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By Mrs. Lynn Linton.

To a young curate, not long from college, and accustomed to a home, hat remote Fellside parsonage at Brigend was essentially exile, hard them to me, when I could truthfully enough to bear, if not quite as bad as tell her that I had established myself Siberia. I had no one to whom I could so far in my profession as to need no fall back as a companion. My sister more help from the outside. Did I not was bound to remain at home with tell you I was on the Stock Exchange? my mother; and she and I composed No? But I am. I am, for my business the family. For her own part, my is a stockbroker. So things went on mother was too delicate to undertake for about a year or more, when the the long journey from London to the lady's feelings either changed or be-North, or to endure the roughness inseparable from such a place as Brig-maternal affection, as I had thought-end when she got there. We were eight she passed to girlish coquetry—to a miles from a station, and the road we had to travel over was more like the dry bed of a river than a civilized high- flung off the mask and made me a way which had once been macadamizrepair by the ratepayers and occupiers. Things being so, and the long autumn evenings daily deepening and lengthening, with the prospect of that dreary, lonely winter before me, I determined to advertise for some young man to whom plain living and high thinking, with plenty of leisure and little to pay, of the night I made up my packets and be powerful inducements to come-thus sharing while lightening When I saw your advertisement I said my solitude, as well as halving the to myself: 'That's the ticket for me!' very moderate expenses of my house- I answered it, and came down, as I keeping. Moderate, however, as they say, literally a fugitive from a wo-were, my exiguous stipend could barely man's love, and—I know the sex—her meen them, and a Co. in the weekly

bills would be a gain.
I therefore put into the paper an ad-I therefore put into the paper an advertisement for a paying companion, and in due course received a reply. As a pretty queer one it is, too, and fit to it was the only one I did received had it was the only one I did receive I had go into a three-volumed novel, if ever no difficulty in making a choice, and was thus spared both trouble and responsibility. After the interchange of a few letters settling times and terms. the die was cast and things were arranged, and Mr. Montgomery Somerset was booked to come on the 21st of October-which day, pace the Thirteen Club, I well remember fell on a Fri-Meanwhile I undertook to meet him at the station-with some difficulty securing a fly for his transit to the parsonage. The roads were so bad that few jobmasters cared to send their along them. Which fact added

to the desolation of the place. Unpunctual as usual, and a good half medicinal powers of Hood's Sarsapalate, the train drew up at the little Fellside station which served this it reaches the seat of the disease, and desolate tract of country. The one by purifying and vitalizing the blood, first-class passenger alighted. removes the cause. Not I was pleasantly impressed by his ap- Hood's Sarsaparilla do this, but it gives Tall, good-looking, welldressed, he was also good-manneredin a way-not wholly so, but quite passably. He was a trifle nervous, for I noticed how sharply he looked about him, and how rapid but eager the for the first time, and is looking about glances which he scanned the carriages behind his own and the few loiterers on the platform. Even Bob Lant, the stolid old constable of the district, came in for a look which seemed to take him in from his helmet to his boots. Of the two, I thought at the time that Mr. Montgomery Somerset was more of a detective than our own local Sherlock Holmes, and more likely to track a criminal and hunt him down. Be that, however, as it may, in a short time we were both seated in the rattletrap old shandrydan, which was all that Fellside had to offer, and jolting over the dry water course to the isolation of Brigend.

As the days passed by I had cause to congratulate myself on my good fortune: though, indeed, it was so good as to make me wonder how it ever came about. My lodger was simply charming, always good-humored, complaisant, contented. He was not perhaps so well educated as might have been expected, and knew less than an ordinary gentleman of classics, mathematics and the rest of the subjects known as of course to educated men. his new baby, he generally means a In fact, he knew nothing at all of these sugar-candied opinion; and if you things, and his reading was not above the average of a schoolboy's blundering pronunciation. He explained this by saying that he had never been sent to any good school-at least, not for long together. His father had been in the army; he was the only child, and parental love had got the better of parental foresight, for neither father nor mother would part with him. Hence his education had been desultory-and he had learnt nothing from the root upward, having forgotten, indeed, all that he had ever acquired. As he was anxious to know more than he did, his ignorance was not so much a barrier as a spur, and we passed the long evenings in study, which I strove to make as interesting and little irksome

as I could. Meanwhile, I was glad to see how, under the regular regime and brisk Fellside air, my lodger's nervousness gradually subsided, and he became less watchful, more composed, and as one might say, sleeker altogether than he had been when he came.

