

The Family.

(For the Provincial Wesleyan)
"REST FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD."
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CHILDREN AND DEATH THE TEACHERS OF IMMORTALITY.

BY REV. GEORGE R. CHEEVER.

At the time when President Olm was seized with that illness which was the precursor of his death, his youngest child, a babe of about two years old, was ill and restless; though the parents did not then apprehend a fatal result.

The old Hebrews possessed these teachings. The revelations of immortality and a future state are demonstrated to have been the common intelligence and property of the people, not merely by our finding of them in particular precepts, or in formal texts occurring here and there; but on occasions of adversity and death.

But a higher instance, and one of the most remarkable on record, is that of the behavior and affirmations of David, on the occasion of the death of his child. By attending a funeral anywhere, among any people, we would be sure to learn something of the nature of their faith, and the degree of their knowledge in regard to the future life.

Here was a Hebrew funeral from the royal household. But so dread gloom of ignorance or superstition settled down upon it; rather the visible angels of sacred hope and grateful joy attending as the mourners. When Christ stood by the grave of Lazarus, no brighter light was there than that of David's words: "I shall go to him!"

Two things are manifest; first, that the knowledge of a future state which David possessed was not his own merely, but that of the people. Second, that he was not announcing a new truth, but only reminding the people of that future life of which they are well aware, and under the sanctions of which their grief was not to be indulged as if it were hopeless.

even so those also which sleep in Jesus will be with him. The child had only gone to glory and to God before David. It was not as a prophet revealing to them a new or unknown truth that he spoke; but as a mourner among mourners, reminding them of what they all knew, and of the consolation belonging to it.

Our blessed Lord might have said, when he rebuked the ungrounded scepticism of the Sadducees. Now that the dead are raised even David showed you at the grave of his child, when he said: "I shall go to him; but he shall not return to me." The spirits of the dead, both great and small, return to God who gave them; and God is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.

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How a boy became rich. A certain man, who is very rich now, was very poor when he was a boy. When asked how he got his riches, he said: "My father taught me never to play till my work was finished, and never to spend money till I had earned it."

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Surprise parties. We are inclined to think, from all we hear, that the "surprise parties" which are so frequently got up during winter for the purpose of good things, are filling clergymen's cellars with good things, a little better than necessaries, and as frequently as not take their rise simply from some pretty well-founded conviction that something really ought to be done to supplement the small and often ill-paid stipend.

Feeding cattle in the fall. Not a few farmers, fearing the long winter, fail to begin to feed their cattle until the time to do so is far over-past. Such a course is unwise for two reasons. The pastures and meadows are eaten into the earth, leaving no provision for the winter, which all plants need, and what is worse, cattle that begin the season poor require more food to take them through than those in good order, and the superfluous saving of a few hundred pounds of hay when ten or a dozen swallows, knowing her to be an enemy, took it into their heads to tantalize her, in a manner which showed a high degree of only of good sense, but of humor.

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her, flew close by her ear, and she made a snap at it with her paw; but it was too late. Another swallow, in five or six seconds did the same, and she made the same unsuccessful attempt to catch it. This was followed by a third; and so on to the number just mentioned; and every one, as it passed, seemed to set up a laugh at the disappointed enemy, very like the laugh of a young child when tickled.

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