

Sunday Reading.

From the New England Farmer.

"If I thus therefore with worship me, all shall be mine."

This cry comes up to us from every temptation that besets our path. Wealth, literary fame, political ambition, love, in its infinite yearnings, hydra-headed sin, with its deceitful mask, all promised fruition, if we will give up the energies of our being to the attainment of any one; and this they have promised since the world was peopled and man loved, aspired, sorrowed.

There was never yet a heart that rested its desires in the attainment of wealth alone, but had cause to exclaim, not that "all is theirs," but rather that the substance after all had escaped them, and that their altar and idol have proved themselves of the dust from whence they came. This is true, of course, only of such as have made an end, not of a means of showing good will to men. The poorest man on earth is he who closes his well-filled hand against the necessities of God's less fortunate children, and somewhere in his soul's history the memory of this great wrong will sting like an adder. It is no slight thing to heap up pleasant memories for after days of privation and pain and grief, and what more blessed thought can visit us at any season, than the one boon of love towards our fellow-travelers for eternity!

Fame tells us of the glory of her gifts and their sufficiency for the soul, but the resounding applause of the world cannot still the accusing voice of conscience which whispers of cherished sin, of cruelty, neglect, selfishness, of disobedience to God's plainest dictates, of choosing for its aim that which excludes the duties that belong to our lot. If this desire be not chastened by reverence for God's law, by a sense of dependence on the Saviour's gracious ministrations, by the noble purpose of being worthy to be numbered among the company of just men made perfect, then it will prove a false god, leading to desolation and sorrow, rather than the immortal rest it seems.

And this must be the result of all endeavors that make not Christian character the end towards which they are directed. There are voices pleading with us on every side, "fall down worship me!" and among them is the tone that thrilled the ear of Jesus, whose purposes were manifest to His pure heart, and which he repelled by the strength of his stainless integrity. Among men but not of them, temptations assailed him, could not overcome him. They approached him under the guise of ambition, and pled with him through His privations and sorrows. Command that these stones be made bread. Use your wonderful gifts to furnish for yourself luxury and ease and the world's homage! Plant your foot upon the throne of David, and destroy your enemies! And what response comes back from these tempting adjurations? Get thee behind me, Satan, for thou art as offensive unto me!

Jesus would not worship evil, because He knew its promises were false, and that it could not bestow the all with which it sought to win its victims; and shall we, with this example before us, suffer ourselves to be betrayed unto moral death? Is there anything within us that rebels against sub-servency to the specious foe, and that bids us stand up in the liberty wherewith Christ maketh free?

We dare not accept the evil promise, with its perdition. It is certain moral death to do so, and a righteous self-love forbids the sacrifice. We prefer to remove all from God through Christ, trusting in the wisdom and the love that shapes our ever guarded lot. Nor do God's chastenings ever permit us to withdraw our love and allegiance. The faith that brings submission is the best resource of our grief, the faith that rests in the conviction that the painful and bitter are alike with the pleasant and sweet—the discipline most needed for our faltering nature.

Let us then worship the good and the beautiful everywhere, seeing God in them in His most beneficent manifestations. Let us love and reverence the character of Christ so that we may be found tranquil in death, sure of immortality with Him.

Let us love all that God has made, from man in His own image to the lowliest insect on which the stars rain their drops of every light. The beauty of our world is all in His gift, the more of the summer rain in His melody. The sublime passage of the storm teaches us His might tempered with mercy, and the ocean speaks to us of His infinity. Him therefore we will worship on earth, hoping through His glory to be permitted to continue that worship where the clouds that sometimes hide His face from us on earth, are never permitted to wander. If we truly worship God, all will be ours.

H. J. L.

We read that in certain climates of the world, the gales that spring from the land carry a refreshing emall out to sea; but scarce the wretched pilot that is approaching to a shoal and fruitful coast, when as yet he cannot discern it with his eyes. And, to take up the comparison of life to a voyage, in like manner, it fares with those who have steadily and religiously pursued the career which Providence has pointed out to them. We shall sometimes find by their conversation towards the end of their days, that they are filled with peace, and hope, and joy; which, like those refreshing gales and cooling waters to the seaman, are breathed forth from paradise upon their souls; giving them to an unobscured view of celestial things, that God is living in their hearts, and that their journey is towards His heavenly home.

