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Letter from Theo. H. Peters & Co.

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Philadelphia, January 19, 1860.

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The Jamily Circle.

He Giveth His beloved Sleep.

BY MRS. BROWNING. Of all the thoughts of God that are Borne inward unto souls afar, Along the Psalmist's music deep, Now tell me if that any is, For gift or grace surpassing this,— "He giveth His beloved sleep?"

What would we give to our beloved? The hero's heart, to be unmoved, The poet's star-tuned harp to sweep, The patriot's voice to teach and rouse, The monarch's crown to light the brows? He giveth His beloved sleep.

What do we give to our beloved? A little faith all undisproved, A litle dust to overweep, And bitter memories to make The whole earth blasted for our sake. He giveth His beloved sleep.

Sleep soft, beloved we sometimes say, But have no time to charm away Sad dreams, that through the eyelids creep. But never doleful dream again Shall break the happy slumber, when He giveth His beloved sleep.

For me, my heart that erst did go Most like a tired child at a show, That sees through tears a mummer's leap. Would now its wearied vision close, Would child-like on his love repose, Who giveth His beloved sleep.

And friends, dear friends, when it shall ! That this low breath is gone from me, And round my bier ye come to weep, Let One, most loving of you all, Say, "Not a tear must o'er her fall :" "He giveth His beloved sleep."

THE CHILDREN OF THE KINGDOM.

THE Atternoon sunlight, streaming brightly through the windows of the little old fashioned church, gilded the fair young heads in the choir and down a broad golden path slid John now?" a quivering crown upon the good old minister's silver hair. Daisy and Bob Saybrook sat in the square pew under the pulpit, tightly wedged in between Aunt Skinner and misphievous cough John, and listened with more
than their usual attention to the words of the
scrmon. The text was so very sweet,—
Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's

The sas much as I can do
not to hate him to-night."

Nevertheless, Daisy prayed so earnestly
that God would take all bitterness out of her
heart, that in the morning she was able to
look quite cheerful, and spoke so pleasantly
to John that he was greatly disappointed.

with his eyes shut, probably so that his attention might not be distracted by anything pair had gone to be mended, and it was alwithly. Aunt Skliner was taking a pinch was school-time. High and low pattered the snuff, and John was scrawling in the hymn took, drawing pictures of dogs worrying oats, a man hanging on a fillows. But Bob.

Skinner: "You're a very careless boy," cried Aunt Skinner: "John never did such a thing in was a comfort—gave her a bright look his life."
mpathy; and pressing each other's hands "F bel

had ded, and they had come to live with uncle and Aunt Skinner. No one in all the world an take the place of a practious mother; her brother with an aching heart. and stalthough Aunt Skinner tried to be very kind, they could not yet feel it all happy in their new home, and they had to straggle very had against a feeling of positive dislike towards heir cousin John. He was older "Stop a minute, Bob," said his good angel. "There are worse things than losing one's and stronger than Bob and was continually place at a local Parallel P and stronger than Bob, and was continually doing ever thing in his power to make his young cousins uncomfortable. Even now, as they sat in church, he would now and then vary his occupation of drawing by giving "To be sure!" said Bob, more cheeril Daisy a vident pinch, which would make "how could I forget it for a moment?" her start of her seat. Then Aunt Skinner so eagerly to the comforting words of the good old minister. He told them such wonderful things of the glorious King who made but he kept his place at the head, and felt all the shining worlds, of his great white very happy. At night John sullenly threw throne, and his angels, beautiful because they the missing boot into the room. "Where had stood so long in his light, the harpers, did you find it?" asked Aunt Skinner. harping with harps, and the cherubim veiling their faces because the glory was so "Oh John!" cried Bob and Daisy togreat. But this wonderful King so loved the gether. little world that he sent his Son to die upon the cross, that all his sinful, wandering earthand they with him should be heirs of the

had often talked before with their uses there, and when she died, she hoped that she left them both "followers of God as dear will I comfort you."

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"As one whom his mother comfort you." "Bob," said she, anxiously, "do you really think we are children of the kingdom?"

kingdom. "Behold, what manner of love!"

