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PRAY AND THEN FIGHT.

BY MRS. F. N. HORTON. school at G_____, on that sultry August day in 1778, when the teacher, Miss Experience Dowd, told her scholars of the seizure of her young brother David, by the crew of a strange boat on the Sound. He was a stout boy of fifteen; and often paddled his little skiff near the shore in search of clams or fish. On that day he had ventured an incautious distance from the land in response to signals supposed to come from a friendly sail boat, which the wind would not allow to come in. But instead of finding only (as he believed, a customer for his little cargo, he cuired, as the reader will understand, during place. When the work of pillage was about the dark days of American struggles for liberty and equal rights struggles in this men to allow them to regale themselves, ere our day, bravely renewed-liberty and the they started on their return. So the table right to be once more conquered, and for was quickly spread. Loaves of new breadages! Heaven bless the brave defenders of

the Stars and Stripes! No doubt was felt that these boy-stealers were from a British man-of-war then known to be cruising on Long Island Sound; the enemy having at that time possession of New York. When Miss Dowd, with tearful revel. eyes and trembling lips, related the affair to

her young charge, the girls of the school wept for sympathy, while the little boys (in the spirit of daring manhood,) clenched their of the scholars alone was tearless and voiceless, though pale with thought, and high resolve.

Ruthie Hart knew David well, and loved him dearly. Ruthie was a shy, quiet childmind, the girl was more deeply mature. mate. soned justly. The young David Dowd (a D. D. without the help of college.) until this

summer had always been her schoolmate; and better appreciated her than her mother or brothers. Mistress Hart had been a widow sion at Syraduse, N. Y., was invited to visit many years. She had five boys growing to the State Asylum for Idiots at that place. manhood, who assisted her in the work of the A correspondent of the Presbyterian gives farm, although she had, the care and management. She "did not think much of larn-

winter; and the busy, bustling mother who to notice even the sound of the pixno. was a notable housewife, left her child to her | To put squares, circles, triangles of wood into chosen studies and fancies. On the same August day, the British ship handed them ; or to put red, green, and yel-

she feels sure it is the feest Swiftly she descends the roof, grasps; the branches of the tree, and swings herself lightly to the ground. There, for a moment, she paused again to listen. The rowing has ceased ; but she hears a rough exclamation, quickly stifled—" hur-rah for the widow's pantry ;" and now It was an exciting time in the village Ruthie stops for nothing. Quick as a bird, chool at G______; on that sultry August and fearless even in the darkness; she bounds along to the woods, and flies through the little path to the Fort. Answering the challenge of the guard, by telling her name and errand, the garrison is quickly roused; and a company headed by Ruthie's brother, are on their way to the rescue. Meanwhile, the farm house had been hastily ransacked from garret to cellar, and its various stores pillaged. Mistress Hart and her boys were securely tied, and the lieutenant kept guard over them, while his men gathered and conveyed the plunder to their boats. The wi-"caught a Tartar," as the saying is, and was dow had sprang from her bed at the first alcaptured. The transaction was seen by a arm, without noticing. Ruthie's absence. neighbor who was raking for oysters, but be- And when she missed her, she believe her to fore the alarm could be given, the boy and his kidnappers were out of sight. This oc-for fear of her being dragged from her hiding completed, the officer was persuaded by his

golden rolls of butter-a pot of honey-fresh cream, and sweet baked apples offered a delicious repast. The sailors in the boat hastily tied their young prisoner, and with the sentinels at the doors merrily joined the

It was then the rescuers arrived. Cautiously surrounding the house, and securing the muskets which the invaders had carelessly stacked at the door, they easily captured the entire party. David Dowd was at libertydimpled fists, and threatened revenge. One the widow and her boys restored to freedom -and the prisoners, after seeing the Yankee soldiers eat the supper which they had bare-ly missed, were safely taken to the Fort.

Ruthie Hart was praised for her heroism; and was asked how a little girl like her could so small in stature, that she looked only like do so brave a deed. Her answer was simple a little fairy of six or seven summers, though yet suggestive. "I first prayed, and then she was actually twelve years old. But in ran for the soldiers."-Student and School

his own handwriting, and signed by Mr. Cof- | sons native to this soil than those bred in fin, was found in his house. Sec. Same It is worthy of note that the negroes now air, I have not been at all impressed with within our lines are there by the invitation their general indolence. As servants, oarsof no one, but they were on the soil when men, and carpenters, I have seen them workour army began its occupation, and could not ing faithfully and with a will. There are have been excluded, except by violent trans- some peculiar circumstances in their condiportation. A small proportion have come in | tion which no one who assuumes to site in from the main land, evading the pickets of judgment upon them must overlook. They the enemy and our own-something easily are now for the first time freed from the restraint of a master, and, like children whose done in an extensive country, with whose woods and tracks they are familiar. guardian or teacher is absent for the day, they may quite naturally enjoy, an interval of idleness... No system of labor for them, outside of the camps, has been begun, and

