READING. SUNDAY

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.

sin and in shame, flowing. blame.

trouble, That finds on its coming cold welcome

at best Its cares and its trials through life must be double.

for Me ;"

road back to Heaven. Thou wilt need all our love ere thy wings are set free.

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. A gentle voice is calling thee; 'My brother, sister, work for Me.'

"Work in thy morning hours, Work in thy simple way, Work with thy budding powers, Work in thine early day. A gentle voice is calling thee, 'My brother sister, work for Me.'

'Work in the din of life, " Work where'er duty calls, Work in the battle's strife, Work where the soldier falls. A gentle voice is calling thee, 'My brother, sister, work for Me.'

"Work when the hope is dead, Work in the tide of woe, Work when the eyes are red, Work when the loved are low, A gentle voice is calling thee, 'My brother, sister, work for Me."

"Work when the hair is white, Work with a hearts resign'd, Work with a prospect bright, Work with a cheerful mind. A gentle voice is calling thee, 'My brother, sister, work for Me.

"Work till the hands are down, Work, by the Master bless'd, Work to the promised crown, Work to the promised rest. 'Tis Jesus' voice is calling thee, 'My brother, sister, work for Me."

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 that which is right, may find Christ, who price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it."-Matthew 13: 45, 46.

obtain riches by labor. He leaves that to superior acquaintance with the article which he deals in gives to him. Now, mencement, in some measure a picture of I have longed after it, and here it is." the seeker after Christ. Christ and his salvation are not to be procured as the result of labor. But Christ is to be had by knowledge. What said the Scripture? The estimate of "By his knowledge shall my righteous their knowing Christ they become justi- thought it worth all that he hal; and he if you shall go to hear the Gospel at such

have a fit emblem of many who lay hold all upon that one pearl it would be clear that we must die, but as to "must living," fourthly, buying again.

I. Then, we shall watch him while HE IS SEEKING.

"The kingdom of heaven is like unto a have I!" said he. But he cannot tell merchantman seeking goodly pearls." how dear-how inconceivably precious 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. This is a person of a nobler sort. He is of a nigher grade of mind-of altogether different mental constitution. He is seeking goodly pearls—something good, not exactly finding, he no sooner found this than he seeking the one pearl of great price, for at first he does not know about it; but still, he is seeking pearls, and he comes upon one pearl in his seeking.

Now, notice about him, as a seeker, in the last his mind aroused and engagise that he has his mind aroused and engagise cleansing for my nature, grace to main
the pearl and then in a hurry go and sell his goods and guess at the value of it

Y. M. C. A., Rooms Cor. Kent and Cambridge sts. Open daily from 2.00 thinking about pearls. His heart is tain my character and to make me per- No, but he had looked at it, for he was occupied with his business. His energies feetly fit for heaven. There is all in a seeker of pearls. And so he thought it are thrown into it. All his thoughts are Christ that I want and must have him. a seeker of pearls. And so he thought it over. It did not want much thinking that we could wake men up to exercise

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: Go pity the soul with sweet purity glow- have you any to sell me?" He would have been sure to have the answer ready That comes to our world but through to hand. But ask many a man whom you meet with, "Sir, what are you living Whose welcome is hatred, and bitter tears for?" he would, perhaps, tell you what his trade or what his profession might his own pleasure.

AN ACTIVE SEARCH.

The merchant was seeking goodly pearls. He did not open a shop, and Where love is not given the innocent say, "Pearls bought here if anybody likes quest of them. How far he travelled I quently goes immense distances. You To us, with the message, "Go, nurture may meet at Nijni-Novgorod, in the south of Russia, with traders who have There are thorns and rough rocks on thy been all around the globe seeking what distance to obtain the very article on which they have set their minds, and in and says, Before I die, I will accom- truth as it is in Jesus comes to a man's make out such a case; they are Plish something that shall be right and mind be prepels it, because it is so differtrue and beneficial to my fellow-men, ent from what he has learnt ever since he will face hardships that would baffle he was a child; and the notion is that "But," say some, "the martyrs were, bis fellows. I pray God that he may you had better follow the religion and that he may say, "If there is any- when a man says, "Now, I under- you deal with him. thing to be done that is good and true, I stand that Jesus the Son of God has died will do it at any hazard, for I am seeking in the room and place and stead goodly pearls."7

MODERATE EXPECTATIONS.

