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GOING DOWN HILL.

British Government Appoints Commission to Inquire Into the Alleged Physical Deterioration of Lower Classes.

The Government has appointed a Commission to inquire into the alleged physical deterioration of the lower classes in the United Kingdom. Almeric W. Fitzroy, clerk of the Privy Council, is the chairman. He is assisted by the former head of the army gymnastic school, the inspector of reformatories, the chief of the navy recruiting service, statisticians and others.

The subject was also brought up in the House of Commons by Sir William R. Anson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education, who declared 60,000 children now attending London schools were physically unfit for instruction.

The Director General of the Army Medical Service reports that one man in every three offered as recruits had to be rejected. The appointment of the Commission is hailed with approval. The Daily Chronicle says: "If the people as a whole are deteriorating we must change our ways or give up the national struggle as a mistake. The creation and preservation of a fine stock of mankind is the first, perhaps the only, reason for national existence, and if the mass of the people are going downhill in physique we may be quite sure it is going downhill in character and intellect as well."

A Living Paper Cutter. The following story is told by a South African paper: "An Indian rajah who had learned the English language after a fashion frequently visited some years ago the Viceroy of Calcutta and on one occasion borrowed of the latter a copy of the Edinburgh Review, which he happened to see lying on the table. When he returned the magazine the viceroy asked him if he had found anything interesting in it. 'Oh, yes,' he replied; 'many beautiful things, but also many disconnected articles. See here. This begins with "Hunting the Orang-outang," does it not? And now turn over the page, and here you have "The History of Marv Stuart." The viceroy laughed. He perceived that the rajah had attempted to read the book without cutting the leaves. He accordingly took from his table a beautiful ivory paper cutter, explained its use to his visitor, and made him a present of it. About a year after this occurrence the viceroy saw a gay company entering the court and in the centre of it the rajah seated on a young elephant. No sooner did he see the viceroy than he cried: "Do you happen to have an uncut copy of the Edinburgh Review? If so, please toss it to me." The viceroy threw out the magazine. It was caught by the elephant, who placed it between his tusks, which had been wrought into elegant paper cutters, even including carved handles, and quickly cut open the leaves, after which the knowing animal passed the Review back to the surprised viceroy. The rajah then dismounted and said to the viceroy as he pointed to the elephant: "He is yours. I return you the paper cutter alive."

DROVE AWAY BOTH DISEASES

Geo. Robertson Cared His Kidneys by Using Dodd's Kidney Pills.

And His Rheumatism and Dropsy Departed Never to Return—He Makes a Statement.

MONTREAL, Que., Nov. 20.—(Special).—The illness and cure of Mr. George Robertson, of 39 St. Antoine St., this city, is further and convincing proof that Rheumatism and Dropsy are both the results of Diseased Kidneys. Mr. Robertson had Dropsy and Rheumatism for five years. He cured his Kidneys by using Dodd's Kidney Pills and both diseases departed for good. Speaking of his case Mr. Robertson says: "I had been troubled with Dropsy and Rheumatism for five years. I am now well and it is all owing to Dodd's Kidney Pills. Before I started using them I could hardly put my feet to the floor they were swollen so much from Dropsy. My arms used to swell at times so that I could not put my coat on. "A friend advised me to use Dodd's Kidney Pills offering to pay for them if they did not help me. Before I had used the second box I felt a great improvement. I took seven boxes in all and I don't know what it is to be sick since."

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FREDERICTON, Nov. 18.—Judge Gregory fell on the ice last night and sustained a broken leg, the limb snapping in two places. He is resting easy.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON VIII, FOURTH QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, NOV. 22.

Text of the Lesson, Prov. xx, 1; xxiii, 20, 21; 29-35—Memory Verses, xxiii, 29-32—Golden Text, Prov. xx, 1—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

(Copyright, 1903, by American Press Association.) Inasmuch as drunkards are among those who cannot inherit the kingdom of God, we cannot be too earnest in our efforts to present the Lord Jesus Christ to them as the One who loves even them and is able and ready to save them and the only One who can do it, but we must not forget that thieves, the covetous, revilers, extortioners and all unbelievers are listed with drunkards and murderers as all on their way to the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (I Cor. vi, 9, 10; Rev. xxi, 8), but since some such sinners have been washed, sanctified and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus (I Cor. vi, 11) others may, and it is for those who know the gospel to give it quickly and earnestly to all who have not yet received it.