"Why, I hope so; but I'll tell you what I did in church, Daisy, I gave my heart to God over again, and I promised to study his DISTINCTION BETWEEN MORAL AND Book more, and find out all he wishes me to RELIGIOUS TRAINING: do, and then I'll do it with all my might." "Then I will, too," said Daisy, lifting her

do you think of—'Love your enemies?' upon supreme love of God. The one is urged Now there's John"— from considerations pertaining to this life

them, "don't put yourself out too much." all we said?"

nasal tone, "of listening to most of your edi- yond. fying conversation. It was a great treat for affecting to think that these dear lambs of the flock can love a poor goat with such very long horns," and he pretended to wipe his

but you will not let us."

"And why not, pray, Miss Sanctity?"

dren, and pitch into John Skinner just once,"
But he struggled against the feeling, though
his hands clenched involuntarily, all through his busy prayers for help. Daisy, too, would not trust herself to speak, and walked on silently, while John sang scraps of psalm tunes through his nose, all the way home. Arrived at the door, John turned to Daisy. "My dear Christian friend, I have such a

pleasant surprise for you." Daisy followed him apprehensively through the garden to the barn, when, opening the door, out walked her little pet kitten, Pearl, her pure, white fur dabbled with streaks of red and yellow paint, looking like a little clown kitten. "You see, said John, while Daisy uttered an exclamation of dismay, "I knew your taste in colors, because you admired the sunset so much last night. I'm so glad I have pleased you;" and he grinned maliciously.

"I declare," said John, "I believe she has been trying to lick it off. I hadn't the least idea that she had a taste for color, too;" and he laughed loudly. "You're a cruel boy, John," cried Bob,

The kitten mewed piteously, as if in great

coming up. "That poor kitten has swallowed too much paint, and will die before night." John only laughed louder, while Daisy tenderly took her kitten, and with Boh's help washed it with soap and warm water. The poor kitten seemed grateful, but lay languidly in Daisy's lap till night, when, as Bob predicted, it died.

Daisy could not be comforted, and Bob indignantly told Aunt Skinner the whole story. "Oh, John is always up to his tricks," said she, a little impatiently, "but I don't think that little bit of paint hurt the kitten at all. It always was sickly. Daisy played with it too much. But don't ery, child," she added, more kindly; "you shall have another some time." time."

"It will never be like Pearl," sobbed "Dear Sister Saybrook," drawled John, passing her little stool, "you must set your affections on things above."

"Daisy," whispered Bob, as they lighted their candles to go to bed, "could you love "Don't ask me," cried poor Daisy, in a choking voice. "It's as much as I can do not to hate him to-night."

Nevertheless, Daisy prayed so earnestly that God would take all bitterness out of her heart, that in the morning she was able to look quite cheerful, and spoke so pleasantly good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

"She didn't love herkitten so much, after The tears came in Daisy's eyes. She look all," said he to himself.

ed at Uncle Skinner, but he had settled down But now Bob was in trouble. One of his

"I believe John has done it now, then," sighed Daisy to herself.
"Then I must stay at home from school," listened with eager ears.

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"Then I must stay at home from school,"

If a few weeks since their dear mother cried Bob, bitterly; "and I was so anxious There was no help for it, and Daisy left

> place at school. Remember your Father sees everything, and if you do right, and conquer these wicked thoughts, John can't make you lose your place in the kingdom."

"To be sure!" said Bob, more cheerily; Just then a bright idea came into his head, would give her such a sharp look that the child's heart would be nearly broken. So it cast-off boot of Uncle Skinner's. It was a is no wonder that these little children listened world too large, but Bob drewit on, and clatso eagerly to the comforting words of the tered bravely away to school. There was a

couple of bats, and can't see an inch beyond children might come back to his love. And he, the great King, would be their Father, Jesus his glorious Son their elder brother, more. A day or two after John came to them? saying I'll tell you what, if you'll give up trying to be such saints, I'll give up plaguing

said the good minister, with tears in his eyes. "Through this dear Elder Brother, we can Bob and Daisy could not agree to that even come nearer God's heart than the angels."

