

Profane Words.

As polished steel receives a stain From drops at random thung, So does the child, when words profane Drop from a parent's tongue.

Inspiration of Christian Enthusiasm.

There are none in the community that have more need of temperance societies than the drunkards; but the drunkards will never form temperance societies. There are none in the community that more need schools and colleges than the ignorant; but the ignorant will never put their money into colleges and schools.

Mr. Charles Simeon from Cambridge made occasional visits to Scotland, and spent one single night in the manse of a Scotch clergyman, a Mr. Stewart, a man of fine culture and noble parts, but a man who, like Chalmers, was preaching merely intellectual brilliances, with no adequate conception of Christ, and of his free and perfect righteousness.

They tell of a Scotch martyr who had, when tried, a little boy. The night before his execution that boy was permitted to see him. He was so sore a child that he was amusing himself in playing, as he was being led to the cell where his father lay under sentence of death.

Now, my brethren, let me preach the gospel to you. Would you look at One who was executed, too, one upon whom was poured contempt, shame, and scorn? When you look at his cross do you look at him, not merely as the crucified One, but as one lifted up, magnified, and glorified?

Growing old Honestly.

If your flower-time be gone—whether the petals lie around your feet just fallen, or that day be far behind you—feel no regret for what is past, simply because it is past—only regret that you did not use it better while it lasted.

O Thou heart-searching God, who knowest the inmost thoughts of each individual before thee, and the peculiar trials to which we are severally exposed, search and try our hearts, discover to us what is the ground of our confidence, preserve us from building on any false foundation, and suit thy exercises to our several wants.

The Plumage of Humming Birds.

The wonderful change in color that takes place, according to the position of the light, from brilliant green, through the brightest golden tints, to intense velvety black, or from black to emerald, or ruby, or crimson, or flame-color, remind one of fairy-land or the tales of the genii.

Solomon's Temple

The skill, the art, the mighty toil that have been devoted to the adornment and to the desecration of this ancient place of worship, have been of extraordinary magnitude. The grandest legacy of Egyptian antiquity, the Great Pyramid, demanded, indeed, a larger amount of naked human labor; but in Morian there is a compulsion of the features of nature herself to the service of the builder.

If we regard not so much the evidence of the labor devoted to the work of the Temple as the effect produced on the mind by its apparent magnitude, we may suggest the following comparisons:—The length of the Eastern wall of the Sanctuary is rather more than double that of one side of the great Pyramid.

Early Rising.

The old couplet.— "Early to bed and early to rise Makes a man his day, wealthy and wise." seems to be falling into contempt. The cause of this may be the fact that too many have insisted upon early rising without paying any attention to the hour of retiring.

and brain, such as natural sleep affords. The demand for stimulants of all kinds would also grow less. It is a very cruel thing to wake a child from its morning sleep. If it sleeps late, it is probable because it goes to bed late—unless it sleeps from very stupor, because its bedroom is so badly ventilated.

Manners in Church.

Good manners in church require reverence in behavior, and hence must exclude ordinary conversation both before and during, and immediately after the services. Chatting, whispering, motioning—all such conduct is out of place where people have come together to engage in the most solemn act of which they are capable.

It is also in bad taste to make the church the place for the show of fine clothes. There may be occasions when it is suitable to put on the costliest and richest dress which the means and the conscience will allow; but to make the house of prayer a scene for the exhibition of the latest fashions, the gayest colours, and the brightest jewels, and thus belittled to appear before God, is out of all character.

Facts for Farmers.

If you invest your money in tools and leave them exposed to the weather, it is the same as loaning money to a spendthrift without security—a dead loss in both cases. If you invest your money in books and never read them, it is the same as putting your money into a bank and never drawing either the principle or interest.

Sin cannot be measured by money-value, not by the pleasure it affords. The only true standard is that which exists in the Divine mind. This standard is sometimes revealed, in part, by the consequences that are seen to follow acts of sin.

Reading Aloud.

Persons who are partially deaf hear those best who speak to them in a soft voice only, if the enunciation is clear and well defined. Bellowing is not speaking. Nothing better than a speaker can than to custom himself to read aloud in conversational tones.

- 1. It aids in developing the capacity of the lungs for taking in a larger amount of air. 2. It habituates the voice to public speaking, and gives it not only greater volume but greater power, without exciting a tickling in the throat or hemming or coughing.

Fewer Denominations.

