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The Night is Far Spent; The Day is at Hand.

The night is far spent, Which darkens the soul With the shadows of sin, That cover our guilt.

Fire-side Reading.

The Worst Thread; or, Small Beginnings.

"I don't want to write any more at school this Winter," said little Sammy Harden to his father one morning.

"Why not, my son?" "Because I make such bad work of it."

"That is not a good reason." "I want to wait till I am older."

"Bring home your writing-book to-night, and I will look at them."

"I am ashamed to have you see them."

"If you could see how my m's and s's look, you would think I had better quit it."

"I have no doubt you can, but you must learn not to despise small beginnings."

which may be compared to this fine worsted thread. Your writing-book is one of them.

your writing-book may be compared to the twine, while the books at the office, of which Mr. Lathrop speaks so highly, may be called the rope.

"What things, father?" "Baskets of meat, vegetables, coffee, and tea; parcels of dry goods enough to clothe the whole family; barrels of flour, sugar, and molasses; and whole tons of coal."

"I know what you mean, father. The money you earn by writing pays for all these things, and so you call it the rope which draws them to our house?"

"Is it not a good rope?" "Yes, sir, very good. I will try to have one like it. I will take my writing-book to school, to-morrow morning, and I will draw in the twine, and then to the rope."

"But you must draw it in very carefully; for the fine thread is tender and easily broken."

"I know, father, what you mean by that. You mean that I must try to write every line as well as I can."

"That is the way to make real progress. But there are other things which may be compared to the fine thread. Here is a little boy learning his first Sabbath school lesson."

"Perhaps he is such a little fellow that he can only learn one short and simple verse, such as 'Jesus Christ, who came unto me, and for whom I live.' This lesson is the little thread. The thread will soon become a twine, and he will be able to learn much about the precious doctrines and holy precepts of the Bible."

"In the time the little thread may become the large and strong rope. The little boy may become a man like Doddridge, and write a book which may be the instrument of converting thousands of souls; or he may become a second Spurgeon; whose eloquent appeals to the heart and conscience will be heard and read by millions."

By this time the sun was very hot, and

Garden, &c.

April is preeminently seed-time throughout most of the Northern States; though beginning in March, it is chiefly in April that the bulk of the crops are sown.

It is a rainy season, and breaking up of the winter in March, followed by high and drying winds, and then by some weeks of comparatively dry weather. This dry "spell" seldom begins before March 25th, and rarely lasts beyond the first of May.

In adding a spot for a new garden, a warm, rich piece of ground should be chosen, and if at all inclined to be wet, it must be thoroughly underdrained.

Flax grows well wherever water will so far as climate is concerned. It requires good corn ground, neither too stiff nor too light. It will not bear fresh manure in any quantity, yet it does not like the straw of the plow, or corn stubble ground, adapted to it.

Peach Trees.—These should be set in good, dry, well-drained soil, and elevated or rolling land should be selected if possible.

Testing Seeds.—By trying fields and garden seeds before sowing, much disappointment may be prevented.

Plants.—Plant early, heading back will induce a strong growth. The June roses may be thinned out and shortened somewhat.

Cows and Calves.—Separate cows and calves early, if the milk is the main thing. Where veal is especially valuable, it often pays best to give cows two calves, and as they are marketable, supplying their places with others.

Birds.—Do not forget to provide houses for the birds where they will protect the garden and orchard from insects.

Barley.—Sow 2 1/2 to 3 bushels per acre, on good soil, in fair soil. To kill the munt, stop one day in a moderately strong breeze containing some blue vitriol, then roll in lime or plaster. The Nepal variety is highly esteemed, but scarce.

Settle.—Feed work-out well and tend them frequently. Apply unguentum mixed with four parts of lard, behind the ears and a little down the back, if there be any evidence of lice. Be very regular in feeding and giving outle rest.

Buildings.—Collect all decaying materials, and clean up everywhere. Whitewash the poultry house inside, the cattle stalls, and interiors generally, where lice or any vermin might hide.

Radishes.—Seed may be put in vacant places in the hot-bed. Unless a radish grows rapidly it is worthless. Therefore, sow quick, rapid sandy soil is the best. Sow at intervals for succession.

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