

Sunday Reading.

WHAT SHOULD WE FEAR.

"There is nothing in this world that I fear," said an eminent pious woman, "but that I shall not know my whole duty, or fail to do it." This is a noble sentiment—it is a Christian sentiment, and should be heartily adopted and lived up by every professed follower of Christ. "For the Lord is a son and shield, he will give grace and glory; and no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." And if the Lord be for us, who can be against us?

Shall we fear wicked men? But our Father can control them and defeat all their evil designs, or overrule them for good—

One who would really do good must first be good. In him who is joined to God vitally, goodness becomes a principle of growth—a spirit of life capable of bearing fruit after its kind.

In Christ the goodness of God was incarnated, and was subjected to the severest test possible to prove its strength and soundness. No greater provocation could have been given than that which Christ calmly endured in his final scene with the Roman soldiers. And how complete must have been Satan's defeat when goodness had drunk the bitter cup to its dregs, uttering the victorious cry, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do!" Be not overcome of evil; but overcome evil with good.

Agricultural.



THE FALL GARDEN.

There are but few seeds to be planted this month. All the turnip seed should now be planted. Ruta Begoni cannot be got in too soon, nor Early White Dutch for the first crop. The Red Top is best for standard crop. When grown as an object as well as the bottoms, the English Norfolk is the best variety. As the Turnip must grow quick to be sweet, the soil in which they grow should be rich; spade or plow the ground deeply before applying the manure broadcast, and spade or plow it in. The seed should be planted in drills; there is generally four times too much seed planted, relying on thinning out. In field culture, the Turnip crop of the South should equal in value the corn crop. The brightest day in Victoria's crown is said to be a Hexa Bava, and her sea girl Isle is walled around with common Turnips. And here, where Turnip will grow all the winter, requiring no pulling or thinning, but may be pulled fresh from the ground every day, from September to March, we have no Turnip jewels in our crown, and our half-starved cattle, hogs, and sheep attest, with woeful visages, that we could not build a breast-work around our latrines.

From torturing pain to endless joys.

On sly wheels they roll,

And strangely when their countenances white

In sun-slaying gloom!

Neither wicked men nor devils can do the upright real injury. They may be permitted to annoy them, to oppose them to kill them; but their crown will shine so much the brighter, and their songs of joy will be so much the nearer for ever.

Should we fear poverty, sickness, accident death? God is our Father, and he knows whether poverty or riches will bring us—whether our highest interest will be more promoted by sickness or by health. He knows how long it is best to detain us in this world, and when and how to call us home. His providence is so special, and so fully embraces all His creatures, that not even a sparrow dies by accident. Those for whom our Saviour said to his disciples, "Take no thought—he be not near." And Peter exhorts us to cast all our care on him, "for he careth for you."

What then shall we fear? Let us fear ourselves, lest we fail to know, or to do our duty; let our hearts drive us, and we fall into temptation and sin; but we indulge into unlawful feelings, or backwoods and grow cold and worldly. "He may feel minded but fear." Let us therefore pray, being left us of entering into his kingdom, and should come short of it. Let us seek our salvation with fear and trembling.

Fear God. For "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." The fear of God is one of the best antidotes to all temptation. It is "anit-prompta" to a pure life. God can destroy, and his blessing "maketh rich."

Fear ye saints, and ye shall then

Have nothing else to fear."

How happy would Christians be, and how brightly that light would shine, if they exercised as much thought and solicitude to keep their hearts and lives right as they exercise concerning things over which they have no control, which are controlled wholly by the providence of God.—*Presbyterian of the West.*

A BLESSED TRACT.

A woman having spoken of the conversion of several of her sons, was asked what were the means the Lord employed and this was her reply: "One of the New York City Tract Society visitors gave me a tract entitled 'The Sword of the Spirit.' I thought it was a queer title; so after the visitor had gone I put aside my work, and sat down to read it. It was indeed a sword, and nothing ever pierced me so deeply—

When my husband came home I read it to him. At first he made light of it; but as I read he wept over it; I saw that he felt too, although he tried to hide his feelings. The next day I went to the minister, who gave me good advice, and invited me to attend his church. I told my husband did so, and soon afterwards both of us became church members. That husband had been a wicked and intemperate man; but reading that tract was blessed, not only to him, but also to other members of the family. Ten hopeful conversions may already be traced to that instrumentality; nine of the converts have been received into the fellowship of Evangelical churches—and the woman the tract was given to is now a strict visiter—*Weekly Message.*

Overcoming evil with good, is indeed the great resource for the world's maladies.

DOMESTIC RECIPES.

To PRESERVE ONIONS.—Peel and slice large onions and sprinkle them with salt; To every gallon take about a dozen capers, either dry or green, slicing only a part; add a few cloves, some pepper and allspice, all whole. Put the onions into jars, distribute the spices pretty equally among them, fill up the jars with vinegar and set them in a pan of cold water over the fire, taking care that they are closely closed with a bladder; keep a wet cloth over them to prevent the bladder from bursting. In about an hour and a half the onions will be soft enough.

FRITTERS.—Beat light one egg; take three pints of flour, one dessert-spoonful sugar, carb. soda, one table-spoonful of salt, three and a quarter pints of milk, mix all together; have very hot lard, drop a small portion in a place until the pan is covered, turn as soon as brown; the faster they are cooked (being careful not to burn the fat) the neater they will be. Send to table hot.—*Germantown Telegraph.*

PUTTERNICK CAKES.—Three pints of flour, one dessert-spoonful of sugar, carb. soda, one table-spoonful of salt, three and a quarter pints of milk, mix all together; have very hot lard, drop a small portion in a place until the pan is covered, turn as soon as brown; the faster they are cooked (being careful not to burn the fat) the neater they will be. Send to table hot.—*Germantown Telegraph.*

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