

Selected Miscellany.

CHRIST SEEN AND FOLLOWED.

My soul was all unrest, I sought relief in vain; The world had lost its zest, And pleasure seemed but pain. Ah, who would bring release? Give heart and conscience peace?

SOWING SEED.

"Auntie," began Helen, thoughtfully, "Miss Merideth said such a funny thing today. "What funny thing was it, dear?" replied Auntie, half stopping her pretty knitting to look into Helen's face.

people who sow seed; there are bad seeds as well as good. "Oh yes, Auntie dear; I forget again." "Miss Merideth meant to say you must be sowers; you cannot help it; God ordered it; you can choose the kind of seed, but you must sow."

in petulance may be explained, forgiven and forgotten. But the letter written in an ebullition of wounded feeling is a fact tangible, not to be condoned. There it lies with a certain permanence about it. You have sent it to a friend, who reading it a half-dozen times will each time find it more cruel and incisive than before.

"Is it far away? Could I get there tonight?" "No; you need not worry about that. You shall go home with me, and to-morrow I'll take you over to Castle Garden and see myself that you are sent to the right place."

of those pleasant by-gone associations soothing and genial, melting to the feelings and moving to the will, so that in the midst of them you find it easier to make new and good resolves? So, as you go back to your home after the day's business, or the seasonal visit is done, do you not find the familiar associations gentle and winning to your better nature?

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HANS'S TRUST.

A TRUE INCIDENT.

On a cold winter afternoon, Mr. C., a young student of about twenty, entered the cars at New Haven, and, seating himself next to the window, soon became absorbed in a book.

After a time his attention was arrested by some one reading German in a low, but perfectly audible, tone. It was a boy, alone, on a seat in front of him. The little fellow thought himself unheard, as there were but few passengers, and those at the other end of the car.

The young man understood German, and he bent forward to see and hear more distinctly, without being himself observed. Slowly, following each word with his finger, the boy read: "Fear not, for I am with thee, be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

Just then, Mr. C. touched him on the shoulder and said, "You seem to be in trouble. Perhaps if you tell me I can help you." At first the little fellow stared in blank amazement at the kind, noble face bending towards him; then his own lit up with joy as he heard himself addressed in his mother tongue, and he exclaimed, "Mein Herr! did God send you?"

The young man smiled at the boy's simple faith, and took his seat beside him, saying in a gentle, even reverential tone, "Yes, I think he did, for there may not be another person in this car who understands German. I heard you reading. I heard your prayer for help. Now tell me your name and your story, and I'll see what I can do for you."

"My name is Hans Myerhoff, and I am trying to find my uncle, Amil Myerhoff, who lives in Berlin."

"But we're past Berlin." "Not that one. I was sent to the wrong place. I did come there yesterday, and look and ask, but no one knew my uncle. This morning I found a man who talked German, and he said I was to go back to the ship, and tell them they had sent me where no such man was. I do not know what to do. I cannot find the ship. I cannot know the man, or where is my uncle. I have no more money."

"Don't you know what state your uncle lived in?"

"Berlin, North America. His name is in my Bible. He's all the relation I have, for mother's dead. But just before she died she gave me this book, and said there was enough money sewed in the cover to take me where my uncle lived. She said he'd give me a home, and if I was a good, honest boy I'd get along well over here, for it was the best country for poor people. She was long sick, and she often had me read those verses you heard, and said God always kept his promise, and I must ask him to help me when I was in trouble. Here's my uncle's name."

Hans pointed to the fly-leaf, and Mr. C. read: "Amil Myerhoff, Berlin, Can., North America." "Oh, I see the mistake!" he exclaimed. "They took a for o." You should have been sent to Berlin, Canada, not Connecticut."

THE FAMILY HOME.

In the Illustrated Christian Weekly, Rev. W. De L. Love, D. D., writes beautifully thus: God has deeply set in our constitution a nature the law for the family and for home. The family provides for homes. Home is an adaptation of the outer world to the inner nature of man, satisfying his desire for habitation. The term "inhabiteness" expresses one of the natural cravings of the mind. Man desires a place that he may call his own—where his home shall be, where his family may cluster, where his friends may visit him, where his business may be transacted or the fruits of it be enjoyed, where his bread may be eaten and his sleep be taken, where he may congregate the earthly objects that minister to his wants and leisurely enjoy the society of associates and kindred. Not to have such a place, which we call home, is leaving a part of our nature a blank, is suffering a natural craving of the mind to go unsatisfied, which results in a failure to develop and discipline our being according to the design of our Creator.

This law requiring home is universal with all beings. The bird builds its nest, the hare seeks its burrow, the ox knows his stall, and so on through all the ranges of the animal creation. Even the lowest class of men, the Bushmen of Africa, seek their homes under the shrubs or the thick branches of trees. The wandering Arabs and Gypsies have their temporary homes, and even carry them in their carts and tents. To say that we have bodies is to say that we need homes. Perhaps if we knew the whole truth, we could say that the spirit of man implies the necessity of a home for itself. It has a home in the body here, and this, in connection with the resurrection, seems to indicate that it has a local home in the world beyond death.

