of Gilead .- Zion's Herald.

Rules for Christian Living.

Renew the consecration of yourself to

his service. Pray earnestly, persever-

ingly, patiently expecting a sure an-

swer. Strive to realize God's constant

presence. Walk with your hand in

his, your eyes fixed upon him. Think

often of him. Do nothing, say

nothing, think nothing which may dis-

please him. The least little remem-

brance will always be acceptable to

him. You need not cry very loud, he

is nearer than you think. Believe

left undone. Lean in all hours of

Be not weary in all thy toil For 'tis worthy an angel's strife To scatter in virgin soil The seeds of eternal life.

The jewels thine hands are to trim Are not made to shine here alone; They belong to His diadem Who sealed them once for his own.

When unlocking the casket of thought, That precious endowment of God. Remember, thy Saviour hath bought The soul with the price of his blocd

And then, when life's labor is crowned And the veil of the temple is riven, May the gem thou hast polished be found 'Mid the shadowless splendors of heaven ALFRED DAY.

Good-Tempered Parents.

How we insist upon good temper in our children, frowning upon stubbornness and anger, and that cross-grain of perversity which has gone down from the primal parents, and is a sort of hall-mark in nearly every baby that has ever lived. But uniformly good: tempered fathers and mothers are not so common as they used to be, and when we find them-managing a nursery, presiding at a table, directing a household, setting young feet in the way they should go-we feel like saying as of old was said in another connection, "Their price is above rubies." It is not in the power of an ill-tempered child to do the mischief, create the suffering, cast the gloom, which an illtempered father can, bringing with him over his own threshold the sharpness and the chill of an east wind, napping the soul of the sensitive girl, hardening the opposition of the obstinate boy, frightening the toddler who hides beneath his mother's skirts, instead of making a grand rush for his in the world. Humanity elevated, father's arms; giving the cook and housemaid cause for gratitude that is the sign of Christ in the world. We they are paid by the month and may hear of 6,000 converts to Christianity leave when it is done, and are neither in Japan in 1889. They are like 6,000 of them the man's wife, obliged to put | throbs of Christ's heart which the up with his whims and caprices, his fault-finding and satire, till the end of hand upon the bosom of the living their mortal lives. The misery an illtempered father can make is exceeded only by the dire wretchedness and wake of a fretful, morose, discouraging and ill-to-please mother, who, more than all human beings also, is a black frost in the home garden, a malarious influence in the home atmosphere. throbs for them upon the throne. Fortunate the family where the parents are always good-tempered. Deeply to are usually the reverse.

Consider a moment how helpless are the young people when it comes to the question of dealing with the misbehaviour of parents. You may stand the baby in the corner, and banish poems some passages in which he little Jack to the room upstairs, if either is determined to pout, or storm, or cry, or be "contrary." You may remonstrate with Ella, who is twelve, and desire John Henry, who is nine to change his lowering countenance to a bright from a sullen expression. How often do we hear the mother say, "Look pleasant my child! We cannot have cross looks in the dining-room," or the parlor, or wherever it may be. But the child may not thus reprove the older person, nor send him or her from its aggrieved presence, nor do anything, except bear in silence what the parent may choose to impose Nine times out of ten, of course, the evil word is contagious, and the contagion spreads. Sunny-hearted and sunny-faced parents make sunny-hearted and smiling little folk. A habit of good humor in father and mother becomes a habit of amiability and real sweetness in the circle, from the girl and boy in their teens to the youngster in the crib.

It may be urged, and with truth, that parents are often tried and troubled by anxieties of which children know nothing. The problem of ways and means, the disappointment in anticipated remittances, and ships that never come in, the battles and defeats and sorrows double-edged that are a portion of later life, are quite unknown to our darlings, except as the reflection from loving and living believers singing to our perturbed and untranquil spirits | the praise of the risen and reigning falls upon theirs. It is well that life's Lord. How often have I heard them they who are bearing the heat and and in their humble gatherings for whatever may come. But, what need whether any man or women ever got through a hard day more successfully | Christ! by scolding at its ills, and making others miserable because its sky over his head or hers was, for the time, of and the song of triumphant faith from iron or brass. Such skies often melt living believers is the sweet refrain over brave hearts and true, and always, whatever the sky above our head, above that again stretches heaven, and our Father in heaven is always ready to hear us when we pray, and to send, if need be, his angels to our relief.

