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#### Woetry.

HER GRAVE. Amid sweet Greenwood's lovely bowers,
Where charnel houses, hid in flowers;
Lie oft concealed in summer hours,
We laid her in the grave.

But wintry snows then clothed the ground, And chilling sire signed sadly round, And cold, cold seemed her sleep profound, There in her silent grave!

Our broken hearts then bled again, As parting thence, with anguish slain, We left her there in death's domain, Low in her lonely grave. Our weeping band wends through "the tour," And gains the home so loved before;

But one—dear one—is there no more:
We left her in the grave: Can home again be e'er so sweet,

Where never more we hope to meet The one we loved so well to greet, Now pallid in her grave? We hear her voice no longer here; We see no more that form so dear; But from each eye the falling tear Tells she is in her grave.

'Mid dreams of night we seem to hear The accents once to all so dear; But start to find she is not here, And speaks not from the grave.

At th' altar now for morning prayer But see, her seat is vacant there: She sleeps—sleeps in her grave. But, as from out heaven's holy dome,

A voice of love seems how to come, That bids us cease to weep in gloom For those now in the grave.

They go to be forever blest, Who, at their Father's high beliest, Exchange earth's toil for heaven's rest; Then mourn not o'er the grave.

And though the storm sweep through the sky, And wild winds rave; and from on high The lightnings flash and o'er them fly, No harm disturbs their grave.

When summer breezes frolic round. Or gentle showers bedew the ground, Or thunders peal their awful sound, Still quiet is their grave. When genial suns fall softly there, And balmly odors fill the air,

Dark days or bright to them are fair:
No change can reach the grave. Nay, think not, friend, the loved and dead Rest in that lone though quiet bed : The trusting ones has Jesus led

From strife and tumult now afar, They live where all the holy are— Far, far beyond the grave.

To homes beyond the grave.

No harm can reach their blest abode; No sorrows there, no fears corrode; They're present ever with their God, And dread no more the grave.

Their ashes rest a season here, And fond affection drops a tear.
On turis that press on bosoms dear,
And sacred is their grave.

But faith, with eye forever bright Pierces beyond the grave's dark night, And greets in heaven's eternal light hose whom we laid in graves.

For morn will death upon the tomb,

And forms now dressed in funeral gloom
Shall yet in life immortal bloom; for Christ has left the grave.\*
R. S. G.

## Editorial.

THE DELAWARE IMIGRATION SCHEME This scheme is attracting much attention from the Press and from individuals seeking new homes. In Boston and New York as well. as in this city and Wilmington, the secular and this religious awakening be one of the harbinreligious press have spoken in the warmest gers of peace, and is not God educating the mass terms of the movement. Individuals from of the Southern people for true independence? various parts of the country as far west as Wisconsin; among others, a Union refugee from association realized with little or no delay.

more, to promote homogeneousness between the turned to look for my men, and Oh! my God, populations of the different sections. This what a sight. They were all torn and mangled: of parties on this question. The effect on our showing for a moment a weakness. good and true men in their places. Almost felt for the personal character of Gen. Lee, he anything should be done to secure such a desi- does not deserve. He is not that chivalric, high-

healthy country, an early and genial climate, very intelligent excellent Christian woman, who an easily-tilled soil, susceptible of culture and lives near the Seminary. During his three days improvement, no stones no hills; a railroad of battle, Gen. Lee compelled her hospitality. running through the entire State, with arrange- | The 1st Corps and the 11th of our army were ments to favor the producer and transporter; brought up on Wednesday, the 1st of July; and plenty of timber for fuel, for fencing, and for thrown into action to prevent the defeat and from \$10 to \$40 per acre. Says the circular:

trees, within three or four miles of the Railroad east of Gettysburg. Lee was now confident of Station, of fair quality and in fair condition of success. Rebel officers went through Gettysfencing and cultivation, may be obtained for burg proclaiming that to morrow they would from twenty to thirty dollars per acre. Sales will be made on accommodating terms of payment in quantities to suit purchasers, though it is desired that the land be sold in small farms." seated at the breakfast table, said to the officers

able distances along the railroad will be laid to make those d-d Yankees dance." When he out, in which good opportunities for investment left the house of the widow on Saturday mornwill be offered to early purchasers.

proposed to be carried out by good men in and out and coffee they could find in the house, and left of Delaware. We believe the results would be the poor woman without the slightest reward, or greatly to the advantage of the State. We one word of thanks for her hospitality.

