



A GOOD WIFE.

Several men having spent the evening at a tavern, on their way home after midnight, began to speak of the reception they should meet from their wives. All, except one, expected nothing but scolding and reproach. One of the company, however, observed that he expected the kindest reception from his wife. His companions doubted. He insisted that if they would go with him, she would rise from her bed without a murmur, and receive them all in the kindest manner. A wager was laid, and they all proceeded together. On their arrival the good woman arose, and admitted them with great affability, prepared supper, and waited on them with so much kindness that the men were quite confounded, and inclined to reproach their companion for his treatment of so excellent a woman. When the supper was over, they begged pardon for the trouble they had given her at so unseasonable an hour, and requested an explanation of her reasons for a conduct so extraordinary under such aggravating circumstances. She said, that, from the purest affection, she had long warned and instructed him to prepare for a future world; but as her counsel was not taken and as he could not live long in his present course, she was desirous to make his short period of life as comfortable as possible, as he gave her no hope

of being otherwise than miserable for ever beyond the grave. The poor man was so much affected that he at once gave his companions to understand that he must bid a final farewell to his former practices and society, and henceforth live for God and heaven. Thus was this good woman the happy instrument of reclaiming a drunken husband.

GLEANINGS.

Acquaint thyself with God, if thou would taste His works. Admitted once to his embrace, Thou shalt perceive that thou wast blind before Thine eye shall be instructed—and thine heart Made pure, shall relish, with divine delight, Till then unfehl, what hands divine have wrought.

We form our words with the breath of our nostrils—and we have less to live upon every time we speak.

Many who pass the rock of Great Sins, have been cast away on the sands of Self-righteousness.

Reason is a lamp that sheddeth afar a glorious and general light, but leaveth all that is around it in darkness and gloom.