

A TIMID WOMAN'S REWARD.

In a revival meeting one evening a timid old lady felt that she ought to speak to a couple of young men about their souls, but it was some time before she could find the courage to do it. She had been a church member from childhood, and no one doubted her piety, but she was so reserved and quiet by nature that she instinctively shrank from doing anything that would bring her into the slightest prominence.

Finally, however, she made the effort, and with limbs almost sinking under her she went to the young men and told them that they ought to be Christians, but she did it in such an odd and hesitating way that both laughed in her face and made no reply. That so mortified her that she began to cry and returned to her seat, feeling that she would never again attempt to say a word to any one about being saved. She would leave that work to the preachers and others, who had gifts in that way, she resolved.

Now, it so happened that these two young men were room-mates, and late that night one of them awakened and heard the other give a groan that alarmed him. "What is the matter?" he asked, and the other replied: "I am disgusted with myself for the way in which I treated that good old lady. It was a hard thing for her to come and speak to us, and I hate myself for laughing in her face as I did. It would not do for anybody to behave in that way to my mother. She wanted to do me good and I should have been civil to her at least."

The other young man assented to all this, and was soon feeling as badly as his friend. In a little while they were both under such deep conviction that they had to get up and go to praying, kneeling down with the bed between them, and before morning both were converted as has been shown by their lives ever since.

GOD IN THE FAMILY.

The presence of God confers signal blessings on the children of the family. You will readily understand how the well-being of a house depends on them, when you recollect what a large place they occupy in its anxieties and affections. What unselfish love, what pure joy, what constant care and solicitude, what vigilance and forethought, what maturing of plans, what guarding against evils, what joyous anticipations of successful results, what clouds darken the sky from any suspicion that all is not going on well, and what heart-breaking disappointments if the plans and prospects of the children should even seem to end in failure!

But nothing is so certain to bring down God's blessings upon them as the consciousness that he dwells as the "Ruler and Guide" of their home. It may not be perfect; but they have found the secret of making it so. Events are sure to disturb the joyous aspect of the brightest household; but they no longer repeat the world's vain question, for some one to show them any good; they can now look upward to their Father which is in heaven, and say with devout and grateful satisfaction, "Lord, lift thou upon us the light of thy countenance."

It is true that the Holy Spirit alone can give spiritual life to our households; but we can mould the character and make the temple ready for the divine presence. We can build the altar, and lay the sacrifice in order, and then wait in confident assurance for the

promised blessing from heaven. We can train our children up in the way they should go; seek to bend their will in submission to the divine will; cultivate filial and confiding communion with him about everything; train them to believe in him, to fear him, to love him with all their heart and mind and soul and strength, to worship him, to give him thanks, to put their whole trust in him, to call upon him, to honor his holy name and his Word, and to serve him truly all the days of their life.

A family thus brought up in the devout habits of Christian life, at church, at home, and in secret, studying his Word, and praying in the Spirit day by day, will surely at length receive manifest tokens of God's approbation and blessing.—*The Primitive Methodist.*

HOW TO SWEETEN LIFE.

Open all the doors to the religion of Christ. It will make this world a paradise. It will sweeten the every-day trials of life, the little perplexities and annoyances, little disappointments and mistakes. Nature ever helps the tiny objects. A small flower blossoms at my feet. The clouds gather swiftly in the sky to water its infinite chemistry works at its roots to nourish it; the mighty power of gravitation and other equally unconquerable forces hold it and guard it; the sun rises and shines to paint beauty upon its cheek; the winds are marshalled to fan it; everything is made to contribute to the comfort of this tiny flower. The religion of Christ is suited to tired men and women and children. It is suited to the office, the cradle, the sewing machine, the headache, the schoolroom, the lonely attic, the evening ramble. It should sweeten all the moments, thoughts, and feelings, the voice, the conversation, the toils and afflictions of life, the temper and the heart; and all may have and enjoy it.

LAW CANNOT CLEANSE.

One illustration used by Mr. Moody, to show that the law after it has created the consciousness of sin cannot cleanse the sinner, is pronounced by a writer in the *English Independent* as very effective.

He had promised his boy a ride in a carriage, but the little fellow, after having been suitably dressed, had soiled his clothes frightfully.

"When Mr. Moody arrived," says the narrator, "he found his son 'not fit to be seen,' and although the little fellow clapped his hands with delight in expectation of his ride, his father said, 'Why, my boy, I can't take you in that state, you are all soiled!' 'Oh, no, I've not father, I've not. Mamma has washed me, and put on all my nice clean things, and you promised to take me!'"

"Mr. Moody told us that he 'just hitched up his horse,' took the little boy into the house, and held him up before a looking-glass. That silenced him. 'But,' said the speaker, 'I'll tell you what I did not do—I didn't take the looking-glass to wash his face with.'"

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