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We believe we have stumbled on the child of a former friend. About fifty years ago, a fine young Irish woman came to York, or Toronto, where she became converted, and joined the Methodists. Subsequently she married an industrious Yorkshirer, and they settled in the Township of Tecumseh, and used to receive the itinerants in their fortnightly rounds. Forty-six years ago this time, we often dined on Yorkshire pudding in that house. In the present General Conference there is a Mr. George Fletcher, who had an English father and an Irish mother, and was born in Tecumseh, in 1833. He was converted at the age of twenty-one, at a preaching place two miles north of Alliston, in 1854. One year after he was appointed Leader, and 1858 Exhorter, and afterwards Local Preacher. When Alliston was made the head of a Circuit in 1869, he was appointed Recording Secretary.

As to his worldly status, he is a mill, farm, village-lot proprietor, and Post-master. He is also connected with the office of the Alliston Star. The lately incorporated village of Alliston was founded by the Fletcher family in 1856. Its advancement is largely owing to Mr. George Fletcher's enterprise.

Active Benevolence.

Benevolence is not a thing to be taken up by chance, and put by at once to make way for every employment which savors of self-interest. It is the largest part of our business, beginning with our home duties, and extending itself to the utmost verge of humanity. A vague feeling of kindness toward our fellow-creatures is no state of mind to rest in. It is not enough for us to be able to say that nothing of human interest is alien to us, and we give our acquiescence, or indeed our transient assistance, to any scheme of benevolence that may come in our way. No; it is in promoting the welfare of others, we must toil; we must devote to it earnest thought, constant care and zealous endeavor. The few moments in the course of each day which a man absorbs in some worldly pursuit may carelessly expand in kind words or charities to those around him—kindness to animals is one of these—and are, perhaps, in the sight of heaven, the only time that he has lived to any purpose worth recording.—Arthur Helps.

Young Man, Depend on Your Own Efforts.

Fight your own battle. Hoe your own row. Ask no favors of any one, and you will succeed a thousand times better than those who are always beseeching some one's patronage. No one will ever help you as you can help yourself, because no one will be so heartily interested in your affairs. The first step will not be such a long one, perhaps; but, carrying your own way up the mountain, you make each one lead to another, and stand firm in that while you chop out still another. Men who have made their fortunes are not those who had five thousand dollars given them to start with, but started fair with a well-earned dollar or two. Men who have by their own exertions acquired fame have not been thrust into popularity by puffs begged or paid for, or given in a friendly spirit. They have outstretched their hands and touched the public heart. Men who win love do their own wooing, and I never knew a man to fail so signally as one who had induced his affectionate grandmamma to speak a good word for him. Whether you work for fame, for love, for money, or for anything else, work with your hands, heart, and brain. Say, "I will!" and some day you will conquer. Never let any man have it to say "I have dragged you up." Too many friends hurt a man more than none at all.—Grace Greenwood.

Bitters for Health.

The process of drunkard making is one of the most insidious of Satan's devices for the destruction of mankind. The use of liquor is always presented under the guise of being a benefit. Mothers are persuaded to drink beer to strengthen them. Workingmen, either by muscle or brain, are told it is essential to help them in the performance of their daily toil. The man who has destroyed his stomach by injurious eating and drinking, is assured that stimulants will quicken digestion and restore him to vigorous health. Others drink to strengthen their nerves; and all this is done while the whole thinking world knows that intoxicants are destructive of physical and mental power, and the man who touches not the accursed stuff can endure and perform much more labor of mind and muscle than the beer or wine or whisky drinker. Thousands with fancied and actual ailments, ninety-nine in the hundred of which could be cured by proper food, refreshing sleep, pure air, and moderate exercise, have been induced to resort to the use of various kinds of bitters, all of which contain more or less of alcohol. In this way these thousands have acquired the habit of drinking. They thought to save their health, but have utterly ruined it. Over in Rhode Island the State Assayer has been examining

these bitters. In thirty-four samples, all different manufactures, he found the quantity of alcohol to range from seven to forty-five per cent. Take them, says the devil; they will do you good. Believe him not. These bitters are death, not health. They are composed chiefly of the dangerous poison. Good readers, gurgie them all out into the gutter and live. Absinthe, which is just a kind of the bitters, is destroying the French people.—N. Y. Daily Witness.

To Remember Her By.

A company of poor children, who had been gathered out of the alleys and garrets of the city, were preparing for their departure to new and distant homes in the West. Just before the time of starting of the cars, one of the boys was noticed aside from the others, and apparently very busy with a cast-off garment. The superintendent stepped up to him, and found that he was cutting a small piece out of the patched lining. It proved to be his old jacket, which, having been replaced by a new one, had been thrown away. There was no time to be lost.

"Come, John, come," said the superintendent, "what are you going to do with that old piece of calico?"

"Please," said John, "I am cutting it to take with me. My dead mother put the lining into this old jacket for me. This was a piece of her dress, and it is all I have to remember her by."

And as the poor boy thought of that dear mother's love, and of the sad death-scene in the garret where she died, he covered his face with his hands and sobbed as if his heart would break. But the train was about leaving, and John thrust the little piece of calico into his bosom to remember his mother by, hurried into a car, and was soon far away from the place where he had seen so much sorrow.

Little readers, are your mothers still spared to you? Will you not show your love by obedience? That little boy who loved so well, we are sure obeyed. Bear this in mind, that if you should one day have to look upon the face of a dead mother, no thought would be so bitter as to remember that you had given her pain by your willfulness or disobedience.—Old School Presbyterian.

"Whoever Believeth!"

A soldier who had lived quite a long life in sin lay on his hospitable bed, sick, and full of trouble. A kind nurse stood near, who, seeing his patient very restless, asked what he could do to make him feel better.

"I don't know; I want something," answered the sick man. "I feel dreadfully." The nurse brought a cup of water, saying, "Wouldn't you like a drink?"

The soldier took the cup in his trembling hand, but said, "No, this isn't what I want; it isn't like this."

"It is almost time for the surgeon to come in," said the nurse, kindly.

"Well, he can't do much for me," sighed the poor man; "it isn't such help that I want. O, I'm a dreadful wicked man; and the way is all dark before me—all dark!"

The nurse was a Christian; and by this time he had discovered what was the matter with his patient; so he sat down beside him and asked if he wouldn't like to hear what the Bible has to say to wicked men who want something the surgeon and the nurse cannot give.

"O, yes!" moaned the sick man; "that's it; but I'm afraid there's no use in it. It's a long time since I've had anything to do with the Bible, and I'm the greatest sinner in the world; and it's all dark ahead—all dark!"

"But listen to what Jesus says," said the nurse; and he opened to the third chapter of John's gospel. The man listened until he had finished the sixteenth verse: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

"Stop," said he; "read that again." The nurse repeated the verse.

"But what does that whosoever mean?" the sick man eagerly inquired.

"It means," said the nurse, "any body." "No, not every body; not such a sinner!" he interrupted again.

"Yes."

"And so vile and hardened?"

"It is just such that Jesus came to save." "And sick, and wretched, and dark?"

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