Evidently this merchant went into the 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." He hardly hoped for it, and therefore he did not have it. I will sell my prejudices off. seek it; but, still, he was ready enough to have it if it came in his way. And so, my dear friends, I am speaking of a class of persons-and I hope there may a good deal more.

II. Let us go a stage further, then, and look at this man's

FINDING.

He was burying pearls everywhere. He was hard after pearls; and so it came to pass that he lit upon a pearl that he never loose company, anything approaching to hoped to see. It was more than he ex- lewdness, anything that has to do with pected. Ah, I pray God that some here, whose hearts are honestly seeking after the flesh-come, for Christ's sake, can you has in him more of the spirit of temper- we are to have the pearl. ance, uprightness, truth, philanthropy than will be found anywhere else.

A merchant endeavors to trade so as to | Certainly this man was in the way of make a profit. Whether he deals in finding a fine pearl if anybody was. He pearls or in grain, he does not hope to was seeking goodly pearls, not the one pearl; but he was in the pearl line, and those who eat their bread by the sweat of so he was likely to discover the best of the face. He tries to get it by the pearl if anybody discovered it. "Being sweat of his brain, He is dependent not in the way, the Lord met with him," says so much upon labor as upon knowledge, one of old. Oh, if thou hast desires upon skill, upon the advantage which after that which is right and true and manifest himself to you, and that you this merchantman is, at the very com-will say, "This is the very thing I sought scale and say, "I sell it all off; let it all go

> So this man found all in one. What the value of that pearl was I do not know.

his Lord and Master. "Oh what a Christ merchant sold all that he had. -the Christ of God is to his soul.

seek pearls he would have demurred at him, then say so. the price, but being intent upon pearl said, "I must have that. I can let the little pearle go if you like, but

I MUST HAVE THAT."

But thinking is an occupation that a great dealing was willing to sell. When he the value of my Lord and Master, instead many persons altogether dislike. Oh that had found one pearl of great price he of our standing here and having to beg and men were wise, that they were thought- bought it, which he could not have done persuade and find our new words of commanner in which he disposes of it is here do for him? which God lays down. Of this I shall pearl and he said, have to speak presently. If you desire this pearl of great price, there is no reason in the world why that pearl should not be yours to-night.

III. Having thus described the seeker, we must go on to describe him

SELLING OUT.

farm," he says to one man. "Come buy to be had, let me have him." 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 bring them;" but he went forth in to terms. I want money, and I must have money." And away went the fur-For, dainty wee spirit the Father has do not know; but the Oriental trader fre- riture down in the house, one article after another. They must all go, clear them all out. Away they shall go at the best price they will fetch, but go they must, for he must have the pearl. Well they want - men who do not always now, Jesus Christ is to be had, but there travel by railway, but who will walk any is a great deal that a man must give up if he is ever to call Christ his own.

simply to believe in him and I shall be saved. I will do it. It is contrary to what I have always been told. business with comparatively moderate I have been led to think that it was my good works which would save me. have heard that the grace was in the sacrament, but at length I perceive that Away they shall go.

be representatives of them here-who righteousness. It will not fetch much, want everything they can get that is good but I daresay you think it is a fine and true. You want to be temperate in thing. Hitherto you have been very Mind that you get Christ and his truth as life that lay beyond me. Before I knew up." And what with a good deal of Christ is a cheat and will deceive you. the Lord I used to think, "O that I might church-going, or attendance at the meetbe kept from dishonesty, that I might be ing house, and a few extra prayers on a preserved from falsehood, that I might be Christmas-day and on Good Friday, kept from a malicious spirit, that I might and just a little dose of sacraments, you be right-hearted and true." Those were feel yourself in tolerably good case. the pearls that I wanted. I did not know Now, friend, that old moth-eaten rightjust then that I could find something that | eousness of yours that you are so proud would include all these minor pearls and of you must sell off and get rid of it, for no man can be saved by the righteousness of Christ while he puts any trust in his own. Sell it all off, every rag of it.

Ay, and there are some men that will they call pleasure, sinful pleasure. Come, the gratification of the vile passions of give it up? These things must be sold if

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 dation unsurpassed. People stopping at this house will be used nicely. Large sheds, earnest Christian then I shall have to en- Geo. Carr's. Waverly House, Kent Street, good, I trust that the Lord Jesus will counter all sorts of slander." Very well, East. can you put the whole lot of it into the that I may have the pearl."

