

The thorns are wounding sore indeed, And God allows my heart to bleed; My spirit's true love is my light; To that Great Being in the sky, As on my shivering heart the rod Falls heavily, not restrained by God; Yet I will not say 'his sent' In anger, No, by love it's meant; So while the best tears fast will fall, And on my soul is agrier's black pall, I thank my God, who don't forget, But in true love remembers me; His wayward, straying, reckless child, That needs these hours so dark and wild. The sun will set, the stars will come, And glad with glory all the gloom, So in sweet hope, I lift my eye, For Jesus stands, my help and joy, And while the pain is keen and strong, The Lord will not let it stay too long. Oh, how I love to see the sun turn: Remembering at the latest, soon, My soul shall walk in Heaven's high noon. So let me cling to thy God, O Lord, my Father, my Friend, my God.—Standard and Journal.

RECOMMENDATIONS

A gentleman once advertised for a boy to assist him in his office, and nearly fifty applied for the place. Out of the whole number he in a short time chose one, and sent the following letter to the boy: "I should like to know," said a friend, "on what ground you selected that boy. He had not a single recommendation with him?" "The gentleman," said the boy, "said the gentleman 'he had a great many.' 'He wiped his feet when he came in, and closed the door after him; showing that he was orderly and neat.' 'He gave up his seat instantly to that lame old man; showing that he was kind and thoughtful.' 'He took off his cap when he came in, and answered my questions promptly and respectfully; showing that he was polite.' 'He lifted up the book which I had purposely laid on the floor, and placed it on the table, while all the rest of the boys were busy about it; showing that he was careful.' 'And he waited quietly for his turn, instead of pushing the others away; showing that he was modest.' But now, my nature needs this. I noticed that his clothes were carefully brushed, his hair in nice order, and his teeth as white as milk. When he wrote his name, I observed that his fingers were clean, and that he was using my eyes for ten minutes, is worth more than all the fine letters he can bring me."

THE BOY'S RESOLVE. I would like to have a clear mind, and bright eyes, and strong limbs. But they say that strong drink dims the eye, and whitens the cheek, and enfleebles the frame—therefore, I will not drink it. I would like to have a clear mind, and bright eyes, and strong limbs. But they say that strong drink dims the eye, and whitens the cheek, and enfleebles the frame—therefore, I will not drink it. I would like to have a clear mind, and bright eyes, and strong limbs. But they say that strong drink dims the eye, and whitens the cheek, and enfleebles the frame—therefore, I will not drink it.

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pages pervaded by this principle. Calculations are made, showing how many years in one's life may be saved by rising a certain time earlier in the morning, or pointing out how much time is wasted in amusements, forgetting the old but distressing truth, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Individuals are cited and held up as examples, who have accomplished a great deal in little time, with the comment on their early death, that it is better to wear out than to rust out; a sentiment that which none is more true. It is not the wearing out, but the breaking down, the smashing up and rendering useless the material before the wearing process has hardly begun. No allowance, however, is made for their short lives in computing saved years. Of course, all these teachings take the direction of the one who teaches and of his opinions of the usefulness of different forms of labor, either physical, mental, or moral, the physical being the one most likely to lead to excess, and the moral the least. But both the mental and moral are dependent upon the physical, and suffer with it.

THE HEAVENLY JEWELS. Ye pearls of my master, Ye gems with heavenly rays, Amid the beams of glory Rest in my heart's embrace; Ye diamonds of beauty, With pleasing lustre crowned, Of the world's crown of glory, To Zion's city bound.

When I behold your order, When I see your heavenly rays, And heard divinest numbers In pure devotion raise; And when I see your jewels, With such celestial gleam, I view the Savior's image From whence the crown came.

On that important morning, When waving banners sound, And diable lightning waving, Shall ring the gloom profound; Let up your hearts rejoicing, And dispel your joyful hands— Lo! ye redeemed forever From death's corrupting bands.

A LECTURE. Delivered before the Allegheny Lyceum, at its recent Annual Session, by MRS. PROF. H. C. COOK. In all the movements that sway the mass of mankind, there is a constant flow and ebb, rising from small beginnings, widening in its influence, then receding, only to surge back with redoubled force.

How different from this is the real life! Little by little, and in various ways, we trench upon the hoarded wealth of our earlier years. We rise from our beds before the forces are fully invigorated. The mind, lacking its proper stimulus, is dull and slow in its operations, and we commence our toil in a spiritless manner.

OH! DISCIPLINE! "My son," said a gentleman to a little eight-year old Scotch boy, "that's a fine looking fellow, but you must be the prompt reply. The inquirer looked perplexed, but concluded that his reason for propounding the question was justified, as evidently the young antagonist had been to him was ignorant of the grandeur of his own nature."

