

God, who has always led us and fed us, and redeemed us from all evil: and we should thankfully acknowledge his great goodness.

How peacefully does a good man die! Who does not admire Jacob,—blessing all around him, and blessed by all,—standing at the very gate of eternal bliss,—yea, he seems to be in heaven before he enters it.

Surely we cannot witness the good old man dying so happily, and not breathe the prayer,—O my God, let me die the death of the righteous! We shall certainly do so, if we live his life. And if we think as we ought, we shall as much wish to live his life as to die his death.

#### Warning to Youth.

In pronouncing sentence of death upon young Orcutt for arson at Utica, the Judge said:—

“The history of this case shows that you have attained to a maturity in vice and crime beyond your years, and your coolness in its commission proves that your history the evening previous to the fire is but a sample of the history of your life; that you have been in the habit of going, night after night, from one billiard saloon to another, and from billiard table to bowling alley, partaking of the dissipations of each, until all moral sensibility and every right feeling had ceased to exist, conscience had been seared, and every base passion had been stimulated and excited to the utmost.

“These places are the nurseries of crime,—the very gates of perdition; and from among those who habitually resort to them our prisons are filled, and the gallows claims its victims. By them, your ruin for this world has been accomplished, and sorrow and anguish unspeakable have been brought upon your family and friends. There are hundreds of others, the youth of our land, who are treading in your footsteps, rapidly travelling that downward road, the end of which you have soon reached, who should be warned by your fate, and stop now while yet they may.

May they learn that neither happiness nor safety can be found in a life of idleness and dissipation, and that the way of the transgressor is hard; and that as they value their lives and liberty, their interest for time and eternity, the peace and happiness of their friends, they should resist the first temptation to dissipation and to crime.”

#### “My Father Will Take Care of Me.”

“A gentleman recently returned from a journey, relates an incident of it, pleasingly illustrative of our Saviour’s declaration.

‘Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of heaven as a little child, shall not enter therein.’

When the cars reached B——, a gentleman who had been engaged in conversation with another, accompanied by his little son, bade his fellow-traveller adieu, and said to the child,

‘Good-bye, Charley—take care of yourself.’

‘My Father will take care of me,’ replied the little fellow, with a readiness gratifying to his father and amusing to the bystanders.

How true it is that the very first, as well as the very last lesson for him to learn, who would enter the kingdom, is to distrust self and trust God.

How many an anxious fear for the future would be removed, could we learn even to say with the guileless confidence of the child,

‘My Father will take care of me.’”

#### The Proper Object of Thanks.

A lady applied once to the late benevolent Mr. Reynolds, of Bristol, on behalf of an orphan. After he had given liberally she said:—“When he is old enough, I will teach him to name and thank his benefactor.” “Stop!” said the old man: “you are mistaken. We do not thank the clouds for the rain: teach him to look higher, and thank Him who giveth both the clouds and the rain.”