

# Sunday Reading.

You Will Never be Sorry.

For living a pure life.  
For doing your level best.  
For being kind to the poor.  
For looking before leaping.  
For hearing before judging.  
For thinking before speaking.  
For harboring clean thoughts.  
For standing by your principles.  
For being generous to an enemy.  
For stopping your ears to gossip.  
For bristling a slanderous tongue.  
For asking pardon when in error.  
For being courteous to both rich and poor.  
For being square in business dealings.  
For giving an unfortunate person a lift.  
For promptness in keeping your promises.  
For putting the best construction on the acts of others.

## SURE SIGNS.

Some Signs That Mamma Always Found Infalible.

'Mamma,' said Annie, 'Jane believes in signs.'

'Does she?' said mamma.

'Yes, when I was in the kitchen she dropped a fork and it stuck in the floor, and she says that it is a sure sign of company.'

'And,' put in Elsie, 'she says if you spill salt it is a sign of bad luck.'

'Grandpa believes in signs too,' said Annie.

'Yes, I know he does,' said Fred, who had come to listen.

'What kind of signs does grandfather believe in?' asked mamma.

'Oh, he says when the sun sets in a cloud it will be likely rain the next morning, and if the sun looks red there's going to be a dry spell.'

'There are a great many different kinds of signs,' said mamma. 'Some are wise and some are very foolish.'

'Which are the wise ones, mamma?' asked Annie.

'Grandfather's, of course,' said Elsie. 'You don't think anything of grandpa's could be foolish, do you?'

'Yes,' said mamma, 'grandpa's signs are based on what he has seen of the weather. He has noticed the sun and the sky for a great many years, and has seen that a cloudy sunset is likely to be followed by wet weather and a red sun by dry weather.'

'How about Jane's signs?'

'They are nonsense, as you know. Poor Jane is not to be blamed, for she has had no one to teach her the folly of such things. It is superstition. That is a long word which means a belief in trifles which amount to nothing, and a fear of things which have no danger in them, and a trust in things which are not to be trusted.'

'Well, I'm not going to believe in signs,' said Elsie.

'Except weather signs,' said Fred. 'Are there others, mamma? Any that you believe in?'

'We will talk more about them when there is more time. There are some, though, that I can think of just now,' she added with a smile.

'What are they?'

'When I see a boy sitting up late at night to read a storybook I think it is a sign that he will be late at breakfast, and perhaps have poor lessons the next day.'

Fred gave a rueful little shake of his head.

'And when I see him ready to go to school with his shoes unblackened I think it is a sign that his teacher will think "That boy's mother doesn't see him as she should."

'O mamma! Nobody shall think bad of you because of me.' He made a rush towards the bathroom, but turned with a mischievous smile to say:—

'Isn't anybody going to catch it but me?'

'When I see,' said mamma, smiling in her turn, 'a little girl come down in the morning with a frown on her face because she did not want to get up, I think it is a sign that she will make mamma feel badly.'

'Oh mamma, I'm sorry,' said Annie.

'When I see a little girl too fond of keeping good things for herself, I am afraid that it is a sign she will grow up selfish and greedy.'

'Mamma, I'll stop it, said Elsie. 'You see if I don't.'

'When I see three dear children ready to be sorry for their faults and resolved to correct them, I think it is a sure sign that they will grow up to be the dearest and sweetest comforts in their homes.'

'Oh mamma dear! Three pairs of arms were thrown loving about her.'

'When I see,' laughed mamma, after a kiss to each, 'that it is nearly nine o'clock I fear that it is a sign that three good children will be late at school.'

There was a quick hustle for hats and books and good-byes.

At the last minute Fred turned at the door to say:—

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telling so many good things to her boys and girls, I think it's a sign that if they are ever naughty they ought to be well punished.'

## LIVE BY THE BIBLE.

To do so, would wonderfully simplify everyday matters.

A friend went one morning to Sir Robert Peel's house, and found him with a great bundle of letters lying before him, bowed over it in prayer. The friend retired, and came back in a short time and said, 'I beg your pardon for intruding upon your private devotions.' Sir Robert said: 'No; those were my public devotions. I was just giving the affairs of state into the hands of God, for I could not manage them.' Try trusting the living God with your letter bag or your housekeeping.

How simple the question of duty would become, how easily perplexities would disappear, how plain the path of guidance would be if men would just live by the bible literally, fully and fearlessly. Every beginner in the Christian life, whether young or old, should begin his discipleship feeling that all the directions laid down for his guidance and government in the Word of God are not only practicable but necessary in the new life of God upon which he has entered. The bible should be his rule of conduct in everything, and nothing that God has thought it right to command should be regarded by him as impracticable to obey. The bible should be his cheque-book of promises, and nothing that God has ever thought it worth his while to promise, should be deemed by him too great to claim. Only let faith and obedience be linked together, and this mighty word will be to the Christian the anchor of hope, the strength of duty, the banner of victory, the antidote of death, and the open gate of heaven.—Christian Work.

