

GOLDEN WORDS FOR DAILY USE.

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

MARCH.

1. Friday. Take therefore no thought for the morrow, Matt. vi. 34.

No man ever sank under the burden of the day. It is when to-morrow's burden is added that the weight is more than a man can bear.

2. Saturday. God is jealous, Nahum i. 2.

Oh that we may have grace this day to keep our hearts in sacred chastity for our Beloved alone, shutting our eyes to all the fascinations of the world.

3. Sunday. Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well, Psa. lxxxiv. 6.

Travellers are delighted to see the footprints of man on a barren shore, and we love to see the way-marks of pilgrims while passing through the vale of tears.

4. Monday. And when He was entered into a ship his disciples followed Him; and behold there arose a great tempest in the sea, Matt. viii. 23, 24.

When we sail in Christ's company, we must be content to fare as He fares. It is by tempest and tossing that we shall come to land as He did before us.

5. Tuesday. I am a burden to myself, Job vii. 20.

For the burdens which God lays on us, there will always be grace enough. The burdens which we make for our selves we must carry alone.

6. Wednesday. The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak, xxvi. 41.

These words were never meant as an excuse for negligence and presumptuous security, but as a motive to prayer and vigilance.

7. Thursday. Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall, 1 Cor. x. 12.

Let us ever beware of vain confidence, or resolve what we will do, but rather keep out of the way of temptation, and trust alone in the Lord to uphold us.

8. Friday. And he answered him to never a word, Matt. xxvii. 14.

Under the most trivial injuries, we worthless creatures are prone to complain bitterly; the holy and Divine Saviour heard unmoved the false accusation with which He was pursued.

9. Saturday. I was afraid and hid thy talent in the earth, Matt. xxi. 25.

We may well dread the doom of the unprofitable servant, for it is not enough that we do not waste the one talent entrusted to us. If we bury it in the earth, we shall be left without excuse.

10. Sunday. And will manifest myself to Him, John xiv. 21.

When the Lord Jesus gives special revelations of Himself to his people, these three effects will be sure to follow—humility, happiness, holiness.

11. Monday. Let your speech be always with grace seasoned with salt, Col. iv. 6.

The Christian should learn to make a distinction between cheerfulness and levity. We are commanded to avoid foolish talking; but it is possible to be cheerful without trifling.

12. Tuesday. There is no spot in thee, Sol. Songs iv. 7.

A spot may be soon removed, and is the very least thing that can disfigure beauty; but even from this small blemish the believer is delivered in his Lord's sight.

13. Wednesday. I have much people in this city, Acts xviii. 10.

This should be a great encouragement to try to do good, since God has among the vilest of the vile an elect people who must be saved.

14. Thursday. Awake, O north wind, and come thou south; blow upon my garden that the spices may flow out, Sol. Songs iv. 16.

Our souls may wisely desire the north wind of trouble, if that alone can be sanctified to the drawing forth of the perfume of our graces.

15. Friday. Ye must be born again, John iii. 7.

May the Lord enable us to be well assured on this vital point, for to be unregenerate is to be unpardoned, without God, and without hope.

16. Saturday. We must, through much tribulation enter the kingdom, Acts xiv. 22.

It is ordained of old that the cross of trouble should be engraved on every vessel of mercy, as the royal mark whereby the king's vessels of honour are distinguished.

17. Sunday. Yea, He is altogether lovely, Sol. Songs v. 16.

In all other things we behold some defect, but Christ Jesus is gold without alloy, glory without cloud.

18. Monday. I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them, Ezek. xxxvi. 37.

If our blessings were bestowed without asking for them, we should esteem them common things, but prayer makes our mercies more precious than diamonds.

19. Tuesday. God, that comforteth those that are cast down, 2 Cor. vii. 6.

It is marvellous how one sweet word of God will make whole songs for Christians: Go to the Comforter, then, thou distressed one, and ask Him to give thee consolation.

20. Wednesday. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, Isa. lxi. 10.

Take care, O believer, that thy gladness has its spring in the Lord. Every attribute of his should become a fresh ray in the sunlight of your gladness.

