Woetry.

A SONG IN THE NIGHT. BY GRACE DICKINSON.

The author of this and other pieces recently collected in a volume and called "Songs in the Night," was an inmate of a British workhouse, and being too feeble to write she dictated her thoughts in the deaf and dumb language which she learned, to a poor mute also in the workhouse, who wrote them down for her.

My lot on earth is poor and mean, My circumstances sad indeed: But Jesus cheers the dreary scene:

He meets me in the greatest need. He smiles on me though some may turn. He pities failings none can see; He welcomes me, whoe'er may spurn:

How kind my Jesus is to me! He comforts and he succors me; He teaches me to look above, Beyond this life and its rough sea, To yonder land of rest and love.

He hushes all my passions still, He makes the storm become a calm, Brings sweet submission to his will, And holds me with his mighty arm.

He makes the curse a blessing prove: He turns my sorrow into joy; He teaches this hard heart to love, And makes His praises my employ. He turns my darkness into light, He makes this earth become a heaven;

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Gives inward peace 'midst outward fright:

All glory to his name be given:

RELIGIOUS WORLD ABROAD. -- MONTHLY VIEW.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Bishop of London is taking hold of the great and pressing question of church extension and home missions generally amongst the masses of his great diocese, with great energy. He has issued a pastoral address, to the laity of the diocese of London, calling upon them for their sympathy and help in a great effort which he proposes to make with this view. As the result of a conference with a large number of land owners and employers in the metropolis, the Bishop proposes that the sum of one mil-lion pounds sterling should be raised during the next ten years to meet the spiritual wants of the diocese. How this vast sum is to be employed, the Bishop explains in his pastoral; "It to the Lord's table will be carefully examined s my desire," he says, "that our scheme be as as to life and doctrine before he is received. clastic as possible. We need a great addition both of clerical and lay agency: we need to increase the miserably poor endowments of many of our incumbents: to plant missionary curates amidst our dense populations, supplying them; if possible, at once with suitable residences. from which the influence of a Christian home may radiate through each district; we shall require to build many schoolrooms, chapels and churches. Each year, also, may suggest new means for advancing the great work we are undertaking; and it is my desire that no approved agency which is suggested in connection with our national church should be excluded from our field of operations." The following is a list of objects for which contributions will be received: 1. Missionary clergy or additional curates. 2. Scripture readers. 3. Mission women. 4. Clergymens' residences. 5. Schools. 6. Mission rooms or school churches. 7. Endowment of old or new districts. 8. Endowment of curacies. 9. Building of churches. In short, it is a kind of "Inner Mission," as the Germans would call it, embracing nearly every branch of home missionary effort. The correspondent of the Ohristian Work says : "The scheme extends over a period of ten years. It proposes a definite work to be done within a definite period, and for this reason I believe it will more certainly obtain support. It is not a new society with a continuous existence: It is a temporary effort to accomplish a purposed end. It does not undertake from this time forward the work of providing for the spiritual destitution of the metropolis. It aims rather at putting things to rights, if I may so speak—

Romanism.—Protestantism.—The correspon dent of the Christian Work says:

efforts of succeeding generations.

"One of the most striking results of the elections has been the rejection by the country of all the deputies known for their attachment, to Popery. Nowhere have they been able to succeed in being elected. Their party has met with a complete check. Decidedly France will have nothing to do with them. You may rest assured that this fact will have great weight in the decisions of the government on the Roman question. We notice more and more the singularly favorable disposition of these people to listen to anything Protestant. The word is a passport to any book, tract, or conversation, and secures a good reception. Never was a time which called for more earnest, bold simplicity in telling the glad tidings of a Saviour's love never were ears and hearts more ready. Al who have tried, bear witness to the invariable readiness to receive and read tracts?

Pastor Fisch, of Paris, writes to Dr. Campbell, Secretary of the A. & F. Christian Union, give extracts. He says the Institution "has in the most encouraging manner of the work of the Evangelical Society of France in Paris. He has trained upwards of 400 messengers of the

Our Evangelical Society of France continues its operations under God's blessing. All our the Basle Mission; 11 are employed by the stations are more or less prosperous. At Paris, Bremen Missionary Society, 1 by the Moravian the work is very ensouraging, and all we want is more laborers and means of extending. Our 2 by the English Baptist Missionary Society, 2 schools at Faubourg St. Antonio, where 280 by the Methodists, I by the Assam Missionary children (nearly all Roman Catholics) are Society, I by the American Episcopalian Miscrowned ought to be enlarged. A new sion, 4 are missionaries among the Jews; 12 work, which we have begun in the populous are in the service of the English Church in the quarter of Batiquales, is so presperous that we colonies; 73 are ministers of German churches

must leave the place where we meet for a larger in North America; 5 are in South America; 2 one. In the Heart of Paris, where we have in Australia; 13 in Russia; 10 in Germany; 5 opened a new chapel a year ago, we have already a dear little church of thirty-three members, most of whom are converts from Popery. In the Faubourg des Temple the number of con-Versions is multiplying, and four young men of inspector is kept in communication with various that Church last year entered the work of colportage and evangelization.

