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COMMUNICATIONS.

The Love of Jesus.

"When we survey the worded cross On which the Prince of Glory died."

Our hearts should swell with love and gratitude to God, the Father, for the inestimable gift of his dear Son to die to redeem us from the thralldom of sin.

What pain! what agony of mind and body did the blessed Saviour endure while he affectionately pleads "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done."

Oh! Sinner what meanness and folly! What base ingratitude! You have forsaken the blessed Saviour who redeemed and bought you with his own precious blood.

Belle Voir, N. C.

Putting the Boys and the Girls together.

It seems to me that the law of the family should give law to the school.

When the masculine and the feminine elements in character are essentially different, yet it is not seldom that we see the feminine showing the most in the boy and the masculine in the girl; so that no one can safely say of either boy or girl—"This is the path—walk here."

VALUE OF SOUL LABOR.

If souls were given us without any effort, anxiety, or prayer, it would be our loss to have it so, because the anxieties which throbb within a compassionate spirit exercise his graces; they produce grateful love to God; they try his faith in the power of God to save others; they drive him to the mercy seat; they strengthen his patience and perseverance, and every grace within the man is educated and increased by his travail for souls.

SELECTIONS.

Wine and the Bible.

Just now, the controversy is renewed with great vigor, concerning the kinds of wine mentioned in the Bible, and the lawfulness or unlawfulness of its use as a beverage.

It is earnestly contended by some that two kinds of wine are mentioned in the Bible—the fermented and the unfermented—and that the latter which was in common use in the lands of the Bible.

What explanations can there be given, why the common use of wine was even so much as tolerated among the Jews, and in the time of Christ? At this distance of time we may be unable to know all the reasons for this permission or to appreciate them properly.

Do You Know It.

Do you know that the words of God are upon you? Do you know that the worth of life is in the good we do? Do you know that some one is following your example?

Do you know that your piety may unconsciously decline? Do you know that you need the prayer meeting? Do you know that the prayer meeting needs you?

Do you know that all your property belongs to God? Do you know that you forfeit your hope by indolence? Do you know that your Sunday vacant seat looks bad? Do you know that if backslidden, Jesus will forgive you?

Giving Up—For Christ.

BY REV. THEODORE L. CUYLER.

A friend requested me to name a few simple and practical rules for Christian self-denial. It is not what a man takes up, but what he gives up, that makes him rich toward God.

1. Of course every man who would become a Christian, must renounce everything that God's word and a healthy conscience sets down as wrong. All sins are "contraband" at the gateway of entrance to the Christian life.

2. We must give up whatever by its direct influence tends to injure ourselves or others. Here comes in the law of brotherly love—the law avoiding the appearance of evil, and of renouncing whatever causes our brother to stumble.

3. Give up whatever tends to pamper the passions, or to kindle unholly desires. Paul's noble determination to "keep his body under," implies that there was something or other in Paul's fleshly nature which ought to be kept under.

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Cheerfulness.

"Cheerfulness, freedom from gloominess."

So says the dictionary, but that does not express half enough, so I must needs give a meaning of my own. Cheerfulness is a blessed gift that comes down from heaven like the sun-shine, lighting up the faces and hearts of all on whom it rests, and reflecting its brightness on all around them, visiting the little birds, and making their songs a very lesson of faith and hope to all the world.

The possessor of true cheerfulness need never be afraid, for, like a single tall-man he will bear him through the deepest floods of affliction, and land him safely on the other side, his own lustre unharmed and his power undiminished by the conflict.

There are some among the circle of my acquaintances who have experienced heavy heart-breaking trials, by the loss of those dear to them, by sickness and in various ways, and who, bereaved and lonely, are yet among the happiest and most cheerful of any I know.

5. The last rule of giving up which we have room for in this brief article is, that time, ease and money must all be held tributary Christ. In these days of stylish equipage and social extravagance, how few Christians are willing to give up to Jesus the key of their purses and bank safes!

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FARM AND GARDEN.

Cause of the Cholera.

A curious theory in regard to the cause of cholera is just now receiving much attention. It is that of Raspail, who holds that animalcule are its primary origin.

In view of this, it is suggested that all water for drinking purposes should be well boiled and kept tightly covered, for it is in the water where the greater number of animalcule are found.

We should also carefully abstain from all liquids which have not been thoroughly purified by fire. A judicious use internally of a few drops of spirits of camphor daily destroys the animalcule as they enter the system, thereby arresting the disease.

Bee Queries.

The following queries were referred to Mr. Quincy, and we give his replies: 1st. Is it a good place to winter bees on their summer stands, on the south side of a house, against a brick wall?

How to Select Flour.

First look at the color, if it is white, with a slightly yellowish or straw colored tint, buy it. If it is very white, with a bluish cast, or with white specks in it, then refuse it.

CURE FOR CANCER.

Accounts of speedy and effectual cures of cancer by the use of clover tea continue to reach us from all directions. From Brooks county, Georgia, a responsible gentleman writes to the Knoxville Whip, giving the case of a lady who had been afflicted for eighteen years with a cancer which had resisted the efforts of the best medical skill to effect a cure.

Wearing Flannel.

The majority of people are not aware of the beneficial effects of wearing flannel next to the body, both in cold and warm weather. Flannel is not so uncomfortable in warm weather as prejudiced people believe.

An Erect Posture.

A writer on health very justly condemns the habit of lounging, in which a large number of persons indulge, as injurious to health.

He says: "An erect bodily attitude is of vastly more importance to health, than is generally imagined. Crooked bodily positions, maintained for any length of time, are always injurious whether in the sitting, standing or lying posture, whether sleeping or waking."

It cramps the stomach, presses the vital organs, and interrupts the free motions of the chest, and enfeebles the functions of the abdominal and thoracic organs, and, in fact, unbalances the whole muscular system.

To Make Glossy Shirts.

Put a little common white wax in your starch, say two ounces to the pound; then, if you use any thin patent starch, be sure you use it warm, otherwise it will get cold and gritty, and spot your linen, giving it the appearance of being stained with grease.

How to Cook a Ham.

The late Gen. Winfield Scott, an acknowledged authority in the culinary art, was of opinion that few cooks knew how to cook a ham, because they did not boil it until soft enough to be eaten with a spoon.

How to Fit a Collar to a Horse.

The plan adopted at the West, which we are assured by men who have been long in the collar business does not injure the collar in the least, is to dip it in water until the leather is thoroughly wet, then put it on the horse, securing the lames firmly, keeping it there until it becomes dry.

Coffee.

Professor Blot, of culinary renown, is of opinion that mixed coffee is the best. He prefers a mixture of Java, Mocha, and Maracibo. His method of making is to use a coffee-pot with a filter. Put the coffee, varying the amount according to the quantity and strength you desire—into the filter and pour boiling water over it, and the beverage is made.

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