WHAT IS AN IDLE FELLOW?—Remember the parable of the talents: one had ten, another five, another two, and another one. So it is among men to-day. Our "talents" may be compared with money, with education, acquired skill, or with gifts, or with an opportunity to do good. If we use our one, two, or five talents to the best of our ability, we shall be accepted, and earn the approval of Him who judges with equity, and who will be able to say to us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

IF IT IS TRUE.—An infidel said: "There is one thing that mars all the pleasures of my life." "Indeed?" replied his friend, "what is that?" He answered: "I am afraid the Bible is true. If I could know for certain that death is an eternal sleep I should be glad to die; for I would be contented to be a 'heli' for the rest of my life." The best philosophy—a contented mind.

in glowing records, that all these could not save Roman life from decay and Roman nationality from destruction. Her glory has long since passed away, and on the seven hills, and all about the Via Sacra, a degraded peasantry groans under the heel of a wicked hierarchy.

But why has destruction thus followed in the wake of empires? Why did the great Babylon fall to no more forever? Is there nothing that can save the costliest productions of art and arms, the loftiest achievements of human genius and learning? Is there no light to illumine the soul as it stands peering on the brink of time and peers away into eternity? Yes, this light, to shine in dark places, has shown forth from him who sits on a throne of blazing light, and for 1800 years, and more; has been shining on the nations round the world, and the nations are beginning to feel its mighty force and to stand with firmer foot, as if at length on a rock.

THE TWO BOOKS. An Annual Address delivered before the trustees and patrons of Union University, Sabbath, N. J., June 21st, 1875. By J. W. MORSE, D. D.

If ever man shall be saved from sin, God will have to save him by some power let down from above. The stream cannot rise above its fountain, no more can a soul in sin ascend rise above itself. The fountains of thought, feeling, and volition, in the sinning soul, are so polluted by sin, that something healing from without must be thrown into them before they can run into their pure currents. God let the world try to save itself long enough, and it worked diligently enough to have accomplished it, if such a self-salvation had been possible.

That all-supporting, life-giving something is an ardent, intelligent faith on the Lord Jesus Christ. In him alone is life from the death of sin, in him alone do all things come to order, progress, rest, back in the arms of the Infinite God, the eternal God. But you ask, and I am glad you think to ask, "Do all the arts, arms, philosophies, sciences, learning of the world count for nothing in the divine purpose of human salvation and progress?"

But in still another view are science and religion seen to stand in the loving helpfulness of their sweet, divine sisterhood. Not only does science help religion find out God, but each furnishes valuable aid to a true interpretation of the other. So that he who knows nothing of the works of God cannot be a safe interpreter of the word of God, while he who knows nothing of the word of God cannot be a safe interpreter of the works of God.

But again, science and art are aids of religion by proferring their wonderful inventions and discoveries for its use. Suppose science and art had not given to the world the arts of printing and navigation, where would religion, the Christian religion, be to-day? By these the broken windows of the owl had slept by day and hooded by night on the gilded altars, and bats had down in confused procession through her "long drawn aisles" and capacious chambers, and the last dust of the ashes of the mighty prince of Edom had dissolved in her gorgeous tombs to save her. Greece, the land of scholars, the home of arts, philosophy, and literature, learned of Solon and Lycurgus, best of all antiquity, perpetuate her nationality. The pastoral strains of the Odyssey, the stirring war cry of the Iliad still ring in our ears, but Greece, the glory of the olden time, for centuries, slept under her monumental ruins.

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By cash paid, as follows: C. M. Lewis, on account, \$100.00; W. Threlkeld, Raleigh, S. C., \$25.00; Oscar Babbcock, Long Valley, N. J., \$25.00; April list, 1875, \$25.00; Horace Stillman, Woodville, R. I., \$50.00; O. D. Sherman, for labor in Central Association, \$25.00; American Sabbath School, for printing Reports, \$2.00; Balance in Treasury, July 28th, 1875, \$203.74.

QUARTERLY MEETING. Our Quarterly Meeting at Bull's Run, Pa., took place as advertised, no failure on the part of any one previously appointed.

PARLIAMENTARY EXERCISES. In the British House of Commons, July 22d, Mr. Disraeli announced that the Government had abandoned the Merchants' Shipping bill for this session.

HEAVY FAILURES IN NEW YORK. The failures of the past week have been large, and if they are only a few drops in advance of a shower of the same kind, the effects of the financial storm will be severe.

SPANISH DISPATCHES. Spain is at present in a state of favorable results to the Alfonsists; but how long before the tide will again turn can only be determined by watching and waiting.

NEW YORK MARKET. Review of the New York market, including prices for various commodities such as flour, sugar, and cotton.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKET. Review of the wholesale produce market, including prices for various agricultural products.

MARKET REPORTS. Various market reports and news items from different regions.

