

pondence at once. Address letters to the Bishop of Moosonee, care Canon Empson, Synod Hall, Montreal, as I hope to be in Montreal, or within reach of that city and Toronto, from about the middle of June till the end of August. Trusting I shall find many applications awaiting me, and that my only difficulty will be in deciding on the best, and thanking you for this opportunity, I remain, yours sincerely and hopefully,  
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## Family Reading.

### How Pussy was Saved a Whipping.

Dear pussy, I love you, and I's your true friend  
'Cause I saved you a whippin' to-day,  
When cook missed her custard, and every one said  
It was puss that had stole it away.  
You know you are naughty sometimes, pussy dear,  
So in course you got blamed, an'—all that!  
An' cook took a stick an' she clared she would beat  
The thief out that mizzable cat.  
But I—didn't feel comfort'ble down in my heart,  
So I saved you the whippin', you see,  
'Cause I went to mamma, an' telled her I 'spect  
She'd better tell cook to whip me,  
'Cause the custard was stole by a bad little girl  
Who felt drefely sorry with shame.  
An' it wouldn't be fair to whip pussy, in course,  
When that bad little girl was to blame!  
"Was it my little girlie?" my dear mamma said,  
I felt drefely scared, but I nodded my head,  
An' then mamma laughed.  
"Go find nurse, for I guess  
There's some custard to wash off a little girl's  
dress."  
Well, then, 'course they knew  
It was I, an' not you,  
Who stole all the custard an' then ran away.  
But it's best to be true  
In the things that we do,  
An'—that's how I saved you a spankin' to-day.

### Prayer.

Every one who desires to be lifted into the sweet, warm atmosphere of communion with Christ must use the wings of fervent prayer. Those who make it their business to battle down besetting sins, and to build themselves up in Bible holiness, cannot make headway without constant laying hold of the promises of divine strength. Prayer keeps us in the love of Jesus; and while keeping in that warm, pure, healthy atmosphere, we find that praying has wonderful power. Jesus told His disciples that if they would only abide in His love they might ask what they would "and it shall be done unto you!" Then, my good friend, do you want to be happy? Do you want to have power with God and peace with yourself? Do you want to get some instalment of Heaven in advance? There is only one sure way, and that is to live in the light-giving, warmth-giving sunshine of your Saviour's love.

### March, April, May.

Are the months in which to give especial attention to the condition of your physical health. If you pass safely through these months and find yourself strong and vigorous, on the arrival of warmer weather, you may reasonably expect that you will be well in summer. Now is the time to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, because now is the time when the blood must be purified, enriched and vitalized, and because Hood's Sarsaparilla is the only true blood purifier prominently in the public eye to-day. Hood's Sarsaparilla has power to make you healthy and guard your system against disease.

### The Day of Judgment.

It is not the day of man, but it is the day of God. It is a day of disclosure; when everything is brought to light; and when you, and I, and all things, and all men shall be known to be what we really are. Brethren, it is a sufficiently formidable conception. "We shall all appear," we are told, "before the judgment seat of Christ." "Appear"—more correctly, "be manifested." Possibly when we have thought about the solemnities of the day of judgment, we have attempted to picture to ourselves the blaze of the great white throne, and Him that sitteth thereon, before whose face the heaven and earth flee away; the multitude of the holy angels, rank after rank,

