

dangerous as inspiring pride and self-confidence. Watching over others, he is tempted to forget to keep watch over himself. If there is any one who is called to scrutinize his own heart, and apply diligently the truth he teaches to himself, it is he who ministers in God's temple.—*Churchman*.

FOR OURSELVES, we are glad to believe that the gates are not ajar—that we have no true conception of what awaits us in the heavenly state. As Christmas draws near, the children ply their parents with eager questions as to what their gifts shall be. But when the father makes a pretence of disclosing the secret, asking seriously, "Shall I tell you?" he is greeted with a chorus of "No! no!" For half the pleasure of the Christmas-tree is the unexpectedness of its fruits. If there were any prophet able to open the door and disclose to us the glory that lies beyond, we should beg of him to keep his secret. For not the least element in the gladness of that great day of joy when we shall know even as we are known will consist in the gladness of its divinely prepared surprises.—*Christian Union*.

AN ODD New England deacon of the olden time was one day riding on horseback, when he was met by an old woman who had not so many of this world's good things as he had. Taking out his wallet, he handed her a quarter and rode on. He had ridden only a short distance when he began to soliloquize thus: "Now, wouldn't I have done better to have kept that money and bought myself something?" Wheeling his horse round, he rode back to where the old lady was standing, and said, "Give me that money!" She handed it to him, wondering what he meant. Placing it in his wallet, at the same time handing her a five dollar bill, he exclaimed, "There, self, I guess you'll wish you'd kept still!"

A GOOD STORY is told, in the *Congregationalist*, illustrating Dr. Todd's easy way of getting over the roughness of the pastoral path. A number of years ago, when there was much excitement on questions of reform, a prominent mem-

ber in the weekly prayer-meeting made a fierce and harsh attack upon the pastor's pulpit ministrations. The excitement was intense. All expected an explosion. At the close of the tirade, the Doctor asked in the most *nonchalant* way, "Any other brother any remarks to make?" The electricity was withdrawn, and all were in good humour again.

BE NOT MELANCHOLY, and wish yourself in heaven. If a king should give you the keeping of a castle, with all things belonging to it, orchards, gardens, etc., and bid you use them; withal promise you that after twenty years to remove you to the Court, and to make you a privy counsellor; if you should neglect your castle, and refuse to eat of those fruits, and set them down and whine, and wish you were a privy councillor, do you think the king would be pleased with you?—*Shelden*.

INDEPENDENCE.—Let a child wait very much upon himself; do not let him be waited upon, hand and foot, by servants; it will make him a poor creature if you do. Besides, a child is never so happy as when he waits upon himself, and when he can be useful to himself and others. A spirit of independence should be instilled early into him—it will make him a manly little fellow. He will then truly know

—"the glorious privilege
Of being independent."

SCRUPLES.—English tourist (having arrived at Greenock on Sunday morning)—"My man, what's your charge for rowing me across the Frith?" Boatman—"Weel, sir, I was jist thinkin' I can't break the Sawbath day for no less than fifteen shull'n."

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Feb. 1.	Jehovah's Promise.....	Ex. 6,	1-8.
"	8. The First Plague.....	Ex. 7,	11-22.
"	15. Jehovah's Passover.....	Ex. 12,	2-30, 51.
"	22. The Exodus.....	Ex. 13,	17-22.
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"	8. Bitter Waters Sweetened.....	Ex. 15,	22-27.
"	15. Bread from Heaven.....	Ex. 16,	1-5, 31-35.
"	22. Defeat of Amalek.....	Ex. 17,	8-16.

For the *Quarterly Review* the Committee suggest,
" 29. The Song of Moses Ex. 15, 1-11.