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THE BLESSING AFTER SERVICE. I was within a house of prayer, And many a wounded heart was there; And many an aching head was bowed, Humbly amidst the kneeling crowd; Nor marvel—where earth's children press, There must be thought of bitterness.

Oh! in the change of human life— The anxious wish, the toil, the strife— How much we know of grief and pain, Ere one short week comes round again! Bend every knee, lift every heart; We need God's blessing ere we part.

Then sweetly through the hallowed bound, Woke the calm voice of solemn sound; And gladly many a listening ear Watched, that pure tone of love to hear; And on each humbled heart, and true, God's holy blessing fall like down. God's holy blessing fell like dew.

Like dew on summer's thirsty flowers; On the mown grass, like softest showers; On the parched earth like blessed rain. That calls the spring bloom back again. Oh! to how many a varied sigh, Did that sweet benison reply!

The peace that God bestows,
Through him who died and rose;
The peace the Father givelh through the Son,
Be known in every mind;
The broken heart to bind;
And bless ye, travellers, as ye journey on!

"Ye who have known to weep

"Young man, whose cheek is bright
With nature's warmest light;
Whilst youth and health thy veins with pure bloc awell,

Let the remembrance be
Of thy God blest to thee,
Peace passing understanding guard thee well.

Parents, whose thoughts afar, Turn where your children are, In their still graves, or beneath foreign skies; This hour God's blessing come, Chesr the deserted home,

And peace with dovelike wings around you rise. If Ere this week's strife begin-The war without, within;
The Triune God, with spirit and with power,
Now on each bended head His wondrous blessing shed,
And keep you all, through every troubled hour."

And then within the holy place Was slience for a moment's space; Such rilence that you seemed to hear The holy dove's wings hovering near;
And the still blessing, far and wide,
Fell like the dew at evening-thie.
And ere we left the house of prayer,
We knew that reace descended there; And through the week of strife and din. We bore its wondrous seal within.

Scenes in our Parish.

It was a dark and rainy night when, alone with my little children, I heard a movement at my kitchen door, and, as I opened it, was startled by the sight of two dark faces. As they entered, I discovered one to be a servant woman of my brother's, who said:

"This is Aunt Jenny, Mrs. P. I understood you wanted to hire a girl, and I did not know but you would like to take her and try her."

I hesitated a little, as there was nothing prepossessing in her appearance. She was large, awkward, had an anxious look, and was somewhat lame. I told her, however, that she could stay with me a few days, when I would let her

The children were shy of her at first, but soon became acquainted, and little Georgy, who gazed by her caresses, and they became mutual favor-

When the bell rang for family worship, Jenny was called in and a seat assigned her. The stranger was remembered at the mercy-seat, and she went about her work with a lightened heart. She had a little boy, whom she brought with her, and left at a neighboring farmer's house.

which seemed to comfort her much. After the labor of the morning was over, I made some inquiries concerning her past life. Her own account was, that she was born a slave, in Maryland, and was given away by her mistress to a visitor when she was two years old. She had never known any thing about her parentage. She lived with that master until she was a large girl, when he failed, and she was sold with the cattle at auction. After that, she went to live with a family in Pennsylvania, which removed to "York State," and she remained with them until she came to live with

The man with whom she had lived was a tavern keeper. His wife was in feeble health, and ing, and it is marvellous in our eyes." they depended upon Jenny as cook. He came once to see her, and tried to persuade her to in the State of New York, one year ago, and return home with him. But she refused de- gave himself to the more arduous and less recidedly, saying that she "never could live as she had lived with him," When he found his ef- couraged and richly compensated for the trials forts unavailing, he said, as he left:

"You will find her a hard case. She is fond of a dram. We used to have some high times; she broke one broom-stick over me, and I broke two over her! But she can do well if she tries."

Jenny went on at her daily labors for a week or two, when I said to her one day: "Well, Jenny, if you choose to stay with me, we will fix upon your wages, and I will engage you for were spent in a town containing several hundred a year." She seemed much gratified with stay- inhabitants, in a thickly settled neighborhood not ing, and the idea of wages took her by surprise. | many miles from the city of Philadelphia. There It was a thing she had not been accustomed to. was a large society of Friends, and this was the She always had "what people were a mind to only one within a number of miles, except a very give her," but was evidently pleased with the small Presbyterian church. Sometimes there would plan of having something of her own.

such as feel that they are sinners, and only such, ple generally attended; perhaps novelty brought

she was more thoughtful and less confident. Personal conversation and Bible stories The elder conducted the devotional exercises. seemed the most hopeful way of doing her good, and called upon a gentleman to read a sermon he and she was evidently attentive during family had selected, and closed with prayer and singing.

her most. This duty devolved principally upon the children and as little Georgy grew older, and began to outstrip her in attainments, nothing would interest her more than to hear him, while sitting close by her side, tell his martial stories about Gideon, and Samson, David and others. Nor was the instruction she received without effect. Jenny's mind became more enlightened, and her heart more tender. She was more desirous to attend religious services, and showed quite an inquiring mind, and at times was very thoughtful.