& F. Christian Union to the Society with deep six years and comprises the classics, theology

tion so much tried, and making such immense are taken care of. He has the choice of resacrifices for the promotion of its existence, taining them, or of sending them to the Chilthinking nevertheless of the spiritual wants of thinking nevertheless of the spiritual wants of France, and sending her a help which, in these circumstances, is of great value in God's eyes. The felt something of the gratitude which the We felt something of the English felt, when the best thinking of the English felt, when the God's cycs (Googe Griswold brought them food for their distressed operatives. May the Lord return it distressed operatives. May the Lord return it

upon you in blessings, dear friends! Our prayers are with you. You know that the Protestants in France are unanimous in the interest and sympathy they feel for the United States in their struggle against the slave-power. From each of our churches prayer is offered every Sabbath in your behalf.

Advices of a month ago made the impression that the cruel sentence of the persecuting court of Spain against Matamoros, had been commuted from hard labor at the galleys to banish-ment. This story is not credited by the Christian Work, which says: "This story is, we doubt not, a fabrication, ingeniously devised by the friends of the Papacy in England."
A number of Spanish youth and some having

families have taken refuge in England on account of the persecution raging in Spain against the friends of the Gospel. Twelve of the most promising of these exiles have put, themselves under the care of an English clergyman, Rev. Mr. Rew, acquainted with the Spanish language, for the purpose of receiving instruction in theology and the practical branches of evangelical labor, in order, when Providence opens the way, to be ready to return to their native country as qualified instruments for spreading the gospel. Some of the women have also engaged in the labors of the diaconate, so that, at some future day, they may be able to transplant to their native land some of the rich Christian experiences of this practical school.

ITALY. National Festival. On the Sabbath. June 7th, the national festival in honor of the Constitution was celebrated all over Italy. The clergy have in many places joined in the cele-bration, probably from the conviction that by holding aloof any longer the breach between them and the people would become complete, and they would lose any little influence they still possess. At Como and other places the bishops have taken part in the celebration.

The Waldenses.—The annual meeting of the Synod of this church was held from May 19th to the 22d. A large number of delegates from foreign churches were in attendance, including Rev. E. E. Hall of this country. A great source of weakness to the Waldensian Church, and of sorrow to its best friends, has arisen from the indiscriminate admission to the Lord's table of all Vaudois who had attained majority, without sufficient examination as to the individual knowledge and character of those seeking admission. This Synod has swept away this reproach from the Church by a unanimous vote: and henceforward every candidate for admission Outside the valleys the Waldenses have twents stations, in which are employed thirty-nine labovers; of these sixteen are ministers, seven evangelists, and sixteen teachers. These are at Palermo, Naples, Turin, Florence, &c. The progress made by the Waldenses within a few years past is thus described by a Christian tourist: "Nearly fifteen years ago a Vaudois was not even permitted to purchase landed

property outside the valleys, much less to found a church or a school. Now, not only have they a magnificent temple at Turin, with their own schools and their own hospital, but Mr. Meille even obtained a share of the public poor fund for the Protestant poor, and not as a favor either but as a right due to them, according to the law of the country. He showed me the printed tickets which he only had to fill up and to sign, to enable a poor member of his church medical assistance from the town-doctor." He thus speaks of a great want of Italy at pre-

sent: "What Italy, above all, wants at the

present time is a thoroughly Christian and en-

ergetic publisher—a man like Perthes, for instance. Such an individual would really be a blessing of incalculable importance. desire for literature begins to develop itself among the Italians. One well-principled and well-conducted publishing concern started at Turin or Florence, would, under God's blessing, do as much good for the Lord's cause in this country as the sending out of many evan-gelists." Gavazzi had published the prospectus some months ago of a journal to be issued at Florence twice a week, to be politico-religious in its character, and to be called, "La Speranza working order, after which, the maintenance d'Italia." The publication of a daily under the supplying the machinery and getting it into title "la viadi Roma," is also announced to and extension of its work must be left to the care of established agencies, and to the pious advocate church freedom and reforms upon an

> Other Laborers .- On the 24th of May, the Free Church Presbytery of the North of Italy met at Genoa, and ordained the Rev. Mr. Collis to the charge of the Scotch congregation there. The Wesleyan body has sent out the Rev. Mr. Jones to aid, Mr. Pigott in his mission labors in Italy, though his station is not yet decided on. Mr. Pigott is carrying on a successful hilssion work on the banks of Lago Maggiore, and M. Turin on the banks of Lago di Como. Dr. De Sanctis speaks enthusiasti

evangelical basis.

cally of the progress of Sabbath schools in Ita-A great impulse has been communicated to them by the arrival of an American named Mr. Woodruff. Mr. W. proposes an Italian magazine for the sole purpose of instructing the Sabbath school children.

