

Her husband and etay in her path of toll,  
In the vigour of manhood's health and force,  
Is struck down and lying a mangled corpse.

Away o'er the treetops, a dark cloud loomed,  
And suddenly far off the thunder boomed,  
And the lightning's glare pierced the forest glade

To lighten the mourner's who bore their dead.  
There were sobbing and sighing that dread mid-  
night,

And hearts were a breaking that would not be  
quiet,

And kind ones were seeking to give relief,  
For full and profound was that household's grief

And now, Christian friend in this doleful tale  
Thou readest a lesson, O learn it well;  
God's voice in this death, may be loudly heard,  
It says to thee, Christian, Be thou prepared.  
If walking with God in thy sojourn here,  
Come death as it may, thou hast nought to fear;  
The stroke that excludes from a world of sighs,  
Will usher thy soul into paradise.

This death also teaches another class,  
That oft have been warned even thus, alas!  
Whose hearts are engrossed with the love of sin  
And heeds not the Spirit that pleads within,  
O brother, our time is uncertain here,  
Thy call at the latest must be quite near,  
The stroke, oft averted, one day will fall,  
Prepare thou to meet the great Judge of all,  
Now, now, is salvation and pardon free,  
And Jesus stands ready to welcome thee;  
But delay thus long, and yet more presume,  
O pause thou, and think of thy dreadful doom.

Rockton.

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## RULES FOR HOME EDUCATION.

The following are worthy of being  
printed in letters of gold, and being placed  
in a conspicuous position in every house-  
hold:—

1. From your children's earliest infan-  
cy, inculcate the necessity of instant obedi-  
ence.

2. Unite firmness with gentleness. Let  
your children always understand that you  
mean exactly what you say.

3. Never promise them anything unless  
you are sure you can give them what you  
promise.

4. If you tell a child to do anything,  
show him how to do it, and see that it is  
done.

5. Always punish your children for  
wilfully disobeying you, but never punish  
in anger.

6. Never let them perceive that they  
can vex you, or make you lose your self-  
command.

7. If they give way to petulance and  
temper, wait till they are calm, and then  
gently reason with them on the improprie-  
ty of their conduct.

8. Remember that a little punishment,  
when the occasion arises, is much more ef-  
fectual than the threatening of a greater  
punishment should the fault be renewed.

9. Never give your children anything  
because they cry for it.

10. On no account allow them to do at  
one time what you have forbidden, under  
the same circumstances at another.

11. Teach them that the only sure and  
easy way to appear good, is to be good.

12. Accustom them to make their little  
recitals the perfect truth.

13. Never allow of tale-bearing.

14. Teach them that self-denial, not  
self-indulgence, is the appointed and sure  
method of securing happiness.

## I MEAN TO TAKE LIFE EASY.

Dr. ———, in his morning round, came  
upon a thrifty farmer giving his last touch  
to his new house, picking up the broken  
shingles and scattered nails, left by the  
carpenters. The doctor stopped and con-  
gratulated him upon its final completion.

"Thank you, sir," said the farmer; "it  
is a good house, and all I want. I have  
worked hard all my life for it, and now I  
mean to take life easy and enjoy it." "And  
I hope you will live long to enjoy it," cried  
the friendly doctor, making his parting-  
bow and jogging on. "Thank you, sir,"  
rejoined the man.

Nor was the doctor out of sight before  
the alarmed cry of "Doctor, doctor!"  
caught his ear. Reining in his horse and  
looking round, he beheld a messenger  
from the farm-house, fleeing after him.—  
"Doctor, doctor, Mr. W——— has just  
fallen from the roof, and we are afraid he  
is dead." He hurried back, to find  
fears quickly merged into certainty. No  
skill of doctor or power of medicine could