

THE ASH-CAN BIBLE

A Bright Sermon For Sunday By Rev. John Balcom Shaw, D. D.

History of a Volume of Holy Writ That is Unique in Church History.

New York City.—The following splendid sermon was preached Sunday morning by the Rev. John Balcom Shaw, D. D., in the Ash-Can Bible.

This book, rather than the words I have read to it, is my text. Not the Bible in general, but the Ash-Can Bible.

This Bible has a history. It was a gift to the church under the unique conditions. Indeed I doubt if there is another church in the whole world that can by any means be said to have such a Bible as this.

This is its history. One morning last spring a woman, a pewholder, but not a member of this church, called on the pastor's office, where I was keeping the pastoral hour, and handing me a package neatly wrapped and tied, asked me if I could use it.

She then told me its story. That morning upon coming out of the parsonage she lived she spied an elegantly bound book on the top of the ash-can that stood awaiting the coming of the garbage cart.

Feeling it was not hers, she took it to her room and opened it. It was a Bible, and she was glad to be disposed of in that way.

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It seems that a family, apparently respectable and well-to-do, had moved from the parsonage to a new house before, and desiring to throw away everything for which they had no use and which increased the bulk of their effects, had seized upon the Bible.

"A glory gilds the sacred page, Majestic as the sun; It gives a light to every age; It giveth, but borrows none."

Alone With God. This is the quiet hour in which I sit alone with God, writes Charles Edward Martin, in the New York Observer.

He hears my whispered prayers and listens to my low, unsteady voice. He is not far from me, but I feel his distance.

A new interest immediately attached itself to the Bible. I put it into the minister's room to await some providential opportunity to dispose of it.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 25.

Review of the Twelve Lessons of the Third Quarter—Read Psalm 109, 1-12—Golden Rule, Psalm 109, 2-12—Summary and Recap.

Lesson I.—Topic: Rehobam's answer to the ten tribes and their revolt. Place: The assembly was held at Shechem. After Solomon's death the people assembled at Shechem to choose a new king.

Lesson II.—Topic: Jeroboam's effort to establish himself in his kingdom. Place: The northern part of Palestine. As soon as Jeroboam was crowned king of the ten tribes, he took measures to establish himself in his kingdom.

Lesson III.—Topic: Judah's prosperity and victory. Place: Judah, Asa's kingdom. After the death of Rehobam, Asa, his son, reigned in Judah. He was a good king and did that which was right in the sight of the Lord.

Lesson IV.—Topic: Jehoshaphat's reign over Judah. Place: At the death of Asa, Jehoshaphat, his son, reigned in his stead for twenty-five years.

Lesson V.—Topic: The idolatry of Israel's kings. Place: Omri and Ahab reigned over the ten tribes. Omri and Ahab were both wicked kings, and they led the people into the worship of idols.

Lesson VI.—Topic: Elijah's obedience and faith. Place: Samaria, Brook Cherith, and Zarephath. Elijah the prophet appeared to Ahab and told him that he should not eat bread and drink water in the land.

Lesson VII.—Topic: Elijah's flight. Place: Jezreel, Beer-sheba and Horeb. Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and she sent messengers to kill him.

Lesson VIII.—Topic: Elijah's manner of dealing with Ahab. Place: Horeb. Elijah was at Horeb on Sinai, and God asked him why he was there.

Lesson IX.—Topic: The parting of Elijah and Elisha. Place: Gilgal, Bethel, Jericho and the place where Elijah was translated. Elijah made a farewell visit to the schools of the prophets.

Lesson X.—Topic: Elisha's ministry. Place: The Jordan River. Elisha was a great man of God, and he did many wonderful things.

Lesson XI.—Topic: Elisha's death. Place: The Jordan River. Elisha died, and his body was buried in the Jordan River.

Lesson XII.—Topic: Elisha's resurrection. Place: The Jordan River. Elisha was resurrected, and he came back to life.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES

SEPTEMBER TWENTY-FIFTH.

"Cheering Facts About Missions in Japan and Korea." Zech, 14:3-9, 20.

There is one undertaking in this life that has the promise of sure success—the cause of missions. "The Lord shall be king over all the earth."

Missionary work is the changing of darkness into light; fear, superstition, crime, become confidence, worship, righteousness, under the influence of Him who came to be the Light of the world.

A little more than a century ago the women of Japan had no hope of the future unless, by great merit, they could be reborn as men.

There are more than 40,000 Christians in the Japanese Empire, with as many more adherents who are not church members.

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Prosperity and Joy.