"Well, you have taken enough surely." Yes, but this pearl hunter sold all that he had, and you have got a little left. You have some prospects. If you become servant justify many?" that is, through is not given. We only know that he out of his will. You know very well that went away and sold all that he had, that and such a place you are very likely to be I shall not, however enlarge upon this he might buy it. And he evidently thought turned out of your situation, "But we analogy, but proceed at once to speak of it worth all the other pearls he had ever must live," says somebody. This is not the merchant in this parable; for here we been seeking for, because if he spent his at all clear to my mind. I do know or Christ and find him to be their all in that he must have abandoned henceforth I do not feel quite so certain about it. Inall. Let us watch this merchant while the searching after smaller pearls, since finitely better to die than ever to do a he is doing four things; first, seeking; he had no capital left. Well, when a dishonorable thing. If Jesus Christ be then, finding; then selling out; and, man finds Christ I cannot tell you how our Master, we must be content to let much he values him, but this I know, the fairest prospect go, and all things that that all the world besides seems nothing seem to tell for our success in this life to a Christian when he has once found must be secondary in our account. The

I think I see you draw back. "This ST. -this is too hard a line." Very well, if you do not want to buy the pearl, you Concerning this find we must mark | see-that is to say, if you do not want to next that the man having found it, was make your fortune-for that burying of resolved that he would have it. Having the pearl was the making of the man's found the pearl of great price, he did not fortune-if you do not think the pearl is question whether he should buy it or worth it, pray do not have it. God forbid not. If he had not gone out honestly to you should refuse, but if you do not want

THE BUYING.

IV. Now, the last thing is

He had sold all that he had, and then he ST. MARY'S (Roman Catholic) Russel Street that he may have the pearl, and he gets And it is grand when the Lord brings the the pearl. It was a considerate purchase Now, notice about him, as a seeker, mind to this. "I see that in Christ there -a deliberate bargain. He did not see over. Oh, if a soul did but know Christ, Now, although the parable does not he would not think twice before he would that we don't have him. If men were not such fools—

to regulate, and to control their thoughts! clear that the person with whom he was if they had but light from heaven to see if the other had not been ready to sell mendation, methinks they would only say, it. Albeit the Lord in his mercy does "Tell us about him. We will have him. not sell his grace, but gives it freely, the What does he ask of us? What can we

described under the figure of selling. If | And it was an immediate purchase. you want Christ, you must have him, if He does not go home and say, "I shall you are willing to come to the terms think about this." No, but he knew that

"IF I LET THAT SLIP

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 At war with mankind and yet nowise to be; but if you pressed him with the He sold out all that he had. It had the little property he had. He was back question, "What is the main object of taken him a long time to get it together, quickly with his money. So, dear friends, life?" he would not like to say that he and I have no doubt he had much pleas- he that cometh to Christ aright may well And pity the nursling, whatever the was living only to enjoy himself-seeking ure in the accumulation, but now he has deliberate about it, but the end of his degreat pleasure ir selling. "Buy my liberation ought to be speedy. "If he is

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 lesers 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 "What then," says one, "what am I the oddest thing is that nobody ever anwhich they deal. Distance seems with to give up?" Well, there must be a swered it. I should have thought that them no object. Ah, and when a selling off to-night of a whole mass of somebody would have tried and made out man has got a noble object before him, old prejudices. Sometimes when the a case; but nobody did. They cannot

NO LOSERS BY CHRIST.

were they not?" Well, they are up there have the perseverance to carry that out, your parents. But it is a great mercy ask them. Oh, there is no losing when

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

Let me, however, just put in one word, of cavat. Take care, dear merchant brothers, that when you buy a pearl you buy God teaches in his word that salvation a good one—that it is the pearl of great is by faith in Jesus Christ, and I will price, because I have known noble spirits whom I have admired and felt ready to Next to that you must sell off your of all that they have for it, and yet

THEY HAVE BEEN DECEIVED.

all things; you want to have an unsul- good, and your own esteem of yourself you find it revealed in Scripture, and relied character. I recollect that was my is that as touching the commandments vealed a second time in your own heart by own desire, when first I thought of the |-"all these have I kept from my youth | the Holy Ghost, for whatever is short of

"Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord." The voice of Jesus is hearl in this parable your eyes. I wonder how many of you have resolved to sell all you have to buy

made the pearl your own, and rejoice in suit everyone. have to give up a good deal of what its possession? That such of you will go of greeting you here in the fellowship of the kingdom of his grace? The Lord his more limited means. grant it may be so for Jesus' sake. Amen,

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