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For the American Presbyterian. GOD MYSTERIOUS. BY J. O. BLYTHE.

Mysterious God! I gaze around, On all thy works wherever found; In all I see where Thou hast wrought, And, still, in all I see Thee not.

That thou, great Architect, art there; And, still, with all my watchfulness, I never once have seen thy face. Among the stars thy hand hath wrought,

The heavens, thy wondrous works declare,

And worlds into existence brought; With skill consummate all things planned, And, still, I never saw thy hand. With fingers soft, a plant I touch,

Thy fingers first, have made it such—As I beheld it, frail and fair,
And, still, thy fingers are not there. At thy command the oceans roll Their wild waves round from pole to pole,

Submissive, too, unbroken keep Thy pathway o'er the stormy deep. I've stood upon the ocean's shore, When all was storm and wild uproar,

But tempests wild, or calm, serene, Thy footsteps there I've never seen. When gazing on the midnight cloud Its thunders belching long and loud— Thy voice hath me most deeply stirred, And still thy voice I never heard.

At times I've seen the flashing light Turn back to day, the darkest night; And thought it then, thy glancing eye, Across the pathway of the sky.

Does not thy truthful word declare, The eyes of God run everywhere And, still, thy eyes I never see.

Mysterious! Lord, thou art to me, I see thee not, and still I see Thee everywhere, in everything;

A wondrous God, a glorious King. Well, let the mystery then remain, I'my glory still thou wilt maintain,

much or little be revealed

Of all the mighty mysteries sealed. In everything I still shall see Thy hand, thy heart, great Deity, And hear thy voice, and follow where Thy footsteps echo in the air.

### THE CHILDREN ON THE PLAINS.

The Messrs. Carters have published a little book with this title, which we are quite sure will prove a great favorite with American Children, and those of other countries perhaps too. It is the story of a brother and sister who started off with their mother to cross the great plains in the western part of our country on the way to California to look after their father who had gone to that country some time previous. On the way the mother died of cholera, and the Emigrant party greatly discouraged turned back; but the two children anxious to see their father and to bear him the mother's dying message persisted in the in the main, true. Below we give one of the The one mode is natural, the other artificial.

Ruth singing, "Welcome, sweet day of rest," in her own cheerful way.
"Why it is Sunday, I declare!" said Curtis to himself. The thought was not a pleasant one to This is emphatically true of children. They him, for he had made up his mind to go on, will learn with pleasure from the lips of parents whether John was able to bear the harness or

"Ruth." was Curtis's morning salutation. "I think we had better go on to-day. We took one which they desire, they cannot fail to grow up day of rest yesterday. It really makes very little intelligent if they enjoy in childhood and youth difference whether we sit here under the trees, or the privilege of listening daily to the conversasit in the wagon; we can be as Sundayish when tion of intelligent people. Let parents, then, we are moving as when we are at rest." "I am sure you are not in earnest," said Ruth,

read to me if you like, along the road; and we enter, dull, silent, uninteresting at home among can't go to church any way, so where's the odds?" the Sabbath day," said Ruth. "It would not be first provide for their own household. Ireland resting for the poor mules to be dragging along to exports beef and wheat and lives on potatoes; day, just as usual.' "The poor mules, indeed!" Look at them,

now," said Curtis, laughing. The mules were evidently enjoying themselves to their heart's content. Even Old Joe was rolling away on the grass, then indulging himself in A silent house is a dull place for young people, some bounds that must have reminded him of the days of his youth. John looked on enviously, but did not seem in a mood to join his companions in their merry making. "John, at least, needs another day's rest,"

urged Ruth. 'Pshaw!'' was Curtis's reply. "Brother," said Ruth, decidedly, "you are older and stronger than I am, and wiser in many ways. In most things I think it right to yield to you, but now I must have my way. I should not dare to be here, in the midst of so many dangers, if I did not trust in the God who watches over all who love him and try to serve him.-How could I expect him to watch over me, if I will not go and leave me alone.

