

THE BOOK OF BOOKS.

What has the Bible done for me ?
Told me, my gracious God, of Thee !
What has it made me feel within ?—
The weight, the power, the guilt of sin.

What has it taught me of the love
Which brought my Saviour from above ?
What has it showed me of my loss,
And what I owe to Calvary's Cross ?

What has it brought in sorrow's hour
Home to my heart with mighty power ?
What has it, in advancing years,
Taught me of suffering, grief, and tears ?

What has it done to calm my mind
When friends long trusted proved unkind ?
What has it done my grief to stay
When death has borne the loved away ?

What has it told of sin forgiven ?
The love of Christ—the hope of heaven ?
What has it made my eyes to see ?
What has the Bible done for me ?

The family Bible should be regarded by every house as the ark of the Lord was regarded among the children of Israel. It should be holy unto the Lord ; and we should read it, value it, and look upon it as the especial gift of God to us for the benefit of our souls.

“Though many a page to lead our feet
In wisdom's ways be given,
The Bible is the Book of books
To guide the soul to heaven.”

Read it at the dawn of day, when you are refreshed with slumber, and the sun shines in the heavens. Read it at eventide, before you commit yourself for the night to the great Shepherd of Israel, who neither sleeps nor slumbers. Read it in company with the followers of Jesus Christ, to strengthen your faith one with another. Read it in the solitude to brighten your hope of immortality. Read it in the day of prosperity, when your heart is thankful. Read it in the season of sorrow, when you require consolation. Read it when tempted to do evil, to fortify your soul against sin. Read it on the Lord's-day, before and after attending the house of God. Read it, in short, at all times and at all seasons, when you have the opportunity ; for the more you know of the word and will of God, and of the grace of His Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, the happier you will be, and the more anxious to obey Him, honour Him, love Him, and praise Him all the days of your life.

“Men made men in God's school are trained and hardened by discipline, trial, self-denial, opposition. A kite that has its own way, no one pulling the string, soon falls to the ground.”—*Anon.*