

Sunday Reading

Faith. A grey cloud comes up out of the east, A grey fog creeps in over the sea, The sparks fly back off from the bristling yeast, A white shroud mingles each shivering tree.

Nathanael the Israelite.

There are snares set for our souls even in the most secluded spots, and even in the very best of books. The very Bible itself deceived the Pharisees, says Samuel Rutherford. And Nathanael's great snare and imminent danger of deception was that he would sit too much under the fig tree reading the Messianic prophets, while all the time the Messiah himself was passing by his study door.

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of guile, severity; and to Nathanael goodness. Our Lord, after his manner, says a great deal in few and well chosen words. 'An Israelite indeed,' he says. As much as to say, 'Thou hast been no supplanter. Thou has not stolen thy brother's birth-right. Thy hands are clean of thy first father's wrong going. Thou art a prince indeed with God, and thou art welcome to my discipleship.'

There was nothing in this world that delighted and captivated our Lord like this same spontaneity and alacrity of faith that Nathanael exhibited. Our Lord was always on the lookout for such faith. He was always praising it. He was always rewarding it. He was always making greater and greater promises and expectations to it.

THE childish faith that asks not sight, Waits not for wonder nor for sign, Believes, because it loves, aright, Shall see things greater, things divine.

A Missionary Church. If each individual church member realized fully that he must do his part toward evangelizing the world, how soon would every church in the land become indeed a missionary church! Lukewarmness, that subtle foe to any successful enterprise, is the great drawback toward speeding the day when all nations shall come to a knowledge of the Saviour.

One cause of indifference toward missions is from lack of personal knowledge. Once interest is aroused in any subject, either religious or secular, enthusiasm is quickened and the desire grows to learn more about it. The political or social affairs of other nations and countries than our own attract our attention, and we keep ourselves informed concerning them by reading or personal intelligence; and this is a good rule to follow in regard to missions.

take all who sincerely wish to be loyal to the Master. It has been said that ignorance in respect to the condition of foreign missions is in direct disobedience to the command of Christ, 'Lift up your heads and look on the fields, for they are white to the harvest'; and the church which does not believe in missionary work, or does it only in a half hearted way, is not fully and conscientiously practicing the Christianity instituted by the Saviour.

The Miracle. Jesus, taking the loaves and fishes, gave thanks. We ought to give thanks to God for our food, and, indeed, for every mercy for all cometh to us from his hand. Though our provision may be coarse and scanty, though it may not be over plentiful nor over dainty, yet we must give thanks to God for what we have. After giving thanks, the food was distributed from the hands of Christ by the hands of his disciples. All our comforts and blessings come to us originally from the hand of Christ.

When they—the multitude—were filled, and every man had within him a sensible witness to the truth of the miracle, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments.' We have no right to waste any of God's good creatures. The Jews were very careful not to lose any bread or let it fall to be trodden upon. It was a common saying among them, 'He who despises bread falls into the depth of poverty.'

Preciousness of the Word. Although the Bible, the law of God, is no longer a lost book, yet endless good things lie hidden and undiscovered in it. Its pages teem with instructions with needed help in every emergency of life, and with comfortings in all the trials and sorrows of this life.

GRIPPE'S LEGACY.

Shattered Nerves and Weakened Heart--A St. John Lady Tells About It.

Mrs. John Quigley, who resides at 30 Sheriff St., St. John, N.B., states: "Some time ago I was attacked by a severe cold, which ended up in a bad attack of La Grippe. Since that time I have never regained my health, being weak, nervous and run down."

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finding new truths, or a fuller expanding of truths we have already grasped. Its wisdom and its teachings, its comforting and its blessings, can never be exhausted by us. A promise we have read a hundred times takes on a new meaning, which transfigures and glorifies it.

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FAT CLAMS. Of Brigadier's Island Nearly Exterminated by the Cold Weather.

Searsport (Maine) Cor. New York Sun: The famous breed of fat clams which dwell in the sandy flats on the east and south shores of Brigadier's island was nearly exterminated by anchor ice during the cold snap in February. When J. Montgomery Sears of Boston, the owner of the island, was informed of the fact he engaged an expert in clam culture and sent him to the island with orders to restock the flats at any price.

John Adams seems to have been a great favorite with the Sears family of his day. He was president only four years, yet in that time they gave him twenty-three barrels of clams. For some reason Jefferson got only three barrels during his eight years of office.

The blizzard which visited Maine in the middle of February coated the clam flats six inches deep in anchor ice, soldering up the pores in the sand and smothering all the shellfish. When the anchor ice thawed more than 2,000 barrels of dead clams were lying upon the flats, which were haunted by crows and sea birds for days.

When Letters Were Sent C. O. D. Free delivery by carriers was begun in 1863. Before that date the postmen used to collect a cent on each letter for delivering it. In 1863 free delivery was put into

operation at sixty-six offices, with 450 carriers, at an annual payroll of \$317,000. To-day we have 627 free delivery offices, 12,931 carriers, and it costs Uncle Sam \$13,000,000. Any place having a population of 10,000 or a revenue of \$10,000 a year from its postoffice, can demand free delivery.

Effective. Mr. Gladstone once had a conversation with a well-known M. P. at a public dinner in London, when the ex-Premier asked all sorts of questions on matters pertaining to Methodism. A man who happened to sit exactly opposite, wishing to divert the conversation into another channel, asked—

'Do you know Chester Mr. Gladstone?' 'Yes, a little,' was the answer, an ominous smile playing about the mouth. 'Do you know Chester, Mr.?' 'Not very well,' said the unwary questioner.

'Well, if you go to the city of Chester,' continued the G. O. M., 'you will find a confectioner's shop in such a street,' giving the number; 'go into the shop, and you can buy a hot mutton pie, deliciously hot,'

WHEN HOPE'S GONE.

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Tells Against Phrenology.

A brain specialist has made some rather sceptical references to phrenology. 'The supposed relationship existing between mental qualities and certain portions of the brain,' he said, 'are, in my opinion, quite unproved.'

'It is not possible to judge of the brain by the exterior of the head. Even the size of the brain cavity within is not always a safe guide as to the amount of brain matter it contains. Except in rare cases, the brain does not fit the skull. It is surrounded by three membranes and a quantity of fluid.'

'As to the delusion that a large brain indicates great mental capacity, I will quote only one instance (out of many) to the contrary. The brain of Gambetta, the statesman one of the leading minds of Europe, weighed less than that of an average seven-year-old boy!'

'Another popular error is that fissures and folds, or convolutions, of the brain indicate superior powers. Yet the beaver, whose habits betoken high intelligence and constructive skill, has a brain entirely without convolutions.

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