

BRITISH WORKMAN.



MY MOTHER'S GOLD RING.

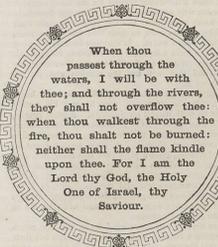
This touching narrative has been selected from an American author. It has already been blessed by God to the reclamation of many who were once intemperate, and we earnestly pray that its publication in our pages may enkindle hope, and lead to the binding-up of the broken hearts of some despairing wives and desolate children. Temperance has indeed brought hope and gladness

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WORDS OF COMFORT.

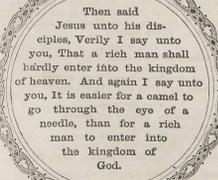
Casting all care on Him: for He careth for you.—1 Peter v. 7.
 Is thy well-regulated affairs and desires, there is a diligent care and study of thy duty: this He lays on thee. There is a care of support in the work and of the success of it: this thou oughtest to lay on Him. And this is the way to walk contentedly and cheerfully homewards, leaving and resting all the care on Him, who is both our guide and our strength, who hath us and all our goods in His gracious hand. The care of duty thus carried is



When thou
 passest through the
 waters, I will be with
 thee; and through the rivers,
 they shall not overflow thee:
 when thou walkest through the
 fire, thou shalt not be burned:
 neither shall the flame kindle
 upon thee. For I am the
 Lord thy God, the Holy
 One of Israel, thy
 Saviour.

sworn and light, doth not cut and divide the mind. It is united and gathered in God, and rests there, and walks in His hand all the way. Art thou troubled with fears and enemies, and cannot trouble thyself of that, for He is with thee. He hath promised to lead thee in a straight and safe path, and to revoke all these enemies; to subdue thine iniquities for thee, and to fight against those that fight against thee: yea when thou passest through the waters and through the fire, He will be with thee. Doth thine own weakness discourage thee? Hath He not engaged for thee? So lay over that care on Him. Hath He not spoken of strengthening the weak hands and feeble knees, and said that the lame shall leap as the hart? When thou art in trouble, a look to Him will revive thee; a believing look to Him draws in strength to the soul and renews it. And now, the more tender and weak thou art, the more tender He is over thee, and the more strong will He be in thee. He feels His flock like a shepherd, and the weakest He is the most careful of—they are scattered in His arms and His bosom, and He is ready for the feeblest to go.—ARCHBISHOP LIGHTFOOT.

Confidence.—It is a delightful and animating reflection to the sincere Christian that every occurrence of his life is under the immediate notice and subject to the control of his heavenly Father. He contemplates him as ever-present and almighty Father, whom no difficulties can balk, nor unforeseen accidents surprise, whose omniscience is professed to guide him safely through all the intricate and perplexing ways of life, to sanctify his afflictions, to moderate his joy in prosperity, and to control the course of his personal concerns, as "that all things shall work together for his good." How great the privileges of the Christian.



Then said
 Jesus unto his disciples,
 Verily I say unto
 you, That a rich man shall
 hardly enter into the kingdom
 of heaven. And again I say unto
 you, It is easier for a camel to
 go through the eye of a
 needle, than for a rich
 man to enter into
 the kingdom of
 God.

"HASTE TO THE RESCUE."
 We are glad to learn that the Committee of the National Temperance League, Strand, are raising a special fund for the purpose of forwarding 10,000 copies of this valuable work by post to the clergy throughout the land. Messrs. W. & A. G. Campbell, Esq., M.P., has headed the list with 250. We gladly commend this good work to the help of our readers. Mr. Wigham's book cannot be too widely circulated. Contributions should be sent to G. C. Campbell, Esq., the Secretaries, 337, Strand, London.

The Reclaimed Son.
 Some years ago, a gentleman died, who for many years had been an exemplary Christian. He had an only son, who unhappily was the reverse of his father. He was a gay young man, who had imbibed infidel principles, and had religion in contempt.

When the former was on his death-bed, he grasped the hand of his ungodly son, and urged him to build on that foundation, which alone could support him in a dying hour.

One Lord's-day, about twelve months after the pious father's death, the son was about to join a gay party at the hotel. He sauntered into the chamber where his father died: His eye fell on the portrait of his departed parent, when the remembrance of the death-bed scene, vividly flashed before his mind. Recollections of the past rushed upon his memory, and his past sins appeared before him in a new array. He sat down and taking up his father's old Bible, he turned to the fifteenth chapter of St. Luke, a chapter which the departed one had urged, as a dying request, on his son frequently to read, but which request had been long forgotten. He now turned to that chapter, and as he read, his heart was softened. He wept in prayer. The dinner party was left, his old companions were for ever forsaken, he applied himself diligently to the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and became a most honored and devoted servant of His Divine Master.

