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RELIGION, MORALS AND PHILOSOPHY.

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AN ANSWERED PRAYER.

"O, give me a message of quiet,"
I ask in my morning prayer;
"For the turbulent trouble within me
Is more than my heart can bear.
Around there is strife and discord,
And the storms that do not cease,
And the whirl of the world is on me—
Thou only can'st give me peace."

I opened the old, old Bible
And looked at a page of Psalms,
Till the wintry sea of my trouble
Was smoothed by its summer calms.
For the words that have helped so many,
And the pages have seemed more dear—
Seemed new in their power to comfort,
And they brought me my word of cheer.

Like music of solemn singing
These words came down to me;
"The Lord is slow to anger,
And of mercy great is he.
Each generation praiseth
His work of long renown;
The Lord upholdeth all that fall,
And raiseth the bowed down."

That gave me the strength I wanted;
I knew the Lord was nigh;
All that was making me sorry
Would be better by and by.
I had but to wait in patience,
And keep at my fathers side,
And nothing would really hurt me,
Whatever might betide.

Captain Robert.

Robert was kept in the house by a cold, so he flattened his nose against the glass and watched a military procession pass by. They were in very gay uniform, with very bright buttons, and kept step beautifully.

Robert watched until the last glimmer of their brightness disappeared around a corner, then turned with a sigh to watch his mother place pies in the oven, and say to her:

"I would like to be a soldier."

"Very well," said his mother, "when I would be."

Robert stared at her a few minutes and then said;

"Would be what?"

"Why a soldier. Wasn't that what you said you wanted to be?"

"Well, but how could I be?"

"Easy enough; that is if you put your mind to it. A soldier's life is never an easy one, of course. Clare, you may hand me that other pie; I think I can make room for it."

"But mother, I don't know what you mean," Robert said.

"Don't? You haven't forgotten the verse we talked about so long: 'Greater is he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city?' It takes real soldier-like fighting to rule a spirit, I can tell you."

"Oh," said Robert; and he flattened his nose against the glass again and thought.

"But mother," he said, at last, "I didn't mean that kind. I would like to be a captain and have soldiers under me."

"Nothing easier," his mother said, shutting the oven door with a satisfactory air. There are your ten fingers, and your eyes, and your ears and that troublesome tongue that hates to obey. I pity any captain who has as troublesome ones."

Robert laughed. He had so many talks with his mother that he understood her very well; yet this was a new way of putting it. He stood there a good while thinking about it, deciding that he would be a captain forthwith, and that his soldiers should obey perfectly. Then he wondered what orders he should have to give them first.

Poor fellow! In less than ten minutes from that time he knew.

He went to the sitting room to find that baby Carrie had been there before him. There lay his birthday books, his beautiful "Family Flight" on the floor, some of the loveliest pictures in it torn into bits. His photograph album was on the sofa; but chubby fingers had tugged at mamma's picture until it lay loose and ruined, and papa's page was gone entirely.

Oh, how angry was captain Robert! He wanted to run after Carrie and slap her naughty fingers; she was almost two years old, and ought to know better He wanted to run to his mother, and with a red face and angry voice to tell his story of wrong, and demand that Carrie be whipped He wanted to bury his head in the sofa cushions and cry just as loud as he could roar. Why did he none of those things? Just because he remembered in time that he was a captain and had soldiers to obey him.

"Halt!" he said to his feet as they were about to rush away; and they instantly obeyed. "Stop!" he said to the tears, as they began to rush in torrents up to his eyes; and back they all went, save one little straggler, who rolled down his nose, and was instantly wiped out of existence. In short, the boy proved himself a good captain, for that time at least. He even sent his feet up-stairs presently with a rosy-cheeked apple for Carrie, and bade his arms give her a very loving hug, which they immediately did.