About this time I visited Ithaca, where the Lord was bouring out his blessing copiously upon the churches. Many cases of conviction and conversion were very striking. The church was praying/and sinners repenting, and the few that neglected the great salvation were constrained to acknowledge that this was the work

After my return, as I was engaged one day with Jenny in the kitchen, and was telling her about the wonderful work that was going on in Ithaca, she listened with absorbed attention, and then said: "Mrs. P., why don't the people here do as they do at Ithaca, and be good?" I said to her: "Jenny, why don't you do so, and be good? Your soul is worth as much as anybody's, and your happiness is of vast importance to you. You know you are a sinner, and if you will break off your sins, and come humbly to the Saviour confessing them, you will find him ready to receive you. You may be sure of this, for he has said, 'Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.""

She drew her sun-bonnet over her eyes and said, with great seriousness and agitation: "Indeed, I feel a great sinner."

[To be continued.]

For the American Presbyterian. REVIVAL IN MISSOURI.

MESSRS. EDITORS:-Here, in the heart of Missouri, just on the eve of the great national election, while the political sky is black with evil portents, and the masses are heaving with civil commotion, we are witnessing a scene of peaceful, religious enjoyment and Christian activity seldom experienced even in more favorable seasons. During the last two weeks of October, a most interesting revival of religion has been in progress in Marion County, Missourisin the New Providence congregation, of which the Rev. J. L. Jones, formerly of Riga, New York, is the acting pastor. Encouraged by many favorable indications, the pastor appointed a protracted meeting, to commence on the 18th ult., and invited the co-operation of several of the neighboring members of the Presbytery of Northern Missouri. In the mean time, an unusual spirit of prayer pervaded the at heart looked forward to the time of the meeting with unwonted interest, and with an apparent assurance that God had great things in

store for them. The result has been a most affecting and sweet revival of religion. The hearts of all the members seemed to flow together in Christian love, and rise in concert to a lofty confidence in God. Many who had grown old and remiss in the service of the Redeemer now returned. and with many tears bewailed their departure. Young men, nurtured in the bosom of the church, but subsequently drawn away in the mazes of infidelity and ungodliness, now began to ask the prayers of the people of God, inquiring, with great earnestness, what they should do to be saved. Children of the covenant gave their hearts to God, and pious parents wept for She afterwards found a place for him still nearer, joy. A solemn stillness prevailed in all the meetings, interrupted only by the half-suppressed weeping of those who were troubled in spirit on account of their sins, or deeply moved

for the salvation of others. The writer was privileged to be present at most of the meetings, and he can truly testify that it was good to be there. Never, in a long experience, has he witnessed a more manifest and pleasing exhibition of divine goodness. Human instrumentality was used. The gospel was preached with great plainness and simplicity for the space of about ten days. But throughout the whole work, the finger of God was distinctly visible, and all that were present were ready to exclaim, "This is the Lord's do-

The pastor, who left a more agreeable field munerative work in Missouri, feels greatly enand privations consequent upon his removal from a pleasant field of labor in the East, to the rougher scenes of Western life. O. P. Q. Marion Co., Mo., October 31, 1860.

SOME RESULTS OF AN ELDER'S LABORS. MR. EDITOR :- The last years of my minority be preaching in it for several Sabbaths in succession. I soon found that additional care and re- I think none were added to it for many years. sponsibility was devolving upon me. Jenny It was, as all churches in its state will be, getting was very ignorant, and her heart not right with weaker constantly. No attempt had been made God. I found her much addicted to falsehood. to have worship without a minister. When it She would often prevaricate when truth would was generally known there would be preaching, have answered her purpose better. The first from sixty to ninety would attend, five or six being thing was to commence a course of instruction members of the church. After being in this with her. She was now supposed to be past state for many years, the elder, who was a good forty-five, and although quite anxious to learn man, though quite infirm, determined to see if to read, she never attained to more than read- the people would attend, if the little place of ing simple passages in the Bible. She knew worship was opened on the Sabbath, the service but little of her own heart, and when conversed to be conducted by himself, except the reading of but little of her own heart, and when conversed to be conducted by himself, except the reading of in England, and it seems to be our fate that what with seemed satisfied with herself, saying she with seemed satisfied with herself, saying she with seemed satisfied with herself, saying she with those already established for the extension of appendix and not an index of our sentiments. did not mean to do any body any harm. But him, as he was too feeble to do it himself. The when taught that the Saviour came to die for notice was given and the house openea, the peo-

them; no matter, they came.

