

What Did the Doctor Mean.
 (From the Philadelphia Inquirer.)
 "My husband is troubled with a buzzing noise in his ears. What would you advise?" "I should advise him to go to the seaside for a month or two." "But he can't get away!" "Then you go!"

Running No Risk.
 "What do you want wit' dat telescope, Patsy?" "So dat I kin look fer wuz at a safe distance."

Telephone Newspaper.
 The telephone system has been in operation in the capital of Hungary for several years past and is owned and managed by a private corporation, whereas the regular telephone system is owned by the government and administered by the ministry of posts and telegraphs. The annual subscription is \$7.50 and is paid quarterly in advance and entitles the subscriber to two receivers and the full service of news, music, etc. The service begins at 8:55 a. m., when a buzzing noise loud enough to be heard across a large room and lasting fifteen seconds announces the correct time. At 9:30 the day's programme of important events is announced—that is to say, the ceremonies, lectures, plays, races, etc.

The Great Value of Oil on Roads.
 The practical advantages to be derived by the oiling of roads has been very conclusively demonstrated this summer, when we have had so much dry weather. When the Rising Sun-Farmington macadam road was toppedressed some weeks ago oil was applied to a portion of it as an experiment, and everyone who has had occasion to use the road since has been convinced that the money expended for the 10 barrels applied has gone further and done more good than any like amount expended on the road since its construction. It has kept the dust down, and also prevented the topdressing from being blown off the road by the wind and scattered about by travel, permitting it to become a sort of binder and being a great benefit to the road. The use of oil on roads has passed the experimental stage, its beneficial results being so readily seen wherever it has been tried that it has become a big factor in road improvement.

Kentucky's Biggest Cornfield.
 The biggest corn field in the State lies between Henderson round past Evansville to Green river. It is the biggest because it is corn continuously for 6,000 or 7,000 acres, unbroken by fences, unrelieved by any other crop—no hay, tobacco, oats, or wheat—just corn, corn, and then more corn. It is estimated that over 300,000 bushels of corn will be raised in this monster tract this year, and this in spite of the fact that the farmers were scoured out of a year's growth by the high water, and for a time were not quite sure whether the high water would let them raise any corn.—From the Louisville, Courier-Journal. So. 41-'09.

CHILDREN SHOWED IT
Effect of Their Warm Drink in the Morning.
 "A year ago I was a wreck from coffee drinking and was on the point of giving up my position in the school room because of nervousness. "I was telling a friend about it and she said 'We drink nothing at meal times, Postum, and it is such a comfort to have something we can enjoy with the children.' "I was astonished that she would advise children to drink any kind of coffee, she said Postum was the best drink in the world for children as well as for older ones, and that the condition of both the children and myself showed that to be a fact. "My trial was a failure. The coffee made me feel flat for four or five minutes, but then I was in despair, but determined to give it one more trial. This time we followed the directions and boiled it fifteen minutes after the boiling began. It was a decided success and I was completely won by its rich, delicious flavor. In a short time I noticed a decided improvement in my condition, and kept growing better and better month after month, until now I am perfectly healthy, and do my work in the school room with ease and pleasure. I would not return to the nerve-destroying regular coffee for any money." "Read the famous little 'Health Classic,' 'The Road to Wellville,' in pkgs. 'There's a Reason.' "Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

THE PULPIT.

A BRILLIANT SUNDAY SERMON BY DR. G. A. JOHNSTON ROSS.

Theme: God's Second Best.
 Brooklyn, N. Y.—The Rev. G. A. Johnston Ross, D. D., preached Sunday in the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church. Dr. Ross, who was until recently the minister at St. Colomba's Church in Cambridge, England, a church largely attended by university men, has accepted the pastorate of the fashionable Presbyterian Church at Bryn Mawr, near Philadelphia. Dr. Ross spoke on "God's Second Best" from the text: "For thou shalt forsake His people name's sake because the Lord to make Moreover as for me I should sin against him to pray for you you the good and the fear the Lord and so with all your heart; great things He has done for you, but if ye shall still shall be consumed, I King." He said:

If a man has blundered and played the fool in the management of his life, missing his chances and throwing foulness about his spirit, how far look for the recovery of lost ground and the renewal of opportunity? That is the question which I purpose to deal with to-night. Of course the unteachable fool must simply look forward to certain ruin, but I am thinking of a man anxious to redeem his life, and the question I want to discuss is this: Is there for such a man a second chance? For all I know such a man may have come into this church to-night; and how long he may have tried to get light upon it, God alone knows. But if there is a second chance for the man it is tremendously important that the man should know its nature and extent. If a man has been depressed by failure and is really ashamed of his foolishness he has almost a right to be made aware of the existence of the process of divine repair, if such a process really exists. And it is equally important that he should understand the limitation of such a process of divine repair for salvation, lest he should be too tempted to count upon divine indulgence, which does not, as a matter of fact, exist, or else he should be tempted to count upon the providential reordering of his life, which will not take place.

