The Family

NO JOT OF THE LAW UNIMPORTANT.

BY MARY C. BARTLETT.

"Fred," said Harry Grey to his friend one evening, "I've been thinking over that passage, 'Whoso hateth his brother is a murderer,' and it seemed so awful, it set me wondering if the other commandments could be so easily broken as the sixth."

"Undoubtedly, Harry. Do you forget our Lord himself tells us it is possible to break the seventh through the medium of the eye alone? There can be no doubt that the ten commandments do not fully express all that they are intended to forbid. Only a direct act of the the worst sin of its class is forbidden; yet a prohibition is implied against all things thereto. Any sin, however remotely connected with the one mentioned, is forbidden; and there is also an injunction to the contrary virtue."

"I guess if every Christian viewed the commandments in that light, Fred, they could'nt say "not guilty" quite so readily. Take the third, for instance. How many do you suppose consider it a prohibition not only against blasphemy, but also an injunction to the utmost reverence in the smallest things. Now I don't want to say anything disrespectful of ministers, but I have fairly felt my blood curdle sometimes to hear the holiest Name, from the pulpit, in prayer, and even in conversation, uttered as loudly, frequently, and with as little reverence as you would speak mine."

"I am sorry to say, Harry, my experience has not infrequently been the same. It is also particulary repulsive to me to hear a school of thoughtless children shouting out Sunday-school hymns, the entire choruses, of which are but a repitition of that Name at which the Apostle tells us, 'every knee shall bow!"

"Have you ever noticed, Fred, there are some people who wouldn't think of using the usual name, God, with irreverance, yet do not scruple to speak lightly of Providence? There's Nellie Brown, a good Christian girl, I heard her the other day ask Tom to the pic-nic. He was afraid business would prevent; but she said laughing, 'Oh, ask Providence to let you come, and I guess he will! I have often heard her when rallied on being quiet, say with a light laugh, 'Oh, the Spirit hasn't moved me yet!' Don't you think, also, Fred, it's wrong to quote scripture on slight occasions, or in a sense different from that intended or, as I've known good men to do, for the purpose of pointing a joke?"

"Certainly, it seems to me, that the different forms of irreverence are legion. Now, I cannot bear to hear people laughingly allude to every trifle as a 'cross.' Neither do I like to hear words used in conversation unnecessarily that from association seem holy. Thus 'I hadn't *faith* to believe that old house could look so well;' 'the *almighty* dollar;' 'O *mercy!*' 'Good *gracious!* etc., etc. Some people too, have the habit of representing things that would naturally call up serious thoughts in such connections, or in such words, as not only to destroy their seriousness, but even to raise a smile. Thus, in allusion to the events of the last day, we hear mocking allusions to 'Gabriel's trump,' 'the crack of doom,' and 'the doomsday book. Some discovery by which castor-oil is rendered tasteless is a sign of Millennium,' and the place of eternal punishment is 'Beelzebub's back kitchen.' But there are many good Christians who call this over-scrupulous, and talk of the inward reverence of the heart."

"Let it be so then, Fred; for my part I think, in this irreverent age, it's the safer side on which to err, and it strikes me, if we may judge of an internal principle by its external manifestation, there is room to doubt the existence of 'inward reverence,' where outward evidence of it is wanting."

HOMEWARD BOUND.

BY HENRY WARD BEECHER.

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I have always been peculiarly subject to seasickness. When I was going abroad, and all the wonders of the continent were dazzling my imagination, I used to lie in my bed scarcely able to stir, wilted and worthless. I knew there were ten days between New York and Liverpool, and I used to say to myself, "Well, are you willing to take these ten days of nausea and universal disgust for the sake of the three of exquisite joy which you are going to have on the continent?" I never was so seasick but that I was deliberately willing to pay the price. I said, "This is about as bad as anything can well be in this world; but for the sake of that which is beyond it I will take even this."

Returning, we had a passage of seventeen days. We came with a water-logged steamship. She was loaded down deeper by many feet than she should have been. She had contraband goods to land at Halifax, which I had the pleasure of riding upon all the way across the sea. It was stormy from shore to shore without a single fair day. But the place to which we were going was my home; there was my family; there was my church; there were my friends who were as dear to me as my life. And I lay perfectly happy in the midst of sickness and nausea. All that the boat could do to me could not keep down the exultation and joy which rose up in me. For every single hour was carrying me nearer and nearer to the spot where was all that I loved in the world. It was deep, dark midnight when we ran into Halifax. I could see nothing. Yet, the moment we came into still water I rose from my berth and got upon deck. And as I sat near the smoke-stack while they were unloading the cargo on the wharf, I saw the shadow of a person apparently going backward and forward near me. At last the thought occurred to me, "Am I watched?" Just then the person addressed me, saying, "Is this this Mr. Beecher?" "It is," I replied. "I have a telegram for you from your wife." I had not realized that I had struck the continent where my family were. There, in the middle of the night, and in darkness, the intelligence that I had a telegram from home—I cannot tell you what a thrill it sent through me.

