

GOLDEN WORDS FOR DAILY USE.

Selected from C. H. Spurgeon's "Morning by Morning."

JULY 28. Sunday. And of his fulness have all we received, John i. 16.

Come, believer, and get all thy need supplied. Ask largely and thou shalt receive largely, for this "fulness" is inexhaustible.

29. Monday. Perfect in Christ Jesus, Col. i. 28.

Oh, marvellous salvation! Christ takes a black and deformed thing and makes it peerless in his beauty, and fits it to be the companion of seraphs.

30. Tuesday. The things which are not seen, 2 Cor. iv. 18.

The thought of this future may well relieve the darkness of the past, and the gloom of the present. Hush my fears! this world is but a narrow span, and thou shalt soon have passed it.

31. Wednesday. The Lord our righteousness, Jer. xxiii. 6.

None desire holiness so much as those who receive into their hearts the doctrine of Christ's righteousness. If saved by imputed righteousness we shall greatly value imparted righteousness.

AUGUST 1. Thursday. To whom coming, 1 Pet. 2. 4.

The believer ever feels it to be his joy and privilege that there is still a fountain opened. Past experiences are doubtful food for Christians; a present coming to Christ can alone give us joy.

2. Friday. That through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, Heb. ii. 14.

Then, O child of God, what is there for thee to fear, seeing that through the death of thy Lord its curse and sting are destroyed.

3. Saturday. I know that my Redeemer liveth, Job xix. 25.

Its, but, and perhaps are sure murderers of peace and comfort. Doubts are dreary things in times of sorrow. Rest not content, O Christian, until you can say, "He is mine."

Correspondence.

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AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

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CHAPTER XIII.

FOURTH RESIDENCE IN AMHERST.

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While performing a missionary tour I caught a severe cold, Jan. 24th, 1842, by sleeping in a very open bed-room on a cold and stormy night. So strong was my apprehension of the consequence at the time, that prudence would have induced me to request permission to pass the night in another room by a fire; but delicacy restrained me from it. A distressing and abiding cough, with other indications of incipient consumption, ensued. My ordinary labors, however, were continued.

On the 24th day of February an urgent and pressing request was received from Fredericton, entreating me to proceed thither immediately, and take charge of the Seminary there, as the Principal was extremely ill, and the Institution was likely to sustain great injury, and perhaps be ruined, if it were suspended for any length of time at that peculiar juncture. The pupils would, of course, be scattered, and numbers of them would not return, and some of those who had subscribed toward the liquidation of the debt, would decline to pay their subscriptions. Though I had been much indisposed for a month, and my medical adviser considered me quite too ill to undertake the journey, yet, as my brethren and friends acquiesced in the arrangement, the emergency and importance of the case impelled me to attempt it.

When nearly 100 miles had been travelled, in much infirmity and distress, my strength failed, and I was obliged to stop, and seek medical aid. I stated to the Doctor, that if my lungs were so affected as to render my recovery improbable, it was my desire to be apprized of it, and to be conveyed home. As, however, he expressed confidence that such was not the case, so soon as my strength had in a small degree returned, my journey was resumed, and pursued 20 miles farther. I was then completely prostrated, my cough was violent and almost incessant, with extreme nausea at my stomach; and, of course, I was compelled to abandon the undertaking. It was necessary for me to be conveyed most of the way home in a bed laid on a sled.

During the former part of my illness my mind was disquieted and much depressed. After a season of dejection, however, it pleased my heavenly Father graciously to dispel the gloomy

cloud, and to afford me strong consolation. As my dissolution appeared to be drawing nigh, that appropriate hymn which commences with the words, "The hour of my departure's come," was peculiarly precious to me. I could truly say,

"I leave the world without a tear,
"Save for the friends I held so dear."

Many of these evidently sympathized deeply with me, and evinced much grief at the prospect of my departure. My venerable and beloved Brother Joseph Crandall wept profusely while uttering words of condolence. On my arrival at home my mind was strongly impressed with a sense of the Lord's goodness in granting me a comfortable habitation, an affectionate wife, loving children, and many other kind friends, all evincing a readiness to do the utmost in their power for the alleviation of my affliction.

It had long been my settled conviction, that every man who has property, though it be but little, ought to have a Will written and executed while in health; but this had hitherto been delayed by me. While far from home, doubtful of my return to it, and in circumstances in which this could not be conveniently done, my neglect occasioned me disquietude. So soon, therefore, as this duty could well be discharged, my Will was written by a friend, at my dictation, and signed, though it was necessary for a person to sustain me to enable me to write my name. When this business was completed, to my satisfaction and that of all concerned, my mind was happily relieved from worldly cares.

On the appearance of some indications of partial recovery, it was my expectation that every exposure to take cold would subject me to a violent cough, and consequently render me unable to labor in the Lord's vineyard. It has pleased Him, however, to prolong my days more than a quarter of a century; and during this time I have been more free from cough than formerly.