, Prof. Gaussen, of Geneva, author of celebrated works on Inspiration has recently de-

GERMANY The Mission House at Basle .- A correspondent of the Christian Work has recently been visiting the famous mission premises at Basle. From his very full and interesting letter we not yet reached its fiftieth year, and already it Good Tidings, 281 of whom are still alive, working the work of God in all zones and climes of the globe. Of these 93 are in the service of Brethren, 36 by the Church Missionary Society,

The Mission House is an immense building, in which 90 young men with their teachers and families reside and pursue their studies: The tus. Nine hours a day are devoted to study, He acknowledges the contribution of the A., except that Wednesday and Saturday are half holidays. The course extends through six It is very touching to see Christians of a na-

constituted the income, one of about 202,000

francs deserves special notice. It proceeded from a collection of half-pennies called Halbatzen Kollekte. This is a thoroughly organized and admirably working collecting-society which the committee started some years since remem-bering the well-known truth, that a multitude of little drops form an ocean. The debt amounted to 200,000 francs on the 1st of July,

In Baden à new pastoral conference has been formed, composed of evangelical min-isters, the invitation being addressed to all "who stood upon the ground of the Holy Scriptures and the doctrines of the Reformation." pastors assembled at Carlsruhe, April 22d, and naugurated the conference, which is designed not so much for discussing the course of events in the church, as for Biblical studies and the consideration of important questions of theology and the pastoral work. The main topic of iscussion was, "Gospel Preaching in our

The A. & F. Christian Union are about ending Rev. Mr. Clark, of Brattleboro, Vt. sionary to Italy | He had previously een a missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. in Constantinople, but had returned to this counry on account of the health of his wife in 1858 and subsequently resigned his connection with the Board. He will go out in the fall.

Correspondence.

LETTER FROM CHINA RIP TO PEKING.—PROSPECTS OF PROTESTANT MIS-

SIONS THERE. I started from Tisntsin, distant from the capital of this empire some 76 English miles, on feelings of interest, and perhaps of curiosity. My mode of conveyance was a cart drawn by wo mules, one in front of the other. The front mule was attached to the cart by two long ropes fastened to the heavy off-side shaft of the vehicle, and had neither halter nor bridle, nor rein, being managed entirely by the whip and voice of the driver. This personage ran along by the hinder mule on the near side, or ode in front of the covered portion of the cart, his feet dangling down on the near side. When we met a cart we turned out to the left hand nstead of to the right hand, as is the general practice at the West. The driver sitting on the near side and the cart turning out on the left, are illustrations of the characteristic of the trines of Christianity to the Chinese at Pe-Chinese to have things done, in a directly opposite manner from the customs in Western

The cart driver and mules were hired for the um of three dollars and ten cents to take myself, teacher and baggage to the capital: The traveller who uses a cart is expected to provide his own bedding. For this reason the inside of the vehicle was partially filled with the impedimenta of the passengers. No seat is proided; but the traveller sits down on the bothis bedding and baggage as he judges best.

The country for the first day's ride presented very uninteresting appearance. No fences, no barns, few comfortable-looking houses. The been ploughed. The trees were scarce and desof mud for 15 or 20 miles.

During the trip we saw almost all varieties to the front. I once saw a wheel-barrow prodriven three abreast.

.The second night we spent at Tung chau, on the premises allotted to him as a hospital. distant ten miles from Peking, where we left large box of books in charge of a native Episcopal Mission Society, has been living at helper connected with the North China Mission Peking since last July, not as an active misof the American Board. At different places sionary, but as interpreter to the American Lewhich were greedily received by those to whom | Tientsin has been hoping to establish a branch we gave them. It is a deplorable fact that the mission at Peking; but the news contained in victims of the habit of opium-taking are very recent letters from the rooms at Boston has denumerous in this remote part of the empire, and | cided it not to try to make the attempt to estathat their number is fast increasing.

two and a half years ago, during the march of the Allies (French and English) to Peking, to drive a cart. He enlivened the tedium of our to Peking to reside. Rev. W. A. P. Martin. way by occasionally referring to the fights of the O. S. Presbyterian Board of Missions, is which took place, and by describing the con- also shortly expected there as a resident. sternation and discombiture of the Tartar cavalry when attacked by the cannon of the allied forces. As we passed along very near the battle- Peking. Let them rather abound in prayers. field, near Chang Kea Mang, he pointed out that the existing obstacles be removed, and the different positions of the combatants. He that the will of the Lord, not the will of man, said he was not far off with his cart at that be done. time, but felt no fear, notwithstanding the great disparity between the numbers engaged, Chinese or Tartar troops being numerous than the Allies.

