













Sunday Reading.

WHERE EARTH AND HEAVEN MEET.

Whether between the meadows green,  
Where sun and shadow play;  
Or stately fields intervene,  
With trees of leafless gray;  
Or stately hills send down supplies  
To blue lakes at their feet;  
Beyond them all, I seek the line  
Where earth and heaven meet.

'Tis there the fleecy clouds come forth  
To sail upon the sky;  
And there the summer showers arise  
When all the fields are dry;  
And thence into my thirsty heart  
Come thoughts both sad and sweet,  
When gazing on that distant line  
Where earth and heaven meet.

Sometimes remote it seems, and dim,  
Through earthly mists that rise;  
Again, distinct and clear it stands  
Before my longing eyes.  
O face beloved, I cannot see,  
O lips I may not greet!  
Till life's horizon I reach,  
Where earth and heaven meet.

The Night Train.

A few evenings ago, we were one  
waiting for a belated midnight.  
In the intervals of conversation, our  
fancy busied itself with the thought  
of those trains which are very late, but  
punctual as fate itself; and whose  
pale conductor takes up passengers  
at but one—than one beside the deep  
river which rolls between this and the  
other shore.

These trains are running every  
hour, and we are all waiting for one  
that shall bear us away. There are  
morning trains, filled with bright-eyed,  
happy-hearted little ones; the noon  
trains, into which the pleasure seek-  
ers, and the earnest workers, the  
strong men and the comely women  
are hastily crowded; and the night  
trains, on which the aged, the sorrow-  
stricken and the infirm, who have long  
"waited for the train," gladly embark  
for the little distance they have yet  
to go. The "All abroad" has a start-  
ling thrill for the "Good Night" is  
spoken not again—no passenger re-  
turneth.—*Lute Taylor.*

The Effect of Pardon.

In the garrison town of Woolrich,  
a few years ago, a soldier was about  
to be brought before the commanding  
officer of the regiment for some mis-  
deed. The officer entering the  
soldier's name said: "Here is John  
again. What can we do with him?  
He has gone through almost every  
order."—The sergeant-major apolo-  
gized for intruding, and said: "There  
is one thing which has never been done  
with him yet, sir." "What is that,  
sergent-major?" "Well, sir, he has  
never yet been forgiven." "Forgive-  
ment," said the Colonel; "here is his  
case entered." "Yes, but the man is  
not yet before you, and you can can-  
cel it." After the Colonel had re-  
flected for a few minutes, he ordered  
the man to be brought in, when he  
was asked what he had to say relative  
to the charges brought against him.  
"Nothing, sir," was the reply, "only  
that I am sorry for what I have done."  
After making some suitable remarks,  
the Colonel said, "Well, we have re-  
solved to forgive you." The soldier  
was struck with astonishment; the  
tears started from his eyes; he wept.  
The Colonel with the adjutant, and  
the others present, felt deeply when  
they saw the man so humbled. The  
soldier thanked the Colonel for his  
kindness, and retired. The narrator  
had the soldier under his notice for  
two years and a half after this, and  
never, during that time, was there a  
charge brought against him, or fault  
found with him. Mercy triumphed!  
Kindness conquered! The man was  
wiser! This is just the method God  
adopts with us in the everlasting gos-  
pel. We are guilty. The charges  
are brought against us. The charges  
are entered. But the Lord delighteth  
in mercy. He seeks to melt us by his  
love. He is ready to forgive. He  
sends us, saying, "Only acknowl-  
edge thine iniquities," and then offers  
us pardon—a pardon which cost Him  
the life of His only begotten Son. A  
pardon, not of one sin, but of all our  
sins; a pardon that will bring peace  
to the conscience on earth, and entitle  
us to eternal rest in heaven.

Christian Temperance.

A few years ago, two men were  
caught in the rapids at the Niagara  
Falls. They were being hurried on to  
destruction. One of a rope was  
thrown out. One of them seized it,  
but the other caught hold of a float-  
ing log. The first was drawn to the  
shore; the other, in a few moments,  
passed with the log over the falls.  
So we look at two men endeavoring  
to save themselves from the rapids of  
a terrible appetite. One of them seizes  
upon the rope of a Christian faith,  
that is fastened in heaven, and is saved.  
The other depends merely upon  
the uncertain purposes and resolutions  
that he has made, and appetite sweeps  
him on to ruin.  
He who would successfully struggle  
with temptation and appetite, and  
he who would work successfully as the  
savior of the degraded, must not only  
add patience to his patience, but  
also godliness to his temperance.

The madness of appetite is like the  
madness of the Gaderene. You may  
bind it with the fetters of laws,  
and pledges, and resolutions, and they  
may all be broken. You cannot bind  
intemperance, "no, not with chains."  
You cannot tame it with constant  
watching. Christ must come near and  
bid the fiend "Come out of him;"  
changing his heart with divine love,  
ere he can be seen "clothed, and in  
his right mind."—*Calvin Fisk.*

Ourself.

To acquire a thorough knowledge  
of our own hearts and characters, to  
restrain every irregular inclination,  
to subdue every rebellious passion,  
to purify the motives of our conduct,  
to form ourselves to that temperance  
which no pleasure can seduce, to that  
meekness which no provocation can  
ruffle, to that patience which no af-  
fliction can overwhelm, and that integ-  
rity which no interest can shake; this  
is the task which is assigned to us,  
a task which cannot be performed with-  
out the utmost diligence and care.

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