One thing struck me—Montgomery receiving no letters. eH had been with me now for six weeks, and he had not had one single letter. He seemed to think I must find this strange, for one day, when the bag had brought me two letters from home and others from friends, besides circulars and papers, he said, with a laugh: "Do you notice I never have a letter from anyone?" 'Yes," I answered frankly; "why is

'Shall I tell you?" he asked, a queer, quizzical kind of expression about his

mouth, but his eyes were not quizzical. They were too searching, too anxious, to fit well with the "wreathed smile" about those thin and mobile lips.

"Certainly, yes; tell me. I see there is a story to it," I answered, laughing,

"A highly romantic story, you bet you bottom dollar on that!" he said. "I am a fugitive." "Mercy!" I cried, startled. "A fugi-

to my unworthy person. She has per-

secuted me for more than a year now, insisting on my taking her presents,

on my accepting her hospitality, on

my attaching myself to her service. I give you my word, I no more saw her little game, at the first, than I see now

into the middle of next week. I took

it all as the innocent maternal love of

an old woman for a young man mak-

ing his way in the world—a woman glad to be of use to one without too many friends, and sadly in need of

bankers. And I accepted all her kind-nesses, as I would have taken them from my own mother. When she could

not give me money she loaded me with

jewelry to turn into money. I have a

small portmanteau full of jewels that

she gave me. But I was never so hard

up as to be forced to spout these trea-

sures; and I kept them, meaning to

give them back to her as she gave

sttole out of her house-like a thier.

man's love, and-I know the sex-her

certain vengeance to come if she finds

me out. So, Mr. Waring, there's my

(To be Continued.)

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One dose convinces.

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done once it will do again.

to forget this little fact.

quite believe that.

tive from what-justice?"
"No; love!" he said. Botanical Water Commissioners' I suppose he looked puzzled, for he went on to say: "An old woman—at least, she is old to me, as I am only 30, Criticised by Dr. Gardiner.

and she is past 50. Well, this old wo-man, as I must call her, Lady Asplin, has done me the honor to take a fancy The Scheme to Add the Pond to the City Supply.

The Redmond Pond in London

Township.

A Vigorous Description of the Swamp and Its Surroundings.

Water Supply

To the Editor of the "Advertiser": Wintergreen Little, Pitcher Plant Cowan, Cranberry Judd and Huckleberry Moore have in their united wisdom, after taking a small botanizing trip over the hills of London township, discovered a lake, which has, to the shame of our past topographical engin-eers, been altogether overlooked, and which would furnish a complete fauna in itself to any ardent botanist. And I am credibly informed by an in-habitant of its shores that immense surians are found in its depths, and he really believes that sea serpents and other monsters are lurking in its bottomless caverns, for trout or other fish will not thrive there. This same person vouchsafed me the information that a traveler of world-wide experience told him that he believed there was a subterranean passage from the lake to Lake Erie, from whence its inexhaustible springs were supplied. With such local traditions as these to came too strong to be concealed. From maternal affection, as I had thought- guide our commissioners, no wonder that, after making the discovery, they should hasten to explore its shores and young lady's arts and fascinations— should hasten to explore its shores and and later, too, declared passion. She give an exact survey of its farthest constant and later, too, declared passion. And I do not doubt that ere distinct offer. I was staying with her many days a prospectus for a fleet of and was presumably still kept in at the time, and I declare to you I was steamers be issued to navigate the as innocent as a dove of her intentions, till she told me in plain language that she loved me and asked me to marry Then I was frightened. I confess it. I am the son of a soldier and

Where is this wonderful pond? should judge about one and a half miles northwest of the pumping house. And it is not a pond scarcely, but rather a tamarack swamp. a cranberry marsh, and a bog hole combined. And I have no doubt our musical commissioners were reminded of the song, "Fishing for Eels in the Old Bog Hole," when circumnavigating its shores. It is of about 60 acres in extent, commencing as a tamarack swamp, which, as it gets moister and more boggy, gradually gives way to a cranberry marsh, and finally ends up in a few acres of boggy water in the center. And, as I stated in the commencement, it is wonderfully rich in all kinds of plantspitcher plants, wintergreens, cranberries, huckleberries, and all kinds of tions, it is important that the blood be pure. When it is in such a condition, the body is almost certain to be healthy. A complaint at this time is catarrh in some of its various forms.