were built and supplied with pastors.

tion, and all things would have been as favorable. Let no elder who may read this say, "This must have been in a very plain, homely town and neighborhood; my neighbors would not come to such a meeting." I think it was as difficult as many; we

(for there was but one then,) was to preach one Sabbath for us; from some cause he did not come, but sent a young man who was preparing for the ministry, in his licensed, being permitted to conduct a religious service tunities to evince them, until they were called to be tural power. regular preachers. Even at this day do we not more the want of knowledge, but of skill to bring it forth?

LETTER FROM REV. C. H. SPURGEON. God save Garibaldi! A thousand benedictions greatness enough in that one man to ennoble the tables are trifles. Yet this was seen in open dayall, in the age of diluted virtue and departing ist logic is to be followed we may prove that this manhood. Never Roman toga hung about a hero | boat was raised in the arriby spiritual agency, more glorious than he who wears the red frock. because "no physical means could have raised it tu him; the persety of Cingingulus is combined no one torolled the boat, to one could have touchwith the integrity of Fabricius, the truthtuiness of Regulus with the self-forgetfulness of Curtius, the valor of Scipio with the pain-defying heroism those who are acquired with balloons, this pheof Scavola. If all the marvels of patriotism were nomenon is no marvel; to those who understand a gentleness gleaming from it which must mean posing the spectators all ignorant of these things, the sword of Garibaldi, and give to the warrior all that was to be seen.

what will come to pass, although every man has such a mistake. his own pet scheme of what should be done. What will Garibaldi do with Cavour, Victor Emmanuel and Napoleon? How will he conduct himself in the midst of their diplomatic stratagems? I believe that if he be, what I think he is, he will go right on, careless of all cautious, and prudent cowardice, and cut the knot with his of Cincinnati, the following outline of remarks in sword which crafty politicians cannot until with their dexterous fingers. There is an old English picture of Turpin's ride to York. The toll-gate keeper has shut his spiked gate across the road, of the Second Preshyterian Church of Cincinand an old man has turned his donkey cart right | nati:into the way, but the highwayman is not to be stopped in his career, and at a flying leap clears every impediment, and leaves his enemies to wonder at his daring. The Pope may supply the asinine part of the picture, and the constituted authorities of France and Sardinia may keep the gates between them, but they may yet find the

glorious fury of Garibaldi too high and strong a thing to be checked by their policy and state I see that Gavazzi is preaching constantly in Naples, and I should imagine that there is power in his ministry, for some of our newspapers call him a mad, unfrocked priest. Greater commennewspapers, no man need desire. With Roman Catholic reporters, and infidel editors, the statements of several of our daily papers upon any matter which has to do with religion, need always to be reversed before you arrive at the real truth. The Times, with all its political twistings with the times, has nevertheless of late years usually dealt with fairness upon religious questions, and if beg that neither you nor your readers will regard dency towards the modern negative theology, has theologians; the men who sway our literature

There is an evil leaven in the literature of both

edifice was built, and for many years it has been may nurture this doctrinal pestilence, and we may gives it visibility—then it is ready to be wielded one of the strong churches of the neighborhood. In a few years Episcopal and Methodist churches pant among us. Let the ranks of hattle close, vere built and supplied with pastors.

I knew this place from my infancy, and believe

I the older had started him and believe any man who shall thrust his arm into this if the elder had started his meeting years before hornet's nest, but it must be done, and happy he did, he would have had quite as kind a recepshall he be who shall be called to do it. Brethren, abide in the faith, and pray that we may do the same. Boston Watchman and Reflector.

TABLE-TURNING.

The facts seen in table-turning are credible out for the want of one faithful elder: yes, in consequence of them not attempting to discharge duties they promised before the church and in the special presence of God they would try to do. Dear brethren, you have placed yourselves in very responsible circumstances, the vows of God are upon you, and few, if any of you, can avoid being which it is moved, this is no ground for denying stood by popular rights, when other men have credible, and would be intelligible to a child, if lar-they have been everything except flatterers place. The elder thought this quite out of the way, other facts which are now concealed were once in courts and encouragers of despotism. and doubted the propriety of a man who had not been made visible. Nothing is more inexplicable than But it is not so well known, at least by the licensed, being permitted to conduct a religious service a good conjuring trick; nothing is more intelligi-upon the Sabbath, especially to offer remarks upon a ble when the trick is explained. There is some in milder times, and in the quiet society of their portion of scripture, as the student told him he thought one detail which we do not observe, either be- families and their flocks. Thoroughly educated fearful it would lead to disorder in the church, and respectable witnesses as guirantees of the truth of quiet, do some good, and by the mercy of God, thought it had better not be. If I am not greatly mis- Spiritualism—or if we are to trust the evidences reach heaven at last. The detestable habit of

