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MOTTO TEXT—"Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." 1 Cor. 1:24.

"Whomspoke O king Agrippa."—The lesson begins thus abruptly in the middle of Paul's speech. Agrippa was the son of that Herod Agrippa whose terrible death is mentioned in the 12th chapter. He was a man of infamous life, but in external a very rigid Jew from policy to ingratiate himself with the people who ascribed him to the spirit of Herodias, his sister and wife of the sister of Drusilla, as beautiful and more intelligent. History has few examples of such a family as that of the Herods.

"I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision."—The difference of this speech from that before Felix is due to the fact that this was before the king of the Jews and in the presence of a religious Jew. He can take Agrippa's knowledge of the Old Testament for granted. Paul did not undertake this course of his to show his obedience to a direct command of God. "But should first unto them of Damascus."—The Jews in Damascus. He began his preaching immediately in the place in which he was. Only long enough though to show the thorough change in him, and then God sent him for three years to Macedonia and prayer and preaching in Arabia. "That they should repent and turn to God."—Paul put repentance to the Jews first. He preached a Gospel in which Christ was a moral Governor, but he made God all in all—the centre and goal of all things. In this he followed his Master who meant and drink it to see God's will and glorify Him. "And do works meet for repentance."—The only proof of repentance is the life lived after it. In the works which he preached to mean running around and talking, it will be emphasized the fact that the works meet for repentance are those mentioned in 2 Peter, which are the works which are suited to repentance and result from it.

"For then came the Jews caught me in the temple and went about to kill me."—The Jews from Asia were especially angry because he preached the Gospel to the Gentiles. Had they not known of his preaching in Ephesus, they would not have sought him in the temple. "Therefore having obtained help of God."—Protection from Him against the murder and the designs of his enemies. "God's power kept him up to that day."—Witnessing both to small and great. "As fearlessly to governor and to king."—That it is not to be feared. "He declared, he declares, which was not found in the Scriptures which Agrippa believed."—It is not surprising that men who attack Moses should attack Christ.

"That Christ should suffer."—A very different view of the teaching of Moses and the prophets upon the subject of the Messiah. "The resurrection of Christ he looked upon as a judge in this day would look upon a similar resurrection from a priestly standpoint. Festus felt kindly towards Paul, and could only account for his wild talk by the idea that he had studied the prophecies of whom he spoke. The Gospel was to him foolishness.

"I am not mad, most noble Festus."—Must needs be an official title. It was not necessary that Paul should use it, however, and that he does show that he recognized the spirit in which Festus spoke was one of charitable excuse and not of scorn. "The words of truth and soberness."—Of the latter words means, "For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely."—The resurrection of Christ might seem to be the ravings of a lunatic to Festus, but Agrippa had heard of it and knew it was a fact. These things which were a fact, being done in a corner, done in Jerusalem when all were assembled to the great feast. Agrippa could not be ignorant of these things, since he was, though Festus, only a few days

to trail the subject in a conversation of window, and you in personal acquaintance with all your friends as a very honest person. The question which I put on it. Who invented this? Plunge ought to grow where they are wanted. We saw the adjoining counties with each every year, yet, where do they all go to our great city?

The honest pin is long form of misery. With it you impale your head and bones at the same time. It is only when it has entered your skull that it will consent to hold a honest pin in place. Also its protrusion on the outside, and there delights in scolding the best of your boys. It is also not so very impaling of food of your clock when you put the latter on with a careless grace calculated to charm the beholder. But as you know, but looks and eyes are worse—rather it is the hook for the eye in a noxious, offending partner who looks at you as if he still contains the other half. Hooks! The Chinese are far ahead of us in the matter of civilization from the fact that they had the hook in their hair long ago.

The exquisite courtesy of Paul's answer has never been surpassed. "I would to God, that not only thou, but also all men, were like unto thee." The first indication that many were present. "We both almost and altogether such as you, except these bonds."—Whether by little or much the Greek, and the Jew is willing to bestow much labour on them if by so doing he could make them disciples. This man's soul was so full of the love of God, that he was willing to renounce and faith. Nothing could divert his thoughts for an instant. Whether in prison or free, in Jerusalem or Rome, this one thing he did: He loved God.

"Except these bonds."—It is a courteous protest against the wrong of his imprisonment. It is probable he was at this time chained to the wall. His chains had been loosened to bring him before the king, but were hanging to the arms which he raised. With these chains he was bound to God, and for their souls, Paul's speech ended. This man was so great we cannot compare his greatness except by comparison. He was great in his own day, and he is great in some one line, and seeing how he surpasses each in his specialty. Compare his speeches with the most famous orations ever uttered in history to Philemon with the letters of Cicero and Plato, and one can see how he surpassed the models.

The rocking-chairs of Boston have a black record, innocent wobblers that they seem to be. Enter your name in the dust and see what will happen to you. The rocking-chair, when perturbed, stuffed and fat, and so unwieldy that you think it cannot possibly move; but with a slight agility of foot, it will rock you into a state of insensibility. The rocking-chair of Boston has a black record, innocent wobblers that they seem to be. Enter your name in the dust and see what will happen to you. The rocking-chair, when perturbed, stuffed and fat, and so unwieldy that you think it cannot possibly move; but with a slight agility of foot, it will rock you into a state of insensibility.

