Agriculture, &c.

THE CROOKED TREE.

As I was riding in the country, not long ago, I observed by the roadside a little maple-tree, upon which something had fallen and bent it down, so that it hung over the road. It had been leaning in this way for some time, for its top was trying very hard to grow erect again. I was sorry for the tree, for I felt sure that if nothing was done to help it, it would be crooked tree so long as it lived.

This turned my thoughts to many little children, who from some adverse influence are growing up deformed in charactercrooked children. How many such there are in this land, and unless something is done for them soon, they will be deformed as long as they live in this world, perhaps

for ever. Something can be done for them now, but soon the wood of character will become so hard and tough that they cannot be straightened; it will be too late.

I am afraid there is a fearful neglect just here. Many see the crookedness, mourn over it, but do not stop to remedy it; they are busy here and there-do not want the trouble.

And what shall be said of those thoughtless and cruel souls, parents or teachers, who mar and disfigure these little ones by leading them into sin? Alas that there should be any to work such mischief.

But there are many such in the land, and the children of many homes and schools are scarred beyond redemptionspoiled for both worlds.

What a fearful responsibility attaches to! all who have in charge or come in contact? with the young.

How careful in speech, how exemplary in conduct, ought they to be.

How much we fear any physical malformation. How we guard against disfiguring diseases. But what is the body to the soul?

A broken and diseased body may give lodgment to a fair and beautiful soul; but if the soul has fastened upon it the weight of sinful habits, and is poisoned by sin, of what advantage is the comely body?

Father, mother, teacher, friend, watch and pray, lest through your inadvertence and wrong, some little child be led astray, broken and crushed for ever-moral paralysis and everlasting death come upon one whom you ought to train and make beautiful for the state, the Christian church, the Lord Jesus.

CONCERNING SOILS.

In the course of an article on "Buckwheat as a Renovating Crop," the edito of the Working Farmer makes the following good points:

"A poverty striken soil is disgraceful to our modern agriculture. By prope management, the fertility of any soil can be maintained while producing annually remunerative crops. In fact, judicioucultivation enhances rather than detract from the ability of a soil to grow crops But while a soil may be greatly injure, by bad cultivation, its fertility cannot b permanently impaired. It only needs that its mineral sources and wealth shall b brought forward, triturated by cultivation and subjected to the solvent action (manure, lime water, and other atmospheri agencies. Barn-yard manure, muck, ashes lime, guano, superphosphate, etc., arefficient agents in this direction; but i the absence of, or in connection with, these we are decidedly in favor of green manur ing with clover, buckwheat, lupine, lucern or some similar crop. Experience ha amply demonstrated the benefits of thi system of husbandry in this country, a well as in Europe. Sandy loams gain bod and humus by the decay of the mass o succulent stems and vigorous roots in th soil, and stiff clay soils are made mor pliable and friable in the same manner.

"But in reckoning the advantages ac cruing from this treatment of soils, is must not be forgotten their renovation also depends much on underdraining, sub soil plowing, and good cultivation. Sand subsoils will render extensive underdrain ing unnecessary; clay soils demand the most thorough system of underdrains, to gether with the same liberal manurial treat ment as sandy loams, to make them un iformly and largely productive."

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