Not long ago the following marvellous phenothe ground, nobody hoisting it, nobody touching it; upwards it rose, above the house tops, and century which begat him. We do not live, after light by hundreds of speciators. If the spiritual-

forgotten, they might be re-written from the life why the lighter gas, contained within the silken of this one Italian. His portrait differs from that sails, must be pushed upwards by the heavier air, of any other living mortal, and seems to be the and in pushing upwards must drag, the boat after exact ideal of a patriot warrior's face, yet is there it, the phenomenon is intelligible. But supmore than swords and guns can ever help him to they would of course omit all mention of them in reveal. O that the God who raised up Cyrus and their narrative, and thereby the narrative would surnamed him, though he knew it not, may also assume a marvellous air. They would narrate give the enemies of freedom as driven stubble to truly all that they saw; but they would not truly

himself a name and a place among the soldiers of We may thus understand how an honest witness News of a great victory has just arrived. The his observation in a spiritual science, and may battle was well fought, that is to say, the troops omit other facts, which, had he observed them. of Francis II. did more than Neapolitans were would explain the whole mystery. When we ever expected to perform, and Garibaldi, with hear marvels narrated which contradict universal their number of men, beat them most experience, and physical laws, we may be certain thoroughly. It is hoped that this will well-nigh that the narrator omits something which would and bring the patriot chief face to face with the supposing that because he could see no more than their country, and honest men in every depart remaining despot. Many grave questions now he relates, there was no more to be seen. Every await their answer, and no politician can guess science at a juggler's should warn him against

Blackwood's Magazine.

GOOD THOUGHTS.

We find in one of our Presbyterian exchanges the Noon-day Prayer meeting, by Dr. Thompson formerly of Buffalo and Philadelphia, now pastor

Rev. Dr. Thompson, who has just returned from a trip to Europe, rose, during the meeting, and made some very interesting remarks on the subbrethren, that when I last met with you, some three months ago, we entered into a sort of covenant that you would remember me in your prayers during my absence, and that I would remember you. I have no doubt the covenant has been fulfilled on your part, and I have in some feeble way fulfilled it on my part. And Fam right glad to meet with you again my gratitude for this them. privilege is unutterable. Lhave no doubt that it was in answer to your prayers and mine, that the providence of God has spared me and brought me back again-for that providence has scarcely ever been so remarkable towards me as during this Ashley, Lord Calthorpe, the Rev. Mr. La Trobe absence. I do not mean that I have been snatched from any particular peril-trom shipwreck, from an earthquake, or from any violent disease. There has been nothing of that sort. But on the contrary, during all my absence, I have not been not always right, it is not intentionally or spite- for a single moment in any peril known to me. fully wrong. While upon this subject, I must I crossed the ocean both ways, I have been among the mountains of Switzerland, I stood in places any newspaper as the organ of the English Bapwhere others have fallen—I ascended perilous employ are the encouragement of the production tists. We have no organ, we have no paper which represents the Calvinistic Baptist Churches of had fallen four hundred feet into the chasin be-England: The Freeman, with its perverse tenneath—and yet at no time was I in any personal deceived the hopes of very many of us, and we look upon it rather with loathing than with love.

danger shart a now of the now of the normal and the normal Baptists are not and cannot be negative been permitted to fall into danger, and then been of free Africans, willing to emigrate from Canada rescued from it. And now that I am here, breth- and "other parts," meaning the United States may be never so unsafe, but they are exceptions ren, he added, I feel like going to work heartily. to Africa, and even to the British West Indies. to the rule. We are not a literary denomination I feel hungry to preach. There is power in the The society proposes also to aid in the formation clusively to God personally—it ought to extend to everything that belongs to God. God's word like into the unknown interior thy table with my countless luxuries. The earth course. the Baptist and Independent denominations which is just as true as God is, and we ought to have of Africa, and to the still more hidden recesses of if not purged out will speedily leaven the whole confidence in it. It is the sword of the Spirit Madagascar. lump. The Sociaian notion of the Universal ratherhood of God as opposed to his rectoral and instrument and a power which every one can use. It has been left too much in the hands of impracticable, because it can be put in action at impracticable, because it can be put in action at impracticable, because it can be put in action at impracticable.

