## SABBATH READING.

## AFTER A WHILE.

After a while a busy brain
Will rest from all its toil and pain After a while earth's rush will cease,
And a wearied heart find sweet release. After a while a vanished face An empty seat, a vacant place.

After a while a man forgot, spot.

## PURITY OF LIFE.

Few men and women seem to know how to live pure lives. There is one
rule which is easily understood, which rule which is easily understood, which
it is safe to follow: Do, think and say it is safe to follow: Do, think and say
nothing with which you, yourself, will not become disgusted, or against which your purest consciousness will revolt.
It is doubted if any man's or woman's nature does not repel impurity of deed
or thought whenever the deed is peror thought whenever the deed is per-
formed or the thought spoken or revealed to one's own inner self. The penalty of consciousness of degredation,
diminution of self-respect, unworthidiminution of self-respect, unworthi-
ness, comes to every honest mind. The ness, comes to every honest mind. The man or woman who cultivates purity
of life, physically, mentally, spiritually, is not likely to act impurely, nor to impress others as impure. Nor is he or she likely to be accounted vulgar
uncompanionable in consequence. uncompanionable in consequence.
Purity of life is not peculiar to long to any class exclusively. It is growth. It comes of conviction and is aided by nature at every step; for it brings the surest compensations and the sweetest. An impure life develops
bitterness at every step. It yields disbitterness at every step. It yiels dis-
satisfaction to the soul and discontent to the spirit. It embitters the whole being, rendering it distrustful, insincere No Sabbath--Paris has no Sabbath Christianity than all the writings of Voltaire; and Vienna has no Sabbath and that fact does more to annihilate
religion than ever did, the skepticisma day of sports and pastimes, of military reviews and of pantomimes and
theatrical exhibitions, and not an infitheatrical exhibitions, and not an infi-
del anywhere would care a farthing
about the tomes of Volney about the tomes of Volney or Voltairie,
about the skepticism of Hume, the about the skepticism of Hume, the
sneers of Gibbon or the scurrillity of sneers
Paine.

## ATTENTION IN PRAYER.

A pious Jew, while on a journey, perceived that the hour of the evening
prayer had arrived. He stopped, and prayed to God. Lost in his meditation, not reply to a nobleman whateer himi. not reply to a nobleman whatet Thim ness, the nobleman waited until he had finished his prayers, and then angrily
addressed him: "Wretch ! why dost thou not return my salutation? whay civility." "Friend," the Hebrew re plied, "if thou wertstanding before thy king and spoke to him, and one of thy wouldst thon leave abruptedly the king ly not; I would not dare do such thing." "Now," said the Hebrew, "jodge
if I have done right or wrong in not returning thy salutation. I stood before
the King of kings, the Almighty Creaator of the world, offering to Him my
prayer of supplication; how dared I leave Him and turn to thee?", "Thou
hast done well," the nobleman said, "go

We so mold to earth and earthly things not affection, that it is far harder t
keep our vier of heaven clear and
strong; when this life is so bnsr and therefore, so full of realfty to us, anoth-
er life seems by comparison unreal.
This is our condition, and its peculiar tensptations, but we must endure it and strive to overcome them, for we may
pot try to flee from it.

Thousands of people might be enijor ties for self-eulture, with opportun ment, and for charitable effort, whose
whole energy is absorbed in the desperate struggle to add superflaities to omforts.

It was among the loveliest customs morning twiligit, for. as they strove to ive the softest interpretation to death, so they imagined that Aurora, who
loved the young, had stolen them to her embrace.
During the month of October, of the prese W. is N. R. R. 4826 bales of cot ton, being almost double the quantity shipped in October, 1873. So we learn from the Messenger:


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have reported to us their occupations there are fifty-one farmers, sixteen
lawyers, five teachers, seven merchants, three physicians, two bankers, five me-
chanics, two ministers, one fisherman chanics, two ministers, one fisherman,
one civil engineer, and two barbers.Raleigh News.
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