

COURAGE to think is infinitely more rare than courage to act.

MANY of the evils of society, much of the vice and crime which we deplore, come from the degrading nature of the amusements entered into. To inveigh against them avails little; but to substitute something better and to persuade men to choose it is a task worthy of all endeavor.

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THE *Illustrated Church News* says that in the many injunctions which the Archbishop of York has been giving his clergy, there is no mention of what the laity would very gladly welcome, viz., that they should pay attention to their reading—that is, the reading of the lessons and the prayers—which is in danger of becoming a lost art. Good reading has proved

a great attraction in its time. Mrs. Siddons told Rogers that a Rev. Mr. Este read the service so beautifully at Whitehall (where he was reader) that she used to go there to listen to his elocution. Mr. Gladstone took the trouble to follow Newman about that he might hear him read the lessons. The half-empty Bedford Chapel in London used to be full in the days when Bellew read the commandments. Good reading might be found as powerful to draw a congregation as good preaching.

Far from the heavenly port,  
On storm-tossed sea,  
Far from the harbor calm,  
I look to Thee,  
And, through the starless night,  
There shineth guiding light,  
Enough for me.

Breasting, with failing strength,  
Waves wild and free,  
Struggling 'gainst wind and tide,  
I call to Thee,  
And, in the waning night,  
Strength, courage, hope and might,  
Are given me.

When, with the morning clear,  
Calm comes at last,  
When, in the heavenly port,  
Life's anchor's cast,  
Then, in the perfect light,  
I'll thank Thee for the night  
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