

DR. TALMAGE. DIVINE SUNDAY DISCOURSE. The greatest scourge of the world is the prison and the... The greatest scourge of the world is the prison and the... The greatest scourge of the world is the prison and the...

sister, daughter. There she is, hair disheveled, countenance vacant, cheeks pale, hands trembling, bursting into tears at midnight over the fate of some unfortunate lover; in the daytime, when she ought to be busy, staring by the half hour at nothing; biting her finger nails into the quick. The carpet that was plain before will be plainer after. The plain before will be plainer after. The plain before will be plainer after...

THE SABBATH SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR AUGUST 5.

Subject: Jesus and the Children, Matt., xviii, 1-14 - Golden Text: v, 14 - Memory Verses, 12-14 - Commentary on the Day's Lesson. 1. "At the same time." After Peter had returned from paying tribute. "Who is the greatest?" Such is blind human nature; always desiring to be more prominent. A spirit of jealousy was probably creeping in. They had seen Peter probably first with Him in the mount. "In the kingdom of heaven." They still view the kingdom of Christ as a temporal one, and the real import of their question is, When do you expect to honor by giving the first place in your government? What seductive dreams of greatness and glory arose before these Galilean fishermen as the nearest followers of the great King? And yet the greatness of which they talked was small indeed when compared with the greatness of Jesus actually put upon them...

LONELIEST WOMAN OF ALL. She is From Washington and Lives on a Seal Island.

