

## Sunday Reading.

COMMUNION WITH GOD'S WORD.  
"They have I had in my heart."

Men may weary of the Bible who come to it as they would to Homer or Horace; but it is ever fresh to those who come to it as to the Uriim and Thummim—light and perfection—the oracle of a redeeming God. The life boat may have a tasteful curvature and beautiful decoration; but these are not the qualities for which I prize it; it was my salvation from the "howling sea!" So the interest which a regenerate soul takes in the Bible is founded on a personal application of heart to its saving truth. If there is no taste for this truth there can be no relish for the scriptures. We do not wonder that to carnal minds it is a dull book. They have no eyes to discern its beauties; just as they have no eyes to discern the beauties of its chief theme the Lord Jesus Christ. Total destitute of any relish for spiritual objects, they naturally turn aside from that which is all spiritual. The nearer any prying approaches the Scriptural tone and strain the more dull is it in their apprehension. Having never risen high enough to catch a glimpse of the sublime realities of the spiritual domain, they are utterly unacquainted in that whole class of operations which proceed from the higher reasons; and in their pitiably imaginings, they deem these discussions not intellectual enough for their wonderful capacities; as if they had ever attained a title to pronounce on a question of intellect! But stupidly blind as to their own condition and the remedy of the Gospel, they regard evangelical preaching as rapid and uninteresting for the very qualities which repel them in the Bible; but which to the enlightened are full of charms. St. Augustine, after roving for fourteen years among all the seats of Greek and Roman letters, had his eyes opened to see the loveliness of the word; and he straightway preferred it to all the multitude of classic productions.

No reader can come too soon to the discovery that it is a want of interest in God and Christ which prevents his interest in the Scriptures! Let that film fall from the eyes, and what a new world shall he live in! Let the Lord Jesus Christ become to you, as he is to his saints, the exemplar and impersonation of all that is fair, and noble, and vanishing, the chiefest among ten thousand, and altogether lovely, and you will come away from the common herd of books to this Gospel as you come from the crowd of the boisterous, dusty streets to the private chamber where you gaze on the countenance which you value above all on earth. Other books may gratify shallow tastes, scientific, literary, artistic; but this shall wake up profounder hungers and call exhausts from the resounding caverns of infinite nature; this shall strike the chords which are in-spirits and be vocal in eternity; this shall open the springs of sacred passion which are to flow forevermore; this shall bring your spirit soul into the holiest, where seraphim watch and worship, there to basken for the whisper of God and feel the pulses of your Savior's bosom.

Would to God, reader, you had ever seen and ears to hear the spiritual things which are in the Scriptures! Like the merchant in the parable you would sell all and buy this field and secure this goodly pearl.

You would come away from the haunts of learning to bear God-giving utterance to his abiding world. If there are delights in the works of gifted earthly writers, there are none which can be compared for a moment to the delight a renewed mind takes in holy Scripture. It is this which has led so many of the first intellects in every age to hasten on to their maturity, profoundest and latest application. These characters do not yield their clearest juices on a first gentle pressure. These chief harpies of the word, are never tamed by those who drowsily read a chapter now and then. Days may be spent with over-grown interest over the word of God, comparing Scripture with Scripture: tracing, taking up, and carrying forward the thread of apostolic argument; listening to the prophetic lyre burst of prophetic song, anticipating the sanctities of paradise, and clinging by faith and love to every revealed trait of the face of Jesus, which walls itself from the earless but shines with radiant love in those who press into gaze more closely. How do we trust the letter of a friend? We open it with trembling impatience; we read it again and again. Which of us that reads a letter of Paul or John? Yet they may be so read, and they must be so read if we would be sincerely interested and fully profited. No one can fully appreciate the Scripture, their rich spiritual language, till he can say, "They said O! Lord have I had in mine heart."

### DIVINE LOVE.

Godly sorrow, like weeping Mary, seeks God; saving faith, like wrestling Jacob, holds and holds Christ's heavenly love, like the affectionate spouse, dwells with Christ; it is an eternal grace. Lord, then, are the desire of my soul. O! that I could seek thee, find and love thee, that I may forever enjoy thee.

**AWAKENING NOT SALVATION.**  
An awakened soul is not a saved soul—  
You are not saved till God abides with  
you Christ. It is not enough that you die; you  
must live to Christ.

