

THE BEST PROFESSION.

There is many a Christian student now in our colleges who, if he will decide to enter the "high calling" of a laborer for souls, will keep a hundred thanksgiving days for having chosen the better part. The more a minister loves his work the more he enjoys it. We see the sad and depraved sides, and we are kept in contact with the most rich and soul elevating truths in the universe. Yes we are brought into the daily fellowship of the Divine Teacher, the Elder Brother, the Holy Comforter. Jesus comes to us in our studies. His countenance shines on our Bible. He glorifies by his smile the humblest cabin in which a frontier missionary is preparing his message of heavenly love. To save a soul is a luxury that Gabriel might covet. "Your heaven is two heavens to me," said Rutherford to his spiritual children whom he had led to the Saviour. *Dr. T. L. Cuyler.*

THE MOTHER OF NEWTON.

John Newton was an only son. Until seven years of age he enjoyed the wise counsel and fervent prayers of a devoted mother. At that period she died. He grew up a reckless and profane youth, and was engaged in the African slave trade. He could not forget, however, his mother's prayers. He finally yielded to God, became a Christian and a minister of the gospel. Newton became the instrument of the conversion of Claudius Buchanan (author of "The Star of the East," which led Adoniram Judson to the East); of Thomas Scott, the eminent commentator, and of Wilberforce, the philanthropist; while William Cowper, the poet, acknowledged that he owed to Newton's letters and to his personal helpfulness much of his inspiration and success. The apparent means of the conversion of Leigh Richmond was the "Practical View," written by Wilberforce. The "Maryman's Daughter" by Richmond, has, in turn, been blessed to unnumbered thousands.

Who can measure the scope of a mother's power through time and eternity? "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give thee wages!" - *E. P. T. in Church Union.*

LITTLE UNREMEMBERED ACTS.

Once, in one of the thousand streets of busy London, a man was walking whose limbs seemed nearly paralyzed. Old, poor, paralytic, he crept along so slowly that, though after meeting him the narrator went several blocks on and made a purchase, yet, as he returned, the poor man seemed to have got but a few steps on his way. Just before he reached him on his return, he saw him stop at a crossing crowded with teams and carriages, many of them moving swiftly a dangerous crossing for one like him. At this moment a man just entering middle life, with an honest English face, strong, hearty in a workman's dress, was seen coming down the cross street from the left. As he came up he saw the dilemma of the poor paralytic, and, without a word said, put one strong arm around him, and bore him swiftly through the throng of carriages to the safe side; and then, without waiting for a word of thanks, went on his way as if nothing had happened. A very common place incident, but there was a lesson in it. Much of our service in this world may be as purely incidental, as trifling compared with other things, as little marked, with as little knowledge even to whom it is rendered. It is a service all the same; and if there be a recording angel, and a book of human doings, we may some day see records of these humbler deeds standing far higher on the page than many a more pretentious one. - *Palmos.*

UNCLE WILLIAM.

A year ago there was a quiet funeral on Wilkins street, and when it was over an old man called "Uncle William" was left without home and with no means to help himself. Strangers said that he would have to go to the poor house, but when the trembling and half blind old man wiped tears from his eyes, a neighbor said:

"I will take him to my home and care for him a month, anyhow."

"Then I will take him," added another.

"And then my roof shall shelter him," said a third.

So the old man found friends. One took him and then another, and he was well used. They were far from being rich. Their tables were lean and their beds cold, and sometimes the little that Uncle William ate was missed by the hungry children, but no one ever spoke unkindly to him or hinted that he was a burden.

One night last week, after the old man had sought his bed, and the children were asleep, a husband and wife sat down to say to each other that work was scarce, the rent behind, and the fuel was nearly gone, and

Here they looked at each other in a shy way, as if ashamed of their thoughts. The cold wind whistled around the cottage as if hungering to nip little toes, and the wife shivered and said:

"He is so old and feeble let us wait a few days longer."

"I haven't a dollar left," mused the man, as he glanced at the cupboard.

"But he eats very little," protested the wife.

"We have only a small house."

"But he sits in the corner."

They looked at each other for a long time without speaking. A vision of the poor old man battling with a fierce winter gale came to either, and stood between, with hands crossed in supplication.

"He shall stay" they whispered together and they rose up and made ready for the night, and the gale banged at the doors as if cheated of its prey.

Morning came, with its meagre breakfast. There was not enough for four, but it must do for seven, and the father forced a smile to his face, as he opened the poor and called:

"Come, Uncle William, you shall have the warmest place and the biggest dish."

There was no response, and when they bent over the old man, they found that no man would ever again find him a burden.

"See," said the wife. "he may have heard our whispers, for there is a tear on his cheek."

"But he knew the resolve of our heart, for he died with a smile on his face," added the husband.

"Oh! he's dead" poor old grandpa is dead" cried the children. "How glad we are that God will let him have a big warm corner, and lots of everything to eat."

"If we could have done more for him," sighed the wife, as the tears fell; and their charity was greater than his who had subscribed his thousands.

A COMPREHENSIVE PRAYER.

Thomas-a-Kempis, who died just one hundred years before the German Reformation, is said to be the author of this prayer: "Give me a clear understanding against all impurity, a right faith against all doubtfulness, a firm hope against all difficulties, fervent charity against all indiffidence and negligence, great patience against all disturbance, holy meditation against every filthy imagination, continual prayer against the devil's assaults, good occupation against the tiresomeness and drowsiness of the heart, and lastly, a devout remembrance of Thy holy passion against the wounding of the soul by vices. Assist me, O my God, with all these, Thy good gifts, and confirm me in all Thy holy words. Amen."

TEMPTED BY DEGREES.

John Newton says Satan seldom comes to Christians with great temptations, or with a temptation to commit a great sin. You bring a green log and a candle together and they are very safe neighbors; but bring a few shavings and set them alight, then bring a few small sticks and let them take fire, and let the log be in the midst of them, and you will soon get rid of your log. And so it is with little sins. You will be startled at the idea of committing a great sin, and so the devil brings you a little temptation, and leaves you to indulge yourself. "There is no harm in this," "no great peril in that," and so, by these little chips, we are first easily lighted up, and at last the green log is burned. "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation."

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