

Family Circle.

(From the Christian World.)

MARGARET TORRINGTON:

ON THE VOYAGE OF LIFE.

By the Author of "Violet Vaughan," "Sir Julian's Wife," "St. Basil's," &c.

"So He brought them unto their desired haven."—Psalm cxxv. 10.

Chapter IV.

(Continued.)

MIRIAM.

"Is the old gentleman, whom Gilbert saved, very rich?"

"Probably he is rich, but about the 'very' I cannot give an opinion. You are thinking he may do something for Gilbert? I have thought the same myself, and sincerely hope it may be so; Gilbert deserves all liberality at his hands. But we know nothing of the gentleman's circumstances; he may have many children and even grandchildren, and in such circumstances men are not free to dispose of their own as they otherwise might."

"But, mamma, I think he owes Gilbert some return. Think! Gilbert risked his own life for him—a stranger. I shall hate him if he only gives his deliverer bare thanks; of all things I detest ingratitude."

"And yet, my child, are you not sometimes very ungrateful?"

"I, mamma! I could do anything for anybody who had done something for me. All my heart goes out to people who try to do me good and make me happy. Oh, mamma! I do not like to think that you count me ungrateful. I know I do not always seek to please you as I ought; for I owe everything in the world to your love and papa's; but I mean to try, henceforth, to study your wishes better. I had set myself against going to school; but now, if papa and you think it best, I am willing to go, and I will work as hard and patiently as ever I can."

"That is my own brave Margaret! But, dearest, I was not, even in my inmost thoughts, accusing you of ingratitude to your father or to myself. There are some things we would like to see corrected, as you know right well; but you are on the whole an obedient, loving child, and we do not complain. Margaret, my love, you think the gentleman who was saved last night owes much to Gilbert, because he risked his life for him?"

"Who would not, mamma!—and a stranger, too?" But I knew now to what the conversation tended. I saw what mamma meant.

Mamma went on:—"There was one who did more than risk his life; he laid it down not for friends, not for strangers merely, but for foes,—for those who were in rebellion against him! That life was forfeited for you, Margaret; what return have you made?"

I could only hang down my head, and wipe away my fast rising tears. I knew that as yet I had not made the only return which my Heavenly Friend would approve and accept—I had not given him my heart, my love! I had not presented myself as a living sacrifice, as my reasonable service unto the Lord. I was not sure that I even wished to give myself up entirely to him who was at once my King and Saviour, and I knew that the offering, to be pleasing in his eyes, must be voluntary and entire; and yet, but a few hours before, I had been on the brink of another world, and my life had been spared, while others were sleeping the sleep of death underneath those very sparkling waves on which my eyes now rested! Was my heart not hard indeed that I refused,—that I hesitated to consecrate to the merciful Sparer the life which had been snatched from a watery grave? I thought of the drenching spray on St. Eldred's Pulpit, of the billowy roar, of the relentless wind, of the midnight darkness, of my own hopeless dread, and of Alice's peaceful trust in the Unseen! I thought, too, of the Providence that had restored me to my father's arms, of the orphaned, desolate Miriam, and of the dead woman in the shadowed room, and I wondered how it was my heart did not melt. But I comforted myself with the thought, that, after all, I was only a child, and should be different some day. And then my conscience said, "Scarcely a child in years, a woman in many things; for you understand perfectly that you are afar from the loving God, and that you must, as I thought, night to him, ere you can be happy. As for personal responsibility goes, you are essentially a woman!"

And again my heart answered, "Yes, so it is true;—but not yet! Presently I will go to Christ! I must enjoy the days of my youth; when full womanhood comes upon me; when the morning of life is glowing into noon,—when I will come and say, 'Lord, here I am, and all that I have is Thine! But not yet—not yet; self and the world first, then the eternal kingdom!'"

"A little while afterwards papa came back with little Miriam in his arms. The sweet childish face was white and swollen with tears, and she told us at another opportunity, when he and mamma and I were alone together, how she had flung herself on her dead mother's neck, and kissed the cold lips frantically, and poured out a torrent of passionate lament and farewell in French; and then how she had knelt by the sofa, as it seemed in an agony of prayer, and then how she had risen up very pale and sad, but quite calm, and even with a light shining out from her deep violet eyes,—a light of steadfast hope and perfect trust, and quiet, patient waiting—a light that seemed to tell how the link between her and the still form upon the sofa was not broken, only loosened—for a little while."

