

"Hold fast the form of sound words."—2d Timothy, i. 13.

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THE UNSEEN BATTLE-FIELD. There is an unseen battle-field In every human breast.

That field is veild from mortal sight, 'Tis only seen by One, Who knows alone where victory lies, When each day's fight is done.

His captains, Pride, and Lust, and Hate, Whose troops watch night and day, Swift to detect the weakest point, And thirsting for the fray.

Contending with this mighty force, Is but a little band; Yet there with an unquelling front, Those warriors firmly stand.

Their leader is of God-like form, Of countenance serene; And glowing on his naked breast, A simple cross is seen.

His captains, Faith, and Hope, and Love, Point to that wondrous sign; And gazing on it, all receive Strength from a source divine.

They feel it speaks a glorious truth, A truth as great as ours, That to be victors, they must learn To love, confide, endure.

That faith sublime, in wildest strife, Imparts a holy calm; For every deadly blow a shield, For every wound a balm.

And when they win that battle-field, Past toil is writ; For the place where carnage once had reigned Becomes a hallowed spot.

A spot where flowers of joy and peace Spring from the fertile sod; And breathe the perfume of their praise On every breeze to God.

DISOBEDIENCE. The great tree of sin standing in the garden of total depravity has been flourishing there for nearly six thousand years.

All of the prohibitory laws of the Almighty were enacted in mercy and love to mankind, and for the benefit of every member of the human race.

The commandments are given—a wise, an infinite, wise and gracious prohibition is announced. O earth, earth, earth, hear the command of the Lord.

Shall Israel's knee now only bend in holy reverence before the God of heaven? Are the first fruits of their land, upon which heaven has prosperiously smiled, to be brought into the house of the Lord their God only, that the angel with the blessing promised by Jehovah may go before them?

"Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." This general exhortation has so many parts in it, that we cannot even name them. But these are some.

Look to the health of the body, for that is the basis in this world of other things. No studies or accomplishments should be allowed to injure that; for that, when injured, will affect injuriously all the higher things.

Consider, as far as may be, the temperament and peculiarity of each. There is a divine individualism of each soul, before which, when we find it, we should bow down as in the presence of a pure work of God, and to which we should yield as we do to the great steady laws.

Provide for times of recoil and relaxation. Never be afraid of play—of what might even seem idleness to another, if you are sure that it is wholesome rest. When are children to learn to think, how are they to get the love of prayer, if they have not their little spaces of quietness al-

lowed them like others? Some of them, I fancy, have no great affection for "the little busy bee" that is always brought humming about their heads as a teacher.

Why, I ask, are so many of the Lord's sanctuaries in such a rude, miserable, dilapidated condition? In many instances, being the very meanest looking and the coldest houses in the neighbourhood instead of the most climate in appearance and comfortable within.

Why? Because the branch of the great tree of sin has been shaken, its ripe fruit partaken of, and the command, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," has been set at naught.

When our children are about us, we should be careful not only to teach, but to learn the lessons which they can teach us. Children teach lessons which are taught in no other school than the one they keep; or at any rate in no other so well.

They teach faith. What believers they are? They hardly ever doubt. How they trust your word, your wisdom, your strength, your love, as soon as you give them the least occasion.

They teach contentment. For they are pleased with simple pleasures. They are happy when the sun shines; and if the day is dark, they can find happiness under the clouds.

They teach humility, for they do not "exercise themselves in great matters, or in things too high for them." Their plans are short and small. If they misgive—well. Never mind, they can build again.

When our children are about us, we should anticipate the time when, as in the case of the Patriarch, they will all be away.

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his manhood. Very soon now you will see touches of the manhood and the womanhood on their faces. Then will come their loves, their marriages, their cares, their children—and you will be grandfather and grandmother before you know.

Nor can we forget that there are always some who far outstrip the rest—who do not glide away on feet along the earthly ways, but who have wings woven in silence on which they fly up to the fields of heaven.

Have we not caught that smiling On some beloved face, As if some heavenly sound were willing The soul from our earthly place?

And so we lose them. And many a Job stands amid the relics of the past, looking back, and plaintively or thankfully recalling the days when the children were about him.

From the New York Independent. SPIRITUAL SHOWERS. BY REV. THEODORE L. CUYLER.

There is no better illustration of a transient influence producing a permanent result than is furnished by the rain. A beautiful June shower falls; and, in an hour, where are the rain-drops?

Transient influences produce permanent results. This is the truth that smiles on us from that passage. Look at the daily, hourly teachings of a faithful mother.

As with a parent's teaching, so with a pastor's. I should soon grow discouraged if I measured the results of my preaching by the number of my words which my people carry away in their memories.

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season. Pentecost lasted one day. But that one day changed the moral face of the globe. Luther's Reformation work was comprised within a few years; and Europe and the world fell to this hour. The memorable revival of 1857 began with a few praying hearts in New York—it culminated in a few weeks; its outward phenomena ceased in a twelve-month.

Revivals are temporary in duration. This is partly to be accounted for through God's sovereignty, and partly through human imperfection. Revivals are commonly short-lived, and they often are attended with a few excesses and false conversions.

And to-day, the vital necessity of our land is a general revival. What the thirsty church needs is a downpouring of the "power from on high." May God send it, and send it soon! If it does not come, then comes the famine!

Brethren of the American Church! We can have a revival if we heartily wish it. Only let us "bring the tithes" of hard work and abundant prayer into God's "storehouse," and He will open the heavens and pour us out a blessing that there is not room enough to receive.

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