Chau, we at last reached the capital of this great empire about 10 o'clock on the morning of the 4th of March,—ranking for population as one of the three largest cities of the world at the of the three largest cities of the world at the present time, the three being, as school boys Many many times, has that question come to brother! all this is true! and will you not use

that, except to the eye of faith, they are not, encouraging and this principally from the conencouraging, and this principally from the opthe Chinese Government, and by the chief re- Are you confessing Christ before men, before presentatives of England.

PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1863.

The English minister, Mr. Bruce, brother to Lord Elgin, disapproves the establishment of the life: "By their fruits ye shall know them." Protestant missions at Peking, and is ready to send away any English missionary whatever, against whom the Chinese Government shall make any complaint. He professes to believe attempts to establish Christian missions there, in the present circumstances of the country, unwise and impolitic, and is determined not to take advantage of the clause in the French treaty, which grants permassion to Romany Catholic missionaries to go everywhere and exercise their.

Society, an experienced and able missionary, has been in Peking since last May, but is not allowed to preach to the Chinese the truths of the Bible. He preaches regularly in the chapel of the British Legation every Sabbath. On On going to the place at the appointed time Chinese literature to the class, but really in all probability as a spy on Mr. B., that he must not try to carry out his plan. On Mr. Burdon. replying that lie should carry it out, and that

Quite recently Mr. Burdon received authority or by indirect but most reliable means, learned is ready to interfere just as soon as the Chinese tom of the cart and makes himself as comfort authorities complain. Mr. Burdon has, howable as circumstances will admit disposing of ever, taken the responsibility to purchase a faithful closet pleading, went to the Devil's comes from the Russian, not the Chinese authorities. He hopes on these premises to be fields were as barren as though they had just allowed to open a small day school, while he titute of foliage. Every thing indicated that of Chinese youths furnished by the Chinese the people were active and industrious, though Government. He hopes to be allowed to enpoor. The dwelling houses were mostly built gage in more direct missionary labors gradu-

Dr. Lockhart, of the London Missionary So- ment, and bound them there for hours by faith's and methods of locomotion or transportation ciety, continues to open his hospital for the cure strong arms, entered the pulpit and spoke common in northern China. We met carts of the maladies of the body. In connection drawn by two mules, or by a mule and an ass. with this hospital, which is conducted on preor a mule and two asses, men riding on horse- mises belonging in some way to the British r passengers. We saw a large wheel-barrow seph Edkins has spent several months there so heavily laden that while it required only one during the last half year, preaching regularly man to steer it from behind, two more were at the hospital to those who apply for medical employed, one on each side, to steady and force advice and treatment. He has considerable it along, while a fourth man was engaged in encouragement in his labors, having already driving two mules and one ass, which were tied | baptized three children. He expects to remove this Spring to Peking, from Tientsin, and to be pelled by a man behind it, aided by an, ass, permanently located there. As, however, these which was attached to the vehicle by a long services are connected with the hospital, which rope in front. On the wheel-barrow were two is carried on on premises belonging to the Eng-Chinese passengers and their luggage, one a lish Legation, there is but little fear that the well-dressed and fine-looking, portly gentleman, Chinese Government will complain; and it deliberately whiffing the smoke from a long should be added that they do not help to settle pipe as they were wheeled along about as fast the question whether missionary labors by mis-, as a man ordinarily walks. Near Peking we sionaries in their proper character will be tolesaw a large number of open carts, so heavily rated by the native Government. Dr. Lockladen with grain and other productions of the hart does not practice the healing art as a miscountry, as to require nine strong mules to drag | sionary, that is, his place was obtained there as them along, all of which, except one placed be- a physician, not as a missionary. Mr. Edkins' tween the shafts to guide its were attached by presence and labors there as a Christian misseparate ropes to the cart itself. They were sionary do not become officially known to the Chinese, because he lives with Dr. Lockhart Rev. Mr. Schereschevsky, of the American blish a mission there at present for want of the

Our muleteer was employed by the English necessary means to work the mission. Dr. S. Wells Williams and family are expected soon to remove from the South of China

Let not the friends of Missions to the Chinese be discouraged as regards the opening of

ARE YOU A PROFESSOR?

conversation.