expect to see a loyal, Christian, freedom-loving class of persons brought into the State by the effort. Churches unembarrassed by complication with slavery, and characterized with northern vigor and liberality, will arise and adorn the landscape with their seemly edifices. Schoolhouses neat, commodious, resonant with the hum of cheerful study under the guidance of competent teachers, will dot the country side. The kindly soil will at length demonstrate its. hitherto unproved capacities, and fields now desolate, will smile with abundant returns to the wise and thrifty laborer. Neatness, carefulness, system, energy, will be visible, where slothful content now reigns over a scene of broken and half-patched fences, tumble-down barns, dark and shabby log-cabins, in the midst of three hundred acre farms skimmed over by the thriftless, aimless, dreamy labor of a halfdozen slaves. The hour has struck. The time for which the favored territory has waited is at hand. The Diamond State can and must be made worthy of its title. We heartily prayfully wish this enterprise success.

Circulars may be obtained at this office. Rev. L. C. Lockwood, or A. P. Osmond may be addressed on the subject, at Canterbury. Kent Co., Delaware. The land which has been brought into market by the Association is mainly in Kent County, south and south-east of Dover; some of it is in contiguous portions of

#### Correspondence.

#### INCIDENTS OF THE BATTLE-FIELD AT GETTYSBURG.

learned many interesting incidents and events of the three days of battle, and in the hope that their perusal may give pleasure and profit to your readers I pencil them down.

During my recent sojurn at Gettysburg I

THE RELIGIOUS ENTHUSIASM IN THE REBEL ARMY.

I talked with many chaplains of the Confederate army, Methodists and Presbyterians, who assured me that there was at the commencement of the march into Maryland and Pennsylvania in progress, a "great revival." This commenced before the battle of Fredricksburg and had inreased in power until a great number had professed conversion. Chaplain Rhodes, of Georgia, told me that within a few weeks, in his regiment, nearly one hundred soldiers had embraced religion. Similar was the testimony of

many others, as and a first territ On the march, when the troops halted for half-an-hour, there were many prayer-meetings, and in some of the villages of Pennsylvania the sober old Germans were startled, and more terrified by the loud, vehement prayers of the Southern soldiers; and their wild and fervid exhortations, than by the roar of cannon and the dash of cavalry. Certainly the moral tone of the Confederate army has very manifestly changed. The wounded are now seen, in hundreds, reading the New Testament. Many beckon with the hand, to every man who strikes them as looking like a good man, and wish to talk about the great salvation. The bitterness, the savage vindictiveness of former days, has given place to charity and meekness. They talk no more of their victories and wrongs, but confess that the rebellion against the old government may have been wrong; but always say, "what can a poor private do? We were conscripted." May not

GENERAL LEE. Much of the popularity of the great leader of Texas, have written or called in considerable the rebel army has disappeared in the suffering numbers at the Presbyterian House, which is only and defeat of the time. The officers in the one of the offices. So that when the time arrives strongest terms condemn the attack as rash, and for concerted action, we should expect a colony the destruction to which he consigned his men might be got together, and the object of the by the repeated charges on our right and left wings, as worse than madness. One wounded A little examination will suffice to show that officer, speaking to me of the charge under the scheme is worthy the attention of the Longstreet on our left, said, "When we were Christian, the philanthropist, the wise states ordered to carry the batteries of the enemy on man, the capitalist, and the farmer and mechanic the heights, we rushed like madmen across the seeking a home and a living from the tillage of fields and I had reached a point where, twenty the soil. It is one of the great colonial move- feet more, and my men would have been safe. ments which the emergencies of our position as | But one discharge of your cannon, loaded with a nation urge upon us. It is part of the plan, grape and canister, swept them away like chaff. which must and will be developed more and After the terrible rush of shot passed me I plan vigorously carried out, will secure emanci- dying and dead, and they were all gentlemen, pation in Delawere in five years. Two hundred the sons of the best and noblest men of Savanvotes would, in all probability, suffice to turn nah. Oh it was murder it was murder!" He the scale, in the present nearly balanced position | burst into tears and then begged pardon for

national politics would be most serious. Two All, with whom I conversed, confessed that hundred reliable Union votes more in Delaware, Lee did not show his usual prudence in the atwould forever rid the Senate Chamber of such tack of Thursday, and unpardonable recklessness unworthy and dangerous legislators as Bayard in the repeated charges of Friday. Certainly, and Saulsbury, and give the whole country | much of the respect which we in the North have toned Christian gentleman he has been repre-Among the advantages of a personal character | sented. During his stay at Gettysburg his offered to the immigrant, we may enumerate a head-quarters were in the house of a widow, a ship building, and a market at the door. To capture of our cavalry. The coming up of crown all, land to be had at moderate rates, Ewell about noon, enabled Gen. Lee to throw the whole force of his army on our forces. We "Farms with house and out-houses and fruit were driven back, and retreated to the heights

It is expected that new village-sites at suits of his staff, "This is the day when I am going vill be offered to early purchasers.

