

The Evening Post.

A cloud lay cradled near the setting sun,
A gleam of crimson tinged its braided snow;
Long had I watched the glory moving on—
O'er the still radiance of the lake below—
Tranquill its spirit seemed, and floated slow;
E'en in its very motion there was rest;
Wide every breath of eve that chance to blow,
Waited the traveler to the beauteous West.
Emblem, methought, of the departing soul!

To whose bright robe the gleam of blos is given,
And by the breath of morn made to roll
Right onward to the golden gates of Heaven,
Where, to the eye of faith, it peaceful lies,
And tells to man his glorious destiny!

—Prof. Wilson.

BOOKS AND PAPERS HAVE SOULS.—Thinking, speaking, acting, influential.—Parents, do you think of this, when you place a book or periodical on your center-table? Do you consider its influence for good or evil?

Every book, every paper has a soul, breathing and speaking good or bad. It is the soul of its author, and when spread over the pages of the book, that soul acts upon its reader as truly as when acting directly. The person who touches the book comes in contact with the soul and is *nolens colens* affected by it; and no contact with it is more influential. In reading an author's book, you are conversing with him under circumstances very favorable to your becoming like him; for in the book everything is generally deeply thought out, in shape to convince, or carefully dressed up in a manner to bewitch. And all this indicates the necessity of reading with care and caution.

Would you, when purchasing books or papers for your children, have their minds contaminated with vicious principles, let them read everything that pours forth, like a torrent, from the press of the day.—Remember, while extolling the value of the press, that it is powerful for evil as it is great for good.

Remember that the enemy of souls employs it to disseminate his destructive doctrines, and he has even more laborers, probably, in his employ than the Captain of our salvation.

Why should we be so careful in regard to the food with which our bodies are nourished while we pay so little attention to mental pabulum which our minds receive?

Remember we can as easily plant the seeds of disease in the mind as in the body, and that disease implanted in the mind is eradicated with more difficulty than that of the body.

A book or paper exerts an influence not only in time but as eternity rolls on! O, how infinitely, momentously important that a wise, judicious selection of reading be made for all, especially for the rising age!

THE OTHER SIDE.—Once in a happy home, a bright, sweet baby died, when the children gathered around their mother, all sitting very sorrowful, and Annie said:

"Mother, you took all the care of the baby while she was here, and you carried and held her in your arms all the while she was ill; now, mother, who took her on the other side?"

"On the other side of what, Annie?"

"On the other side of death; who took the baby on the other side, mother? She was so little she could not go alone."

"Jesus met her there," answered the mother. "It is He who took little children in his arms to bless them, and said, 'Suffer them to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.' He took the baby on the other side."

ORIGIN OF COAL.—Among the papers read before the American Scientific Association at the meeting in Montreal, last year, was one from Prof. C. Whiteley, of Cleveland, attempting to prove that anthracite and bituminous coal are mineral substances, and not of vegetable origin, as they are generally supposed to be. He said it was generally admitted that carbon was a mineral, that carbonic acid gas was a mineral gas, which existed largely in the mineral world. It was also conceded that bitumen existed in rocks—and he contended that it so existed in sufficient quantities for the coal formations. He also referred to the springs of asphaltum found so largely throughout the world—which he contended was not proved to have been produced coal, did not now produce it.

Muck beds had been found, covered by many feet of quaternary formation, but the vegetable was in no degree carbonized. He referred to a Presbyterian church at Chicago constructed of bituminous stone, as an evidence that bitumen was of mineral origin. He said that no vegetable formation had been found in it. He was not, however, prepared to propound the probable process of the formation of coal, but it was evident to him that the general idea that it was of purely vegetable origin is fallacious.

Sorrows grow less and less every time they are told, just like the age of a woman!

United, we stand; divided, we fall—as the types said to the compositor when they fell into print.

In order to live justly and to respect, we must refrain from doing that which we blame in others.

Burdock leaf, applied externally, is said to be an almost infallible cure for neuralgia.

Powerful emotion often kills the body at a stroke. Chilo, Diogenes and Sappho died of joy at the Grecian games. The news of a defeat killed Philip V.—The door-supper of Congress expired upon hearing of the surrender of Cornwallis.—Lagrange, the young Parisian, died when he heard the music prize for which he had competed was adjudged to another.

D'Isauchoune wrote of a certain lady:—"She had certainly some qualities to show in a fashionable circle. She had plenty of spirit, was tolerably literate, was brilliantly vain, prettily capricious, aquiescent with every one, and diffused universal smiles."

Who can account for the strange ideas and still stranger expressions of little children? A little blue-eyed girl of about six summers, a daughter of one of our worthy citizens, the other day, weary of play, came running into the house, and throwing herself into the arms of her mother, exclaimed:

"Hold me, ma, I feel so bad!"

"What's the matter, pretty?" tenderly inquired the anxious parent.

"I don't know, I only feel very bad," replied the little cherub.

"Does your head ache?"

"Oh, no, I feel bad all over—I feel just like a *Black Democrat*!"

"And how does a *Black Democrat* feel, my child?"

"Just like he wanted to steal something!"

Jones says his lady-love follows the commands of Scripture literally in one thing, at least—she is always casting beams from her eyes—bless the little dear!

The rose has its thorns, the diamond its specks, and the best man his failings.

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