service. But it was not long before steps were commenced two or three years ago, and caused God is the sword of the Spirit, which must be life. And, although it may be difficult to make accuse me. By my sins I have deprived myself taken to have a pastor. The Lord sent them a much noise; it has been for a while suspended in drawn from the scabbard—that's exposition; and African savights comprehend what is their true of their holy ministries in this life, and the hope man, and the church soon became full, a large with greater vigor, for otherwise the stagnant air cation." Exposition draws out the truth and

> THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTRY OF THE OLDEN TIME.

the lives of beneficed clergymen. The affectionate veneration of Goldsmith, touching his sweet and golden genius, has made the country vicar classic, wherever our language is known. The whole structure of English society, is, happily, so penetrated by the Established Church, that every book of country life contains its rector or its cuhad six lawyers and two or three doctors, and a number of educated ladies and gentlemen. The elder was a man of plain, good sense, esteemed for his kindly deportment and consistent piety. These alone, which make spirit rapping and table while Professor Wilson has written far more truly turning mysterious. What an honest man tells of them, yet, usually, they stand out upon the gave him an influence, which in his latter days, he used beneficially for the church and the glory of God. How many of our churches have died the saw, it is saw, if it comes begins when he eases to narrate what he actually which they are remarkable, were needed. The

responsible circumstances, the vows of God are the room, when we cannot detect the agency by to encourage revolution, because they have always instrumental in the salvation or destruction of the fact. But spiritualists make an enormous gained the reputation of Christian mildness, by some of your people. Not only ministers of the mistake; they suppose that because they can de shrinking from them. They, too, have been church, but the elders have a solemn account to tect no person present moving the table, or pro- called, in the world's history, to maintain those render of their stewardship, for they alike were made overseers by the Holy Ghost.

Three-score.

Note—"During the time the elder was conducting the services, a minister of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, ducing the raps, it is thereby proved that no per- sterner forms of Christian doctrine, which the spectability of the witnesses they call to testify to cities; the leaders of the persecuted hill-folk; the facts! They do not understand that the facts the guides of colonies of outlawed men; the which they have witnessed are very simple, very apostles of liberty when liberty was most unpopu-

of doing. The young man conducted the services in the cause the conjurer has a cossfully diverted our afternoon. The elder spoke to me about them; he said attention, or because he had been quick enough to instruction was given, then graduated at college he was pleased with the services, the manner and matter baffle us; and this one detail makes the whole and at the theological seminary, they accept a call were good, but doubted the propriety of the thing, was mysterious. If we are to accept the narratives of in some obscure place, where they expect to be taken, it was the opposite that was for many years an of our own senses as irresistible proofs of the truth dismissing a minister every few years, has scarcely error in our church—we acted wisely in trying to fill of any inferences we may make respecting them, our young men's heads with truth, and their hearts with Christian zeal, but neglected to give them oppor- din and Bosco will be high priests, with supernafrequently see our young men fail in the pulpit, not for mena were witnessed by hundreds of respectable loved they had laid in the grave. With each sucpeople. In the centre of a public garden there cessive year they took deeper hold upon the hearts was a large boat with globular silken sails. Into of their people; their children grew up, known this boat four persons were invited. At a given and loved by the whole neighborhood. Here they signal this boat, with the four sitters, rose from studied quietly and undisturbed the Word of God. old tomes of sound divinity and standard literature; the works they read had the advantage of upon his noble head! One such man redeems finally sailed through the air towards the coast of the age from the shame of littleness! There is France. Beside this, the narratives of rocking rations of it, had sifted out the chaff for them, and they gave their time and thoughts only to books that had been stamped as standard, by mankind. Some of them taught small classical schools: a dozen or more boys or young men, preparing for college, received a thorough training in Greek and Latin, especially in Homer and Horace. They gradually wrought into the minds and hearts of their people, the very truth of God's Book." The world roared through great cities, and poured its waves along great highways; it disturbed them but little; they abode under the shadow of the Almighty. High thoughts, indeed, were theirs, but they were mainly thoughts of God's purposes, conceived in eternity, and in process of execution here, and their profoundest delight was in seeing the seeds of divine truth blossoming from the hearts of the young immortals committed to their charge. To them, the meeting of the Presbytery and the Synod, were events, and some three or four times in their lives, they were interested, but rather quiet members, of the General Assombly in Philadelphia. Stern only in defence of the principles of their faith, and in their judgments of themselves, there bloomed all along their lives the gentleness of Christ, and around no men gathered a body of people more reliable for every thing which sustains and elevates a State. From end the contest with the Bomb-loving Bourbon, remove the contradiction. His mistake lies in such flocks came ferth, at need, patriots to defend never a trade or a mere sentiment; it was sacred as the ark of the covenant, and deep as the sun-

less caverns of the immortal spirit. We sav not that a different race might not have been trained to excellence by different methods, but if Presby terianism is a synonym for great and good results, it is owing to the patient labor, the undying energy, and the faithful piety of these men. Pres. Quarterly Review.