Such are brief outlines of the scheme now bring with them all the fruit, delicacies, sugar

### THE FRENZY OF THE SECESSIONISTS.

A most reliable and consciencious young man of the name of Woods, from Newville, Penna., often accompanied me on my visits to the corps out to the battle field a stranger from Baltimore, who professed to be very anxious to find the grave of a brother. Mr. Woods soon discovered that all his anxiety was to see the grave of the Confederate dead. When the stranger come to one place, where a great number of rebel dead were buried, the ground was so filled with rock that they were were covered but slightly, and pieces; but the stranger alighted, knelt over the dead, kissed the hand, and whispered: "Oh my brother. I live to avenge you." This man is un-

On one of my visits to the Confederate wounded lying at Plank's house, I had the company of the Hon. Mr. Francis, and Mr. C. Phillips, of Lawrence Co., Pa. When we reached the Farm, we found standing at the door, a large wagon finely fitted up, marked on its side Christian Commission." This at the time appeared to me strange, for I had seen no such wagon in the employment of the excellent men of the Commission. There were busily engaged disturbing the stores of clothing, canned fruits, wines and brandics, two gentlemen and a quite distribute of the Covernment of the United States, until the firm purpose to prove all things, and hold fast only that which is good? Such indeed is the disposition of some, at least, at certain times. But, in general, periodicals are distributed only that which now administers in the disposition of some, at least, at certain times. But, in general, periodicals are distributed only the disposition of some and a quite distributed only the stores of clothing cannot be a such as distingue-looking lady.

The gentlemen we found to be Mr. Ryan, a oted secessionist of Baltimore, and Mr. Sangston, member of the traitorous Legislature which endeavored to force the State of Maryland into hossaid Col. Brown, "we learn we are all to be sent Others said, "can it be true that Mr. Lincoln is heard of to perish?" We assured them that our empire. Abolitionism teaches the slave to read to us a great duty. I propose to you, gengovernment was incapable of such cruelty, and hose who brought such reports were enemies and torturing them under the profession of friendship.

It required but a few moments in the rooms mongst the patients to discover who was at work. The members of this bogus "Christian Commission," had assumed the name in order to enter unchallenged into the camps and hospitals of the rebel prisoners. They were deeply dissatisfied when they heard the Southern men express their gratitude for kindness received from seared clergy of the South kept silence while the ing praise the holiness of Christian morality Union officers and citizens. They did not wish slaveholders rushed recklessly to their doom. It and the following morning labor to sap it in its the rebels to be softened towards us, or to relent is in these ways slavery interferes with the demost sacred precepts. In ancient times, the the rebeis to be sortened towards us, or to reient signs of Divine Providence, and yet he charges Greek Carneades secured the applause of the that guilt upon Abolitionism. This Christian Roman youth by pronouncing an eloquent slander to be true, that Northern people were pastor further regards Mr. Lincoln's proclamaall base and mean, and incapable of one act of tion, "seeking the emancipation of the the slaves monstrating with similar eloquence that justice genuine magnanimity, and they were greatly of the South," as a "suitable occasion for sol- is nothing. Cato the Elder demanded that this chagrined when they found that a great change was manifest in the feelings of their rebel friends was manifest in the feelings of their rebel friends are like ed it as an occasion of Jubilee—they thanked God Carneades, but the Catos among their subscritowards Northern people and the government. that the time which they scarcely dared to bers are few. - Theological Eclectic. And they set themselves, with Satanic malice, hope for had arrived, when the North, shaking to traduce the government and the President. from her the guilt of complicity with slavery, had fool, and a drunkard." "What is now," said a to the slave? It is of the slave we think, and Confederate officer to Mr. Ryan, in our hearing, not of the motives of soldiers or statesmen. Yet bad," replied Ryan, "as it can be; Baltimore is the grave of liberty. We are watched, hunted, and imprisoned, and when brought before the slaughter of tens of thousands of poor deluded brutal wretches of officers, we are insulted insurrectionists." The result has already shown and treated in the basest manner. When Gen. Wool was in command, we had a man who was a Christian and a scholar, a soldier and a gentleman; but now we have a misgrable ignoramus but to the feelings of Southern Christians, who dressed up in a little brief authority—a tyrant, would rather massacre a slave than emancipate. and a brute; things could not be worse." And him. Many thousands are now free, and the and exposure, yearnings for home; battles, Mr. Ryan looked unutterable things. We after glad work goes on apace. Probably before Moses wounds and death. wards saw Mr. Ryan give Dr. Means, the Confederat surgeon in charge a roll of greenbacks; and however vexatious such a result may be to and heard him say, "These are for your men. They are flighting our battles as well as yours." | Christians throughout the world out of the Southunderstood that subsequently one of these men gave an aid of Gen. Ewell's five hundred dollars n gold to be distributed amongst the wounded rebel officers. There were many ladies from Dr. Hoge's friends threaten to butcher in cold Baltimore who were acting as nurses in the hospitals. All their attentions were given to the rebel wounded. Many of these they embraced, calling them their brave and noble heroes. All and the Southern negro-haters will at length be the stores they brought were given with, the greatest care to these, and they turned with the coldest scorn from our wounded, lying in the same tent. As a farther expression of their same tent. As a farther expression of their man holding the atrecious principles of slavery, fanaticism, these lady nurses had their own and that they will speak out manfully against clique prayer-meetings, and wept, sang and the surreptitious scheme of corrupting our people prayed in clusters of rebel sick and wounded, but turned from our men as if such were not fit for the kingdom of heaven. The quiet endurance towards such women on the part of our

