## Sunday Reading.

AS TO GOOD READING.

Some Sound Advice to Mothers as to Books Suitable for the Family.

To put one under the influence of a good book is to bless him." So says Henry Drummond. A very good index to a person's character is his literature.

As our boys and girls go out to earnestly toil for an honest living, temptations flaunt before, behind and on each side of whem; it they fall have we any indifference or neglect on our part to regret? Are we actually playing a part in that tragedy? One parent may say, "I grew up without training and I guess my children can," and another says, "I had no home influence and I cannot comprehend its necessity." Ah, but my dear brother and sister, in these days of literary advantages you have no excuse! With what books and papers, manners and influence are you surrounding your children?

Tell we what books a young person reads and I will tell you what, sort of person he is. From good reading, we get a mental mosphere permeates every nook of your home; it smooths the wrinkles, hews the the corners and softens the angles of infully over. How many can be found that the incarnation is a necessity. are not savored with some death dealing blow, more for the rhyme than the sense? on feeding it and you are innocently tanning a little spark to a flame.

rhymes and stories of nature-flowers, rippling brooks and shady trees, of animal and child life and see how quickly your little one will begin to imitate the loving attitudes and kind attentions in those stories. Such child literature as hard to find. Like gold hidden in dark mountains, it lies submerged in the depths of piles and full counters of the first meutioned style. At this stage of childhood you are beginning to develop or dwarf the nature.

Nor does the work stop till your children go from your homes with tastes formed for either good or bad reading. My first impression of people in their own home or room is gathered from a glance of the literature lying about and my guide seldom fails me. A person's nature is very like his books, bear in mind that person has a character much of that stamp and etyle. I once went to look for board in a neatly furnished house and was shown a very pleasant room, the occupant of which deaway, but the landlady told me many nice things about her, and how to decide I did not know. The surroundings were desirables but what was to be my society? How could I tell? What answer should I give without first meeting the young lady? While these thoughts and other similar ones were flashing through my mind my eyes fell on the sum total of all the literature the room contained-some unnamable up and down the deep well, and could not story papers on the centre table. It took see that it did any good. It did not empty me but one instant more to decide.

All the years from babyhood to manhood and womanhood are the characters of our children being strengthened or weakened. Put into their hands good books with pure thoughts and noble purposes and see how their lives will grow to meet them. If bad things tempt to evil so good things tempt to good. Watch one pure thought after another take root and grow in your child's mind. See his eyes brighter, his straightforward look, his honest countenance, his manly carriage, all grow from the root of pure thoughts. Give him impure ideals aud see the nervous expression, the undecided shamble of actions that result.

you would their friends. Said one of our and trust in God to use for His glory. noted men. "Books are the windows through which the soul looks out. A house without books is like a room without windows. No man has a right day are great, if it is divorced from the to read by being in the presence of books. Lives.' Lady Waterford writes:
The love of knowledge comes with reading 'Your remark about Mr. and

fect pleasures that God has prepared for his creatures." From Bishop Potter we have, "It is nearly an axiom that people will not be better than the books they read." J. B. Braithwaite clinches the nail when he says, "The mind requires nour-

ishing food. Trifling reading enfeebles it." In once conversing with a young mother on the influence of frivolous reading, she said to me, "Oh, but the environments of your early life were so different from mine; the reading of my girlhood has poisoned my whole life." Another acquaintance who is too deat to enjoy society comes from her books with such a wholesome, open-hearted air that someone ventured to question her for the reason, when she replied, "I have such lovely companions and society in my books; I meet such great and noble minds !"-Mary A Whedon in the Housekeeper.

#### HEWISAS WE ARE.

The Saviour, Though Divine, Had Above all Things Human Feelings.

