

joy over one sinner that repenteth. And shall it be that fellow-soldiers in the same warfare shall feel or affect indifference. When there is joy in Heaven shall there be none on earth!

Above all, our missionaries of different Churches might unite with one another, at stated seasons, in solemn acts of devotion. Meetings expressly for prayer might be held from time to time, in which all should join who belong to the common household of faith. Nothing soothes asperities, nothing checks the aspirings of ambition, nothing conciliates affection, nothing enlarges charity, like social prayer. Let there be fervent prayer offered up unceasingly, and those who are wont to take their part in it will scarcely, under any circumstances, be tempted to regard each other with suspicion or distrust. Surely the spirit of disunion, or cold indifference, would shortly disappear; our unhappy divisions would be healed, and in their place we should hail the presence of the spirit of unity and of godly love.

Much might be added; but I have trespassed long; and I forbear. I speak as unto wise men; if feebly, your wisdom and experience may still give power and life to what is imperfectly expressed. If, in any measure as becometh the importance of the subject—if any thought or hint has been uttered, which, passing into another's mind, shall there receive the touch and finish which may give it life, and speed it on some career of usefulness,—since man is nothing, to the only wise God let us give all the praise.

Moral and Religious Miscellany.

MAXIMS WORTH A DAILY READING.

Benevolence is *peripatetic*; it goeth about doing good.

On every part of creation is inscribed this sentiment.

"Not for ourselves, but for others."

The eye that sees all things, sees not itself.

The bible—this oldest Book is always new.

Nature designed the heart to be always warm, and the hand to be often open.

The best investment of money is in the bank of faith and love.

To be useful is to be happy; to be loved of God is to be blessed.

The superfluities of professed Christians would send the Gospel to the whole world.

Nothing can be lost that is done for God, or given to God.

Content is the wealth of nature.

The best outlay of money is on good deeds.

When we bear in mind what our Saviour gave for us, and is daily giving to us, what can we have the heart to refuse to give to Him?

To-morrow: the day when misers give, when idlers work, and when sinners reform.

The worst kind of poverty is a destitution of God's sacraments and ordinances.

God and our parents cannot be fully requited.

To do nothing is the way to be nothing.

To receive God's blessing in Christ, you must first open your hand.

When men proportion their charities to their estates, God often proportions their estates to their charities.

Think of the accounts you have to settle with your Maker and your Saviour: plow or not plow, you must pay your rent.

Judas and the poor widow both brought money to the temple.

Zaccheus gave the half of his goods unto the Lord; the poor widow gave all that she had.

The gift of a little cake unto a prophet of the Lord, was requited with a family supply for many days.

Beneficence is the salt of wealth.

Lay out for the Lord and lay up for yourself.

Of all missionaries, the chief is he whom the Father sent.

THE PRICE OF SUCCESS.

Effort is the price of success in every department of human action. From the attainment of rudimental knowledge to the salvation of the soul, every step in our progress is made by undaunted toil. The boy who drones over his book, a slave to listless laziness, thereby secures a place for himself at the foot of society. The Christian who, like Bunyan's Timorous and Mistrust, flees at the voice of lions, is undone. The man who shrinks from difficulty in his business or profession, who refuses to climb because the rock is sharp, and the way steep, must make up his mind to slide back and to lie in the shadows below, while others use him as a stepping block for their own rising. For this, such is the constitution of society, there is no help. The poet wrote truly who said;

"Thou must either soar or stoop,
Fall or triumph, stand or droop;
Thou must either serve or govern;
Must be slave, or must be sovereign;
Must, in fine, be block or wedge,
Must be anvil, or be sledge."

To shake off an indolent spirit, or stir one's self to exertion, to reach constantly upward, to struggle for a firm foothold on the most slippery places, to wrestle manfully, even when principalities and powers are our foes, to refuse submission to any evils however frowning, are conditions we must either fulfil, or sink to littleness, to uselessness—perchance to ruin. Therefore, with a brave heart, and an unconquerable spirit, every man should address himself to the work of the day, striving with pure views, and religious trust for an increase of his talents, and for a victory, which will enable him to stand unabashed in the last day. He who thus strives need fear no failure. His triumph, though delayed for a time, shall come at last.—*Zion's Herald*.

NEGATIVE RELIGION.

In these latter days of ease from persecution, a profession of religion may be made, and a decent outside may be preserved, without much cost. There is one class of professors, and that by no means a small one, made up of those who have received a religious education, have been trained up to an outward conformity to the precepts of the gospel, who abstain from the open follies and corruptions of the world, but remain quite satisfied with a negative religion.

They do not profane the Sabbath.

They do not neglect the ordinances of God's house.

They do not live without a form of prayer.

They do not take the holy name of God in vain.

They do not defraud their neighbours.

They do not neglect the poor and needy.

They do not run a round of gaiety and folly.

They are not seen on the race ground.

They do not frequent the theatre.

They do not take their place at the card table.