the grace of God bestowed upon the churches of themselves in the literature of the day, this gendlet the widows trust in me." She Macedonia. It is well, sometimes, to notice what eral expression of human thought.

One remarkable fact here claims our attended to the Almighty arm.

officers and government, was sublime patience.

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#### Selections.

[From the London Weekly Review] GREAT BRITAIN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE WEEKLY REVIEW:

means of various periodicals, an address by cert not to political principles, at least to the interthese he was deeply moved and shed tears. At tain clergy of the so-called Confederate States of ests and passions of one class of society, yet America to Christians throughout the world, in present, in other respects, the most contradic-which doctrines are broached deserving instant tory. As to their morality, an article of pure attention and reprobation. The party sent to this country to disseminate these doctrines is a certain pernicious novel the hand of a dead man stood up in the air. Moses D. Hoge, D. D., of Richmond, Virginia, It was now covered with worms, and falling to who, I am informed, has actually preached in one daughter. As to religion, an apology for the English Presbyterian churches in Catholicism, a defense of Protestant principles, a or more of the English Presbyterian churches in London. If this be true, I know not whether most to be astonished at the boldness of the slavery propagandist or the simplicity of the minisdoubtedly one of the Knights of the Golden ters who permitted him the use of their pulpits. Circle and probably a clerk in one of the depart. Probably there is nothing more likely to create finement of tolerance which tolerance which tolerance everythan admitting slaveholders, slavery apologists, and slavery propagandists, to minister in our churches, and no clergyman can be a true friend general state of public opinion; for journalists such an apple of discord amongst the people.

cholera and typhoid fever. Can it be true that pits is one of those who solemnly put their hands any fixed opinions, they learn to listen to those we are to be sent to such a place to die?" to this statement: "We regard Abolitionism as who tell them that firm belief is a mark of igan interference with the plans of Divine Provi- norance and folly, and that the proof of superidence." It is with such blasphemy in their ority of mind and elevation of thought is to such a man, and that however kind your people, mouths these pro-slavery fanatics came into our wander freely in the world of intellect without the President wishes us all dead? Can it be we midst seeking our sympathies, and our political ever being steady to anything. This is one of are to be sent to the miserable prisons we have, aid to establish their Pandemonium as a separate, the serious dangers of our time, and points out

ed children, slavery treats them as chattels, sells great? We must labor to annihilate this corthem as beasts of the stall, and heaps upon their rupt and mercenary press, which seeks success heads wrongs which nothing short of this terrible alone, careless of the true interests of souls, and war could avenge. Dr. Hoge comes from Virgi- which has directly inherited the sophisms of annia. Will he deny that there is a law upon the cient Athens. It is necessary that a stable opi-Statute Book of Virginia, revised, too, so lately nion should be formed and prominently brought as 1849, which exacts punishment by fine, im- forward, so as to carry with it the writers who prisonment, and whipping to slaves, coloured per- occupy the place of organs and directors of pubsons not slaves, and white persons, who shall lie thought. Without any proper call or auteach slaves to read? He dare not deny it, for thority, the door must no longer be carelessly he not only knows of its existence, but doubtless opened to articles which one day glorify, God approved of it passage, or, like all the conscience- and the next day deny Him, which one morn-Our chief magistrate was a low ignoramus, a atoned for her long decleasion from the faith "Military necessity." Pshaw, Sir, what is that the condition of things in Baltimore?" .. "As more: The meek, lamb-like pastors who appeal for sympathy to Christians throughout the world tell us that if "the proclamation should be carried out in its design, it would inevitably lead to the the falseness of the charge, that the proclamation was an excitement to insurrection. It takes effect by the freeing of the slaves wherever the Union armies go, without violence or injury to any one, D. Hoge, D. D., returns to Richmond there will not be a slave within its circumference; ern States of America. The negro has already taken his place as a citizen in the Union armies, and he will be protected by Mr. Lincoln's Government from the atrocity of his late masters. blood every negro prisoner—they were always braggarts-but they dare not carry out their threats. They know that a Confederate officer will be hung for every negro slain in cold blood; compelled to acknowledge the manhoood of the colored race. In the meantime, Sir. I sincerely trust, as our ministers desire peace in their Churches, that they will hold aloof from a by means of advertisements like that of the