lining the firmament, all intently watching the dread procedure; and then, in the profound hush, the opening of the books, in which the deeds of men are inscribed, and the approach of each of the children of men in turn, to receive the award of the Judge—to enter, as the case may be, into glory, or to depart miserably and shamefully into the realms of outer darkness. And no doubt there will be something corresponding to this imagery, and which this imagery is best fitted to describe. But is it not more awe-inspiring and perhaps more closely resembling that which will actually take place, to conceive of the light of eternity falling on the individual who stands before the throne, and in a moment—not after a long process of sifting and deciding, but in a moment clearing away the mists of disguise, the films of appearance which surround him, and causing him to be seen by all as God sees him, in the reality of his inmost being? Then there will be no possibility of mistake, as there is a possibility now. The man will know himself. Does he belong to Christ? He will know it. Is he in enmity against Christ? He will know it. Ay, and the whole universe will know him too. There is a power—nay, I ought rather to say a necessity—of self-registration in the human soul. Each unrepented and unforgiven sin leaves its trace; each good deed, each holy thought, the effect of the Spirit working, reports and records itself. And so when the great day comes the result is manifested—stamped in glory or in shame, and stamped indelibly on the outward appearance, before assembled men and angels; and, in one case, heaven claims its own, welcoming the new companion into the shining ranks of the redeemed; and, in another case, hell groans at the prospect of another addition to its sad accumulation of woe.

### Why Keep Lent.

"What mean ye by this service?" the Jewish child was to ask his parents at the yearly celebration of the Passover. Many who endeavor to keep Lent lose much of the profit they should derive from its observance, because they have not clearly before them the object and purpose of the season. The recurrence of Lent is a call to renewed spiritual effort. This is the great object of the Lenten Season, that we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ" (2 S. Peter iii. 18). To this end all its exercises are to be directed. The chief duties of Lent, to be undertaken with this purpose constantly in mind, are Retirement, Prayer, Fasting, Repentance and Almsgiving.

### Offerings.

"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, it is more blessed to give than to receive."  
"Not grudgingly nor of necessity, for God loveth the cheerful giver."  
"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him."  
"Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich."  
"Vow and pay unto the Lord your God."  
"And none shall appear before me empty, saith the Lord."  
"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase."  
"The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."  
"Freely ye have received, freely give."  
"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts."

### No Bible.

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land; not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it.

### The Bible.

Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in Heaven.  
Psalm cxix. 89.

This book contains—the mind of God—the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers.

Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable.

Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy.

It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you.

It is the traveller's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's chart, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter.

Here Heaven is opened, and the gates of Hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end.

It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully.

It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure.

It is given you in life, will be opened at the Judgment, and be remembered forever.

It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

### The Prodigal in Lent.

"I WILL ARISE"

And go to my Father,  
And will say unto Him,  
"Father, I have sinned."

### The Secret of Happiness.

One of the happiest Christians that I know is happy on a small income and in spite of some very sharp trials. The secret of happiness is not in the size of one's purse, or in the style of one's house, or the number of one's butterfly friends; the fountain of peace and joy is in the heart. If you would only throw open your heart's windows to the sunshine of Christ's love, it would soon scatter the chilling mists, and even turn tears into rainbows. Some professed Christians pinch and starve themselves into walking skeletons, and then try to excuse themselves on the plea of ill health or "constitutional" ailments.

The medicines they need are from Christ's pharmacy. A large draught of the Bible taken every morning, a throwing open of the heart's windows to the promises of the Master, a few words of honest prayer, a deed or two of kindness to the next person whom you meet, will do more to brighten your countenance and help your digestion than all the drugs of the doctors. If you want to get your aches and trials out of sight, hide them under your mercies.

Bear in mind, my friends, that your happiness or your misery are very much of your own making. You cannot create spiritual sunshine any more than you can create the morning star; but you can put your soul where Christ is shining. Begin every day with God. Keep a clear conscience and a good stock of Bible promises within reach. Keep a strong, robust faith that can draw honey out of a rock and oil out of a flinty rock. Never spend a day without trying to do somebody good; and then keeping step with your Master, march on towards home over any road, however rough, and against any headwinds that blow. It will be all sunshine when we get to heaven, and "there is no night there."

### The Spirit in Which to Keep Lent.

1. Trusting God to bestow His blessing.
2. Humbly obedient to Church authority.
3. Seeking out to do something.
4. Determining to grow holier.
5. Working in love and forgiveness.
6. Forgetting self, remembering others.
7. In cheerfulness and good will.
8. In prayer and perseverance.
9. In cessation from worldliness.