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Religious Miscellany.

Joy in Sorrow.

Hast thou known what it is—the weeping
By the weary couch of pain,
To hear the restless breathing
Of those thou wouldst ease, in vain?
Hast thou marked the long hours passing
With a lingering dreary light,
And the morning dawn break slowly
On the wake of that weary night?

Hast thou known what it is—the waking
From some dream of cloudless joy,
Which the shading of sober reason
Was all powerless to destroy;
A dream, which thy heart's deep longings
Had tinged with a ray of truth,
And whose glowing tints were borrowed
From the buoyant hopes of youth?

Hast thou known what it is—the fading,
In one single crushing hour,
Of a long life-cherished blossom,
Of a heart's loved-treasured flower,
Hast thou felt that arrow wounding,
That blight which withereth soon,
Which turneth the morn's soft coolness
To the scorching heat of noon?

Hast thou felt the dull weight, aching;
The dreary yet painless void;
The conscious but powerless striving;
The sickness of hope destroyed?
Hast thou turned thee, with heart yet stricken,
To thy daily path of life,
And prayed, but with tears and weeping,
To be strong in the mental strife?

Hast thou prayed? And hath God, in mercy
To thy troubled, anxious prayer,
Answered with peace thy pleading—
With rest thine agonized care?
Ah! then thou hast surely tasted
What alone God's sufferer's know—
The joy which sorrow beareth,
The sweetness which springs from woe.
—Church of England Magazine.

The Power of Prayer.

Prayer is the soul's connecting link with its heaven-home. It is the medium of utterance, by which the frail child of earth can hold communion with him who said while journeying here, "I go to prepare a place for you."
And how can we be assured that it is for us that that place is being prepared; that we are numbered by the adopted children of God? By earnest, believing prayer.
Follow traveler on life's journey, do you sometimes weary in the march? Do life's constant cares and bitter trials press hardly upon you? Have you seen your most fondly cherished hopes pass away, just when you thought to reap their full fruition?
Remember that our great High Priest was once a "man of sorrows," then, why allow these our earthly sorrows to keep us from the mercy seat? There is no dispensation sent, stern though it may appear, but it is tempered with love. "No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyful, but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceful fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."
All that have ever trod the earth have experienced sorrow. It is our common inheritance. And do you ask why it sent? To keep us ever on our guard, lest we make unto us earth idols; to make us feel a trusting, child-like confidence in our Father's sovereign love. And, more than all, to impress upon our daily thoughts that this is not our dwelling-place.
Would we wear the crown? Then let us bear the cross!
If we would secure a certain progress in the upward march, we must dwell under the shadow of the cross. That is the only source from whence we can obtain strength for every duty.
In the morning's earliest hour, before the ceaseless din of duties is claiming our every thought, let us seek the true support, which fervent prayer alone can give; let us pour forth into the ever-willing ear the attendant responsibilities of the coming day, and the conscious inefficiency for the fulfillment of duty, without the guidance of a higher power. If sought in faith, the blessing will be granted; and we shall go forth to engage in the daily warfare cheered with the assurance—"As our day, so shall our strength be."
Then when the daily course is run let us review the past. Where have we faltered in the march we must renew our efforts to secure a firm footing in the future; and where we see that we have gained it but one step, "let us stay attained;" for this let us return the note of praise to him to whom it is due.
Oh, would you know the joy of a Christian hope, and taste the sweets which a Father's constant love can give? Let the sanctity of retirement as the day is fading, then and there "acquaint thy soul with God." Drink deeply of the proffered cup of forgiveness to the believing, contrite soul. And thou shalt know the dawn of twilight, which will be long give place to fall, eternal day.—*Sunday-School Times.*

Be ye Holy. Who says that?

You are justified by faith, and have peace with this important subject of HOLINESS.
You have been delivered from worse than Egyptian bondage—from the iron yoke of Satan and sin; the Lord has delivered your captive souls, through the blood of the cross; and being thus made free from the guilt and power of sin, you have "your fruit unto holiness." But still you feel that you have not yet entered fully into his rest; but God design you to remain all the days of your life as in the wilderness, excluded from the rest of perfect love—the Canaan of holiness. No, it is not that you should go straight up and possess the land, unless the Captain of your salvation—Jesus Christ.

