

OLD TIMES RECALLED

THE BLESSINGS OF MEMOR

Dr. Talmage Says We Should Live More in Reminiscence. The Best of Old Home and Mother.

While I was musing by the fire last night, I was reminded of the old days. I am David, the psalmist, with my forehead against the shining messenger of God...

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

"Paul Before Felix," Acts xvii, 10-26

Golden Text: I Cor. xvi, 13. Commentary.

10. "Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Last week we left Paul about to address the people from the castle stairs just after his arrest..."

11. "There are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem for to worship. The story of this book then from chapter xxi, 15, to this event occupied but 12 days, but how full they were for Paul!"

12. "And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city..."

13. "Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me." Only he said that was with Jesus himself, and he answered nothing...

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RELIGIOUS READING

IS GOD BEAUTIFUL?

"How great is his beauty?"—Zech. ix, 17.

"Mother," said little Fanny to her mamma, "as she was sitting in her lap one evening, 'Is God beautiful?'"

"Yes, my child," replied the mother. "God our father is very beautiful." "How does he look?" replied Fanny.

"He looks like the blue sky when it is full of stars, mother?" "Oh, dear child, God is more beautiful than that..."

"Oh, mother, I saw a rainbow the other day, it was the most beautiful thing I ever saw. Does God look like the rainbow?"

"No, my dear child, God is far more beautiful than the rainbow, a thousand times more beautiful..."

"Mother, our garden is full of flowers, are there any of them as beautiful as God?" "Oh mother, some of our flowers are very beautiful..."

"No, my child, God is more beautiful than all the flowers you ever saw." "Why then, mother, what does God look like?" "Fanny," said her mother, "God looks like a rainbow..."

"Does he make us pure?" "By loving us, and teaching us to love him, and by his grace..."

"Oh Jesus," said the little girl earnestly, "love us too, and make me pure in heart."

TEMPERANCE

A LITTLE TEMPERANCE MAN.

Yes, I'm a little temperance man. Not very big or old.

Yet, dear and precious though I am, I might be ruined quite. If I should let old Satan tempt Me from the path of right.

If I should smell, or touch or taste His wicked, sinful bowl, Which spoils the body, we can see, And, God's Word says, the soul!

A TEMPERANCE UNIVERSITY. A novel educational movement has been begun at Harriman, Tenn. Under the leadership of Dr. J. F. Spence...

The Journal of Hygiene publishes a suggestive article, entitled "The Greater Temperance" by Charles H. Shepard, M. D., in which the writer says "Judging from most experience, there seems but little hope for the adult inebriate..."

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT has before it the report of a committee recommending a more drastic method of dealing with drunkards than British law now permits. The committee was appointed under the Salisbury Government...

THE SWEET SINGER of Israel—the man so singularly exalted by Providence and distinguished by grace for his piety, fleeing from the city, ascending Olivet, weeping as he went, patently bewailing his fate...

THE PROPHETS and pious men of old men were called to. Men be held in these under afflictions, their perseverance and difficulties, their zeal in seasons of depression, their constancy and fortitude under persecution, their blamelessness in life, and their holy joy in death, and wondered at them.

THE EYE of an impenitent friend rests on these lines, permit me to say that the language of the Psalmist may be employed by you—"Well does it become you to say, I am a wanderer, for the angels were at you; all holy beings wonder at you; your friends wonder at you. They wonder that you choose the way to death; they wonder that you devote your time and your talents to the acquisition of that which cannot profit, and which will bring you living without God, without a heaven, without a Father, without a Father, without a Father..."

THE SUCCESSFUL SOUL winner must have a special quality in his speech, a power of spiritual impression that no politician or professional can teach. Jesus had it. While there was probably nothing specially impressive in His personal appearance it seems that when He spoke there was that which people noticed at once, and at which they marveled...

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THE LIPS IS WINNING MOUTH.

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TEMPERANCE NEWS AND NOTES.

More people die of alcoholism in Stockholm than in any other city in the world.