This was not a pleasant beginning for Sabbath

"Of course not!" said Curtis, crossly.

simple repast made for him. "How pleasant it is that the sun is under a

cloud just now," said Ruth, cheerily, A cloud that's likely to give us a wetting," said Curtis, looking auxiously about him. "We must take shelter in the wagon." The storm rose very fast. The black clouds rolled

distant thunder muttered, then came nearer and nearer, while the incessant lightning glared fearfully over the landscape. The wind broke suddenly on the stillness. A fierce, wild hurri-

affrighted mules had taken refuge. One of them dropped dead upon the spot. Yes, immovable—forever stiff in death he lay, while the torrents of rain poured down upon him. Curtis was awe-struck. Such might have been his fate, but for the mercy of God.

Curtis had been softened, touched, moved

better things at his mother's grave, but death had

not even then seemed so near to him as it did in

the midst of that fearful storm. Ruth was lying in the wagon, very quiet, in the midst of the wild uproar. She felt herself safe in the hands of Him who "ruleth the heavens," and "taketh up the isles as a very little thing." "Ruth," said Curtis-"Ruth, are you fright-

"God is with us. If we trust in him, we cannot be harmed," replied Ruth, solemnly.

But we may be killed. That last flush struck and I brought it home with me as a memento. down poor old Joe! It might have been one of us," said Curtis, quickly.
"Death cannot harm us, if we trust in Christ,"

was Ruth's reply.
Curtis was silent. Ah! how he felt his need of Christ at that moment! How was he, a poor sinful boy, to stand before God, unless forgiven for Christ's sake? He felt the full meaning of a Saviour, a Reedemer, then! To that Saviour he fled for refuge, as to his

The storm was passing by, even while the earnest prayer to God for forgiveness and an humble, penitent spirit, was rising from the heart of the conscience-stricken boy. Swiftly as the clouds had gathered, they sped away, and the sunshine again made glad the landscape.

Curtis and Ruth were thoroughly drenched in spite of the precautions they had taken. "It is well we are not on the prairie, where we

could get no wood," said Curtis, as he with difficulty kindled a fire with some fallen timber and broken branches. A great roaring fire was at length made, and near it, and in the pleasant sunshine, Ruth and Curtis hung up their valuables to dry.
"I shall never forget this Sabbath," Curtis, very soberly, when they were once more comfortable, and the sun was setting clear in the west." "I shall never forget this Sabbath. I

shall never ask you to break the Lord's Day again, Ruth." "Won't you?" said Ruth, with one of he sweetest smiles. "Shall we sing, now, 'Softly now the light of day?"" Ruth had not dared to ask Curtis to sing with her before—he had never seemed to like to sing hymns; but now his voice joined with hers, and

ooth hearts were glad, as they sang,-"Softly now the light of day Fades upon my sight away; Free from care, from labor free, Lord. I would commune with thee.

"Thou, whose all-pervading eye Naught escapes, without, within, Pardon each infirmity. Open fault and secret sin

" Soon from me the light of day Shall forever pass away; Take me, Lord, to dwell with thee."

# HOME CONVERSATION.

Children hunger perpetually for new ideas journey and executed it, amid many instructive and the most pleasant way of reception is by the and interesting incidents, which are said to be, voice and the ear, not the eye and the printed page. Who would not rather listen than read? We not unfrequently pass by in the papers a full report of a lecture, and then go and pay our money to Curtis was waked the next morning by hearing hear the self-same words uttered. An audience what they deem it drudgery to study in the books; and even if they have the misfortune to be deprived of the educational advantages. who is habitually silent in his own house may anxiously. "You know what mother thought be, in many respects, a wise man; but he is not wise in his silence. We sometimes see parents wise in his silence. We sometimes see parents "I really don't see any difference. You can who are the life of every company which they their children. If they have not mental activity "We are commanded to let the cattle rest on and mental stores sufficient for both, let them and they fare as poorly who reserve their social charms for companies abroad, and keep their dulness for home consumption. It is better to instruct children and make them happy at home, than it is to charm strangers or amuse friends. a place from which they will escape if they can. They will talk or think of being "shut up" there; and the youth who does not love home is in danger. Make home, then, a cheerful and pleasant spot. Light it up with cheerful, instructive conversation. Father, mother, talk vour best at home.

