

THE ANGEL OF PATIENCE.

To weary hearts, to mourning homes,
God's meekest angel gently comes;
No power has he to banish pain,
Or give us back our lost again;
And yet in tenderest love our dear
And Heavenly Father sends him here.

There's quiet in that angel's glance—
There's rest in his still countenance!
He mocks no grief with idle cheer, [ear;
Nor wounds with words the mourner's
But fills and woes he may not cure—
He kindly trains us to endure.

Angel of patience! sent to calm
Our feverish brows with cooling balm;
To lay the storm of hope and fear,
And reconcile life's smile and tear;
The throbs of wounded pride to still,
And make our own our Father's will.

O thou who mournest on thy way,
With longings for the close of day,
He walks with thee, that Angel kind,
And gently whispers, "Be resigned;
Bear up, bear on; the end shall tell;
The dear Lord ordereth all things well!"
—Selected.

SELECTIONS.

No Englishman cares who fought with York or Lancaster, with Charles or Fairfax. It will be so with us by the time our grandchildren come of age. Northmen will glory in the great name of Lee, and the South will claim a common interest in the name of Lincoln. Walt Whitman, in an address at Philadelphia a few days ago, called attention to Lincoln's Southern origin, and added that "in *personnel* and character he was essentially a Southern contribution."—*Nashville Advocate*.

"Maria, we spent exactly \$50 more than our income last year. We've got to retrench." "It wasn't my fault, John. I didn't lose \$75 on the election, nor pay out \$40 in club dues, nor spend \$65 for cigars, nor run through with \$120 in three days at the races, nor endorse a note for \$200 for a mere acquaintance, and lose it, nor"—"None of these things account for that \$50. Oh! Here it is: 'Subscription for pastor's salary, \$50. We can't stand that!'"—*Chicago Tribune*.

A letter from a Baptist minister in Tyrrell county, N. C., to the *Raleigh Recorder* says: "There is no whiskey sold in the county, and when the Judge last came here to hold court he found no pauper in the poor house, no prisoner in the jail and no case on the docket."

Be patient with men. Often a man speaks hurriedly. When he has come to himself, he feels he has made a mistake. He is not quite man enough to acknowledge his fault. If you hold him mercilessly to the record he has made, you will make an enemy. Be large enough to overlook his faults, and take him for what, on the whole, he intends to be. Many misunderstandings and serious differences would be avoided by obeying this.—*Pacific Advocate*.

Some one once said to Simon Cameron: "Your son Don has had fine advantages." "Yes," responded the canny politician, "he has had more than his father, but there is one supreme advantage that he has never enjoyed—the stimulus of poverty and hardship." Here is something to think about. For the past fifteen years we have been teaching young people. At first we were greatly disposed to pity those who had to practice self-denial, and to wrestle for an education. But our feelings have undergone a complete change. Nothing is so good for a boy as to learn to bear the yoke in his youth. If he has a fiber of real manhood in him, he will be helped and strengthened by the difficulties that beset him. We should save our pity for those whose paths are made too

smooth and easy by the inconsiderate affection of unwise parents.—*Nashville Advocate*.

Did you ever write a letter and just as you were finishing it let your pen fall on it or a drop of ink blot the fair page? It was the work of a moment, but the evil could not be effectually effaced. Did you never cut yourself unexpectedly and quickly? It took days or weeks to heal the wound, and even then a scar remained. It is related of Lord Brougham, a celebrated English nobleman, that one day he occupied a conspicuous place in a group to have his photograph taken, but at an unfortunate moment he moved. The picture was taken, but his face was blurred. Do you ask what application we would make of these facts? Just this: "It takes a lifetime to build a character; it only takes one moment to destroy." "Watch and pray," therefore, that ye enter not into temptation." "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."—S. S. Visitor.

It is evident that the writer of these lines had studied human nature and its possibilities: Three things to admire—intellectual power, dignity, and gracefulness; three things to love—courage, gentleness, and affection; three things to hate—cruelty, arrogance, and ingratitude; three things to delight in—frankness, freedom, and beauty; three things to wish for—health, friends, and a cheerful spirit; three things to avoid—idleness, loquacity, and flippant jesting; three things to contend for—honor, country, and friends; three things to govern—temper, tongue, and conduct; three things to think about—life, death, and eternity. The last named are of the utmost importance, and if rightly understood include all the rest. If we think as we should about "life, death, and eternity," we shall be of some use to the world and shall lead happy lives.—S. S. Visitor.

GENERAL NEWS.

Wyoming is admitted into the Union as the 42nd State.

The Masons held their annual picnic at Mocksville the 23rd of August.

Work has been commenced on the Davisschool building in Winston.

Rev. Sam P. Jones is expected to hold a meeting in Wilmington sometime in this month.

The prohibition cause lost a champion in the death of Gen. Clinton B. Fisk.

Hon. John S. Henderson has been nominated for Congress by the Democrats of the 7th district.

The buildings of Rutherford College, together with about \$20,000 worth of notes and papers was burned recently. A total loss.

Capt. A. H. A. Williams, Democratic candidate for Congress in this district, spent several days at Walnut Cove during the session of the Mt. Airy District Conference.

At the recent International S. S. Convention at Pittsburg the fact was brought out that in North Carolina more progress in Sunday school work has been made than in any other State in the Union. At present there are 4,273 Sunday-schools and 255,014 pupils in the State, and steady advance is being made.—*Raleigh Advocate*.

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