As I write these notes (April 22, 1903) I have before me S. H. Hadley's invitation to attend his twenty-first anniversary at the old McAuley mission, 316 Water street, New York, in which he says: "I have proved beyond a doubt that the Lord Jesus Christ, and He alone, can by His own almighty power, without the aid of drugs or nostrums of any kind, in a moment and forever kill and cast out from the brain, the blood, the stomach and, above all else, the imagination the hell-born appetite for whiskey or alcohol in any shape whatsoever, and by faith in His atoning blood a soul can be kept free as a little child from its dreadful power." The devil is the great deceiver, mocker, destroyer, ever going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (I Pet. v, 8), but the Lamb of God is able to save to the uttermost all who come unto God by Him (Heb. vii, 25).

Our golden text (xx, 1) and xxiii, 20, 21 are simple, clear, strong statements and words of warning which seem to need no comment. The facts are before our eyes always and everywhere, both in the daily papers and in actual life. The fools are without number who seem deliberately to choose the poverty and rags, the woe and sorrow and contention for the sake of a passing gratification of their carnal appetite. Some of the sad stories of drunkenness recorded in Scripture are to be found in Gen. ix, 20-25; I Sam. xvi, 36, 38; II Sam. xi, 13; I Kings xvi, 8-10, proving that every man at his best estate is altogether vanity (Ps. xxxix, 5), which doubtless means apart from the grace of God. See also Isa. v, 11, 12, 22; Hab. ii, 15, concerning the woes of the drunkard.

The only remedy and deliverance is to be found in Him who for our sakes became a Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief, was made sin for us and bore our sins in His own body on the cross, took our place under wrath that we might take His place in glory. His love is better than wine (S. of Sol. 1, 2, 4), and when we have known and believed the love that He hath to us He takes up His abode in us, and all is well (I John iv, 16). Then instead of beholding vanity, whether in the form of strange women or in any other form, we behold Him and, beholding the glory of the Lord, are changed into His image, from glory to glory, by the spirit of the Lord (II Cor. iii, 18). So desperately wicked is the heart of man by nature that it refuses to receive correction, but gives itself up to its own way regardless of the fact that there is always but a step between us and death and heedless of the warning "He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Jer. xvii, 9; v, 3; Isa. lvi, 12; I Sam. xx, 8; Prov. xxix, 1).

But there is an end, an "at the last" when "he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption" as truly as "he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Gal. vi, 8). How foolish indeed are those who refuse to consider the inevitable realities of the future and give themselves up to a present, transient enjoyment, like Esau, who for a mess of pottage despised his birthright, or like those who say, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die" (Heb. xii, 16, 17; I Cor. xv, 32). They are worse than foolish; they are blinded by the god of this world, or it may be that, having refused the truth, they are given over to believe a lie (II Cor. iv, 4; II Thess. ii, 10-12).

There may come a time when Prov. 1, 24-31, shall be the experience of many, when because they would not listen to God they shall call, but He will not answer, and finally they shall have to hear Him say, "Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. xxv, 41). The God in whose hand our breath is and whose are all our ways (Dan. v, 23) is very gracious. He is slow to anger and not willing that any should perish (II Pet. iii, 9), and inasmuch as life in these mortal bodies is so uncertain, how blinded the sinner must be to continue in sin when God is beseeching him to receive freely the redemption provided in Christ Jesus! (Isa. i, 18; Rom. iii, 24). The heart is the great center from which good or evil proceeds (Matt. xv, 19); hence to live out verses 17 and 19 of our lesson chapter we must first obey verse 20. Although Ezek. xxxvi, 26, 27, has a reference to Israel and a future fulfillment at their restoration, we may apply much of it to ourselves, and where there is the new heart, the peace of God ruling, the spirit of God controlling, all will be well and God glorified when Christ takes possession.

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