We are all sailing home; and by and by, when we are not thinking of it, some shadowy thing (men call it death) at midnight will pass by, and will call us by name, and will say, "I have a message for you from home; God waits for you." It is but a handbreadth. And on the stormy sea are they men who stop to think of discomforts when home and heart are calling for them? Are they worthy of any thing but pity who are not able to bear the hardships of the voyage when they are going home? It will not be long before you and I and every one of of us will hear the messengers sent to bring us back to heaven. It is pleasant to me to think that we are wanted there. I am thankful that God loves in such a way that he yearns for me—yes, a great deal more than I do for him.

THE ONE THING NEEDFUL.

I remember, says the Rev. George Burder, "a woman whose house was on fire. She was very active in removing goods, but forgot her child was sleeping in the cradle. At length she remembered her babe, and ran with earnest desire to save it. But alas, it was too late, the suffocating smoke and roaring flames forced her back—and in agony, which none but a bereaved mother knows, she exclaimed—"O my child, my child! I have saved my goods, but I have lost my child!"

So it will be with many a one at the last who, careful and troubled about many things, has forgotten his soul.

I got a good trade will one say—but lost my soul; I got friends, but God is my enemy; I got pleasure, but now I am in pain; I got the world, but alas, I am now in hell, too poor, too helpless to obtain a drop of water to cool my parched tongue.

The loss of the soul is irreparable. Other losses may be repaired, but there is no second soul for him who has lost one.

Reader, take care of thy soul first, other matters afterwards; for though the body dies, the soul lives. And *now*, if ever, it must be saved. "Now," emphatically, "is the accepted time, and now" is the day of salvation."—*Religious Herald.*

TRAVELLING THOUGHTS.

1. Eat regulary thrice a day, and never between meals.
2. Take with you one third more money than you calculate on spending.
3. Take small bills, rather than large, to avoid having bad money passed on you in change.
4. Aim to be at your place of starting at least ten minutes before the time, and grow merry and wise at the contemplation of the splutterings and mishaps of those who come in at the last minute, and half a minute later.
5. See that your baggage is on the conveyance before you are yourself.
6. Remember that you make your character as you go along, by the quiet courtesy of your manners.
7. Only boors are boisterous.
8. Do not let the servants excel you in patience and politeness.
9. "Please" should commence every request, and "Thanks end every service done.
10. A lady is always gentle; a gentleman always composed.
11. Never argue on any subject if there is more than one present besides yourself.
12. Never fail to set that person down as ignorant or low bred, who by word, or look, or gesture disparages a woman, a clergyman, the Bible, or the Sabbath day.—HALL'S *Journal of Health.*

WHAT HE WAS GOOD FOR.—"What are you good for?" said a gentleman to a little boy.

"Good to make a man of," was the prompt, appropriate, and significant reply.

A bright boy that. We have known some boys who thought it manly to smoke the stumps of old cigars, or to swear, or to bet. But thongh some men do these things, there is nothing manly in them; they are bad habits all of them, and boys ought to set the men a better example.

Obituary.

REV. THOMAS VASEY.

(We copy the following notice of this excellent man, whose death was reported a few weeks since, from a letter which appears in the "Central Christian Advocate," from the Rev. T. Bowman Stephenson.—Ed. P. W.)

English Methodism has just sustained a great loss by the death of Rev. Thomas Vasey. Mr. Vasey has been for many years one of the most powerful and spiritual preachers amongst us, and at the Conference before last received more than 150 votes for the presidency. His election last Conference to the chair would have been safe if he could have attended. But shortly before the session commenced he was taken ill. It was not generally expected that his death would be so soon. But God knows best what to do with his servants, and our friend has gone from us. His death was one of the most glorious in the annals of our Church. It must become historical. I am fortunate enough to be able to send you particulars of it, from the most authentic sources. I enclose his own account of his conversion, and an account of his death, taken from eye witnesses. It will be printed for private circulation. I send you an advance proof sheet:

REV. T. VASEY'S CONVERSION.