There was a changeable and an unchangeable side in the person of Christ. As to his deity He could say, "I and my Father are one." "Before Abraham was, contact with the noblest minds of the uni- I am." God was His Father, an expresverse, and nobleness, either oral,, printed, | sion which signifies equality with God. He acted or thought, has its influence; its at- had a glory with the Father before the world was. The Word was God, and the Word became flesh and "we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of dividual life second only to personal con- the Father, full of grace and trath." Ours tact. Our little ones are scarcely out of is a wondrous Saviour, because He is dibabyhood when they clamor for pictures vine. There are mysteries connected with and stories. This is the time that tries tired | the doctrine of the divinity of our Lord motherhood! Shall the lisping little wisher | but there are mysteries in everything. I be put by with his desire ungranted? Shall God can reveal himself through nature, the hungry liftle mind go unfed? No cer- through firmament, and star, and storm, tainly not, but what to give it is the query and mountain, and valley, and modest of motherhood. Shall we take the long- flower, why should He not incarnate Himfavored Mother Goose Tales and fill the self in nobler human form, and speak minds of our future men and women with through human lips, and answer definitely thoughts of killing, shooting, theft. and all | the questions of my wildly-beating heart, improbable idea:? Let a mother or father and settle the problems which gather take up those tales and look them thought- around my anxious soul? If God is love,

Men have speculated curiously as to when it was that Jesus became divine. Was Read at random from the book for fifteen | it only at His baptism, when the Spirit deminutes a day six consecutive days to your scended on Him like a dove? Some have boy and you can readily trace the direction | thought so; but this is not true. When he in which you are developing his taste. He was at the temple, at the age of twelve will clamor for the most exciting and thril- years, He knew that his Father's business ling ones, he will soon amuse himself by was His mission. And what mean the repeating them and fitting his actions to his angles' message and the guiding star, and words. In that innecent little mind you the visits of Gabriel, the inspiration of have laid the first foundation for a reckless | Anna, and the song of Simeon, and the life. What goes into the mind of childhood | wonders in the sky, it from the very beat so youthful a period helps to make a part | ginning He was not God manifest in the of that child's tastes and character. Keep | flesh, as divine as when He rested upon the bosom of Mary, as when He stilled the storm, or raised the dead, or hung upon On the other hand search for simple His head and died? He died as no other man died; He lived as no other man lived; He was born as no other man was born, because He was like no other man. From cradle to cross, from cross to crown, aud yet at the right hand of power, as our Saviour | to whom the knowledge that they are and Mediator, He is the God man, the Saviour of the world.

Then there are the mutable, the changewas in all respects as we are. There was the gift of God. That is why it is of se- The area is 4,800,000 acres. and the total physical and mental and spiritual develop- | condary; order; and posterity will only re- | population 3,800,000. The average per ment; the blade, and the ear, and the full corn in the ear. And this does not argue its communion in universal progress. Glory | How sparse this population is may be judgany imperfection. An acorn may be perfect as it lies in the ground; the little twig which grows from it, and which is six inches in height, may be perfect; the shrub which grows from this also may be perfect; the young tree from this may be perfect; and the giant oak of the forest may be pertect, too. Each in its degree; each in its diet. If one feeds on weak, light or trashy place; each in the fullness of its measure. "Tesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." As Dr. G. D. Boardman says, "He was a real babe with a babe's dawning consciousness; a real child, with a child's feelings and thoughts sired a room-mate. So did I. She was and griefs and joys; a real youth, with a youth's buoyancies and temptations and aspirations and opening vistas of vocation; a real man, with a mans full sense of mission of Christhood."

Some one tells the story of a well bucket that grumbled because it was kept going the well, for whenever it went down there was just as much water there as ev r. And when it came up full, the water was carried away, and it never knew what became of it. A good deal of our work in this world seems as discouraging as that of the but often we cannot trace the results of our efforts. Yet our grumbling is as foolish as that of the bucket. It it could have it cleaned, how many stains it washed away, it would have rejoiced in its mission. Choose the books for your children as Our business is to be faithful in our sphere

### Gladstone's Sundays.

The physical and moral benefits of Sun-

'Your remark about Mr. and Mrs. Glad-

I am sure to converse with none but wise yesterday father was saying he did not bemen; but abroad it is impossible for me lieve he would be alive now if he had not God says he will help us he means that we It was all, from its Alpha to its Omego,

things on that day, but because it has en- of these words grows in cumulative force. abled him to learn more on religious subjects than perhaps any other layman, and

#### DUMAS' GOLDEN RULES.

A Noted Author's Prescription for Health,

Wealth, and Wisdom. Walk two hours every day; sleep seven hours every night; go to bed always alone, if you need to sleep; get up as soon as you wake; work as soon as you get up; eat only when you are hungry, and drink only when you are thirsty; and eat and drink always slowly.