Passing by a busy corner upon State street the other day we were attracted by the noise of pounding which made the other houses of the city seem soft and unobtrusive.

Presently we discovered that this furious noise was caused by the rapid strokes of an automatic hammer with which the workmen were riveting together the immense iron beams of a new skyscraper now erecting.

For, after all, it matters less how long it takes to erect a mansion than what kind of a man it is that builds it.

The truth is that the old-time prophet, Isaiah, knew everything about sociology, and he knew it long before the modern social scientists.

In religion we have the only solvent of irreconcilables, the one element which throws the public into the moral, the bitterness of the draught and makes the whole wholesome.

Why do we not get away oftener for rest and change? asked one friend of another, feeling a little anxious over the crowded days that seem to go by.

Could there be finer philosophy of sweet content and resolute cheerfulness than this? It came warm from a trusting heart.

To have what we like, though we spend unmeasured time in groping and grasping after it, may be among the impossibilities.

The search for what we like may be a fruitless quest and a waste of time, but to like what we have is something to be happy and is the water and sugar of life.

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When I found that it was Christ's nature to lift men out of weakness to strength, out of impurity to goodness, out of evil to good, I found that I had indeed found a God.—Henry Ward Beecher.

There is no mystery whatever about happiness. Put in the right ingredients and it must come out. "He that abideth in Me bringeth forth much fruit," and "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, etc."

Siege Better Than Assault. A pastor whose church has recently been blessed with large accessions said the other day that he had learned that sometimes the largest increase in church members comes from a siege rather than an assault.

Work for the salvation of men and women in our cities is apprenticeship for a higher lifework in that city whose Builder and Maker is God.

In the city, side by side, are the foulest iniquities and the most beautiful virtues. Such extremes are common there. The organized advance of our Home Missionary Society is very effective. Legacies of conquest they protect. Christ they labor to enthrone.

Besides this organized effort, there is also for each one an individual and personal work for each one to do. Each is to build over against his own home.

Miser's Trap for Burglars. In West Philadelphia lives an old man who is reputed to be a miser and the hoarder of vast sums in his little house, where he lives alone with a spinster daughter.

The old fellow has been visited by burglars four times in the last couple of years, but on each occasion the intruders have been frightened off with out securing any plunder.

Home-Made Impossibilities. Many impossibilities are home made. Cowardice turns them out in seemingly sufficient quantities to block the way to every path leading to success.

Lawsuit Over Dog's Costume. A case was decided in the Paris courts recently of a well-known women's tailor who sued one of his clients for the cost of an outfit for her dog.

THE GREAT DESTROYER

SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT THE VICE OF INTemperance.

The Subject of Saloon Compensation—What the United States Supreme Court Has Declared—The Opinion of a Distinguished Jurist of Ohio.

In some States where the destruction of the saloon is sought by legislation, defendants of crime are being convicted as saloonkeepers for the loss of their business.

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HOUSEHOLD MATTERS

To Clean Mattresses.

If the mattress is stained put in the sun and cover the spots with a thick paste made by wetting laundry starch with cold water.

To Make Liquid Glue. To make liquid glue fill a glass jar with broken up glue of best quality, then fill it with strong vinegar.

Storing Plated Ware. When storing plated goods, thoroughly wash all the silver, and then clean with powder in the usual way.

Good Plant Holders. The possibilities of common ginger jars as flower vases and plant holders are well known.

Linoleum Polish. This polish for linoleums is easily made, and produces a very good result without much labor.

Cold Without Ice. "A few years ago," writes one correspondent, "ice being expensive, my husband thought of a way to keep things cold without ice."

Alcoholism and Heredity. In a well-known but slightly sensational medical journal, The London Lancet, a rather surprising opinion is advanced.

Watch the Burner. The burner of a lamp should be especially looked after, but this is the part most often neglected.

For Porch Chairs. An economical, as well as permanent, method of resetting porch chairs that must withstand more or less exposure to rain is to take stout drilling or ticking and cut it lengthwise into two-inch strips.

Egg Lemonade—One egg or two tablespoons sugar; juice of half to one lemon; one cup of milk. Beat egg till lemon colored and thick; add sugar and beat again.

Endive Salad—Arrange a head of well-washed endive in a salad bowl, adding five radishes that have been pared and cut into dice.

Cauliflower and Beet Salad—Boil a head of cauliflower in a piece of fine cheesecloth, until tender. Remove from the fire and break into florets.

Huckleberry Loaf Cake—Sift two cups of flour with two heaping teaspoons of baking powder and a quarter teaspoonful of salt.

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