A slight cold develops the discrete in some of the discrete in the summer by the moss and peat, and perhaps by the clay banks, and only gradually soaks away, so that there its way to be seen, and not only that, but a large

pocket in the hills. Now, as to a test of this pond. A drain to the river will cost much more than \$500, and a pumping test, unless continued for a long time, and during a dry season, would give very erronresults, for the ground is comhim as though searching for something pletely water-soaked, and this soaking would have to be allowed for, as well as the surface draining in wet wea-But what? Tommy-Show me where ther, before its value as a permanent source of supply for the city could be

I think what I have said is borne out by Mr. Keating's report. And Prof. Harrison does not speak at all fav-orably of the purity of the water there. Without analysis, common sense will tell all that such an immense mass of rotting timbers, decaying vegetable refuse, and putrid remains of I do not know what, is sure to give very impure water. To remove all the decaying material would be a contract too great even for our ambitious commissioners, and without its removal the water must always be impure; and suppose it could be removed, and the water purified, and the pond made into a storage basin, the expense would appall the most ardent, and then the removed ten corns from one pair of feet without any pain. What it has

supply would not repay the labor. Water commissioners, beware! You have escaped being crushed by gravel beds of the south in your attempts to get water out of gravel beds there. Do not tempt the fateful northern shores, and add to the already tragic history of these banks, and drown yourselves in the bog holes of the Redmond swamps. For, I can assure you that all the firefly lamps that can be found hovering over its marshy surface will not discover you after next municipal election if you squander the people's money in any such

hairbrained scheme.
J. H. GARDINER, M.D.

PRETTY PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

William Welsh, M.P. for Queens, P. E. I. Indorses Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder.

One of the genuinely pretty sections of the Dominion is Prince Edward Island. Those who have not had an opportunity of visiting there hope that some day it may be counted in their Queen's County is reprevacation. sented in the House of Commons by Mr. Wm. Welsh, one of the many others who have used Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder, and from away off in this pretty section of the Dominion he very cheerfully proclaims to all concerned that he has used Dr. Agnews Catarrhal Powder, and knows whereof he speaks, when he praises it them good sound teeth the rest of their as a remedy for catarrh or cold in the head. Ten minutes is all the time required for it to give relief. It quickly

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Everything in nature indulges in musement. The lightning plays, the wind whistles, the thunder rolls, the snow flies, the waves leap and the fields smile. Even the buds shoot,

Karl's Clover Root Tea.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION

As Reported by Bradstreet's and Dun & Co.

Mild Weather and Elections Interfere With Trade-Lower Prices in Many Products Prevail.

New York, Nov. 9 .- Bradstreet's Review says of the business situation in

Canada: Five Canadian cities-Montreal, To ronto, Hamilton, Winnipeg and Haltfax-report \$23,930,000 bank clearings this week, an increase of 14 per cent over last week, but a decrease of more than 1 per cent from the total in the first week of November last year. Compared with the corresponding week in 1893, this week's Canadian bank clearings total shows a gain of 11 per cent, and as compared with 1892 the gain is 4 per cent.

General trade at Montreal continues quiet, owing to the prevalence of mild weather, noticeably in drygoods and woolens. Jobbers in groceries and hardware report a decreasing interest.

Torono jobbers of staples complain

Advices from St. John, N. B., report business quiet, and that mill owners expect an average lumber cut. Large shipments of potatoes and oats have been made from Prince Edward Island, but the demand is slight.

of the effects of mild weather.

There are 39 business failures re-ported from the Canadian Dominion, against 48 last week, and 40 in the week last year. OVER THE LINE

Bradstreet's says: The interruption throughout the to general business country incident to the election has been emphasized by unusually mild weather, which checks the demand for clothing, heavy-weight textiles and other seasonable goods. Except for iron, steel and cotton the larger portion of advances in prices of commodities reported since March last has disappeared, but every wave of increased stormy waters. For I may at once demand since the tide began to rise inform my readers that it is far more in March has resulted in net gain. The likely to supply navigable waters for sentiment of traders generally is that lake steamers than to supply good, the outlook promises an active spring potable waters for London's inhabit- trade, and that the holiday seases will prove satisfactory. Bank clearthroughout the United ings this week aggregate \$1,121,000,000, a gain of 3.5 per cent over last week, and 18 per cent as compared with the first week of November, 1894. Total exports of wheat from both coasts of the and Mrs. Strickland was unable to do United States this week, flour included as wheat, amount to 2,566,000 bushels, against 2,743,000 bushels last week, and 2,689,000 bushels in the week of a year ago. Business failures this week aggregate 260, against 299 last week, and 241 in the corresponding week last year.