Never speak except when it is necessary and never say more than half of what you think. Never write anything that you cannot sign, and never do anything that you cannot avow. Never forget that others will count upon you, and that you must never count upon them. Value money at its real worth, neither more nor less. It is a good servant, but a bid mister.

Keep away from women until you are 20 and avoid them when you are 40. Never attempt to produce anything without a thorough understanding of what you undertake, and destroy as little as possible. Pardon everybody beforehand, to be on the safe side. Do not despise men, do not hate them, and do not laug's at them.

Think of death every morning when you see the light, and every evening on the approach of darkness. When your sufferings are great look your grief in the face; it will console you itself and teach you something. Try to be simple, to become useful, to remain free, and before denying God wait uatil somebody proves to you that he does

For a min and for a womin there is a succession of duties to be fulfilled which enables them to look always ahead, and to become accustomed to the absence of the objects of their most dear affections. The world would finish too quickly if the first of the first mother.

and more shining than ever. Adversity many children. He should raise them well, so that they may be useful; and he should to choose, in no matter what class, a good, honest,, girl; to love her with all his heart and soul, and to make her a reliable companion and a prolific mother; to work to more. raise his children, and to leave them when only error, crime, or felly.

ambient humanity on one single plane, virtue; and, as there can be no virtue without humility, those alone have the right to consider themselves the superiors of others superior is denied. Talent, especially its higher form called genius, is involuntary. It is not the remember it for its virtne, its sincerity, and for glory's sake is a shameful speculation.

their genius are fools! There is one thing that is especially beautiful in great and pure affections, and

happiness of their recollection. energy and a perseverance which he could it has not been feasible, except in very trials a man often becomes superior who er places to reach those large towns in without energy when young will never have | this source of complaint. it. Gritas not a winter fruit; it never

One may expect everything from a man of energy to whom misfortune has given courage and ambition .-- Alexander Dumas | took to sell them in Paris, where printing fils in Paris Figaro.

#### The Lord is our Helper.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.-Psalm xlvi., 1. This brief but glorious psalm has long been regarded as the grand battle song of the church. It nerved the steadfast soul bucket. We dip away at the sin and misery of Luther to loyalty, when all the powers around us, and yet cannot see that it is of earth combined to make him faithless. materially diminished. We try to de good, It was from this brief psalm that Cromwell gathered the grand battle cry that inspired his gallant ironsides on the fateful field of known how many thirsty ones the water Long Marston Moor. "The lord of Hosts earried from it refreshed, how many faces is with us!" eried the sturdy Gideon of his age, and, lo ! the tide of battle turned, and that day all England knew, and all the world, that God is indeed a retuge and strength, a very present help in trouble!" It should always be remembered that the order of God's doings with men is for the to bring up his children without surround other days of the week. An illustration of most part to render "help." Do we not ing them with books if he has the these benefits is given in a letter, written too often act as though we wanted God to means to buy them. It is a wrong to his by Lady Waterford to a friend, and pubfamily. He cheats them. Children learn lished in Mr. Hares Story of Two Noble not faith, that lies back upon the ears and trusts Gods to do all. It is cant and not | which it furnishes and in the sense of right | er I was treated by fourteen doctors in true piety that sings: "I'm a poor creature relation which it establishes between the that time, but their medicines did me little and grows upon it. A love of knowledge stone and his rapt expression in church has and nothing at all!" We are not "poor spiritual and the material.—Catholic Rein a young man is almost a warrent against | caused me to turn to a letter Mary Glad- | creatures," we are powerful when we put | gister. the inferior excitement of passions and vices."