"This man might have been set at liberty if he had not appealed unto Caesar."—After such an appeal the prisoner must be referred to the emperor. Festus writes Agrippa and condemns Festus. It was the governor's duty to have released Paul, and not by threatening him to refer to the emperor. Festus forced him to fall back upon his rights as a Roman citizen and appeal to Caesar. Festus by this conduct had put himself on a dangerous territory. He was a prisoner with no charge.

To Cleanse the System. Effectively yet gently, your catarrh or bilious, or when the blood is impure or sluggish, to permanently cure habitual constipation, to awaken the kidneys and liver to a healthy action, to dispel the irritating, to relieve the system of dypsal heads, colds or fevers use Syrup of Figs.

The Miserie of Human Life Ticketed and Docketed. BY KATE POOTE. The Miserie of Human Life—some of them, that is—are so small that they do not receive proper attention at our hands, and it is in the neglect of these little ones that I lift up my voice.

Miserie change in shape and in variety in the centuries and even in the years, but there is always a new swarm of them ready to spring up with every new phase of existence. They are inevitable, but if they are spurned off in detail, defined, labeled and acknowledged, it might make them appear less troublesome. Ranged along in a row, each by the side of the other, they would seem to be more bearable, because, as we know, misery loves company.

The common pin of North America is originally had a head of twisted wire; of course it was badly twisted, and would slip its fastenings, and thus the pin had a capacity for misery in its very wire. The wire was twisted and scratched quite as well as the sharp point. This power for mischief has been limited by the person—of course it was a woman—who was entrusted with one day cried out: "Why can't you make pins with solid heads? Obey! man did it, but he had to leave the pin with a point. Hence these miserie.

The lurking pin in your sleeve catches in the skin on the back of your hand and makes a diagonal scar, three inches long, with which you are decorated for a week, while the thing is getting well. It is raw, and every time you put it on it causes you to wince. The wire is so twisted that the contact and made longer in healing. Again, at the last moment, as you are going out in a winter coat, you will find the gimpe on the bottom of your gown hanging down in a festoon. You pin it in place, and the treacherous one will bite you in the neck, and then come out and leave your trimming

to try to the same, hence in the solution the old ones slipped out from a hand, and it is a shame the pretty boy has made himself a show item, and passed under the hands of the barber from that time forward. I have thought of attaching a ribbon and a bell to all of these that I have tried for a long time to tame by kindness without success. They have had a lovely resting-place in a well-lined basket, and were never taken out for any purpose or ignoble use. The proposition, which they have been petted and caressed, and had every little to do because I knew their proclivities, and I have often taken a paper-stall or a jack-knife to the great inconvenience, and with the danger of the knife through a careless use of the jack-knife. All that had no effect. For days they were under the microscope, and at last I went and bought another pair and brought them home. In ten minutes after the arrival of the new pair, the old ones slipped out from a pair of papers in which they had hidden, and faced me with a steady grin. Independent.

Literary. (All the books noticed in this column will be sent to the Baptist Book Concern postpaid unless otherwise noted in the reading price.) Books. BRADDOCK: A STORY OF THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WARS. VOL. WILLIAM BRADDOCK. Heroin and heroism. By John E. Munk. Illustrated with 8 full-page half-tone engravings. Cloth, 12mo, 480 pp., gold stamp. The London and Westminster Press, F. & W. Gagnall Company, Price, \$1.50.

Between the covers of this lively historical novel are given all the principal events in the history of our country from the year 1700 to 1760, a period which includes the struggle between the English and the French for supremacy in the New World. This struggle was the school in which the story of our country was written in self-reliance, courage and fortitude, and in which the belittled provincial soldiers were for the first time brought into comparison with the military heroes of the Americas. It was during this period that George Washington first came upon the stage of American history and we accordingly read a most interesting account of his boyhood, his first military affair, which, happily was a failure, the beginning of the famous military record, etc. The main interest of the period centers about the Braddock campaign, the story of which is admirably told, and from which the book derives its title. Notable among the chapters of the volume is one entitled "The Debtor's Prison," an English institution of oppression and misery, from the emancipated inmates of which the colony (now the State) of Georgia was originally founded in 1733. The romance of the volume is cleverly brought out, and the Stevens family, whose lineage is traced in the previous volumes of the series, is minutely detailed in this novel, from the time of Columbus, is well represented. Great care has been exercised to distinguish fact from fiction, and to give the reader a comprehensive view of the facts, and this he cannot fail to do.

Magazines. Astronomy and Astro-Physics. This magazine published by the American Astronomical Association, Northfield, Minn. It has a large corps of editors who are eminent men in the line of work to which the magazine is devoted. And all recent facts and theories upon these subjects are given by specialists. There is nothing to equal this magazine in its line. Price, \$4.00 per annum.

Ford's Christian Repository for August is full of good things. It is a magazine of the things. It has seen nothing better upon the subject of the inspiration of Scriptures than Dr. Ford's answer to an editorial note in Standard. "Final Perseverance" is continued, and the subject is handled in a masterly way. The whole number is most excellent. We wish this magazine went into every Baptist family.

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