

## Sunday Reading.

### CECIL'S COUNSELS.

The sound scriptural views of that eminent man, Richard Cecil, combined with a judicious masculine understanding, rendered his counsels, in every age of Christian experience, peculiarly valuable; but to a recent convert, whose knowledge was necessarily very imperfect, and zeal ill regulated, the advice and warnings of such a man were incomparable. I quote some striking remarks, which fell from his lips, in his first conversation with one under such circumstances, and commend their startling truthfulness to our readers:

"You must not look for perfection either in yourself or others. Not to allow for the infirmities and defects of a fallen nature, is not to understand anything about the subject; nor, it is to speak directly contrary to the Bible, the standard of all truth. There was never more than one perfect character upon earth, and he was the most tender and compassionate towards the infirmities of man. He knew what was in man, for he looked at the heart; and if he saw that right, He pitied, where those who judge only by the outward appearance, deemed, and deluded, where they could discern."

"There is one distinction you should keep very clear in your mind—that religion is not, in its essence, perfect; as not even the standard it is overruling here can be affected by the inclemencies or imperfections of its professors; the standard remains the same; the qualities are true; but when its professors are weighed therein—on the very best of them—they are found wanting. Our aim must be to get every day nearer the standard; for whenever does not labor, not merely desire, but labor to be a better Christian every day, is not yet a Christian at all. Yet in this you must exercise patience. Do not measure yourself by a false standard. There are no doubts in the Christian world—but would you be a giant at once? Do not be satisfied to be a dwarf, but remember there must be time to grow."

"Be careful, in your numbers with the world, to set up to the character you profess. Do not put on a Pharisaical manner of 'Stand by, I am holier than thou.' Yet let it appear, that while you are under the necessity of leaving their vain conversations, you have no taste for, no delight or interest in, it. An humble, kind, silence of course, much.

"Wherever God gives faith he will try it, and whoever becomes a follower of Christ must sleep alone, and take up his cross—must make great sacrifices—such as right hands and right eyes; must expect opposition, persecution, mortification, cruel loss, &c., not only from the world but from nearest and dearest friends. A man's deepest and bitterest foes are 'those of his own household.' You must set your face like a flint against thornings and against affronts.

"But I would warn you of another danger arising from a quarter you may least expect—namely, from the religious world itself. There are standing-blocks even in the Church; there are many professors who, when they see a person setting out in religion, will strive on that course and on that. One will say, 'Religion is in his best cause among us.' Another says, 'among us' and the young converts, having a natural consciousness, desirous of being right, is often greatly perplexed, for he finds that in the religious world there is a party spirit instead of claiming the truth of the world; he has to distinguish between 'doers of doctrine,' and 'at least he begins to doubt if there be any true spirit of religion at all.'

"Do not form too high expectations from the professing world. Do not be in haste to form connections—to make acquaintances—in place of enemies—to turn to every professor and say, 'Leave us.'

"Do not enter into the list of religious persons, whether you may only puzzle yourself, or lead you into the way of sin; but may lead you to waste your time to no purpose, in going from house to house, talking, instead of getting into the spirit of unity. There are too many of this sort, who, after all, are going from church to church to hear, and from house to house to pease, but who are no wisdom in their counsels, nor wisdom in their counsels with God. Received Christianity is the answer. It is easy to fill the head with notions; but to fit and live, like, at Christ's feet, and be a learner, is better. Always be afraid of a spiritual religion."

From the *Christian Messenger*.

### TO MORROW RISING.

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In the night she was taken suddenly ill. Medicinal aid was called; but the physician pronounced her beyond recovery, and another setting sun her spirit had fled.

A short time before she died her spirit appeared to be in great distress. Knowing the judgment before the judgment day to come near death, she asked to see the Master. He was called. He tried to pour her into the Lamb of God, which pas-

ket away the sin of the world," but she could find no peace. With horror depicted on her countenance, she said, "I have sinned against God, in striving against his Holy Spirit. There is no mercy for me. Oh that I could live my life over again! I could then serve my God as I have striven against him"—begging her pastor at her funeral to warn all her young friends not to put off the salvation of their souls. W. D.

## Agricultural.



### SMUT ON WHEAT.

Smut seems to be a parasitic fungus, of which there are several varieties, as on Indian corn, wheat, etc. The black dust of matured smut is to be regarded as its seeds, each particle of which, however light, and translucent, is capable of germinating and producing its kind when brought into favorable circumstances. It is difficult to say precisely how these seeds find their way into the receptacles of growing wheat; it is probable that they adhere to the kernels of wheat when sown; and we know that in some way they are carried upward with the growing plant; and are developed at the base of the newly forming kernels, simultaneously with the bursting of the spores from their sheath, perhaps a little before the head makes its appearance. From this time the fungus grows and develops itself more or less rapidly, as the weather favors or otherwise, drawing its nutriment from the plant, thus partially depriving the growing wheat of its appropriate food, as well as incurring a harmful ingredient.

