

LESSONS OF TEMPTATION.

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That was a very evil bargain which Esau made with Jacob about his birthright, as Esau found out when it was too late. Backward sight is always better than forward sight. Bargains of just such a nature are being made by men and women every day, and big with the same bad consequences. That evil bargain has taught me two lessons of temptation. They are these:—

Every human weakness has its hour of temptation, and the critical temptation to make an evil bargain will strike us precisely in that part of our nature where we are the weakest.

Jacob was the sort of man who could have stood hunger vastly better than Esau. It is almost impossible to conceive of a temptation like this making much impression on him. He would never barter a real advantage for a little food. It was not in his make to do it. It did not belong to his disposition. He could be tempted, as he was—and there he could yield most sadly, as he did—on the side of his cupidity, of his avarice of his determination to seize the main chance. But he could not be tempted on the more sensual and physical side of faintness and of hunger. He did not live chiefly in that realm. It was not so hard for him to keep his body under, because he did not have so much of a body as Esau had.

But Esau is the very child of the sensual. He is most body, and least mind. He is immersed in the senses. He likes nothing better than the exciting hunt upon the mountain side. He revels in a mere physical enjoyment; the play of the physical senses is his delight. And so hunger, physical inconvenience, would be a much more tormenting thing to him, than it ever could have been to Jacob.

As it was with Esau, so it is with everyone. The critical temptation will strike precisely in that part of the nature which is weakest. If the devil ever gets you into the making of an evil moral bargain he will build his counter, and swing his scales right there; over against that side of which you are the weakest.

Double guard, then, that point with watchfulness and prayer. If you are passionate, guard there. If you are constitutionally tricky, guard there. If you are stingy, give until it hurts you, guard there. If you are indolent, guard there. If you are procrastinating, guard there. If you are impatient of details, set yourself about details; guard there. If you are unspiritual, be determined to become spiritual; guard there. If you are brooding and melancholy, force yourself to look upon the brighter side; guard there. The devil will never ash where there are no fish to bite. As Esau went down on his weakest side you will go down on yours, if you go down at all: which may God forbid.

Here is another lesson. That you may be safe from evil bargains, beware of the "Tyranny of the Present."

In Esau's case, much of the advantage belonging to his birthright was in the future. Into the inheritance, the government, the priesthood, he could not enter unless his father should have died. All was promised him, but he could not possess it now. The substantial birthright was beyond; it was chiefly a shadowy birthright which was in the present.

But there was something in the present which was very real. That unsuccessful hunt was in the present. That mess of pottage which Jacob was preparing was in the present. Its savory smell was in the present.

And over against these, far off in the distance, and draped in mists because of the distance, were the emoluments of his birthright.

And when Jacob, the cunning and mean-souled, had no pity for his brother's weariness and hunger, but would only sell that which he should have given; and when he named for price but those far-away and apparently unreal things, the Present overmastered and overswept the Future, and Esau made his bargain. The Present captured him, and then, in this allowing himself to be made the slave of the To-day, he lost his kingship over the To-morrow.

It is the old question which must reappear so constantly; which must reappear so long as men and women are thrust into probationary lives: the question between the Now and the Then, between the Here and the Hereafter. This question meets life at its threshold; it stay with life until the last earthly breath is drawn.

What will you be; a grand true man or woman, strong in character, lifted in life, fixed in faith; like Abraham, the friend of God, like John, the beloved disciple, like Paul, the Christian warrior like Master, anxious but to do the Father's will? Then you cannot eat the present pottage of self-gratification, of indulgence in hungry sin.

What will you do: something worthy of yourself, something beneficent towards others, something that

shall make your life in this desert world what the shade of the seventy palms and the springs of water were to the tired Israelites at Elim? Then you cannot eat the present pottage of indolence, and carelessness, and misuse of time, and thoughtlessness of opportunity, and of craving selfishness.

Where will you go? for go somewhere you must. These swiftly-passing years are pushing you to some goal; the end, the consummation of your life is nearer than it ever was before. Where will you go? To heaven? To its peace, to its purity, to its sinlessness, to its Christ? Then you cannot eat the present pottage of irreligion, of prayerlessness, of refusal of right being and of right doing by the power of the Holy Spirit; then you cannot eat the present pottage of the willing feeding of your soul on sin. "And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth."

If only there were not so many like Esau; if only there were not so many so eager to barter all that is best and highest in two worlds for the pottage of the moment.

SILVER MINES OF GLOUCESTER.

(From the Moncton Times.)

Considerable interest has been excited of late by the reports of mining operations carried on or contemplated near Bathurst by several companies which had quietly secured certain tracts of Government land and organized for work under the Provincial Incorporation Act. It was known that a mining license covering a desirable tract of land had been so sharply competed for, when offered by auction at Fredericton; that the Government had realized therefor the large sum of three thousand three hundred dollars, the bidders being North Shore men who were supposed to be well informed respecting the value of the deposits they sought to secure. So great an advance on the upset price of a mining license (twenty dollars) seemed to indicate that in the judgment of the bidders the property promised to be of great value, and that impression was deepened by the further report that the sale of stock in the only company that had offered any was stopped by the order of the Directors with a view to increasing the price of the unsold shares. We therefore thought it advisable to send a member of our staff to headquarters to ascertain the facts for the information of our readers. The result of the enquiries made leave no doubt that very rich silver ore has been discovered in Gloucester, and that the prospect of finding the mineral in large quantities is exceedingly good. We trust that this will prove to be the case and that the enterprise of the gentlemen who are now prospecting will be rewarded with success equal to their most sanguine anticipations.