Without doubt the loneliest woman, that is to say, the one farthest removed from her kind, in all these United States of America, is Mrs. Clark of Washington, the wife of Major E. W. Clark, Government agent of the Prillyoff or Seal Islands in the Bering Sea, says the Washington Star. This group, composed of the two small islands of St. Paul and St. George, are the homes of nearly all the seals remaining in existence, and they are about 1800 miles west of the entrance of Puget Sound, and about 200 north-west of the Aleutian Islands, beginning at Unalut Pass. St. George, which is the smaller of the two, being about six or twelve miles in extent, has a population of about 100 Aleuts, and four or five whites, a physician, and two or three clerks of the North American Commercial Company which controls the sea business and has stores and warehouses on both islands. The little village of St. George contains twenty-five or thirty houses, including the company's buildings, the agent's house and a Greek church. There are no other houses on the islands and Mrs. Clark is the only white woman. Her home is a small cottage of four rooms, very easy and comfortable, with books and pictures and a fine outlook over the sea. She does not cook in her own house, as the Government officials take their meals at the company house, near by. Mrs. Clark's nearest neighbor is the wife of the agent on the St. Paul, who is less lonely because she has with her two children. Mrs. Clark's children being grown and having their own homes in the States. There is no communication between the islands except by one of the company's ships and by revenue cutters, as other ships are not permitted to visit the islands. These ships come only in the summer, and from October until June Mrs. Clark does not expect to see any one or hear anything from the United States, or to send word home, no matter what happens. Sickness, death, disaster may come to her far off in that forbidding sea, or may visit her own at home, but no word may come or go until navigation is resumed. St. George is absolutely without trees, but its rolling surface and mountains, 1000 feet high, are beautifully green with coarse grass and moss, and wild flowers of brilliant hues dot the level stretches near the sea. Blue foxes abound, and over the rocks at the water's edge thousands and thousands of seals in ceaseless activity disport themselves noiselessly day and night from June until December, while millions of water fowl fill the air and the sea and flutter about the cliffs. Three hundred days in the year the weather is dark and dismal, and fog hides the islands for days at a time. The cold is never excessive, but the winter storms are severe, and terrific gales sweep over the sea and land. There is no harbor and ships come to anchor a mile or more from shore.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Fashionable Jewelry. Earrings have become quite the fashion, but they are very small, and if not in screw form, set very close to the ear. The only bracelets possible with the long sleeves are those of the loose, flexible kind, with pendant hearts, charms or other drooping ornaments. Brooches are still of the long pin type, or in Louis Seize designs, with fine lattice work set with tiny gems. O.L.C. When a preparation has an advertised reputation that is world-wide, it means that preparation is meritorious. If you go into a store to buy an article that has achieved universal popularity like Cascarets Candy Cathartic for example, you feel it has the endorsement of the world. The judgment of the people is infallible because it is impersonal. The retailer who wants to sell you "something else" in place of the article you ask for has an axe to grind. Don't it stand to reason? He's trying to sell something that is not what he represents it to be. Why? Because he expects to derive an extra profit out of your credulity. Are you easy? Don't you see through his little game? The man who will try and sell you a substitute for Cascarets is a fraud. Beware of him! He is trying to steal the honestly earned benefits of a reputation which another business man has paid for, and if his conscience will allow him to go so far, he will go farther. If he cheats his customer in one way, he will in another, and it is not safe to do business with him. Cascarets are never sold in bulk but in metal boxes with the long-tailed "C" in every box and each tablet stamped C, C, C. The Tennessee convict coal mine is a paying institution. It is estimated that the enterprise will show a profit of over \$100,000 for the past six months. Ladies Can Wray Shoes. One size smaller after using Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It makes tight or new shoes easy. Cures swollen, hot, sweating, itching feet, improving nails, corns and bunions. 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Sheffield, in writing of "The Civilization of China" in the Forum, says: "It is said that when the first Emperor of the Chin dynasty—two centuries before Christ—attempted to destroy the classical literature, the scholars restored it from their memories. Certainly the scholars of any city in China could now rewrite the leading classics from memory. Not only are Confucian scholars saturated with these writings, but the more striking sayings have passed down into the common speech, so that those who are blind with their eyes open (the uneducated) are constantly quoting them without thought of their origin. The common speech is loaded with proverbs that reflect the thoughts of the ancients. Scholars competing for honors must present in their essays the traditional interpretation of the doctrines of the sages. If they should presume to set forth views of their own not in harmony with this interpretation they would be stripped by the public examiner of honors already conferred and would be excluded from competing for literary distinction. Thus the educational system of China has not served to lead men's minds into new lines of thought or into fresh fields of investigation; rather has it served to confine the thoughts of each generation of scholars within the limits of ancient instruction, and to stifle independent thought and inquiry. Kills Too Much For the Canaries. An officer of a Highland regiment arrayed in a kilt created a sensation in Las Palmas recently and narrowly escaped arrest for being improperly attired. He had landed from the transport Lake Erie, and on the promenade and in the hotels the unusual sight of a "man-petticoat" caused a nuttier among the Indians. "Girls turned their heads away on seeing him pass," says the El Telegrafo of Las Palmas, "and screamed as if they had seen a poisonous reptile. We noticed that certain ones amused themselves with an insane curiosity as to his Scotch stockings." After describing the Highlander as wearing a garment which, "from the waist downward was a kind of loin cloth that exposed half his thigh," the El Telegrafo censures the Town Council for allowing any one to appear in such guise.—London Daily Mail. A Sad Mistake. A good story comes from Irvine way, which may be taken with a pinch of salt. On one of the vessels at the harbor there is a young son of Erin who acts as cook, etc. The crew is not large, and evidently of a frugal turn of mind, and in consequence the cook's duties never varied since his arrival a month ago from the work of cleaning and gutting herring at least so the story goes. The skipper when up town decided on a change, and purchased a quantity of sausages. These he handed over to the cook to prepare, and the crew waited with impatience on the dinner. At last it was ready, and the boy proud of his efforts, served up the dainties. The captain looked for the sausages, but the pan contained only a mass of fat. The boy, following his usual custom, had treated them the same as herrings.—Glasgow Evening Times.

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Macon's Tree-Planting System. Mayor Smith of Macon, Ga., has set in motion a bright plan for the systematic planting of trees in that city, the middle of whose streets are adorned with parks. The city sets a tree for every person who contributes 25 cents, and protects it with an iron box, on which is cast any name desired by the donor.

The Sea Turns Black. Great consternation has been caused at Santa Cruz by the sea turning suddenly black. Up to that moment there had been a big school of salmon in the bay, and many rich hauls had been effected. Now that the water has become discolored not a single fish will strike at the sardines that hide the look. It looks as though they had all disappeared. The San Francisco Examiner says there are many theories as to the cause of this remarkable change. One man thinks it is due to the tides. Another says the turbid waters are the result of a submarine upheaval in the blue mud of the channel. A third believes the water is full of animalculae—the whale food.

Scattering the Dust. "Young Sammie Spender is carrying out his governor's wishes faithfully, isn't he?" "How's that?" "Why, the old gentleman has instructions in his will that after his death his dust was to be scattered to the winds."—Life.