FORMER MODE OF LIFE-NO MEAT. Except on Sundays, these people do not

take their meals at a family table, but each they have had nothing to do except to bale one has his hominy, bread or potatoes, sitting on the floor or a bench, and at his own we all know that men partially employed are,

time. They say their masters never allowed them any regular time for meals. The allowance of clothing to the field full measure which belongs to them in regu hands in this district has been two suits per lar life, the virtue in the latter case being year, one for summer and another for winter. supported by habit. At the camps they are That of food has been mainly vegetable-a away from their accustomed places of labor, peck of corn a week to each hand, with meat and have not been so promptly paid as could be desired, and are exposed to the same cironly in June, when the work is hardest, and at Christmas. No meat was allowed in June cumstances which often dispose soldiers to on some plantations, while on a few, more make as little exertion as possible. Upon the best examination of these people, and a comparison of the evidence of trustiberal, it was dealt out occasionally-as once a fortnight, or once a month. On a few, molasses was given at intervals. Children, worthy persons, I believe that when proper-

varying with their ages, were allowed from two to six quarts of corn per week. The ly organized, and with proper motives set before them, they will as freemen be as indiet is more exclusively vegetable here than dustrious as any race of men are likely to be almost anywhere in the rebellious regions, in this climate. and in this respect should be changed. It

DO THEY WISH TO BE FREE? should be added that there are a large quantity of oysters available for food in certain To what extent these laborers desire to be

free, and to serve us still further in putting seasons Besides the above rations, the laborers down the rebellion, has been a subject of exwere allowed each to cultivate a small patch amination. The desire to be free has been of ground, about a quarter of an acre, for strongly expressed, particularly among the hemselves, when their work for their master more intelligent and adventurous. Every was done. On this corn and potatoes, chiefly day almost adds a fresh tale of escapes, both the former, were planted. The corn was solitary and in numbers, conducted with a partly eaten by themselves, thus supplying courage, a forecast and a skill worthy of n part the deficiency in rations; but it was heroes. But there are other apparent feao a great extent fed, to a pig or chickens, tures in their disposition which it would be uneach hand being allowed to keep a pig and chickens or ducks, but not geese or turkeys. With the proceeds of the pig and chickens, whether they wished to be free or slave; and generally sold to their masters, and at pretty though a preference for freedom was expressed low rates, extra clothing, coffee, sugar, and that necessary of life with these people, as would come from an Italian peasant. I met they think-tobacco-were bought. some more intelligent, who spoke with profound earnestness of their desire to be free,

THEIR RELIGIOUS AND MORAL CHARACTER.

and how they had longed to see this day. Of the adults, about one-half at least are Other facts connected with the military and nembers of churches, generally the Baptist, | naval operations were noted. At the recent although other denominations have commu- reconnoissance towards Pulaski, pilots of this icants among them. In the Baptist church class stood well-under fire, and were not on St. Helena Island, which I visited on the reluctant to the service. When a district of 22d of January, there were a few pews for Ladies island was left exposed, they volum the proportionally small number of white at- tarily took such guns as they could procure tendants, and the much larger space devoted and stood sentries. Also, at north Edisto, to benches for colored people. On one plan- where the colony is collected under the protation there is a negro chapel, well adapted | tection of our gunboats, they armed themfor the purpose, built by the proprietor, the late Mrs. Eustis, whose memory is cherished There is another consideration which must

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AN IDIOT'S ANSWER.

THE Synod of Albany, during its late sesthe following account of the visit :---"We found there about one hundred and

ing," as she often said. But Ruthie was too twenty children divided into four departments, small to be worth any thing at home; and according to ability and progress. Some of so was allowed to attend school, summer and those in the lower grade seemed scarcely holes of the same shape in a board which was

Macedonian lay at anchor in Long Island low balls into cups of the same color, was Sound, though not visible to the naked eye the utmost they were capable of. Even this from the Connecticut shore. A group of of- they went about uncertainly and dreamily, ficers were gathered on the deck, question- as if intoxicated or half asleep. By these exing David Dowd, whom their boat's crew had just decoyed and captured, as reported. higher departments, they were able to select These men were tired of their rations ; and pasteboards of one color and one shape, thus wanted the sport of a predatory descent upon | joining the two exercises. Some wrote their some unsuspecting farmer on the coast. With | names and the names of visitors, or short sentheir glasses, they had spied the lonely Point tences of their own composition; well. A few Who were its think tes: I had subject the tences of their own composition; well. A few chient he had told the sailors (who hailed arithmetic also. Rev. Mr. Duryea, of Ify, of Widow Hert, 1. of Widow Hart, and the absence of her eldest asked a china.

son on duty at Fort Meigs, two miles further down the coast. To prevent the lad from repoating their questions to those who might guess their import, they took him to the ship; and when evening came, forced him to accompany them on their errand of plunder. A lieutenant with a band of ten marines and | piano, and sang, four sailors, composed the party. It was a dark night; but so much the better for their purpose, as they wished to pass the fort without observation. Rowing swiftly but cauti-ously, they reached the landing about midnight. Leaving the four rowers to guard the

David, the officer and his men quickly surgood will. rounded the house, and forced an entrance.