## The Love of God.

There is no sentence in the whole bible that the Devil is more anxious to blot out than this one, 'God is love,' says Moody. 'And he has never undertaken a piece of work in which he has been more successful. There are many millions of people in the world today who would be active Christians if they believed this. They think God hates them because of their sins. But no, God loves them with an unchangeable everlasting love. Why does he love them? I cannot tell, except that he must love them. It is his nature. He cannot help it any more than a mother can help loving her child. No matter how wayward a child is, she loves him just the same. And if lecturers would only live in the power of this truth for thirty days the disciples of Christ would multiply fast. But you say, 'God is angry with the wicked every day.' Of course. That is a proof of his love for him. It is my two sons were to drink, and go to the bad generally would I be pleased with them? The trouble is we persist in measuring the love of God with our own short rule. When once the Church of

God is baptized with the love of Calvary it will roll through the world like a red-hot ball, no evil will be able to stand before it. He used to think more of the love of Christ than the love of God, but since he became a father he knew that it took more love from God to give up his only son than it did for that son to die. And in the light of all this what is sin? Sin is simply despising this love of God. Only let the Holy Spirit shed abroad this love in your heart and you will have tremendous power, and God will use you in ways never dreamed. Love cannot be selfish, it must go out to others. Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac was a background to the story of the cross. Then God lifted the curtain and let Abraham look far down the stream of time and he saw Christ's day and was glad. How was a prodigal ever brought back? Not by that 'elder brother,' but by the assurance of his father's love.

## A MANNER OF GIVING.

Way We Should Make Our Gifts Pleasing to God.

Two characteristics should mark all money giving. The gift should be generously large, and it should be free. Gifts are seeds and giving is sowing. That is the right point of view from which to regard them, and it is a very novel one to our selfishness. If we did not know what would come of the seed, the farmer's man would seem to be guilty of great waste in flinging broadcast over the furrows what might have made many a loaf. Giving looks like waste till we think of it as not sacrifice, but sowing. And if we do, then the more bountifully we scatter the seed the larger will be the crop that in due time will load our wagons and fill our barns. It is poor economy to be niggardly with seed; it is no wiser parsimony to dole out small gifts. Take out a good handful, and fling it abroad; it will not be lost, but will grow. Again, giving is to be spontaneous and cheerful. Like every other act, it is only valuable when it is the expression in deed of our inward selves. The purpose of the heart—that is, the deliberate decision of the giver in the very centre of his personal being—is to settle what each man gives. Unthinking giving, depending, for instance, on the accident of what coin the fingers first touch in purse or pocket, and giving which has no care for the object at the back of it, are condemned. There will be no harvest from such sowing. We must put ourselves into our gifts, if they are to be worth anything or to do us any good.—Rev. Dr. McLaren.

## The W. C. T. U. Protesting.

A very strong call to duty has been sent out in England by a number of influential members of B. W. T. A., demanding the defeat of Lady Somerset as their president, and declaring the position of the association regarding the regulation of vice. It was a strange coincidence that on the same day that the call was sent out the resignation of Lady Henry was received. There is one feature of the call which presents Lady Henry's position in a less favorable light than we had supposed. In her 'statement' made some time since in defence of her views and action, she supported herself by a quotation from Mrs. J. Butler's 'Truth Before Everything.' It now appears that by failing to complete the paragraph, Mrs. Butler's words are made to prove the opposite of what she really was writing to establish. This is one of the most unfortunate incidents in the sad conflict.

On behalf of the W. C. T. U. of Australia, the executive committee and superintendents of departments have addressed a letter to Mrs. Josephine E. Butler expressing their deep sympathy with her and all other abolitionist leaders 'in the retrograde step lately taken by the re-introduction into India of a modified form of the State regulation of vice,' and they conclude 'We solemnly pledge ourselves, by the help of God, to be loyal to the principle of abolition, and to work for the repeal of these shameful Acts in the Australian colonies where they now exist, and to resist their enactment in others. We realize that ceaseless vigilance is needed lest supporters of regulation, emboldened

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by the action of the British government, endeavor to follow the precedent, and bring these scandalous laws into operation all over the colonies, and we earnestly entreat your prayers on our behalf'

## Not True.

The following dispatch has been going the rounds of the press during the past few days from Montreal. We clip from the Toronto Globe: 'Archbishop Bruchesi, Bishop Bond, Judge Desnoyers, Recorder Montigny and Mr. E. L. Bond, president of the Citizens League, having discussed together the morality of the city decided to go before the new city council and ask that houses of ill-fame and inmates be examined every week, and if not found following certain regulations to be promptly suppressed. It was also decided to request that a certain portion of the city be set aside for houses of that character.' That there should be some measure of surprise at such a suggestion is to be expected, and yet it is not very long since such a step was advocated by some police officials themselves in Montreal, but that good Bishop Bond and our friend M. J. Bond should advocate such a course we were not prepared to believe. It will relieve many friends to know that in reply to an inquiry as the truthfulness of the report, we received the following telegram from Mr. Bond: 'Decidedly not; report entirely erroneous. Emphatic contradiction will be published at once.'