While reading the history of the Israelites, have you not often lamented their ignorance and unbelief, their miserable fall, in not obeying, to the very letter, the commands of their great deliverer? Yes—I am sure you have often pitied their unbelief and hardness of heart.

Well, brethren, you, as a tribe or section of God's Israel, believe in the existence of this spiritual Canaan on earth—this:
"Land of corn and wine, and all,
Favour'd with God's peculiar smile,
With every blessing blest."
and you boast of your belief in the doctrine of entire sanctification. But, pray, what good does it do you, if you do not go up and possess the land until a few hours before you die? Why, the poor Israelites whom we were pitying this moment believed just as much as you do; they believed in the existence of Canaan too! and yet it was their unbelief kept that whole generation out of it! "What unbelief?" Why just read from the 21st to the 30th verse of the 1st Chapter of Deut., and you will there find all about it. Oh, my brethren, be no longer deceived by the Devil, and your own unbelief, for we are all able to enter and possess the land of perfect love, under our great Captain—Jesus Christ; only believe him—only trust him! Consecrate yourselves entirely to him, to obey his orders in all things; say now to him—
"Jesus, my King, to thee I bow,
Enlisted under thy command,
Captain of my salvation, thou,
Shalt lead me to the promised land."
Say this moment, even while you read these lines, "Jesus my Saviour, my King, my Commander, I now yield myself up to thee, to be governed and led by thee in all things, to follow thee, to tread in thy steps, to know no will but thine."
"Stop! what is that I hear you say about "so many hindrances being in the way of your entire sanctification." Yes, to be sure, there are a thousand hindrances in the way; but Christ, your great Leader and Commander, will sweep them all from your path, and lead you to a certain victory. "But when will he do it?" says one. Aye, that's the question; and I want you expressly to mark the answer to this "When," and may God write it on your heart and memory. He will sweep them away after you resign yourself completely into his hand, but *not before*, as Satan and your own deceitful heart has so often led you to fancy.
Now have you as much faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as to lead you to put yourselves fully into his hands—to be guided and ruled by him in all things, and at all times and places? Have you, or have you not? Will you trust him with your body, and soul and spirit—with your time and property, and all your mental powers? Come now, be manly. He shed his blood for you; he has purchased you; will you give him back his own? He died to save you from sin; will you let him?
"O yes," says one, "I could trust him with my soul and body; but—but—I would rather not trust him with my time and my money." Exactly so! Ah, I understand you perfectly. You know all about it. You want to be ruler over a few things, and to let him be ruler over a few things. Ah, it won't do it! It won't do it! You must first say—
"Take my soul and body's powers,
Take my memory, mind and will;
All goods and all my hours,
All I know and all I feel."
before he will bring you into this holy land of promise, where
"Rivers of milk and honey flow,
And all the fruit of Paradise
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Walking Purely Before God.

But another great help to grow in holiness is to learn the grace of silence, through your pure love and must have been in cheerful, loving, righteous words. Still you, beloved, have probably heretofore used "many idle words," about many things in society, in the church, in the family. Now this old habit is one of your worst enemies. You must overcome rapid utterance, or fail to prove and to do God's utmost will.—That is certain. The still small voice of the holy Spirit cannot be heard amid a "multitude of words" which God said "wanteth not sin. But if we do not listen, watch, walk softly, speak carefully, this holy dove is grieved away. Now is an exciting time in most churches. Oh! let your souls calm themselves in God. A little quietude, a few moments' rest in the church, a flood of misunderstanding rises in the minds of some, which, perhaps, endureth all things, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but which will prevent a storm. And pure love hath this charity. David said, "I kept my mouth with bit and bridle, while the wicked was before me." Jesus whispers, "What is that to thee? follow thou me!" Let the dead bury their dead, but follow thou me! But we must also learn silence when falsely accused or censured. The holy in all ages have found they must do this to walk with Jesus. Our head and pasture do, when you are silent all the hearts of those who hear are pleading for you. If you leave your heart with God alone, He will plead it, and bring forth your righteousness as the light sooner or later. And if you undertake your own cause, He will leave you to fall in for your chastening good. And oh! try this method of sweet, loving, prayerful silence, dearly beloved, and see how God will be glorified in you and your trials.
Beauty of Holiness.

