

JAPAN AFTER FURLOUGH.

How did it seem? Wasn't everything strange? Why on the many or single days...

When we got up that Monday morning, our eyes were sore and our throats...

It was not a society young lady to her sense of propriety. I saw in the streets...

THE WEATHER.

Yes, it was hot! Yokohama was not two days off when the cool breeze...

closeness of the air, and so open them to increase the number of our tormentors...

Soon we were surrounded by cholera brought back from China by the returning soldiers...

Never was there such a promising time for work here. The Government allows us to work in the barracks...

THE SKEEL.

Doubtless you have seen articles by Col. Conkrell in the New York Herald...

THE BANE OF FAITH.—I am fully assured that one of the greatest needs by the churches is a fresh vision of the future...

HOW TO KEEP THE BIRTHRIGHT.

By THE REV. MARK GUY FRANK. What a frank, honest, lovable man Esau was!

As for Jacob, he is all very well in his own way, but, bless you, he is not an adventurer to tell. He knows exactly how many lambs there are.

Yes, Esau is a splendid fellow—but for what? His day's pleasure is his aim. But you want a servant, or a master, or a partner in business—what then? Look at the difference in the two in the story—

But as for Jacob, he is always ahead—you cannot be too early for him; you cannot be too late. Give him a thing to do, and it will be done well, thoroughly, punctually.

Look at this Esau, and see in him the raw material that makes the drunkard, the gambler, the reckless, swept away by the impulse of the moment.

It was a mean and loathsome trick. No man is too young to be deceived by a tempting bait. No man is too old to be deceived by a tempting bait.

And the thing we have done—done so that it could not be undone; done so that no tears of repentance could ever wash it away.

But do not let us pity Esau. Do not pity him. He is not a man to be pitied. He is a man to be pitied.

The opening year is the season for making resolutions. Every wise man should make a trial balance, not of his business alone, but of his health, his domestic state, his friendships, his unfinished plans, and, above all, of his moral condition.

GUARD THE HEART-HOUSE!

By REV. THEODORE L. CUTLER, D. D. A good man's heart is described in the Bible as a "stronghold of God in the spirit."

Experience proves, however, that the danger is within; Christians must never forget that the most dangerous foe are they of our own household, if we once admit them.

Bear in mind, brethren, that our real danger is from ourselves. Sin never hurts us as long as we keep it outside of us. The hundredth place of temptation, which every good man passes daily in the streets, does him no harm as long as he has no desire to enter them, but when an evil desire whispers, "Go in for this one," and he surrenders to that desire, he is gone!

There is a pungent little sermon in the Bible on sleep which we read in our childhood. A countryman discovered a snake lying out in his field, frozen with the cold; the benumbed serpent was of no harm to anybody.

Our Lord drew a vivid picture of the human heart in that parable of the man who while armed kept his own house, and his goods were in peace. But by and by that house is invaded by the shadowy forms that stealthily approach it.

How true it is that every man is his own friend, or his own worst enemy. The rich doctrine of Divine grace does not nullify the doctrine of free agency and personal responsibility.

"Dwell Thy within me Lord; my strength is many; O, be Thou my all! Keep me, O keep Thy own till the trumpet call!"

Every now and then a man's mind is stretched by a new idea or sensation, and never shrinks back to its former dimensions.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

THINGS NOT AS THEY SEEM.

They blindly err who falsely dream That things are ever as they seem— Above the clouds the sun doth beam.

As stars ascend the nightly skies, Pure souls to higher worlds rise, And range the fields of Paradise.

Who hath our spirits glorified? Of sacred hands and scarred side, Who hath our spirits glorified?

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