person's conception of a Christian character. Hundreds of books and thousands of poems are being written to extol the passive virtues. These have helped beget a type of life which is inoffensive—it even shrinks from offending the devil's sensibilities—but also ineffective. God's empire-builders are robust souls, surely, daring, bold. These intrepid pioneers have scant time for morbid introspection; they spend few hours in considering what other persons think of them, or in weighing what the effect of their every word upon some thin-skinned neighbor may be.

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