

Sunday Reading.

THESE ARE THE BILLS.

The old man sits in his easy chair, And his ear has caught the ringing Of many a church-bell far and near, Their own sweet music singing. And his head leans low on his aged breast, While his thoughts fly back to the days of the Sabbath morn of his boyish days, And a mother's sacred teachings.

A few years later, and lo! the bells A merrier strain are pealing, And a heavenly love the marriage vows Which the manhood's joys were sealing. But the old man's eyes were dimming now, As memory holds before him, The sad, sad pictures of later years, When the tide of grief rolled o'er him.

When the bells were tolling for loved ones gone! For the wife, for the sons and daughters, Who, one by one, from his home went out, And down into death's cold waters. But the old heart has still one joy Which his old life days blesses, And he is a true and faithful son, And a mother's sacred teachings.

But the old man sits in his reverie, And his head leans low on his aged breast, While the child with his eyes reads on, The Sabbath hours are passing. Ah, talk, once more ye shall sing for him, The end of life, and his peaceful sleep, To rest with his own forever.

—Hagar's Weekly.

III. Temper. A single person of sour, sullen temper—what a dreadful thing it is to have such a one in the house! There is not myrror and aloes and chloride of lime enough in the world to disinfect a single home of such a nuisance as that; no riches, no elegance of mien, no beauty of face can ever screen such persons from utter vulgarity. Ill temper is the most vulgar thing that the lowest born and ill bred can ever bring to his home. It is one of the worst forms of impiety. Peevishness in a home is not only a sin against the Holy Ghost but it is against the Holy Ghost in the very temple of love.

What it costs to be a loafer. Does the young man who persists in being a loafer, ever reflect how much less it would cost to be a decent, respectable man? Anybody can be a gentleman if he chooses to be, but it is mighty expensive being a loafer. It costs time—days, months, years of it. It costs friends. Your cousins will be the buccaners of society. It costs health, vigor, comfort—all true pleasure in living, honor, dignity, self-respect, and the respect of the world when living, and finally, all regret and consideration when dead.

We find from this day's road-side observation that the turtle uses his head before it does its feet; in other words it looks around before it moves. You never catch a turtle doing anything without previous careful inspection. We would all of us, do better if we always looked before we leaped. It is easier to get into trouble than to get out. Better have goods weighed before we buy them. Better know where a road comes out before we start. We caught one hundred flies in our sitting room yesterday, because they sacrificed all their caution to a love of molasses. Better use your brain before you do your hands and feet.

I would be glad to see more parents understand that when they spend money judiciously to improve and beautify the house and grounds about it, they are paying their children a premium to stay at home as much as possible to enjoy it; but when they spend money unnecessarily on fine clothes and jewelry for their children, they are paying them a premium to spend their time from home, that is in those places where they can attract the most attention and make the most display.

Says a venerable divine: As we advanced in life, so many who were loved and honored are translated to the other side, it seems as if Heaven would be more home-like to us than earth. We do not go when we die to a land of strangers, but to one where scores of our best friends are occupying mansions, where they welcome us cordially, and entertain us hospitably and lovingly as they used to in their earthly homes.

He who has pursued business in such a way as to have neglected all just mental culture, has sacrificed the end to the means. He has gained money and lost knowledge; he has gained splendor and lost accomplishment; gained tinsel and lost gold; gained an estate and lost an empire; gained the world and lost his soul!

Heaven penetrates to the bottom of hearts like light into a dark chamber. We must conform ourselves to it till we are like two instruments of music tuned to the same pitch. We must receive its gifts the very moment its hand is open to bestow. Our irregular passions shut up the door of our souls against God.

How often do still small voices come to the gates of our understanding, asking to enter in, then turning away with a despairing cry, because they find no place for the angel unawares, no ear that will listen to their message.

If we live only truly we see truly. It is as easy for the strong man to be strong as it is for the weak to be weak. When we have new perceptions we gladly disburden the memory of its hoarded treasures as old rubbish. When a man lives with God, his voice shall be as sweet as the murmur of the brook and the rustle of the corn.

The brave man wants no charm to encourage him to keep him to his duty, and the good man scorns all warning that would deter him from fulfilling it.

The circumstances of the world are so variable, that an irrevocable resolution is almost a synonymous term for a foolish one.

The great wish of some people is for a future and nothing to do. How fully men are punished when it is realized.

He will find himself in a great mistake, that himself is a friend in place, or vice him at a feast.

Indigestion's Martyr. Half the diseases of the human family spring from indigestion, and may be prevented by invigorating and toning the abused organs with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Let it be borne in mind that the liver, the kidneys, the intestines, the muscles, the ligaments, the bones, the nerves, the integuments are all renewed and nourished by the blood, and the digestive organs are the grand alchemists in which the materials of the vital fluid are prepared. When the stomach fails to provide healthful nourishment for its dependents they necessarily suffer and the ultimate result, if the evil is not arrested, will be chronic and probably fatal disease somewhere. It may be developed in the kidneys in the form of diabetes, in the liver as congestion, in the muscles as rheumatism, in the nerves as paralysis, in the integuments as scurvy. Remember, however, that each and all these consequences of indigestion may be prevented by the timely and regular use of that sovereign antidote to dyspepsia, Hostetter's Bitters.

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