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THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S SUNDAY SERMON.

Subject: "Maytime Thoughts."

TEXT: "A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters and streams from Lebanon."—Solomon's Song iv., 15.

Some of the finest gardens of olden times were to be found at the foot of Mount Lebanon. Snow descended, and winter whitened the top of the mountain. Then when the warm spring weather came the snows melted and poured down the side of the mountain and gave great luxuriance to the gardens at the foot, and you see now the allusion of my text when it speaks of the fountain of gardens and streams from Lebanon.

Again and again the church is represented as a garden all up and down the word of God, and it is a figure specially suggestive at this season of the year, when the parks and the orchards are about to put forth their blossom and the air is filled with bird voices.

A mother wished to impress her child with the love of God, and so in the spring-time, after the ground had been prepared in the garden, she took a handful of flower seeds and scattered these seeds in the shape of letters all across the bed of the garden.

Weeks passed, and the rains and the sunshine had done their work, and one day the child came in and said, "Mother, come quickly to the garden—come now."

The mother followed the child to the garden, and the little child said, "Look here, mother. See! It is spelled all over the ground in flowers. It is 'I love!'"

Oh, my friends, if we only had faith enough we could see Gospel lessons all around and about us—lessons in shells on the beach, lessons in sparrows on the wave, lessons in stars on the sky, lessons in flowers all over the earth.

Well, my friends, you know very well that there have been some beautiful gardens created. There was the garden of Charlemagne, and you remember that this king ordered gardens laid out all through the realm and decided by decree of government what kind of flowers should be planted in those gardens.

Henry IV. at Montpelier decreed that there should be flowers painted throughout his realm and gardens laid out, and he specially decreed that there should be Alpine pyramids and French plants. Shenstone, the poet, was more celebrated for his gardens than for his poetry.

His poetry has faded from the ages for the most part, but his gardens are immortal. To all the beauty of his place he added perfection of art. Pallisade and arch and arbor and fountain and rustic temple had their most wonderful specimens, and the oak, and the hazel, and the beech, and the yew, and the forest were planted in that garden.

He had genius, and he had industry, and all his genius and all his industry he applied to the beautification of that garden. He gave for it \$1500, and he sold it at last for \$35,000, or what was equal to that number of dollars.

It was an expensive garden, laid out with great elaboration. And yet I have to tell you now of a garden of vaster expense—the garden spoken of in my text—a fountain of gardens with the streams from Lebanon.

Walter Scott had the greatest amount of his life to build Abbotsford and lay out extensive gardens round about it. It broke his heart that he could not complete the work as he desired it. At his last payment of \$100,000, after laying out these gardens and building that palace at Abbotsford, at that time his heart broke, his health failed, and he died almost an infant.

A few years ago, when I walked through those gardens and I thought at what vast expense they had been laid out—at the expense of that man's life—it seemed to me that the crimson flowers the blood of the old man's broken heart. But I have to tell you now of a garden laid out at vaster expense.

Who can calculate that vast expense? Tell me, ye women who washed in His hair; tell me, ye women who lifted up their voices; tell me, thou son that didst bid him and ye rocks that did fall, what the laying out of this garden cost. This morning, amid the aroma and brightness of the springtime, it is appropriate that I show you how the church of Christ is a garden.

I remark first it is a garden because of the rare plants in it. That would be a strange garden in which there were no flowers. If you cannot find them anywhere else, you will find them along the paths, and you will find them at the gateway.

If there be no special taste and no especial means, you will find there the hollyhock, and the daffodil, and the dahlia. If there be no special taste and no especial means, you will find the Mexican cactus, and the bluebell, and the arbutus, and the clusters of oleanders.

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SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR MAY 21.

Lesson Text: "Against Intemperance," Prov. xiii., 20-35—Golden Text: Prov. xx., 1—Commentary.

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Slaves That Do Not Work.

Englishmen are apt to scoff at African slavery with the forms of slavery known to European nations.

One of the curiosities of domestic slavery in darkest Africa pointed out by the St. James's Gazette is that, while the native slave owner can, by custom, compel his slaves to fight for him and possess other extensive powers over them, he cannot "legally" compel his slaves to work for him.

On the Congo and its affluent native (not Mohammedan) slave owners pay wages to their own slaves whenever the latter are required to transport ivory and produce to the coast.

Even Tippoo Tib pays his numerous slave soldiers under such peaceful circumstances. The explanation of this anomaly seems to be that war is a far more ancient and primitive institution than labor.

When domestic slavery was "first introduced" into Africa regular labor was unknown; the right to monopolize the slave's labor was therefore never incorporated among the slaveholder's privileges and prerogatives.

It is white men who have really introduced and acclimated the idea of work or "labor" in Africa. When Pharaoh compelled the children of Israel to "work" for him he was considered a dangerous revolutionist by Egyptian conservatives.

The Spaniards first introduced labor slavery in the western world. We moderns have completely forgotten that the slave was originally in the main a fighting retainer, not a working man.

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Tricked by the Jolly Tars.

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