R. C. Dun & Co. say: It has been a broken week, and just before and af-ter elections in the most important States no operations of much significance have taken place. The price of Bessemer pig is lower, \$14 75 at Pittsburg; and billets are lower, because there is scarcely any demand for rails at the combination price. Structural contracts are now few, and the demand for wire and wire nails has been curtailed by the Nail Trust's advance of prices-176 per cent in four months. order to control the market. Rough quantity more than what comes to this calf is 2 cents lower this week, with other kinds unchanged. Meanwhile the great boot and shoe manufacture is embarrassed, even to the stoppage of very many works by the refusal of jobbers to purchase in the belief that leather and shoes must decline in ac-cord with hides. Woolen mills are also closing, to wait for orders, though the demand is fairly satisfactory for some dress goods and worsteds, and Washington mills open clay worsted at 10 cents advance. The reaction from speculative prices of wool abroad and

> pounds for the week, against 6,175,000 for the same week of 1892, but stocks of foreign wool are very large. Wheat falls back with great reluctance from its summer rise of 20c, but has declined 1 1-4c for the week, western receipts being 8,019,910 bushels, against 3,845,032 for the same week last year. Belief in a crop much smaller than last year's tends to resist actual receipts of 45,725,368 bushels in six weeks, against 30.446,005 last year, and Atlantic exports have been only 9,093,-424 bushels, flour included, against 13,-347,619 last year, The reports of winter wheat from some States are also better. Corn comes forward largely, receipts being more than double last year, and nearly a million bushels went abroad. The rapid marketing of supplies of wheat from Russia and Agrentina, and the larger exports of corn from this country tend to lessen

the stiffness of speculative and country

holders here reduces sales to 5,621,350

the future demand for American wheat. ANOTHER MILITIA SCANDAL.

Serious Charge in Connection With the Nineteenth Battalion, Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Nov. 8 .- The Nineteenth Battalion difficulties are growing serious. Color Sergeant Thomas, leader of the group who refuse to sign the pay roll until an accounting has been made of the moneys of the battalion, is threatened with court martial. He turn threatens to make startling disclosures if brought to light. Thomas has already intimated the nature of the revelations he can substantiate. He says there are names of many men on the pay sheet, who are not on the roll book, men who have not put in a day's drill in eight years. Thomas himself made out the pay sheet he knows whereof he speaks and gives the names of four men on the pay sheet for his own company who are not on the roll book. The officers of the battalion deny all the allegations of Thomas and promise to clear the matter up on investigation, which cannot now be avoided.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria. Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria, When she had Children, she gave them Castoria

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CONSUMPTION CONQUERED.

A P. E. Island Lady Restored to Health.

Attacked With a Hacking Cough, Loss of Appetite and General Feeling of Lassitude-Pink Pills Restored Her Health After Doctors Failed.

(From the Charlottetown Patriot.) Times without number have we read of the wonderful cures effected by Dr. Williams' Pink Pilis, but generally the testimonials telling the tale had laid the scene in some of the other prov-This time, however, the mat ter is brought directly home, and the testimony comes from a much-respected and Christian woman. Mrs. Sarah Strickland, now residing in the sub-urbs of Charlottetown, has been married many years, and blessed with a large family, and although never enjoying a robust constitution, had, un til a year ago, been in comparatively good health. About that time she began to feel "run down," her blood became thin, and a general feeling of lassitude took possession of both her mind and body. Her family and friends viewed with alarm the gradual development of her illness, and when a cough—at first incipient, but afterwards almost constant, especially at nights-set in, doctors were summoned and everything done that tender care and medical skill could do was resorted to in order to save the affectionate wife and mother, whose



