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And the rivers with the ocean;
The winds of heaven mix forever,
With a sweet emotion;
Nothing in the world is single;
All things by a law divine
In one another' being mingle;
Why not I with thine?

See! the mountains kiss high heaven,
And the waves clap one another;
No sister flower would be forgiven
If it disdained its brother;
And the sunlight clasps the earth,
And the moonbeams kiss the sea;
What are all these kissings worth,
If thou kiss not me!

Original Story.

Written for THE CHRISTIAN WITNESS.

MIDNIGHT AND NOONDAY.

BY ECCE FRATER.

CHAPTER V.

Over one week passed before the kind hearted Mrs. Lorenzo, could again summon courage enough to "break the subject" abruptly cut short in our last chapter. The unceremonious manner of her husband in breaking off the conversation just when she had reached her object, had wounded the tender heart of the noble lady, and again, her love for her companion, whose moral sense was none too lively, caused her to dread the idea of coming in contact with his preferences; so she tried to be more kind and obliging to M. L. than ever, and if possible rouse those finer feelings to be found in almost every heart, although we behold a frigid exterior. Some of the most unfeeling men have the *tenderest* feelings if you can only arouse them, and such were the thoughts of Mrs. Lorenzo when she did her very best to cause affection to appear conspicuously on the exterior life of her husband. She had not said a word about his keeping Willie out of school to "help clean the wheat," nor when he kept him at home two days more in the same week to keep the chickens out of the garden; and with these and many other submissions, she had created a more thoughtful and pliant disposition — as she thought—in the mind of her husband. It was true that he seemed more attached to *her* personally, but still as stern as ever toward others, for Mr. L. was selfish and cared for no one but himself and wife.

"Husband," said Mrs L., as she came out on the front porch and took a seat beside him, "Mr. Woods called to see us this morning about the way we were sending Willie to school. He said that it would be just about as well for us to keep the boy at home entirely and teach him ourselves, if not better, than to send him to the Academy about half his time, and often not that."

"Professor Woods had better undertake to run the families of this town. Suppose he comes over and instructs us a little in what we should eat and wear? Guess that we can do as we please about sending Will., and for *my* part, I don't want *one* man to run me and the whole town."

"Hark, Mr. Lorenzo, you did not hear me through; Mr. Woods means all for the best; he says that if we give that boy a chance he will be a useful man and an honor to us."

"I am of the opinion, wife, that other folks think they know more about my business than I do myself, and I would feel a great deal better if I was left alone to do as I please, particularly by *outside* parties. When I have work for that boy he must do it."

"But, husband," interfered the noble lady, "we should be obliged to Mr. Woods for the deep interest he takes in the youth of our town, and should esteem his suggestions."

"Yes, when they are in their places, I esteem every body's advice, but persons must not take me to be a child and undertake to govern me; I am the governor of my own house."

"Mr. Woods only seemed to be of my mind about the boy."

"Of your mind! what is your mind, pray tell?" remarked Mr. Lorenzo.

TO BE CONTINUED.

A Funny Temperance Case.

In Akron, O, I heard of a funny temperance case. A rum-seller, whom I will call Hi Church, because he was "high" most of the time, had been sued several times for damage done by his rum on citizens of the town. One man came out drunk and smashed in a large glass window. He was to poor to pay for it, and the owner came against Church. A boy about sixteen, got drunk and let a horse run away with him, breaking his arm. His father made Church pay the damages. A mechanic got drunk and was killed on the railroad track, and his wife sued Church for $2,000 and got it. A farmer got drunk and was burned in his barn on the hay. His son sued Church and recovered. Church got sick of paying out so much money for personal and property damages. It ate up all the rum-seller's profits. Still, he acknowledged the law to be a statute, and that it made him responsible for all the damage done by his rum. He used to argue, also, that sometimes his rum did people good, and then he said he ought to receive something back.

One day Lawyer Thompson got to drinking. Thompson was mean, and when he died of the *delirium tremens* there wasn't anybody who cared enough about Thompson to sue Church for damage done. So, one day, Church went before the Court himself.

"What does Mr. Church want?" asked the Justice.

"I tell yer what, Jedge," commenced the rum-seller, "when my rum killed that thar mechanic, Johnson, and Farmer Mason, I cum down like a man. I paid the damage and squared up like a Christian—now didn't I, Jedge?"

"Yes, you paid the damage, Mr. Church; but what then?"

"Wall, Jedge, my rum did a good deal to'rds killin' Lawyer Thompson, now, and it 'pears ter me when I kill a lawyer I kinder oughter get a rebait!"—*N. Y. Graphic.*

THE *Home Journal* thus discourses on the etiquette of bowing. The difference between a courteous and a familiar bow should be remembered by gentlemen who wish to make a favorable impression. A lady dislikes to receive from a man with whom she has but a slight acquaintance, a bow, accompanied by a broad smile, as though he was on he tmost familiar terms with her. It is far better to err on the other side, and give one of those stiff ungracious bows which some men indulge in. Those gentlemen who smile with their eyes instead of their mouths, give the most charming bows. As for men who bow charmingly at one time and with excessive hauteur at another, according as they feel in a bad or good humor, they need never be surprised if the person thus treated should cease speaking altogether. A man should always lift his hat to a lady.