## Miscellaneous.

THE MOST INTERESTING SIGHT. Mr. George H. Stuart, recently returned from were breaking one of his commandments?—
Brother, I will not go on to-day. I am sure you

a visit to the revival scenes of Great Britain, narrated the following as the most interesting of the many things he saw in his visit. We quote from the report of the Sunday-school Times. I have been often asked, what was the most morning. This was a sad contrast with the joint interesting thing you have seen on the other side prayer of the evening before, which had sent peace into Ruth's heart. Curtis had little to say to Ruth through the morning. He wandered about picking strawberries, or casting envious eyes at the trains of travellers which passed along the 3,000, 4,000, and 10,000 were present at one time. In the gardens of Belfast, on one occassion Ruth, meanwhile, had her own Sabbath joy. there could not have been less; by the tickets She knew that she had done her duty, and she taken at the door, than 50,000 people assembled felt sure that the loving eye of God was upon her. 30,000 around the main platform, and twenty Her simple hymns she was sure would be as other platforms scattered through the gardens, at welcome to the heavenly King as if she were joining in the singing of the "great congregation, were constantly going on, at such a distance from each other as not to cause confu-Ruth's Bible was full of comfort to her that sion or interruption. But these vast gatherings day, and as she read of the New Jerusalem, she were not the most instructive scenes I witnessed fancied she could feel some of the joy of the while away. The most delightful scene, one glad home, where tears shall be forever wiped which most deeply impressed my heart, I witnessed in the church of the Rev. Dr. Snowell, at Ruth was too happy to mind Curtis's sullen the close of a blessed prayer meeting. Hundreds looks when he came at mid day to share the were scattered all over the church after the meeting, at the invitation of the leader, engaged in earnest religious conversation with the unconverted. Just as Drs. Leyburn and Murray, and myself, were about to retire after the public exercises were over and when my ministerial brethren who preceded me had nearly reached the vestibule door, my attention was attracted to two up the sky, like smoke before the breeze. The little girls, sitting at the head of one of the pews, cane it proved, sweeping all before it. Tall trees while the younger sat on the inside. As I was bent, bowed, and were cracked asunder. The rain passing in the aisle by the pew, I overheard a poured in torrents.

"Cover yourself up, Ruthy; you will be wet through," said Curtis, kindly. He gave his sister this blankets, and then he peered out from the lips of the the standard and the lips of the the standard and the lips of the solemn word of exhortation from the lips of the the 12th. There are now vessels in port from massacred, with the connivance of the government. If the French come, the people will be protected, na, Austria, Holland, Greece, and Turkey, and and industry will thrive, and journeying will be safe, and we can dwell here in safety. If they heard arrested my attention at once. I paused Ourtis had never before known what it is to and my brethren came back. The little girl had lightning streamed down from the skies, and filled ministers of Christ, as that little girl was pouring into the ears of her little neighbor at her side.

"Why," said she, "I a poor little girl, who have been a sinner for thirteen years only just came to him a few weeks ago, and the burden of my sins was removed, and now I am happy in the love of Christ." The elder girl replied, "But I am a great sinner; I cannot go to Christ." "O, just come as you are now, give up your sins, this little one plead with her friend to "come to Christ now, just as you are." We could not help when she had done conversing, spending a few moments with her. We each spoke words of little Sarah Ford is just recovering from the same kindness and love, and learned her history. It is most interesting indeed. We found in her hand a bundle of tracts. I asked her for one, merely of one of the most touching scenes I witnessed in my travels in Europe.

THE LATE SCENES IN SYRIA. Rev. H. H. Jessup, one of the most able and useful of the missionaries in Syria has sent us the following very interesting portion of his diary, relative to the late tragic events :- N. Y. World.

