

in domestic education—love! Give your children a genial loving atmosphere in which to grow. Bear with their faults, which are frequently the beginning of their best excellencies,—in patience wait upon the growth of their characters. Do not quench the spirit of truth, of beauty, of love in them, by your harsh violence.

"Live as near God as you can, and trust your children rather to the genial influences of the atmosphere you create, than to your wearisome precepts and corrections, and to the pruning-knife of your standard of right and propriety.

"Throw them on their own tenderconsciences, and do not substitute in their minds artificial sins for real ones; and veer, if at all, on the side of indulgence. Obedience, not to God, but to the arbitrary will of a parent, is often procured at the expense of a thousand sacrifices of the heart, and the sternness which has made also the broken-spirited, suspicious and cold-hearted man or woman. Deal with your children as God deals with His children. Do not meet their anger, their petulance, with your own or their obstinacy, with wilfulness still greater; 'Overcome evil with good.'"

The Largest Masonry Dam in the World.

The largest masonry dam in the world has lately been completed in India, in connection with the new water works for the city of Bombay. It is situated 65 miles north from Bombay, and stretches across the Tansa Valley. The dam is about two miles in length; 118 feet high; 100 feet thick at its greatest depth; 15½ feet at the top. The lake which will be formed when the valley is full covers an area of eight square miles, and it is expected will furnish a supply of 100,000,000 gallons per day throughout the year. The dam has been 5½ years in process of construction, and from 9,000 to 12,000 men and 800 carts and animals have been employed upon it during each working season from October to May. The difficulties of construction were very great. The sand and cement of which it is composed had to be carted for many miles. Over 14,700,000 cubic feet of rubble stone were used, over 2,200,000 cubic feet of lime, and over 3,800,000 cubic feet of washed sand. The excavations of rock amounted to over 6,700,000 cubic feet. The masonry work in all was over 11,000,000 cubic feet. The contractors were Glover & Co., of Edinburgh. The executive engineer was J. B. Clarke. The water is conducted from the dam to Bombay in iron pipes 48 inches diameter, laid above ground. Each length weighs about four tons. The aggregate weight of the pipes is 50,000 tons, supplied by Macfarlane, Strang & Co., of Glasgow.

How Can We Prosper?

Personal prosperity should be sought, because by it we build up character and can better advance the kingdom of Christ. But how can we be surest to thrive? Since mind and motive are most important factors, we begin with spiritual essentials and name the industrial afterward.

1. Live a humble, consistent Christian life. A teachable, spiritual mind, walking humble with God, is the best fitted for insight, prudence and action.

2. Keep the Lord's day holy. A religious rest keeps up the tone of mind, invigorates the judgment, and renews the bodily strength.

3. Attend the mid-week service, for it is a bulwark against the over-weight of care. Active business is promoted by so safe and refreshing a set up in the midst of the six working days.

4. Be regular in family and personal devotions. Thus to keep the affections and motives well balanced is a protection against those mis-judgments, notions and mere conceits which are so disastrous to business.

5. Work, but do not overwork. Be busy, but never hurry; energy of will and nerve and muscle must be wrought into every prosperous enterprise.

6. Think. One thought may be worth a hundred blows. It is the mind that manages and finally wins or loses.

7. Watch the important littles. A small waste may consume the narrow margin between profit and loss. To attend to important trifles is high

art, but to spend time upon unimportant trifles is "fussiness."

8. Promise only with great care to fulfil. A promise kept is a credit and a source of strength. A promise forgotten, neglected or broken is a weakness and a damage as well as a wrong.

9. Be careful of debts and credits. Watch the maturity of claims. Pay promptly and collect carefully. Always thank a creditor for notice, but settle without due but courteous notice.

Have you Read

How Mr. W. D. Wentz of Geneva, N.Y., was cured of the severest form of dyspepsia? He says everything he ate seemed like pouring melted lead into his stomach. Hood's Sarsaparilla effected a perfect cure. Full particulars will be sent if you write C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

The Principles of Canning Food.

The destruction of germs, and the exclusion of air, are the principles upon which the canning of food is based. If these things be properly done, no preservative need be added, except to give a flavor. Some substances require long exposure to a high temperature before all the germs are destroyed, while others need only to be heated to the boiling point, and then be boiled for a minute or two. Nearly all small fruits are easily preserved by thoroughly heating, and then canning. The larger kinds require a longer time for the heat to penetrate every part. Some vegetables, such as peas, beans, corn, etc., require a long exposure to a high temperature. Meats are still more difficult to keep, and it is the practice to add a chemical to the water in which the cans stand, that the temperature may be raised to a degree even higher than that of boiling water.