What, precisely, does forgiveness mean? What does it involve? If it means that when one is sorry for sin, God is glad to hear of it, that is a very creditable representation of God. But surely it means more than that. Does it mean that God not only approves the man's penitence, but assists him? Does forgiveness involve the recovery of lost ground? That is what we want to know. Is it legitimate for a man to look forward, if he accepts Christ, to a real restoration of life, strength and hope? It is on the rock of that question that the message of religion is most often split, either by being mispreached or misunderstood. Men see for themselves that life becomes more and more tangled; that habit grows in power; that it is impossible to put the clock back; that wrongdoings, sins and failures tend to lose their negative power and in time become stumbling blocks, and we are in the entanglement produced by sin, and then we hear the message of salvation. We battle the religion which then holds out false hopes to the man. Thousands of men are asking: What do you preachers mean precisely by the forgiveness of sin? Personally, I believe with all my heart and soul in the forgiveness of sin. There is a certain process, a principle, to which I want to call your attention, and I want to give that principle a certain name, which name, I warn you, is not absolutely accurate, but which is brief and approximates to accuracy. It is not my thought; I have borrowed it. The name is this: "God's second best." I believe, if we are to understand the doctrine of forgiveness we must hold this truth of "God's second best." I will try to illustrate this. First of all, the Bible shows that the Jewish people were designed to stand before the nations of the world as the people of God, being obviously led and guided by the immediate spiritual control of the one true God. As a scholar, now dead, put it, "Israel was to be so passionately devoted to God and to be so sensitive to the divine will that Israel was to need no human rule or government to compel them to do right. They were to live in the immediate intercourse with God." Israel had no king at the beginning. They were under God's care and they were to stand before the world as an object lesson.

That was Israel's first best. The books of Judges and Samuel tell the story of Israel's degeneration from this first best. There came a time when the people said it was absolutely necessary that they should have a king. Samuel was grieved at this deliberate renunciation of God's first best, and remonstrated. But the people pressed him, and he prayed to Jehovah, and when he had done so he began to see that after all he must acquiesce. Note the bearing of this on the meaning of forgiveness. God is represented as acquiescing in the action of the people, and He says, "Let them have their king." Samuel says, "The Lord will not forsake His people for His great name's sake." God is not going to be fickle because you are.

Thus it is shown that God is consistent with Himself. God has planned a certain plan. Smash it as you please. You will not defeat God. But the kings passed away. Their existence was but a parenthesis in Israel's history. The prophets remained still to hold up the idea of divine sovereignty until John the Baptist came and Jesus came, in whom the prophethood and kingship and priesthood were all realized together. You perceive that God is faithful throughout. He never alters the eternal plan "for His great name's sake."

The Sunday-School

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR OCTOBER 10.

Subject: Paul a Prisoner—The Plot, Acts 22:30-23:35—Golden Text: Psa. 9:13—Commit Verse 11—Commentary on the Lesson.
 TIME.—A. D. 58.
 PLACE.—Jerusalem.
 EXPOSITION.—I. The Plot of the Jews to Murder Paul, 12-15. It is for Paul, and if Paul all like most men he had a heavy heart. But Lord appeared to Him to cheer him. Possibly tempted to think a mistake in coming against the protests. What Jesus had said sufficient to banish all as that. He told Paul cheer, and that as he munny concerning Him so must he also bear Rome. Evidently the Lord approved heartily of Paul's testimony at Jerusalem. It is clear also that those who fancy that Paul was headstrong in going to Jerusalem, and was following his own wishes and not the leading of God in doing so, are altogether misjudging him. Quite likely Paul's appeal to Caesar at a later day (ch. 25:11) was suggested by the words that the Lord spoke to him at this time. A dangerous conspiracy and plot was formed against him. But God was, as He always is, beforehand with His comfort and preparation for the crisis. Human friends sometimes comfort us after the trial has arisen, but it is God who comforts us before the need appears. The conspiracy was strong and apparently dangerous. No less than forty men were in it. They were determined men, willing to go any length to compass their purpose. They would not even stop at murder, and would put aside everything—even eating and drinking—until this one thing was done. They fancied that they were the vicereagents of God on earth, and had a right to put those whom they saw fit to regard as God's enemies out of the way, even without legal process of any kind. There is no more dangerous man than the man who fancies that it is for him to judge who are God's friends and who are His foes, and that he himself is appointed of God to be the executor of God's judgments. Doubtless the conspirators thought that they would be doing God a service in putting Paul out of the way (Jno. 16:2), a solemn warning to all in any age who would take the judgments of God into their own hands. This was not the only time that Paul was the object of such infamous plots (ch. 25:3; 9:23, 24; 14:5, 6; 20:19; 2 Cor. 11:22, 26, 32, 33). The plot was well laid. It seemed certain of success. But it failed utterly. Why? God (Ps. 2:1-4; 64:1-10; Isa. 59:10). Paul was just as safe after this plot was formed as he was before (Rom. 8:31). Forty desperate men, backed up by the powers that be, and in league with the devil himself, can apparently accomplish a good deal in this world, but they are utterly powerless against God. They cannot kill in Jerusalem a man whom God has appointed to go to Rome and bear witness of Jesus there. Paul was following again very closely in the road his Master walked in having such a plot formed against him (Matt. 26:4). That the conspirators thought it a perfectly proper and pious thing that they were doing is evident from their disclosing it to the priests and elders (cf. Jer. 6:15; Hos. 4:9). They sought the co-operation of the priests, and got it.