days appeared to be numbered. Her appetite was almost completely gone. Food was partaken of without relish, even the ordinary, lighter work of the household. She became greatly ema-ciated, and in order to partake of even the most dainty nourishment a stimulant had at first to be administered While this gloom hung over the home and the mother sorrowfully thought of how soon she would have to say farewell to her young family, she was induced by a friend to try Dr. Williams' Though utterly discour-Pink Pills. aged, and almost disgusted with medicine, she yielded more in a friendly way than in a hopeful spirit. After using the pills for a short time a gleam of hope, a wish to get well again took possession of her, and the treatment was cheerfully continued. It was no false feeling, but a genuine effort nature was making to re-assert itself, and before many boxes were used the family were joking their mother on her appetite, her disappearing cough gradually soaks away, so that there is always water in the pond. But the only source of supply is the small area which it drains, and its value as a water supply can easily be found by measuring the springs along the river bed, for all its surplus water finds its way to the river, and can there is a stopped production for 60 days, in has stopped production for 60 day general excellent health would lead you to imagine that you were gazing upor a different woman, not one who had been snatched from the very jaws of death. She was never in better health and spirits, and no matter what others say, she is firm in her belief that Pink Pills saved her life and restored her

to her wonted health and strength. Dr. Wiliams' Pink Pills are an unfailing cure for all troubles resulting from poverty of the blood or shattered nerves, and where given a fair trial they never fail in cases like the above related. Sold by all dealers, or sent postpaid at 50 cents a box, of six boxes for \$2 50, by addressing the Dr. Williams Medicine Company, Brockville, Ont., or Schenectady, N. Y. See that the registered trade mark is on all

THIRTY-SEVEN VICTIMS.

Results of the Detroit Disaster - Arrest of the Engineer Ordered.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 9 .- Since last re port four dead bodies have been taken from the ruins of the Journal building, making a total of 36 recovered 37 known dead. The one still missing is James B. Thomas, machinist at Dunlap & Co.'s. Following is an additional list of dead: Geo. J. Hiller. Chas. Lind, Lizzie Weidbusch, Uhlik. A body under heavy machinery was recovered shortly after noon. It was crushed and mangled, but identified by the clothing as that of Chas. Lind. With the exception of Annie O'Donoghue, who is still critical condition, all of the injured are doing well and will recover.

The prosecuting attorney has ordered that Engineer Thompson, who was in charge of the boilers of the Journal building, be kept under police surveil-

Brains Not Supplied.

Speaking of the Double Chloride of Gold treatment for alcoholism, the remark is sometimes heard: "Oh, the Gold Cure may be all right for some men, but it will not cure everybody. I know a man who took the cure and he is drinking as badly as ever." The accuracy of the first proposition depends upon the institution where the treatment is administered, for there are Gold Cures and so-called Gold Cures. It has not so far been alleged, truthfully, that the treatment given at Lakehurst Institute, Oakville, has failed in any case to effect a cure. The second proposition is undoubtedly true, but it is also true that every one of the few who have resumed drinking after having taken the Oakville treatment, attributes his condition to his own folly or carelessness. So long as the world revolves alcohol will, from its very nature, make men drunk if they drink it. So will poison kill if introduced into the system in sufficient quantities. The treatment restores to a healthy condition, but does not supply brains, and only those having them should undertake it. Toronto office, 28 Bank of Commerce Building. 'Phone 1,163.

Blinks (meditatively)—What a greedy world this is; the great majority of people always after money. Hardup (sadly)-Yes; and a long way after it,

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New Mistress-Don't forget, then, Mary Ann, that your master is a col-Mary Ann-Oh, I adore soldiers, ma'am.

Minerd's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

LESSON VII, FOURTH QUARTER, IN-TERNATIONAL SERIES, NOV. 17.

Text of the Lesson, I Sam. xv, 10-23-Memory Verses, 10, 11-Golden Text, I Sam. zv, 22-Commentary by the Rev. D. M.

10, 11. "It repenteth Me that I have set up Saul to be king, for he is turned back from following Me and hath not performed My commandments." When the kingdom was given to Saul, both he and the people were reminded by Samuel that if they would only obey the Lord and serve Him in truth all might be well (chapter xii, 14, 24). But Saul had only reigned two years when he proved disobedient and was told that the kingdom would be given to another, even a man after God's own heart (chapter xiii, 1, 13, 14). In the chapter for today another act of disobedience is recorded, which brings matters to a crisis. As to the Lord's repentings so often referred to, we must remember that He never changes His mind, nor is sorry for anything He does (verse 29; Num. xxiii, 19), but when He comes to a point where He seems to us to make a new departure, which from eternity He knew that He would just at that point, He is said to re-

pent. See Acts xv, 18. 12. "He set him up a place." Or, as in II Sam. xviii, 18, a pillar after his own name. It was not, as in chapter xiv, 35, an altar unto the Lord, but something to magnify himself. Jesus never magnified Himself, but always His Father (John xvil, 4). Paul determined that Christ should be magnified in his body either by life or death (Phil. i, 20). 13. "Blessed be Thou the Lord; I have

performed the commandment of the Lord. When we compare verses 3 and 9 of this chapter, we wonder how Saul could say that he had performed the commandment. Either he misunderstood the command, or perverted it, or deliberately lied. There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, but whose covereth his sins shall not prosper (Prov. xxx, 12; xxviii, 13). Unless we have a heart right with God and honestly seek only His pleasure the devil will make us believe that black is white (II Thess. ii, 10, 11).