Sir William Waller says, "In my study stone wrote long ago, a bit of which I must transcribe:

""What I meant about Sunday was that capable of work and service that angels to avoid the society of fools." Anthony Trollope said, "The habit of reading, I make bold to tell you, is your passport to the greatest, the purest and the most per- it has always been to him to turn to holier to avoid the society of fools." Anthony to avoid the society of fools." Anthony shall put forth every possible particle of trom its divine preface to its solemn finis, shall put forth every possible particle of trom its divine preface to its solemn finis, brown that rheumatism and gout (its twin brother) is virtually a universal ailment. It does its cruel and body-racking work bicycles tires. See? There in every country and climate. No other motor, at merely the cost of

A help! A present help! A very present help in trouble! Here then we have this so has given him that firm and splendid ground which has ennobled and hallowed all his actions through life." suggestion. Let us work on bravely, hopefully, not greatly concerned, and surely not distressed, for our failure is the bell that calls loudly for the divine help, the bell that will not ring in vain. Our failures often bring more glory to God and more real good to ourselves than our so-called successes. If the need of God's immediate divine help did come to us often, in the very midst of loss, and trouble, and weakness, we should never know what it is to have a God not far off, but near-"a very present help in trouble."

#### Dr. Parker on Moral Questions.

At a recent service Dr. Parker said :-

trust that during the general election the christian pulpit will not be a party agent either on one side or the other. In the pulpit the christian minister should concern himselt only with religious and moral questions. He should never touch the labor problem, but should never leave the laborer. When the laborer is right, labor will not be far wrong. I regard horse racing as a moral question. It is one of the chief occasions of gambling. It is worse than useless to talk of gambling as a separable accident. Theoretically it may be separable, but what is it in practise? What is the moral history of horseracing? Was any man ever made better by it? How many thousands of young men has it reduced from the path of rectitude? I cannot but feel that it would be a national disaster if the chief statesman of any country should be the leading patron of the turt. We may personally esteem and honor him, and politically we may believe in him but, looking at the broadest aspect of his position, his example cannot but be harmful in its effect upon many classes of society. Whilst it is not for me to judge the motives of any man, I cannot but hope that christain England will never have again a horse-racing prime minister, and I cannot but further hope that any horse-racing statesman who may be called to high office will so far defer to the christain conscience of the country as to sacrifice tastes and practices which may have a disastrous effect upon the moral health of the nation.'-The Christain.'

#### The Bible in Chinese.

Among the passengers who recently sailed for the Orient from Vancouver was the Rev. S. E. J. Schereschewsky, D. D., child was not able to survive the death | the retired protestant bishop of China, who long has been engaged in translating the Misfortunes and trials attack noble souls | bible into Chinese from the original tongue. without hurting them. They are like the In 1859 he went to China as a missionary, rocks of granite that the sea covers in of the episcopal church, and subsequently times of tempest with its furious waves, was appointed Bishop of China, being the fancying that it is drowning them, while | third incumbent of that office. In 1882 he it is merely washing them, so that they re- suffered a sunstroke, which compelled him appear again in the sunlight more polished | to resign his office, as it affected his speech. After leaving China he visited Europe, and embellishes those that it cannot cast down. | there began the task in which he has been By the law of nature a man should have engaged ever since. The work now has

The Bishop has with him a translation of love them, so that they may be happy. To get | the whole bible in Roman characters. On married when a man is young is healthy; his arrival in China he will begin reproducing the manuscript in Chinese characters, after which it will be printed and pub-

In speaking of the recent riots, the bisdying the example of his life-that is the hop said the mandarins were, in his opinion true meaning and object of life; the rest is mainly responsible for them, as they are the chief opponents of foreigners and use In truth, the average man is only about | every possible means to stir up the ignorant | natives against the missionaries.