SILVER ORE

was discovered in the bed of a small stream named Nigadoo early this summer by Robert Ellis, Esq., surveyor, who at once brought a specimen to James Hickson, Esq., of Bathurst, a gentleman who had considerable knowledge of minerals. Mr. Hickson thought it valuable, as also did his brother, Rev. Edward Hickson of St. John, who also has given much attention to such subjects. These gentlemen resolved to secure a grant of the land containing the deposit. They succeeded in doing so without arousing suspicion as to their objects, thus obtaining the property at a nominal price. They then associated with themselves Messrs J. H. Harding, of St. John, and John Ellis of Bathurst, and the five soon became incorporated under the Act of New Brunswick, by the name of the Nigadoo Silver Mining Company, the capital stock being fixed at \$150,000 (30,000 shares at \$5 each) and headquarters at Bathurst. They were able to organize on the 2nd August last, when James Hickson, Esq., was chosen President, Rev. Edward Hickson, Treasurer, and Edward Hickson Jr., Secretary. At the same time Mr. H. H. Seecombe was employed as manager, and preparation was made for immediate active operations. Some eight or ten men have since been employed sinking a shaft a few rods from the bed of the creek, and they have now reached a depth of about 25 feet. Twenty thousand shares in the capital stock were allotted to the corporators (4000 to each) for their interest in the property, and it was resolved to sell a portion of the whole of the remaining ten thousand shares at \$2 each for a working capital. Some six thousand shares were quickly disposed of when the Directors thought it advisable to discontinue the sale with a view to increasing the price. Meanwhile samples of the ore were sent to Professor Burwash of Sackville, and Professor Bartlett, State-Assayer of Maine, for analysis. Two lots were sent to Professor Burwash, one in June and another in August. The first lot contained—

Lead, 613 lbs. to ton of 2000 lbs. Silver, 31.1 oz to ton of lead. Gold, slight traces. The second lot, assayed Aug. 8, yielded: Lead, 71 per cent. or 1420 lbs to ton. Silver, 35 per cent, ounces troy to ton of ore; nearly 50 ounces to ton lead; value \$119 per ton. The assay by Professor Bartlett (August 15th) showed following results: Gold, 1 pennyweight, value \$.51 Silver, 72.67 ounces troy " 81.39 Lead, 60.75 per cent " 60.75

Total value of a ton of ore \$141.65 These results were naturally highly satisfactory and well fitted to establish confidence in the mine. The consequence has been that the Nigadoo Company has moved quietly along, developing their property and manifesting no disposition to sell stock until the necessities of the enterprise demand more money. They have now a shaft sunk 25 feet, and the managers reports of the indications at different points are very encouraging. The Nigadoo people are, therefore, not only hopeful but sanguine; indeed they seem to have no doubt at all that they have a most valuable property.

THE GLOUCESTER SILVER MINING COMPANY

was organized on the 10th September instant under the Company's Incorporation Act of New Brunswick. The corporators are ten in number, each with equal interest, and the stock has been fixed at \$250,000; 50,000 shares at \$5 each. This gives 6000 share to each of the fortunate ten and the best of it is that it is paid up stock. However, a working capital is a necessity and to obtained this the company has authorized 5000 shares to be sold at \$3 each. These are being rapidly disposed of. In this company the stock is "pooled," sales are being made for the benefit of all, and no individual member being at liberty to dispose of his shares at his own pleasure. The Gloucester S. M. Co. consists of R. R. Call, Newcastle, President; J. Sadler, Chatham, Vice President; Wm. A. Kicksou, James Hickson, Bathurst, Edw. Hickson, St. John, Edward Hickson, Jr., Bathurst, John Ellis, Bathurst, John Adams, New York, and Samuel Adams, Leadville, Colorado, Manager.

The last named gentleman is lately from Leadville, Colorado, where he is said to have been exceedingly fortunate, and where he must have learned much that will be useful in developing the mines of Gloucester, being similar in many respects to those of Leadville. The two Messrs. Adams are Miramichi boys and brothers of the Surveyor-General.

In addition to the Nigadoo and Gloucester companies, both organized, and now actively at work, there is another body of men who have secured mining licenses covering the whole of Gloucester and part of Restigouche. We understand that this Company is composed of the members of the Gloucester Company and one or two others. It was this Company (not yet incorporated) which paid \$3,350 for a mining license as before stated. A mining license gives the right to search for minerals for one year. When so located the party has the right to carry on mining operations for 20 years.

The mines are situated about 16 miles from Bathurst in a north-westerly direction. The vein runs nearly east and west, but how far in either direction is uncertain. Where the Nigadoo Company is working the vein is 8 feet wide and bounded at each side by smooth, perpendicular walls of slate, and the supposition is that the ore descends to a great depth. The time at our disposal did not permit a visit to the mines, the roads at present being exceedingly bad, but the fullest information was supplied by the Rev. Mr. Hickson and others.

RESOLUTION

Passed Unanimously by the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, at its last Annual Meeting, in Yarmouth, August 22rd, 1881.

"Whereas, A work on the history of the Baptist Denomination of the Maritime Provinces, by the Rev. I. E. Bill, D.D., referred to in a resolution passed by Convention last year, has been completed, and is now offered to the public for sale.

"Therefore Resolved, That we place upon record our conviction, that this work,—replete with information concerning our various denominational operations, and prepared by a brother, who has been intimately associated with the persons and the events of which he writes, for a period of more than Fifty years, must prove exceedingly valuable to our ministers and churches; and we would repeat the recommendation that the members of the churches should aid in the circulation of the work."

In accordance with the above resolution, permit me, dear brethren of

the ministry, and of the churches, to solicit your kindly co-operation in placing this HISTORY in every Baptist family of these Provinces.

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