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THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S SUNDAY SERMON.

Subject: "The Looking Glass."

Text: "And he made the laver of brass and the foot of it was of brass, of the looking glasses of the women assembling..."

We often hear about the gospel in John and the gospel in Luke, and the gospel in Matthew, but there is just as surely a gospel of Moses, and a gospel of Jeremiah, and a gospel of David.

When the Israelites were marching through the wilderness they carried their church with them. They called it the tabernacle. It was a pitched tent, very costly, very beautiful.

I wish now more especially to speak of the laver that was built in the midst of that ancient tabernacle, that stood there had which the priests washed their hands and feet.

I have to say to you that the looking-glass in which a man can see himself as he is. There are some mirrors that flatter the features and make you look better than you are.

Here, for instance, is ingratitude. Who has not been guilty of that sin? If a man hand us a glass of water we say, "Thank you," but for the 10,000 mercies that we are every day receiving from the hand of God

If you could catch a glimpse of your natural heart before God, you would cry out in amazement and alarm. The very first thing this gospel does is to turn down our pride and self-sufficiency.

Glory be to God, I find that this laver of looking glasses was filled with fresh water every morning, and the priest no sooner looked on it than he washed and was clean—glorious type of the gospel of my Lord Jesus, that first shows a man his sin and then washes it all away!

I want you to notice that this laver in which the priest washed—the laver of looking glasses—was filled with fresh water every morning. The servants of the tabernacle brought the water in buckets and poured it into this laver.

I notice also in regard to this laver of looking glasses spoken of in the text that the priests always washed both hands and feet. The water came down in spouts, so that

SABBATH SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 11.

Lesson Text: "The Twelve Chosen," Mark III, 6-10—Golden Text: John xv, 16—Commentary.

A religion that will not take a man through an entire collection will not throw anything to him in June, July and August. They say he is a useful sort of a man, but he overreaches in a bargain.

When our Civil War had passed, the Government of the United States made proclamation to the common soldier in the Confederate army, but not to the chief soldiers.

Let them come up from their graves and wash away their sins. Let them come up from the altars of crime. Let them come up from the altars of sin that he cannot get up to the laver, you will take hold of his hand and put your arms around him, and I will take hold of his hand, and we will wash him in the precious Bethesda of the water of God's mercy and salvation.

But I notice also, in regard to this laver of looking glasses spoken of in the text, that the washing in it was imperative and not optional. When the priests came into the tabernacle you will find this in the thirtieth chapter of Exodus.

But, says some one, "Why could not God have made more ways to heaven than one?" I do not know but He could have made a dozen. I know He made but one. You say, "Why not have a long line of boats running from here to heaven?" I cannot say, but I simply know that there is only one boat. You say, "Are there not trees as luxuriant as that on Calvary, more luxuriant, for that had neither buds nor blossoms, that was stripped and barked?"

Yes, there have been taller trees than that and more luxuriant, but the only one that has been cut down is the tree of Calvary. Instead of quarreling because there are not more ways, let us be thankful to God there is one, one name given unto men whereby we can be saved, one laver in which all the world may wash.

An artist in his dreams saw such a splendid dream of the transfiguration of Christ that he awoke and seized his pencil and said, "Let me paint this and die." Oh, I have seen the glories of Christ! I have beheld something of the beauty of that great sacrifice on Calvary, and I have sometimes felt I would be willing to give anything if I might but watch before you the wonders of that sacrifice. I would like to do it while I live, and I would like to do it when I die.

Let me paint this and die. He comes along, weary and worn. His face wet with sweat, his brow crimson with blood, and he lies down on Calvary for you. No, I mistake. Nothing was as comfortable as that. A stone on Calvary would have made a soft pillow for the dying head of Christ. Nothing so comfortable as that. He does not lie down to die; He stands up to die. His hands are sandal spread as if to embrace a world.

And that is all for you! Oh, can you not love Him? Come around this laver, old and young. It is so barmy that you can see your sins and deep you can wash them away. 9 mourner, here bathe your bruised soul, and, sick one, here cool your hot temples in this laver! Peace! Do not cry any more, dear soul! Pardon for all thy sins, comfort for all thy afflictions. The black cloud that hung thundering over Sinai has floated above Calvary and burst into the shower of a Saviour's tears.

I went to Jesus as I was, Weary and worn and sad, I found in Him a resting place, And He has made me glad.

NEWS & NOTES FOR WOMEN

More boys than girls stutter.

America has 2000 lady doctors. Jet garnitures are used in profusion. In Norway women have school suffrage.

A great deal of fur will be used for trimming. Miss Helen Gould does not go in for many society fads. Real dead butterflies find a place now on some modish hats.

The circular accordion platings which come in all colors are new. Silver "Brownies," with enamelled clothes, are among the novelties in stock pins.

There are between 300 and 400 educated female pharmacists in the United States. Women gauge a gown by its cost, men by its becoming neatness and completeness.

Mink and sable will be the leading furs this winter. Ermine, fortunately, has had its day. There is enough real lace owned by New York women to buy the earth were it up for sale.

The popularity of precious stones now is the pearl first, the ruby second and the diamond third. Queen Victoria has expressed herself as being in strong opposition to "the emancipated woman."

For this-necked women the prevalence of chiffon comes as a blessing when evening dress is required. Hand-painted Dresden china buttons look particularly well on Louis XV. suits, with a stock and lace jabot.

The Empress of China has sent five ladies to the Court of Berlin in order to learn German manners and etiquette. "Garden of Eden" breakfasts, consisting entirely of fruit, are the latest whim of the young woman with a complexion.

The mink will lead the fashionable menagerie this winter, with the seal-skin and Persian lamb a good second and third. Red hair is again in style, and red-haired girls gowned in a color to match their hair, will take the front seats in the realm of fashion.

Three thousand girls were taught to swim during the past season in the London schools, which have made this pastime a branch of instruction. The youthful Khedive of Egypt is a gallant ruler, with modern ideas, and the position of women in the land of the Nile is becoming much more endurable.

"Binet" has many sins against color to be laid to its account. Every impossible shade of light lilac-blue is now comprehended under this cornflower tint. "Tell the amateur dressmaker," says an authority, "that she can successfully press the round seams of waists and sleeves over the kitchen rollingpin."

Alexander College, the woman's hall at Dublin (Ireland) University, is named from the Princess of Wales, who took her degree of doctor of music from Dublin. There are possibilities of an interesting charm in the palest invalid if she has the knack to find it out. Soft materials in pretty, large-colored colors are her stronghold.

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