In June following I attended the Nova Scotia Baptist Association, held at Pine Grove, Wilmot. There had been an extensive revival of religion in that region. My brethren appointed me their Delegate to the New Brunswick Association; which met in Fredericton. The letters reported a great increase: eight new Churches were received at this session. A deep interest was evinced in the cause of Domestic Missions; and a large amount was pledged to sustain them.

The Education Society renewed their request for me to resume the charge of the Seminary. This was extremely difficult for me on several accounts. It was evident, however, that this valuable institution had sustained great injury from the illness and resignation of the Principal in the winter before, and the sickness which prevented me from supplying his place, and it seemed that my compliance with the present request was the only means by which it could be preserved from entire ruin. Under these circumstances I felt constrained to assent to the proposal to take the charge for one term of eleven weeks, in which time it was hoped a successor might be obtained.

Owing to the untoward events already noticed, as had been anticipated, the number of pupils in the male Department was small; and the tuition of them was committed to me alone. It was not required of me at this time to take the pastoral oversight of the Church; but it was my practice to preach for them, and to aid them as much as was in my power.

Toward the close of the term, with the concurrence of the Managing Committee, I attended a Quarterly Meeting at Waterborough. An unhappy disagreement had existed for a length of time between two of the principal brethren in the Church there; and this had necessarily been a source of deep affliction to the Pastor, our late Bro. David Chase, and exceedingly detrimental to the interests of truth and godliness. In the course of this series of meetings—highly useful in many respects—the contending parties agreed to refer the matter in debate to Brethren James A. Smith, James Ring, and myself. As it principally related to temporal affairs, I was reluctant to take any part in an attempt to settle or decide it. This seemed rather to belong to lay brethren, acquainted with business transactions. As both parties, however, expressed a desire for me to be one of the Council, the importance of having the matter adjusted constrained me to comply. Having engaged in prayer with them, and obtained an express promise from each of them to abide by our decision, we investigated the matter, and gave in our unanimous judgment in writing. Though it was decidedly against the man who chose me, and at whose house I was stopping, yet, like a prudent man and sincere Christian, he quietly submitted, thanked us, shook hands with the other party, and continued to treat me

with unabated kindness. The permanent adjustment of this disagreement was a great benefit to the Pastor, the Church, and the community.

On the 7th day of October the term in the Seminary closed; and my labors in it ended. At the close of the usual service on the Lord's day following, the Church and I enjoyed a refreshing season at the Lord's table.

Besides numerous visits, I had now labored in Fredericton, teaching and preaching, at two periods, about a year and a half; and it afforded me much pleasure to close these labors in perfect fellowship with all the members of the Church, and in unbroken friendship with all the people with whom any acquaintance had been formed.

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Abstract of Letters from the Churches to the N. S., Western Baptist Association.

LONG ISLAND Church regrets a want of determined zeal, yet thanks God for the enjoyment of the privileges of the Gospel. The week of prayer was observed, during which God's blessing was manifested among his people. They invite the Association to meet with them next year. Rev. J. H. Moore, Pastor.

PUNICO Church thanks God for a restoration of harmony, and the enjoyment of the privileges of the Gospel. Has enjoyed some refreshing seasons.

SHELburne Church has experienced trouble. False doctrines have crept in, by which some have been deceived and turned aside. Those who still stand fast are oppressed by financial embarrassment. Notwithstanding all this there has been a slight increase. They solicit aid. Rev. A. W. Bars, Pastor.

RAGGED ISLAND Church reports a state of improvement. After being for some time without a pastor the services of Rev. R. D. Porter have been secured, religious interest increases, and the prospect brightens.

3RD YARMOUTH Church has enjoyed "some refreshing seasons from the presence of the Lord." A deep interest is manifested in the Temperance cause. The Gospel has been faithfully preached by the Pastor, Rev. J. A. Stubbart.

WEST YARMOUTH Church is passing through a season of trial. The love of many has waxed cold, but a few are still endeavoring to hold on their way. They have no pastor but are assisted by the Rev. W. G. Goucher. They desire a minister to come and settle among them.

1ST HILLSBURGH Church thanks God for continued mercies, especially for preservation in the midst of sickness and death, and for the faithful labors of its esteemed pastor Rev. A. Martell, and prays for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

NEW TUSKET Church hopes that the labors of its beloved pastor, Rev. C. Randal, may yet yield an abundant harvest.

BARRINGTON Church is "though faint yet pursuing," returns thanks to the Home Mission Board for aid in sustaining its pastor Rev. W. H. Richan. Hard times have retarded the progress of the meeting house so that the church is still dependant upon others for accommodation.

