

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

FEBRUARY 12.

CHRIST'S FOES AND FRIENDS.— MARK 3. 20-35.

It is tolerably clear that St. Mark's meaning is, that he returned home, that is to Peter's house at Capernaum. That was where the Son of Man made His home, so far as He can be said to have had one. No sooner did His presence become known than the multitude began to gather again, and intended upon their privacy to such an extent that they could not so much as eat bread.

Some think that his kinsmen simply meant that He was beside Himself in such continuous public exertions, not taking proper time for rest and refreshment, and that their intention was simply to urge Him by friendly remonstrances to take more care of Himself. Others put the harsher interpretation upon the words, and understand them to mean that they considered Him mad (Acts xxvii. 24, 25); and sought to restrain Him by force from continuing such an insane career. We are disposed to think the latter interpretation the correct one. What Jesus said to Paul expresses the world's verdict on all such cases. And Paul's reply is the true one to all such cases. What appears madness to them, is truth and soberness looked at in the right light. It was natural that Jesus should come under this reproach as well as others.

2.—If His relations said He was mad, the Scribes had something worse to say. They accused Him of being Himself devil-possessed, and working His miracles by Satanic means. These scribes appear to have been a deputation sent down from Jerusalem to endeavor to counteract his growing influence. They did not venture to say this to Himself, but whispered it about among the people. Jesus, however, on this, as on other occasions, "knew their thoughts" (xii. 25), and He called them to Him, to reply to their calumny. This reply is noteworthy and significant. Ver. 23.—"How can Satan cast out Satan?" This does not mean—How can one Satan cast out another Satan? but, how can Satan cast out himself? "When the Saviour says can. He does not refer to physical ability; he is referring however to a certain kind of moral ability, so-called—to ability inter-related to consistency of demeanor. How could it be consistent in Satan to cast out Satan?"

Ver. 24-26. He here shows the absurdity of such a supposition. If Satan were to attempt such a thing, he would be subverting the order of his own kingdom, introducing discord and confusion into his own household. A kingdom, or house, the members, agents, and emissaries of which were thus pulling opposite ways, could not possibly stand. However cleverly such a design might be conceived and carried out, it must compass its own defeat. In ver. 27, Jesus declares that the purpose of His mission to this world was to enter into this domain of Satan, overpower and bind him, and destroy his whole kingdom and establishment (1 John iii. 8).

Ver. 28-30. Jesus shows the enormity of the offence the scribes had committed. They had attributed the miracles which He wrought by Divine power, under the plenary influence of the Holy Ghost, to Satanic influence. This was a blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, which could never be forgiven. It is the only exception to the Divine provisions and offers of forgiveness in the Gospel—the only unpardonable sin. It is so because it involves a willful and determined rejection of the truth, which shows that those guilty of it have hardened themselves into a state which places them beyond all remedial influences. People who are anxious about their souls sometimes get into a desponding state, and are very much troubled with the fear that they have committed some unpardonable sin. It therefore cannot be too clearly explained that there is only one unpardonable sin, and the nature of that is so distinctly set forth by Jesus Christ, that there can be no mistake about it; and it is a sin which those who are thus troubled in their consciences cannot have committed. The very passage which specifies the one sin for which there is no forgiveness, says that "All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men," excepting that one.

3.—It would seem as though His relatives having failed in their former attempt to restrain Him from the course He was pursuing, now induced His mother to accompany them. Her intention could only have been kind; she, at any rate, understood Him and His mission sufficiently not to be misled; and, therefore, we must suppose that the present design was only that of kindly remonstrance as to His excessive toil. But he could not permit himself to be diverted from the accomplishment of His mission by mere natural ties. And thus He replied as He did. This reply, while it repudiated kinship with those who refused to believe in Him, takes into the closest spiritual relationship, any and all human beings who receive his teachings. Every one of us may be as near and dear to the heart of Jesus as a brother, or sister, or mother; and He will be to us "a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother."—Abridged from Sunday-school Magazine.

Christianity is the true citizenship of the world; and universal peace, and the free exchange of all lands and tributes of their several peculiar goods and gifts, are possible only as all are grouped around, and united by, the cross of a common Redeemer and the hope of a common heaven.—William B. Williams.

VENTILATION OF BED ROOMS.

If a man were deliberately to shut himself for some six or eight hours daily in a stuffy room, with closed doors and windows, (the doors not being opened even to change the air during the period of incarceration,) and were then to complain of headache and debility, he would justly be told that his own want of intelligent foresight was the cause of his suffering. Nevertheless, this is what the great mass of people do every night of their lives, with no thought of their imprudence. There are few bedrooms in which it is perfectly safe to pass the night without something more than ordinary precautions to secure an inflow of fresh air. Every sleeping apartment should, of course, have a fire-place with an open chimney, and in cold weather it is well if the grate contains a small fire, at least enough to create an upcast current to carry off the vitiated air of the room. In all such cases, however, when a fire is used, it is necessary to see that the air drawn into the room comes from the outside of the house. By an easy mistake it is possible to place the occupant of a bedroom with a fire in a closed house in a direct current of foul air drawn from all parts of the establishment. Summer and winter, with or without the use of fires, it is well to have a free ingress for pure air. This should be the ventilator's first concern. Foul air will find an exit if pure air is admitted in sufficient quantity, but it is not certain that pure air will be drawn away. So far as sleeping rooms are concerned, it is wise to let in air from without. The aim must be to accomplish the object without causing a great fall of temperature or a draught. The windows may be drawn down an inch or two at the top with advantage, and a fold of muslin will form a "ventilator" to take off the feeling of draught. This, with an open fire-place, will generally suffice, and produce no unpleasant consequences, even when the weather is cold. It is, however, essential that the air outside should be pure. Little is likely to be gained by letting in a fog, or even a town mist.—Lancet.

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Save the soot that falls from the chimneys. A pint of soot to a pailful of water will make a liquid manure of the greatest value for flowers and plants of all kinds.

For acid poisons give alkalis; for alkaline poisons, give acids; white of egg is good in most cases; in case of opium poisoning, give strong coffee and keep moving.

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Make your homes pleasant. So many farmers' homes are bare of all that has a tendency to make life pleasant that it is a wonder how the boys and girls stay in them as long as they do. What good does the farmer expect to gain from hoarded wealth? He need not expend very much in making his home cheerful. A few dollars will buy pictures which will make the walls bright, and give sunshine when the sky is overcast. A few dollars will buy papers and books from which food for the mind can be obtained, and every man ought to be as glad to see the minds of his children growing and expanding as he is to see the development of their physical system.

INFORMATION.

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