

DANGERS TO BE AVOIDED IN FEBRUARY.

Intense Cold Breeds Catarrh.

Sudden Changes Breed Catarrh.



WINTER SCENE IN THE NORTH.

WINTER SCENE IN THE SOUTH.

February is a month of severe storms and intense cold. Even in the South where the prevailing temperature is much above wintry latitudes, February brings sudden changes of temperature.

As much sleep as possible should be obtained in the forepart of the night.

Catarrh of Head.

Bronchial Trouble.

Throat and Lungs.

Pneumonia.

Diets.

Sunshine.

Bathing.

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Execution.

Thousands of Testimonials.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 19.

Subject: Jesus at the Pool of Bethesda, John v. 1-15—Golden Text, John v. 12—Memory Verses, 8, 9—Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

I. Jesus at the feast (vs. 1-14). 1. "After this," "After these things," R. V. Some think that when John is telling some event which follows immediately after the last thing narrated, he uses the expression "after this thing" (chap. 2:12), but that he uses the expression "after these things," "A feast." There has been much difference of opinion as to what feast this was, but it is the opinion now of the best writers that it was the Passover. 2. "By the sheep gate" (R. V.). We know from Neh. 3:1, 32; 12:39 that there was a sheep gate; so called probably from sheep for sacrifice being sold there. It was near the temple. "The Hebrew tongue," Hebrew here means Aramaic, the language spoken at the time, not the old Hebrew of the Scriptures. "Bethesda." This name does not occur elsewhere. It means "house of mercy." The site is not identified with certainty. The traditional spot is near Castle Antonia. But Dr. Robinson thinks "the fountain of the Virgin, an intermittent spring in the southeast of the city," near the "Siam," was Bethesda. "Five porches." These porches were probably covered arcades, colonades or verandas, open at one side to the air, but protected against the sun or rain overhead. In a hot country like Palestine such buildings are very necessary. 3. "Multitude." The sick congregated here in great numbers.

II. Jesus heals an impotent man (vs. 5-9). 5. "An infirmity." The original implies rather a loss of power than a positive disease; probably a nervous disease of paralytic type. "Thirty and eight years." The duration of the illness is mentioned, either to show how inveterate and difficult it was to heal, or rather, according to verse 6, to explain the deep compassion with which Jesus was affected on beholding the unhappy man. From verse 14 we may infer that his disease was the result of the "sin of his fathers," near the "Siam." The word "knew" in the original indicates one of those instantaneous perceptions by which the truth became known to Jesus according to the task of the moment demanded. Verse 14 will show that the whole life of the sufferer is present to the eye of Jesus, as that of the Samaritan woman was in chapter 4. "Saith unto him." Usually Christ waited until asked, but in this case He was well as sick. "Is troubled." This spring, probably the fountain of the Virgin, is intermittent to this day, and various travelers have seen it suddenly rise from five inches to a foot in five minutes. Whedon thinks that the moving of the waters arose from an underground connection of the pool with the city water works. The occasional and intermittent disturbance of the water is not to be understood as a regular occurrence, but as something sudden and quickening. Hence the man's waiting and complaint: "Put me into the pool." Literally, "in order to throw" me into the pool; perhaps implying that the gush of water did not last long, and there was no time to be lost in quiet carrying. "While I am coming." This picturing the extreme haste and rapidity with which the favorable opportunity was seized. There was a rush and scramble for the one chance.

8. "Rise," etc. Commands like these would test the man's faith and obedience. As in the case of the paralytic (Mark 2:9), Christ made no enquiry as to the man's faith. Christ knew that he had faith, and the man's attempting to rise and carry his bed after thirty-eight years of impotency was an open confession of faith. "Probably only a mat or rug, still common in the East." 9. "And walked." With the command was given the power of obedience. So the sinner who is bidden to commit himself to Christ need not wait for any compulsion. As he makes the effort he will find divine power within himself. "Sabbath." The seventh day of the week, the Jewish Sabbath.

III. Persecution of the Jews (vs. 10-13). 10. "Not lawful." Jeremiah had commanded, "Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the Sabbath day" (16:21); and the Jews interpreted this as forbidding the carrying of the lightest weight. But Jeremiah's meaning is made clear by Neh. 13:15: "Treading wine presses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses," etc. "To forbid this man from carrying his bed was like forbidding a cripple to move a camp stool or a chair." 11. "He said." Unquestionably the words seem to say that one who could do such a wonder as healing me must certainly have the right to tell me what to do. He had been authorized by one endorsed as sent from God. And this was indeed the very ground which Christ Himself took. 12. "Who is the man?" (R. V.). They ignore the miracle, and attack the command. They ask not, "Who cured thee, and therefore must have divine authority?" but, "Who told thee to break the Sabbath, and therefore could not have it?" 13. "Knew not" (R. V.). Jesus had been in Jerusalem but little, and the man who was healed had probably never seen Him. "Conveyed himself away." Better, withdrew. Literally, slipped aside. "He came suddenly, lost to sight." "A multitude," etc. This may be understood as explaining either why he withdrew—to avoid the crowd, or the manner in which he withdrew—by disappearing in the crowd. Either explanation makes good sense.

