

THE SECRET.

Mother," said a girl of ten years age, "I want to know the secret of your going away alone every night and morning."

"Why, my dear?" "Because it must be to see some one you love very much."

"And what leads you to think so?"

"Because I have always noticed that when you come back you appear to be more happy than usual."

"Well, suppose I do go to see a friend I love very much, and that after seeing him and conversing with him I am more happy than before, why should you wish to know anything about it?"

"Because I wish to do as you do, that I may be happy also."

"Well, my child, when I leave you in the morning and in the evening it is to commune with my Saviour; I go to pray to him; I ask him for his grace to make me happy and holy; I ask him to assist me in all the duties of the day, and especially to keep me from committing any sin against him; and, above all, I ask him to have mercy on you, and save you from the influence of those who sin against him."

"If that is the secret," said the child, "then I must go with you."

A private letter from the home of the Bliss children has been shown us, which contains the following touching and beautiful illustration of the faith of childhood: "Dear little Paul asked his Aunt Clara if there were not windows in heaven that Papa and Mamma might look down. Each night he prays: 'God bless Papa and Mamma, and let them look down and see us.'"

KING GEORGE'S THANKSGIVING.

When our national independence had been triumphantly achieved, the colonies, of course, held great general jubilees. And poor King George, who had been sadly worsted in the conflict, thinking himself quite as pious as his disloyal subjects, and not to be outdone in godliness by such rebels against the divine right, appointed also a day of thanksgiving for the restoration of peace to his long-disturbed empire. In the vicinity of the monarch's residence, then Windsor Castle, dwelt a most estimable member of the church, who shared his sovereign's intimacy, and conversed with him freely. On this occasion the worthy divine ventured to say:

"Your Majesty has sent out a proclamation for a day of thanksgiving. For what are we to give thanks? Is it because your majesty has lost thirteen of the fairest jewels from your crown?"

"No, no," replied the monarch, "not for that."

"Well, then, shall we give thanks because so many millions of treasure have been spent in this war, and so many millions added to the public debt?"

"No, no," again replied the King, "not for that."

"Shall we, then, give thanks that so many thousands of our fellow-men have poured out their life-blood in this unhappy and unnatural struggle between those of the same race and religion?"

"No, no," exclaimed the King for the third time, "not that."

"For what, then, may it please your Majesty, are we to give thanks?" asked the pious divine.

"Thank God!" cried the King, most energetically, "thank God it is not any worse."

Yes, and here is a reason for thankfulness in all circumstances, since it is never so bad with us as it might be; and even if God be pouring out the vials of his anger, yet, blessed be his name, he never empties them to the uttermost!—Rev. Chas. Wadsworth, D.D.

When God forsakes us Satan also leaves us, for such offenders he looks upon as sure and sealed up; and his temptations are then needless unto them.—Sir Thomas Browne, 1655.

If thou art rich, thou art poor; for, like an ass whose back with ingots bows, thou bearest thy heavy riches but a journey, and death unloads thee.—Shakespeare.

ALL ABOUT IT.—Prose is the flour of literature; prose is the corn, potatoes and meat; satire is the aquafortis; wit is the spice and pepper; love letters are the honey and sugar; and letters containing remittances are the apple dumplings.

HYMN-SINGING.

Commodore Vanderbilt was a shrewd, clear, hard, business man, who made a great railroad convenient, comfortable, safe, and sure for the public, which ought to be grateful for what he did. He sang hymns at the last, and doubtless with sincere emotion. But probably there was not much singing of hymns during the characteristic transactions of his life. "I am glad he liked the hymns," said Mr. Beecher; "but if he had sung them thirty years ago, it would have made a great difference. He did not sing hymns as long as he could get about." The preacher drew a comparison between the deaths of the Commodore and of Mr. Bliss, the hymn-writer and preacher, who perished in the terrible Ashtabula catastrophe. He said, indeed, that it was not fair to compare the obscure sweet singer of Israel with the famous railway king. But as a Christian moralist he felt that he ought to say how much greater a work in the world the singer seemed to him to have done.

He did not sing hymns as long as he could get about. It is true of very many more of us than the commodore. But it is pleasant to think of those who do: of the men and women who, having no ear for music, are yet singing hymns all the time; of lives that, poor and obscure and lonely, are as sweet and inspiring as the loftiest hymns. "Be a good man, my dear," said Walter Scott to his son, as he died. He did not say, be famous, be successful, be conspicuous, be rich. To sing hymns, too, is well, but there is something better; for the one thing of which in this life we may be sure is that a good life is a perpetual Te Deum.—Editor's Easy Chair, in Harper's Magazine for March.

ELEVENTH HOUR.—At the close of a recent service at the Taylor-street M. E. Church, when an invitation was given to unite with the Church by letter or on probation, a very old man arose slowly in his seat, and with assistance hobbled feebly to the altar, and gave his hand to the pastor. He told in broken accents, and with much emotion, that he was ninety years of age, and desired to unite with the Church on probation. He was warmly received by the pastor, and comforting assurance given him of God's mercy, and of the sympathy of God's people for him. The scene created quite a sensation for a few moments, and will not soon be forgotten by the large congregation who witnessed it.—P. C. Advocate.

PLEASANTRIES.

A young scapegrace, notorious for his pranks and practical jokes, who came of age the other day, awoke the family at midnight by loud cries of "Man in the house!"

A female preacher is said to be writing a "Commentary on the life of Joshua." It is reported that she will observe that Joshua was successful with the sun, but he never commanded the daughter to be still.

A young couple dedicate their first-born, now two years old, to the Lord, and with him fifty dollars, as a thank-offering. Blessings on the child and on the parents!

An English and French vessel had a quarrel about which should be supplied first from a certain well of water, which indeed a war that cost 1,000 lives.

The great philosopher, Newton, saw a child playing with soap bubbles, which led him to his most important discoveries in optical instruments.

Stephen Montgolfier saw a shirt waving when hung before the fire, from which he first conceived the idea of a balloon.

READ CAREFULLY.

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