BEIRUT, Saturday, Aug. 4. This morning we received news from Damascus that Fuad Pasha had commanded the Moslem we received four thousand pounds of sea biscuit from the admiral of the English fleet, and distributed about one thousand pounds to the hungry multitude. The rush of men, women, and children was fearful. We had their names written in lists, and as fast as they were called they crowded up to the paling behind which we were standing with the huge sack of biscuit, and we dealt it out by measure to each person. As they had no bags or baskets in which to carry the food, they pulled off their caps, girdles, and ragged coats, which answered every purpose. The sight of such multitudes of poor wretches, clamoring for bread is enough to melt one to tears, but somehow we begive way to such feelings. So much depends upon our keeping well and strong, and able to help the suffering, that we are obliged to leave out of mind the more painful aspects of these shocking scenes. Just as we finished the distribution this morning, about 3,000 people arrived tered through bebanon. The Druses boast that from Damascus. Those who were Protestants came to us and the rest went to the quarantine premises, where the government is providing them with shelter and food. It is reported that Fund of tens of thousands, and in the fortresses of Hou-Pasha intends to send all the remaining Christians ran, defy any foreign force. This has some show out of Damascus in order to take the most decisive of truth, but a French army would be a foe such measures against the Moslims. If this be true, we shall have an addition of not less than 18,000 doubt whether they could stand a day. We have to the already crowded population of Beirut, and their will be great danger of pestileuce as well as coming soon, 25,000 in number, with the assent

This morning I preached in Arabic, on Regeneration. The Arabic congregation was large. attend a prayer meeting. They cannot attend our wilder Arabs.

English preaching at 11 A. M. on Sunday, as To-day we have received news that of the few there is service on board at the same hour, but will gladly attend the Wednesday afternoon prayer meeting. I told them of the prayer meetings on board the North Carolina; in Brooklyn navy yard, and of the number of sailors converted in the re-cent revivals. It is refreshing in these days, when we hear so much of war, and see so much of naval armaments, to find some true-hearted praying men. Some of the chaplains in the English fleet are interesting men. Monday, Aug. 6.

Yesterday a Dutch frigate and two English frigutes arrived, and to-day a Sardinian frigate is in. There is news from Damascus that Fuad Pasha summoned the city council, or medilis, and, no covering, poor food, and no change of raiment, without inviting them to sit down, gave them a severe rebuke. He told them they had violated the Mahommedan religion, the Turkish law, and had placed the sultan in a position from which it Dr. Van Dyck's house. The rooms are large and would be difficult for him to extricate himself. high, so that we feel the heat less than in any He then ordered them to go home, make out lists of the guilty parties in the outbreak, stating that those who failed to do so, would be accounted guilty. He then called the mufti and kadi of the guilty. He then called the mufti and kadi of the we should be obliged to look for another house, city, and asked them what should be done with which would be a difficult task just now in Beihim who commits murder? One of them an- rut.) swered, "He should be put to death;" the other answered, "A living man is better than a dead off, and they to be east into prison. Three hundred others were also arrested. We hear that the are expected ere many days. The Moslems are

against time of need.

Wenesday, Aug. 8. Ourtis nan never become known what it is to suffer agonizing fear. Now he seemed to himself to stand in the presence of an offended God.—
What would become of his soul if it were suddenly called into the presence of its Maker! This thought filled him with terror.
Even as he asked himself lighting streamed down from the skies, and filled lighting streamed down from the skies, and filled rounder with deafening peals.

A till tree, a few rods from top to root. Under that tree the shipse for the whole air with call in the house who felt the love of Christ splithtered from top to root.

