

SIDNEY SMITH cut the following from a newspaper and preserved it for himself: "When you rise in the morning form the resolution to make the day a happy one to some fellow-creature. It is easily done—a left off garment to the man who needs it, a kind word to the sorrowful, an encouraging expression to the starving—trifles in themselves light as air—will do it at least twenty four hours. And if you are young depend upon it, it will tell when you are old; and if you are old, rest assured it will send you gently and happily down the stream of time to eternity. If you send one person, only one, happily through each day, that is 365 in the course of the year. If you live only forty years after you commence that course of medicine, you have made 14,600 beings happy, at all events, for a time."

THERE is many a thing which the world calls disappointment, but there is no such word in the dictionary of faith. What to others are disappointments are to believers intimations of the will of God.

Steadfastness in holiness, in consecration, in every Christian duty, is the great need of the Church of our times. There is vastly too much wavering, too much that is spasmodic, too much that is transient in Christian character and work. The strength of the church lies in the lives of Christians who are wholly and continually consecrated to the service of Jesus Christ.—*Telescope.*

If only men of wealth could be brought to consider the responsibility involved in the possession of enormous revenues, while works of love and mercy are at a standstill for lack of funds, we might soon see an advance of needed reforms. It seems a fearful fact to contemplate, that while multitudes are perishing for lack of food, and through having to exist in habitations unfit for human occupation, rich men in our city are spending, as in one case we hear of, £20,000 on a stable, and in another, £5000 on a billiard-room. Wealth is a great privilege, if rightly used, but the selfish misuse of it, to the forgetfulness of the poor and needy, and forms a glaring breach of both tables of the moral law.

**MARRIAGES.**

LONGILLE—SIMS.—On the 10th inst., in St. Luke's Church, Hubbard's Cove, by the Rev. the Rector, Milleton Longille to Melissa Sims, both of Foxpoint, Co. Lunenburg.

**DEATHS.**

DYKEMAN.—Entered into rest at Nashwaaksis, in the Parish of Douglas, on Saturday, Jan. 5th, 1884, Emma F. Dykeman, aged 21 years, eldest daughter of Mr. Gilbert Dykeman.

FERGUSON.—At Tangier, on Jan. 7th, suddenly of heart disease, James Ferguson, Senr., in the 70th year of his age. Deceased was a regular communicant, and his funeral was very largely attended. "The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God."

LESLIE.—Of consumption, at Spry Bay, Jan. 5th, Hezekiah M. Leslie, son of George Leslie, (Senr.), aged 24 years. Deceased died 20 hours after his young wife had given birth to her first born child, and departed in the fulness of penitence, faith, and hope.

If I hit your conscience, it was that I meant to do. Not to your ears do I speak, but to your hearts. I would use the words that would be most rough and vulgar in all language, If I could get at your hearts better with these than any other, for I reckon that the chief matter with a minister is to touch the conscience.

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