

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

MARCH 20, 1881.

THE DAUGHTER OF JAIRUS.—Luke viii. 41-56.

I.—Jairus' Request.

Jairus was a ruler of the synagogue, probably in Capernaum. If so, he had been privileged with opportunities of hearing Jesus, for he was accustomed to teach in all the synagogues where he had opportunity. He must also have been very familiar with Capernaum. Indeed it is not unlikely that Jairus may have been one of those elders who waited on him on behalf of the centurion (chap. vi. 3). Though he had not ventured to become an avowed disciple, like Nicodemus, and many others, he was really a believer in Jesus. Had he rejected Jesus, he would not have liked to apply to him in his hour of need. So, if we would have him as a friend in need, we must recognize his claims, and accept him as our Saviour now. Jairus had an only daughter—no doubt the pride of her father's heart, and the light and joy of his home, who now lay at the point of death. He took the wisest possible course, and brought his trouble to Jesus.

II.—An Interlude.

As they went along to his house, a poor woman, who had been suffering for years, and who spent all in trying to get cured, passed through the crowd until she got near enough to touch the hem of his long robe; and as she did so she felt she was healed. What a mighty faith! And her faith was honored.

Jesus knew what had taken place. It was not by any virtue in the robe she was healed. He had done it consciously, intentionally and in honour of her faith (verse 45). But to make her faith known to others—to bring her out from her retirement, and set her forth as an example, he stopped and asked who had touched him. The disciples might well regard the question with surprise when the multitude thronged him. But he showed them the distinction between the accidental and the intentional touch. We are not to understand verse 46 as any support to superstition. It was not virtue in any magical sense, but miraculous power consciously exerted that had gone out of him. And he probably persisted in drawing out her declaration, and making the cure publicly known in order to prevent any further superstitious use of the incident.

III.—The Sequel.

The incident led to some delay, and must have been a trying one to the anxious father. And before they had time to resume their course, a messenger brought tidings he no doubt had been dreading to hear. These in charge at home had sent in haste, not only that he might learn the worst, but that he might not trouble Jesus further. Very probably what seems consideration was really want of faith on their part; they perhaps had thought that Jairus had gone on a vain errand, and blamed him in their hearts for leaving his dying daughter.

When they arrived at the house he would only permit the three favored disciples to go in with him. As there were already too many there, as there are wont to be on such occasions—official intruders into the sacredness of sorrow. This is evident from their conduct. They might have behaved with common decency in the presence of the dead, even if they did not believe in Jesus of Nazareth. Had they not been dead to all higher things, they would not have misunderstood him when he said she only slept. But they thus unattentively made themselves witnesses to the reality of the miracle. They could never call it in question after laughing him to scorn for saying she was not dead. With that quiet authority which he could always exert when he chose, Jesus put these scoffers out as unworthy to see the manifestations of his power.

In the presence only of the three disciples and the father and mother of the maiden, Jesus took her by the hand, and simply said, "Maiden, arise!" and her spirit came again, and she arose straightway; and he commanded to give her meat." How sublime in its simplicity this narrative is. As one writer says, "Jesus, though raising the dead to life, acts as though he were an ordinary physician, who, after feeling the pulse of his patient, gives instructions about her diet. A manifestation of divine power which filled those who witnessed it with a great astonishment, is treated by him who wrought it as though it were an ordinary event."

We are naturally dead in trespasses and sins. No human voice can raise us from spiritual death, but—

"He speaks, and listening to His voice New life the dead receive."

—Abridged from Wesleyan Meth. S. S. Magazine.

THE MASTER EVIL.