There are people who are plodding may "leave a fortune," or at least a Macdonald.

competence to their children. To this end they add field to field, pile up stock in bank by laborious thrift, deny themselves everything except absolute necessaries, and grow narrow and shriveled, because out of sympathy with the world beyond their own front doors; and all for the life that now is, for the fashion that passeth away. Meagre is the harvesting from such seed-sowing. It is right to be diligent and look well to the ways of one's household in pecuniary affairs. But it is better to cultivate graces and amenities than to grow rich in money and pauperized in soul. And no future store of gold and silver can ever repay to one's children the loss that is theirs, if father and mother be ill-tempered, churlish or hateful in the sight of God and man .- Christian Intelligencer.

Missions and the Living Christ.

The missionary idea is one which lies close to the heart of Christ; in fact, it may be said, I think, to be a large part of His heart life. In its practical results it is one of the most incontestable evidences of Christ's presence in the world. The missionary idea, translated and transfigured into missionary service is Christ. It is Christ in the person of His servants, loving and labouring and going about doing good, and touching a sin-stricken world in order to make it whole. Translate that grand word redemption into action and it is missions.

The Church can have no such sign of Christ's living presence and gracious power in the world as she has in the existence of the missionary spirit in her members and the reports of missionary success from the fields. Humanity in the depths of sin and ignorance and degradation is the sign of Satan enlightened, purified, and redeemed. church can feel as if she placed her Redeemer. We have over 2,000 more of them in China, and there are many thousands more all through the foreign utter hopelessness which follows in the mission fields, and tens of thousands in the churches of Christendom; heartthrobs they are of a living and loving Christ, whose blood once shed for missions on the Cross, now beats and

There are some, however, who doubt and a few who even sneer at missionsbe commiserated the family where they although the sneer is sadly behind the times just now. There are others who are altogether skeptical with reference to the great foundation facts of Christianity. I was reading a few weeks ago in a volume of Matthew Arnold's seemed to regard the facts of Christ's resurrection as nothing more than a fiction. My eye lighted upon a verse in which he spoke of Syria, and I was astonished to find that it gave a blank denial to the resurrection. Speaking of Christ as dead, he said :-

> Now He is dead; far hence He lies In the lorn Syrian town; And on His grave, with weeping eyes, The Syrian stars look down.

Was there ever a more bewildering and belittling misuse of both poetry and fact than we have in these lines of one who professed to represent the "sweetness and light" of the most advanced culture of the age?

Why, for eighteen centuries the Syrian sun has been rising but to do Christ reverence, and the Syrian stars in their brilliant glory seem to add their nightly tribute of praise to Him who was once born beneath their silent gaze, and who thirty-three years after arose from the grave in the gray dawn of the early morning, just as they were fading from the skies that they might give place to the long-expected splen-

dours of the world's new day. No! We have no weeping luminaries in Syria lamenting over the grave of a dead Christ. I protest in the name of those bright Syrian stars I have so often seen shining so brilliantly in those eastern skies. We have something far different from that; we have morning should be cheery, and that in the villages upon Mount Lebanon, burden of the day should be strong for religious worship in all parts of Syria. singing, "My faith looks up to Thee," is promised grace. It is doubtful or "Rock of Ages, cleft for me," or some other familiar song of praise to

The weeping stars are the poetic fiction; the risen Christ is the reality; which to-day is borne to us over the seas from the land of the empty tomb. -James S. Dennis, D. D.

Our daily life should be sanctified by doing common things in a religious and toiling from morning till night, humble but it may be done to a great dew of heaven upon a bruised reed. If cross we know full well who bled away day by day, year by year, that they purpose, and ennoble thereby.—George sorrow should take away our power of His precious life. On our cross, self is me of my affliction. It is an excellent

Clean Churches. If there is any truth in the saying, 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness, one of the places in which cleanliness should be evident is the house of God. Not only in the spiritual house of the human body, but in the house of brick or stone or wood erected to His praise. What is everybody's business, of course, is nobody's, and when there is no one on a church committee whose special business it is to see that the church building is kept in perfect order except the sexton, whose ideas of cleanliness and order may be good or bad, things are pretty apt to go at loose ends. The writer recently visited one of our leading city churches, and not only could miniature clouds of dust be seen rising beneath the feet of the ushers, but the pew-backs were dusty, and even the pulpit carpet looked as though it needed a thorough sweeping. The Sunday-school room bore a look of general untidiness, and one could not help thinking that if one of the ladies of this church, in a charity call, found a family whose home looked as unkempt as this house of God, she would advise first of all, a good house cleaning. The church to which reference is made had some expensive frescoes, the ornamentation of the house was rich, and the carpets and general furnishing were of the best. But for our part, we should perfer to have worshipped God on a sanded floor, in plain pine pews, within whitewashed

will not be much use to put this church

in order if the people here do not keep

it in better shape than they seem to

have done in the past. An untidy,

dusty, unkempt room, with cobwebby

windows, exerts an unfavorable in-

fluence upon every worshipper. It is

moral as well as physical. It speaks

of lack of interest and general slack-

ness among the members of the church.

