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> PAUL AT MILETUS. SCRIPTURE LESSON. -Acts 20: 17-27.

DAILY READINGS. Paul at Miletus, Acts 20: 17-27. Paul at Ephesus. Acts 19: 1-10. Humility taught. Luke 22: 24-30. Repentance to be preached. Luke 24: 44—56. Afflictions. 1 Thess. 3: 1—13. Faithfulness required. Ezek. 33: 1—16. Paul's course finished. 2 Tim. 4: 1—8.

Golden Text.—Repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.—Acts 20: 21.

Topics-Paul's experience. Paul's doctrines. Paul's prospects.

TIME, A. D. 58.

TOPICAL TREATMENT. Connecting Link -This lesson follows immediately after the last. Not having time to visit Ephesus himself, or deeming it not best to do so, Paul sent for some of the chief disciples of that city

to come to Miletus for a brief interview. marks to them by recalling some points in his on Christmas morning, she could not have said ter, give Me thy heart." The same heart, inlived at Ephesus and was their religious teacher. puzzled over the quaint old English letters as was no more of a gift than when the year before Some men are eloquent preachers and skilful defenders of the truth, whose private lives will not bear close inspection. The Gospel that they it among many others—Christmas and birthday learned of love for Him and work for His childwas not ashamed to face the record of his life and ministry in Ephesus. He knew that he phers, loving wishes for happiness for the comhad lived above reproach and that no one could ing year from dear friends, sent to the girl who truthfully accuse him of any misconduct. He seemed to have everything on earth to ensure outselling all other books. Illustrated circular and terms free. FORSHEE & McMACKIN, been a faithful preacher of the great truths in and out, in gay preparations for pleasure of the great truths in and out, in gay preparations for pleasure of the great truths in and out, in gay preparations for pleasure of the great truths in and out, in gay preparations for pleasure of the great truths in and out, in gay preparations for pleasure of the great truths in and out, in gay preparations for pleasure of the great truths in and out, in gay preparations for pleasure of the great truths in and out, in gay preparations for pleasure of the great truths in and out, in gay preparations for pleasure of the great truths in and out, in gay preparations for pleasure of the great truths in and out, in gay preparations for pleasure of the great truths in and out, in gay preparations for pleasure of the great truths in and out, in gay preparations for pleasure of the great truths in and out, in gay preparations for pleasure of the great truths in and out, in gay preparations for pleasure of the great truths in and out, in gay preparations for pleasure of the great truths in and out, in gay preparations for pleasure of the great truths in and out, in gay preparations for pleasure of the great truths in and out, in gay preparations for pleasure of the great truths in and out, in gay preparations for pleasure of the great truths in and out, in gay preparations for pleasure of the great truths in an angle of the great truths in an an angle of the great truths in an an angle of the great truths in an angle of the great truths i made known to him by revelation from Jesus during those Christmas holidays, these words Christ. He had done it tenderly and with a only seemed to burn themselves into heart and sympathetic heart. He had done it in the brain: "Poor as I am, poor as I am." nidst of trials, and temptations, in spite of "What can I give Him, poor as I am?" difficulties and opposition, and even in the midst

II. Paul's doctrines. He had preached one pared, it seemed, for almost any sphere of life and go unnoted by a thoughtful person. "Time lossel to both Jews and Gentiles. The condi-Gospel to both Jews and Gentiles. The condi- or society she might choose to enter, and yet, is the stuff that life is made of;" and time is tions of acceptance with Jesus Christ, and of "poor as I am" in the presence of the Christ known to us only through its divisions. "Our salvation in his kingdom at last, are the same whom the Christmas season had been bringing conception of time originates if that of salva " for all men. Repentance toward God is the nearer and nearer to her heart. very first step towards a Christian life, for all What were all these gifts? When He was in certain periods, and marked by certain measures sin is against God, and one must be sincerely this world, the grest earthly possessions of the or epochs, is that which most properly we call penitent for all sin because it is against his holy young man who came to Him were as nothing will. Then must one exercise faith in the Lord in His eyes; Herod's wealth and Cazar's power by "the inaudible and noiseless foot of Time," Jesus Christ as the only Saviour and Redeemer. has been as dross to this simple peasant of it must be that the sounding clock of the years This faith should be, or should include as a ne- Galilee; the learning and wisdom of the Phari- which tells us that another period is passed cessary part of itself, such a loving trust in sees and scribes, with their famous teachers, had should arouse us to thought and reflection. Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour, and as the been utterly rejected by Him. Mable felt that only possible Saviour, as will lead one to com- to come to Him with an offering of earthly gift