#### Charch Cars In Siberia.

The Russian Government has had constructed five church cars for use on the Trans-Siberian Railroad. The road runs through territory in which there are scarcely any inhabitants. The length of Siberia able, the human side. Sin excepted, He sult of the effiorts of man; it is, like beauty, is 3,600 miles; the breadth 2,000 miles. acre is less, therefore, than one inhabitant. ed from a comparison with the Tenth ward The men who rejoice in their celebrity of New York city, which contains 110 acres are simpletons: the men who are proud of and has 77,000 inhabitants, or 700 per acre, The church cars resemble movable chapels. and are embelished with all the accessories of an orthodox Greek church. Each that is that after the pleasure which they | church makes two stoppages, and thus it is afford has passed away there remains the possible to have religious services of the Greek church in seventy hamlets or settle-Very often an unexpected grief or an ments each week. Travel in Siberia is so unmerited misfortune gives to a man an difficult that in many parts of the country never find in happiness. And after such mild weather, for the residents of the smallwould have remained simple and vulgar if which church services are held. The he had always been happy. He who is church cars are expected to do away with

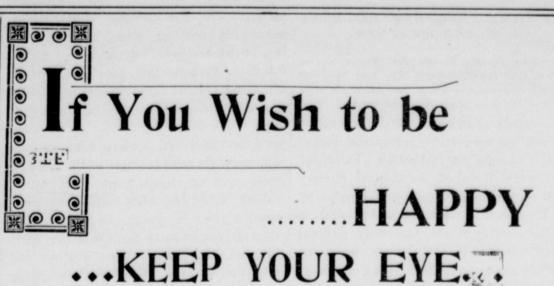
> Faustus And His Bibles. When Faustus had printed off, in 1460, a number of copies of the Bible, he underwas then unknown. As he sold his copies for 60 crowns while the scribes demanded 500 for their manuscripts, he created universal astonishment; but when he proof the copies greatly increased the wonder. Intermation was given to the police against him as a magician, his lodgings being subsequently searched, and a greater number of copies being found, they were seized. The red ink with which they were embellished was supposed to be his blood, and it was seriously adjudged that he was in league with the devil; and it is presumed that, if he had not fled, he would have shared the fate of those whom superstitious judges in those days condemned for witchcrait.-Jewish Messenger.

#### Great Aims Demanded.

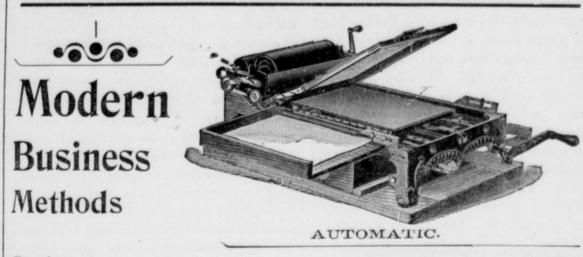
Men are to-day measuring themselves against more colossal material achievements than ever before in the history of the world, and they must bave nobler spirits and larger aims if they are to deal success-

#### The all Wise Lord.

No inferior hand hath sketched even so



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turely to the ground, was not likely, when | than a gold mine in every county. he took notice of such little things, to omit in his solemn decrees the greatest wonder of earth's miracles, the death of book, the page which makes both past and blood-stained page, I say, was as much written of Jehovah as any other .- C. H.

HOW DID THE THIEF GET IN? You wake up some morning and miss your watch, your purse, your best clothes, and other valuables. Yet neither you nor any member of your family heard a sound during the night. Neither is there a sign of how the thief got into the house nor by what road he decamped. You rush round and tell the police, and also decide to keep a dog and a shot gun. You will let the thieves know they musn't come fooling around your premises after this. A sensible procedure. Meanwhile your watch, your money, &c., are gone. Quite so. Now suppose I should tell you that the

thief who stole your property never entered your house at all; that he was born in it; had lived twenty years in it; never had been out of it till he went off with your things, albeit not a soul of you had ever seen or heard him. What would you say to me? You would call me an idiot and threaten to have me sent back to the asylum. But

Here is our very good friend Mr. Richard Heakin, of Pentervin, Salop, who expresses an opinion in his line. Let us have his exact words. He says: "Rheumatism struck into my system." Of course we understand that he speaks after the manner of men. You know we talk of being "attacked" by this, that, and the other complaint, as though diseases were like look in the wrong direction for danger. Do you see now?