In a recent number of the "Metropolitan Temperance Pulpit," Mr. Spurgeon says—"It would be a very dreadful thing to-night, if you could get any idea of the aggregate of the misery of London at the present moment in the hospital and the workhouse. I would not say half a word against poverty; wherever it comes it is a bitter ill; but you will mark, as you notice carefully, that while a few are poor because of unavoidable circumstances, a very large mass of the poverty of London is the sheer result of profuseness, want of forethought, idleness, and, worst of

all, of drunkenness. Ah, that drunkenness! that is the master evil; if drink could be got rid of we might be sure of conquering the very devil himself. The drunkenness created by the infernal liquor dens which plague-spot the whole of this huge city, is appalling. No, I do not speak in haste, or let slip a hasty word; many of the drink-houses are nothing less than infernal, in some respects they are worse for hell has its uses as the Divine protest against sin, but as for the gin-palace there is nothing to be said in its favor. The vices of the age cause three-fourths of all the poverty. If you could look at the homes to-night, the wretched homes, where women will tremble at the sound of their husband's foot as he comes home, where little children will crouch down with fear upon their little heaps of straw, because the human brute, who calls himself a man, will come home reeling from the place where he has been indulging his appetite. If you could look at such a sight, and remember that it will be seen ten thousand times to-night, I think you would say, "God help us by some means to save some!"

THE HOUSE AND FARM.

To have good laying hens we must keep the best samples of the breeds, and these must be well fed, well housed and well cared for upon system, and in all seasons.

For fish balls, pick very fine one cupful of haddock. When you wish to use, add two cups of fresh mashed potato, one or two eggs, a little cream and butter, beat all thoroughly, then fry.

A paste made of starch, glycerine and gypsum will maintain its plasticity and adhesiveness longer than any other cement, and therefore recommends itself for cementing chemical instruments and apparatus used by pharmacists.

For soft gingerbread take three eggs, a teaspoon of sour cream, one teaspoon of molasses, half-teaspoon of ginger, three cups of flour, a teaspoon of soda dissolved in a little boiling water stirred in last. Moderate oven. This is well tested.

Snow melts away upon drained lands sooner than on those undrained, hence the drained soils are ready for ploughing much sooner. In Scotland it is claimed that the harvest is from ten to fifteen days earlier on drained than on undrained lands. This is only one out of many advantages resulting from a good system of drainage.

To obtain that beautiful deep black polish on iron or steel or brass which is so much sought after, it is required to boil one part of sulphur, in ten parts of oil of turpentine, the product of which is a brown sublimous oil of disagreeable smell. This should be put on the outside as slightly as possible, and heated over a spirit lamp till the required black polish is obtained. —The Minor Arts.

An English contemporary states the fact of the walks of a kitchen-garden at a large establishment being lined with oak, instead of box, and that "it forms a dense, impenetrable shrub in the winter and presents a neat, refreshing appearance during the summer months." Such an edging may be formed with but little labor or expense, as it is only necessary to sow the acorns at the proper time and to stop the young plants when high enough.

The best soil for wheat is where clay predominates. A mixture of sand and clay is the best for a succession of crops, and sand of a bright stuff straw, but too sandy a soil is too porous for wheat, although good spring wheat is generally or frequently grown on sandy soil. Mark is not well adapted for the growth of wheat, but where the land is rich, wheat will succeed on a variety of soils. There is no better preparation for a wheat crop than clover turned under.

Our young girls in America do not seem to have the sense of the beauty of simplicity in dress. No young girl looks as young or as lovely in heavy velvets and loaded trimmings as in simple muslins and soft, clinging materials. They detract from their own fresh charms by calling attention to their adornment. A dress perfectly fresh, light in color (where the complexion permits), beautifully cut and almost entirely untrimmed, can not be improved upon for a young girl. It is the sweet rounded forms, the dewy bloom of the cheek, the clear young eyes, the soft tender lips, that we want to see.—Harper's Monthly.

It is a small matter to take the horses across the field for their water; it seems to cost nothing, yet if a farmer's time, or that of his hired man, is worth anything, it costs a great deal in the course of a year. It is a small matter to chop each day's wood upon the day it is used, and thus have it all fresh; but fifteen minutes in harvest time is worth more than in January, besides, there are vastly more economical methods of making fire-wood than with an axe. It is a very little matter to tighten a loose nut, but it sometimes costs life and limb not to do it. A pear tree here and a peach tree there costs so little that one is inclined to think they are of no account, but when the fruit is ripe they are appreciated. A single step from one room to another is "only one step," but the thought of a stairway made out of these during a lifetime, is enough almost to make a woman's back ache. Look well to the details, that the little things are right for it pays in the end.—An. Agriculturist.

INFORMATION.

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