mit himself wholly and without reserve to him | -money or education only-would be worse | for salvation. These fundamental doctrines than useless. Yes, in anything that made life Paul had preached at Ephesus, as at all other worth the living, Mable was poor, and yet there places, and, now, as he looks back over his work | was one gift. He never despised, one offering in that city, and as he meets these brethren in he never rejected; the poorest and the richest what he believes to be his last earthly interview of the sons of men could bring this gift to Him, with them, his conscience condemns him in no sure of his loving acceptance of it, and of His respect. He feels that he has done his duty, as glad appreciation of its value. a minister of the Gospel-of Christ, thoroughly On the first day of the new year Mable felt future: vain resolves are quite as much so. and completely. He calls on them to bear wit- that out of her poverty this one thing was hers Better than all musings and meditatings on ness to his fidelity. If any to whom he has to give, and she began the year with the words New Year's Day, is the looking squarely in the preached failed to be saved, here or hereafter, it of her Christmas card transmuted into a glad face the simple fact, that this is the beginning will not be because he has been unfaithful in personal acceptance.

direction of the Holy Spirit, constrained by im- grated upon her; the contrast between it and us off from hope for the days to come. pulse that he dare not resist, not knowing in her own seedy apparrel becoming all the more There were men and women who began last

his duty. Sustained by that consciousness, he And when she saw the poor girl standing by her have gone. All that they now rejoice in will mine also, only in a ten-fold greater degree. I, Insurance and all Description of Insurable Pro
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Mabel | Side, She longed to help her in some way. If the supreme year will be an unalloyed satisfaction. The thing about the supreme year of their folly and their sin. Whether he should live few or many years on earth, but he have a mended my negligent ways. I where the day of festival is fill all expected, viz., how little prayer to God is whether he should faithfully declare the Gospal whether he should be as naught to them then. This year will be and unalloyed satisfaction. The thing about the supreme year of their folly and their sin. Where he should live few or many years on earth, but he was chiefly anxious was not whether have learned by this interview what I least of festival is fill all expected, viz., how little prayer to God is whether he should faithfully declare the Gospal whether he should faithfully declare the Gospal whether he should be a satisfaction. The thing about the supreme year of their folly and their sin.

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THOUGHTS AND APPLICATIONS.

I. Humility of mind is essential to the largest usefulness in Christian work. II. The profitable preacher shuns not to declare the counsel of God. III. That life is most valuable which is fullest of Christ-like service.

TOPICS FOR FURTHER STUDY. I. Paul's methods of work. II. Paul's fidelity in preaching. III. The essential truths of the Gospel.

in the foulest places; continence makes her Jim, he is ten, and sells newspapers; and that's anything but joy and gladness and peace. So at the commencement of a year. strong, no matter in what condition the body all we have." may be; her sway over the senses makes her Here was work for Mabel to do. She went to-day. Men who have been unsuccessful in that will strike us will be the unpleasant circum. It is most desirable to be able to speak a may have something to say. Adam, said Wes-

YEAR UNTO YEAR.

As year unto year is added, God's promises seem more fair, The glory of life eternal, The rest that remaineth there : The peace like a broad, deep river That never will cease to flow; The perfect, divine completeness

As year unto year is added, God's purposes seem more plain, We tollow a thread in fancy, Then catch and lose it again; But we see far on in the future A rounded, perfected bliss;

And what are the wayside shadows,

That the infinite never know.

If the way but leads to this? As year unto year is added, And the twilight of life shall fall, May we grow to be more like Jesus, More tender and true to all. More patient to trial, more loving, More eager his truth to know, In the daily paths of his choosing

More willing in fsith to go.

A NEW YEAR'S GIFT.

"What can I give Him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise man, I would do my part;

What can I give Him—give Him my heart."

