## Woetry.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE SHORTER CA-TECHISM.

With cautious hand earth's pleasant flowers cull, With cautious nand earth s pleasant nowers cuit,
When nought therein thy soul from duty lures,
Remembering they are then most beautiful,
When His own hand hath put them into yours; And, as the rainbows point us to the sun, So should our joys to that soul-brightening One.

But God himself, the best, the crowning bliss!
It gives sublime delight to gaze abroad
On ocean; but sublimer joy is his
Who views the ocean-shorelessness of God.
His isles, the world-groups! and behold! He pours
Exhaustless tides of love round all their shores!

When fierce oppression tramples down the weak, When truth is crushed to death, when hope hath

fled,

The God of power and pity hears the shriek,
And hurls a vengeful sea on Pharaoh's head.
Rejoice! Behold, in you high throne above,
The bolt of empire in the hand of Love.

When earthly friends prove feeble or untrue, When sins assail thee or success hath flown, Or when you tread that valley where with you No friend can come—for each must die alone—Rejoice! God gives thy perilled hours a crowd Of aids and joys,—Christ's robe thy bright death-shroud.

Who but should triumphrin a God so bright?
Justice, truth, mercy, holiness endow
His paths with beauty; what a winning light
Of gentleness and wisdom on His brow!
How many a diadem His head adorns,
And, o'er them all, behold the crown of thorns.

Delight thee, then, in Gol, and be at peace.

From creature-comforts turn full off thine eyes
To Him, in whom thy joys shall still increase,
Making eternity one bright surrise. His smile alone those pleasures can impart, And fill the vastness of thy dear bless heart.

## Correspondence.

## MEETING TOGETHER OF THE RICH AND THE POOR.—II.

BY REV. E. E. ADAMS. manship, or warfare, or in the more quiet pro- platform, fessions and walks of life. We are to accept an order of things in reference to the human of birth, are to be set aside here. This is God's race, corresponding to the system which we see | dwelling-place, and in his presence are we to acin the material world below and around us, knowledge and feel that the barriers of ordinary wherein each individual thing differs, in some life have no rightful place. Higher interests particular, from every other; where, among press on our minds. The soul has a work to the million leaves that clothe a single oak, no | do with God, and asserts its supremacy over all two of them have precisely the same form or the accidents of its condition. hue: among the myriad grasses and flowers claim; among the living creatures that fill the he shall pass away." soil, the seas, and the air with motion and with song, each wears a distinctive badge; and all rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which he in their generic harmonies, as in their specific hath promised to them that love him?" and individual distinctions, demonstrate, as they "sing and shine" the manifoldness and opulence, yet the unity of the Creator.

And we are not to forget, that many of the distinctions existing among men, are attributable instrumentally to the sufferers themselves; few weeks ago, a gray-haired man passed down to their vices or follies, their idleness or inconsideration. While on the other hand, not a few are the results of criminal pride and cruel misrule on the part of those who are born to better fortunes, or who have, by greater skill, industry or power, obtained positions above old man, as he guided the sightless boy to their fellows. But with all this diversity, church; and every one who met them had a whether constitutional or criminal in its origin, there are planes of equality between the two classes.

To say nothing of the fact that all are born equally helpless of themselves; equally depen- by, the physician pronounced his case hopeless. dent on some waiting hand that takes them The minister was sent for, and came to pray at up, clothes, warms, feeds them, or some heart | the bedside of the dying man. that feels for their weakness and hears their ... What are your hopes of heaven?" said the cry of misery, whether in the palace or the minister. "Are you resting on Christ? Is cottage, in the wealthy mansion, or in the your faith firm?" moving tent, or without shelter in the busy street, or beneath the shade of the wilderness go to heaven, for I never did any one any harm all are essentially alike in their nature.

Notwithstanding the different degrees of This the end of seventy years, in a land so physical power, of mental clearness and grasp, flooded with light as ours! This the result of all have the same organism, the same intellec- seventy winters of the Gospel-of seventy sumtual endowments. Superiority in any attri- mers in the sanctuary. Poor old man-going bute is as likely to exist in the poor as in the down to the edge of the dark waters leaning on rich, and in the exercise of their natural en- such a bundle of reeds as this, trusting in the downerts, the former often rise to fortune and hour of death, not in the perfect atonement of to power; while the latter, for the want of per- the Blessed One who died on the cross to expiate sonal endeavor, sink to poverty and depen- our sins, but in the negative merits of his owndence; and sometimes in the changes which mortal life, in which he had not knowingly Providence brings about among men, the poor hrrmed any one. Alas! he is not the only one. and oppressed are pushed upward and set No need of going far from our own doors to find upon the highest grade of social life, as the heathenism as dark, as hopeless, and infinitely. granite is upheaved through the superincum- harder to overthrow than that which clouds the bent strata.