NEW MOVEMENT AGAINST THE SLAVE

The notable increase of the African slave trade in recent years, has attracted as much attention in Great Britain as in this country. Made the subject of discussion in the leading journals and the ject of God's providence and his word, which are Parliament, it has stimulated the philauthropic worth recording. He said, -I would remind you, people of England to a new effort for the moral and material welfare of the African race. The characteristic trait of the new plan is its direct application of the forces which it proposes to employ, to the material interests of life. It commences its reform with reference, not to a future but to the present existence, and aims to make

Aid Society. The Chairman of its Executive Committee is Lord Alfred Churchill; and among the members of its council are the Hone William whose name is so well known in connection with the Moravian Missions. Danby Seymour, M. P., and Dr. Norton Shaw, Secretary of the Royal Geographical Society. The object of the society is the developement of the material resources of Africa, Madagascar and the adjacent islands, and the promotion of the Christian civilization of the African races. The means which it proposes to into those parts of the earth which are inhabited by the African race. This involves, of course the supply of mechanical and agricultural imple ments, and the assistance, by loans and otherwise,

judicial character is upheld and maintained in settle ministry. It is the privilege of every brother almost any time, and in one place or another, or veral of the Independent pulpits, and the Free- and every sister here to use it. On a former in several, according to circumstances. It has

interest, still it is not absolutely impossible, and of their fellowship in the future. The voice of the difficulty will diminish every year. The God, which is the divine law, accuses me. The efforts of missionaries bave not been very effectual law must be fulfilled, or I perish; but to fulfil the in Africa, owing to the extreme moral and intellectual degradation of the people upon whom they have been called to expend their labors. We are powerful executor of his eternal law, accuses me. not without hope that the new agency (although I cannot deceive him, for he is omniscience itself. we see in its plan an eye to British as well as to I cannot escape him, for his omnipotence every African interest) may prove a useful pioneer to where reigns. We have descriptions in English literature, of those whose office is the simple diffusion of Christianity, and even an efficient co-laborer with them.

WRITING FOR THE NEWSPAPERS.

Some very true and common sense remarks on this subject are found in a recent number of the Presbyterian Herald, which will prove interesting to our readers, and we trust profitable both to such as are, and such as ought to be correspondents of this Journal:

This brings us to the second cause of the lack of interest in our papers, which is the fact that upward progress. So it is in the missionary our strongest men, as a general thing neglect to work. Little by little does the church rise up our strongest men, as a general thing neglect to write for them, and under-rate that mode of moving the public mind. "Newspaper scribbling," as it is very often contemptuously termed, is a thing that is entirely beneath their notice. To write a book, or an article for a Quarterly Review, in which they can display their learning and logic, calls forth their uttermost powers, and stimulates their highest ambition; but to pen an article a column or a column and a half long, for a newspaper, which would be read by fifty people where the Review or the book would be read by one, is entirely beneath their dignity. They forget that newspapers furnish the staple of the reading of the masses of the people of this country. Fifty people read newspapers where five read books. You cannot take up a Methodist newspaper which does not contain articles from their Bishops and the Presidents of their Colleges and Seminaries of learning and their most popular preachers; but it is not so in Presbyterian newspapers. Our Presidents and Professors of Colleges and Seminaries, and popular preachers, ignore, to a great extent, this mode of usefulness. The Presbyterian editor must either fill his columns with extracts from books and his exchanges, or with the productions of such writers as he can enlist in the service; and when one of the great men of the Church does write for him, instead of popularizing his thoughts, and adapting them to the masses, in nine cases out of ten he spins them out so long that nobody reads them, and the poor editor is berated roundly for making such a dull and lifeless paper, in consequence of inserting them. Take our own paper as an illustration. It is taken by more than three hundred ministers of the Gospel-many of them the ablest men in the Church and yet of this number, not over fifty, or one in Board than to rule in the royal palace of Conto do so again and again. These three hundred ministers do not preach to an average of more than from one hundred and fifty to two hundred people, from week to week, whilst through our columns they might reach from twelve to fifteen thousand every week. And yet they entirely neglect the one mode of doing good and spend all their strength upon the other. We beseech our brethren, who have hitherto neglected this mode