Ancient Opinions about Happiness.

In what does the *summum bonum*, the supreme good, consist? Four different opinions on this question obtained among the ancients.
Plato answers—"We must find happiness by taking an interest in the things of life; we must love life, but remember that after death we shall live again."
Epicurus said—"Live; accept life without thinking of ever living again after death."
Zeno answers—"We must take no interest in this life; in a measure we must make ourselves independent of life, and not live at all. We must become even from the present a free pro-

er, a god—we must triumph over fate, emancipate our natures, free them from all restraints, sure as we are that after this life our connection with this world is forever broken off."
St. Augustine, the Christian father, says: "Be not over interested in this life; think, with Plato, that it is only a state contrary to the original nature of man, and like Zeno, that this chain will not last very long, nor reproduce itself; but instead of seeking, like Zeno, a Saviour in yourselves, seek him in God alone, the wisdom which has become incarnate in Jesus Christ our Lord."

The Hour of Prayer.

My God, in any hour so sweet,
From blush of morn to evening star,
As that which calls me to thy feet—
The hour of prayer?

Blest is that tranquil hour of morn,
And blest that hour of solemn eve,
When on the wings of prayer upborne,
The world I leave.

For then a day-spring shines on me,
Brighter than morn's ethereal glow,
And richer dew descends from thee
Than earth can know.

Then is my strength by thee renewed,
Then are my sins by thee forgiven,
Then dost thou cheer my solitude
With hopes of heaven.

No words can tell what sweet relief
There for my every want I find;
What strength for warfare, balm for grief,
What peace of mind.

Hushed is each doubt, gone every fear;
My spirit seems in heaven to stay;
And e'en the penitential tear
Is wiped away.

Lord, till I reach your blissful shore,
No privilege so near shall be,
As thus my inmost soul to pour
In prayer to thee.
—Charlotte Elliot.

Religious Intelligence.

Missionary Meeting in Fiji.

Extract from a Letter in the Missionary Advocate for October.
I have been at two Missionary Meetings in Fiji, and good ones they were; although at one of them our chapel had to be surrounded by armed men to protect us, as the Heathens were at war with the Christians. Some of the Native Teachers spoke well. The speech of the mover of the first Resolution I think is worth sending to the time, and then translated it. The Resolution was, "The Gospel is a good thing for Fiji." I believe I speak as follows:—
"Friends, I rise to move this Resolution. It contains a great truth. Of whom did we think and hear in the days of our Heathenism? Of our Chiefs! King of Nayau, King of Somosomo, King of Rewa, King of Bau; and what did they do? What did they seek? They collected armies, they sought fame, they made a great show, they built great houses, great canoes, and collected property. Houses, canoes, and property are all good things in their place; but they are nothing when compared with the Gospel. Kings and Heathen priests were their idols, and their gods were of their own making. They sought for the things of this world, and they got them. They were rich, they were powerful, they were respected. But when the Gospel came to us, we were without show or noise, and little notice was taken of it by many. The messengers of peace came, and were little thought of, and their teaching neglected by the multitude."
"Where will you look for anything so beautiful as the Gospel? Will you look at a King in his dress and walk? Shall we look at a ship of war? They bear no comparison to the Gospel for beauty. There is nothing like the Gospel. Nothing like the Gospel for Fiji."
"Some of you are thinking and talking a great deal about what the British Consul is going to do for Fiji. Very good! The Consul will be a blessing to Fiji; but, mind, neither Consul, nor ships of war, nor property, will do for Fiji, without the Gospel; these cannot change the heart, nor make you love each other; the Gospel alone can do this. If we turn our backs on the Gospel, to what else shall we look, or where find anything that will save Fiji? Shall we make a great King for Fiji, and help him to humble kingdoms by bloodshedding? This would not do, this would make proud Kings, empty the land, but never effectually subdue the people. No, make them love each other. The Ban Chiefs have tried this in their dominions; and what has been the result? They have tried it in other kingdoms also; but have they gained the confidence and affections of the people? No, they see now; the Gospel is the only thing that can unite Fiji—the Gospel is the only thing that will save Fiji. You know what we were before the Gospel came, I need not tell you; but, remember, you must get the love (Christianity) into your hearts, before you will really know its blessedness. Would you be content to hear of that fine gun, just landed from the ship? No, you ask about it, go and see it, covet it, try to buy it, but it will not do you any good. Now you must do this with the love; ask about it, examine it, covet it, purchase it, and take it home and prize it as a treasure. Do not think of the trouble, nothing is get without trouble, canoes, knives, guns, all give trouble; and then they are useless things compared with the Gospel; the better the thing, the more difficult to obtain.—You may pick up some things by the way-side; but good things are sought after. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." The *lotu* is a good thing for you, seek it. It is through the Gospel that we learn that there is only one God. We used to have many gods. We built many temples, and offered many sacrifices; but now we know there is only one God. Men's works differ: see that English ship that Mr. Fijian canoe; how they differ! We have here in this place to-day men from England, from Tongatabu, as well as from Fiji; see them, they have heads, eyes, hands, and feet alike—we are the work of God. God made man, every man, in every land, made of one blood, and man in every land. He is not a god in one land, and a bull in another. We had many gods, and it led to many evils. In the *lotu* we are taught to know the only God, we become brethren and love one another.

