

The Quiet Hour.

Pupils in God's School.

Let us enter into ourselves as pupils in the school of God's love; let us lay aside our own notions of the course of study; let us submit ourselves to be led and taught; let us be prepared for any lessons that may be given from the black-board of sorrow; let us be so assured of the inexhaustible tenacity of His love as to dare to trust Him, though He slay us, and let us look forward to that august moment when He will give us a reason for all life's discipline, with a smile that shall thrill our souls with ecstasy and constrain sorrow and sighing to flee away forever.—*Rev. F. B. Meyer.*

The Soul's Regular Breakfast.

George Mueller, the patriarch of Bristol, began every day of his consecrated life with devout meditation upon the Word of God. Speaking of this habit, he says:

"It often astonishes me now that I did not sooner see this point. And yet, now since God has taught me, it is as plain to me as anything, that the first thing the child of God has to do, morning by morning, is to obtain food for his inner man. As the outer man is not fit to work for any length of time except it take food, and as this is one of the first things we do in the morning, so should be with the inner man. Not prayer, but the Word of God; and here, again, not the simple reading of the Word, so that it only passes through our minds, just as water runs through a pipe, but considering what we read, pondering over it, and applying it to our hearts."

Sayings of General Gordon.

To be happy, a man must be like a well broken, willing horse, ready for everything. Events will go as God likes.

If you will tell the truth, you have infinite power supporting you, but, if not, you have infinite power against you. The children of kings should be above all deceit, for they have a mighty and a jealous Protector.

Oh, be open in all your ways. It is a girdle around your loins, strengthening you in all your wayfarings.

Make Him your guide; you do not want any other. He has said: "I will teach you all things," and, depend on it, you will find His the shortest course to pursue.

We have no conception or idea of what God will show us if we persevere in seeking Him, and it is He who puts this wish in our hearts.

In one hour, live to God alone. Keep your eye on the "Polar Star;" guide your barque of life by that.

Do we believe Jehovah to be the almighty—the ruler of all things, supreme

in all and against whose will no power can act? Or do we recognize Baal—namely, the various events, accidents and circumstances of life—as acting independently of God, and, therefore, to be considered in the walk of life?

As self is given up, so a man is holy.

If we live in the Spirit, we shall hear his voice minutely and always.

How unlike in acts are most of so-called Christians to their founder!

What is it if you know the sound truths and do not act up to them? Actions speak loudly and are read of all; words are as the breath of man.

Anything said against you is infinitely less than ought to be said.

When you get well down in your own opinion of yourself, it is remarkable how well the world thinks of you and how worthless are its thoughts to you.

Caring for What the World Says.

Why will you keep caring for what the world says? Try, O try, to be no longer a slave to it! You can have little idea of the comfort of freedom from it—it is bliss! All the caring for what people say is from pride. Hoist your flag, and abide by it. In an infinitely short space of time all secret things will be divulged. Therefore, if you are misjudged, why trouble yourself to put yourself right? You have no idea what a great deal of trouble it saves you.

Roll your burden on God, and He will make straight your mistakes. He will set you right with those with whom you have set yourself wrong.

Here I am, a lump of clay; Thou art the Potter. Mould me as Thou in Thy wisdom wilt. Never mind my cries. Cut my life off—so be it; prolong it—so be it. Just as Thou wilt, but I rely on Thy unchanging guidance during the trial. Oh, the comfort which comes from this!—*General Gordon.*

Folly of Being Powerless.

If an electric car stands motionless on the tracks it is nothing against the power of electricity. If an invalid has no appetite and cannot go out of doors at night, it is no argument against things good to eat and the joy of starlit air. If a man does not know a flower by name nor a poem by heart, it is no indictment of the beauty of a rose or the charm of some poem. If we bear the name of Christ, but give no other sign of Him; if we go through the forms of godliness, but live powerless lives, it is a thousand reproaches to us. To be powerless when we want, is an arraignment to which we can make no answer that is not self-incriminating.

No Time to be a Christian.

I say to my friend, "Be a Christian." That means to be a full man. And he says to me, "I have not time to be a Christian, I have not room. If my life were not so full! You don't know how hard I work from morning till night. What time is there for me to be a Chris-

tian? What time is there, what room is there, for Christianity in such a life as mine?" But does it not seem to us so strange, so absurd, if it were not so melancholy, that a man should say such a thing as that?

It is as if the engine had said it had no room for the steam. It is as if the tree had said it had no room for the sap. It is as if the ocean had said it had no room for the tide. It is as if the man said that he had no room for his soul. It is as if life said it had no time to live, when it is life. It is not something that is added to life; it is life. . . . Life is the thing we seek, the man finds it in the fulfilment of his life by Jesus Christ.—*Phillips Brooks.*

Control Your Thoughts.

Until you have learned to control your thoughts, you will never be able to live a godly and righteous life. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he, and it is because the thoughts that we entertain in the hostelry of the soul are such worthless and vain ones, that our words and acts often bring so heavy disgrace on the name we love. Well might the wise man say, "Keep thy heart above all keeping, for out of it are the issues of life." When the heart is right, the ear and the eye and the mouth and the foot will necessarily obey its promptings; but when the heart is wrong, filled with tides of ink, like the cuttlefish, it will develop itself in the impurity to which it gives vent.—*Rev. F. B. Meyer.*

An Orphaned Life.

THERE is one thing more pitiable, almost worse than even cold, black, miserable atheism. To kneel down and say, "Our Father," and then get up and live an orphaned life. To stand aud say, "I believe in God the Father Almighty," and then to go fretting and fearing, saying with a thousand tongues, "I believe in the love of God, but it is only in heaven. I believe in the power of God, but it stoppeth short at the stars. I believe in the providence of God, but it is limited to the saints in Scripture. I believe that 'the Lord reigneth,' only with reference to some far-off time with which we have nothing to do." That is more insulting to our heavenly Father, more harmful to the world, more cheating to ourselves, than to have no God at all.—*Mark Guy Pearse.*

LET us only be patient, patient; and let God our Father teach His own lesson His own way. Let us try to learn it well, and learn it quickly; but do not let us fancy that He will ring the school bell and send us to play before our lesson is learned.—*Kingsley.*

DISCIPLESHIP to Christ is not a long labor, or a long pathway, at the end of which we secure a reward in payment for what we have done. It is a life which has its inheritance, as its birth-right, at the outset, and moves forward in the conscious possession of it.—*Timothy Dwight.*