Ruthie Hart shared that night, as usual, her mother's bed; but she could not sleep. Her eldest brother, a manly youth of eighteen, was on garrison, as stated at the Fort. The two next in age slept in the large unfintheir mother's. All, save the wakeful sister, | solemnly,

"Who would they capture next?" If they

wanted boys, here were her brothers : would they come and seize them? Not in the day time surely-for Davie's fate would put them on their guard. But they might come girl. But she could pray—even a little girl had that privilege. And reverently clasping her hands, she lifted her young heart to itself in such goodworks. God.

Prayer calmed her fears; but still she would not furnish pupils for such a school; could not sleep. The question would return, for this intermarriage, we were told, is the What should she do, if she should hear the source of a large proportion of the imbecility British coming there? Walke her mother? (and that the most hopeless imbecility) we No use in that-a woman couldn't hinder witnessed. them. Oall her brothers from the attic? What could they do? Joseph had taken their only gun to the Fort. The Fort! ah that was the place for help. True, it was two miles off, to follow the road which wound along the coast. But there was a short cut to it through the woods, which lay a little back of their house. She knew every rod of the way; and could run there in almost no! time. Yes she shouldn't try to undo the door, the bar was heavy and fitted tightly. She should run up stairs, jump out of that

sky-light window into the tree, slip quickly to the ground, and fly to the Fort. But per-haps the enemy would surround the house before she heard them, and thus cut off her before she heard them, and thus cut off her escape. Indeed they might be coming now ! escape. Indeed they might be coming now ! volved in the question of emancipation. We She'd a mind to get up and see. Quickly give some extended extracts. suiting the action to the thought, Ruthie

stepped across her sleeping nother; and tak-ing her shoes in her hand, slipped softly up the stairs. Passing noiselessly the bed of

"What is that?" Answer, "Jesus." "Who is Jesus ?" The answer was instantaneous, "Jesus is God ! " · '

When the same brother took his seat at the

"The dearest spot on earth to me is home, sweet they listened with evident pleasure; but when he changed the strain, and sang,

MACTA SHThere is a happy land, MACHERAN boats, as well as to prevent the escape of at once they joined in the soft with right

As' we stood there, we recollected this anecdote, told us twenty years ago by our beloved pastor, Rev. Dr.A Cuyler, of Philadelphia. I give only the spirit of it:::

"A scoffer, meeting an imbecile who was ished attio; while the twin brothers, younger devout, asked him in sport, 'John, how great than Ruthle, lay in the trundle bed beneath is your God?' and the imbecile answered,

were soundly slumbering. She, poor child, was thinking of "Davie," and his uncertain fate. vens cannot contain him.' vens cannot contain him.'

"'How little is your God?" Answer-""He is so small that He can dwell in my poor heart.""

Verily, "God hath chosen the foolish things of the word to confound the wise." in the night-and their house was far from Favored idiots, to have such a home and such any neighbor; she trembled at the thought. teaching! Happy idiots, if, whatever else But then rose a question, what could she do you fail to comprehend, you know Jesus to prevent it? Nothing surely, for she was Christ aright, and find the way to the happy - how often her mother, said it, as a reason land! Blessed Gospel! that stoops to lift up for not expecting any thing of her-only a even idiots into the likeness of Jesus and into

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REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT AGENT TO SE-ORETARY CHASE.

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THEIR NUMBERS THE FUGITIVE MASTERS On the 2d of February, our forces had control of two hundred plantations, embrac-

