

Salvation's banner spread broadly forth,
Shall gild the dream of the cradle-bed,
And clear the tomb
From its lingering gloom,
For the aged to rest his weary head."

SIGOURNEY.

"NEVER GIVE A KICK FOR A HIT."

"I LEARNED a good lesson when I was a little girl," says a lady. "One frosty morning I was looking out of the window into my father's farm-yard, where stood many cows, oxen, and horses, waiting to drink. The cattle all stood very still and meek, till one of the cows, in attempting to turn round, happened to hit her next neighbour, whereupon the neighbour kicked and hit another. In five minutes the whole herd were kicking each other with fury. My mother laughed, and said, 'See what comes of kicking when you are hit.' Just so: I have seen one cross word set a whole family by the ears on a frosty morning. Afterwards, if my brothers or myself were a little irritable, she would say, 'Take care, my children; remember how the fight in the farm-yard began. Never return a kick for a hit, and you will save yourself a great deal of trouble.'"

THE LIGHT WITHOUT AND WITHIN.

If you stand outside any building that contains a painted window and look up at the window, how dull and cold do the colours appear! You see indeed the light streaming through, and you fancy you can trace out some of the patterns on the window. But enter the building, and what a rich sight do the varied colours of that bright window present; how minutely is every tracing visible! How gloriously is the light reflected on all things around!

Just such is the Christian. You can see indeed from his outward conduct, that he is illuminated by the light of God's Spirit; but if you want to know the workings of that light you must look *within*. Look, if you can, right into his heart, and see how gloriously does the light illuminate him, and extend its irradiating influence to all his thoughts, motives, and actions! He is indeed a light shining in a dark place.—*Church of England Sunday School Quarterly Magazine.*