It would be well for committees to give

their churches a general overhauling,

not in the way of expensive repairs

and decorations, but in the way of a

plentiful application of soap and water

and thorough carpet-cleaning. If the

house of God is not luxuriously ap-

pointed, it can be made neat and clean.

To keep it so is within the power of

any congregation. It is shameful to

have the condition of the house of God

such as would bring a blush to the face

of good house-keepers were a corres-

ponding state of affairs discovered in

their private dwellings .- The Watch-

Sorrow's Safety Valves.

Great griefs can seldom be borne in

silence; nor is it well that they should

be. Just as the cry of pain springs to

the lips of a child when it is hurt, so

the wounded spirit longs for utterance

to ease its sorrow. Far from being a

rebellious and unnatural desire, this

longing to somehow unburden the soul

in words is a merciful gift of God, who,

even when He chastens, would fain

See how the noblest souls have

sorrow, but sorrow's own deeper mean-

ing, in uttering their heart's profound-

est cry. Think of that magnificent

memorial poem in which Tennyson

gathered up, as in a sacred urn, the

fragments of his broken heart. Was

lack for words!

temper His wind to the shorn lamb.

"Resolve to be on your guard durwalls, to engaging in devotion in these ing the day, to speak evil of none, to circumstances of mingled luxury and avoid all gossip, to have your conversqualor. Every once in a while we sation heavenly. To be contented, read of some church expending a few good tempered, of good cheer; to deal thousand dollars in decorating their justly and love mercy, and walk audience-room. One who has an eye humbly; in solitude to guard the to these things can scarcely help wonthoughts, in society the tongue, at dering if it would not be sometimes home the temper, live only a day at a quite as well to spend a hundred or so time, take short views. Let it be a year in keeping a church clean, as to thine only care that thy God may find spend several thousands once a decade thy heart free and disengaged as often in decorations, unless, indeed, the as it may please him to visit thee." church can have both constant cleanliness and modern decoration. What is here said applies with special force to our rural churches. Most of us have listened to appeals for money to repair churches, and we have thought, there

'My Father's Business.'

A woman who was earnestly striving to work for the Master was one day strongly impressed with 'a feeling that she ought without delay to converse with the members of a certain family concerning the salvation of their souls. The woman's husband came in, and being told of her desire,

"You are not well, the roads are bad, and the horse you usually drive has one shoe off. I don't believe you will receive very civil treatment either, for the man is a scoffer besides being very morose."

"I cannot help it," replied the wife; "I feel that I must go. Let us pray to the Lord to heal my sore throat, and I will drive the other horse, for must go."

So this woman who was intent upon her 'Father's business,' went to the lonely home. Going in, she found that the man had been ill for some weeks and was in great distress of mind about his sonl.

It appeared that he had once been a professed Christian, but had wandered | Then let the inner lifebe full and free; far away. The woman read some choice texts of Scripture, prayed with the family, and sang several beautiful

At the next meeting the mother and daughter of that desolate home were present and desired to have prayers offered for them. They are now both hopefully converted and rejoicing in a Saviour's love. The father is drawing nearer to the Lord, and great hopes are entertained that the prodigal will return to his Father's house, where there is bread enough and to sought and found, not only a balm for

The Christian worker rejoices that she had faith to go upon her father's business. It is always well to obey the leadings of the Holy Spirit .- S. R. S., in American Messenger.

