

Poetry.

UP AND DOING.

Up and doing, little Christian;
Up and doing while 'tis day;
Do the work the Master gives you;
Do not loiter by the way.
For we all have work before us;
You, dear child, as well as I;
Let us seek to learn our duty,
And perform it manfully.

Up and doing, little Christian;
Gentle be and ever kind;
Helpful to thy loving mother;
Even her slightest wishes mind.
Let the little children love you
For your care and harmless play;
And the feeble and more infirm,
Help them to their kindly way.

Patience, patience, little Christian!
No cross look or angry word;
Follow Him who died to save you,
Follow Jesus Christ our Lord.
Help the suffering and the needy,
Help the poor whom Jesus loves;
Tell the sinner of the Saviour
Who still lives to bless above.

Pray then, pray then, little Christian;
Never, never cease to pray;
Pray for pardon, pray for blessing,
Pray for mercy day by day;
Remember thanks for all the mercies
Which our Father sends to thee,
Most of all for the dear Saviour
Who once died on Calvary.

Up and doing, little Christian;
Trust not to thyself alone,
But work out your own salvation
Through the grace of God's dear Son.
Jesus loves you, little Christian;
Turn not from His love away;
But go forth and do His bidding,
Up and doing while 'tis day.

Miscellaneous.

THE PAWNED BIBLE.

Just at twilight on a November day a man about thirty-five years of age entered a grocery on Federal street, in the city of —, with a junk bottle in one hand, and a Bible in the other. He stepped up to the counter and said to the owner of the establishment, "Will you let me have a pint on that? I'll pay in a few days."

The grocer looked at the back of the book and saw the words HOLY BIBLE, and knew at a glance that it was worth vastly more than a pint of whiskey, and said, "Yes." He laid the book behind him on a shelf, and drew the liquor, and the customer departed. A loiterer sitting by the stove said, "Duncan is getting rather hard up, I guess, if he pawns books for drink."

"He is, indeed," said the proprietor. "He knew he could not get trusted and still he will have his grog. I am almost sorry I let him have it. Has he a family?"

"Yes, a wife and four children."

Here the conversation was interrupted by the entrance of other customers. The man who brought the Bible in and pawned it was a mechanic. He was very skillful in shoeing horses, and was employed by a firm who owned many teams. He could easily have acquired property, and have been comfortable, if he had abstained from drink. His employers had often threatened to turn him off, but he would promise to do better, and they had continued him on. Sometimes for days he would not work an hour, and then for weeks he would attend to his work faithfully. Of course he used up all his wages, and his family sometimes suffered for the comforts of life.

The owner of the grocery was a Scotchman by the name of McKee. He left his native place when about twenty years of age, and after residing in Canada for a few years, he found his way to —, and commenced the sale of liquor. This was many years ago, when little was said, and less was done, on the subject of temperance.

McKee's mind had, however, been led to the consideration of the evils of intemperance. He was a member of a Scotch Presbyterian church, and his pastor frequently alluded to the drinking habits of the day, much to the annoyance of his hearers. Even some of his church session thought he was "wise above what was written."

The evening passed off, and at length he closed his shutters. Before retiring he carefully took up the Bible and opened it, and on the fly leaf he read, "JESUS SMART."

"From 'MARGARET MCKEE'."

He was perfectly amazed. Here was a Bible which once belonged to his own mother, and presented by her to Jennie Smart, whom he well remembered as a servant in his father's family at the time he left Scotland. He could not be mistaken with respect to the handwriting of his mother; nor could he keep out of his mind the smiling face of Jennie Smart. The reader can easily imagine that trains of thought and reflection were awakened, which would prevent him from sleeping. Still there was a mystery about it. How came this Bible in the hands of James Duncan, the drunken blacksmith. This mystery, he determined to solve.

The next day he went to the shop where Duncan worked, and approached the anvil where he was hitting a shoe, and said, "You left a Bible with me last night."

"Yes. You don't want me to redeem it so soon, do you?"

"No. I want to know where you got it."

"I came honestly by it."

"I presume so, but I am anxious to know."

"Well, sir, it belongs to my wife. She has had it ever since she was a girl."

"Was her name Jennie Smart?"

"That was her name when I married her. Why?"

"I think I used to know her in Scotland. Do you live near here?"

"Yes. In Liberty street, just round the corner from Elm, up stairs."

"With your leave I will call on her."

"That you can do if you like."

McKee left the shop, and soon found the miserable abode, and ascended the rickety stairs and rapped at a door, which was opened by a woman who seemed surprised to see a stranger. She invited him to be seated. He knew not how to commence the conversation, but at length said, "This is Mrs. Duncan, I suppose."

"Yes, sir. He asked a few more commonplace questions, and she replied. He then said, 'I perceive, by your account, that like myself you are Scotch.'"

"Yes, sir. I was born near Glasgow."

"Did you ever know a lady by the name of McKee—Margaret McKee?"

"Yes, sir. I knew her well. I wrought for her as a servant for years."

"Did you ever see this book before?" reaching out the Bible.

