

made me taste it, and I said, "That is right good," and I ate it all. (Laughter.) If it had not been that I was drawn to it, I should not have touched it. Some people say, "I do not understand how to study the Bible; it is a book that I have no interest in." Now, if we can by these lesson leaves induce people to study, even if they take them by themselves, and use nothing but the lesson leaves, I think after a while they will give them such a taste for this delicious substance God has provided for us, that they will be led to study the Bible. I remember one time the Bible was dry to me, but now it is the most beautiful thing in the world. I used to think, what is the use of the Psalms? They are good enough to sing when people are pleased to sing a hymn; but I used to think David had a bad liver, and got very despondent sometimes, and used to groan out his desperation through the Psalms. But, I tell you, when I realized it, I found it was a book of experience, and that he, whose experience is related there, came out of such a life as this world has probably never seen, a man who rose from a shepherd boy to be a king, and a man who fell from the highest position probably which any man could attain to. God passed the highest encomium on David that was ever passed on any man; He said he was a man after His own heart, and he fell from that position to be a miserable adulterer and murderer; and a man who has gone through such an experience as that can tell his experience. I once heard a man say to another: "Get up and tell your experience;" the other man said, "I have not any; I have just been converted;" but a while after he said, "I have been such a time in the service now that I have experience which I can tell," and he related his experience. I took the Psalms up and read them from that standpoint, and they were a new light to me. I believe teachers should take the Bible and read over the lesson themselves. First get on your knees and pray, "Oh, Lord, thou who art the Author of this Word, open mine eyes that I may see the wonderful things in it." Then read over the lesson, read over the context, read all about it. Then get your own thoughts out as far as you can. We need help and assistance. There are some men like Henry Ward Beecher was, and like Talmage, perhaps, or some others, that get up a sermon on a very short study, and give utterance to wonderful thoughts and thrilling sentences; but they are very few. As a general thing, you have to study it, and plod it out, and call in the assistance of others; but Beecher did not, I suppose, call in the assistance of many others; as a general thing, he would not have to borrow from others; and I consider that we can adopt anything that a man gets that is worth anything in this world, along the line of religion particularly. I always do it. I might be considered a plagiarist, if I was a minister, but, as I am not, I suppose I can use what I please. I know of no greater borrower than Moody is in this world. Anything you hear that is good, use it. I heard a man get up one day and actually give a speech I had given, and I gave him