The words were on a Christmas card, and they

difficulties and opposition, and even in the midst of dangers and persecutions from the Jews, who dogged his footsteps wherever he went, and were ready to murder him at the first opportunity. He had been a faithful and thorough preacher and teacher. He had not failed to declare the whole truth, and had diligently taught them both in public and in private, the things which they needed to know.

Poor! Why, what girl of her acquaintance had more than she? Her feet sank at every step into the rich carpets. Thick satins, furs and plushes wrapped her delicate form when ever she went out; and as to mental advantages, books and pictures surrounded her, and the best schools and masters of the great intellectual city had been employed in her behalf. And which they needed to know.

teaching them the truth. He laid a broad and "What can I give Him-give Him my heart."

Gentiles alike. This he had done, this he would do to the end, come what might. All the rest he could leave to the God whom he served.

Sure of their usefulness and power, rather than have one? she said; and the girl, starting at what they have done in the years gone by. The being spoken to by a stranger, and half inclined man who through industry and enterprise was foremost in his business last year cannot keep smile and kind words. They walked along to shead of his compatition the morning and evening an hour's devotion in the morning and evening what they have done in the years gone by. The man who through industry and enterprise was foremost in his business last year cannot keep smile and kind words. They walked along to shead of his compatition that they have done in the years gone by. They walked along to shead of his compatition to the first than have one? They walked along to shead of his compatition to the first than have one? They walked along to shead of his compatition to the first than have one? They walked along to shead of his compatition to the first than hour's devotion in the morning and evening that they have done in the years gone by. They walked along the first than hour's devotion in the morning and evening that they have done in the years gone by. They walked along the first than hour's devotion in the morning and evening that they have done in the years gone by.

"How long ago was that?" asked Mable. take care of her.

"And did she get well?" asked Mabel. "No," said the girl, her reserve quite melted | this year's growth. Chastity enables the soul to breathe a pure air go to school 'cause their clothes is all worn out. naught. They were as if they had never known peculiarly appropriate, and it is so at the end, or those who are in perplexity, words of warning about to pass them, the virage, clenching her

easy for her with a well filled purse to provide have been overlooked, or undervalued, or misun- plans have failed, and what appeared to us to be in a critical condition and needs instruction food and warmth and clothing for this young derstood-who have seemed to bave no place in reasonable expectations have not been realized. suited to his condition. Failing to receive it, he family, but it was not so easy for her to give time and thought to their needs. Many a concert and art gathering dear to her heart were given up to find time for her new and absorbing parents which began to grow still dearer to her.

The second to have seemed to have no place in the world, or to have their place closed against the world, or to have their place closed against the world, or to have their place closed against them; men and women who have wandered and backslidden, and have fallen very low in sin and shame,—will this year be lifted up from their their depression, or will be turned from their ones may have been removed from us. And if with men, will rejoice with every innocent joy

whom she delighted to speak, which could have a sesson as now. induced a girl of Mabel's position to give up time and pleasure for her good; and so, through her, Ethel learned to love Christ, something of whose character she saw reflected in her friend's

They were both connected with a mission school, one as a teacher, and the other as a scholar. Mabel soon began to find Ethel a valuable assistant in bringing in the girls of the neighborhad reason to believe that some of them were eading Christian lives and helping others to begin in a similar way.

Again the New Year same with its renewed 1. Paul's Experience. On the arrival of the had a peculiar fascination for Mabel Grosvenor. question to Mabel, "What can I give Him?" Ephesian elders at Miletus, Paul began his re- When they had first come to her from a friend and with it the same old answer, "Son, daugh-

A RIGHT USE OF NEW YEAR.

There is a great deal of wasted sentiment given to the beginning of a new year ;-a great worthless intending and purposing and resolving for the future. There is perhaps no day in all the year which is so wretchedly misused, and Poor! Why, what girl of her acquaintance so barren of practical results for good, as New

now in her dawning won anhood she stood pre- birthday, or a New Year's Day, should come

It is the knell of our departed hours: Where are they? With the years beyond the It is a signal that demands despatch :

But it is one thing to realize the truth that time is passing, and another thing to act wisely in view of that truth. Vain regrets are out of place when we stand between the past and the of an absolutely new year; that the errors or the attainments of last year have just about as solid foundation of sound doctrine, on which It was a bright Saturday afternoon of the much influence on the year now beginning, as every one might stand and build securely a first week in January, and a shivering girl, slight the mistakes or the accuracies of a last year's At Any Price. Christian hope and Christian character that no storms could overthrow or destroy.