The little girl had bowed her head down solow that she did not observe ships of war, and just at this time, when they are ships of war, and just at this time, when they are ships of war, and just at this time, when they are ships of war, and just at this time, when they are showed her head down solow that she did not observe ships of war, and just at this time, when they are not himself this time, when they are nothing can be heard of any coming. It is a singularly policy our naval department seem to have, of calling home the Mediterranean squadron before a new one is ready to supply its place. We have now one vessel in the Mediterranean, the Iroquois, which is at Nathron the seming reverses. She was obeying she injunction of the coming of war, and just at this time, when they are nothing can be heard of any coming. It is a singularly policy our naval department seem to have, of calling home the Mediterranean squadron before a new one is ready to supply its place. We have now one vessel in the Mediterranean, the Iroquois, which is at Nathron the seming reverses. She was obeying she injunction of the coming of war, and just at this time, when they are nothing can be heard of any coming. It is a singularly policy our naval department seem to have, of calling home the Mediterranean squadron before a new one is ready to supply its place. We have now one vessel in the Mediterranean, the Iroquois, which is at Nathron the large of the Willi

and speak to their unconverted friends or neighbors. She spoke of Christ's love to her, of his proposed to him to fit a large iron tank, with ther this empire be under Turkish, French, Engpreciousness to her soul, and of the way of salvation of the capacity of 100 gallons, and send it on shore lish, or Russian rule, Christ's kingdom will move poor here, and Mr. Byerly, who has come here as correspondent to the London Times, will write to that paper commending the cause of the poor here to all the English public. Mr. B. is unwell and Christ will forgive you, and wash them all away." With great earnestness of manner did

Thursday, Aug. 9.

Another Austrian frigate is in. Several Turkish vessels have arrived, bringing two new Turkish commissioners, to co-operate with Faud Pasha. The English consul called upon them, and told them that if they do not take immediate measures for the protection of the Christians in the interior, he would lay the matter before the admiral, and use English troops to do it. They asked for two days, saying that after that time the admiral could do as he wished, if they did not act to his satisfaction. The alarm is increasing in Lebanon again, and the Christians who remain among the Druses are fearing another slaughter. Two children of Protestant widows died to-day. Poor wo-men, their husbands were killed in Hasbeiya, and population to deliver up their arms and they had now their children are taken away. This evening, refused. It is supposed by many that he will destroy the Moslem quarter if they persist. To-day present at the funeral of a British marine, who died on beard of ene of the English frigates. The chaplain conducted the exercises, and the marines fired three volleys over the grave of their comrade. It was an impressive scene in the darkness, the light, of the flantern dimly burning" shining upon the shadowy forms of the cypress trees, the bright uniforms and arms of the soldiers, and the faces of the Lebinon refugees, who crowded around. and then the sudden report of musketry as they fired their "farewell shot," and retired. The weather is now growing oppretsively warm. It is the first time that any of us have spent the summer on the plain, and we naturally feel the heat, though less than I expected. We are still in great uncame so accustomed to the spectacle from day to certainty with regard to the future of this land. day, that it produces but little impression. Nor A few weeks more of patient waiting may reveal will it do for us, in this intensely hot weather, to something of what is to occur, and where we are

We continue to hear reports of the fears and dangers of the Christians who still remain scatthey can resist any force that Europe can send against them—that they can collect the Arabs, the Koods, and the funatical Muslims to the number as the Druses have never yet dreamed of, and I of the great powers in Europe. We have often in times past dreaded the thought of having Syria in the hands of the French, but now things have reached such a pass that it will be a mercy to have We have men in the audience from almost every any foreign power take hold of the loose reins, part of our mission field; and, notwithstanding and curb these fanatical people, wild with unrethe circumstances which have brought them here, strained license and intoxicated with blood. Gewe can but thank the Lord that, being here, we have the privilege of preaching to them. Mr.