The essential things in canning fruit are to have jars and covers hot, and the fruit boiling hot. The jars, also, should stand perfectly level; fill them with fruit and juice, passing a silver knife between the can and the fruit that all the spaces may be filled with the juice. Now pour in syrup until it runs over the top of the jar; seal at once. When the jars are cold, set them in a cool, dry, dark place. Fruit is always better flavoured when sugar is put with it; the amount is a matter of taste.

St. Catharines and Grimsby Navigation Company

The fine vessels of this company should have a favoured place with all excursionists. The new steamer, "Garden City," will be on the route very soon, and thus offer greater facilities to the travelling public. The "Lakeside" has commenced to run her Wednesday and Saturday afternoon return trips, leaving the wharf at 2 o'clock, and returning the same night, giving excursionists about one and a half hours stroll around the city. These trips, which are so cheap and thoroughly enjoyable (costing only 50 cents), should increase in popularity every season. The vessels are admirably equipped, and officered by most courteous and experienced men, and are as punctual as could be desired.

Be Careful as to What You Say.

A young man who was at church with his parents was deeply impressed by the sermon of the minister, but on the way home the father criticised the discourse, and made several disparaging remarks about it. As the father was a member of the church, as well as a kind father in the family, the effect of his criticisms was the serious thoughts of the son were dissipated, and the solemn lessons of the sermon entirely lost their power over the young man.

As another instance, a woman who often criticised her pastor in the family, saw her children growing indifferent to the church and to religious things, and said to her pastor with tears:

"Doctor, can't you help me to save my boys?"

"Madam," he replied, "I have no influence with your boys; you have talked it all away!" What a lesson to all to speak with respect of one's minister and of the truth he proclaims, that those whom you love may be led to the truth, to the way of duty and to heaven.

The Sailor's Bible: A Mother's Gift.

After a heavy storm at sea, a sailor's chest, which had been swept from some wrecked vessel, was cast on shore. On opening it, a Bible was found, on the fly-leaf of which the following lines had been pasted. With the Bible was a photograph—evidently that of the sailor's mother. We would suggest that a Bible, with the lines copied on the fly-leaf by a mother's hand, and accompanied by a photograph, would be the best of gifts to sons at a distance from home.—Editor of "Home Words."

Remember her who gave thee this,
When other days shall come;
When she who had thy earliest kiss
Sleeps in her narrow home;
Remember, 'twas a mother gave
The gift to one she'd die to save.

That mother sought a pledge of love,
The holiest for her son;
And from the gifts of God above,
She chose a goodly one;
She chose for her beloved boy
The Book of light and life and joy.

And bade him keep the gift; that when
The parting hour should come,
They might have hope to meet again
In an eternal Home.
She said his faith in that would be
Sweet incense to her memory.

And should the scoffer in his pride
Laugh that fond faith to scorn,
And bid him cast the pledge aside
That he from youth had borne,
She bade him pause and ask his breast
If he, or she, had loved him best?

A parent's blessing on her son
Goes with this holy thing:
The love that would retain the one
Must to the other cling.
Remember, 'tis no common toy—
A MOTHER'S GIFT! remember, boy.

Victoria Park.

We recently enjoyed a visit to this well-known place of recreation. Clothed in the full beauty of its summer glory, no place could present greater attractiveness; great improvements have been made to facilitate amusement; the refreshment pavilion, newly decorated, is under excellent management. The Victoria Park Steamboat Co. have three well appointed boats, leaving Milloy's wharf, foot of Yonge street, at regular intervals. This part of the business is placed under the management of Mr. P. McIntyre, excursion agent, 34 Yonge street, whose courteous attention and experience eminently qualify him for the work. We cordially recommend our Sunday Schools and other kindred societies to pay a visit to this beautiful Park.

The World's Columbian Exposition.

Send 50 cents to Bond & Co., 576 Rookery, Chicago, and you will receive, post paid, a four hundred page advance Guide to the Exposition, with elegant engravings of the Grounds and Buildings, Portraits of its leading spirits, and a Map of the City of Chicago; all of the Rules governing the Exposition and Exhibitors, and all information which can be given out in advance of its opening. Also, other Engravings and printed information will be sent you as published. It will be a very valuable Book and every person should secure a copy.

—After General Gordon's death the Queen wrote Miss Gordon an autograph letter of sympathy. Miss Gordon, in reply, interpreting a wish implied, asked the Queen's acceptance of a pocket Bible which had been her brother's companion for years and was copiously noted by him. The Bible is in a corridor in the private apartments at Windsor. A Dresden clock on a tall pedestal is made to serve as a stand, on which the Bible lies open, a glass shade covering the whole. The page which the Queen herself laid open has a pointer directing the eye to the text, "I have fought a good fight."