

Random Readings.

What person could keep his manliness, if obedient to the prompting thought that said, "O man, do this good deed, and it shall be all over the country next week?"

Be sure that those only have a right to a season of rest, and those only truly enjoy it, who have done real work, and mean to again.

Go and tell your difficulties to some Christian neighbour or friend; and, if the passage be too hard for them, pray for light from above.—St. Augustine.

Do thy part with industry, and leave the event with God. I have seen matters fall out so unexpectedly, that they have taught me in all affairs neither to despair nor to presume; not to despair, for God can help me; not to presume, for God can cross me.

Live in the sight of God. This is what Heaven will be—the eternal presence of God. Do nothing you would not like God to see; say nothing you would not like Him to hear; write nothing you would not like Him to read; and read nothing of which you would not like God to say: "show it to me."

He that is contented with just grace enough to get to heaven and escape hell, and desires no more, may be sure he hath none at all; and is far from being made partaker of the divine nature.

Afflictions are as needful for our souls as food is for our bodies.

Dr. Tyndall treats us to a long account of religious men who have opposed science, and been defeated. I may say justly defeated, as setting themselves against one way in which God makes known His will.

Pride doeth its own will; humility, the will of God.

It is certain thou must die, and uncertain when, how, or where, seeing death is always at thy heels. Thou must, if thou be wise, always be ready to die.

Love thy neighbor for God's sake, and God, for his own sake, who created all things for thy sake, and redeemed thee for His mercy's sake; if thy love hath any other object, it is false love; if thy object have any other end, it is self-love.

Be not unstable in thy resolutions, nor various in thy actions, nor inconstant in thy affections; so deliberate, that thou mayst resolve; so resolve, that thou mayst perform; so perform, that thou mayst persevere; mutability is the badge of infirmity.

Color is the type of love. Hence it is especially connected with the blossoming of the earth; and again with its fruit; also, with the spring and fall of the leaf, and with the morning and evening of the day, in order to show the waiting of love about the birth and death of man.—Ruskin.

We are here for nobler purposes than to waste the fleeting moments of our lives in lamentations and wallings over troubles which, perhaps, only regard our personal ease and prosperity. Make me an outcast, a beggar; place me a barefooted pilgrim on the top of the Alps or the Pyrenees; and I should have wherewithal to sustain the spirit within me, in the reflection that all this was but as for a moment, and that a period would come when the wrong and injury and trouble should be no more.

No religious work is unimportant, but the conversion of sinners is the main object of all religious efforts. A revival gives unity to the Church, development to its resources, prosperity to its finances, enlargement to its borders, and causes even—the angels in heaven to rejoice.

There is room in the Church, and need, for all manner of workers. The poorest and least recognized are as much needed as any. Upon your watch; your eye falls on jewels there. But the sparkling jewels cannot say to the modest coil of steel beside them, "We have no need of thee," for that is the mainspring. And the mainspring cannot say to the finest cog-wheel, "We have no need of thee," for without it the works stand still.

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If we would not seek God in vain, let us seek Him in truth, often and constantly. Let us not seek another thing, instead of Him, nor any other thing with Him, nor for any other thing, leave Him.

Scientific and Useful.

THE CHILDREN OF SLAVES WILL BE SLAVES.

There are but few tobacco-using fathers who are pleased when their sons follow their example in that regard. But how can they expect youth to have moral purpose sufficient to resist the temptation to the "manly vice," unless maturity is strong enough to conquer an appetite which can only be excited and cannot be approved?

MAKE MEALS ENJOYABLE.

Disagreeable topics of conversation should be inexorably banished from the table. Complaints, reproofs, tales of distress or suffering, are neither appetizing nor digestive.

STILLNESS FOR THE SICK.

Calmness and quiet should reign in the sickroom—quite as truly when the patient seems unconscious as when he is able to express his wishes. One too weak to remonstrate may suffer untold agonies from the noise and bustle about him.

REST FOR A BRUISED HEAD.

After a severe blow upon the head a child should have rest. The brain, if in danger of being injured by the concussion, must be kept quiet. Sleep, by some supposed to be very dangerous, is often a greatly needed remedy.

FRUIT DEMANDED.

With the early warm days of spring, there comes an almost universal appetite for acids, and science shows that nature is not altogether wrong in her demands. While it is necessary to use discretion in the matter of food, as well as in other things, much freer use of fruits and vegetables in a proper state for eating would without doubt be beneficial.

SETTING FOR WINDOWS AND DOORS.

If we would have cool parlours, dining-rooms, kitchens, and bedrooms, during the hot summer weather, we must have mosquito netting or wire gauze in all our windows, and, if possible, at the doors also.

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