

inhabitants, and almost infinity of productions, mineral and vegetable. Could the mind of God have planned all these without the thought of the child, who most perfectly enters into the kingdom of God? No wonder Jesus who knew the heart of his Father, said: "Of such are the kingdom of God." He did not say "of my kingdom," but "God's kingdom;" yet we may remember also his words "I and my father are one"

Are we teaching our children, are we remembering ourselves, the tenderness, the lovingness of God? Have I wandered from my subject—Keep close to the heart of your children? I think not.

Man of business, living in office or store until home is scarcely more than a memory, woman in society, with children turned to the arms of a nurse for love as well as care, student of theology, seeking evidence of a divine revelation—as if the Creator needed human hands to certify of the existence of a God, woman of affairs, which term covers a multitude of good things, as well as needless anxieties and worries, come home to the hearts of your children. It may be ere you are aware, that you may find an answer to the question of Job, "Canst thou by searching find out God?"

When mother and daughter, father and son, are ready to sit down together, learning of each other the things each one is best fitted to teach, reverently drawing nigh unto God "The peace of God which passeth all understanding," will brood over, and find a nesting place in our hearts and homes.—*The Interior.*

CONSCIENCE TELLS.

The world is looking for men and women who are willing to put conscientious effort into their work. There is absolutely no room for the persons who start forth in life with the expectation of doing just as little as they can. The world has prizes to bestow, but they are reserved for merit. The

individual who seeks something for nothing, and the individual whose efforts are proportionate to the material return he has in view, are pretty liable to find that their qualities are in a very slight demand.

The men and women who have reached a striking success, in whatever calling in life, have been those who threw the best efforts of which they were capable into their work. Nor were their strokes any the less true or their workmanship the more unfinished because the return for their labors was insignificant. The lawyer who gives less attention to the work of his client because that client is poor than he would to the business of a millionaire, is not reaching after the highest and best results. The teacher who labors less zealously for low wages than he does for a high salary will never develop into the ideal instructor. The business man, the professional man, the day-laborer, the individual in any calling, who takes as his standard of action the mere reward of dollars and cents, and makes this the gauge of his labors, never attains the highest rank as a successful workman, and rarely, if ever, gains even the best returns in the material reward that he seeks. It is *conscience-work* that counts. Half-hearted efforts may gain for a time, but just as soon as they are brought in contact with the zealous, earnest action of the individual who puts heart and energy into his work, they take a secondary place.

Would you win in the work you have chosen for life? Seek to discharge the duties that confront you with all the energies you possess. Put the heart as well as the head into your work. Take a standard higher than mere material reward, and labor steadily toward it. Conscience tells, in the long run, and he who makes it his guide, no matter whether he labors in the realm of the teacher or the mechanic, the merchant or the hod-carrier, will find that it leads to the highest and best.