

POETRY.

THE BOOK DIVINE.

Stanzas, composed by the Rev. Dr. Marshman, of Serapore, and sung with thrilling effect, on the occasion of the completion, by Dr. Carey, of the first translation of the New Testament into Bengal.

Hail, precious book divine!
Illumined by thy rays,
We rise from death and sin,
And tune a Saviour's praise;
The shades of error, dark as night,
Vanish before thy radiant light.

We bless the God of grace,
Who hath his word revealed
To this bewildered race,
So long in darkness held;
His love designs, his people pray:
His providence prepares the way.

Now shall the Hindus learn
The glories of our King;
Nor to blind gurus turn,
Nor idol praises sing;
Diffusing heavenly light around,
This book their Shasters shall confound.

Deign, gracious Saviour, deign
To smile upon thy word;
Let millions now obtain
Salvation from the Lord;
Nor let its growing conquests stay,
Till earth exult to own its way.

THE FAMILY.

A Chapter on Making Up.

BY THEODORE THINKER.

As I was walking down Nassau street the other day, I noticed two boys talking quite earnestly, I thought I would wait a moment and listen. I did so, and heard something like the following rather amusing dialogue:

JOHN. Well, Bill, you know what I told you last night.

WILLIAM. Yes you told me it was time to be friends again.

J. That wasn't all.

W. Well, what else did you say to me?

J. Why, I told you if you would make up with me first, then I would make up with you.

W. You told me no such thing. You said you would make up any how.

J. A pretty fellow I must be to settle in that way. I tell you I am not so green as all that comes to. I said you must make up with me first, and you said you would.

W. I never told you such a thing, and you lie if you say so.

J. I know you did, and Sam Carter heard you, and he'll say so too.

Well, then you and Sam Carter both lie, and it isn't the first time I've heard you squibbing neither. Now, boy, it's of no use trying to make up in that way. You won't do it. If you will make it up with me there's enough said. If not, I'll never have any thing more to do with you.

J. You are a good-for-nothing fellow, and I don't care a copper whether you make up or not.

And so these angry playmates separated, John went in one direction, and William in another; and I doubt whether they have "made up," to use their own expression, to this day.

The conversation of these boys at first amused me, and I could hardly help laughing about it. But when I reflected a little, I saw it was too serious a matter to laugh about. I have thought a good deal respecting it since, and I will tell you, reader, some of my thoughts.

1. The spirit these boys showed is a very common one. When two disagree, and when both are in fault, it very often happens that they are not reconciled, because neither is willing to yield. Both have too much pride to say, "I have done wrong—I am sorry for it." Each wants the other to make the first advances, and so they only make the matter worse by talking. Grown-up people, I often think, show a great deal of that spirit, sometimes almost as much as children.

2. The conduct of these boys was very wicked. It was contrary to the teaching of God in his Bible. He tells to be kind and forgiving, and says he will not forgive our trespasses unless we forgive the trespasses of others.

3. This conduct was very foolish. There was no necessity for it—not the least. Each of these boys was ready to be reconciled, if the

other would move first. Indeed, they supposed they had settled all their difficulties, and were perfectly good friends again, till the dispute occurred as to the one that "made up first."—How foolish! What an amount of bad feeling they might have saved if they had gone the right way to work. And how much pain they could have saved themselves, too. For my part, if I should ever have a quarrel with any body, I should much rather hear it said that I "made up first," than that I showed a spirit of resentment, and hindered a settlement of the difficulty. Dear reader, cultivate the spirit of forgiveness.—*Youth's Cabinet.*

To Sunday School Teachers.

DO THE BEST YOU CAN, AND IT WILL BE VERY WELL DONE.

Sunday-school teachers are often put out of heart by the bad qualities of their scholars; but my following illustrations will show that this ought not to be the case. Whenever you find carelessness, willfulness, and unthankfulness in those you teach, instead of losing time, and making yourselves unhappy about these bad qualities, do your best to correct them.

A statuary who was at work forming a figure out of a faulty block of marble, was called to account by a neighbour of his, who told him that it was absolutely impossible to make a perfect figure out of such imperfect materials. "All this is very true," replied the statuary; "but this block of marble such as it is, was sent to me to be formed into a statue; and as I cannot make it better, I must content myself in forming the best figure out of it that I can."

What a pity it is, said a gazier to a small farmer, who had just entered on a little farm, "that that pasture of yours is so overrun with thistles." "It is a pity," was the reply of the small farmer; "but if I fret myself into a consumption about it, it will not free the thistles out of the ground, so I will try whether labour and good management will not put it into better order."

A nurseryman about to plant a number of young saplings, some straight and some crooked, thus reasoned with himself: "These straight sapplings will no doubt grow up to be fine trees without much attention on my part; but I will see if, by proper training, I cannot make something of the crooked ones also. There will be more trouble with them, no doubt, than with the others, but for that very reason I shall be the better satisfied should I succeed."

Now if the statuary was wise, if the small farmer acted a prudent part, and if the resolution formed by the nurseryman was commendable, it follows that you would be acting unwisely in neglecting to imitate their examples.—*S. S. Journal.*

ON LISTENING TO EVIL REPORTS.—The longer I live, the more I feel the importance of adhering to the rule I have laid down for myself in relation to such matters:—1. To hear as little as possible whatever is to the prejudice of others. 2. To believe nothing of the kind till I am absolutely forced to it. 3. Never to drink into the spirit of one who circulates an evil report. 4. Always to moderate as far as I can the unkindness which is expressed towards others. 5. Always to believe that, if the other side was heard, a very different account would be given of the matter.—*Life of Simeon.*

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