21. Thursday. But who may abide the day of his coming? Mal. iii. 2.

Let us search ourselves this morning, and make our calling and election sure, so that the Lord's coming may cause no dark forebodings in our minds.

22. Friday. The trees of the Lord are full of sap, Psa. civ. 16.

Vitality is essential to a Christian: his graces are not every one of them in constant motion, but his life never ceases to palpitate within.

23. Saturday. My sin is ever before me, Psa. li. 3.

When sin is seen and felt it has received its death-blow: and the Lord looks with eyes of mercy upon the soul afflicted with it.

24. Sunday. Sing forth the honour of his name, Psa. lxxvi. 2.

Think not, ye who are always mourning, that ye are guiltless; with every morning's dawn lift up your notes of thanksgiving, and let every setting sun be followed with your song.

25. Monday. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, Psa. cxv. 1.

Truly those are the best and most acceptable services in which Jesus is the solitary aim of the soul; and his glory without any admixture the end of all our efforts.

26. Tuesday. Jesus saith unto them, come and dine, John xxi. 12.

Christians may differ on a variety of points, but they have all one spiritual appetite, and if they cannot all feel alike, they can all feed alike on Jesus, the bread of life, sent down from heaven.

27. Wednesday. Be ye separate, 2 Cor. vi. 17.

Remember, O Christian, that thou art a son of the King of kings. Walk worthy of your high calling and dignity. Keep thyself unspotted from the world.

28. Thursday. Have faith in God, Mark xi. 22.

Faith is the foot of the soul, by which it can march along the road of the commandments more swiftly.

29. Friday. I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against Him, Mic. vii. 9.

In all our sorrows we should read our sins; and when the hand of God is heavy upon us, our hands should be upon our sins.

30. Saturday. In patience possess your soul, Luke xxi. 19.

A holy silence will give a man such a quiet possession of his own soul that all the storms of affliction through which he passes shall not move him.

31. Sunday. Your sins are forgiven, 1 John ii. 12.

He that hath got this jewel of assurance in his bosom, will be far enough off from fretting under the saddest dispensations that he meets with in this world.

Scientific.

ARTIFICIAL IVORY.—An artificial ivory is now made in France from a paste of papier mache and gelatine, and to which the name of Parisian marble is given. Among other things, the finest and most complicated mouldings for ceilings can be made, or capitals of columns can be constructed in any color. It is said to be hard, durable and elastic.

PHOTOGRAPHY.—Since the process of photographing upon silk and linen has been perfected in France, many persons have their portraits upon their linen instead of their names or initials. Washing, it is said, does not injure the portraits.

MAGNET.—A new magnet of considerable power has been introduced by M. Greiss, consisting of a long spiral iron or steel film, such as is obtained from iron-turning. According to M. Greiss, the south pole of such a magnet is always at that end of the spiral which the instrument has first touched. He also states that the magnetism of these spirals is of a very permanent nature.

SCIENCE NOT NATURE AT FAULT.—Many years ago, Miraldi, a naturalist, noticing that the plates of the honeycomb always had the same angles, measured them, and found that together they made 180 degrees, the equivalent of two right angles. Reaumur, another naturalist, some time after requested Koenig a distinguished mathematician, to make the following calculation: Given a hexagonal vessel, terminated by three lozenge-shaped plates, what are the angles which would give the greatest amount of space with the least amount of material? He made his calculations, and to the great delight of mathematicians, found that the bee had nearly solved the mathematical and economical problem. Maclurin, a Scotch mathematician, was not satisfied at this slight difference, and tried the whole experiment for himself. He found that Miraldi's measurement was correct, as were Koenig's calculations, but there was an error in the book of logarithms Koenig had used, which being corrected showed that the agreement was exact.

BOYS USING TOBACCO.—A strong and sensible writer says a good sharp thing, and true one, for boys who use tobacco: It has utterly ruined thousands of boys. It tends to softening and weakening of the bones, and greatly injures the brain, the spinal marrow, and the whole nervous fluid. A boy who smokes early and frequently, or in any way uses large quantities of tobacco, is never known to make a man of much energy, and generally lacks muscular and physical as well as mental power. We would particularly warn boys who want to be anything in the world to abstain from tobacco as a most baneful poison. It injures the teeth. It produces an unhealthy state of the throat and lungs, hurts the stomach, and blasts the brain and nerves.