> A UNITED PRESBYTERIAN. Brixton, Aug., 13, 1873.

SKEPTICISM OF THE PRESENT DAY.

Clergy of the Confederate States of America

in our religious periodicals.—I am, Sir,

tion, and will singly suffice for this brief sketch.

Journalism in all its forms, from its lightest leaves appearing in the morning of each day, to those more serious collections which count their dates by weeks or months journalism occupies and rebel hospitals. One one occasion he drove THE CLERGY OF THE CONFEDERATE a constantly increasing space in the domain of STATES AND THE CHRISTIANS OF public attention. There are some journals devoted to the defence of fixed principles, but their readers are comparatively few in number. To which, then, belongs the widest circulation? Sin: There has been widely circulated, by To those periodicals which, faithful, perhaps, if tory. As to their morality, an article of pure tendency may stand side by side with a most

Acmother will forbid such reading to her atheism and the doctrines of nihilism. Literary criticism is distinguished by a disposition to thing, evil as well as good. Doubtless, in these facts we see primarily a manifestation of the of Christian union who premeditatedly throws seek for readers, and study the taste of their such an apple of discord amongst the people. The address to which I allude is a mass of comes a cause. These journals and reviews gross and wilful misrepresentation. Not one of the propositions it pompously puts forth is based serious and active frame, judging gravely of the on truth, and what is worse, the reverend signers must have known them to be false. I take but Do we enter into these bazaars of the intellect its affairs. The South never entertained such an read as a pleasant recreation. We open the idea," Sir, that assertion is false. The South newspaper at the breakfast-table, we cast our ern slaveholders have entertained the idea of breaking up the Union ever since the anti-slavery ness or amusement of the day. The review is party showed its strength during Freemont's candidature for the Presidency in 1856. When the tility to the government, and who has slice loaned himself and all his influences and wealth to every measure of the rebellion. The lady was Mrs. Rayburne. I had been to this hospital before, and the efficers and measure express and measure of the research measure of the rebellion. The lady was Mrs. Rayburne. I had been to this hospital before, and the efficers and measure express and hones. and the officers and mon were earnest and honest plated by Mr. Lincoln and his friends; but it was in these fugitive publications. On the great subin their expressions of gratitude to the government. The surgeons had assured me that all of slavery might possibly in future be gradually tiny, we find in the same journal, the most contend their requisitions were filled by the medical hemmed in and ultimately extinguished by the tradictory opinions under the deceptive unity of constitutional and peaceful action of Congress; the same sheet or of the same cover. When I director, and they had clothing, delicacies, and and accordingly, they ushed to steep their hands close the volumes of Pascal or Bossuet to open goods of every kind sent to them in abundance in their brother's bolod. Does the Rev. Dr. Hoge by the Christian and Sanitary Commissions, dare deny that the South first took up arms, and passing from one region of the intellectual world.

The patients said they were far better taken care that slavery being in danger was the sole pretext? into a region wholly different. If I read the of, than if they were lying in their own hospitals. "They had not expected such generous false accounts of the origin of the war to corrupt the party opposed to it, I am not ignorant that false accounts of the origin of the war to corrupt that the name of the party opposed to it, I am not ignorant that false accounts of the origin of the war to corrupt the party opposed to the advocates of opposite and humane treatment. They were not treated the sympathies of the Christian people. Upon principles. But in the present state of the peas enemies, but as friends and brothers." Evi- the slaveholders and their base abettors among riodical press, ideas the most contradictory pass dently, a most favorable impression had been the Christian clergy of the South lies the guilt before the minds of careless readers, who find made on all these rebel patients, and they were of this horrible fratricidal war. They may have nothing to arouse them from this carelessness. made on all these rebel patients, and they were contented and only anxious for recovery. But now I found they were all restless, and fearful stated in all the privileges which the citizens of writings of a Christian to those of a deist, or that they were only nursed and fed like the vic- the Free States possess. They will not, indeed, from the writings of a deist to those of an time of the Aztees for a bitter fate. "Well," be permitted to hold their slaves, for these have atheist. The result of this, be assured is a been forfeited by their rebellion, and in order to great unsettling of all belief. Formed in a retain oppression they fight with the fury of de-school like this, the young contract the habit of to Fort Delaware, and that it is the most sickly mons. This reminds me that the person who has hearing with indifference the holiest truths afplace on the continent, and there is raging there been thought worthy to fill our Presbyterian pul- firmed and denied by turns. Before they have

