

SUNDAY READING.

At Life's Dawning.

Thank God, thou art welcome, thou frail little mortal. So newly made heir to this earth and its cares.

Thank God, thou wast met at life's opening portal By a father's strong love and a mother's glad prayers.

Go pity the soul with sweet purity glowing. That comes to our world but through sin and in shame, Whose welcome is hatred, and bitter tears flowing.

And pity the nursing, whatever the trouble, That finds on its coming cold welcome at best; Its cares and its trials through life must be double.

Work On.

Work while the day is thine, Work for the night is near, Work that the light may shine, Work in thy lowly sphere.

Work in thy morning hours, Work in thy simple way, Work with thy budding powers, Work in thine early day.

Work when the hope is dead, Work in the tide of woe, Work when the eyes are red, Work when the loved are low.

Work when the hair is white, Work with a heart's resign'd, Work with a prospect bright, Work with a cheerful mind.

Work till the hands are down, Work, by the Master bless'd, Work to the promised crown, Work to the promised rest.

A GREAT BARGAIN.

SERMON, PREACHED BY PASTOR C. H. SPURGEON.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant-man, seeking goodly pearls; Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

A merchant endeavors to trade so as to make a profit. Whether he deals in pearls or in grain, he does not hope to obtain riches by labor. He leaves that to those who eat their bread by the sweat of the face.

I shall not, however enlarge upon this analogy, but proceed at once to speak of the merchant in this parable; for here we have a fit emblem of many who lay hold on Christ and find him to be their all in all.

Now, notice about him, as a seeker, that he has his mind aroused and engaged. He is thinking about something—thinking about pearls. His heart is occupied with his business. His energies are thrown into it.

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to regulate, and to control their thoughts. But thinking is an occupation that a great many persons altogether dislike. Oh that men were wise, that they were thoughtful!

AN OBJECT IN LIFE.

Equally evident is it that he had a fixed definite object. He had given himself to pearl-hunting, and pearl-hunting was to be the one object of his life. If you had met him, and said, "What are you seeking?" he would have answered in a moment, "I am seeking good pearls; have you any to sell me?"

AN ACTIVE SEARCH.

The merchant was seeking goodly pearls. He did not open a shop, and say, "Pearls bought here if anybody likes to bring them;" but he went forth in quest of them. How far he travelled I do not know; but the Oriental trader frequently goes immense distances.

MODERATE EXPECTATIONS.

Evidently this merchant went into the business with comparatively moderate expectations. He was seeking pearls. If anybody had said, "Would you like to find a big pearl?" he would have said, "That I would, infinitely better than to find a number of little ones."

FINDING.

He was burying pearls everywhere. He was hard after pearls; and so it came to pass that he hit upon a pearl that he never hoped to see. It was more than he expected. Ah, I pray God that some here, whose hearts are honestly seeking after that which is right, may find Christ, who has in him more of the spirit of temperance, uprightness, truth, philanthropy than will be found anywhere else.

ITS VALUE.

is not given. We only know that he thought it worth all that he had; and he went away and sold all that he had, that he might buy it. And he evidently thought it worth all the other pearls he had ever been seeking for, because if he spent his all upon that one pearl it would be clear that he must have abandoned henceforth the searching after smaller pearls, since he had no capital left.

HE IS SEEKING.

"The kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant-man seeking goodly pearls." It is different from the man we read of just now who, by accident, discovered a treasure while he was in the field. He was looking for something else, and came upon the treasure. That is the man whom God saves, though he was heretofore indifferent and careless.

HE MUST HAVE THAT.

And it is grand when the Lord brings the mind to this. "I see that in Christ there is everything I want—pardon for my sin, cleansing for my nature, grace to maintain my character and to make me perfectly fit for heaven. There is all in Christ that I want and must have him. I must have him."

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SELLING OUT.

He sold out all that he had. It had taken him a long time to get it together, and I have no doubt he had much pleasure in the accumulation, but now he has great pleasure in selling. "Buy my farm," he says to one man. "Come buy it. I don't know that I want to buy farms," says the other. "It is nought; it is nought." "Nevertheless, let us come to terms. I want money, and I must have money."

WHAT IS SOLD.

Next to that you must sell off your righteousness. It will not fetch much, but I daresay you think it is a fine thing. Hitherto you have been very good, and your own esteem of yourself is as touching the commandments—"all these have I kept from my youth up."

POPULARITY.

And, then, sometimes, in some cases, men have to give up a good deal of the honors and the satisfaction of life that arise from the esteem of their fellow-creatures. Has it come to this, "If I become a Christian they will ridicule me." Well, now, can you not put up with a little obloquy for Christ? "But if I am an earnest Christian then I shall have to encounter all sorts of slander."

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if they had but light from heaven to see the value of my Lord and Master, instead of our standing here and having to beg and persuade and find out new words of commendation, methinks they would only say, "Tell us about him. We will have him. What does he ask of us? What can we do for him?"

And it was an immediate purchase. He does not go home and say, "I shall think about this." No, but he knew that pearl and he said,

through my fingers I shall never see the like of it again. If anybody else gets that bargain, then I shall have lost the one opportunity of my life. And so he does but take time enough to go and sell his farm off, and the little land he had, and the little property he had. He was back quickly with his money. So, dear friends, he that cometh to Christ aright may well deliberate about it, but the end of his deliberation ought to be speedy. "If he is to be had, let me have him."

And, oh, what an enriching purchase it was which the man had made. So, brothers, and sisters, if you have ever given up anything for Christ I am sure that the Lord Jesus Christ has made you very ample amends. Some years ago a person rather eccentrically advertised for persons who had been leasers by obedience to the divine command—that if any one who had lost anything through love to Christ would apply to him he would make it up.