"Yes, sir. Mrs. McKee gave me that the day before I took passage for America. But, sir, how came it in your hands?"

"I keep a grocery on Federal street. Your husband pawned it to me for drink."

She began to weep. He saw where the sore spot in her heart was. He told her who he was, and drew from her a history of her trials, and then said, "Jennie (for you will allow me to call you so), I am very sorry I have been the means of giving you any sorrow. I will never sell your husband another drop of liquor. I will do what I can to reform him."

We will ignore the conversation in detail. His visit cheered her heart.

On his way back, he stopped at the shop where Duncan was at work. He looked up as McKee entered, and said, "Did you find the place?"

"Yes. I found it. I know your wife when she lived at home."

"You never knew any ill of her, I think."

"No, she was always kind and gentle. Now Duncan, as you have such a good wife and such pretty children, why don't you stop drinking?"

He replied, "A Yankee always answers a question by asking another. As you have no wife nor children, why don't you stop selling?"

"If I will stop selling, will you stop drinking?"

He stood a moment, cast his eye upward, and said, "I will."

"Give us your hand on that," said McKee. They shook hands.

"Now," said McKee, "come over to the grocery." They went over and emptied all the liquor into the street. When the work was completed, McKee added, "When you go home, tell your wife what you have done, and add that if you get into trouble, you will always have a friend in the son of that Margaret McKee that gave Jennie Smart the Bible."

Duncan looked surprised, but said nothing.

"I WANT TO BE A MINISTER."

More than a century ago there lived in England an orphan boy with promising talents, who often said, "I want to be a minister," but having no money to carry out the great desire of his heart, his youthful spirit was often bowed to the earth by disappointed hope.

Once a wealthy lady offered to pay the expenses at school if he would study and become a minister in her church; but the boy loved the church of his fathers, and could not be induced to leave his spiritual mother; so he respectfully declined the lady's kind offer.

So, afterward he visited a learned minister of his own church, and asked the good pastor's advice in regard to studying for the ministry; but here he obtained no encouragement at all. Now the friendly boy went to God, and while he was engaged in fervent prayer the mail-carrier knocked at the door of his closet, and handed him a letter from a friend of his father, with an offer to assist him in his studies for the ministry.

Thus his desire was gratified, and he became one of the most useful ministers of England. His name was Philip Doddridge. We commend his example to all our readers. Great numbers who are now boys must soon preach the gospel. Let every boy ask this question, whether he should not engage in this work. We should be concerned both about the duty of serving the Lord, and how we should serve him. If it is a boy's duty to enter the ministry, he should strive hard to enter it as well as he should strive hard to enter heaven, and he should pray for the Lord's guidance in the one case as well as he should pray for it in the other.

THE VALUE OF CHEERFULNESS.

One who has thought deeply and well upon the sources of human happiness, says there is no greater every-day virtue than cheerfulness. This quality of mind among men, is like sunshine to the day, or gentle, renewing moisture to parched herbs. The light of a cheerful face diffuses itself, and communicates the happy spirit that inspires it. The sunniest temper most sweeten in the atmosphere of continuous good humor. As well might fog, and cloud, and vapor, hound to cling to the sun-blessed landscape, as the blues and moroseness to combat jovial speech or exulting laughter. Be cheerful, always. There is no path but will be easier travelled, no load but will be lighter, no shadow on heart or brain but will lift in presence of a determined cheerfulness.

Many a child goes astray, not because there is a want of prayer or virtue at home, but simply because he lacks sunshine. A child needs smiles as much as flowers need sunshine. Children look into the face of the present moment. If a thing pleases them to seek it; if it displeases them they are prone to avoid it. It is in the place where faces are sour and words harsh, and fault-finding is ever in the second, they will spend as many hours as possible elsewhere. Let every father and mother, then, try to be happy. Let them look happy. Let them talk to their children, especially the little ones, in such a way as to make them happy.

Cheerfulness is an excellent working quality, imparting great elasticity to the character. As a bishop said, "Temper is nine-tenths of Christianity." So are cheerfulness and diligence nine-tenths of practical wisdom. They are the life and soul of success, as well as happiness. Perhaps the very highest pleasure in life consists in clear, brisk, sunny work; energy, confidence, and every other good quality multiply down upon it.

DANGERS SKIRT THE WAY.

What dangers skirt the way of mortals here below!

Foes threaten every day.

The farther they go.

On every side.

The power of sin.

Without, within.

In ambush hide.

O sinner! there's a thing.

There is but one to do;

Make Christ your friend and eling

To His life's journey through.

He'll not stray.

Temptation quite.

But help you fight.

By aid of grace.

The Saviour watches you

When dangers round you lurk,

And all you've got to do

Is watch, and pray, and work.

But do your best.

At duty's call.

And how'er small,

He'll do the rest.

The latest conversion to temperance is due to a photographer in Wheeling, who took a picture of a drunkard as he lay in a gutter. The portrait was exhibited to the victim of intemperance when he became sober, and a pledge placed before him at the same time received his signature.

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