Mamma found out all about it, as mammas almost always do; and when papa came home at night, what did he do but bow low and say:

"Captain Robert, I am proud to salute you. I hear you have fought a battle and won a victory to-day."
—*Pansy.*

Like Mother.

We have all read and been touched by the story of the boy who told his mother that when he grew up he was going to marry a lady just like her. I think the following incident is equally touching and beautiful:

Little Arthur B., a three-year-old child, watching his mother at her household work, and looking up affectionately at her, said:

'I hope I'll grow up to be a lady!'

'Why,' said the mother; 'do you like ladies better than men?'

'Ye-es!' was the answer.

'Well,' said his mother, 'if you grow up to be a man perhaps you can get some nice lady to come and live with you; that is the way men do.'

He looked up with a very bright face, and said:

'Well, 'oo come and live with me when I am a man.'

The Revised Old Testament, which nears completion, will provoke much criticism. Many of the mysterious passages, which are difficult or impossible of explanation, have been made plain, and the good people who love mystery, just for the sake of mystery, will rebel.

My Husband.

Can there be found sweeter, dearer words to a fond, loving wife, than these, 'My husband?' He is her life, her world; without him existence would be a dreary blank. Should adversity and disgrace darken his name, she but loves him the more for his sufferings. No music is sweeter to her ear than his welcome step and voice. No picture that hangs on memory's wall, more beautiful than her bridal eye, when she vowed to love, honor and obey him, her idol, her soul's worship. She would not wish the wings of time to pluck from her memory one word of love, or an act of devotion from him to her; no! she prizes them more than earth's riches. She would not wish Fame's hand to twine one garland around her brow that was unshared by him Her love spreads beyond herself and reaches far into futurity. She pictures him in her mind's eye as aged and infirm, lingering on the shores of time, awaiting the last dread summons to waft his immortal soul to the region of the blest. Does her love cease then, or grow cold? No, it grows brighter, until she, too, joins her loved one, her husband in the land where all is love, joy, peace and happiness.

The Children of the Rich.

We once heard a thoughtful minister say, with a tone of deep sincerity, that there were few persons coming within the limits of pastoral oversight more to be pitied than the children, especially the daughters, of rich members of the Church With few exceptions, wealth creates a worldly atmosphere in the home. It is supposed to render necessary certain social courtesies which bring the families of professed Christians into near alliance with purely wordly circles, or with merely formal church-goers. With these classes the whole round of worldly pleasures seems to have a legitimate claim upon the time and attention of those who move in certain circles, and no opportunity is left for the consecration to higher services for the glory of God and the good of man, even if any desire remains unquenched for such work.

An Anecdote of Peter Cooper.

The head of the woman's art school of Cooper Institute writes of Peter Cooper, in the December Century: "One day he stood watching the portrait class, who, to the number of thirty pupils or more, were drawing likenesses of the same model from different positions. One scholar made the face in profile; another had it turned a little into the shadow, a third saw more of the full face; while others worked still further into or away from the light. He had stood observing the scene for a few minutes, when he said: 'Such a sight as this should be a lesson in charity when we perceive how the same person may be so different according to the way he is looked at by various people.

Some church members live on the faith of other people, the aggregate faith of the church constituting in their view a sort of joint stock, in which they assume to be equal sharers. Hence when the church is dull they they have no faith, but their faith is lively during a revival season. In truth, they have no faith at all, and, if they understood themselves, would find that what call faith is not an abiding principle within, as true faith always is, but simply a passing emotion.—*Southwestern Methodist.*

When churches can no longer be sustained without resorting to some of the modern methods of raising money, such as gay worldlings delight in, we would say, 'Let them go down!' Those churches that cannot be supported in a legitimate way have no right to exist, for they glorify the Devil more than God. They demoralize and weaken rather than strengthen, the workers in the kingdom of Christ.—*Evangical Messenger.*

A well-to-do farmer from the country told a citizen of our town that the dry ticket had already saved him $20.—*Pee Dee Index.*

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