But I am to speak of the prospects of Pro-, priate to some of my fellow-Christians. I had testant missions at Peking. I am sorry to say evidently been living, perhaps unconsciously,

"Are you a professor of religion?" and if so, position real, if not open and avowed, made by in what respect are you different from others? your family, your friends, and your associates, in your daily life and conduct? If the work of grace is going on in the heart, it will be seen in -Vermont Chronicle.

A SECRET OF SUCCESSFUL PREACHING.

My Dear Brother Mears:

The following correspondence was placed in ny hands a few years since in Liverpool, Eng. These stirring words on closet prayer deeply moved me. Thave often read and re-read them with tears and self reproach. I venture to request their insertion in your paper, with the Rev. Mr. Burdon of the Church Missionary hope that they may also assist others in the great work of winning souls to Jesus.

LETTER TO A YOUNG MINISTER ON CLOSET PRAYER MY DEAR BROTHER :- In your last epistle the week days, for several hours per diem, he you express a strong desire that I would give teaches English to a class of Chinese boys at you my opinion respecting your duty in the closet. You ask—"If I pray for sinners, the Colonial Office. He concluded, some time HUMBLY, CONSTANTLY, and FAITHFULLY, Defore during the winter, to try and give the class God, in my closet, and confess and mourn over some of the fundamental truths of the Christian the sinfulness of my people before God will a religion on the Sabbath, teaching the lads the greater power and unction attend my ministry English name for God, his attributes, &c., &c.

And will souls be converted in proportion as I thus act, provided I do it in strong fath? Do, my brother, speak out on these subjects with one Sabbath, he was informed by a Chinese li- all plainness as a father in the Gospel to his the morning of March 2d, with no ordinary terary man, whom the Chinese Government son. I do not ask the above questions with had professedly placed there as a teacher of any other design than to enable me to see my way clear in the work of God."

All the mighty men of war in the church of

God, since the foundation of the world, who it was none of his (the teacher's) business, the have shaken hell to any amount, have been sons latter plainly forbid him to proceed, &c. So of the closet. Moses pleaded until he had power Mr. Burdon was obliged to desist, and on his to turn aside heaven's red-hot thunderbolt of making complaint against the teacher, wishing that I may destroy them, and blot out their wrath, and though God said, "Let me alone, him to be removed, he found, much to his dis- name from under heaven." But while justice appointment, that the cacher was sustained in heard him pray in faith. He could not seal the his course and retained in his post. This fact, sinner's doom. So that, after a mighty struggle, taken in connection with others which have strong arms of faith round six hundred thousand arms of faith round six hundred thousand nowns other inspired men have done through faith and prayer, lest Satan should take advantage, and tell you that it would be impious to expect from the Church Missionary Society, London, the power with God which such holy, men had. to purchase premises for a missionary station | Look, then, at a Baxter, who stained his study at Peking, provided that the restrictions to mis- walls with praying breath; and, after he got sionary labor were removed. He has privately, anointed with the unction of the Holy Ghost, sent a river of living water over Kidderminster, and was the means of converting hundreds. that the restrictions still exist, that is that the Luther and his coadjutors were men of such English minister will not encourage or sustain mighty pleadings with God, that they broke the any attempts to establish a mission there; but spell of ages, and laid nations subdued at the foot of the cross. John Knox grasped in his strong arms of faith all Scotland; his prayers terrified tyrants. Whitfield, after much holy, compound for missionary use which belonged fair, and took more than one thousand souls to the Russian Archimandrate, the title of which out of the paw of the lion in one day. See a praying Wesley, a pleading Bramwell, Stoner, and Carvosso, each of whom led thousands to Jesus: Ann Cutter and Mrs. Fletcher, whose breath was prayer, and who had souls in every teaches English at the Colonial Office to a class place. In 1820-21, a few plain, holy, praying Christians were instrumental in leading seventeen thousand souls from Satan unto the glorious Redeemer. John Oxtobu, with his one

his means. It is to be deplored that are there so few soulsaving ministers in the present day; I mean back, on mule-back and on donkey-back, wheel- | Legation, there are daily religious services. . A men who are blessed in the conversion of souls barrows made for the accommodation of goods native helper is stationed there, and Rev. Jo- at every place. But let us look to ourselves. I study, family, church, the world, heaven and

