

Sunday Reading.

IF WE WOULD.

If we would but check the speaker,
When he speaks a neighbor's name,
If we would but help the erring,
Ere we utter words of blame;
If we would, how soon might we
Turn from paths of sin and shame?

Ah! the wrongs that might be righted,
If we would but see the way!
Ah! the pains that might be lightened,
Every hour and every day,
If we would but hear the pleadings
Of the hearts that go astray!

Let us step outside the stronghold
Of our selfishness and pride;
Let us hear the fainting brother's sigh;
Let us strengthen ere we chide;
Let us, ere we blame the fallen,
Hold a white cloth to cheer and guide.

Ah! how blessed—ah! how blessed
Barely would be, if we but try
Thus to aid and right the weaker,
Thus to check each brother's sigh;
Thus to walk in duty's pathway
To a better life on high!

In each life, however lowly,
There are seeds of mighty good;
Still, we shrink from souls appealing,
With a timid "If we could."
But God who judges all things,
Knows the truth is—"If we would."

Religion Inseparable from the Life.

Many seem to entertain the notion that religion does not enter into all the acts of life; but that it is something which exists distinct from them. In this they are guilty of a gross and pernicious error. The design of Christianity is not to withdraw men from the honorable walks and vocations of life, but to reach and benefit them under all circumstances. It does not necessarily change men's outward relations. It gives new views concerning them, and makes every incumbent duty, although primarily of a worldly character, in a sense, a religious one, as much as prayer, praise and attending upon the services of the sanctuary. Religion becomes so blended with the Christian's worldly pursuits, that by faithfully attending to them he discharges a part of his obligations to God. He is allowed to undertake nothing upon which he can not consistently invoke the divine blessings; and there is, in fact, no time or place in which he can lay aside his religious Christianity is not thus accommodating.

In accordance with this principle, what Christianity is inseparable from life, it imparts a higher tone and an increased earnestness and activity to all its duties. Nothing scarcely can be more foreign to the spirit of true godliness, than sloth and inactivity. The injunction of the wise man many centuries ago, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," is in perfect accordance with the teachings of the Gospel. Who ever carried out the spirit of this injunction better than Paul, Luther, Howard, or our Savior himself, whose life was one of almost ceaseless activity?

Doing Good in Secret.

There are numerous ways in which we may realize this ideal of Christian beneficence. All that we can do for others in the way of secret intercessions on their behalf is of this nature. The matter of literal alms-giving is most Christ-like and winning, when it puts on this soft and silvery veil of retiring delicacy. We send to a vacant larder a bag of flour, or to a cold hearthstone a load of wood, or to a ragged group of children a piece of cloth—we find out when a poor man's rent is due and satisfy his landlord, and none but God and ourselves know whose hand has conveyed such relief. We link some pleasant companion to our arm and make a quiet call upon some family of our fellowship feeling cold, and shy, and neglected, or upon some stranger newly arrived, isolated and solitary, or upon some scene of sickness and suffering, where sympathy is so precious and strengthening, or upon some wanderer from his covenant, whose erring steps our visit arrests and leads back to God, and duty, and Christian communion; and all this so silently and unobtrusively, without announcing or reporting our errand, that it is never suspected that we proposed to ourselves any definite mission and girded ourselves to accomplish it. In our homes we may study the special moods of each inmate, his temperament and his trials, and without attracting attention, supply just the element that is needed to enliven, cheer, and sustain.

And this method of Christian working—deeps answers our own humanity, for we are not seeking the praise of men; strengthens our faith, for it brings us into more familiar intimacy with God, to whom alone we tell our secret; and makes our heart overflow with comfort, peace, and joy, for we have in our happy secret a fountain of glad consciousness.—Rev. A. L. Stone, D. D., in Pacific.

Prayer.

He that has never prayed can never conceive, and he who has prayed aright can never forget how much is to be gained by prayer.

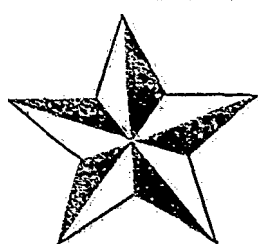
He walks in the presence of God, that converses with him in frequent prayer and frequent communion, that runs to him in all his necessities, that asks counsel of him in all his doubts, that opens all his wants to him, that weeps before him for his sins, that asks remedy and support for his weakness, that fears him as a Judge, reverences him as a Lord, obeys him as a Father, and loves him as a patron.

"Family prayer," says Cecil, "may be made a vast engine of power to the whole domestic circle. It says there is a God, and inspires a reverence for his character. It proclaims a life to come, and points to the spirit land. It fixes the idea of responsibility in the mind, while it diffuses sympathy through the soul. It furnishes a judicious parent with an opportunity of glancing at faults where direct admonition might be expedient. It greatly conduces to the maintenance of family government and order, while its spiritual advantages are invaluable."

God rendereth desolate, to induce you to seek a better country. He strikes away every human prop, and puts failure and vexation into every worldly scheme, that you may turn from your idols to him!

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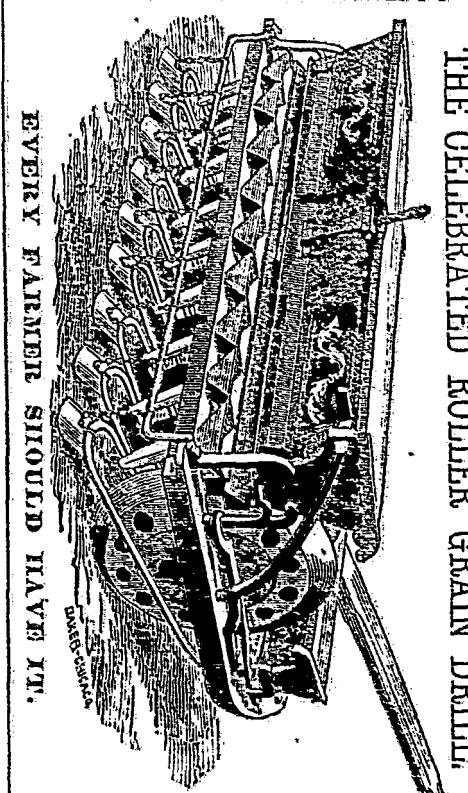
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