Agricultural.



SKILL IN EVERYTHING.

Mr. A. is a farmer, and nothing else.—If a strap breaks in a harness, he sends two miles to get it mended. If a horse's leg is bruised, he will not treat it himself, but sends for a farrier. His bees need repairing, and he hires a carpenter to do what a very little skill would enable him to do for himself. He cannot even mend an old sled, or repair a broken-back rake, without foreign aid. He is a farmer. He keeps his implements in good condition, too, but it is at great expense.

Mr. B. is another sort of a man. He is as good a farmer as Mr. A.; but he is lumber and elastic too. All the little jobs about the house he does himself, or teaches his boys to do. He can roof a house; he can hoop a barrel, or he can dig and wall a well. He can build a sled, put a spoke into a wagon wheel, graft or bud a fruit tree, or make a new harness of an old one, with an awl, a waxed end and a bit of leather. If he attends a fair, he sees the point in the improvements that are on exhibition, and he can apply many of them to his own work without any further aid.

We will go but a little further. Our readers will see what we are at. We hope they will themselves be, and bring up their sons to be, men who will have some skill in every thing.

Here are some reasons for this recommendation which we will give at the risk of making this article a little longer.

1. Almost every farmer will need this kind of skill. Not one in a thousand will live so near a village where are skillful mechanics, as to be able to use their aid at all times. Fewer still will form on so large a scale as to embrace all these trades in the force employed on their own grounds. He will need some skill himself.

2. Such skill renders its possessor independent. The sense of such independence is a great comfort. Its exercise is sometimes a great advantage.

3. It saves a great amount of time and money. We knew a man who lost a whole day's time and several dollars in money in the following way: A part of the harness was taken away. He had not enough tact and skill to repair it with a piece of rein or halter.

4. It will develop talent in many persons, where it now slumbers useless and powerless. The exercise in mechanical skill, furnished by the farm, has awakened the mind of many a youth, who has ripened into a noble, skillful mechanic and artist.

But we have said enough. Give the boys and girls a good chance to cultivate their powers a practical way. You can never predict what treasures you will find. So figures the Ohio Farmer.

WHEN TO PRUNE APPLE TREES. We have not infrequently given the reasons for pruning in summer rather than in winter and spring, having been ourselves misled by the books and set right by practical men and by experience.

When pruning is done in the winter time or when the sap is not in motion, if the scars are well protected with shells, no injury accrues to the tree but the sap is left. When the pruning is performed when the sap is flowing in the spring and before the blossoming, the flow of sap will not be arrested by the shells and the bleeding will damage the tree. Where the sap flows the bark will die and bad scars will be left. If however, we delay pruning till after the blossoming of the trees and prune any time before the checking of the growth in midsummer, the bark will heal admirably and quickly and the wood will not decay. The sap being so impregnated at this season, it will neither flow, nor will it dry away so as to expose the wood to decay, but it fills the pores of both wood and bark, and the latter heals and grows over the wood and in a short time all trace of the pruning disappears.

If the trees stand in mowing land the grass will not start to interfere with pruning if it is done immediately after blossoming, or it will be cut early enough to give time enough to brace before the vigorous growth of the season ceases. Many of our best practiced men have been led to take this time, immediately after mowing, for pruning the apple orchard.—Homestead.

CULINARY DEPARTMENT. Hotbath.—The measure for this purpose, if not already prepared, should be got in readiness as soon as possible. Half gallon and half a pint measure is best, well mixed up together, which is best done by mixing it equally with a fork, leaving it when frozen in the form of a ridge. When frozen turning, thrust a stick in the middle of the pile for the purpose of securing it. The mixture should be turned at least twice before making the bed. It is best to dig a hole the shape of the frame, about three feet deep; in this put the measure, which will bring the frame on a level with the ground surface. By this means the heat is better retained, and does not make any unsteady appearance. A bed of manure three and a half feet high at the back and three feet in front, will give heat enough, and a very steady heat, to forward any of our most esteemed vegetables. For growing cucumbers under glass, a frame should be kept exclusively for the purpose, the heat kept ranging from 75 degrees to 80 degrees; as in this frame also, egg plant. This vegetable delights in a moist

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