LOWER GRANVILLE Church has enjoyed some measure of prosperity. Special meetings held during the Winter and Spring were crowned with God's blessing. A number of souls have been converted and nine baptized. The pastor Rev. I. Wallace has been in labors abundant. The brethren are afraid that he will leave them. One of their number, G. W. Siderquist, has been licensed to preach, and his labors have been blessed.

OHIO Church (YARMOUTH), is enjoying the means of grace and a good degree of union, and is praying for the union of the Holy Spirit. Rev. J. H. Saunders, Pastor.

GREYWOOD Church was in a cold, backward state, but God's blessing on the labors of Bro. T. Munro, has resulted in a revival of religion in the church, and some additions thereto.

2ND HILLSBURGH Church mourns over its spiritual death. A small portion of Rev. A. Martell's labors are expended here.

MIDDLEFIELD Church has been revived and increased through the labors of Rev. Obed Parker, whose services are engaged by the church for one fourth part of the time.

2ND DIGBY NECK Church has nothing cheering to communicate, but rejoices in revival intelligence, and engaged the services of Rev. J. C. Morse, which are highly appreciated.

ANNAPOLIS AND UPPER GRANVILLE Church expresses continuous attachment to the doctrines and practices of our denomination,

and adds, "At the present day, when the openly avowed infidelity of such prelates as Dr. Colenzo and the semi-idolatrous ritualism, with which Dr. Pusey and others are striving to corrupt and Paganize Protestant Christianity, the necessity of entire and steadfast adherence to the truths, injunctions and example of Christ and his Apostles, seems peculiarly imperative upon us as a denomination." The church sympathizes deeply with its beloved pastor, Rev. G. Armstrong, in the loss of his lamented wife and daughter.

1ST DIGBY NECK Church is enjoying a season of revival. God manifests his gracious presence in the meetings for worship, and several souls have been converted. Rev. J. E. Morse, Pastor.

2ND YARMOUTH (HEBRON) Church is passing through a season of trial; without a pastor to break the bread of life. The death of Deacon John Patten is deeply lamented. The Association is invited to meet in Hebron next year.

PORT MEDWAY AND MILLS VILLAGE.—The brethren here acknowledge the goodness of God in directing to them the Rev. J. F. Tooker to supply the place made vacant by the removal of their late highly esteemed pastor Rev. J. E. Goucher.

NEW ALBANY Church expresses gratitude for God's blessing on the labors of Rev. P. F. Murray, but deprecates its inactivity. The promises are still relied on with confidence.

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(To be continued.)

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FROM THE CHURCHES READ AT THE LATE SESSION OF THE N. S. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION; PUBLISHED BY SPECIAL REQUEST OF THE ASSOCIATION.

UPPER AYLESFORD Church reports, that during the past Spring a season of refreshing was enjoyed in the southern branch of the Church, by the blessing of God attending the Evangelistic labors of Rev. R. S. Morton, and also in the Plains section, a revival was experienced as the result of a united effort by the pastor Rev. J. L. Read and Rev. Mr. Crane (Wesleyan). 29 were added to the church by baptism.

BRIDGEWATER Church.—"The year has been marked by signal displays of divine grace, and the conversion of souls to Christ." 12 have been received by baptism. Rev. S. March, Pastor.

CHELSEA Church has witnessed the glory of God in the reviving of His work. Rev. Obed Parker under direction of the Western Domestic Missionary Board visited it. During his stay of eleven weeks 30 were baptized. His services are secured here in connection with other churches for one year.

CHESTER Church acknowledges the Divine goodness, which like an overflowing stream has followed them during the past year. Valuable additions have been made to their number. 11 have been baptized. Rev. I. J. Skinner, Pastor.

1ST CORNWALLIS Church mourns the absence of revival influence. Their Pastor, Rev. A. S. Hunt, has been unable to attend through illness, to his pastoral duties, through the greater part of the year. He is now able, in part, to resume his labors.

There are three efficient Sabbath Schools in connection with the church. These schools are endeavouring to support a Native preacher in Burmah.

2ND CORNWALLIS Church rejoices that, after having felt the sad effects of religious declension for a long time, the Lord had remembered them in mercy, wanderers had been reclaimed, and sinners converted. 24 have been baptized. Rev. E. M. Saunders, Pastor.

3RD CORNWALLIS Church laments that it has nothing encouraging to write. Their Pastor, Rev. Jas. Parker, is preaching to good acceptance.

5TH CORNWALLIS Church extends a most cordial welcome to the Association, is deeply interested in all the benevolent operations of the body. Has enjoyed in one branch of the church revival influence. 12 have been added by baptism. Rev. D. Freeman, Pastor.

DARTMOUTH Church has nothing cheering to communicate, but rejoices in the outpouring of the Spirit on other churches. Still hopes and prays for better days. Asks to be remembered by the Home Missionary Board. Promises to do all in its power to aid and encourage a Missionary.

FALMOUTH Church says, "The Lord has remembered us in our low estate, and visited us in mercy."