his Bible, slavery enacts a law to prevent it; themen, a work which I know to be difficult; but Abolitionism confers manhood upon God's oppress! when was it ever easy to accomplish anything

speech in praise of justice, and afterwards de-

THE SOLDIER'S WIDOW.

It was all over. One more heart was broken

never more to be bound up on earth. The light had gone from one more hearthstone. One more victim to the cruel hand of rebellion had fallen. The young widow sat alone with her grief. She had given up her heart's best treasure. Patriotism had triumphed over affection; now affection was predominant. She had given him up like many others, so noble, so promising, combining brave and soldierly qualities with the highest culture and refinement. The first days had been full of the poetry of war; the gay moonlight camp, the music and long walks, the dress parade, the easy life; then it grew more real and earnest. There were weary marches

wounds and death. He had come home in his coffin, pale and ghastly, and she had buried him out of her sight. It was so bitter! Why should he of him, it will be cause of thankfulness to all all others be taken? A sweet childish voice was heard in the next room singing:

> Though seen through many a tear, Let not my star of hope

"My Jesus, as Thou wilt,

Her tears started afresh. She might live rearily on, but what would her poor fatherless children do? She missed that protecting arm. She was weak and frail, and yet she must guide those young footsteps. Life seemed dreary and dark, but she must live for their sake. As she listened to the voice, she thought of the words it was singing. They seemed meant for her. She was a Christian. But the star of her hope had grown dim in all this reat soorrow. She could not see through her olinding tears the glorious face of love bending over her. Oh, but it was there, that blessed face, and He who had afflicted her, loved her, tenderly-faithfully. Was, it, not that she might love Him more that He had taken away her idol.?

And another wave of sorrow passed over her soul. She thought of her great loss, the sad. lonely way, the aching heart. If she might go Since abundant sources of skepticism are thus too. She could not bear the burden alone. WHAT OTHERS DO. When Paul would stir found even in the domain of religion, not less Alone? Where was the widow's God? Had the Corinthian Christians to liberal contributions | than in the field of politics, you can not be as- she not just had a glimpse heavenward? "Leave for the poor saints, he called their attention to tonished to see analogous tendencies manifest thy fatherless children; I will preserve them

There are widowed hearts all through this land. hearing you were sick, and fearing you might There are hours when all earthly consolation feel low-spirited in being unable to discharge fails, and the bereaved one must bear the buryour accustomed duties, I felt it my duty to den of gloom and faintness which only one ride over and deliver my message now, hoping voice could dispel; and that voice is hushed in it would cheer you in your afflictions." leath. The thought of the bright fatherless aces clustered around the empty chair, and of says Jehovah. Toil on with courage, all you the new and heavy responsibility which the who cultivate the harvest-field of the Gospel broken heart must sustain, sends a weary pang here. In a world of clearer light you shall to the sufferer, and awakens unutterable longings to fly away and be at rest. God loves and pities these widowed ones. He will be their Refuge, and strengthen and cheer them, and give them daily grace and consolation, it they trust him. ...... Genestián Pearl.

#### OUR CHILDREN'S GOD.

A child is born. Another pilgrim of love has and into your hearts and homes. A new life has awoke, a life that shall last forever. Foron the sea of language. Forever; the stars shall fail and fall away out of heaven, the sun shall burn itself to ashes and blackness, the harvest moons shall dissolve to blood, earth shall sad story of a lost husband, a lost child, and a melt away with fervent heat, and the heavens cruel landlord, a praste that had too many shall rend and pass away like a riven scroll, but that new life shall live beyond sun and stars, on through the ceaseless cycles of eternity. and three weeks after her happy face was at his Something new is evoked, something undying door, the "nicest boy in the city" in her arms, The feeble body that you carefully cherish is and she begging leave to call him "Daniel Saffrail and mortal enough, a few days or years or ford," and give him Mr. Safford's religion, too, tens of years and its limit will be reached. Its because he "tuk pity on me when my heart was first young roses may crown its death, or the almond tree may blossom for it at four-score years, and yet it is a little thing. The life of the soul all his parties. People objected that it was inthe body is short and feeble, the life of the soul all his parties. People objected that it was inthe body is short and infinite. A child is born for ease congruens. He wished, he answered, to allow world, but it is born for eternal joy or eternal oe, it matters, oh, how much! This little space of life is the seed-time for eternal harvestg; the soul shall go white-robed and crowned to bind sheaves of eternal joys and deathless that no dinners were cooked on Sabbath. She thanksgivings, or blackened and branded amid was told that as the servants were considered as the wailings of endless despair. The little spirit will grow day by day as you train it; the garden of the heart is before you to sow thorns and tares or blessed gospel seed. The plastic mind will be moulded by your hand either into grace and beauty or hideous deformity. At that dread day this soul shall be your crown of interefered with her or tried to proselyte her. ejoicing or shall shrick its curses into your ap- In a few months she began to cry over the "beaualled ear as it sees itself forever lost.