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It had pleased God to crown his ministry in and tall, apparently about sixteen years of age, storms could overthrow or destroy. The above goods, with a variety too numerous to mention, must be sold to make room for Spring Importations.

III. Paul's Prospects. In the midst of this looking into the window of a bookstore. There interview with dear Christian brethren, Paul cannot be outdone in Style, Neatness and Fitting, by any others in the trade of this year. Looking back over our line of the corner of Westminister Street, idly rences of this year. Looking back over our looking into the window of a bookstore. There interview with dear Christian brethren, Paul cannot be outdone in Style, Neatness and Fitting, by cannot be outdone in Style, Neatness and Fitting, Style, Neat wards the immediate future. He believed that in her bright, fresh clothes, a look of positive our present security, or of our future prospects. Makes, and will be made up to order and satisfaction God, through the agency of the Holy Spirit, dislike and malice came over the girl's face. It The best that we have done thus far is not made known to him much of his will, and he was not that the girl knew Mable, but the evi- enough to carry us through another year. The was going to Jerusalem at this time under the dent prosperity of her appearance and bearing worst that we have done is not sufficient to cut

detail just what would befall him, but fully per- apparent to her. As Mabel scanned a list of year with a good record, and a good reputation, suaded in his own mind, by the witness of the books in the window, the girl began to wonder who were wrecked morally and socially before Holy Spirit, that bonds and afflictions awaited how she would look in a plush sack of wine that year was half finished. They had struggled how she would look in a plush sack of wine that year was half finished. They had struggled how little of God has been in seem strange that he could go steadily and resolutely forward in the face of such a feeling, who were such things must have everything warm of my days, only ask God to forgive my short of my days, only him wherever he might go. To some it might color and a hat with two long plumes curled on with varied success, out with growing power, such a certainty, and make no effort to escape underneath, and plenty of food at home—things in any fear of final failure. They could rest on the perils in his pathway. But he was sustain- which poor Ethel was very much in need. what they had done, and on what they were. ed by a consciousness of right purposes, right Just then Mabel turned and looked at her, and But, a single misstep proved their ruin. All intentions, right living and right teaching. He Ethel began again to study the Christmas card the gain to them then of the height which they I was by this unexpected revelation! I reknew that he had done right, for he had fol- she had been languidly regarding when Mabel's had reached was a greater fall, and a deeper turned to my own home greatly cast down in Office, Palmer's Chambers, Princess St., lowed not his own will, nor the will of man, arrival on the scene attracted her attention. plunge. Practically, last year is the only one but the will of God, and having done that he Now for the whole week Mabel had been thinkknew that he could safely trust himself with the ing, "To give him one's heart means all—every- are men and women greeting this new year with a time I could scarcely drag through my ordi-John Richards & Son, knew that he could safely trust himself with the ling, "To give him one's heart means all—every-lare men and women greeting this new year with the ling, are men and women greeting this new year with ling; all I can do and be belongs to Him. I can do and be belongs to Him. I can do and wife are each the complement lare. How can I show that I love Him? What can I have done, and how well they stand in life, who comparison with a consciousness of having done of the other; and it is as much his duty to be comparison with a consciousness of having done of the other; and it is as much his duty to be cheerful as it is hers to be patient; his right to the cheerful as it is hers to be patient; his right to the cheerful as it is hers to be patient; his right to the cheerful as it is hers to be patient; his right to the cheerful as it is hers to be patient; his right to the cheerful as it is hers to be patient; his right to the cheerful as it is hers to be patient; his right to the cheerful as it is hers to be patient; his right to the cheerful as it is hers to be patient; his right to the cheerful as it is hers to be patient; his right to the cheerful as it is hers to be patient; his right to the cheerful as it is hers to be patient; his right to the cheerful as it is hers to be patient. rison with a consciousness of having done do to teach other people to love Him too !" | will lose their good name before six months | could, at any time, finish his course with joy side, she longed to help her in some way. Her be as naught to them then. This year will be too, have asked forgiveness of God, and by his whether he should faithfully declare the Gospel purchased the card which had been of se much tion and despair. And even those who are mixed up with my own life. I see now why my as Jesus Christ had revealed it to him, and make known the tidings of salvation through failings of salvation through standing before the window.