II. God's Exposure and Defeat of the Plot, 16-22. It required no miracle to defeat the plot of the Jews. But the defeat was of God just as much as if the whole course of nature had been stopped. The plot leaked out and got to the ears of a relative of Paul. Very likely he did not sympathize with Paul's views, but he recoiled at the thought of his being assassinated. Paul's enemies were caught in their own counsel (cf. Job 5:13; 1 Cor. 3:19). This scheme to overthrow God's purposes and word had failed utterly (cf. Prov. 21:30; Lam. 3:37). Paul had faith in God, but that did not prevent his taking judicious precautions to defeat the wiles of his enemies (Matt. 10:16). The captains and colonel both had occasion to fear Paul (ch. 22:25-29). They were both eager to do something to gain his favor. Probably when the colonel took the young man so courteously by the hand and led him to one side he hoped he had come to suggest a bribe for Paul's deliverance (cf. ch. 24:26). Thus his fears and his cupidity worked together with other things to secure Paul's rescue (cf. Rom. 8:28). The plot not only failed, it resulted in furthering God's plans and fulfilling His word. It started Paul on the way to Rome, and brought him to Caesarea, where he had the opportunity of bearing witness for Christ before Felix, Festus, Agrippa, Drusilla and Bernice. It resulted also in many precious epistles. Again God made the wrath of men to praise Him (Ps. 76:10). It is not at all likely that the conspirators kept their word about not eating or drinking until they had killed Paul. From the Psalm we learn that in such a case the rabbis had power to absolve them. So will every plan that is formed against God's faithful servants fall, even when it seems to succeed (Isa. 54:17).

Quaker Meditations.
 Some men impress us as having been born with a great deal of experience.
 Many a fellow who claims to be wedded to his art considers himself the better half.
 No, Maudie, dear; just because a girl doesn't paint we shouldn't say that she was artless.
 The fellow who is crooked naturally wants a wider path than the straight and narrow one.—Philadelphia Record.

Afraid of Ghosts

Many people are afraid of ghosts. Few people are afraid of germs. Yet the ghost is a fancy and the germ is a fact. If the germ could be magnified to a size equal to its terrors it would appear more terrible than any fire-breathing dragon. Germs can't be avoided. They are in the air we breathe, the water we drink.
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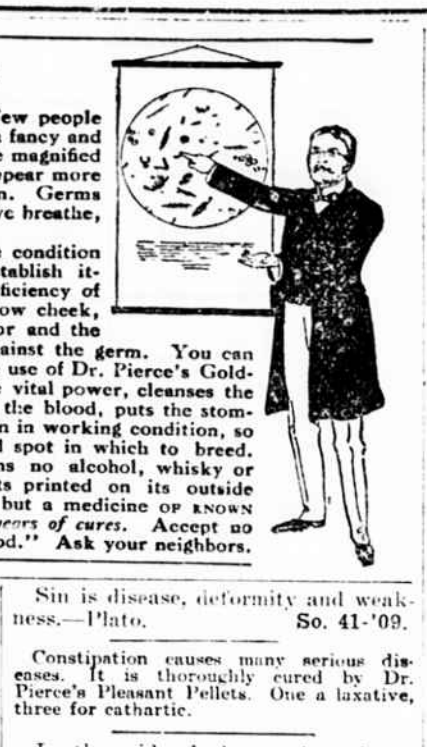
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