Daisy looked at Bob with a glad surprise; and when service was over, they walked slowly home, talking it over together. They had often talked before with their dear mother than the died to the studied to the studi

dom!"—Helps over Hard Roads.

THE moral and religious maining of chil dren, though producing similar results, yet "But I'll tell you what, Daisy, we'll have spring from very diverse root principles. The a tough time trying to do some things. What one is founded upon the love of self, the other "Well, to be sure my arm is all black and alone, the other from motives drawn mainly blue; but then I feel now as if I forgave from the life to come. The one aims at the him; and, indeed, Bob," said she slowly,
"I'm not quite sure, but I think I could almost love him,"

The first the first could approbation of erring, imperfect fellow mortals, wins it, and travels on in security, admired and applauded, to the gates of the "Ah, indeed!" sneered a voice behind grave—but no further. The other "seeks nem, "don't put yourself out too much." the honor which cometh from God only,"
Daisy colored violently. "Have you heard secures it, and walks on, hand in hand with the Divine, through the barriers of death to "I've had the privilege," said John, in a surpassing joys, honors, and rewards be-

There are parents who are rearing their such a poor sinner, I assure you. It's so very families in the greatest care in all the proes.
'Now, John," said Daisy, deprecatingly; of deforming wickedness. Their families are "You know we did not mean to say anything but after all they are without a God! Such education takes no hold upon that other life, "And why not, pray, Miss Sanctity?" in comparison with which this is but a hand's "You need only look at her arm," cried breadth. All the sweet amenities of our so-"and you'll have one an- cial and domestic nature may cluster wichly swer. And I'll tell you what, John Skinner, about these prayerless households, and gild

God, the great Supreme, must be the glori- mance. Mr. Ruskin, to be sure, asserts, ous centre, around which every thought, sen- with his wonted dogmatism, that "the anger volve. His Holy Word, that revelation of directed by friendship, it the subject of the his will and complete transcript of himself, should be the sure and solid basis upon which first into idle and irregular hostilities, directto build the superstructure of a symmetrical ed at last to execution of sternest justice, is and perfect character. Our children, initiated by simple and easy lessons into the great ers, v. 215.) But Mr. Riskin is as much in mysteries of divine truth, must be led on error here as he generally is when he writes carefully and steadily to the apprehension of of the Greeks, or of ther literature. The the grand and all-embracing idea—that the subject which he ascribes to the Odyssey is "chief end of man is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever." Ah, stupendous, complicated teaching! How shall the infant meaning of the one; an anger is not the plicated teaching! How shall the infant meaning of the one; and anger is not the minds of our little ones grasp, that which so few, mature in years and in long profession of a Christian faith, understand? The religious training takes hold of far-reaching truths—climbs God-ward upon principles sublime and vast. How shall we, so untaught, so feeble, erring, blind, educe in our little ones that of which we know so little? May are centred in a speed wast freed i so teeble, erring, plind, educe in our little ones that of which we know so little? May he who knows our weakness, and has promised to, "lead the blind by the way they know not," who can bring order out of confusion, and overrule our very mistakes for good help us in our laborious charge of leading the soils which he has given us upward difficulties through which he has given us upward difficulties through which the treturn was accomplished. to himself. The Mother and her Work.

Miscellaneous.

ained an article selected from Macmillan's but our minds are not always attuned to the Magazine-(London) giving an Englishman's highest poetry; whereas the wondens of the impressions of Washington in these times of Odyssey never come amss. A style power war. The following is condensed from it. gone, through such a baptism of warrasthe people of the thing the people of the thing the states have passed through in one short year's time. With the men of the Revolutions the memories of the revolutionary wars had died out. Two gene-