less, in reference to some object, pursuit, or hunting through the squalid homes of the Five station. All have a sense of law and govern- Points, or the wretched dens of vice and infamy ment; all have their tastes and passions, con- in any city, to find those who know not Christ viction of personal duty, and an impression of No. There are heathens in our most refined rights. The poor are not inferior to the rich circles. The cultivated, the generous, the merryin their love of home and family, in their desire hearted, the beautiful, if they are sailing to heato possess knowledge, in their interest in just | ven in a cance formed of their own good deeds and safe government, in the growth and grand- and good resolutions, instead of finding shelter. eur of their country. They read with as much in the only ark of safety, will as surely be eagerness the story of our battles, and our suf- swamped, and come to terrible wreck, as any ferings, and hail, with as true feeling of devo- cannibal of tion, our successes. They share as largely in a fetish. the sacrifice of their children and friends on their country's alter, and bear their proportion this the keynote of your instructions. Jesus, of the burden that supports our armies and our the author and finisher of our salvation! Jesus, government. And if in the cottage or the hut, whose perfect work is our redemption! Jesus, there are instances of brutishness toward their the Son of God, co-equal with his Father, who

briety prostrates, on his pallet of straw, a manly form; if idleness lets in the frost and the gale through broken panes; the lordly mansion, too, echoes sometimes to the profaneness and riot of its drunken master; the cham-NO. II. - MAN'S CHIEF END TO ENJOY HIM FOREVER. ber hung with costly drapery is profaned by unutterable sin: and into the warm drawingrooms of the opulent and great, rushes the blast of passion, and steals the frost of indiffer-

ence and neglect. If among the higher classes there is claimed a more refined sensibility, a greater delicacy of thought and manners, we can tell you that the better feelings of our nature flourish in the humblest soil; that hands as gentle minister to sorrow, eyes weep tears as warm and as true over the dead, and prayers go up as full and trusting, where penury reigns, as where men lounge and languish amid the splendors.

The poor can glow in the presence of beauty, feel the power of great thought, and thrill when the "world's wide harmony" falls on their souls. They can look as deeply into truth; can believe and worship with the loftiest of this world's minds and hearts.

In a word, the rich and the poor are alike in their depravity. Both are born with proclivities to evil; both are destitute of love to God: and, under the power of adequate temptations, each yields and falls, and so they are equally in need of renewal and pardon, alike exposed to the retributions of justice. Therefore whatever advantage of culture, of family, of possession, or of position, the one may have over the other, in the presence of infinite holiness, they are alike poor, and blind, and naked, and des-

They are, therefore, on a level in the view of Christianity. To both, its offers are gratuitous. It makes but one proposal to all. The infinite worth of the Gospel towers alike above poverty and opulence, above all the distinctions of men. As the sun is not appreciably more distant from earth's loftiest mountain than from its lowest vale, neither is Christ more remote from the mendicant than the monarch. Often, indeed, as the beams of the morning fall on richer verdure and awaken sweeter song in the We are to begin, therefore, with the fact of lowlands than on the summit, so may the Suninequality in the human condition; to regard of Righteousness win from humblest hearts the it as a law of Providence in the regulation of purest affections and the amplest praise. Insociety; as in harmony with the other works deed, the poor, dependent and neglected of this and ordinances of God; as an element of con- world are more likely to feel the force of that servation, of development, and of progress appeal which is made by the cross to suffering toward social perfection. We are to submit at hearts. In proportion to their isolation and the outset to a system in which some are born their burden, to their separateness from the with more healthy, vigorous bodies, greater greater and more prospered of their kind, will mental power, or a better temperament than they welcome the sympathy of Jesus and take - others; in which some are ushered into being the boon which others cannot give. Then, as amid better influences, and at an epoch when the sanctuary is the visible exponent of Chrisfairer opportunities offer for success in states- tianity, the rich and poor meet there on an equal

All the distinctions of society, of talent and

Here "Let the brother of low degree rejoice that garnish the broad acres of the earth, each in that he is exalted. But the rich in that he can boast of something which the rest cannot is made low, because as the flower of the grass

"Hath not God chosen the poor of this world

# A VERY COMMON ERROR.

From the window at which I am sitting, I can see over the fields, a little brown cottage. A the brick pathway in front of it, every morning. accompanied by his little grandsons—one of whom was blind-bade them good bye at the gate, and went forth to his daily toil. On the Sabbath, the neighbors loved to watch the kind pleasant word for old Mr. C.