Several days more, and we laid Mrs. Downing to rest in the peaceful churchyard of North Combe. Around her were the green hills and the breezy heights, and the solemn, ever-changing sea, that chimed day and night its grand 7th Psalm to its Lord and King. And flowers bloomed upon the soft and fragrant turf, and the honey-bee hummed about the gray head-stones, and the old church bells chimed out their Sabbath welcome; but she, we knew, was where there "is no more sea," and one eternal day of rest. And Miriam became to my father and mother as another daughter; and sometimes, but not always, I felt that she was my sister.

(To be Continued.)

A Good Reply.—Lord Bollingbroke once asked Lady Huntingdon how she reconciled prayer to God for particular blessings with absolute resignation to the Divine will. "Very easy," answered her ladyship; "just as if I were to offer a petition to a monarch of whose kindness and wisdom I have the highest opinion. In such a case my language would be, 'I wish you to bestow on me such a favor; but your Majesty knows better than I how far it would be agreeable to you, or right in itself to grant my desire. I therefore content myself with humbly presenting my petition, and leave the event of it entirely to you.'"

PREVENTION.—Every year only adds to my conviction that in temperance the "ounce of prevention" is worth a whole ton of cure. But a fraction of confirmed drinkers are ever reformed. This is the argument for renewed effort to save the young. This fact should point every sermon and every appeal from the pulpit. The fact should caution the physician to keep away alcoholic medicines from patients who can be saved by any other method. Christians and patriots! let us enter upon a new moral campaign against the intoxicating cup—an educational work in the great elementary truths that no man is good enough to be trusted to keep a drinking house, and no man is strong enough to be trusted to enter one.

MARKETS.

Revised every Wednesday, for the Visitor.

COUNTRY MARKET.

Apples, per bushel	\$3 00 to 5 00
Butter, in firkins, 10 lbs.	0 19 to 0 20
Butter, 1 lb. quarter	0 24 to 0 25
Beef, 10 lbs. quarter	0 20 to 0 21
Buckwheat, 10 lbs. smooth	0 20 to 0 21
Calfskin, per lb.	0 20 to 0 21
Cheese, 10 lbs. pair	0 12 to 0 13
Chickens, 10 lbs. pair	0 12 to 0 13
Cordwood, at the station	0 50 to 0 60
Eggs, per dozen	0 15 to 0 16
Geese, 10 lbs. pair	0 12 to 0 13
Hams and Shoulders	0 14 to 0 15
Hides, per lb.	0 05 to 0 06
Hay, 10 lbs. at the Hay Market	0 05 to 0 06
Mutton, 10 lbs. pair	0 08 to 0 09
Lamb, per lb.	0 07 to 0 08
Lamb Chins	0 07 to 0 08
Oats per bushel, new	0 45 to 0 50
Potatoes, per bushel	0 40 to 0 50
Peas, 10 lbs. quarter	0 10 to 0 11
Peas, 1 lb. quarter	0 19 to 0 20
Eggs, per dozen	0 13 to 0 14
Codfish, 10 lbs. pair	0 10 to 0 11
Pollock, 10 lbs. pair	0 10 to 0 11
Haddock, 10 lbs. pair	0 10 to 0 11
Shelburne Herrings, 10 lbs. pair	0 10 to 0 11
Bay, 10 lbs. pair	0 10 to 0 11
Digby Herrings, 10 lbs. pair	0 10 to 0 11
Flour, 10 lbs. pair	0 10 to 0 11
Corn Meal, 10 lbs. pair	0 10 to 0 11
Oatmeal, 10 lbs. pair	0 10 to 0 11
Sugar, 10 lbs. pair	0 10 to 0 11
Tea, 10 lbs. pair	0 10 to 0 11
Molasses, 10 lbs. pair	0 10 to 0 11

MARKET SLIP.

Potatoes, per bushel	\$0 00 to 0 50
Oats, do.	0 00 to 0 40
Butter, do.	0 19 to 0 20
Eggs, per dozen	0 13 to 0 14
Codfish, 10 lbs. pair	0 10 to 0 11
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