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hundred women and children remaining near Hasbeiya, the greater part are in great danger. The Druses are selling the women to the Moslems. The son of Khottar Bey, a famous Druse chief of Lebanon who was wounded during the war, has just. died, and the Druses are greatly excited by it. We have news from Mr. Lyons in Eufeh to-day. They are all well, and seem to be enjoying their quite retreat by the sea-side. We are planing the preparation of a hospital for the sick, who are greatly on the increase. The relief committee have voted an apropriation for this purpose, and there is a and this August heat is making sad havoc among them. We all continue well, owing perhaps very much to the comfortable quarters we occupy in

News from Damascus that Fund Pasha had exeone." He then ordered their beards to be shaved cuted the Moslem who poisoned the people in the castle, and the Moslems in turn had killed another Christian. Mr. Cyril Graham, the Oriental tra-Ultristian population, still remaining in the vi- veller, has gone from Damascus to Hasbeyia with civity of Hasheiya, are in great danger. Two of 20,000 plastres, from Fuad Pasha, to relieve and our Protestant native helpers are still in that re- probably bring away the few remaining Christians gion, not being able to escape. The French com-missariat officers, who arrived last week, are build-Damascus have been condemned to death, and ing ovens for the use of the French troops, who many others have fied to other cities in Syria. The Mohammedans in Damascus threaten to kill a Christian for every Moslem who shall be executed gelting very much frightened, and the Druzes in Lebanon are talking seriously of making a general by Fuad Pasha. Matters look more serious in stambede to the region called Hevran, east of the that direction. It is doubted even by many whe-Jordan, killing all the Christians as they go. This afternoon, instead of giving bread to the hungry, nish Moslems. Itseems as though it were ordered we gave money, allowing each person, great and in Providence that affairs in Damascus should consmall, two cents. More than two thousand re- tipuc unsettled until the foreign troops are actualceived money. We are saving the sea biscuit ly here, in order that their action may be the more decisive when it is taken. It is clear that the An Austrian frigate arrived to day. There have been rumors affoat to-day that the French troops not be allayed until a stronger arm than that of are not coming. We regard the story as only a the Ottoman government takes matters in hand. ruse, published by the French themselves in order Perhaps, some will sty, will not a French occuto keep the people here quiet until their army is pation be a French passession of the country, and actually here. We hear from Damascus that this simply the introduction of French laws, cusactually here. We hear from Damascus that this simply the introduction of French laws, customs, and morals and religion, all of which will shut, and no one can go in or out without permission. Some of the plunder has been recovered from the Moslem houses. Mr. Crawford, the American missionary of the Associate Reformed Church, who has been all this time in great peril after food that all the libertales which French officials at Gebrud, N. E. of Damascus, has arrived in fied that all the obstacles which French officials Damascus with an Algerine guard, and is to be and the priests might throw in the way of the pro-in Beirut this week. A Moslem, in Damascus gress of the Gospel in Syria, are not to be spoken attempted to poison a number of Christians in of in comparison with those arising from the state the eastle, in order to get rid of the widow of one of anarchy into which the country has fallen. If of his Christian creditors was was killed in the the whole matter were left to my own decision, I massacre. He sent her poisoned sweetmeats, and would say, welcome to the French army. Welshe ate and died, as did seven others. The wretch come to any European force which will put an end has been arrested and will be punished. We distributed money to the usual number to-day. worse than the present state of things. Better to A Russian frigate arrived to-day. It is said that the French troops were to leave Toulon on the 22d inst., in which case they may be here by nish monks were killed in Damascus. We have should not come, and the imbecile Turks be left no intimation of the coming of any American to manage this province, we could not remain here

and speak to their unconverted friends or neigh- and took tea with us. He says that the admiral | whole empire is yet to be given to Christ. When for us to use as a soup boiler for the sick and fee- on, and while we live, will we toil to preach the ble among these suffering people. The English people seem much interested in providing for the "glory of Lebanon" shall be given to the Lord. HENRY HARRIS JESSUP.

> Russian Toleration.—The Emperor of Russia has granted to the governor of the Caucasus the power of authorizing the local ministers of Christian sects olerated in Russia to admit Mohammedans and ido aters as converts into their congregations. heads of these congregations must make a formal denext door, has a severe attack of ophthalmia, and claration that the new converts have not belonged to the Orthodox Church of Russia.

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