

letter and spirit,—is it not desirable that we should read it more—in course—and habitually? Read it more, that we may become familiar with it; in course, that we omit nothing which the Holy Ghost hath indited; and habitually, in order that we may be sure to do it,—and by no means let little things divert us from our purpose.

Now, one hour's moderate reading per day, will enable us to read the Old Testament through quarterly; and another hour will enable us to read the New Testament through monthly! How could two hours be spent to more advantage? Either of the Gospels may be read in from two to three hours. How could you spend such a portion of time, *occasionally*, better, than to sit down and so read them, in regular connection, as indited by the Holy Ghost? Let any one try this who never has as yet, and if he does not say, that, by such perusal, he has become more interested in the sacred record, than he thought he could have been, by a process so exceedingly simple,—he or I will be obliged to confess that our hearts do *not* correspond together; as the heart of man to man, as face answereth to face, in water. Let those try the experiment who will; and give us, if they please, the result of their experiment.

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WONDERFUL SUCCESS IN STUDY,

BY A MECHANIC.

[Some persons excuse themselves from reading, by the plea that they have little time for it? But why will they not improve that little? Because they cannot employ whole days in the perusal of books, they think nothing is to be done. But this is a mistake which robs them of many opportunities of improvement. If they would try the experiment, they would be astonished at the result which

would follow from employing their spare hours, or quarters of hours, in the cultivation of their minds by reading good and useful books, and then *reflecting* upon what they have read. At present, they suffer these fragments of time to be utterly wasted: they do nothing, and think about nothing to any good purpose. Let them set about a reformation instantly, and they will soon be sensible of its benefits. They may not become great scholars, but their minds will be improved, and they will gain, by degrees, such accessions to their knowledge as they will be thankful for as long as they live. There is no situation of life which has not its moments of leisure; and these ought to be diligently improved as well as all other portions of time. The Christian, in particular, should use them wisely.

The following remarkable narrative shews what *may* be done in this way; and though all have not the faculties requisite for making such wonderful attainments, nor are they desirable for all, yet it may be safely affirmed that none who employ their spare hours in the manner we have recommended, without intrenching upon their daily duties, will have any reason to regret the attempt.

At a late meeting, in Massachusetts, of the friends of Education, the Governor of the state, Hon. George Everett, spoke to the following effect:—]

“It is a great mistake to suppose that it is necessary to be a professional man, in order to have leisure to indulge a taste for reading. Far otherwise. I believe the mechanic, the engineer, the husbandman, the trader, have quite as much leisure as the average of men in the learned professions. I know some men busily engaged in these different callings of actual life, whose minds are well stored with various useful knowledge acquired from books. There would