Service to herself and came out to find the girl not guilty of great folly or great sin will find that despair. And even those who are failings have been so many and so manifest.

The reason is apparent. God's work was carried that what they do this year is the test and meanifest. faith in the Lord Jesus Christ to Jews and "Do you like the card? Would you care to sure of their usefulness and power, rather than on largely without God. The half or quarter of smile and kind words. They walked along together as Mabel tried to tell her in a few words by pointing them to what he did then. The what the verse on the card meant.

"Yes, I know, I went to a Sunday-school in the village we lived in before we came here,"

said the girl.

"And the sad laudres of my life! I see it all now, and repent in dust by downright hard work in his profession, will not secure a verdict in a single case this year by telling the jury of his former was a laudres of my life! I see it all now, and repent in dust and ashes! I can only pray to God for my pardon, and send up the piercing cry, "My soul cleaveth to the dust; quicken the sad laudres of my life! I see it all now, and repent in dust and ashes! I can only pray to God for my pardon, and send up the piercing cry, "My soul cleaveth to the dust; quicken the sad laudres of my life! I see it all now, and repent in dust and ashes! I can only pray to God for my pardon, and send up the piercing cry, "My soul cleaveth to the dust; quicken the sad laudres of my life! I see it all now, and repent in dust and ashes! I can only pray to God for my pardon, and send up the piercing cry, "My soul cleaveth to the dust; quicken the sad laudres of my life! I see it all now, and repent in dust and ashes! I can only pray to God for my pardon, and send up the piercing cry, "My soul cleaveth to the dust; quicken the sad laudres of my life! I see it all now, and repent in dust and ashes! I can only pray to God for my pardon, and send up the piercing cry, "My soul cleaveth to the dust; quicken the sad laudres of my life." by telling the jury of his former successes. The cleaveth to the dust; quicken thou me accordpastor, the editor, the teacher, who counts him- ing to thy Word."—Ex. "Oh, most a year. Mother came down here self out of the new contests of his arena, in the to get some work to do, and when we first came | belief that he can have his last years's laurels as we all went to school; and then mother got fresh at the close of this year as they were at sick and couldn't sew and I stayed at home to its beginning, will find his mistake when he comes to compare his faded bays a twelvemonth

it will be with some who are in the darkness | Probably when we look back, the first things son.

Encouraged by the real friendship of Mabel, there was for such regrets as they might have goodness and love have been manifested towards ing a word in season to saint and sinner.—Ch.

Nothing is there to come, and nothing past, But an eternal now does always last.

Lost time is not to be worried over. Cowing ays are not to be waited for. "Behold now is the accepted time; behold now is the day "not for salvation only, but for honest effort and for heartiest hope. The new year is upon you; a year that was never here before; that will

Trust no future howe'er pleasant, Let the dead past bury its dead. Act, act in the living present; Heart within, and God o'erhead. You can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth you.

THE NEW YEAR,

resolve to rise more above the present and the with others, of praying in secret to our Father in If there is any one thing that this Christmas seapreach and the truth that they defend does not cards and photographs of friends—in the lower dren; greater and more fit for an offering to temporal, and to gain within myself and to my. atrol their lives nor shape their characters. half of the frame of the mirror which adorned Him who went about doing good, in that it had self more of that spirit which prevedes and con-It has been well said that it is easier to teach the bureau in her comfortable bedroom. There acquired something of the spirit of the life-long trols all things in heaven. A few days hence, Looking thus at the past, each reader of twenty men what to do, than to be one of were many other words among the collection example of Him who freely gave Himself to the and I hope to be one of the pure and blessed this has a duty to perform in the present with every returning year; and whatever may twenty to follow one's own teaching. But Paul well worthy of notice—choice selections from needs of the future. Is anyone still neglecting well worthy of notice—choice selections from needs of the future. Is anyone still neglecting well worthy of notice—choice selections from needs of the future.