Thirteen years ago, in the spring of 1880, got over the cold, but not over what followed it. He was feeble, without appetite, and had a deal of pain in the chest and sides. His eyes and skin were tinted yellow, and his hands and feet were cold and troubled with pain at the heart and had spells of difficult breathing-what medical men call asthma.

"Later on," says Mr. Heakin, "rheumatism struck into my system and I had pains all over me. I was confined to my fully with the tremendous material growth | bed for three months with it and could not on all sides. The supreme value of education lies in the standard of measurement continued for five years. One after anothor no good. At one time I went to the Infirmary at Shrewsbury, where they treated me for heart disease; but I got worse

and, feeling anxious, returned home." How he was finally cured we will mention in a minute. First, however, about his rheumatism. Every intelligent person

was exempt from it. He that wings an malady causes so vast an aggregate of angel and guides a sparrow, he that protects | suffering and disability. Whatever will lished. This will take about three years | the hairs of our head from falling prema- cure it is worth more money in England

> But does rheumatism "strike into" the system as a bullet or a knife might strike into it? No. Rheumatism is a thiet who Christ. No; the blood-stained page of that steals away our comfort and strength; but it is a thief, as I said, who is born on the future glorious with golden words-that premises. In other words, it is one-and only one-of the direct consequences of indigestion and dyspepsia. And this is the why and wherefore: Indigestion creates a poison called uric acid; this acid combines with the chloride of sodium to form a salt; this salt is urate of sodium, which are deposited in the form of sharp crystals in the muscles and joints. Then comes inflammation and agony, otherwise rheumatism. Thus you perceive that it doesn't come from the outside but from the inside-from the stomach. Our friend's cold, caught in the mind, didn't produce his rheumatism, it clogged his skin and so kept all the poison in his body instead of letting part of it out.

Mr. Heakin adds: "I was cured at last by Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, and without it I believe I should have been

Very likely, very likely; for this thief although he may wait long for his opportunity, isn't always satisfied to run away with our comfort and our money; he often takes life too.

#### Long Distance Talking.

Eighteen miles is the longest distance on record at which a man's voice has been heard. This occurred in the Grand Canon of the Colorado, where one man shouting the name "Bob" at one end, his voice was plainly heard at the other end, which is eighteen miles away. Lieutenant Foster, on Parry's third Arctic Expedition, found that he could converse with a man across duced the copies as fast as they wanted soldiers or wild beasts. "Doesn't make that he could converse with a man across them, and lowered the price to 30 crowns, any odds," do you say? Beg pardon, but the harbor of Port Bowen, a distance of all Paris was in agitation. The uniformity it does—heavy odds. For it teaches us to 6,696ft., or about one mile and a quarter; and Sir John Franklin said that he conversed with ease at a distance of more then whilst working in the Roman Gravel Lead | a mile. Dr. Young records that at Gib-Mines, Mr. Heakin took a bad cold. He raltar the human voice has been heard at a distance of ten miles. Sound has remarkable force in water. Colladon, by experiments made in the Lake of Geneva, estimated that a bell submerged in the sea clammy. Frequently he would break out sixty miles. Franklin says that he might be heard a distance of more than into a cool perspiration, as a man does on beard the striking together of two receiving a nervous shock caused by some-stones in the water half a mile away. Over water or a surface of ice sound is propagated with great clearness and strength. Dr. Hutton relates that on a quiet part of the Thames near Chelsea he could hear a person read distinctly of 140 feet, while on the land the same could only be heard at 76 feet. Professor Tyndall, when on Mont Blanc, found the report of a pistol-shot no louder than a pop of a champagne bottle. Persons in a balloon can hear voices fro m the earth a long time after they themselves are inaudible to people below.

> Only One Hitch. "Yes," said the inventor. see millions in it, if I can

thing to work." "No doubt," said the dou' What have you in mind now