MOTHERS, MOTHERS, MOTHERS.—Don't fail to procure MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP for all diseases incident to the period of teething in children. It relieves the child from pain, cures wind colic, regulates the bowels, and by giving relief and health to the child, gives rest to the mother. Thirty-five cents a bottle.

Let your will lead whither necessity would drive, and you will always preserve your liberty.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Sunday School Teachers' Comprehensive Help.

Every Sunday-school teacher appreciates the desirableness of a convenient portable work of reference, to aid in the elucidation of some difficulty which may be sprung upon him in a moment by his own thought, or the query of some wide-awake member of his class. A particular examination of the difficult passage, word by word, with a reference to the parallels, will often bring light; but in our translation, made centuries ago, there are many renderings which are obscure and inaccurate. The teacher may not understand the original, and may not have time to consult the commentators and authorities which rectify and explain these texts. Now, if we could have from a body of learned pious men a clear compact rendering, embodying the result of careful criticism and accurate scholarship, in a volume sufficiently small to be taken to the class, it would prove a help for which numbers would be thankful. Just such a work has been lately published, and thousands of copies have been circulated. It is the New Testament, carefully revised by eminent scholars, who have given years to the work. Several styles and sizes are published by the American Bible Union, among them a neat pocket edition.

I have had upon my desk in the school-room for a year past a copy of the octavo revision, and my teachers have referred to it so often that I find one copy insufficient, and have, therefore, furnished each teacher with the pocket edition. I have had a number of illustrations of its practical worth. Take the following instances at random:—"Herod slew all the children that were in Bethlehem," etc. (Matt. ii., 16.) Says a bright-eyed little boy: "If he wanted to be sure of killing Jesus, why did he kill all the children, girls as well as boys?" He did not. Turn to the revision, and you read "all the male children."

We frequently find the words, "God forbid." In the connection it looks to some young minds somewhat like swearing. Consult the passage revised, and no "God forbid" appears.

Suppose you have for a lesson that part of the Acts in which Luke says, "We took up our carriages and went up to Jerusalem." If you have never happened to notice the expression before, you are a little puzzled. You feel that it can not be equivalent to our expression, "took a carriage," and yet you know that there is no ambiguity about the meaning of the word. But, perhaps, centuries ago, the word had a wider meaning; your pocket companion reads, "packed up our baggage." Now all is plain.

To avoid too great length I mention but one more illustration. A short time since, when there was a good deal of religious interest in the school, I undertook to make some remarks upon the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican. I desired to make an impression on the point of personal sinfulness. On the verse, "God be merciful," etc., I found that the copy on my desk read the sinner, instead of a sinner. That little correction presented to me a new thought which I attempted to develop. We must not only be convinced of sinfulness in the general, but each petitioner must say from the heart God be merciful to me the sinner. Fellow laborer in the delightful work of teaching the young, get this little book, and encourage your pupils to obtain it; it is a cheap neat present, and a diligent use of it will, I am sure, be beneficial to yourself and your class.

SUPERINTENDENT.

For the Christian Messenger.

DONATION VISITS.

TO REV. W. E. HALL.

It seems to be a custom with most people to make their minister a yearly "donation visit." In this matter the people of New Germany are not behind. On Wednesday evening, the 23rd of Jan., quite a number of my friends met at my boarding house. The weather being very stormy, not many came. But after spending a very pleasant evening, they departed, leaving me the nice sum of \$40.00 mostly in cash. Some who could not come at that time have been to see me since, and considerably increased the sum. May God bless the donors, is the prayer of their servant in the Gospel.

WM. E. HALL.

TO REV. D. FREEMAN.