"In the *lotu* we learn to know ourselves: we are sinners under wrath; we learn also that we are redeemed; we wear of a heaven and a hell; the soul of the wicked man goes to hell; the soul of the good man goes to heaven. In our Heathen state we did not know this; but each kingdom has its shades, and foolish were our notions. Heaven is a holy and happy place; our fathers never told us so. O, friends, the *lotu* is the thing for Fiji. Fiji will be blessed when she believes the Gospel. The Bible tells us this: let us follow the teaching of the Bible, and we shall be happy. I have more to say; but I must not detain you. O, we have been slaves to the devil; our land is empty, I see that it is empty! Where are all those great gardens I used to see, and those towns that used to be filled with people? The houses upon the hills, the foundations of the houses only remain, the people are gone! War and the devil have destroyed them. I now sit down. The contents of this paper are true.—The Gospel is a good thing for Fiji."
Other speakers followed, and we had a first-rate meeting. They have to bring their oil, &c. (the collection), next week.

Revival in India.

The following extract of a letter from Seal-kote, in Northwestern India, dated July 10th, gives an account of a remarkable religious movement among the English soldiers stationed there. The writer says:—
"You will rejoice to learn that the Lord has answered the oft-repeated prayers of his people in this place, and given us an outpouring of his Holy Spirit. We had a previous season of refreshing from his presence about this time last year, when many soldiers of the two regiments here were brought to the Lord; but the present movement among the dry bones, is of a far more striking character. It began about three months back, by the conversion of the officer commanding the troop of horse artillery at Seal-kote. This gentleman had been for many years of his life an infidel. On his conversion, his zeal for the Lord became as striking as his previous opposition had been. In addition to all other previously existing meetings, he organized a daily meeting for his men. At these, on four evenings during the week, addresses were given by ordained, and on three evenings by unordained men. The work commenced privately in connection with these meetings; and during the past five or six weeks, the power of the Holy Spirit has been especially felt in this place. Officers as well as men are invited to these meetings; and I have more than once seen as many as twenty-two gentlemen, civil and military, present, beside the men. The hand of the Lord was manifestly present, by giving to many of the hearers ear, and by disposing very many of the unconverted to receive visits from those who sought for the good of their souls, and to sit with them for hours, until the word of God was being applied to their hearts. The results up to date, have been not less than eleven striking conversions amongst officers, while many are still seeking after the truth. Some who were never before converted, and were among the men who had been stirred up. Amongst the men many have been converted, and there were eighteen new communicants from among them at the Lord's table on Sunday last. Drinking has decreased most wonderfully amongst the men of the troop. The officers of it (three out of four of whom have been converted), have, in addition to the evening meetings, instituted daily prayer meetings for their men every morning in the barracks. From eighteen to twenty-five attend these daily. The Chaplain sometimes conducts them.
Many of the conversions have been very striking ones. One officer, who as we have reason to believe, converted, had not read his Bible for twenty-one years, and had not been inside a church or chapel for sixteen years of his life. Another, remarkable for his dislike to the Lord's people, now counts them as his best friends; others, who but a short time ago were living in sin, now find that in the strength of Jesus they can give up every evil habit. Another, brought up as a High Churchman, has learned in his own experience, that it is only the Holy Spirit received by personal faith in the Son of God, that can change the heart. Others, proud of their education, extensive reading, and superior intelligence, have learned the great lesson that they are but babes in Christ Jesus, and that they are yet in ignorance regarding the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. 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From that period, down to the time of her death she continued steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the word of the Lord...