The family home provides for the benefits of mental association and thoughtfulness. "As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place." The bird on its accustomed bough has familiar acquaintance with all surrounding objects, and that takes away its fear and shuts it away from the obstructiveness of the world during its hours of select society and sleep. And man for his highest welfare must have more or less familiarity with place and associates. To be constantly surrounded with strangeness wears too much on his nervous sensibilities, and too soon he yields to overtaxation. He, therefore, needs more or less of sameness about him, things that shall remind him from day to day of like thoughts and feelings which he had aforesaid pondered and decided, so that now they shall not ever weary him with their newness and unfamiliar nature. Do you not find that within you which craves old and familiar things? Is not the influence

THE PLEA FOR THE BIRDS.

Longfellow's charming plea in the "Birds of Killingworth" is not without its effect; at least it is a delightful re-enforcement to the movement to protect the birds against the murderous hand of fashion. The barbarity of a personal adornment by ear-rings is now generally left to the North American Indian, and as he rapidly advances in civilization he will turn it over to the Hottentot and New-Zealander. But the wearing of dead birds as an ornament is a vestige of similar barbarism, against which humanity and civilization now loudly protest.

Mr. Hadley, the chairman of the Game-laws Committee in the New York Assembly, has introduced a bill which does not shrink from stating its purpose plainly. It is intended "to prohibit women from encouraging the butchering of plumage birds by wearing them on their bonnets." The bill makes it unlawful for five years to kill or take in any way any song-bird, except only when the tuneful libertines are caught in the fragrant delictu in the very act of destroying fruit. The bill outlaws the poor English sparrow, which is treated as a pirate of the air—the enemy of birds and man.

Already women are stigmatized as of "the dead-bird-wearing sex," and the American Ornithologist's Union is wisely and forcibly raising the alarm to turn out and prohibit the wide-spread and wanton slaughter. Mr. Bergh's appeal for suffering animals has opened a new and beautiful chapter in the history of humane endeavor, and his work has made the relief of the birds more practicable. After Bergh's well-won success, to save the "living blossoms of the air" from being sacrificed to a savage human vanity will not seem to be a sentimental fancy. But let us hope that humanity will begin at home, and that every intelligent woman, now that the question is raised, will refuse to disfigure herself with a dead bird.—Harper's Weekly.

FRUIT IN OTHERS.

We live in the lives of others more than in our own. Where is the handful of grain which we flung so recklessly away upon the new-plowed field a little while ago? There it is in the green field, and in the ripening grain, and in a little while in the full corn in the ear. And where are the toils and tears and self-denials which we have expended for the Lord? Yonder, in those disciples whom we have brought to the Lord? "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone," says Christ; but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit." The same is true of the disciples as of the Lord. We die in expended energy, in exhausting toil, in tiresome self-denial for the good of others, but thus do we minister life to others. As the apostle has written, "So then death worketh in us, but life in you." It was on this ground he could say to his converts, "But now we live if ye stand fast." Each of us is but a branch of "the true Vine." If our substance has been taken to nourish and make fruitful some other branch, we have but followed the Master.

John Newton received into his church a young and uncouth Scotch lad, who soon attracted his attention; for, though rude of speech, the love of Christ shone conspicuously in his words. The good minister got one of his wealthy parishioners to give him an education and fit him for the ministry. A few years passed and that young man was in India, known as Claudius Buchanan—a name more illustrious in the annals of British rule in India than those of Hastings and Clive. It was he who wrote the "Star of the East," whose beams lured Adoniram Judson to Burma to preach the gospel to the heathen, and with him and after him scores of others.

If when John Newton lay dying some one had come near to him and said, "Well, good sir, your work is done; your life is ended," he might have pointed across the sea to Buchanan, and said, "I live in that man yonder, whom I brought to Christ and prepared for service in the great work of missions.—S. W. Presbyterian.

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18° F., a point which would produce sharp freezing in a stream or lake, where the ordinary laws of nature were not interfered with.—Scientific American.

THE HANDS RATHER THAN THE HEAD.

The real life of Christianity is in its hands, rather than in its head. That is, the firmness, warmth and self-sacrifice with which Christians uphold one another with their dearest selves, and with which they extend hands to a suffering world, constitute the perennial vitality and the impregnable security of the Christian faith.

Our religion is a service and a life, not an opinion or a sentiment. To seek to defend it as an opinion or sentiment is to lose it, as the life of the rose vanishes when you begin to analyze it.

It is reiterated on every hand that this is an age of transition; that the fabric set up at the Reformation is crumbling, and something new must rise in its place.

Christianity was founded by the Redeemer's hands on the cross. It has slowly progressed by hands that bore the cross. It will triumph—by its learning? its institutions? Not primarily, but by hands holding the cross, and men by it.

It is the little things which make the Christian's character, and our lives are made up of the little tedious, wearisome trials which make the days so long and lonely to the suffering invalid.

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