March 11, 1831.—This night I can claim God as my Father reconciled through Christ I feel as though heaven had sprung up in my heart. I had attended the Band-meeting at eight o'clock, and there I felt the influence of God pervade my soul. I had long been seeking the blessing of justification (about two months), and occasionally I had felt much of the power of God operating on my mind; but I had to lament how feeble were my resolves; and even though I trust I made them not without prayer to God for his blessing and grace, yet at times I felt as though Satan would finally gain the ascendancy. But when I was enabled to look unto God I felt that through his help I should overcome the enemy. Whilst singing in the Band meeting, "Visit then thy new creation," &c., I was led into such a contemplation of the glories of heaven as almost overpowered me. I longed to read my title clear to mansions in the sky. I retired home into private, and there poured out my whole soul in prayer to Him who alone could give me the desire of my heart, my spirit was led to contemplate the glories of the eternal world, the happy employment of holy angels, and the never ending eternity of bliss that was there laid up in store for the children of God. I saw then, as it were, Christ the Son of God leaving the heavenly glory and veiling himself in our flesh; as enduring the scoffs and persecutions of wicked men; and as finally suffering the death of the cross; and all this that wretched, undone guilty sinners might have a way whereby they might be saved. I was overwhelmed with astonishment. I saw how I had been dishonoring God by my unbelieving fears. I felt a strong confidence swell in my breast, that after such an amazing condescension of love those might have strong hope, who fled for refuge to lay hold on the cross. I felt my doubts to be dispelled, and an overwhelming sense of the love of God to fill my heart, I prayed for more, and uttered in my heart with feeling intense desire, "Enlarge my faith's capacity," &c. I felt assured in my own mind that God, for Christ's sake, had forgiven my sins, but I was afraid to declare it unto men. I thought that perhaps I should be presumptuous, and I prayed with earnest faith that I might have confidence. I paused for about a minute, and then I felt an answer to my prayer. I rose up encouraged and refreshed, my soul was transported. I felt that the intercession of Christ, stamped a value and efficacy on my feeble petitions, which ensured the answer of them, and as we had been singing in the Band-meeting, I was lost in wonder, love, and praise. May I ever live to praise him, and be enabled by his grace to devote my future life to his glory.

Saturday, 12th March, 1831.—This morning I work with a sweet sense of the favor of God, and have been enabled to maintain it through the whole of the day. I felt great confidence whilst communicating to my leader, Mr. Kimpster, the wondrous work that the Lord had wrought in my soul. I felt at the beginning of the day, much of my own insufficiency to war the Christian's warfare, but I was strengthened from on high with great power over sin. I feel that I can now with confidence draw nigh, and "Father, Abba, Father cry." Whilst reading in the Psalms this passage was impressed on my mind, "I am the Lord thy God which brought thee out of thee Land of Egypt."

HIS LAST DAYS.

To appreciate the strength of divine grace manifested in Mr. Vasey's last days, it should be remembered that he was suffering from an incurable disease, the "Bright's disease," this was aggravated by the presence of dropsy, and towards the close by bronchitis. The combination produced violent convulsions and internal agony.

About three weeks betore his departure Mr. Vasey woke in the night with deathly feelings, and believed himself dying he said "Dying is serious work, it is a solemn thing for a human soul with intelligent perceptions of what death is. But Jesus is near to help and to save, and through him I shall have victory. *Satan does not reign, death does not reign, the grave does not reign, but Jesus reigns.* Glory to God! I have the faith of Christ in my soul. I am sure that through him I shall be accepted and saved. I feel now as ready to to die as to go into the next room. It is only rising to a higher position, like going from breaking stones on the highway to a more respectable vocation. I should have been glad to have lived longer, but I do not wish to live from any selfish feeling, or for family motives, but to do good."

Addressing his sons, Mr. Vasey said, "Do every thing to receive the favor of God, and leave all results with him.

"Strive to purify your motives and elevate your aims every day and every thing will come right in the end.

"Copy the old Methodists; they might not be polished or learned, but they went to the root of the matter. Their preaching had in it the very marrow of the Gospel. Repentance toward God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. The witness of the Spirit, and devotedness of life.

"Never be fascinated with the glare and tinsel of the world, or you will be ready to do anything to get rich. You will often be inclined to an expenditure according to your desires, and not according to what is right; but always *keep within your income:* that is the secret of a comfortable and happy home now-a-days. Make friends with a *worthy* man whereever you find him, without regard to his being rich or poor. Always reverence a saint when you see him. I'm not tired of the world yet, I should like to live a good deal longer yet. I have no cowardly desire to shirk the duties and responsibilities of life."

Monday, Sept. 25th.—He had spent a weary night, and whilst sitting with hands folded and eyes closed, those standing by observed a beautiful smile play over his face, and suddenly turning to his wife, he said, "Mamma, I am so happy—*I never was so happy before.* I have had such a *manifestation of Jesus.* He came to me and said, 'I have come to take you into my arms,' and he has taken me, and is folding me to his breast; and it is like a bed of roses, for

'Jesus can make a dying bed
Feel soft as downy pillows are.'

I know he will hold me safe. Now I am prepared for anything, either to linger or to go at once. This will keep me through everything."