what may be his resources. It is the joint product of many minds, looking at subjects from a variety of stand-points and presenting the facts which are daily occurring around them in their several localities. The thoughts and facts is what is needed in a news-As a consequence of this under-estimate of the power of religious periodicals among the Presbyto extend their circulation among the people, compared with those which are put forth by the ministry in other Churches. Every Methodist minister, for example, considers himself an agent for the extension of the newspapers of his Church. It is a part of his official business to see that his flock are supplied with the proper kind of reading, both books and periodicals. The consequence is. that their papers have a far wider circulation than ours can possibly have, although our people are far more a reading people, as a wass, than theirs are. A few of our ministers and elders make efforts to supply the people with books and periodicals, but the general rule is to leave the people to supply themselves. The consequence is, the papers have a limited circulation, and that fact re-

of doing good, to think of these things, and to

come to our aid in reaching this mass of minds to

which we speak every week. No one man can

make an interesting and useful paper, no matter

acts upon the papers themselves.

AND THEN. lived at one of the Italian Universities. One day a young man ran up to him with a face beaming with joy, and said that his greatest wish was now fulfilled, his parents having just given him permission to study the law. "So now I am come," he added, "to the law-school of this University on account of its great fame; and I mean to spare no pains to get through my studies as well and as quickly as possible." In this way he went on a stop, the good man, who had been listening to what do you mean to do then?"

"Then I shall take my Doctor's degree," said

"And then," continued the youth, "I shall have a number of difficult cases to manage; and I shall catch people's notice by my eloquence, my ceeds to the evil as day succeeds the night, but so zeal, my learning, my acuteness, and gain a great also the evil to the good. Gerizim and Ebal, "And then?" repeated the holy man.

"And then," replied the youth-" why, then there cannot be a question, I shall be promoted to some high office or other; besides I shall make money and grow rich."

"And then?" repeated the old man. "And then," added the young lawyer,-"then shall live comfortably and honorably in health and dignity, and shall be able to look forward to a happy old age." "Oh! was not all this to look at things un-

But the holy man had not done. Again he asked. "And then?" "And then," said the youth, with a faltering voice,-"and then,-and then,-then I shall

Here St. Filippo again lifted up his voice and solemnly said, "And then?" This last "and then?" was brought home by God's Spirit to the young man's heart. From that time he ceased to look at things seen. He began to feel the power of things unseen.

OUR ACCUSERS.

says, I have furnished thee bread and wine; but laboring at fourteen different stations. Throughyet thou hust abused all these blessings and per-verted them to a contempt of their Creator.

Therefore all one benefit of their Creator. Therefore all our benefits cry out against me. The fire says, Let him be burned in me. The water says, Let him be drowned in me. The air says, Let him be shaken by a tempest. The earth cries, Let him be shaken by a tempest. The earth cries, Let him be shaken by a tempest. The carth cries, Let him be shaken by a tempest. The carth cries, Let him be shaken by a tempest. The carth cries, Let him be shaken by a tempest. The carth cries, and American missionaries, and there assistants, and more than 6,000 native agents of all kinds, are engaged, having around them about 500,000 persons brought under the influence of the truth. The churches gathered are gerged, having around them about 500,000 persons brought under the influence of the truth. The churches gathered are gerged, having around them about 500,000 persons brought under the influence of the truth. and she was evidently attentive during family worship, for she often inquired what Mr. P. meant when she did not understand what was ald. But Bible stories, of all things, interested and sleeted, and closed with prayer and singing.

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Gerbard's Meditations

THE JUBILEE IN CONSTANTINOPLE The traveller, who for the first time crosses the Alleghenies by the way of the national

turnpike, is apt to feel much disappointment. The road rises so gradually that he can hardly realize that he is ascending the far-famed mountains. Only when the road winds around some bold headland where he can look down and out upon the low lands through which he had before passed, can he measure satisfactorily his to mountain heights. A single day's journey, a single lifetime's achievement seems so small that impatient spirits think sometimes we are going backward rather than forward, sliding downward rather than reaching upward toward the summit. Those who are accustomed to ridicule Exeter Hall philanthropy and Tabernacle oratory, forgetting the Saviour's parables in illustration of the nature of his kingdom's progress, are apt to say, What have your missions done? Now and then, however, we come to some

turn where our missionary path enables us to glance backward and measure our upward progress. Such an occasion is that of the Jubilee held by American missionaries, in Turkey, in commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. In Constantinople, in the chief seat of Mohammedanism, in the chapel of the King of Holland, a large assembly came to-gether to thank God for the wonderful works he has wrought through the instrumentality of the American Board. Individuals were there from fourteen different countries, representing almost every branch of Protestantism. All the accounts which we have seen speak of the meet-

ing as most interesting.