Everlasting Father is ready to enter into cove- she, "I have been observing the religion of this nant with you for your child; Jesus is ready to family ever since I came into it, and it seems mark it among his precious purchase. The to me more like what I find in the Bible Lord condescends to assist you. He has given than that of the catholics." So she became a you a sign and a promise, he has bound him- Christian, and died in the faith of Christ. self by a pledge and youchsafed you a token. Baptism'is the token, and the promise of eternal life. Dedicate your little one to Him, be willing that he shall use your treasure for his own glory, desire only that the child may live so as your child with joy, exult and rejoice in your wonderful privilege. Thank God for it every day; every time you look at the baby brow here baptismal waters have been shed. Feel that God loves, your child, that he is ready to set it among the lambs of his flock. Remember the Saviour's tenderness for little children.

Plead this covenant often in prayer, recall the

fore the Holy One for a blessing. Do not doubt, hat it will early be justified and sanctified. appoint you? Never lande faithful in your

corn so sweet a pledge of his love to you, how than to receive, their salvation; and that the reaneglect his commands? God may be better to son that preaching is so commonly ineffectual is, your child and better to you than you are to it that it calls on men oftener to work for God r were to yourself. You may never bring it than to behold God working for them. If for t, and yet he may save it—it may not be lost put forth a claim upon their hearts; if for every with you. Yet he has not promised to do this. assertion of God's demands from them, we Oh! parent, is it possible you are not a Chris- could substitute a display of his kindness to tian? How fearful your responsibility! Will you them; if, in fine, instead of assuming the being train up your child for eternal despair? Have of an awful Deity, which men, though they pity on your little ones and on yourself, make cannot deny, are always unwilling, someyour peace with God, entreat to be among his times unable, to conceive, we were to show people, that in precept and example you may them a near, visible, inevitable, but all-benefi-

# NOT IN VAIN

"My first sermon," said a pastor, "what a ivid recollection I have of it!" A ministerial acquaintance who was to spend the Sabbath rom home on an exchange, had invited me to ride with him to his appointment. On arriv-"I shall depend on you to preach half the

The afternoon was left for me to improve There was a heavy rain, and few ventured out, for which I felt more and more thankful as the services advanced. My discourse, partly written and partly extempore, sounded to my own ears like the "foolishness of preaching" indeed, and with an inward resolution never again to strength of a late donation of substantials commit the folly of speaking extempore from \$21.00 rent money—I have laid by money and the sacred desk, I went home mortified, hum-

bled, and desponding. Some years afterwards, while settled over a church in Connecticut, an acute bilious attack ber and December last, erysipelas in the neck, laid me by for weeks from the labors of the owing in part, says the doctor, to exposure to pastorate. One day, while lying dejected on prairie winds. More than all, S, has made he sick bed, a stranger visited me. He was

"I have come on an errand to you. It is a dessage entrusted to me by a dying woman. Do you remember spending a Sabbath in some years ago, in company with Rev.

"I do," said I, while a quick flush passed over my face. "Do you recollect what a great rain there vas, and how thin the attendance?" "I could not forget if I would."

fully blest to her, she added, 'I fear he went John, and John's blessed Master. good-and I want you to tell him how God sent home that discourse to my soul, that he may know that his labor was not in vain in the EACH inmate of our prisons and almshouses

"My word shall not return unto me vaid!" reap in joy !- Watchman and Reflector ...

A NOBLE DEACON. A sprightly writer sketching the character of the late excellent Hon. Daniel Safford, of Boston,

gives some pleasing, illustrations.

A widow with three daughters, who lived by their needle, said they could not afford the time to attend evening meetings. He might have told them that their souls were much more important than their bodies, but he did not, beever; the word floats to us heavily freighted cause he was as wise as he was good. He just made up to them the time they spent at meeting. They were all converted.

