LESSON IN HONESTY IS TAUGHT BY THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY TEXT

By Rev. W. L. Deming

International Bible school le on for January 25th, 1920, Subject: Peter Stands up for Truth and Honesty. Lesson Text, Acts 5:1-11.

Golden Text, Lying lips are abom-ination to the Lord, but they that deal truly are His delight. Proverbs 12:22.

While the above subject has been selected by the International Committee for this text, I prefer to treat it as a lesson on Church Discipline, which it emphatically is; nevertheless the true character and courage of Peter stands out conspicuously,

The lesson naturally divides itself into four heads, and we should always allow the Scripture its natural divisions. 1. The Lie. 2. The Denunciation. 3. The Punishment. 4. The Result. With these four headings in our minds let us carefully trace the story and apply its teachings.

The first church (The Jerusalem Church) was made as near perfect as it could be with human materials. This implies that exceptions would be found in the case of individuals. So, in the course of time one of its greatest virtues became a source of temptation and sin to two weak members. One day, while Peter was presiding at the meeting, a brother named Ananias walked forward, and laid at his feet a sack of silver which contained, he said, the price of a piece of land which he and his wife had sold for the benefit of the poor. If the disciples of that SAN FRANCISCO age had been as demonstrative and irreverent in the Lord's house as are of our modern assemblies, I think there would have been general and very hearty hand clapping and perhaps stamping of the feet at this deed.

What then was the consternation of the brethren, when they saw a frown on Peter's brow and a stern look me to his face, and heard from him these blistering words: Ananias, why hath Satan filled thyne heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back mobile industry during the week bepart of the price of the land? Thou ginning February 21, with the fourth has not lied unto men, but unto God." annual Pacific automobile show at the While they listened and gazed, An- Exposition auditorium in San Frananias falls to the floor, and the cry cisco. is raised, He is dead. A few hours As later the wife of the dead man walks the motor car industry, the San Franin and shares the same fate, because cisco show this year, under the austhey had agreed together to tempt the pices of the Motor Car Dealers' as-Spirit of God.

how quickly done. Nothing but sc!- the history of the industry in the Not that of Peter, but of the great have volunteered their cooperation to pendable. Not sold at drug stores. Head of the church, who thus exer- insure its success. Do not experiment with others; save cised discipline in His church, so as with which crying sins must be re- for the motorists' week. buked if the church would please Him. This is a divine intimation on the sublesson, or shall we continue, as so ing, to keep the ungodly in the church, under the vain delusion that we are exercising forbearance and mercy which heaven wil approve, or under the idle improssion that we have a out. Don't you think that God knows more than we do about you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ve withdraw from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which they received from us." 2 Thess. 3:6.

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unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornificator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an that question, as there are upwards to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? Do not ye judge them that are with-But them that are without God in ? judeth. Therefore put away from junk man, of course. They were im-

Such discipline did not scare everybody away from the church as some might suppose, but gave everybody to understand that this was a church in which open and manifest sin could not be tolerated. Nor did the reputation of the church suffer prodigiously, for we read, just as we might expect, that: "Great fear came upon the whole church, and upon all that heard these things," (vs 11); "And believers were the more added to the Lord, Multitudes both of men and women" (vs. 14). Just so it will ever

Let us lay aside our compromises with sin, and boldly follow the model church (God's pattern in the mount) keeping a high wall and a deep in ditch between the church and the world, while we open the gates in the precise words of Holy Writ to those who are in earnest about their soul's salvation.

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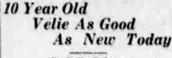
See Great Galaxy of

New Cars

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24-The spotlight of public interest in the Southwest will be turned on the auto-

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to show those to whom it would after- major entertainment in the new year and particulars, its free. Address: wards be entrusted, the promptness and the city will don her festival garb National Medical Institute, Milwau-



By Rolla Raiston

You hear it said ever and often Where do all the old automobiles go?" and well can one ponder over extortioner; with such an one no not of a million cars traded in or re-placed every year and the old models must :o-nomewhere.

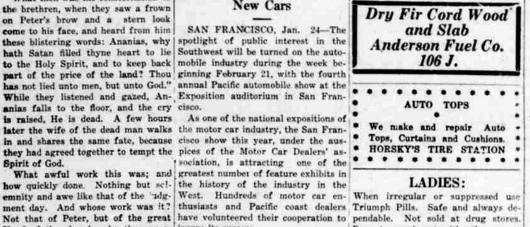
The majority of old cars go to the among yourselves that wicked per-properly built originally and did not stand up as well as the cars of today; they were too expensive to operate, and nit at all comfortable or efficient. Those old cars deserve to be melted up and used again.

Then there are the fairly good cars which are converted into trucks and serve a period of usefulness before being finally claimed by the scrap Then, the majority of cheap man. cars, whose short life is the joy of the iron dealer, and finally the old cars that are still serviceable and going strong.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

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Centenary of th birthofGen. John M. Thayer, civil war commander, U. S. senator and governor of Nebraska, and governor of Wyoming Territory. Today is the twenty-fifth anniverary of the disaster to the steamship

ance of which in Lake Michigan, with all on board, has never been fully solved.

The cornerstone for New York's new "Civic Auditorium, or "Town Meeting Hall," to be creeted by the League for Political Education and similar bodies, is to be held today by Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.

Sunday, January 24, 1920 Scottish societies the world over today will observe the birthday anniversary of Robert Burns. The Most Rev. Edward J. McCar-

Chicora, the mystery of the disappear- thy, archbishop of Halifax, celebrates his seventieth birthday.

Child Labor Sunday will be observed today with special sermons in many churches throughout the United States.

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