Very shortly before he died, and when scarcely able to speak, Mrs. Vasey reminded him of this and asked him if Jesus still held him, he said "*Oh yes; he does, and he will carry me safely through.*"

At another time he was heard to say: "Welcome illness! welcome death! what is death? It is the passport to glory. It opens the door to the kingdom of heaven. My covenant God will do all things well. I shall find all I want—the wedding garment and the wedding ring. It is all joyful, nearer and nearer home."

Again he said: "My faith and hope stand firm and strong to the last. The Lord is going to take me to rest and glory. I am going to the heavenly Bridegroom, to be married to the King of glory."

After nights of pain, he would have the window blinds pulled up as soon as it was light, and the sun rose, and would say: "Beautiful light! beautiful air! beautiful sun! O Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in thy wings.

'Oh disclose thy lovely face,
Quicken all my drooping powers;
Gasps,'" &c.

He frequently quoted with deep feeling these words, "I have preached righteousness in the great congregation; lo, I have not refrained my lips, O, Lord, thou knowest." And then with most touching pathos of expression prayed, "Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord."

Sept. 19th—the closing day of life—he had a sudden and deadly attack—from which however he sufficiently recovered to converse with those around him, although it was evident to all that the last struggle was commeacing. His first effort was made to assure his dear ones that he was better, then at intervals, as he could speak, he expressed his happiness at the prospect of so soon being with Jesus, 'Precious Jesus, my Jesus, my Saviour,

'He will not leave his servant here,
But bring me through at last.'

"How sweet to be going home, I shall have a fine day to-morrow."

As the struggle was long and severe, he once and again alluded to his sufferings, but said: "My Saviour suffered on the tree, I must be patient." Then he said: "I am safe; my feet are on the Rock that cannot be moved, and I shall be lifted up to Glory." He then embraced his family each in turn, blessed them, and commended with calm confidence to their fathers' God. He turned several times to Mrs. Vasey to say how sorry he was to keep her watching so long, and begged of her to pray that if it were God's will he might have a speedy release. Then he begged his children to look after their mother, and comfort her, and asking it all his six children were there, he gave them his last benediction in these words: "The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be precious unto you, The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

His last words were, "I'm going to sleep, good-night,' and then clasping his hand he said, "Loved Jesus, into thy hands I commend my spirit. His spirit fled.

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D. M.	Day Wk	SUN. Rises	SUN. Sets.	MOON. Rises	MOON. South	MOON. Sets.	H. Tide at Halifax
1	W.	6 41	4 47	7 48	2 45	10 25	9 49
2	Th.	6 42	4 45	8 37	3 34	11 20	10 18
3	Fr.	6 44	4 44	9 32	4 29	A 11	10 53
4	Sa.	6 45	4 42	10 32	5 13	0 54	11 34
5	SU.	6 46	4 41	11 35	6 2	1 32	A 18
6	M.	6 48	4 40	morn.	6 50	2 5	1 18
7	Tu.	6 49	4 38	0 42	7 38	2 34	2 47
8	W.	6 51	4 37	1 50	8 24	2 58	4 6
9	Th.	6 52	4 36	3 0	9 11	3 22	5 12
10	Fr	6 54	4 35	4 11	9 59	3 47	6 1
11	Sa.	6 55	4 34	5 26	10 50	4 14	6 43
12	SU	6 56	4 33	6 44	11 44	4 44	7 22
13	M.	6 57	4 32	8 4	A 42	5 20	8 2
14	Tu.	6 59	4 30	9 22	1 43	6 4	8 43
15	W.	7 0	4 29	10 34	2 46	6 58	9 26
16	Th.	7 2	4 28	11 36	3 50	8 4	10 11
17	Fr.	7 3	4 27	A 25	4 50	9 15	11 3
18	Sa.	7 4	4 26	1 7	5 47	10 27	11 59
19	Su.	7 5	4 26	1 40	6 40	11 40	morn
20	M.	7 7	4 25	2 5	7 26	morn.	1 3
21	Tu	7 8	4 24	2 28	8 12	0 47	2 24
22	W.	7 10	4 23	2 51	8 56	1 56	3 42
23	Th.	7 11	4 22	3 13	9 39	3 1	4 54
24	Fr.	7 12	4 22	3 36	10 22	4 5	5 48
25	Sa.	7 14	4 21	4 0	11 6	5 8	6 32
26	SU.	7 15	4 21	4 31	11 53	6 12	7 11
27	M.	7 16	4 20	5 4	morn.	7 15	7 48
28	Tu.	7 18	4 19	5 44	0 40	8 16	8 23
29	W.	7 19	4 19	6 30	1 29	9 14	8 55
30	Th.	7 20	4 19	7 24	2 18	10 6	9 27

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