> poor already." His family was sent to look after her, a bed was provided for her at the hospital, bruk ... Twenty five years afterwards she came

> monize with religious worship. He hit a principle square on the head.

An Irish Catholic woman forty years old, wanted to be his cook, because she had heard members of the household, they were always expected to be present at family prayers, and she could not conscientiously unite with them it would be better for her not to come. She came, and was allowed to use her Douay version of the Bible-note the wisdom of this man-nobody liful hymns." Then she wanted her eight-year-Oh! who is sufficient for these things? One is old nephew to go to Mr. Safford's Sabbath school fficient, and lo, He comes to help you. The then she wanted a seat in his church, "for," said

#### MORAL EFFECT OF BEAUTY.

It has been said by Schiller, in his letter on Æsthetic Culture, that the sense of beauty to do God service and inherit his rest. Bring never furthered the performance of a single duty. And though this falsity is not wholly and in terms admitted vet it seems to be partly and practically so in much of the doing and teaching even of holy men, who, in the recommending of the love of God to us, refer but seldom to those things in which it is most abundantly and immediately shown; though they insist much on his giving of bread, and raiment, and pappy hour when you brought your darling be health, (which he gives to all inferior creatures,) they require us not to thank him for that glory believe that your child shall, in God's good of his works which he has permitted us alone ime, be justified and sanctified; yes, believe to perceive; they tell us often to meditate in the closet, but they send us not like Isaac, into Follow this dedication with your earnest of the fields at even; they dwell on the duty of orts, pray with your little one and for it—teach | self-denial, but they exhibit not the duty of deto pray; tell it of God's love and the solemn light. It seems to me, that the real sources of this ovenant for it; let thoughts of God be associa- bluntness in the feelings toward the splendor ed with all, around it, with every good and of the grass and the glory of the flower, are less peautiful thing call up a thought of the Creator, to be found in ardor of occupation, in seriousbe faithful, and to such faithfulness you can ness of compassion, or heavenliness of desire, nly attain by earnest prayer and striving. If than in the turning of the eye at intervals of ou faithfully fulfil your part of this coverant rest too selfishly within; the want of power to it possible that God will fail in His? Will He shake off the anxieties of actual and near internvite you to bring your child to him and then est, and to leave results in God's hands; the efuse the trust? Will he encourage you by scorn of all that does not seem immediately nany sweet and precious promises only to dis- apt for our purposes, or open to our understanding, and, perhaps, something of pride, which depart and God will be faithful in his. Oh! pa- sires rather to investigate than to feel. I believe rent, if you love God, how can you neglect this that the root of almost every schism and heresy ovenant of baptism, how can you despise what from which the Christian church has ever suffhall bring you into such nearness to him, how ered, has been the effort of men to earn, rather him in baptism, never teach it or pray with every rebuke that we utter of men's vices, we be to your children what you should—that you cent Deity, whose presence makes the earth and your children may be his children, and that itself a heaven, I think there would be fewer He may be your God and your children's God. | deaf children sitting in the market-place.-

#### SURROUNDINGS OF A WESTERN PASTOR Some Eastern pastors who are inclined to

complain of their lot, says the Congregationalist, may perhaps see things through more cheerful and contented spectacles after reading the fol-

My salary is too meagre to afford much literary food, except what has long been common to all in the profession, at least in our denomination. There is hardly a ministerial brother (with one exception) that comes into my house once a year. My churches are ten miles apart-bleak prairie between and so feeble that they raise only \$137.50 each on my salary. [On the sent for \$20,00 worth of books, the first of any

amount since May, 1860.] Besides I have had a new trouble in Novemalso a pastor, residing some twelve miles away! principally came here, a good Christian high After some pleasant preliminary words, he school, or a well regulated academy. Our a perfect failure in securing that for which I common school is a poor one, void of all proper stimulus for children to aim at good scholarship: And instead of improvement here is

Now I have cheerfully pioneered till 45 years of age, have for six and a half years been voluntarily shut up by surrounding ample acres of prairie, from seeing the rest of the world and mankind particularly, have generally been from two to three-and a half weeks going and returning from our General Associations-whose "Well," said he, "I was pastor of that church then,—we did not meet, however. Two years attend—and now let some young man lay the fter you were there, I was sent for to converse foundations, and if the Master-builder wants me with a lady about to die. She was ready for to carry hod in the rearing of the superstructthe messenger. M'But,' said she, 'I have a ure, I will do it. Only be it understood I shall special request to make of you: then, referring carry something of Taylor, Finney, and Ed-

A WESTERN PASTOR.

Lord." And," continued my thoughtful caller, was once an innocent babe!