

Poetry.

NEARER TO THEE.

Nearer, my God, to thee—
Nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to thee—
Nearer to thee!

Though like a wanderer,
The sun gone down,
Darkness comes over me,
My rest a stone;
Yet in a dream I'd be
Nearer, my God, to thee—
Nearer to thee!

There let the way appear
Steps unto heaven;
All that thou sendest me
In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to thee—
Nearer to thee.

Then with my waking thoughts,
Bright with thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs
Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to thee—
Nearer to thee.

Or if on joyful wing,
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon and stars forgot,
Upward I fly:
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to thee—
Nearer to thee!

The Family.

JOURNALISM.

The following excellent sentiments were published as a leading article of the *British Banner*, from which we lay it before our readers:—

"A bible and a newspaper in every house—a good school in every district—all studied and appreciated as they merit, are the principal support of virtue, morality, and civil liberty." Such was the opinion of the prince of practical men, and the greatest master of common sense that ever lived—Benjamin Franklin; and it will be a good day for the world which shall behold the view here laid down embraced by the bulk of mankind, and cordially acted upon. Every Christian citizen ought to understand the constitution of his country—ought to have a fair acquaintance with its history, and the history of its parties; the knowledge of which is oftentimes absolutely essential to enable him to act with patriotism, prudence, and safety. He ought also to have a tolerable acquaintance with the locality, history, condition, and capabilities of the Colonies. He should likewise know something of the history and character of public men for the time being, especially of those who conduct the affairs of the nation; and also to be well informed on public measures, whether past, present or prospective. Let not the reader shrink! The labour required to accomplish all this is by no means so great as, at first sight, might be supposed; but the maintenance and constant improvement of it implies the absolute necessity of, at least, a Family Newspaper. Indeed, without a Family Paper, we see not how young people, of either sex, can be properly trained to their duties as citizens. The neglect of this has all but ruined our country, and attention to it is one of the first steps in the work of its redemption. The Family where such things are unknown, whatever their wealth, worth, piety, and respectability, must still present an aspect which but ill harmonises with the spirit of a Nation which boasts the enjoyment of constitutional freedom. The young people of such families are most disadvantageously, most unfortunately situated—every way unfairly dealt by.—The only means of prosecuting, and in a sense, completing, one great branch of their education for actual life, is denied them; and the defect, unless it be subsequently repaired by personal effort, must necessarily, to a vast extent, determine their position in society throughout the whole of their after life: it will infallibly draw them to a lower place in the scale than otherwise belongs to them.—They will walk through the earth to the world of Spirits in a manner somewhat allied to the

unhappy condition of the blind, the deaf and the dumb. With their minds an utter blank in relation to the empire of public affairs, social and political, they will be all but disqualified for intelligent society; they will be quite unfit to occupy a respectable place in the scale of enlightened converse; and will be thus shut out from the enjoyment of one of the highest sources of rational pleasure and present improvement; they will not even be capable of acting the humble part of discerning auditors. The refuge consequently, of such persons, is that of a degrading silence.

The same defect which operates thus injuriously to personal interests, also blocks up the path to public usefulness of the highest order,—a consideration which ought to weigh much with Christian men. The good man is thus deprived of the choicest materials for thought, for converse, and for prayer, as well as of materials supplying principles of action. The venerable John Newton was wont to say, "I read the Newspaper that I may see how my Heavenly Father is governing the world."—This is an example worthy of imitation; it offers a rebuke of those sentimental priests who would be more than half ashamed to have it thought that they knew there was any such thing as a "world" in being! The sum of all is this:—We hold that on grounds personal, domestic, social and public, it is the duty of every Christian man, not only to acquire a knowledge of public affairs, and to keep up an acquaintance with them; but also to train up his family to be useful citizens, public spirited and patriotic; and in order to this, he ought to be a regular receiver of a good Family Newspaper, which will do far more to the general culture of his household, than a large Library of heavy Literature.

CHEERFUL FIRESIDE.

Nothing makes the fireside so cheerful as a blessed hope beyond it. Even when you sit most lovingly there—though the daily task is completely done, and the infant in the cradle is fast asleep—though this is Saturday night, and to-morrow is the day of rest—though the embers are bright, and from its fat and popping flames up like a silver scimitar: and though within your little chamber all is peace, and snug repose—the roaring gusts and rattling drops remind you that it still is winter in the world. And when that withered leaf tapped and fluttered on the window, mother, why was it that your cheek grew pale, and something glistened in your eye? You thought it perhaps might come from the church-yard sycamore, and it sounded like a messenger from little Helen's grave. It said, "Father and mother, think of me." Yes, dreary were the homes of earth were it not for the home in heaven. But see to it that yourselves be the Saviour's followers, and then to you he says, "Let not your heart be troubled! In my Father's house are many mansions: I go to prepare a place for you." And when you come to love that Saviour rightly, you will love one another better, more truly, and more tenderly. And, trusting to meet again in that world where they neither marry nor are given in marriage, a purifying hope and a lofty affection will hallow your union on earth. And, if not inscribed above your mantel-shelf, there will at least be written in your deepest self the motto, sent to his bride by that illustrious scholar, Bengel—

"Jesus in heaven;
Jesus in the heart;
Heaven in the heart;
The heart in heaven."

Happy Home.

FASHIONABLE CALL.

Enter Miss Lucy, nearly out of breath with the exertion of walking from her papa's carriage in the street to the door of her friend.

Lucy.—"Oh, Maria! how do you do? How delighted I am to see you! How have you been since you were at the ball last Thursday evening? Oh, wasn't the appearance of that tall girl in pink perfectly frightful? Is this your shawl on the piano? Beautiful shawl! Father says he is going to send to Paris to get me a shawl, in the spring. I can't bear home-made shawls! How do you like Monsieur Esprey? Beautiful man, ain't he? Now don't laugh, Maria, for I am sure I care nothing about him! Oh, my! I must be going! It's a beautiful day, isn't it? Maria, when are you coming up to see me? Oh, dear! what a beautiful pin. That pin was given to you; now I know it was Maria; don't deny it. Harry is coming up to see me this evening, but I hate him—I do really; but he

has a beautiful moustache, hasn't he Maria? Oh, dear, it's very warm, Good morning, Maria! Don't speak of Harry in connection with my name to any one; for I am sure it will never amount to anything, but I hate him awfully—I'm sure I do.—Adieu.

ONE THING AS GOOD AS ANOTHER.

About a month ago, an Irishwoman, who earned a livelihood by retailing oranges about the country, after earnestly observing, for some time, the figure of a China mandarin and lady in a shop window, went in and asked the merchant if the female was not the Virgin Mary? Being answered in the affirmative. "Och shure now, said she, and didn't I know it was the blessed lady herself! And who is the gentleman, if you please?" Being told it was the Pope—"Ah, troth, and one may understand that too, when he is in such good company," replied she with the deepest reverence, and going out, and placing herself before the window, she was soon absorbed, to all appearance, in intense devotion. About the same hour, and for three weeks daily, did the woman present herself before the shop window, never forgetting to pay his Holiness some little mark of attention, but bestowed upon 'the blessed Lady' the heart-whispered adoration of the most intense worship. Why her visits were given up we have never learned. She may have removed to another quarter, or perhaps some brother or sister in the faith, more officious than wise, has told her that the figures are not those of his Holiness and the Virgin, but a heathen Chinaman and his no less heathen spouse. At any rate, the figures still occupy their places, but hitherto they have failed in obtaining another worshipper.—*Perth Advertiser*.

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