> losses and sins of the past;—a great deal of my soul long to be filled with these heavenly the reader a Christian? Then he should now him. Did he help you once, he will help you monthly included the reader a Christian? the light of Thy smile continually?

O my Saviour, come thou, and lift me up to Bible or his providence.—Star. thyself, that I may be filled with thy glory and excellence, that henceforth I may be thine, and only thine! May the gate of heaven, even in this life, be ever open to my spirit!

my example, my neglect?

world, that, in the little time yet left to me, I Permit me to gather a few sheaves for the garner of the Lord, even if it be but a few. Strengthen my hands, encourage my heart, and enable me to feel that my only purpose here is to do thy will. In this beginning of the year would I enter anew into that living coveto be, may be fully and freely thine .- Dr. L. C

I MUST PRAY MORE.

I was lately in company of one of our older ministers, who has labored long and with much Church. The object of my interview was to learn from him the secret of success with which it had pleased God to crown his ministry in little, and with unaffected sadness: "My young beautiful home—worth having, worth working friend, the mistake of my life has been that I friend, the mistake of my life has been that I have not prayed more. I fell into the error of most ministers. I studied and preached. I heart over the puddings, and mending-basket, little! Could I live my life over again I would and counts the hours till he returns at night be more with God and less with men.

"I see it all now-what wasted years of unown doing, and how little of God has been in maining years differently from the imperfect

I will not attempt to say how deeply humbled mind, and thoroughly ashamed of myself. For

A RETROSPECT. RY REV. W. H.

At the close of the forty years journey in the to keep silence. by the interest of the other; "she died in No- And there were those who began last year hath led thee." It was peculiarly fitting for poral as well as the spiritual interests of men. Let me give you the history of pride in three vember. A woman in the same house helped under the chill and gloom of a shadow which them to do this. And such a retrospect is While the greatest benefit one can confer upon small chapters. I. The beginning of pride us, and I stayed at home to cook and mend the had rested on them for long years, or for all equally good for us. Like the Israelites, we another is to lead him to Christ, yet lesser benedition to the long years, or for all equally good for us. was in heaven. II. The continuance of pride boy's clothes; and then, when the money we their lives, who before the year's close were in may sometimes glance through a long period, fits are not to be neglected. God bestows them churchyard I observed two women standing is on earth. III. The end of prides is in hell. had was all gone I got a place to tend in a store such light and warmth as they had never dayed while at others a shorter space may occupy our every day. Words of encouragement to those opposite to one another. One was speaking and This history shows how unprofitable it is.—Dr. before Christmas. Now that the holidays is hope for on earth. All their former sorrow or attention. While such a retrospect is seldom if struggling with difficulties, words of sympathy gesticulating, while the other stood perfectly still over I have no work to see and the children can't shame or loueliness or trial then went for ever out of place, there are seasons when it is to those who are sorrowing, words of advice to and in silence. Just as I came up and was

Ethel began to grow into something of health indulged in had they brooded over the past or us. The Lord our God has led us. While we Weekly. and cheerfulness. There was no sesson she could foreboded the future on this New Year's Day. have brought many trials and difficulties upon see beyond the one of pleasing the Master of It is this truth that is the fitting one for such ourselves, and God in his wisdom has permitted many others, he has all along been caring for us, providing for us, preserving us, and blessing us. He has delivered us from numerous difficulties exposed. He has bestowed upon us many special favors. But not only goodness, love has also been manifested towards us. This carries us back a very long way. In eternity, God resolved on the plan of redemption through the atonehood. The young teacher gave herself to them, studied their needs, and helped them as no one studied their needs, and helped them as no one be counted no hindrance. Your best work can of the Lord Jesus Christ who died for our sins the counted no hindrance. according to the scriptures, thus opening the justifier, of him which believeth in Jesus." any case, all these privileges have not been en-