La Crosse having murdered a man for fifteen cents, Sioux City kills one for nothing and gets one tally ahead.

Proverbs from the Talmud.

Between the wolf and the shepherd the lamb has come to grief.

One thing acquired with pain, is better than a hundred with ease.

Let the grapes pray for the welfare of the branches; without branches there would be no grapes.

Silence is beautiful in a wise man; but how much more in a fool.

More than the calf wishes to drink, the cow wishes to give it suck.

If they tell you that your friend is dead, believe it; that he has come into a fortune, doubt it.

He who lends money to the poor is often better than he who give them alms.

Here is a table, and meat, and knives; but we have no mouths to eat.

Be prudent and silent.

The world is like the wheel of the well, with its two buckets; the full one is ever empted, and the empty one is ever filled.

A quarrel is like a squirt of water issuing from a cleft; wider and wider gets the cleft, more and more powerful the squirt.

He who has been legally deprived of his ill-gotten garment should go his way rejoicing.

He who has learnt and does not teach is like a myrtle in the desert.

There is a threefold death in the slanderer's tongue: it kills him who slanders, him who is slandered, and him who receives the slander.

Some people's judgment is that of a blind man at a window.

You cannot touch a fool; a dead man's body does not feel a knife.

For a man who has been ruined by woman there is no law and no judge.

Many an arrow-smith is shot by his own arrow.

Greater is he who causes good deeds than he who does them.

Great is peace; it is to the land what leaven is to the dough.

He who struts about the market in the philosopher's toga will not come into the dwelling-place of God.

Woman spins her little web, while she talks.

Throw no stones into the well whence you have drunk.

A small allowance at home is much better than a large one abroad.

He is a bookcase, not a scholar.

Cut off his head, but mind you don't kill him.

It is the hole that makes the thief.

In his own house the weaver is king.

The salt of money is almsgiving.

A hundred shillings invested in trade will give a man meat and wine; in acres, it will give him cabbage and salt.

When the ax already touches thy neck, still hope in God's saving grace.

Flight is the beginning of defeat.

Hang the sweetest grass round a pig's neck, it will still go and wallow in its native mire.

The lives of three are no lives; that of the two compassionate, of the man with a temper, and the misanthrope.

Poor is only he who lacks common sense.

Three men are beloved by God; he who is of a sweet temper, he who is moderate in his habits, and he who does not always obstinately adhere to his first resolves.

If the old people tell you to pull down, and the young ones build up: pull down.

You must not drink out of one cup, and look at another.

He who cannot moderate his grief will soon have a new grief to weep over.

Where Satan cannot go himself, he takes wine as his messenger.

Whoever has been bitten by a serpent is afraid of a rope.

He who has bread in his basket should not be compared to him who has not: (though neither be hungry at the time.)

When the jackal has his day, make him a bow.

The way man wishes to go, thither his feet will carry him.

Seven years lasted the famine, but no workman starved; seven years lasted the plague, but no one died before his time.

An old man in the house is a sorrow to the house; an old woman in the house is a blessing to it.

Honor your wives; they will enrich you.

Eat below your means, dwell according to your means; but spend upon your wife and children above your means.

First understand, then argue.

You must not refute a lion after his death.

Much have I learnt from my masters, more from my colleagues, most from my disciples.

In a quarrel it is always the well-born who will first give way.

Do not stand in a place of danger, trusting in miracles.

Iron sharpens iron; scholar, the scholar.

Man has been created on the last day; even the gnat is of more ancient lineage.

The thought of the sin is worse than the sin.

Eat quickly, drink quickly: this world is but a brief wedding-feast.

The older the wise man gets, the wiser he grows; the fool, when he ages, becomes but an old fool.

He who studies for a good purpose, to him his study becomes a blessing; to him who does not, it grows into a poison.

Why is the lobe of the ear soft? that you may close up your ear when you hear aught improper.

A bad wife is like a hailstorm.

Do not dwell too long upon your friend's praises: you will end by saying things against him.

Do much or little—so that you do it for a good purpose.

Refined music is liked by refined people—weavers do not much care for it.

To cry out but get no pity; he who lends out his money without witnesses, and he who cannot get on in one place and does not try another.

Even the common talk of the wise should be pondered over.

Bad servants first ask only when they have already committed the blunder.—*Quarterly Review.*

BE DOCILE.—Cultivate a humble, willing and docile mind, or desire to be instructed in the ways of God; for persuasion enters like a sunbeam, gently and without violence; and open but the window and draw the curtain, and the sun of righteousness will enlighten your darkness.—*Jeremy Taylor.*

Pottsville, Penn., has had a miner snow storm.