## SHE LOVES CHILDREN.

Melba the Great Singer Talks of her Life and Love for Children.

Melba recently granted Mrs. Bowman, of the New York Sun, a delightful personal interview, during which the diva confessed to having lost exactly twenty two pounds since last season. She attributes this loss not to any secret or dieting, but to illness. Said she: 'When I left America last January I had a case of blood poisoning, resulting from malaria, which I contracted when Fifth Avenue was so torn up. Every afternoon about 5 o'clock I shivered and shook almost to pieces until finally I went all to pieces. When I got to Europe I was ill in bed for two months, and really never knew a well day until June. I didn't sing a note during those six months, and so you may know how ill I was. The only thing that I know to be effective in reducing one's weight is a siege of malaria. Anyway, I'm not afraid of getting too fat, for I don't come of fat stock. There never was a real fat person in my family, on either side. To tell the truth, I'm sometimes astonished that I am such a very strong woman, for my poor, dear mother died of consumption. She showed with a mother's tender pride some photographs of her boy. 'He is 11 years old now, and such a sturdy little fellow. I love him,' pressing his latest picture to her heart, 'and he loves his mother, too. He is at school in England, and some day he is going into the English army. I miss him and should like to have him with me, but he is at that age when I can't afford to take him away from his lessons, and then I have to do things when travelling around this way that wouldn't be good for a little boy to see. How I love children, all children. I have ever since my own child came to me.'

## TO BE REORGANIZED.

La Scala, Milan's Famous Opera House to be Re-opened

Giuseppe Verdi, the veteran composer has accepted the chairmanship of the committee for the reorganization of 'La Scala.' Milan's famous opera house, which since more than a century remained closed for the first time this winter. The causes of this action on the part of the city of Milan were fully explained several weeks ago. A number of prominent Milan gentlemen called at Sant Agata, Verdi's residence, to thank him for his assistance in the efforts to reopen 'La Scala.' With juvenile fervor Verdi praised the public sentiment in favor of reopening Italy's most famous institute of operatic music, saying: 'It would really be too bad if La Scala, with her centuries of tradition, should remain closed up? I cannot get myself to believe it yet, and I cannot even imagine Milan without La Scala! By all means that institute, the pride of our nation, must be reopened!' Subscriptions have been coming in rapidly, and after a short season next Easter a splendid season is promised for the winter after.

A wise man's mistakes are the capital of his experience.

## Wasn't Much of a Kisser.

A German newspaper records an occurrence in that country which should serve as an example to young people everywhere who are prone to excessive oculatory exercise. A young man started out, with the aid of his sweetheart, to establish a record for kissing, and incidentally win a bet. The terms were that he should take 10,000 kisses from her lips in ten hours, with a short rest every half hour. Umpires were appointed to keep count, and the young man started bravely on his big contract. He scored 2,000 in the first hour, but dropped to half that number in the second, and had reached 750 in the third hour when his lips became paralyzed and he fell over unconscious.

## EXPRESS MY FEELINGS!

A Minister was recently trying to make a telephone connection. The sweet telephone girl at the exchange was probably exchanging confidence with her sweetheart. The Minister 'hello'd' several times, but got no answer. He was in a hurry, and the inattention put him out. A lay friend came behind him. He turned to the latter. 'My dear fellow,' he said with a look of mingled wrath and misery, 'would you kindly express my feelings?' Ladies never use strong language, but if anything would tempt them it would be the murky appearance of their dress or jacket after using any other dyes but TURKISH DYES upon them. The ladies of Canada use the TURKISH DYES. They now appreciate their worth. TURKISH DYES will never wash out. No other dyes will stand a soap and water test. The TURKISH DYES invite it, soap only brings out their lustre. Every color is perfect. No ill tempers when you use TURKISH DYES. No spoiled garments. Try them and see how you can augment your wardrobe with beautiful garments which ordinarily would have been thrown aside.

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## The Trade Winds.

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## The Mean Man.

'Some hateful person,' said the Sweet Young Thing, 'has declared love is a species of hypnotism.'  
'I guess he is right,' said the Mean Man. 'Follow usually gets married with his eyes shut.'

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