It must be evident to all who are observing passing events, that instead of a multiplication of the number of sects there is to be a subtraction of them. It is preposterous on what little differences of opinion many of the denominations have been founded. It takes an acute theologian to tell the difference between the Reformed Church and the Presbyterian.

Let the whole truth be told. In some cases (not all) the chief obstacles to the union of the Presbyterian branches into one family, and of the Methodist branches into another family, are the secretaries and their friends, who would have to seek other spheres of usefulness, and the theological professors and their friends, who could be spared for other work if once the theological seminaries were united.

Important Trade Mark Decision.

The case of Cochran Fleming, doing business under the name of Fleming Bros., in Pittsburgh Pa., against Dr. J. H. McLean of St. Louis, has recently been decided by the U. S. Circuit Court, for the Eastern District of Missouri, in favor of the plaintiff.

The Court further decrees that the defendant account to plaintiff for all damages sustained by him since November, 1870.

Mr. Winter was lately in company with an Arminian who ran out violently against the doctrine of election. "You believe election," said Mr. Winter, "as firmly as I do." I deny it, answered the other; on the contrary, it is a doctrine I detest.

Uses of Ammonia.

No housekeeper should be without a bottle of spirits of ammonia, for besides its medical value, it is invaluable for household purposes. It is nearly as useful as soap, and its cheapness brings it within reach of all.

For washing mirrors and windows it is very desirable; put a few drops of ammonia on a piece of paper, and it will readily take off every spot or finger mark on the glass. It will take out grease spots from every fabric; put on the ammonia nearly clear, lay blotting paper over the place and press a hot flat-iron on it for a few moments.

Put a teaspoonful of ammonia into one pint of water, and shake the brushes through the water. When they look white rinse them in water and put them in the sunshine, or in a warm place to dry. The dirtiest brush will come out of this bath white and clean.

In addition to all these uses, the effect of ammonia on vegetation is beneficial. If you desire roses, geraniums, fuchsias, &c., to become more flourishing, you can try it upon them by adding five or six drops to every pint of warm water you give them, but don't repeat the dose oftener than once in five or six days.

When a man is opposed to Christianity, it is because Christianity is opposed to him.

It is a great mercy to enjoy the Gospel of peace, but a greater to enjoy the peace of the Gospel.

When a church is afraid to discipline its wicked members, simply because they are rich, the Lord will have no use for it.

It is not until we have passed through the furnace, that we are made to know how much dross was in our composition.

It is one of the beautiful compensations of this life that no one can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.

Sin is never at a stay; if we do not retreat from it, we shall advance in it; and the further on we go, the more we have to come back.

When a Christian goes into the world, because he sees it his call, yet while he feels it also his cross, it will not hurt him.

Humility is a grace that adorns and beautifies every other grace; without it the most splendid natural and acquired acquisitions lose their charm.

Faith's assurance, that in the Lord Jehovah there is everlasting strength, even while we have not the experience of the communications of it, is a cordial against fainting.

Because gold is rare gilding has been invented, which without its solidity has all its brightness; thus, to replace the kindness which we are without, we have invented politeness, which has every appearance of it.

Hast Thou died for my salvation, and shall I not live to thy glory? Didst Thou deliver Thyself to be tormented, and shall I not give up myself to Thee to bear Thy yoke, which is light, and Thy burden, which is sweet?

A man who puts himself on the ground of moral principle, if the whole world be against him, is mightier than all. Never be afraid of being in the minorities, so that minorities are based upon principles.

There cannot be a secret Christian. Grace is like ointment hid in the hand; it betrayeth itself. If you truly feel the sweetness of the cross of Christ, you will be constrained to confess Christ before men.

We are living in an atmosphere which rather blinds us to certain old prime truths. But how must it look to the angels, to see a man earnestly praying for the conversion of the heathen, who spends yearly on himself what would support fifty ministers?

Every true hero grows by patience. People who have always been prosperous are seldom the most worthy, and never in moral excellence the most strong. He who has not been compelled to suffer, has, probably, not begun to learn how to be magnanimous, as it is only by patience and fortitude that we can know what it is to overcome evils, or feel the pleasure of forgiving them.

Religion is not a mere debt we owe to God—it is a spirit of fellowship and sympathy with Him; it is the highest proof that God has made us for Himself; and redeemed us to Himself, and called us to be renewed in His image once more, and to be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect.