

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

SEPT. 9, 1883.

RUTH AND NAOMI

They lifted up their voice—Naomi and her two daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth. Orpah's decision did not involve any going back at all. They were still in Moab, so that not going was equivalent to remaining behind. Orpah might have stood still on the spot weeping, and looking wistfully after the retreating figures of her sister and mother-in-law, but that would have been just as plain a decision for Moab and against God. Ruth chose—Expressing her resolution in action, as Orpah had expressed hers. Return thou after—Naomi must dissuade in order that Ruth might freely, under no pressure but that of her own love, accept Israel's God and people. And Ruth said—If we consider her sex, a woman, her nation, a Moabite, one may boldly pronounce of her what our Saviour did of the centurion: "Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great a faith, no not in Israel." Entreat me not—Naomi and her house have made Israel also appear lovely in the eyes of Ruth. Who would not wish to go to a people whose sole known representatives were so amiable as Naomi and her family. There will I be buried—Naomi and she having joined souls, she desires they may mingle dust in hopes of rising together, and being together forever in the other world.

All the city was moved—Bethlehem was a small town. (Micah 5, 2) and in such villages, and especially in an age when there were no newspapers, mails, etc., every event flew quickly abroad by the communications of friend to friend. Probably Naomi had been known widely and favorably in the place. The statement that the town was moved is introduced for its bearing on the future narrative. See chap. 2, 11-12. Is this Naomi—Moab ever leaves its mark. God heals the wounds of backsliding, but leaves the scars, that may they admonish us and others. Naomi—Mara—the meaning of Naomi is pleasant, sweet, to which she opposes what she calls a more appropriate name for her in her present circumstances. Call me Mara that is bitter. Exod. 15, 23. Naomi manifestly intends, by these and the following words to inform the inhabitants of Bethlehem of her fortunes. I am no longer the old Naomi, for what of happiness I possessed I have lost. I have no more anything that is pleasant about me; my life, like asaly, bitter spring, is without flavor or felicity. I went out—the Lord hath brought me home—She says, "I went away, and Jehovah hath brought me home again." With that one word she gives vent to her sorrow that in those times of famine she forsook her people, although she herself was happy. What an evil thing it is to follow one's own will when that will is not directed by the commandments of God! Man goes, but God brings home.

Ruth the Moabitess was undoubtedly one of the first fruits of the ingathering of the Gentiles into the Church of Christ, and so an evidence of God's gracious purpose in Christ. Also to the Gentiles to grant repentance unto life; and the important evangelical lesson is as plainly taught in her case as in that of Cornelius, "that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth God, and worketh righteousness is accepted of him." The great doctrine of divine grace is also forcibly taught by the admission of Ruth, the Moabitess, among the ancestry of our Lord Jesus Christ. The glimpses of ancient life in the future town of David and of Christ are full of interest. Then, as now, its single street ran along the double crest of the white chalk ridge 2,500 feet above the sea; its slopes terraced into hanging gardens, with rows of olives and vines; a pleasant valley lying underneath on three sides, musical with the sound of brooks, though its eastern end is almost touched by the terrible wilderness of Judah. This sunny breadth, when Ruth's story opens is yellow with ripe barley, and rich with tall green wheat that will be golden ere long. The harvest is reaped by men, but the sheaves are bound by maidens. Life is still simple, and the well-to do Boaz courteously greets his work people as he comes to them, and is as politely greeted in return.

A FRUIT CELLAR.

Ten years ago we constructed a fruit cellar under our cellar, and it proved so satisfactory that we venture to give a brief description of it. The division walls are constructed of brick, and the apartments are two in number, an outer and an inner room. The outer room is but partially under ground, and is ten by twelve feet in area and eight feet high. The inner room is wholly under ground and frost-proof; it has four brick walls and a cemented floor. In this room the fruit is stored early in December, when the weather becomes cold. The outer room holds the fruit during the autumn months after it is gathered, and is cool, well lighted and dry. The windows are left open and a free circulation of air allowed, so long as no danger from frost exists. When the fruit is taken to the inner room the door is closed and no light is admitted. Ventilation is secured in moderate weather by opening the inner door and throwing down a window in the outer room. In this cellar we kept apples of last season's growth until the present winter in perfect condition. Some of these apples, exhibited at the autumnal agri-

cultural fairs, were pronounced as fresh as those of last season's growth. —Journal of Chemistry.

A FEW SHEEP.

We believe that every owner of a moderately sized farm might find the keeping of a small flock of any one of the mutton breeds a matter of small expense and of fair profit. They will eat and trim up weeds, brush, and other rough places. In the winter they will run in the yard with young stock. As gleaners of grain fields after harvest they will pay in mutton for all the scattered grain left. Mr. A. R. Whitney, of Franklin Grove, claims that a flock of sheep in an orchard is the best protection from the ravages of the coding moth, as they will eat every wormy apple which drops before the grub has time to leave it and develop into a miller, and propagate its kind, and that they will pay for their keeping for this purpose alone with every farmer who has an orchard. If the ewes are bred so as to drop their lambs early, say in February, and are provided with warm quarters, the lambs will, in May, as spring lambs, bring more than their mothers will sell for. If a farmer is living remote from town or a meat market, a fat lamb or wether to kill occasionally will help to give variety to the diet, and be appreciated by every member of the family. —Farmer's Review.

USEFUL HINTS.

To wash velvet:—Wash in cold water and do not wring; but shake thoroughly, spread on the line as much as possible; when partially dry take down and shake again.

Sheep thrive best with a change of pasture. If there are two fields devoted to the flock, it is best to let the stock feed alternately upon them, thus giving fresh cropping all the time.

A good way to warm over cold boiled potatoes is first to chop them, not to fry; heat some butter in a frying-pan, and put the potatoes in. Just a few minutes before taking them from the fire stir in some well-beaten eggs. Serve hot.

Small evergreens, or, in fact, any kind of trees, may be moved at any time, with care to disturb the roots as little as possible and to keep them well supplied with water. May and June and September are perhaps the best months to move evergreens.

There is an advantage in growing some kinds of trees from seed planted where the tree is expected to remain. The peach tree is longer lived if never transplanted, and it budded at one year old will soon get into bearing. A few varieties of peaches reproduce themselves from the pit.

All kinds of herbs, sweet and medicinal, should be gathered when in blossom and dried in the shade without heat. It is best to tie them in bunches by the stalks, and hang them in an airy dark loft or attic until they are dry, then put them in paper bags and return them to the same place in a dry closet.

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Jas. Lavoille, Springfield, Annapolis Co., 1883. Mar 2 1m

Belleville, Kings Co., N. B. July 9th, 1886

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