Children's Story.

A Thousand Boys Wanted.

There are always boys enough in the market, but some of them are of very little use. The kind that are always wanted are—

1. Honest. 6. Obedient.
2. Pure. 7. Steady.
3. Intelligent. 8. Obliging.
4. Active. 9. Polite.
5. Industrious. 10. Neat.

Fully one thousand first-rate places are open for a thousand boys who come up to this standard.

Each boy can suit his taste as to the kind of business he would prefer. The places are ready in every kind of occupation.

Many of these places of trade and art are already filled by boys who lack some of the most important points, but they will soon be vacant.

One is an office not far from where we write. The lad who has the position is losing his first point. He likes to attend the singing saloon and the theatre. This costs more than he can afford, but somehow he manages to be there frequently.

His employers are watching quietly to learn how he gets so much spending money; they will soon discover a leak in the money drawer, detect the dishonest boy, and his place will be ready for some one who is now getting ready for it by observing point No. 1, and being truthful in all his ways.

Some situations will soon be vacant because the boys have been poisoned by reading bad books, such as they would not dare to show their fathers, and would be ashamed to have their mothers see.

The impure thoughts suggested by these books will lead to vicious acts; the boys will be ruined, and their places must be filled.

Who will be ready for one of these vacancies?

Distinguished lawyers, useful ministers, skillful physicians, successful merchants, must all soon leave their places for somebody else to fill. One by one they are removed by death.

Mind your ten points, boys; they will prepare you to step into vacancies in the front rank.

Every man who is worthy to employ a boy is looking for you if you have these points.

Do not fear that you will be overlooked.

A young person having these qualities will shine as plainly as a star at night. We have named ten points that go towards making up the character of a successful boy, so that they can be very easily remembered.

You can imagine one on each finger, and so keep them in mind; they will be worth more than diamond rings, and you will then never be ashamed to "show your hand."

THE iron rails first used upon English railroads, stood from fifteen to twenty years, even under an enormous traffic; no such rails are now made unless of steel. In 1840 it was estimated on the London & Northwestern Railway that the passage of 313,000 trains would wear out a 70 pound rail. With the present material put into rails, no such service is obtained. Mr. PRICE WILLIAMS states that the best quality of rails, as now made, will not stand the the passage of over 100,000 trains. The difficulty don't seem to be so much in the impossibility of making good and serviceable iron rails as in the fact that few are made. In this respect the same facts hold good, as has been frequently referred to in the manufacture, during late years, of nearly all classes of iron work.

General News.

Louisville is educating her newsboys at the public expense.

Out of 1,269 men who enlisted in the Eighth Illinois cavalry but about 250 are now living.

England is the only country in the world that did't send some home-grown tobacco to Vienna.

Hazing has gone out at Yale, too. There is a man in the freshman class that measures six feet seven.

There is in Virginia City an old colored man who has made $50,000 in the boot-blacking business.

A Southern writer says that Northern men believe no man can be a gentleman unless he is able to steal a million dollars.

The "Auburn Sportsman's club" is composed of 200 business men, and during the last year they shot one quail and a cow.

France lost during the Franco-Prussian war 200,000 horses. There are now 3,000,000 horses left in that country.

In England there were 25,705 coroner's inquests held last year, 18,046 being on men. In the preceeding year there had been 193 more inquests.

Hartford barbers are fined for shaving themselves on Sunday, and a Hartford man who splits wood on the Sabbath is assessed $18.

New Haven is trying to find the names of the twenty-five gentlemen in that city who voted in favor of the capital amendment. The tar, feathers and pole are all ready for them.

The fourth annual exhibition of foreign wines will be held in London in April next, under the auspices of the wine department of the International exhibition.

An examination of the latest published list of those to whom Canadian patents have been granted discloses the fact that fully two-thirds of the patentees are residents of the United States.

The discovery is said to have been made that it is not necessary to groove a rifle-barrel the whole of its length, but that a few inches of grooving near the muzzle will give the bullet all the needful amount of spin.

There are said to be no municipal rings in Paris. There is something to show for all expenditures, as in the case of a giraffe just purchased for five thousand francs, to replace the one eaten up during the Commune.

A railroad is now in contemplation from the Russian town of Orensburg to Peshawar in India, a distance of 2,500 miles. When this portion of the line shall be finished a railroad will extend, without break of gauge, from Calais to Calcutta, through Warsaw and Moscow.

The state of education in France is discouraging. Over 200,000 children, from seven to thirteen years of age, receive no instruction whatever. Twenty-three per cent. of the young soldiers cannot read or write, and thirty-four per cent. of the married men and women cannot sign their marriage act. The most ignorant departments are Brittany, some of the central ones, and those adjoining Spain and the Mediterranean.

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