

tract, which one of their number had found. He was observed carefully joining together the two parts which had been torn asunder, but were held together by a *Thread!* The devil had done his work imperfectly; for instead of tearing the tract to tatters, his agent had left it still available for use, a little pains sufficing to make it legible. Thus the poor man who had torn the tract in two, was the means of its being read by a whole band of haymakers, instead of by a single individual. Thus, no doubt, moralized the excellent Leigh Richmond.

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper either this or that, or whether both shall be alike good."—*Congregationalist*.

### BIBLICAL NOTES.

ZECH. iv. 10. "Who hath despised the day of small things?"

"THEY'VE FORGOTTEN THE ROPE."—A tall chimney had been completed, and the scaffolding was being removed. One man remained on the top to superintend the process. A rope should have been left for him to descend by. His wife was at home washing, when her little boy burst in with "Mother, mother, they've forgotten the rope, and he's going to throw himself down!" She paused—her lips moved in the agony of prayer—and she rushed forth. A crowd were looking up to the poor man, he was moving round and round the narrow cornice, terrified and bewildered! He seemed as if at any moment he might fall, or throw himself down in despair. His wife from below cried out—"Wait a bit, John!" The man became calm. "Take of thy stocking—unravel the worsted." And he did so. "Now tie the end to a bit of mortar and lower gently." Down came the thread and the bit of mortar, swinging backwards and forwards. Lower and lower it descended, eagerly watched by many eyes; it was now within reach, and was gently seized by one of the crowd. They fastened some twine to the thread. "Now pull up." The man got hold of the twine.

The rope was now fastened on. "Pull away again." He at length seized the rope and made secure. There were a few moments of suspense, and then, amidst the shouts of the people, he threw himself into the arms of his wife, sobbing—"Thou'st saved me, Mary." The worsted thread was not despised—it drew after it the twine, the rope, the rescue! Ah, my friend, thou mayest be sunk very low down in sin and woe, but there is a thread of Divine love, that comes from the throne of heaven, and touches even thee. Seize that thread. It may be small but it is golden. Improve what you have, however little, and more shall be given. That thin thread of love, if you will not neglect it shall lift even you up to God and glory. "Who hath despised the day of small things?"—  
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PSA. xix. 7, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul."

THE BOOK-MARK—A correspondent of a foreign journal relates the following:—"A young lady once presented me with a book-mark, having the inscription, 'God bless you,' and exacted a promise that it should be placed in my Bible, but never to remain a day opposite the same chapter. Faithful to my promise, I took it home, and rubbing from the lids of my Bible the dust of a week, I placed it in the first chapter of Matthew, and daily read a chapter and changed its place. I had not read long before I became interested as I had never been before in this good book; and I saw in its truths that I was a sinner, and must repent if I would be saved. I then promised God that I would seek His face at the earliest opportunity, and if He saw fit to convert my soul, that I would spend my life in His cause. It came; I sought His face and received the smile of His love, and now I have a hope within me 'big with immortality;' and to all do I attribute to that book-mark and the grace of God. And this was the beginning of a great revival at S—. Many sought His face and found it; and the flame kindled there spread over the entire district, and scores were brought into the church of God. 'Despise not the day of small things.' A word spoken in season—a simple Christian act—a sincere, simple prayer, may turn a poor wandering sinner from the error of his ways."