Several weeks ago, at the close of a bright. pleasant Sabbath day, Mr. C. was stricken with sudden illness. Before many hours had gone

"Ah," said the dying man, "I am sure I will that I know of "

sunny shores of Indla or deepens the shadow All men have reason and ambition, more or that broods over desolate Africa. No need of

Jesus only! Oh! pastor, teacher, mother, be children and their feebler companions; if ine- alone can lift us from the mire and the dust,

and make us kings and priests above! Have A few words on one or two subjects not pity on those who are going, fast as time can strictly missionary, yet nearly allied to the

#### of their own can save them, but only Christ the teachers. crucified. M. E. M.

LETTER FROM CHINA.

RECENT NEWS ABOUT CHINA MISSIONS. Rev. Mr. Mears: Having recently received several letters from arious parts of China, it has occurred to me o send you for your paper some items of news relative to the work of missions, hoping that your readers would like to hear from this land: What of the night? It is not all dark and discouraging to the vision of those "who walk by faith not by the light." Beginning with Tientsin, the most distant and the most northern post at which Protestant Missions have been established: in the native church connected with the mission of the London Missionary Society, "extortion, lying, cheating, opiumsmoking, and even sodomy" were proved to exist among some of the native members. Ten per cent gain" was charged on everything done on mission account as squeezes or bribes. The result is that "half of the church including all the native helpers," were excommunicated. Some were subsequently readmitted.

In connection with the church of the missio of the American Board at the same city, it is reported that the two cripples who were baptized last February, "still continue faithful." The blind wife of the one has of late began to months regularly; her husband "considered it of the vessel, whose joss is universally regretted be found, who was a professing Christian at a miracle of grace." The prominent members by all who were personally acquainted with him. home, and who now occupies a middle ground who were excommunicated from the church The English forces landed and destroyed the between these marked degrees of growth in last winter do not give any promise of repen- forts which fired upon vessel. American, grace and backsliding. Mediocrity is almost tance. Let prayers be often offered for the Dutch and French vessels have been fired upon. impossible there. All the circumstances and mission at Tienstin

The news from Tang Chau is more cheering. Rev. Mr. Mills writes under date of August 5th: "We have been having an unusually shout the long-haired insurgents in China. profession which is not honored will soon come nteresting time with the candidates at the The Imperialist troops commanded by Capt. to shame literary examinations. Brother Nevns, who Gordon seem to be getting the better of the In a Virginia hospital, immediately after a formerly was stationed at Ningpo, says he Taipings. The defection of several braves, and battle, I found a Rhode Island soldier, waiting has never had such a favorable opportunity to the capture of one or two steamers belonging to for his turn to be placed on the amputating or their houses, partly from curiosity doubtless, braves joined the rebels, does not seem to have saved by the operation was against him. He but many with a desire to inquire about the been of very much benefit to the cause of the wanted a letter to be written to his wife and doctrines of Jesus, or to combat them or to rebels or of damage to the Imperialists. daughter at home. I asked him what I should procure christian books, &c. Oftentimes he Several of Capt. Osborne's vessels have already write. He named over a few particulars, got no opportunity to rest from early morning arrived in China, to help the Imperialists; when chiefly relating to his being wounded and his till late in the afternoon, explaining the doc- they all arrive, the world may look out for present circumstances. "Anything more?" I trins, exhorting his visitors to believe &c. The results. mission were greatly afflicted not long since in the death of Rev. Mr. Rankin, who went from Ningpo on a visit for his health. He died very happily and peacefully surrounded by his wife and children. He has been a useful missionary and his works do follow him.