revolutionary wars had died out. Two generations had grown up and passed away, to whom war was little more than a name. A year ago there were not more than twelve thousand soldiers in a country of thirty-one millions. Once in four years, on the 4th of whom we had the country of the property discernible in the Blad. At all events, they have the country of the property discernible in the Blad. At all events, they have the country of the property discernible in the Blad. At all events, they have the property discernible in the Blad. At all events are the property discernible in the Blad. At all events are the property discernible in the Blad. At all events are the property discernible in the Blad. At all events are the property discernible in the Blad. At all events are the property discernible in the Blad. At all events are the property di March, two or three hundred troops were collected in Washington to add to the pomp of the Presidential inauguration, and this was the one military pageant the country had to boast of: Now all that is changed. Our newspapers at home have been so long telling us what the North could "not" do—how it could not fight nor raise money nor conit could not fight, nor raise money, nor con- mations of Proteus are the very transformahave quite forgotten to tell us what the North "has" done. You need not go further than my window to see the working of tales of Scheherazade nyer approached; a

ace which can produce such regiments as delightful of all poeticl reading. "Men of high stature and burly frames are rare, except in Kentucky regiments; but, on the other hand, small stunted men are unknown. I have seen the armies of most European countries, and I have no hesitation in my is the finest. The officers are undoubtedly, the weak point. They have not the military air, the self-possession, which long habit of command alone can give; but they are active, energetic, and constantly with their men. Wonderfully well equipped, too, are both officers and men. Their clothing officers and men. Their clothing officers and men. Their clothing their men. Wonderfully well equipped, too, are both officers and men. Their clothing is substantial and easy-fitting; their arms are good; and their accourrements are as perfect as money can purchase. It is remarkable how rapidly the new recruits fall into the habits of military service. I have seen a Pennsylvanian regiment, raised chiefly from the mechanics of Philadelphia, which, six weeks after its formation, was equal to the average of our best-trained volunteers corps, sitteth in the seat of the sornful." average of our best-trained volunteers corps, sitteth in the seat of the sornful." as far as marching and drill-exercise went. This is the course of all dansgressors; first Indeed, I have often asked myself what it is which makes the American volunteer troops look, as a rule; so much more soldier-like than look, as a rule; so much more soldier like than our own. I suppose the reason is that here there is actual war, and at home there was at most only a parade. I have no doubt, any more than that I am writing at this moment, that, in the event of civil war or invanient, that, in the event of civil war or invanient, that, in the event of civil war or invanient, that, in the event of civil war or invanient, that is the world; and typifies the course of the sinner, who, blind to the designs of religion, and feeling the evil caused by his poverty, and feeling the evil caused by his poverty. sion, England would raise a million volunteers, as rapidly (more rapidly she could not) as America has done, and that, when fighting had once began, there would only be on much of carnestness about our soldiering; but at present it is no want of patriotism to he is of all men most needy. say that the American volunteers strike one as more soldier-like than our own. There is no playing at soldiering here; no gaudy unit forms or crack companies; no distinction of classes. From every part of the Northfrom the ports of New-York and Boston, from the ports of New-York and Boston, from the discourse of Philadelphia, from the shores of the great lakes, from the Mississippi value, and from the far way. Texan prairies. say that the American volunteers strike one as more soldier-like than our own. There is of the great lakes, from the Mississippi val-ley, and from the far-way Texan prairies— these men have come to light for the Union. It is idle to talk of their being attracted by the pay alone. Large as it is, the pay of thirteen dollars a month is only two dollars more than the ordinary pay of privates in the United States army during former times.

what you would expect from an army where

argument It deals with never-ending "skeins of grievous war," with suffering and you'll have to stop that fun."

"Ah?" said he, with provoking coolness.

"Will the little lamb fight? I thought it could only bleat, and cry for its ma."

