

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee.—Isaiah xliiii. 2.

My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.—Prov. i. 10.

THE UNUSED UMBRELLA.

YOUTH was lately leaving his aunt's house after a visit, when, finding it was beginning to rain, he caught up an umbrella that was snugly placed in a corner, and was proceeding to open it, when the old lady, who for the first time observed his movements, sprang towards him, exclaiming, "No, no; that you never shall! I've had that umbrella twenty-three years, and it has never been wet yet; and I'm sure it shan't be wetted now."

Some folk's religion is of the same quality. It is none the worse for wear. It is a respectable article to be looked at, but it must not be damped in the showers of daily life. It stands in a corner, to be used in case of serious illness or death, but it is not meant for common occasions.

We are suspicious that the twenty-three years' old gingham was gone at the seams, and if it had been unfurled it would have leaked like a sieve. At any rate, we are sure that this is the case with the hoarded-up religion which has answered no useful turn in a man's life.—C. H. S.

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FATHER," said the boy, "the cows are in the corn-field, how did they get in?" "Boy," said the father, "never mind how they got in; let us get them out." People are sunken in vice, steeped in poverty; how do they get into this condition? Answer this question after the Day of Judgment, but just now the immediate thing is to see how to get evil out of the world, and how to lift up the fallen, and restore those who have gone astray.

REJECTED YET HONORED.

MACAULAY tells of a poor apprentice who made a cathedral window entirely out of pieces of glass that his master had condemned and thrown away. But when completed, the window won the admiration of all. The master's boasted work was rejected, and the window made by the unknown artist from condemned material was given the place of honor in the great cathedral. The wisdom of this world made its painted window of the wise, the learned, and the righteous, but the unknown Jesus of Nazareth became the architect of a new society. He rejected the noble and the wise, and choose the very material that the wisdom of this world had condemned, and from the refuse of society He has taken up the fallen sons of men and set them, like diamonds, to sparkle forever in the diadem of His glory.—*Selected.*

When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee....Isaiah xliiii. 2.