

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. APRIL 29, 1883.

PETER WORKING MIRACLES.

1.—In his visitation, Peter came to Lydia, a few miles from Joppa. Here he found Eneas, so paralyzed that he had been confined to bed for eight years. Whether he was a Christian or not we are not told; but the narrative seems almost to assume that he was. As in the case of the lame man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, there is no mention of his own faith in connection with his cure, but it is implied. When Peter said, "Eneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed," it was through an exercise of faith that he arose immediately. The command given implied the preparation of Peter to obey it, and in the faithful effort to obey, the power was found, and the cure effected. The spiritual analogies are very important. God commands us to do many things spiritually, for the doing which we are in ourselves as helpless as the paralytic on his sick bed when told to arise, or the man with a withered hand when told to stretch it out. But the command implies the communication of the power, and if we believably make the effort to obey we shall find that the needed power is imparted. This miracle led to the conversion of many people in the place.

2.—While Peter was remaining to direct this good work, a sad event occurred in the neighboring town of Joppa. A Christian woman, "a full of good works and aims deeds," had died. Her special work of love was making garments for the poor, and from this fact modern societies having the same object in view have received the name of Dorcas societies. Christian benevolence has taken many new forms, such as flower missions, shell missions, etc., all good in their place, but charitable Christian ladies must not allow themselves to be diverted from the old work of making garments for the poor. There is danger of this from the neglect of plain sewing in what are called respectable families. If Tabitha had not learned to sew she would not have been able to make those garments which have immortalized her name. But whether our charitable actions take the same form as those of Dorcas or not, her example all young people should keep before them. In the distress occasioned by her death we see how she was beloved, and learn that to be thoughtful about others is the way to make ourselves beloved. No weeping widows and orphans gather about the abode in which any person dies dead whose life had been spent only in selfish pursuits. Even if we have not much to give away, and are not able to do much, it is possible to show that our hearts are sympathetic towards all needy or in trouble, and in various little ways to manifest a kindly thoughtfulness, which cannot fail to win the affections of those towards whom it is manifested.

The Christians at Joppa knew that Peter was at Lydda, and sent "desiring that he would not delay to come to them." We incline to the belief that the recovery of Eneas must have suggested the thought that perhaps Peter would bring their beloved friend back to life. If so, faith on their part was fully rewarded. He was taken to the upper chamber in which the body of this good woman was laid out for burial, and the widows gathered round him weeping and showing the garments she had made. These must have been garments not yet presented to those for whom they were intended. It is ingeniously suggested by Dean Plumtree that these widows were not recipients of her charity, but fellow-workers in a sisterhood or society of which she was the head. If this were so it puts a different complexion on their grief, which, according to the more common interpretation, lies under the suspicion of being chiefly caused by the prospect of getting no more garments. Peter caused the room to be cleared, that he might be left alone with the dead.

Why did he direct all who were present to withdraw? (1) He followed the example of his Master in the case of the daughter of Jairus; (2) he may have perceived that some were governed by an idle curiosity; (3) he could more fully engage in prayer alone; (4) he did not yet know whether it was the Lord's will to restore the deceased woman's life. Hence he desired to be alone with the Lord, in order to make known to Him the request of the disciples. Having prayed, Peter was no longer any doubt as to what to do. He said to the dead woman, "Tabitha, arise," as he had said similar words to the living man, the only difference being that in the case of Eneas he referred the miracle directly to the power of Jesus Christ, while in this case there was no practical use in doing so. Life came back to the dead form at his words, and he presented her alive to his friends. The result was that, as at the other place, there was a great increase of converts to the faith of Christ.—Abridged from the W. M. S. Mag.

How glorious it will be for us to have a sunset to the world in order to have a sunrise to Christ; to close our eyes to the world to open them on Him.

THE KITCHEN HOT-BED.

It is a trifling matter, but one well worth remembering, that for most farmers' gardens it scarcely needs a hot-bed to bring forth seeds of tender vegetables or flowers, if they can have at hand a good kitchen range. A few dozen plants is generally all that is wanted, and a square foot or so of earth in a box will give all the plants one is likely to want in the vegetable way; and a similar one for flowers. Seeds do not need light to sprout; indeed, good gardeners think that light is a disadvantage. All they need is heat and moisture, and this they can get in a slow oven, or by a warm range, as well as anywhere. Of course as soon as the young leaves appear they must have light. Then the boxes can be moved to the windows or to some sheltered place in the open air. All this has to be done gradually. Every one knows how hard are sudden changes of temperature to the human system, and it is just as bad to plants. The best thing is to put them under a sash in the open air, if one has it. By the time the seeds have been sprouted in this artificial way, it is generally so far on into the season that very little protection is enough to take care of the plants. In this way one can have things several weeks ahead of time in the ordinary way of doing things, and at little cost or trouble; and this is a great advantage to those of small means.

USEFUL HINTS.

The soil of the front garden should be rich; and manure, ashes and fertilizers need to be applied freely, when most convenient.

Strong, healthy, young trees, two years old, are the best to plant. The stems must be protected with long grass or split corn stalks.

The Scientific American warns people against using ice taken from ponds of impure water. Freezing does not kill the noxious germs so inimical to health.

The Lancet concludes that the sewers must not be ventilated by street gratings, but only by pipes reaching above the houses, so that the gases may mingle with the higher strata of the atmosphere.

In a recent lecture on "Luxury," Prof. Blackie pronounced the modern dinner "a magnificent spread of animalism and an admirable call to self-denial." He declared himself no ascetic, but advised his audience to say "no" to every second dish.

Dr. Blackwood, in a paper on minor dyspepsia, read before the Philadelphia Medical Society states that a good deal of the malaria so fashionable with the clerical fraternity and the laity is only one of the forms of indigestion.

Dr. George E. Walton denies the remedial value of the climate of Florida for Northern invalids, especially those afflicted with pulmonary troubles. In a Popular Science Monthly article he advises consumptives to keep away from there on account of the warm, humid, relaxing, enervating character of the atmospheric conditions.

Dr. Frank Hamilton, in the Popular Science Monthly, insists that safety lies alone in open fire-places, stationary wash-bowls, and the banishment of all sewer connection to an out-building entirely separated from the living rooms. Authorities are quoted to prove that no plumbing can exclude sewer gas, and that no traps can be considered safe. Dr. Hamilton insists that typhoid fever, diphtheria, scarlatina, and the general weakness and prostration which fill of so many city dwellers are all traceable to sewer emanations.

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We call the attention of our lady readers to the advertisement in our columns of Jas. Pyle's Balm, for laundry and kitchen purposes. An article so popular and widely circulated must possess merits that command it to the favor of housekeepers. April 6th.

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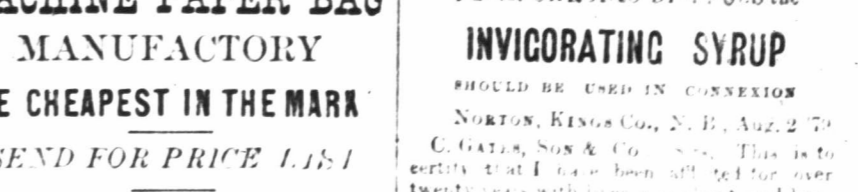
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