> then, with every power which I possess, now God, that God who has shown him so much sured confidence that Christ will abide. He strive to attain to a like state of thought, feeling, goodness and love? He should immediately re- delights in dwelling with his people, and his cry pent and believe the gospel which sets before What is it that constitutes the joys of heaven, him a salvatiton which is full, free, unlimited, but that love, purity, and kindness, which robes and present; and he should live the rest of his permit him to enter, and keep him there as your all with unutterable glory there! How doth life in accordance with the will of God. Is friend. He is the same forever. No change in influences! How would it rise up even to the reconsecrate himself to God, exercise a more full again. Even now he desires to do you good. very dwelling place of its Maker, and there and entire reliance on the atonement of the Lord Take him as your gift. yield itself to his entire control! Shall I ever Jesus Christ, and thankful for past loving kinding? May I not be permitted to live even in lead, whether his will may be indicated in the

> > SUNSHINY HUSBANDS

How little have I accomplished during the upon the wife to be a perpetual sunbeam in the Master! Was a single soul led, through my not be amiss. A cheerful atmosphere is imporinfluence, to see the error of his ways, and to tant to happy home life. It is hard for children conception of time originates if that of: Siden who will rise up in eternity, and call me blessed sant hail-storm of fault-finding from their parfor what I have done? Have I not the rather ents. It is very difficult for a wife to maintain to fear that some may have stumbled through a calm and charmingly sweet demeanor when her husband is critical or sullen, and takes all I would not thus pass another year! I would her tender efforts with indifferent appreciation. I know full well the air of polite amazement or lead some soul to thee, O my Saviour! Wilt amiable incredulity with which men receive the thou honor my labors, O thou Redeemer of the statement of a woman's opinion that in the home may bring back some of thy straying ones! partnership the wife, and not the husband, pulls the laboring oar. Still it is true that, let a man's business be ever so engrossing, ever so wearisome, ever so laborious, the mere fact he goes to it in the morning and returns from it at | sense. night sets him above his wife in ease and comfort. For him the slavery of routine has its nant, whereby all that I have, and am, and hope to be may be fully and freely thine — Dr. L. C. he has a change of scene daily, he sees people and hears them talk; and his home is distinctly his refuge and shelter. Let a wife and mother love her home and children with the most absolute, unswerving devotion, and serve them with the most unselfish fidelity, there are nevertheless times when she is very weary.

She knows better than anyone else the steps and the stitches, the same things done over and hurry, over, and the pettiness of the trials that come to nursery and kitchen. They are so insignificant that she is ashamed to talk about them, and I fear she sometimes forgets to tell her Saviour how hard they press her; and so, bearing her cross all alone, its weight becomes crushing. A sunshiny husband makes a merry, and renews her youth in the security she feels of his approbation and admiration. You may think it weak or childish, if you please, but is the admired wife—the wife who bears words of praise, and who receives smiles of commenda- have done for God, that, and only that, you are. tion-who is capable, discrete, and executive. Deeds never die. F. W. Robertson. body fairly bloom into strong, self-reliant womanhood under the tonic and the cordial com- volume of human life; only, torn by the hand panionship with a husband who really went of God, and annotated by His Spirit. - Dr. out of his way to find occasion for showing her Joseph Parker. how fully he trusted her judgment, and how tenderly he deterred to her opinion. In home there should be no jar, no striving for place, no always have more or less of excitement in them. insisting on prerogatives, or division of interest. God's works are calm and peaceful, both in nacheerful as it is hers to be patient; his right to bring joy into the door, as it is hers to swee, downward, that a man may have a hold on the and garnish the pleasant interior. A family truth intellectually, without its producing any where the daily walk of the father makes life a effect on his moral being .- J. C. Hare. festival is filled with heavenly benedictions,-

SEASONABLE WORDS. BY REV. J. ALDEN, D. D.

Ability to speak a words in season to him

that is weary is a great gift, one that should be earnestly sought. The wise man said, "A word ness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, poken in due season, how good !" Some words your heart; to your child, a good example; to a are always unseasonable. Foolish, frivolous, coarse, angry, unsympathizing words are never | will make her proud of you ; to yourself respect: in season, and hence should be avoided alto- to all men charity .- Mrs. Balfour. gether. Serious and wise words are not always in season. It requires some discernment to know when to speak them. When prompted by a loving, sympathizing heart, they will rarely be out of season. The occasions for seasonable speaking are so numerous that he who is desirous of doing will rarely find himself constrained hence with those which others have won from | wilderness Moses said to the Israelites, "Thou | Seasonable words are not confined to the sub-

shall remember all the way the Lord thy God ject of religion. We are to promote the tem-

queenly; her light and peace render beautiful. home with the girl, and found the children hud- business; men who have been toiling away at stances that have occurred to us. We have had word in season to one who is weary of a sinful ley, 'that was a lesson to me; silence is often dled in bed in a room without a fire. It was an unattained invention; men and women who many disappointments. Some of our cherished life, to the awakened sinner. Such a friend is the best answer to abuse."