The opinion is a fatal mistake. If a drop of whisky be placed on a black it will immediately sting itself to death. It is noteworthy that in a long address of foreign brewers, given in the Brewers' Journal of the 1st ult., nearly all whose ages were given were in the forties or younger.

Hon. Carroll B. Wright, the well-known statistician, recently stated that facts show that "for every dollar the people receive from the saloon they pay out twenty-one."

A correspondent of the Christian World, who has made a study of the subject, says there are 52,630 barrels of whisky in the world, and that Germany leads the list with 20,340.

The production of whisky in the State of Kentucky for the season ending June 30, 1902, was 23,211,920 gallons. Up to April 30, 1903, the production was 26,618,243 gallons.

It is said that we pay twice as much for drink as for the support of the Government, seven times as much for an education as for education. Bitterness as much for the dramshop as for tuition with all its missions.

When Edwin Booth made his first success in Boston, more than thirty years ago, William Warren, even then a veteran, said to him "Edwin, remember, now with you, it is either fame and fortune, or a bottle of brandy; the choice rests with yourself. The same may be said to-day to any young man of ability and energy."

"The temperance movement," says the Glasgow Herald, "is spreading rapidly among railroad men. Already 10,000 white buttons stamped with initials signifying the Railroad Temperance Association have been distributed among engineers and trainmen, and the demand for them has been so great that 10,000 more have been ordered."

FAMINE prevails in the province of Shansi, China. Parents sell their children for ten strings of copper cash. People are dying by thousands and cannibalism is rife.

AN EMPEROR AT THE PLOW.

In order to emphasize the importance of the cultivation of the soil and to encourage his subjects to follow agricultural pursuits, the Emperor of China sometimes performs certain rites at the "Emperor's Field" and goes through the form of plowing and other work of the husbandman. One day recently the Emperor set out at daybreak from his palace, with a numerous and magnificent train of courtiers. Before breakfast the Emperor, dressed in a simple and unadorned robe, proceeded to offer up his thanksgiving and sacrifice. After changing his dress, the morning past was served, at the end of which the Emperor proceeded to the field, at the four corners of which were erected four pavilions, where the seeds of wheat and other cereals were placed. In the center were numbers of magnificently attired courtiers, each holding aloft a many-colored flag, while on the side of the passage were scores of aged and white-haired farmers, each having in his hand some agricultural implement. Placing his left hand on the plow and holding the whip in his right hand the Emperor began the ceremony of the occasion. By prearrangement the officers did their allotted share, some wielding the agricultural implements, while others scattered seeds out of the baskets as if sowing, while the Emperor was busied with the plow, which was hitched to a richly caparisoned bullock draped in yellow and led by two of the Emperor's body guards. On the Emperor finishing his round at the plow the three princes were ordered to go through the performance, and after them nine high courtiers had their turn.—Fall Mail Budget.

HARDSHIPS OF LIFE IN THE POLAR REGION.

The whole region is one of severe cold, and the sea is frozen for the greater part of the year, land and water becoming almost indistinguishable, but for the incessant movement and drift of the sea ice, says McClure's Magazine. In summer the sea ice breaks up into floes which may drift away by the wind against the shores of continents or islands, leaving lanes of open water which a shift of wind may change and close in an hour. Icebergs launched from the glaciers of the land also drift with the tide, current and wind through the more or less open water. Possibly at some times the pack may open and a clear waterway run through to the pole, and old whalers tell of many a year, when they believed that a few days' steaming would carry them to the end of the world, if they could have seized the opportunity. At other times routes traversed in safety time after time may be effectively closed for years, and all advance barred. Food in the form of seals or walrus in the open water, reindeer, musk ox, polar bears or birds on the land, may often be procured, but these sources cannot be relied upon. Advance northward may be made by water in a ship, or by dog-sledge, or on foot, over the frozen snow or ice. Each method has great drawbacks. Advance by sea is stopped when the young ice forms in autumn, and land advance is hampered by the long Arctic night which enforces months of inaction, more trying to health and spirits than the severest exertion.