There are two widely divergent opinions prevailing among modern educationists as to the best method of preparing young men for the learned professions or intellectual pursuits...

Her removal from earth was painfully sudden, attacked with a few days deceptive disease, erysipelas, in but a few hours after danger had been apprehended she calmly fell asleep in Jesus.

The writer was present with her beloved family during her last hours. To the question, how you strong confidence in God, she most prompt and satisfactory answer was given.

It is a matter of great comfort that her children are walking in the footsteps of their now sainted mother, and we trust all will follow her as she followed Christ.

Her mortal remains were committed to the sanctuary of the dead, being the sleeping dust of her departed husband, in the presence of a numerous congregation of sorrowing friends...

JAMES G. HENNINGER. Newport, Oct. 21st, 1860.

Provincial Wesleyan.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1860.

In consequence of the official relation which this paper sustains to the Conference of Eastern British America, the following notices are published...

Our Ministry.

We are greatly gratified to know that our Conference, keenly alive to the weighty importance of the subject of Ministerial training...

A Dream of the Musquodoboit Valley.

An ocean is rolling beneath a sky murky and obscure, though which no sun hath as yet sent his earth-enlightening ray...

second catastrophe like unto this.

It is a bright beautiful day. A broad and rapid river flows over its channel called the musquodoboit...

Let us for a moment forget the present—turn away from the cultivated fields of the river that is, and turn our thoughts to the river that was, in the old Geologic ages...

Having, then, seen the order in which these principal formations—slate, limestone, impure limestone, and sandstone—were deposited...

Response.

To do good and communicate forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

MATERNAL MEETINGS FOR PRAYER.—The first Wednesday of this month was observed, as a concert for prayer by christian mothers...

How beautifully expressive of the spirit of the Gospel—and how blessedly developed, as in the notice given of a Mother's Convention...

On Sunday, 7th Oct. inst., the sch. "Humble Bird" of Halifax, Richard Shillcutt, master...

STONS OF ENTERPRISE AT HOPE.—The Pictou Standard says that the corner-stone of a manufactory for coal oil was laid at New Glasgow...

The Day of Redemption for Italy.

The die is cast and Naples is free. The recent news from Italy has awakened the admiration of the world. The triumphal march of Garibaldi from Reggio to Naples...

By these marvellous movements, civil and religious freedom have secured a position and a prestige far beyond the area of Italy. The sacred territory of the Alps and the mountains will yet, as the fruit of this great revolution...

at which they all aim.

Difficulties also may grow out of the great ignorance and excitability of the people who have just emerged from despotism, and also from the delicate question yet to be solved, with respect to what shall be done with the Pope...

Imperial Rome was long the mistress of the world, and Papal Rome has for ages ruled the earth with a rod of iron...

General Intelligence.

Domestic. The Eastern Chronicle of the 25th inst., contains the following particulars of the loss of the schooner "Hunting Bird" of this port...

New Brunswick. The St. John, N. B. News says that the proprietors of the English and Canadian Ocean Steamers have made a proposal to the New Brunswick government...

Colonial.

A Fire broke out on Brussels street yesterday morning, between 6 and 7 o'clock, in a house owned and occupied by William Cashman...

ABUNDANT WHEAT CROP IN THE VALLEY OF THE ANTOICUS.—From all sections of the country we hear of abundant crops of wheat, larger than have been known for many years previous...

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THE QUACK INQUIRY.—A quack Indian Herb Doctor was tried at Amherst last week before Chief Justice Young, who sentenced him to two years imprisonment in the Penitentiary, and to pay a fine of \$1000...

THE STEAMSHIP "LADY HELL" left this port for Quebec on Monday evening, on her last trip for the season. This fine boat has now been on the route during the three past summers, and it is time that she has done her work in such a way as to command the entire confidence and satisfaction of the travelling public...

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