The tears sprang into Bob's eyes at that heartless allusion to his recent sorrow, and a voice whispered in his heart,—"It's no use —give up trying to be one of God's chil
"Skeins of grievous war, with suitering and death, and the inevitable tomb, butwith death, and the inevitable tomb, butwith a radiance which will not illuminate, but tal man. The Odyssey is altogether in a lighter tone. The tribulations of Ulysses might furnish an everlasting feast for our souls by his body broken and his blood poured out for us; with what patience and cheering his last more tremendous sufferings, that he death, and the inevitable tomb, butwith a radiance which will not illuminate, but tal man. The Odyssey is altogether in a lighter tone. The tribulations of Ulysses might furnish an everlasting feast for our souls by his body broken and his blood poured out for us; with what patience and cheering least for our souls by his body broken and his blood poured out for us; with what patience and cheering sold their passage to the inevitable tomb, butwith are adapted to Calesthene death, and the indication of which it alman. The Odyssey is altogether in a lighter tone. The tribulations of Ulysses souls by his body broken and his blood poured out for us; with what patience and cheering only their passage to the inevitable tomb, butwith are adapted to Calesthene death, and the multitudinous sorrows of morhis last more tremendous sufferings, that he death, and the multitudinous sorrows of morhis last more tremendous sufferings, that he dight the introduction of their passage to the inevitable to show the mail tal man. The Odyssey is altogether in a bis last more tremendous sufferings, that he death, and the multitudinous sorrows of morhis last more tremendous sufferings, that he with are dighted to Salesthene Mexicon of which it will be mail tal man. The Odyssey is altogether

iment and action should be taught to re- of Achilles, misdirected by pride, but rightly

complished. It is, in fatts a tale of strange and perilous adventure, resulting in a happy issue. Hence it has a lays been admired by men who love advenure, and who have by men who love advenure, and who have sympathy with romance Fex, when asked whether he would rathe have written the liad or the Odyssey, give the indirect response. I know which would rather read. The Methodist of New York, recently conful to charm as the songof the Sirens, leads "Surely no nation in the world has ever us from scene to scene of romance and fairy. uer the South that they seem to me to tions of the genii of Eastrn story. Add to the war. As the bands pass out of hearing, truth and tenderness d domestic feeling you can watch the troops as they come march which our own days coull not excel; and we which our contents young not excer; and we every one of which will far outlast a gross of the best "There is no physical degeneracy about a bine to render the Odyssy perhaps the most The name "A. Morton," "Number," and "Quali-British Review.

THE ROMISH PLEACHER.

WE find in an exchange an account of a saying that, as far as the raw material of the rank and file is concerned, the American ar-

Recorder:

AMONG THE HOSPITALS.

If you wish to know what you enjoy, take the United States army during former times. yourself to the soldiers hospital, and talk. Thirteen shillings a week is poor pay for a with that boy of lost him or bloodless cheek. Thirteen shillings a week is poor pay for a laboring man in this country, even with board. The bulk of these volunteers are men who have given up better situations in order to enlist, and who have families to support at home; and for such men the pay is not in adequate. Of course, wherever there is an army, the seum of the population will always be gathered together; but the average "more by the relies in the knapsack room of men who will walk no more the battle field in proud array, nor be inspirited ever more by the world whether that boy of lost limb in bloodless cheek; or go in and see upon that little bed in the corner one who; a few manths since, was as happy and healthy and of as high hope as yourself, but who is just now pushing out up on the stream over whose waters but one voy age is made; or go further, and look upon the relies in the knapsack room of men who will walk no more the battle field in proud array, nor be inspirited ever more by the Washington is extremely good. There is litshrill whistle of the fife, nor waked in the tle drunkenness, and less brawling about the streets than if a single English militia regiearly down by the heat of the drum con the sound of musketry, or the thunder of antik! ment had been quartered here. The number leny—whose forms rest low and still, unconof papers read by the common soldiers, and scious of the breeze of spring the laughing the number of letters which they write, is sunshine of the summer, or the wail of the sunshine of the summer, or the wail of the autumn and winter blast. Go to such a place. every man, with the exception of a few foreigand come away a better man than when you ners, can read and write; and the ministers. went in an and and of of our a creating

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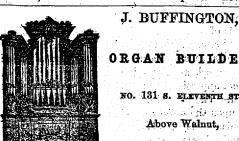
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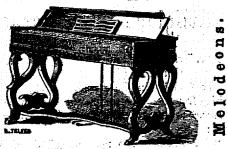
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