It is with pleasure that I would record another of those delightful events, which have occurred each year since our residence in this place. On the evening of Thursday, Jan. 24th, a large

number of our friends, accompanied by several ministers of the gospel, assembled at our house, and spent a few hours of social enjoyment, such as is rarely witnessed. After a bountiful repast we were favored with excellent speeches from Rev. Messrs. Hunt, Weddall and Keane. But not least by a speech from J. E. Rand, Esq., in which he announced the very handsome sum, considering the hard times, of \$121.30. \$64.00 of which was in cash, and the rest in useful articles. In inspecting these articles, we found that they had been wisely selected with reference to our wants. For instance, a beautiful dress for Mrs. F., from a sister lately baptized, was better than the amount in money, and a splendid pair of cloth covered boots for riding, laid me under lasting obligations to Bro. B. R. Smith, during these cold days and long journeys. Similar remarks might be made of other things. May the donors not be impoverished, but abundantly enriched by their liberality.

Yours in the Lord,
D. FREEMAN.

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For the Christian Messenger.

OBITUARY NOTICE.

MRS. LINDLEY DURLAND.

DEAR EDITOR,—

From what was said in the *Christian Messenger*, Jan. 30, page 34, upon Obituary Notices, I almost decline writing a brief notice of the life of our dear sister. But I hope you will pardon me for writing, and that all your readers will read this notice, and learn from it to be ready. We give the sketch as briefly as possible:

Bessie A., daughter of the late George and Betsey Starratt, and grand-daughter of Father Joseph Dimock, was born Oct. 17th 1845. In early life she was the subject of deep religious impressions. About 4 years ago, in a revival of religion at Nictaux, among the Methodists, she experienced the forgiveness of sins. From that time the religion of Christ was the theme on which she ever loved to dwell. On the 31st of Oct. last, she was united in marriage to Lindley Durland and removed to New Germany. Being naturally of a very amiable disposition, she soon won for herself the esteem of all her new acquaintances, while her piety especially endeared her to the people of God. Soon after she came among us God was pleased, by His Spirit, graciously to revive this church and save souls. Our sister who had always been an inquirer after truth, betook herself afresh to the word of God, to study its teachings in regard to duty. The careful and prayerful investigation of that word led her, as might have been expected, fully to embrace Baptist doctrine. Accordingly she came and offered herself to the church, and on Sabbath morning the 3rd inst., in company with four others, publicly put on Christ in Baptism. A few days after she left with her dear companion to go and see her friends and "tell them how great things God had done for her," but how little did we think as she went away that she was never to come back. But her days were numbered. Her work was done. While away she was taken violently ill, and on Saturday the 16th her ransomed spirit took its flight. Having walked with the church below 13 days, she left it to join the church above forever. Having lived with an affectionate husband three and a half months, she was taken to "dwell with Christ at home." With her we doubt not earth has been exchanged for Heaven, and the society of friends for the company of angels. May we all learn from this to be prepared, and may God by his grace sustain the sorrowing, especially our dear bro. who has had to return to us alone, having left the casket at Pine Grove, while the jewel has been set in the Saviour's brow.—Com.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

ST. MARGARETS BAY.—The Church at Indian Harbor, St. Margarets Bay, deeply feeling that they needed the rain and dew from heaven to make God's word "life indeed" amongst the dead, and to develop the dormant life of those who were "not far from the kingdom of God," were stirred up to plead that the influence of the Holy Spirit might be more powerfully felt in their midst. For a short time they had to walk by faith: the weather was very unfavorable so that but few could assemble and meet together. By no means discouraged, however, they wrestled on and prevailed. When the set time to favour Zion comes, God disposes his servants to pray, and with growing anxiety to pray on till the blessing is secured. The first observable instance of success was a young man, who had for several years cherished a hope in the Saviour, expressing his determination to give himself to God's people in the way of his commands. In a few days another, who had been brought to the saving knowledge of Christ as his Redeemer, about the same time, stated his resolution of making a public profession of his faith in Christ. Thus the power of prayer began to be known and felt and seen. The winter was passed, the time of the singing of birds had come. Many, for so small a community, have been enabled to set to their soul the truth of the words, "Him that cometh to me I will in no