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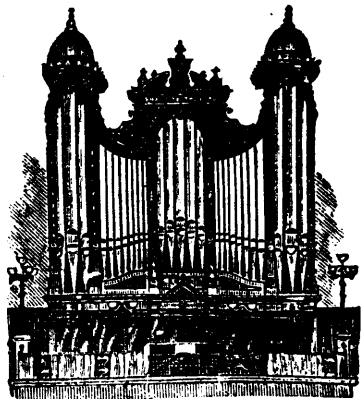
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We sometimes knuckle readily to difficulties, and take complacency in our serene submissiveness to Providence, when a little more pluck and persistence on our part would overcome the obstacles. We mistake laziness for Christian resignation.—Good Company.

SWEET, blessed rest! Rest from physical toil; rest from mental weariness; rest from pain and from anticipation of the shadows of death; rest from the disquietude of dim and indistinct views of truth; rest from struggling for the souls of others; rest from the consciousness of leaving so much undone; rest from grief for grieving the Spirit; rest from all warfare with the power of darkness.

ONE of the most remarkable things in human nature is the willingness of women to sacrifice a girl's life for the chance of saving the morals of a scape-grace man. If a pious mother can only marry her Beelzebub to some good, religious girl, the chance of his reformation is greatly increased. The girl is neither here nor there when one considers the necessity for saving the dear Beelzebub.—Sunday Afternoon.

THERE is a large amount of true philosophy in the reply of the man who said that he had overcome a great many temptations by just keeping out of their way. It is all very well to assert that you are strong enough to resist anything, and then put yourself in the way of everything; but the better plan to pursue is that of the hero who declared that he saved himself from a horrible death by hydrophobia by climbing a tree whenever a dog went by.

"Tis weary watching, wave by wave,  
 And yet this tide heaves onward;  
 We climb like corals, grave by grave,  
 But pave a path that's sunward,  
 We're beaten back in many a fray,  
 But newer strength we borrow,  
 And where the vanguard camps to-day,  
 The rear shall rest to-morrow."

—Gerald Massey.

ONE Niagara is enough for the continent or the world, while the same world requires thousands and tens of thousands of silver fountains and gently flowing rivulets, that water every farm and meadow and every garden, and that shall flow on every day and every night with their gentle, quiet, beauty. So with the acts of our lives. It is not by great deeds, like those of the martyrs, that good is to be done; it is by the daily and quiet virtues of life, the Christian temper, the good qualities of relatives, and friends, and all, that it is to be done.—Albert Barnes.

THE best evidence that a man has become "hopefully pious" is to be found, not in his conduct at the prayer meeting, but in his conduct at home. If he says he has found religion, but continues to cuff his children and snub his wife, you may be sure that he has picked up some counterfeit and will soon throw it away. If, on the other hand, his religion compels him to pay his debts, and makes him cheerful and forbearing, both you and he may have a "comfortable assurance" that the inoculation has taken effect. Religion is like vaccination, it does not always "take" the first time.

WHAT a subtle magic there is in friendliness! We have met people who were so kind and cordial in manner, so responsive in look and greeting, and so swift in doing courteous and gracious things, that they seemed to diffuse a sweet atmosphere around them. How beautiful they were even though sometimes they had plain faces and rough hands! No face is ever hopelessly plain through which a friendly soul looks out upon the world. And then the opposite people! How gruff their speech! How morose their expression! How narrow their range of thought! How unsympathetic their behaviour! How they chilled you with their arrogance, or froze you with their superciliousness! The unfriendly people are social night-mares and dismal wet-blankets at home.

A REVIVAL means where the people of God themselves are stirred to nobler efforts for the Master's kingdom; where their faith is turned into a mighty power which goes forth to send out to bless mankind, evangelists and pastors and teachers. When the people are once revived they will go among their relatives and among the workmen and endeavour to do them good. In doing this God will bless your own souls and will answer your prayers. I consider it a matter of great importance that Christians treasure up the answers to prayers they make. There are more of your prayers answered than you sometimes imagine. If you would cherish up the answers you would more readily see God's hand in it all. The more we know of God the less hard thoughts we would have of Him.