

words of the Liturgy been employed in the settlement, save in the homes, few alas! and far between, where family devotion was wont to be practiced.

Now Charles felt this privation the more keenly, because in the old country he had been accustomed to a very different state of things. In his native parish he had plentifully enjoyed all the means of grace. Divine Service was there celebrated, not only twice on a Sunday, but also, on the Fasts and Festivals of the Church—and the Rector devoted his entire time to the guardianship and instruction of his flock. In the parish there was also a well regulated Sunday School, where Beverly had been first a pupil, and subsequently a teacher—and sweet were his recollections of the hours which he had spent in receiving communicative instruction.

Sad and disheartening was the state of matters which he now experienced. The Lord's day in Grassdale had nothing to distinguish it from the rest of the week, except so far as a cessation from labour was concerned. With few exceptions the children spent the sacred hours in idleness or mischief; and the majority of their parents lounged about the bar-room of the tavern, or passed the day in gossiping visits. Oh! how often and how bitterly did poor Beverly sigh for the quiet rural Sundays of dear old England—and though, by no means, a fretful murmerer, he could not help regretting at times, that his lot had been cast in such a spiritually dry land, as that on which he now sojourned.

Some people in Beverly's situation would have endeavoured to mend this untoward condition of things, by calling their neighbours together, and celebrating divine worship to the best of their ability. Such a course, however, he would not pursue, and that for two reasons: in the first place, he was distrustful of his fitness for an undertaking of the kind. Like every one who is taught by the Holy Ghost, he was distinguished for humility, and felt that he had need of being taught, in place of communicating a knowledge of sacred things to others. Beverly, moreover, remembered

what he had learned in his early years, that no one can lawfully assume the office of the ministry; and that, except a man was regularly set apart for the work, he could not look for a blessing upon his labours, however well-intended they might be.

What did Charles do, in those circumstances?

He did what no pious Christian will ever neglect, when in trouble or difficulty of any kind. Regularly did he spread his own case and that of his neighbours, before the Lord, in fervent prayer. His faith was simple and strong. He believed that the same bountiful Jehovah, who had given them a competency of earthly good things, would not withhold the bread of life asked for with trustful perseverance. And thus hoping, almost against hope, Charles Beverly continued to "pray without ceasing"—"looking unto Jesus!"

[Original.]

AN UNGOVERNED TEMPER.

Earnestly would we entreat our youthful readers to consider in what a dangerous and miserable position a person is placed by a passionate and uncontrolled temper. What can disqualify us for the service of the meek and lowly Jesus in this world, and for the mansions of love and peace in the next, more than such a temper? Furious and turbulent, it drives us into acts of injustice and unmerciful severity; it lays up ample store of those remorseful thoughts which make memory a troubled sea, on which religion, reason, reflection, are in extreme danger of being shattered to pieces and destroyed. People sometimes think lightly of occasional transports of anger, and call them pardonable weakness; but nothing gains strength from concession and indulgence so rapidly as angry passions; and their occasional transports too often end in settled impiety; that is, in a habitual temper of mind which is not only angry and dissatisfied with men, but, when stung by disappointment, fiercely turns, like Cain, and insults Almighty God.

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