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To the memory of my dear parents who
early conferred upon me an inestim-
able blessing, by teaching me to know
and love the Scriptures.

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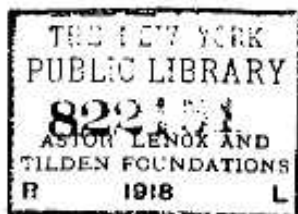
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The Study of the Scriptures

Delectable indeed are the meadow and the garden, but far more delectable the study of the divine writings. For there indeed are flowers that fade, but here are thoughts which abide in full bloom; there is the breath of the zephyr, but here the breath of the Spirit; there is the hedge of thorns, but here is the guarding providence of God; there is the song of cicadae, but here the melody of the prophets; there is the pleasure which comes from sight, but here the profit which comes from study.

The garden is confined to one place, but the Scriptures are in all parts of the world; the garden is subject to the necessities of the seasons, but the Scriptures are rich in foliage, and laden with fruit alike in winter and in summer. Let us then give diligent heed to the study of the Scriptures; for if thou dost this the Scriptures will expel thy despondency and engender pleasure, extirpate vice and make

virtue take root, and in the tumult of life it will save thee from suffering like those who are tossed by troubled waters. The sea rages, but thou sailest on with calm weather; for thou hast the study of the Scriptures for thy pilot; for this is the cable which the trials of life do not break asunder.

CHRYSOSTOM.