

How A Beautiful Hymn Was Written.

There is an interesting incident mentioned in the life of Charles Wesley, which led to the writing of one of his sweet hymns:

One day Mr. Wesley was sitting by an open window, looking out over the beautiful fields in summer time. Just then a hawk came sweeping down toward a little bird. The poor thing, very much frightened, was darting here and there, trying to find some place of refuge. In the bright sunny air, in the leafy trees, or the green fields, there was no hiding place from the fierce grasp of the hawk. But seeing the open window, and the man sitting by it, the bird flew in its terror toward it, and with a beating heart and quivering wing found refuge in Mr. Wesley's bosom. He sheltered it from the threatening danger and saved it from a cruel death. Mr. Wesley was at the time suffering severe trials, and was feeling the need of a refuge in his own time of trouble as the trembling little bird did, that nestled in his bosom. So he took up his pen and wrote the hymn:

"Jesus, Savior of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the waves of trouble roll,
While the tempest still is high."
—*Ec.*

Have a Sweet Voice, Girls.

Were half the pains which is often taken to cultivate the voice in song bestowed upon its tones as used in speech, social intercourse would gain a very great charm. We hear harsh, metallic voices, which are cracked, a discord running through their cadences. Nobody can be where a number of ladies are gathered without being struck by the lack of culture which is evidenced in disagreeable voices. A sweetly-modulated voice in educating the young, example is more potential than precept; and if mothers and teachers always spoke with gentleness, and were careful to let their voice be clear and distinct, dropping from their lips like finished coin, a great benefit would accrue to the attractiveness of social intercourse.—*Ec.*

Children who have a little money ought to practice saving something. Many boys and girls of to-day hardly know a higher use for money that comes in their hands than spending it for foolish things as quickly as possible. To such a les-

son in self-denial and economy is very important. As go the boy's pennies and dimes, so, very likely, will go the man's dollars and hundreds by and by. Without having the spirit of a miser, the person accustomed to save has more pleasure in laying up than a spendthrift ever knows.—*Ec.*

The old English proverbs in regard to February are not altogether without significance for a considerable portion of the United States. A "fair" February was the bane of the country people, and the wisdom of many, crystallized into the wit of one, found expression in lines like these:

"February fill the dyke,
Either with the black or white;
If it be white, it is better to like."

"Black" stands for rain, and "white" for snow, and in the popular faith, February was invoked to preserve its winter character. It was sad, indeed, if the month failed to maintain the reputation with which it was credited. In Wales, the proverb was to the effect that the "Welshman would rather see his dam on her bier" than miss a February of the old-fashioned sort. Welsh family attachments are so proverbially strong that this "wise saw" may be regarded as no exaggeration.—*Ec.*

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