### REGENERATION.

The quickening of the dead soul is a far greater miracle than raising a dead body both are beyond man, but the latter is the most divine.

## Agricultural.



From the North Carolina Planter.  
SOWING CLOVER AND GRASS SEED

Experience has demonstrated, we think, that January is the best time for sowing grass and clover seed selecting, of course, that particular time when the sever frosts are out of the ground, and the earth presents cracks and fissures denoting this fact. When this is the case, the first rain that falls, covers up the seeds, and they are then protected from the rigid weather that may follow, and is ready to receive the genial warmth of spring to bring it up. When sown in March or even in February, a warm "spell" may cause them to sprout up, and it is well known that the most critical stage of the young plant is while it is in the sprout. But if the seed sown in January have a sufficient covering to protect the germs, as they generally have, they are exempt from danger by frost.

The Southern Farmer cites the following, to prove the safety and superior advantages of early sowing: One has only to observe the course of nature in the case of volunteer clover. After a clover follows, the seed near the surface will come up during the fall, but in consequence of the alternate freezing and thawing, the young plants are thrown out of the ground, and few of them survive till spring. Other seed, with a little deeper covering of earth, will have their vegetation retarded till the warm weather of February and March. Volunteer clover, from seed that has lain in the ground all winter, is scarcely ever known to fail. It is proof against late frosts, and the parching droughts of summer. Should not this fact teach farmers a lesson in a matter, the success of which depends on so many contingencies!

The same general rules hold good in regard to grass seeds, such as timothy, birds grass, orchard grass, &c., when designed for grazing. To lay down a meadow requires altogether different treatment, and is not to be considered in the present connection. We have succeeded very well in sowing grass seeds with the earliest sowing of wheat, say no later than the middle of October. The plants being of the structure as wheat, will then have time to acquire strength of root sufficient to withstand the alternation of freezing and thawing. But when early fall sowing cannot be effected, the best time is January with clover. If done at a later period, nothing but disappointment will be the result in this climate. We have often had occasion to wonder that timothy and birds grass are not more frequently sown on our highlands. They afford fine herbage for cattle. One of the finest pastures we ever saw was a sod of mixed grass on this high ground, which lasted for years. This grass thrives much better on cold moist soils than any other, whether highland or lowland. Timothy grows well, even in our climate, on any good improved land. Orchard grass only succeeds in very dry soils, and then it affords an abundance of the best grazing. It is the best grass for standing lots, on which it will hold its own, under the severest pressure of the herd, for a long period.

**IRISH CURE FOR HOG CHOLERA.**—One of the most intelligent and reliable farmers in this country, says the Holly Springs (Miss.) Democrat, tells us of a remedy for a moment to the delight a renewed mind takes in holy Scripture. It is this which has led so many of the first intellects in every age to hasten on to their maturity, profoundest and latest application. These characters do not yield their clearest juices on a first gentle pressure. These chief harpies of the word, are never tamed by those who drowsily read a chapter now and then. Days may be spent with over-grown interest over the word of God, comparing Scripture with Scripture: tracing, taking up, and carrying forward the thread of apostolic argument; listening to the prophetic lyre burst of prophetic song, anticipating the sanctities of paradise, and clinging by faith and love to every revealed trait of the face of Jesus, which walls itself from the earless but shines with radiant love in those who press into gaze more closely. How do we trust the letter of a friend? We open it with trembling impatience; we read it again and again. Which of us that reads a letter of Paul or John? Yet they may be so read, and they must be so read if we would be sincerely interested and fully profited. No one can fully appreciate the Scripture, their rich spiritual language, till he can say, "They said O! Lord have I had in mine heart."

**WHEAT WANTED.**  
THE following having purchased the Steam Flax Mill in this place, is prepared to have Wheat, for which he will give the highest market price in cash.

Please send one Meal for sale at the Mill, or address him where assent to town.

JOHN WILKES.

Charlotte, Aug. 8, 1858.

**CHARLOTTE HOTEL.**  
BY J. S. B. ECKER,

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

THE Friends of this Hotel is still in its first year to the public, and the proprietors are desirous of getting up a new hotel, for which they have no money. They have been engaged in the business of their own house, and it has been a great expense, and it has been necessary to go into debt to meet these expenses.

WE have also a large number of horses, which will be sold very low.

Also, a variety of CARPET BAGS and LUGGAGE.

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