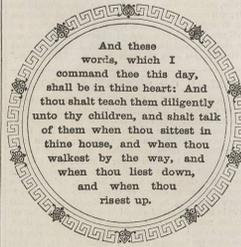


Gospel Truth is manna to the hungry soul—milk for babes in Christ—food for children—strong meat for young men. It is the life-blood of our faith—the staff of our spiritual being. A house without a Bible, is a house without furniture—the ark without the covenant—a vessel without rudder and compass—a field without seed.

"We question if any person, of any class or school, ever read the Scriptures regularly and thoroughly without being, or becoming, not only religious, but sensible and consistent. Scriptural instruction is so much undervalued, and therefore, not read with a faithful eye. From a Leader of the Times Newspaper."

GOVERNMENT OF CHILDREN.

A few years ago, we were acquainted with a man who had experienced in his own number of sickening delinquencies. Among them was the loss of an only daughter, for whom, as she was his eldest child, he had ever felt a peculiar attachment. A few weeks of separation having subsided, the tender affection for his departed daughter was transferred, in an intense degree, to her only child, an infant daughter of a few weeks old, who was committed principally to his care by the surviving parent. As the child grew, she entwined herself more



And these
 words, which I
 command thee this day,
 shall be in thine heart: And
 thou shalt teach them diligently
 unto thy children, and shalt talk
 of them when thou sittest in
 thine house, and when thou
 walkest by the way, and
 when thou liest down,
 and when thou
 risest up.

and more closely around the heart of her aged grandfather. And as her powers were beginning to unfold, she very early showed the evidence of having a will which needed restraint—a temper that required to be brought under subjection—a disposition which, if left without control, would soon prove refractory and unmanageable. The feelings of the grandfather naturally led him to adopt a system of indulgence, while his reason admonished him that he was thus injuring the child. Past scenes would crowd upon his recollection, and revive afresh the anguish which he had formerly expressed, whenever he thought of controlling her disposition by the ordinary means. In this conflict between his feelings and his duty he was greatly troubled. But at last, instead of the rod of correction, he took her into his closet, shut the door, knelt down, and caused her to kneel by his side, and there humbly spread his petitions before the throne of grace. The effect upon the mind of the child was deep and powerful. Though not more than two years old, she seemed to understand the object for which these prayers were offered. And that temper which was obstinate and refractory before the special seasons of retirement and prayer, immediately afterwards appeared meek and affectionate, and manifested a cheerful obedience to directions which were given her.

While we believe it often necessary to use the rod of correction at an early day, we do not scruple to give it to the young child, who at two and three years old are capable of understanding the object for which prayer is offered, and that, when- ever corrected, it should be done in the most gentle and never under the influence of anger. Among Children there ought to be no doubt with respect to the



A PICTURE FOR THE KITCHEN—WHICH NEEDS NO LETTERPRESS DESCRIPTION.

"The Days are Lengthening!"—Everybody says these words in congratulatory tones. The face of the sun is turned towards us once more, and is coming back to us, slowly but sure, day by day.

The minor tones of the wintry months are over, the short stormy days which looked out on us with pale, wan faces, and dropped down quickly, and were covered up in black nights, are over now.

The sun is coming back to us to call softly the flowers from their long, long sleep—as mothers call their children in the summer-mornings—to call to the sweet winds that loiter away in the south; to the birds whose homesteads hang broken and dew-drooled from natural boughs; to leaves and grasses, and buds, and mosses; to streams locked to banks of ice, and hillsides closely covered with snow, and meadows wrapped in fogs: all these the sun is coming back, and shall come to them, and let the dead shall rise from their graves, and stand forth to praise Him, living and glorious, and method in grace and beauty.

And like flower and tree, and woodland, and hillside, may be our resurrection, render, under the Sun of Righteousness. For us, too, may there be the

spring of growth, and the summer of bloom, and the autumn of harvest, when the angels are the reapers, gathering the wheat into God's garner. V. E. T.

The Rich Man's Danger.—That devoted minister, R. Cecil, had in his congregation a gentleman who had suddenly become very wealthy, who when a young man had frequently called upon his minister for advice. He had not called upon him since he had become a rich man, and the anxious and honest pastor



called upon his host, and said, "I understand you are very successively situated," here he paused, and his friend replied, "I am not aware of it, Mr. Cecil." "I thought it was probable you were not aware of how much danger, and, therefore I have called you in. I hear you are getting rich; take care, for it is the road by which the devil leads thousands to destruction!"

These words were spoken by Mr. Cecil with such solemnity and earnestness, that they made a deep and lasting impression on the rich man's mind.



Then when
 there brought unto
 Him little children, that
 He should put his hands
 on them, and pray: but the
 disciples rebuked them. But
 Jesus said, Suffer little children,
 and forbid them
 not, to come unto me:
 for of such is the
 kingdom of
 heaven.

efficiency of prayer. But we fear that many a Christian parent is inconsiderate on this subject—so inconsiderate as never to devote their children to God in the solemn private manner recommended by the example before us.

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