14. "What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?" It is an old word, but true as God Himself, "Be sure your sin will find you out" (Num. xxxii, 23). The word was to smite Amalek and utterly destroy all that they had (verse 3). Dead sheep and oxen tell no tales, but these were telling that Saul had not obeyed God.

15. "The people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God." Under the plea of "for a good object" Saul seeks to justify the thing done. That his heart is wrong, and he knows it, is seen in his saying that the people did it, and it is also seen in his saying "the Lord thy God," instead of "the Lord our God." God wants nothing from the enemy either for sacrifice or serv-

16. "Then Samuel said to Saul, Stay and I will tell thee what the Lord hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on." We look back to the morning when Samuel said to Saul, "Stand thou still awhile that I may shew thee the word of God" (chapter ix, 27), but what a contrast! Then it was a message of grace, but now one of judgment. Observe that as in Samuel's childhood, so now in his advanced years God still talks with

him in the night season. 17. "When thou wast little in thine own sight, the Lord anointed thee king over Israel." See chapter ix, 21, and compare Judg. vi, 15. It is good to be and to continue little in our own estimation. It is better to say with Paul, "I know that in me-that is, in my flesh-dwelleth no good thing" (Rom. vii, 18). We read that King Uzziah was marvelously helped till he was strong, but when he was strong his heart was lifted up to his destruction (II Chron. xxvi, 15, 16). My highest place is

lying low at my Redeemer's feet. 18. "The Lord sent thee on a journey, and said, Go, and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites." The reason of this command is seen in Ex. xvii, 8-16, and the Lord's determination is in verse 14. But He is long suffering, not willing that any should perish, and so He suffered them to continue over 400 years—surely an abundant time for repentance, but they

continued sinners before God. 19. "Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the Lord?" Being redeemed to God by the precious blood of Christ, the great word for all the rest of our life is 'willing and obedient" (Isa. i, 18, 19). See Ex. xix, 5, 6. It is not ours to question or reason or to put our construction upon His commands, but simply and cheerfully to obey. Consider the obedien of the Levites in Ex. xxxii, 26-28, and see the commendation in Mal. ii, 4-6.

20. "Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, and have gone the way which the Lord sent me, and have brought Agag, the king of Amalek." Here he confesses to have saved the king, who was certainly included in the destruction, and yet insists that he had obeyed the Lord. It is the old story so common today of perverting the word of the Lord (Jer. xxiii, 36) and of thinking that He does not mean just what He says, but his language is generally figurative or has some other meaning.

21. "But the people took of the spoil to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God." He still puts some blame upon the people, but now acknowledges that the sheep and oxen should have been utterly destroyed. An opinion of our own as to how the Lord wants things done is very dangerous. His commands are very plainly stated (Deut. xxvii, 8; Hab. ii, 2), and our part is prompt, implicit and unquestioning obedience. His thoughts and ways are as far above and better than ours as heaven than earth. Why, then, question them?

22. "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of rams." Mercy and the knowledge of God are more desirable than sacrifice or burnt offering (Hos. vi, 6). See the Saviour's indorsement of this in Math. ix, 13; xii, 7. All sacrifice and burnt offering pointed to Him, and He was the perfection of obedience and submission to His Father, wholly yielded to Him that He might do all the works and speak all the words. The command to obey the voice of God preceded any reference whatever to burnt offering and sacrifice (Jer. vii, 22, 23).

23. "Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord He hath also rejected thee from being king." See also verse 26. Truth is the characteristic of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, but whoever rejects the word of God makes Him a liar (I John v, 10) and thus cuts himself off from all fellowship with God. Saul now confesses his sin and acknowledges that he sought to please the people rather than God (verse That he was not, however, a truly humbled man is seen in that he desired Samuel to honor him before the people

(verse 80). See Gal. i, 10; I Thess. ii, 4. To know of "ODOROMA" and to use it is evidence of good tasta.

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