talent, sighed, wept; fasted, and groaned, and

prayed for sinners—threw them on the atone-

words of flame, so that hundreds were saved by

earth-all witness against me. But I must speedily stop, or my epistle will be all introduction. Just allow me to say, that I take for granted that God has saved you from pride, the love of money, the fear of man, and especially from mere party zeal. If you only want sinners converted to gain a great name in the church, to swell your party, or show what, great feats you can do, your state of soul is poor ndeed. Can you and do you rejoice when you hear of souls being saved in any other church If so, all hail! Then take the following, which I have taken from the best works I have met with on the subject of closet pleading. If your sanctified heart be burdened and half broken for the salvation of souls, and you feel willing to be any thing—even a fool in the eyes of a Goddishonoring world and a sleepy church—so that souls may be saved, if I know anything of the matter, you are in a proper state of soul to: begin, and if you do not, are you anything better than a hireling shepherd? Go through the town you live in, and take a clear survey of the wicked, and notice their sins. Count the flaming gin-palaces, beer-houses, tea-gardens, saloons, dancing-rooms, brew-houses, wine-vaults. brothels, playhouses, and other devil's chapels Look at their desolation until your heart aches with grief on account of their damning sins. See the daring Sabbath-breakers with their open shops, and hardened hearts. Go through along the route we had circulated a score or gation. He performs no direct missionary the filthy streets, dirty lanes, and dark squares, two of a tract on the Evils of Opium Smoking, work. The American Board's Mission at and try to find out the reigning sins of every family, if possible. Be particular (for to you as well as to the physician it is of the utmost importance) to know the very worst of the disease. Open your eyes -look minutely do not turn away, as most likely you will be tempted to do. See that old greyheaded sinner! his hairs have grown grey in the road to hell; his limbs totter on the way to the pit; his eyes are dim with looking on vanity! See what a long train of children and children's children he is drawing with him! Death and damnation are moving to meet them! See how thousands of the poor reeling drunkards, in lits of frenzy, are destroying themselves, and floating into God's presence in their own suicidal blood! Nay, my brother, look at the whole mass of sinners wading recklessly through currents of redeeming blood; steeling their consciences against the Holy Ghost I pressing through the prayers of the saints; making stepping stones to hell of God's book. See them shut their eyes. Yes! they are emphatically in carnest to damn their bodies and souls for ever. Look at them! Think how they dishonor

Not long ago conversing with a friend with God-think how they pierce the Saviour-think whom I had been acquainted for some months, how they grieve the Holy Spirit_think how Having started about sunrise from Tung I accidently alluded to the church to which I they people the wide burning pit! See how hell's fire. for ever! and FOR EVER! Oh, my mind, and perhaps it may not be inappro- the weapon which God has himself placed in

when they repented, forsook sin, and believed edness and sin against God?"
Think of what he did for bloody Manasseh,
Secret sins I There are none. The eye of God detects every ill-gotten dollar in my purse. If mad Saul, wicked Magdalen, swearing Bunyan;
I keep back or pervert the truth, he sees the

the infidel Rochester, and millions of other lie lying black in the bottom of my heart. He drunkards, thieves, harlots, and the very worst knows, my half, formed thoughts before they of sinners, on this side of the pit. Then, with have even taken shape in my own mind. Not your full, love-stricken heart, enter your closet, even a wicked thought can I cherish against my and bewail the sins of the people before the neighbor not even a secret unbelief can I Lord. Take up a lamentation, and bewail the indulge not even a hollow, hypocritical pronumber, the nature, aggravation and consequent fession can I make, or formal false prayer can ces of their sins, with particularity. Make their I whisper in my closet, but it is known at once sins your own, so to speak; that is, feel for to Him with whom I have to do. His eyes them, and pray for them, as though you were in their condition. Like Moses, Daniel, Jeregood. "Surely," says Jeremy Taylor, "if we miah, Nehemiah, Paul, and other holy ones, would always remember that Jehovah is the confess them again and again. While you are great, Eye of the world, ever beholding our aconfessing and mourning over them, keep tions, and an ever open car to hear all our words, easting your soul and their sins on the atone, and an unweary arm ever lifted up to erush, a nent; recognize the more than infinite willing- sinner into ruin, it would cause much sin to less of the world's Redeemer to save them; cease from among us, and make us more like and plead with heaven to save them. "Don't those who continually walk in the light before plead to make God willing to save them, for his throne. 3 - 3 10 He is already infinitely willing, But plead because it is your duty; plead because God loes and always will answer the pleadings of bold, holy faith. Never mind spending your

time in studying the philosophy of the thing— it is so. The Book of God and every page of church history says—it is so. The success which has always attended such closet prayers sets it beyond all doubt. As you are pleading, before plunging into the woods I passed over imitate Moses. When God was about to cut off guilty Israel, he plead his promise, his oath, his stretched-out arm; he pleaded again and oleaded in faith. Go thou and do likewise. Plead the power of God; plead the love of God; plead the mercy of God; plead the "yea" be pelted by the storms. Under the shadow bind them to the blood starned tree. "Plead far away in the forest. reaven with its everlasting glory; hell with its "I am now," I said to myself," beyond the the shortness of time; plead the length of end- 1 can't see a living thing moving; this is soliless eternity. Enter deeply and fully into their awful state. I do not want you to be a nicre happy, joyful Christian; but one who drinks the sand to fly up from the middle of my footno matter what stands in the way. If, while