IV. Jesus gives advice and warning (vs. 14-15). 14. "Afterward." Probably soon afterward, in a day or so. "Findeth him." They ignore the miracle, and attack the command. They ask not, "Who cured thee, and therefore must have divine authority?" but, "Who told thee to break the Sabbath, and therefore could not have it?" 13. "Knew not" (R. V.). Jesus had been in Jerusalem but little, and the man who was healed had probably never seen Him. "Conveyed himself away." Better, withdrew. Literally, slipped aside. "He came suddenly, lost to sight." "A multitude," etc. This may be understood as explaining either why he withdrew—to avoid the crowd, or the manner in which he withdrew—by disappearing in the crowd. Either explanation makes good sense.

15. "Told the Jews," etc. In reply to the inquiry they had made of him a short time before, and partly to complete his apology for himself. He expected, probably, in the simplicity of his heart, that the name of Him whom so many counted as a prophet, if not as the Messiah Himself, would have been sufficient to stop the mouths of gain-sayers.

American Flag High in Air. The coast artillery station at Fort Hunt, Va., on the Potomac, opposite Fort Washington, is to have a garrison flag from the top of which the garrison flag can be seen for many miles. The new pole is about 125 feet long. It is in five sections, and is built up of piping held together by steel bands. The pole will stand on a high eminence at the fort, and the flag at its top will wave to the breeze about 300 feet above the level of the river.

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Itch cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. Never fails. Sold by all druggists. \$1. Mail orders promptly filled by Dr. E. Detehon, Crawfordville, Ind.

The rice paper tree is one of the most interesting of the flora of China.

NO SLEEP FOR MOTHER

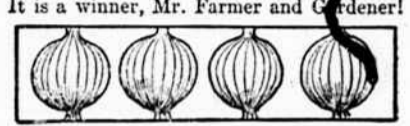
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"At four months old my baby's face and body were so covered with sores and large scales you could not tell what she looked like. No child ever had a worse case. Her face was being eaten away, and even her finger nails fell off. It itched so she could not sleep, and for many weary nights we could get no rest. At last we got Cuticura Soap and Ointment. The sores began to heal at once, and she could sleep at night, and in one month she had not one sore on her face or body.—Mrs. Mary Sanders, 709 Spring St., Camden, N. J."

The Azure. 'Tis only in the depths of blue Man finds his dearest dreams fulfilled, Where careful sorrows pass from view, And every heart-cry's hushed and stilled. So would I wing my joyous flight To assure realms where rapture lies, Beyond your mortal mortal's ken, I find my heaven in your eyes! —Ralph E. Fasset in New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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The John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., always have something new, something valuable. This year they offer among their new money making vegetables, an Earliest Green Eating Onion. It is a winner, Mr. Farmer and Gardener!



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Women Physicians for Lunatics.

One of the most famous of German physicians for the treatment of mental diseases, Prof. Ludwig, is earnestly advocating the employment of women physicians in lunatic asylums. After years of investigation he has come to the conclusion that the insane are peculiarly susceptible to a woman's presence and influence, not only the women, but the men as well. He says he has been instrumental in obtaining the admission of one woman physician to an asylum for women in South Germany, and the results are simply phenomenal. The women are more tractable. Ludwig is certain that in a short time no men physicians will be employed in female lunatic asylums. His opinion is supported in large measure by another eminent authority, Dr. Krapelin.—New York World.

Raising Geese by Thousands.

On a goose farm in the middle west there is an incubator with a capacity for 10,000 eggs. These eggs are not, however, placed in the incubator at one time, but are so arranged that one section will hatch each day, being refilled as soon as the goslings are taken out. The geese are raised on this farm for their feathers alone, which are used in the upholstering business.

Some people think the road to Heaven is a switch-back where they need the descent into sin to give the impetus for the rise into glory.

READS THE BOOK.

"The Road to Wellville" Pointed the Way

Down at Hot Springs, Ark., the visitors have all sorts of complaints, but it is a subject of remark that the great majority of them have some trouble with stomach and bowels. This may be partly attributed to the heavy medicines. Naturally, under the conditions, the question of food is very prominent. A young man states that he had suffered for nine years from stomach and bowel trouble, had two operations which did not cure, and was at last threatened with appendicitis. He went to Hot Springs for rheumatism and his stomach trouble got worse. One day at breakfast the waiter, knowing his condition, suggested he try Grape-Nuts and cream, which he did, and found the food agreed with him perfectly.

After the second day he began to sleep peacefully at night, different than he had for years. The perfect digestion of the food quieted his nervous system and made sleep possible.

He says: "The next morning I was astonished to find my condition of constipation had disappeared. I could not believe it true after suffering for so many years; then I took more interest in the food, read the little book 'The Road to Wellville,' and started following the simple directions.

"I have met with such results that in the last five weeks I have 'raised eight pounds in spite of h' which take away the flesh."

"A friend of mine has been cured of a bad case of indigestion, stomach trouble by using Grape-Nuts and cream alone for breakfast.

"There is one thing in particular I have noticed a great change in mental condition. Formerly I hardly remember anything, and the mind seems unusually acute, retentive. I can memorize practically anything I desire." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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Porto Rico is the most lightly taxed country on earth.

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A Guaranteed Cure For Piles. Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Druggists will refund money if Pazo Ointment fails to cure in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

You could never make a woman believe all angels don't have nice, crinkly hair.

The United States is the largest consumer of tin in the world, but derives its supplies from the Straits Settlements, from Banca, and other European sources. Only a few hundred pounds of tin are mined in this country.

\$100 Reward. \$100. The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address, F. J. CHERRY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

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Great souls can neither be starved by poverty nor choked by riches.

ACHE IN EVERY BONE.

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Marion Knight, of 33 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Orator of the West Side. Wednesday Club, says: "This winter when I started