#### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

International Sunday School for March 20, 1938

Golden Text: "Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink no wine nor strong drink nor eat any unclean thing."—Judges

Lesson Text: Mark 6:53-56; Judges 13:12-14; I Cor. 3:16-17; Romans 12:1-2

After the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus told his disciples to get into a boat and row across the Sea of Galilee to Gennesaret, leaving him behind. During the crossing a storm arose and the disciples thought surely they would be drowned. However, Jesus had kept his eyes on them, and seeing their difficulty, he walked toward them on the water. We know the story of Peter, who, upon seeing Jesus approaching on the water, attempted to walk from the boat toward him, but becoming frightened, began to sink. Jesus rescued him and together they returned to the boat. Reaching land, they "moored to the shore."

Here again we see evidences of Jesus' concern for the physical bodies of men, because, as soon as news of his arrival was noised abroad through the district, the people hurried to him, bringing with them any who were sick among them. Evidently, there was much sickness in this little district, for Mark declares that "wheresoever he entered into villages or into cities, or into the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment, and as many as touched him were made whole." It is no wonder that Jesus is known as the Great Physician.

Throughout the Bible one can find numerous indications that God is interested also in the physical wellbeing of man. He created the body, as well as the soul, and He knows that in order for man to attain the highest degree of perfection in life, care must be taken of both the body and the soul.

The passage from Judges, given for our consideration, is advice given to a husband, Manoah, by an angel of God, concerning what his wife was to do before the birth of the child which God had promised them. The completeness of the angel's instructions is revealed in the fact that he simply repeated to Manoah the same instructions he had previously given to Manoah's wife. The child which was to be born was dedicated to God and would be a Nazirite, or one who is separated unto God and who takes certain vows which are to

be rigidly kept. It should be noted that not only was the Nazirite himself to abstain from strong drink, but the mother of the one who was to live under a Nazirite vow all his life was to re-

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KEEPING THE BODY STRONG frain from drinking any strong drink from the time of the conception of the child to the day of his birth. This is significant. Dr. J. Clifton Edgar, a professor of obstetrics in Cornell University Medical College for thirty years, in a book on "The Practices of Obstetrics," in speaking of the diet of an expectant mother, says, "The drink should be water, milk, or chocolate; tea and coffee may be taken in moderation, but should not be strong. Alcoholic beverages should be avoided, for the pregnant woman is especially prone to contract the alcoholic habit."

Paul makes a very strong plea for temperance in all things, when he reminds us, in striking manner, "Know ye now that ye are in the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you. If any man de-stroyeth the temple of God, him shall God destroy." If we realized this more fully, we probably would not do many of the things with our bodies and to our bodies that we now do. No man in his right mind would tear down or attempt to destroy a material temple of God's or desecrate a church building. No, God's temple is too sacred a place for even the unbeliever to lay hands upon. And yet, our individual temples—our bodies—are not held to be as sacred. We weaken them by carelessness, by over-anxiety, by over-work, by over-chestra.

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If we think of our dwelling place of the t of God, we cannot help but tak them. We cannot take int les anything that will destroy them and, surely all scientific research points to the fact that alcohol is a destroyer of human tissues and a narely are of destroyer of human paralyzer of nerve centers. Someone has declared that "the movement against alcohol is more than a question of reducing drunkness, preventing accidents, increasing efficiency; it is a question of preserving life from the second of the second

is a question of preserving life from generation to generation."

If we accept Paul's plus and "present our bodies a living sacrifice holy, acceptable to God," then we shall have the power to refuse to do those things which tend to render our bodies as unfit dwelling places for the Spirit of God, we shall refuse to be "conformed to this world," to do things just because others are doing tham, but will strive to keep our bodthem, but will strive to keep our bod-ies strong and clean, hely and acceptable to God.

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The Winfall Home Demonstration Club met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Jim Lowe, at her home at Winfall. Mrs. D. L. Barber was in charge of the program. Mrs Barber, Mrs. George Roach and Miss Mary Elizabeth White gave readings on

Miss Gladys Hamrick's talk or "Buying Ready-made Clothes" was timely and interesting.

The game "Left and Right" was played, after which delicious refreshments were served.

Those present were; Mesdames George Roach, Effic Miller, Clyde Layden, E. M. Miller, D. L. Barber, T. J. Nixon, Kenneth Miller, D. R. Trueblood, Joel Hollowell, Alvin Winslow, Jim Lowe and D. R. Stallings, Misses Mary Elizabeth White, Gladys Hamrick, Frances Rogerson, Rosalie Griffin, Gwendolyn Fox, Doris Miller and Celesta Godwin.

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