Ah, how dark it was without; she could be ascertained, are rebels, An, now dark it was without; she could be ascertained, are redels, with one or two see nothing. But she would creep to the ridge of the roof and listen. Hatk I surely she heard something on the sea. Possibly if was only the snoring of the sleepers in the ratio. She would close the window, and listen. A vote was passed, stating its exposed condition, and offering their slaves to the Governor ten again. She did so : and now is certain or of South Carolina, to aid in building earth to nor of South Carolina, to aid in building earth to nor of South Carolina, to aid in building earth to nor of south Carolina, to aid in building earth to nor of south Carolina, to aid in building earth to nor of south Carolina, to aid in building earth to nor of south Carolina, to aid in building earth to nor of south Carolina, to aid in building earth to nor of south Carolina, to aid in building earth to nor of south Carolina, to aid in building earth to nor of south Carolina, to aid in building earth to nor of south Carolina, to aid in building earth to nor of south Carolina, to aid in building earth to nor of south Carolina, to aid in building earth to nor the south of the plant of the plan 'Yes Massa, we must ked and unprovoked rebellion was not withthey must work. **Complete**, *ii ii ii ii ii ii ii* 25 00 30 00 LARGER SIZES IN PROPORTION. Copies from DAGUERREOTYPES, AMBROTYPES, PHOthiem a' good deal, and though they often do not work to much advantage, a dozen deing sometimes, what one or two stout and well an enjoyment of mency brings with it a sense of active brings of creating of creating to contry Residences, Landscapes, Cattle, Horses, etc.; etc.; from natures, and statle, Horses, etc.; etc.; from natures, and statle, the broken in the sense she was not mistaken. Those are the regu-lar strokes of rowers coming to the landing; upon them. A copy of the vote, probably in though less must always be expected of per-l war l God. EVERY PICTURE WARRANTED! dec19 3m

the negroes; and some of whose sons are not be omitted. Many of these people have now loyal citizens of Massachusetts. I have still but little confidence in us, anxiously lookheard among the negroes scarcely any pro- ing to see, what is to be our disposition of fane swearing not more than twice-a them Here, as everywhere else where our striking contrast with my experience among anny has met them; they have been assured by soldiers in the army.

ment to them, read the Scripture and gave who has not repeatedly made this assurance them good advice. At the Hilton Head to his slaves. No matter what his religious them good advice. At the Hilton Head meeting, a good-looking man, who had estap a good-looking man, who had estap to his slaves. No matter what his religious wors way down as a genciemati, he has hot shrunk from the rejectation of this false-hood. Often it must have been met with unbelief or great suspicion of its truth. After the meeting floaded he desired to know After the meeting closed, he desired to know interior, and perhaps to a remote region, and if Mr. Lincoln was coming down here to see them, and he wanted me to give Mr. Lincoln ing taken to Cuba and they felt more inhis compliments, with his name, assuring the President that he would do all he could for their chances with us. They have told me him. The message was a little amusing, but that they reasoned in this way. it testified to the earnestness of the simplehearted man. He had known Dr., Brisbane, CAN THEY BE RENDERED SELF-SUPPORTING who had been compelled some years since to _____ In the report thus far, such facts in the

leave the south because of his sympathy for condition of the territory now occupied by slaves.

In relation to the veracity of these people, as seemed to throw light on what could be so far as my relations with them have ex-tended, they have appeared, as a class, to them to become soler and self-supporting intend to tell the truth. Their manner, as citizens, and secure the successful culture of much as among white men, bore instinctive the cotton crop, now so necessary to be conevidence of this intention. Their answers to inquiries relative to the management of the will appear from them that these people are plantations have a general concurrence. They make no universal charges of cruelty against their masters. They will say in some cases that their own was a very kind local attachment and self-interest in securing one, but another one in the neighborhood was the means of subsistance; that they have the cruel." On St. Helens island they spoke knowledge and experience requisite to do all kindly of "the good William Fripp," as they called him, and of Dr. Clarence Fripp; but for planting until the cotton is baled, ready they all denounced the cruelty of Alvira to be exported; that they, or the great mass Eripp, recounting his inhuman treatment of of them, are disposed to labor with proper both men and women. Another concurrence inducements thereto, that they lean upon is worthy of note. On the plantations visit- white men and desire their protection, and ed, it appeared from the statements of the could, therefore, under a wise system, be laborers themselves, that there were on an easily brought under subordination; that they average about 133 pounds of cotton produced are susceptible to the higher considerations, to the acre, and five acres of cotton and corn as duty and the love of offspring, and are not cultivated to alband, the culture of potatoes in any way inherently vicious, their defects not heing noted. An article of the American Agriculturist, published in Turner's Cot-ton Manual, pp. 132, 133, relative to the culture of Sea Island cotton, on the planta-buted to human nature: that they they tion of John H. Townsend, states that the land is cultivated in the proportion 7-12 cot-ton, 3-12 corn and 2-12 potatoes—in all, less of religious leadership or superior intelligence. than six acres to a hand and the average

than six acres to a nano and the average yield of cotten per acre is 135 pounds. I did not take the statistics of the culture of potatoes, but about five acres are planted with them on the smaller plantations, and and character that the opportunity is now twenty or even thirty, on the larger, and offered us to make of them, partially in this the average amount of land to each hand, planted with potatoes, should be added to the five acres of cotton and corn, and thus results not idiffering substantially are reached an both cases. Thus the standard publications view of them and their possibilities, I will attest the veracity and accuracy of these labels that I have come to it after, anxious Again, there can be no more delicate and

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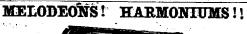
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