

Switzerland's first English-language children's library

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it is blessing, for the other judgment. The one event is here divine manifestation, there nature. To the one, life is a field of labour and sorrow, pain and sweat, a sea of blood and tears, of afflictions, trials and temptations and sore anguish. The other finds in the same field the hidden treasure, in the same stormy sea the precious pearl. He is able to say with St. Paul: "O the depth of wealth, wisdom and knowledge in God! How unsearchable his judgments, how untraceable his ways!"

Dear friends, the farmer sold everything and bought the field, the merchant gave everything for this one pearl. You complain that you cannot believe. No one must be surprised if he consciously refuses to obey Christ's commandment at any point. You do not want to subject certain passions, hopes, enmities and plans to Christ's law? Don't be surprised that you don't receive the Holy Spirit, that you cannot pray effectively, that your prayer for faith is empty. You have walked over the field, but you have not sold everything. You have seen the treasure, but not unearthed it. You have touched the pearl but you have not wanted to pay the price. You want God at a cheap price. — The One who has paid dearly for you cannot be bought cheaply. Go and get reconciled to your brother, do what God wants you to do and you will be able to believe. If you refuse God's word of commandment, you will not receive His word of grace. His grace is in His commandment, His commandment is in His grace. His love is in His severity, His severity is in His love. A disobedient person cannot believe, only he who is obedient, believes.

And for sheer joy he went and sold everything he had and bought that field.

When the merchant had found a pearl of very special value, he went and sold everything he had, and bought it.

SWITZERLAND'S FIRST ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

A new library for all children who wish to read English books has just been opened in Zurich. Called "The Children's Library of Zurich", it has more than 1,000 volumes attractively displayed on low, convenient shelves, divided into three groups for beginners, intermediate and advanced readers. In its first five weeks, nearly 100 children have joined the library, which anticipates a membership of 500 in time. Although it is not known precisely how many English-speaking children live in the Zurich area, the organizers of the Children's Library are confident that it will meet the needs of very many youngsters. In addition to the many children of American, Canadian, British and Australian families, there are also those from homes in which English is the mother-tongue of at least one parent, as well as many Swiss children who have lived abroad in English-speaking countries with their families for several years. The Children's Library of Zurich is a non-profit-making organization located in the Community Centre of St. Andrew's Church on Zurich's Promenadengasse.

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