Yours, as ever, A LOVER OF SOULS. P.S.—If you attend to this holy closet-work, you will get anointed with fresh oil for the pul- might be the point of a small rusty needle. This pit; and then you will bring down God's bles- was the ant-lion, and that was his den. sing every time you preach. I admit I have set you some rough work, which flesh and blood when the chief Shepherd shall appear, instead of being cut asunder and getting a portion with the hypocrites, as you most surely will if found

or ever and ever.—Daniel xii. 3.

feremians, or Pauls, to stand in the gap!

Do it do it do it; but do it at once.

Selections.

THE DETECTER. BY REV. THEO. L. CUYLER.

In one of our insane asylums a man was for a long time confined who did nothing but pace up and down his cell, and then turn upon his heel and give the word to "fire !" ... He had under the remorse occasioned by the bloody deed. That was the power of conscience. It is based on a sense of God's omniscience. Thou, God, seest me," has been more terrible to the murderer than the pursuit of a score of detectives: No mortal had seen him do the damning deed. Perhaps he struck the blow in the depths of a forest or in the solitude of a remote chamber. No ear heard the deathgroan of his victim, and dead men tell no tales. But still there is a voice crying to him from the ground that tells him he is seen—that there is an All-seeing Eye which, piercing thorugh the silent heavens, penetrates to the very bottom of his blood-stained soul. This harrowing conscience follows him wherever he goes. Solitude becomes no solitude to him. He is ever in the broad glare of an intelligence that reads him and his guilty secret through and through. The whole air is alive; and every rustling leaf and passing wind sounds to him like the coming footsteps of a vengeance

sent upon him by an omniscient God. This sense of an All-seeing Eve acts upon en like an instinct. It is impossible to argue down; it is impossible to bribe it into silence. Under its influence many a one living in secret sin has sunk into melancholy, or died before their and can hardly escape ruin.

Sin has sunk into melancholy, or died before their and can hardly escape ruin.

Others have sought to futhout the secret. time. Others have sought to fathom the secret of their mental derangement-or to discover the mysterious disease that laid them low. They died at the hand of an aroused conscience. "Thou, God, seest me," had a terror devour !"—S. S. Times. for them, under which "heart and flesh failed." them; the mind quailed, and life became an insupportable burden. May we not find in this the colution of so many unhappy lives, even amid all the surroundings of external comfort or of luxury? May we not detect in this the reason of many a recourse to the intoxicating cup? Conscience has frequently driven the duelist, the destroyer of female purity, or the betrayer of trust, to the suicide of the bottle. The other day we read of a man who had

secretly returned to the Revenue officer a sum of money which had been dishonestly withheld from the Government. It was not the fear of human detection that made the smuggler dissed away. But he "remembered God and was troubled." His guilty conscience needed no human accuser. While the flaming eve of the Divine Detector saw those stolen dollars in his purse, or his safe, he did not dare to keep them

Dving beds are often made wretched by the and that the sinner is now going into the pre- value upon his praise.

your hands, and go and wrestle with him to sence of One who will bring "every cretthing save this people? Think of the value of their souls! Think of the bleeding, pleading love they are slighting! Think of the heaven of increasing glory they are losing! Think of the bat sees the offense against God, and if he but sees the offense, and if he but knows it, influence they have in drawing millions with what matters it how many or few of our fellowand after them to hell! Think what glory it men have knowledge of the act? Then flatter would bring to God the Father, Son, and Spirit, not thyself, O dishonest man! Dream not, O if you could convert them! Think of Gethse breaker of the Seventh Commandment! Think mane, Calvary, Olivet, and the blood-besprinkled the privacy of the most private chamber hides mercy-seat! Think what Jesus has done, is thee from the All Secr. I Joseph did not feel doing, and is willing to do for them! Think himself alone with Potiphar's shameless wanton of what he has done for millions as bad as they; when he said, "How can I do this great wick-

THE ANT-LION.