Now, on the supposition that the smut wheat comes from spores (smut seeds) distributed with the seed wheat, which we suppose to be correct, it follows that if you could wash the seed before sowing, perfectly clean, there would be no smut in the crop; for however warm, damp and heavy the season, smut will not grow, unless there is seed for it to grow from. But it is impossible to secure perfect cleanliness from these spores or smut seeds. They are too minute to be all washed away; and their vitality is not destroyed by pure water. Hence, the importance of washing seed wheat in some solution that will destroy the vitality of such of the spores as fail to wash out.

Salt, plaster, quick-lime, arsenic, sulphate of copper and other things have been recommended. The first is always at hand, and the next two are seldom far absent from the farm; and we believe that these are sufficient. If the seed be first washed in pure water, then in a weak brine, of say one quart of salt in a pail full of water, and then dried in plaster or quick lime, (the latter not to be used too fresh, nor very freely, lest it injure the vitality of the wheat,) we think that there will be little danger from smut, and that the operation will be favorable rather than otherwise to the germination and early growth of the seed wheat.

### COMPOSTS.

In or near the garden, and in some out-of-sight corner, there should be at all times a compost heap for receiving all kinds of rubbish that can have the least value as fuel.

Makes a shallow excavation of sufficient size, and a little lower at one end than at the other, forming with the earth thrown up a small embankment all around it. Into this throw green weeds, the sweepings of the yard, the refuse of vegetables, decayed vegetable matter of all kinds, worn rags, oil plaster, charcoal-dust, soot, soap-suds, brine slops from the kitchen and chambers, etc. The heap should be dug over occasionally, adding a little ash and lime. Actual manure should not be added, as they would do harm by setting free the ammonia. In the latter case, charcoal dust, plaster of Paris, and various mold, incense, tar, or swamp mud should be used.

One who has never used the experiment of carefully husbanding the elements of family which secundante about a house, yard, and garden will be astonished at the annual amount and value of the compost which may, with very little trouble, be thus manufactured. Try it.

**PRESERVING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.**

Within the last five or six years an extensive business has grown up in the preservation of fresh fruits and vegetables, in cans and jars, for use in winter and spring. As long as was possible, the mode was kept a secret by those who made it a nest of commercial speculation; though the principle has been known for a long time, and applied to the preservation of meats and other provisions, for shop stores, which are brought to the market after the lapse of years as fresh as when they were taken from the garden. The principle is simply to raise the temperature of existence to be preserved, whether meat or fruit, to the boiling point, and then sealing the vessel air-tight. In its practical application there are some variations—some articles requiring to be more or less boiled, particularly vegetables. Tomatoes, for instance, should be served pretty much as they are prepared for the table, and deprived of the water in which they stand. Green corn, peas, beans, &c., should also be boiled. It is chiefly fruits, however—and peaches more than any other fruit—that are prepared in this manner;

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and now that the season has approached when they will be cheap and abundant, we would recommend to our fair friends to provide themselves with good supply of jars and cans, so as to be ready to use them at the most convenient time. The most approved is Arthur's self-sealing cans, in the use of which there is not the least difficulty after reading the directions which accompany them. The cans are made of tin, and the jars are a fine article of delftware, both of which will last for years. They are a most valuable invention, costing but little, and we hope they will be brought into general use this season.—*Southern Farmer*.

### HOW TO DESTROY CATERPILLARS ON TREES.

Having observed several methods of destroying the caterpillars that infest apple trees in the spring, such as riddling them off, burning with shavings, cotton and turpentine, &c., I am induced to give you the simple and perfectly effectual method practiced here. Take common soft soap and thin it with water, so that it will not slip off the brush, and a person may stand upon the ground and apply it to the nests with a common painter's brush, inserted in a hole bored through one end of a long strip saved from a pail or other light board, and all that touches it will instantly kill. I applied it when the nests are small, very few will escape the first application. After the worms are larger, it is equally efficacious, but much more difficult to apply thoroughly.

Any thin oil mixed with spirits of turpentine, is equally destructive to the worms, but the soap is less injurious to the trees. —S. L.—Manchester.—Country Gentleman.

To cure scratches on a horse, wash the legs with warm sapsuds, and then with beef-tea. Two applications will cure the worst case.

### Nth Carolina Mineral Springs CADARROS COUNTY, N. C.

WILL open a SCHOOL for girls, at this place on the 1st of July. Board will be had at \$7 per month. For tuition, each \$8 Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar and Geography, at \$2 per month. Painting and Needle Work if required. The value of this water is known to many throughout this country. It has cured Diseases of the Liver and Bowels and Nervous Ailments. The Mineral Water is in great demand for the public health, as many of our citizens possess pieces. I cured it for the situation for which it was offered, and will be free from contagious diseases. Any disease, past just, will receive attention.

SARAH SOSSERMAN, Pioneer Mills, Calabash, April 29, 1858.

### To Cotton Planters.

THE undersigned is prepared to sell the best quality of Cotton Gins, with 100 cloth laws at \$2 per month, delivered at the landing of the Clerks, Wards, Attorneys, & Co., M. W. Woodin, Esq. & C. F. Denslow, H. W. A. Graham, and others. Harps, Guitars, Music, Sewing Machines, Iron Stoves, Pump, Garden Engines, &c. A printed Catalogue, free of charge, will be sent free of postage.

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