The advertisement appeared for some months in one of our religious periodicals. But the oddest thing is that nobody ever answered it. I should have thought that somebody would have tried and made out a case; but nobody did. They cannot make out such a case; they are

NO LOSERS BY CHRIST.

"But," say some, "the martyrs were, were they not?" Well, they are up there ask them. Oh, there is no losing when you deal with him.

This was a purchase he never regretted. He never wished to have it undone. With his pearl of immense worth he was a rich man, worthy to be the rival of princes, and he felt that it was enough, and can rejoice and bless and magnify the Lord.

Let me, however, just put in one word, of caveat. Take care, dear merchant brothers, that when you buy a pearl you buy a good one—that it is the pearl of great price, because I have known noble spirits whom I have admired and felt ready to weep over; men that have been heroic in the pursuit of that which seemed to them perfectly true, and have made a sacrifice of all that they have for it, and yet

THEY HAVE BEEN DECEIVED.

Mind that you get Christ and his truth as you find it revealed in Scripture, and revealed a second time in your own heart by the Holy Ghost, for whatever is short of Christ is a cheat and will deceive you.

Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord. The voice of Jesus is heard in this parable of the kingdom describing and directing the seekers. Such persons comprise no small fraction of an assembly like the present one. I am sure some of you have seen the pearl you want sparkling before your eyes. I wonder how many of you have resolved to sell all you have to buy it. But who among you all have actually made the pearl your own, and rejoice in its possession? That such of you will go on your way rejoicing there is no doubt; but will you not return and give glory to God? Shall we not have the happiness of greeting you here in the fellowship of the kingdom of his grace? The Lord grant it may be so for Jesus' sake. Amen.

HAVE YOU BEEN

to see the new landlord at the

WAVERLY HOUSE,

The dining room is first-class, accommodation unsurpassed. People stopping at this house will be used nicely. Large sheds, ample room. Welcome to all that stop at Geo. Carr's, Waverly House, Kent Street, East. TERMS—\$1 per day.

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KEEP THE CASH.

Beginning on October 22nd. and ending on Dec. 25, will be

RED-LETTER DAYS

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WE HAVE DECIDED TO HOLD A GREAT FOUR WEEKS SALE

commencing on the above date, during which we will offer every grade of Furniture in our warehouses at reduced prices.

Parlor, Dining-room, Kitchen and Bedroom Sets, Chairs, Rockers

In fact everything in our store will be away down in price for the above period. If you need Furniture and have the money there won't be much bargaining.

ANDERSON, NUGENT & CO. Furniture Dealers and Manufacturers, near the Market.

THE MARCH OF IMPROVEMENT.

Art in the household and beauty in the ordinary surroundings of life was the gospel propounded by the late Professor Ruskin and other elevators of the human mind, and to realize what progress has been made in this direction it is well worth while paying a visit to the magnificent show rooms of the old established furniture house of Messrs.

OWEN MCGARVEY & SON 1849-1853 Notre Dame Street.

MONTREAL.

A walk through those spacious show rooms is a revelation; in fact they really amount in themselves to a Montreal Industrial exhibition in their line. Such must necessarily be the reflections of anyone who pays a visit to this firm's prominent establishment and makes a tour of inspection through their attractive warehouses.

Everything in the furniture line is to be found there, from a twenty-five cent chair to a fifteen hundred dollar bedroom set, and prices to suit everyone.

No one need despair; the millionaire can furnish his house from top to bottom with the finest and most costly, and his junior clerk can fill his little tenement with useful and pretty articles at prices to suit his more limited means.

On entering the well-known and extensive warehouses on Notre Dame street, the visitor is struck by the excellent display of

Sideboards, Dining Tables, Hall Stands, Bookcases, Wardrobes, Library Tables, Writing Desks, and Easy and Combination Chairs of all descriptions.

On reaching the second floor a beautiful assortment of PARLOR FURNITURE

meets the eye, such as 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 piece parlor suites. Odd piece suites, gilt chairs, corner chairs, ottomans, divans, tete-a-tetes, piano and foot-stools in plushes, brocatelles and silk damasks of all the newest and latest shades; also a full line of fancy centre, card and work-tables, statuette-stands, ladies writing desks, music stands and cases.

On the third floor a fine selection of Rocking, Easy and Reclining Chairs claims particular attention. The celebrated bent wood furniture imported from Vienna, Austria, and of which the Messrs. McGarvey make a specialty, also occupies a prominent position on this floor.

On the fourth floor bedroom sets in profusion are to be found from the cheap ash wood to the elegantly carved set valued at fifteen hundred dollars. Brass and iron furniture, of which they have just received a very large consignment from Birmingham, England, is an especially noticeable feature; handsome solid brass bedsteads and pretty cots for children from \$30 up to \$125—there they are of the newest designs; neat iron bedsteads as low as \$5, and rising to much higher figures, can also be found here.

A great advantage in this house is that the price of every piece of furniture and article is marked in plain figures, but owing to the widening of Notre Dame street west, which will necessitate their removal next spring they are now offering special inducements in the way of Discounts off the marked prices. The entire establishment is a model one, neatness and order prevailing everywhere; all available space is taken up to accommodate the enormous stock which they carry, and from which purchasers can select at their liberty. Their new passenger elevator will be found not only a great convenience, but also a luxury in its way to carry their customers to any of their six flats of show rooms.

The firmly established reputation of this well-known house is a sufficient guarantee that outside show is only the last thing aimed at, and that stability and good value for money are to be found in the old established firm of Messrs.

Owen McGarvey & Son 1849 and 1853 Notre Dame Street, corner of McGill street.