Dr. Goodell presided, a man who had witnessed the ordination of the first four missionaries of this now great world-wide organization. Dr. Schauffler, who was a boy twelve years of age when the Board was formed, told how he had been converted and sent to America to be sent back as a missionary to Austria, Russia. and Turkey. He said he "would rather be a door-keeper in connexion with the American

Dr. Dwight told how he had seen some of the first missionaries to the Sandwich Islands sent out on their long and doubtful journey, and how, when he first went to Turkey, he travelled nearly eighteen months in Asia without finding one man who gave good evidence of true piety, while now you may meet such in

every city, and almost every village. Dr. Riggs had an equally interesting narraive as one who had been present at the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Mills Missionary Society. that used to meet secretly under cover of the hav-stack at Williamstown. Massachusetts. He also mentioned the remarkable fact that the present King of the Sandwich Islands never saw an idol until he saw one in the museum, in aware that the father of this king was an idola.

Is there no progress revealed in such statements? Slowly yet really has the work advanced. If we have not ascended so rapidly as we could have desired, if our slowness has made propriety exclaim, "God hath done great things, whereof we are glad!" True, dark, terrific mountains of error and superstition tower above us and frown down upon us, but when we cast a look at the plain far below, and the intermediate ranges already surmounted, we feel the invigorating power of a new and stronger hope. 'Who art thou, Oh, great mountain? Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain, and he shall bring forth the head-stone thereof with

THE GREAT DELUSION OF INFIDELITY

shoutings, crying, GRACE, GRACE UNTO IT!"

I understand that as the most dangerous because most attractive form of modern infidelity, which pretending to exalt the beneficence of the Deity. degrades it into a reckless infinitude of mercy, and blind obliteration of the work of sin; and which does this chiefly by dwelling on the manifold appearances of God's kindness on the face of creation. Such kindness is, indeed, everywhere and always visible, but not alone.

Wrath and threatening are invariably mingled with the love; and in the utmost solitudes of nature the existence of hell seems to me as legibly declared by a thousand spiritual utterances as of ness on the unfolding of the flower and the falling talking for a long time. When at last he came to of the dew, and the sleep of the green fields in the sunshine: but the blasted trunk, the barren rock, him with great patience, said, "Well, and when the moaning of the bleak winds, the roar of the you have got through your course of studies, black, perilous whirlpools of the mountain streams, the solemn solitudes of moors and seas, the continual fading of all beauty into darkness and of all strength into dust, have these no language for us? "And then?" asked St. Filippo Neri again. We may seek to escape their teachings by reasonings touching the good which is wrought out of all evil; but it is vain sophistry. The good sucbirth and death, light and darkness, heaven and hell, divide the existence of man and his Futurity.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE?-Modern Missionary effort has given to 20,000,000 of people in Asia, Africa, and America, the inestimable benefit of a written language, and this, as it has been their gift, has also been consecrated and used by misionaries as the means of diffusing a knowledge of Christ and His revelation Twenty dialects of Africa have thus been enlisted in the cause of truth. In one of these, the language of three millions of men, a newspaper is published, printed by the natives themselves, and circulating among 3,000 readers. Thus, then, the word of God has been translated and a Christian literature commenced for five-sixths of the heathen inhabitants of the world. In this department of effort most of the difficulties have been overcome. May we not regard this as a promise of still greater success? In benighted Africa about one hundred churches have been organized in different parts of the coast and interior, and more than ten thousand converts have been gathered into them. In India 1,170 missionaries, native preachers, and cate-chists, are employed; 75,000 scholars are taught All the elements accuse me. The heaven says, chists, are employed; 75,000 scholars are taught in the mission schools, of whom 15,000 are Hinday to the heaven says, in the mission schools, of whom 15,000 are Hinday to the heaven says, in the mission schools, of whom 15,000 are Hinday to the heaven says, in the mission schools, of whom 15,000 are Hinday to the heaven says, in the mission schools, of whom 15,000 are Hinday to the heaven says, in the mission schools, of whom 15,000 are Hinday to the heaven says, in the mission schools, of whom 15,000 are Hinday to the heaven says, in the mission schools, of whom 15,000 are Hinday to the heaven says, in the mission schools, of whom 15,000 are Hinday to the heaven says, in the mission schools, of whom 15,000 are Hinday to the heaven says, in the mission schools, of whom 15,000 are Hinday to the heaven says, in the mission schools, of whom 15,000 are Hinday to the heaven says, in the mission schools, of whom 15,000 are Hinday to the heaven says, in the mission schools, of whom 15,000 are Hinday to the heaven says are taught to says, I have given every sort of winged creatures du girls; and 125,000 converts have been gained