Not Self, But Christ.

his sorrow for Hallam the less, that he thus robbed it of its bitterest sting, the There is more pulp than pluck in sting of helpless silence and hopelesss great deal of what passes for piety. It brooding? Was Cicero less noble; less is an audacious attempt to get a free heroic, because, after the death of his ride to heaven in a drawing-room car, beloved daughter Tullia, he wrote a with plenty of select company and treatise on consolation to alleviate his good fare on the road. "Will Dr. sorrow? No; utterance sanctifies the A---be in his pulpit to-day? Will acts like magic in breaking up a cold. grief whose pang it softens. God does the music be up to the mark? Is it A cough is soon subdued, tightness of not will that we should suffer in white- likely to clear off? Then I'll try to go the chest is relieved, even the worst lipped silence. He never drives a barbed to church to-day." With such a soliloarrow into the human heart. Oh, what quy on Sabbath morning, how much fail. It is a medicine prepared from comfort, what peace, has come to many grace is there likely to be left after the the active principles or virtues of a stricken soul in pouring out its sorrow | wear and tear of the week?

to some sympathetic friend, or telling | The piety that Christ smiles upon is it all in a broken letter to some dear a piety that will stand a pinch and face one far away! We need not be poets a storm; that would rather eat an or orators to use this blessed safety- honest crust than fare sumptuously on valve of sorrow. Enough, if we have unholy gains; that gladly gives up its the faculty of utterance. Surely, in couch of ease to sally off on its mission the fulness of the heart we shall not among the outcasts, that sets its Puritan face like a flint against fashionable And then there is another safety- sins. We talk glibly about "taking up valve of sorrow. It is service. Work, a cross," but a cross is intended for 1882 I could not work; I took several way. There is no action so slight or so loving, earnest work—it is like the somebody's crucifixion. On Calvary's bottles of Northrop & Lyman's Vege-

mind can conceive. It would be like emphasizing this fact when he comthe chained hands of Prometheus, while | manded Christians to mortify their the vultures were gnawing at his vitals. members which are upon the earth. But, thank God! however dark and The American Revision of the New deep our sorrow, we are not deprived Testament hits the sense of this passage of the blessed relief of doing. Though more accurately: "Put to death your the eyes rain, let not the hands lie idle. own members, etc." Loyalty to Christ There is a worldful of blessed work to often demands the plucking out of the be done, and service is sorrow's balm right eye and the amputation of the right arm. The sublime glory of Abraham's offering really was that he was to thrust the knifethrough the very "Begin the day with meditation and heart of self. O, it is not the taking up prayer. Acknowledge your allegiance it is the giving up that makes a strong to God as the Sovereign of your life. athletic, heroic Christian!-Dr. T. L.

Defeat and Victory.

That which to a Christian may seem a sad repulse or defeat may be God's plan for a victory. Paul was to see Rome, but when he entered that city a prisoner it looked as if the promise was a mockery, yet he soon found that coming to Rome was productive of grand results, and even in Cæsar's household there were those who bethat whatever infinite wisdom sees to came " saints." Bunyan was imbe best Almighty power can effect, prisoned, and thus was prevented from and infinite love will not suffer to be preaching, but the best work he ever did for Christ was while he was in Bedsorrow and disappointment on his un- ford Jail. He might have evangelized conquerable love. Our aspirations, for awhile, but no work he could have our yearnings, affections, our capabili- done in preaching would have had the world-wide influence that has come ties of happiness are all of so many promises of God, that the time shall from the Pilgrim's Progress. When Judson was rebuffed in British India come when they shall have their happy it seemed as if the door of usefulness might be closed, but forced, as it were, to go to Burmah, he lighted a golden lamp, which has guided thousands to eternal life. Well is it if we, conscious of our own inability to judge what may be best, are willing to accept divine appointments, and believe that what we know not now will hereafter be proved best for ourselves and the cause of God. - Christian Inquirer.

Random Readings.

The unrest of this weary world is its unvoiced cry after God. - Munger.

Patience and wisdom will wear out all which is not of God. - George Fox. Work for thy character until it be renowned, then it will work for thee. -Tunisian Proverb.

What are aims which are at the same time duties? They are the perfecting of ourselves; the happiness of

Some people do not like to hear much about repentance; but I think it is so necessary that, if I should die in the pulpit, I wish to die preaching repentance, and, if out of it, practising it .- Philip Henry.

If sorrow could enter heaven, if a sigh could be heard there, or a tear roll down the cheek of a saint in light, it would be for lost opportunities, for time spent in neglect of God which might have been spent for His glory.

'Tis well for us to toil and strive to

All that our comfort and our health But let the angels still within us reign, That we may aid the world to something higher.

Let mind rule with the sceptre of

Let heart and soul with aspiration burn Toward all that's grand in nature, grand in thought. -Robert Livingstone.

The Psalms come from all epochs in the history of Israel; they are of all the characters that lyric poetry can assume; but the pervading thought of them all is the mercy, the justice, the redeeming love of the one God, whose law is enshrined in the life of Israel. -Fremantle.

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