I was going into a deep forest alone, on foot, with my blanket and food, and cooking untensils on my back. The day was very hot, and the road seemed very lonely and long. Just a piece of land which some hunter's fire had burned over. Nothing was left but here and there a tall stump of a tree, blackened by the fire, and entirely dead, and now and then a great rock which had its covering all burned and "amen" promises of God. Plead the life of of one of these huge rocks I sat down to rest lesus. Plead his death, resurrection, ascen- Every bird was still and every leat hung motionion, and prevailing intercession. Span your less on the trees, and the only sound to be trong-nerved arms of faith around sinners, and heard was the murmur of a distant water-fall

larkness, fire and adamanting chains. Plead reach of men, and almost beyond animal life,

with Christ the bitter cup. But mind and do path, and looking carefully at it. I soon satisall in faith, with a single eye to the glory of fied myself what it was. It was a small insect God; and, if you plead in this way for hours, that had burrowed down in the sand, and with you will soon learn the grand secret of shaking his tail or some other apparatus (I could not any town, and sending a wave of living water see what) he was throwing up the sand fast over the land. Christ says, "He that believeth, and thick. How it flew! In a few minutes out of his belly shall flow rivers of living he had made for him a hole about the size of a waters: P believe then, and flood your district, large coffee cup. It was shaped very much like a coffee cup, as nearly so as the dry sand you are pleading, you only believe something would take that shape. The sand was dry in great will be effected. Oh! for a few Moseses, a few moments, and of course it would very readily roll down into the centre. I had read My brother; play the man do something. of the creature, but never saw one before. He po it do it but do it at once. put himself in the wery centre of his den, and pushing himself into the sand, there was nothing to be seen but a little black horn, as it appeared to be, sticking out in sight, It looked as if it,

After the sand was dry, and the hunter was lying still, buried in the sand, I had a specimen will get you to shun if possible, but stand to it. of his skill and power. A little red ant came Endure the cross, despise the shame; and then, running along, seeking food for herself and her young. So she climbed up on the rim of this sandy cup and peeped over to see if she could see anything. Presently she seemed to misto be an hireling, you shall appear also with trust danger, and tried to scrabble off. Alas! the children whom He hath given you, and it was to late, the sands rolled under her feet, receive a crown in which you shall shine as the and down she went to the bottom, when in an brightness of the firmament, and as the stars, instant that little black horn opened like a pair of shears, and "clip," and the poor ant had one leg cut off! Now she saw her danger and struggled to mount up the sides. The lion did not move or show himself. He knew what he was about. And now the poor thing struggles to climb up, but one leg is gone, and she finds it hard work. But she has got almost to the top and almost out, when the sands slip again and down she rolls again to the bottom. "Clip" go the shears, and a second leg is gone. She now seems terrified beyond measure, and struggles hard, but she gets up but a little way before she slips again, and another leg is off! She now gives up the struggle, and the lion devours shot his antagonist in a duel, and gone crazy his tail or paddle, he throws the skin of the her in a few minutes, and then with a snap of ant entirely out of the cup, and the trap is now set for another. A fly crept down to see what was smelling so good there, and again "clip," and his wing was off! and he was a second course of the dinner. I found several more such dens, and around them lay the skins of the dead, but the inside looked clean and innocent! There was no lion to be seen, but the destroyer. is there! The dead are shoved out of sight. O ant-lion! You are a preacher to me! I now see how it is that our young men as they walk over sandy places have their feet slide. They go into the hotel. It is all fair and inviting. They take a glass of drink, and "clip" they are crippled. They will soon roll back and take another, and every time less and less able to escape, and every time the destroyer cutting off their power to escape. They go to places of sin, and know not that the dead are there ! Ah! every fall makes the next easier, and the probability of escape less and less.
I see how it is with our children. They go

into the street, they fall into bad company, and every profane word they hear, every improper word they use, every indelicate thought they allow, is like having a leg cut off, they go feeble see, so cunning for mischief, so cruel to thy

victims, so much like that great lion, the Wicked One. who seeketh "whom he may

PSALM I.

How blest the man with joys replete Who does not walk with impious feet: Nor stand in ways where sinners meet, Nor stop to take the scoffer's seat; But loves Jehovah's law the best, Which day and night his thoughts invest.

He's like a tree set fast to grow. Where limpid waters course below; Whose boughs their timely fruit bestow, Whose leaves perpetual verdure show; And every work that he commands, Shall prosper in his skillful hands.

Not so shall wicked mon excel. But are like chaff the winds expel: Hence, cannot stand in judgment well, Nor ever with the righteous dwell. God knows the way the just are brought, The sinner's way will come to nought.

The chareter of the person who commends consciousness that death will bring exposure you is to be considered, before you set much