She had given her heart to Christ and time and evil ways. They will have success, or recogni- we are Christians, then we have had obstacles and sympathize with suffering in every form. effort, strength and money, followed as mere tion, or opportunity, or unlooked-for sympathy in our Christian course, we have had unpleasant Such a one will sympathize with Christ in His accessories to the gift. For Ethel she obtained a place to take care of children during the early part of the day, so that she could return home in time to be with her brothers when school was out.

Such a one will sympathize with Christ in His during the early will receive the welcome and the forgiveness of the returning prodigal. Then all that has appeared to be against them until now will have passed away; and they will find how little cause able to us, we should not forget the fact that eloquence of Demosthenes is the power of speak-

AN ABIDING CHRIST.

There is nothing the soul needs so much as this. A Christ that is always in the heart. which came in our way. He has preserved us The great trouble is Christ is forgotten, is left from numerous dangers to which we have been in the background until the time for prayer or service arrives, till trouble or perplexity comes. then we call upon him. Though he is ready to answer in some way when we are in earnest, yet this is not what we want, or as it should be Christ should always be present in our hearts, ment, and in the fullness of time, it was carried not merely an invited guest for a season, but one who has come to dwell with us forever. If we are in sorrow, then he is there with his comfort. If we are in perplexity, he is there to way by which God could be "just, and the guide us through the darkness into the light of day. Whatever the trouble may be, Jesus will The results of this love have been with each of lighten it. What a friend Christ is! He never us during the past year. There has been an neglects us, though we are so unmindful of him, ample provision for all our spiritual wants. We he never wearies in doing wa good, and best of have had the Bible, the Sabbath, the preaching of the gornel the social services of the church. family worship, and religious literature. If in him with us always, and to be so intimate with him, that we can lay before him all our plans , joyed, there has been the opportunity in common and purposes, and have his wisdom to direct us. of years, and lo! its observance is growing wider How many hearts keep him waiting without?

be able in this life to attain to this great bless- ness manifested, should resolve henceforth to AS GOOD AS IF THEY WERE OLD. Truth advertised for an original proverb. Many hundreds were sent in. Here are some

A white lie often makes a black story. It's a poor musician who can't blow his own He who would eat the egg must first break

Every back has its pack. The man who wishes to continue believing in his friends should never put them to the

Pens and ink out of reach avoid many a Look after your wife; never mind yourself,

she'll look after you. The present is the child of the past and the The want of money is the root of much evil. Egotism is an alphabet with one letter.

If you'd know a man's character, follow him Better a line of sense than a page of non

Men love women, women love a man. The surest road to honor is to deserve it. Only whisper scandal, and its echo is heard

It's not the clock with the loudest tick that Sighs are poor things to fly with. Home is the rainbow of life. Don't complain of the baker until you have

They who live in a worry invite death to When girls grow fond the men abscond.

RANDOM READINGS.

Trust not so much to the comforts of God as to the God of comforts. There is nothing so well meant but it may be ill interpreted .- Patrick.

imbibe information; if not, impart.

He who mistrusts humanity is quite as often deceived as he who trusts men, -Richter. Through ages, through eternity, what you

Study your company. If they are superiors,,

The Bible is a page torn out of the great

Men's works even in their most perfect form,

It has been seen from the days of Balaam

I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for that day. -A. Lincoln.

The best thing to give your enemy is forgivefather, deference; to your mother, conduct that

We doubt the word that tells us, Ask, And ye shall have your prayer; We turn our thought as to a task, With will constrained and rare;

And yet we have ! These scanty prayers Yield gold without alloy. O, God, but he that trusts and dares. Must have a boundless joy!
—George MacDonald.

John Wesley one day remarked to Dr. Adam to those who are in danger are always in sea- fist and stamping her foot at her imperturbable