The Cholera has raged dreadfully at Shanghai during the hot months of Summer. Three

the sick-ones. been greatly reduced by deaths, sicknesses, ab- comes rushing down through all the gorges of Here we were interrupted by the Surgeon's sences. &c. during the past year. Still the good the Syrian mountains, and the fir trees crash assistants, who came to remove him to the work has been carried on with considerable and the oaks of Bashan howl beneath the sound-operating tent. For about two hours I busied success. Rev. D. D. Green of the (O. S.) ing pinions of mighty winds, then the royal ce- myself in another direction, and then returned Presbyterian Mission, under date of Aug., 28th dar of Lebanon, strong with the growth of a to my Rhode Island friend. The operation had writes encouragingly. He says, "Perhaps thousand years, fixing the grapple of its deep been safely performed, but it had left him too about 20 have been added to our churches on and wide spreading roots upon the everlasting weak to say or hear much. I could only learn profession of faith. I suppose the Baptist rock, stands firm; and the lonely wanderer that still all was dark. He was distressed with Church and the Church of England have among the mountains is safely sheltered beneath the fear that he had passed the boundary of added about as many. Five or six have its branches, while he hears the roar of the forgiveness. united from our schools during the year, and there are, at present, several inquirers whom we hope to admit soon. One of our servants has united with the Church since our return from the North, and the woman that was with us at Tang Chau last summer, has asked for baptism. The Lord has dealt very mercifully

with us, and to Him be all the glory." The Rev. Mr. Ostrom of the Dutch Reformed Mission at Anoy, has been very ill with remittent fever. His life was despaired of disease, and at last dates, he was convalescing. that they must return to the United States. They will probably leave during the Fall or Winter before another Spring opens. His Talmadge in America.

From Canton we hear of repeated and long trips into the interior by boats, for missionary and recreation purposes. Mr. Bonney accompanied by his wife and several other foreigners of 230 miles from Canton. It required some places on the route.

as it is very much needed. A colloquial mutable God. version is much needed for use among inquirers, pupils and church members, who are not able subscribed \$5000 to aid in completing the ento read with the understanding the versions in dowment of the Theological Seminary of the the classical styles already made. Reformed Presbytorian Church, in Philadelphia.

move, to the eternal world, and teach them that missionary work in their influences and interests no earthly beauty, no mortal goodness, no deed I trust will not be anacceptable to your Christian THIRD SCRAP.—THE CHRISTIAN PRO-

PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1863.

Yesterday Sept. 15th, a meeting of American residents for Thanksgiving, in view of the news If so, I now write especially to you. I know rebels in Mississippi and the retreat of Lee's army into Virginia, was held at the house of one of the missionaries. It was attended by missionaries and merchants. It was conducted by Rev. Mr. Peet, of the American Board's that slavery could not long exist in our native have led their comrades to Jesus. land. The American massionaries at Fuh Of others, I have sadder things to write. Chau, are all warmly in favor of sustaining the They ceased to pray, and then they began to President in carrying on the war till the rebel- sin. The temptations of camp life overwhelmed lion is crushed, and peace is restored on just their spirituality; and their religion is desand righteous terms for all parties concerned, troyed for the present, if not forever. They the North. South. West and East. There are were ashamed to read their Bibles, to pray, and no copperheads or disunionists among them. to speak for Christ, before swearers and sufpeaceful relations with foreign powers. An Eng- | Christ. The booming of a cannon from a rebel answer questions and shows some indications lish man-of-war had been attacked by the Japan- fortification, would give them the heart of a of not being entirely a "wooden woman ". The ese in Japanese waters which attack resulted in lion; but a single pop-gun from Satan's battitue of the smallest title to happiness and wife of the blind man Chang has recovered from a the wounding or the killing of about 40 men; tery made them moral cowards. long sickness, so as to come to church one or two among the killed was Capt. Josling, commander In all our army, there is scarcely a soldier to

settled without a war.

Fuch Chau, Sept. 16th. 1863.

### SACRED SYMBOLS BY REV. DANIEL MARCH. I. THE CEDAR IN LEBANON.

valuable native helpers have been struck light of his setting glory, fall on the cedar tops But here—O sir, I am ashamed to tell you how down by that scourge; one from each, the of Lebanon. When the mists of the morning it has been." I asked him if he had not some-American Baptist, the American Episcopal darken the plain and roll in billowy torgents thing to say to that dear wife and child conand the English London Missionary Society's through the valleys, and thick rain-clouds cover cerning his spiritual condition. "Oh," said he, Missions. Several of the missionaries have the top of Carmel and brood on the distant sea, "they are good Christians, and it will break been poorly, but at our latest dates all were then still the royal cedar, keeping its high their hearts to know that I am dying here, all alive; the well barely sufficient to attend to throne upon Lebanon, rejoices in the clear, in the dark. I am a Peter; I am afraid I have At Ningpo, the missionary working force has cloudless noon. And when the wild storm enjoyed religion; I have no peace now." tempest and traces the track of its desolation

rene upon his high post of duty, with the light versations respecting his spiritual state. He of heaven around him and the fear of God per- was evidently sick of sin, but failed to get a vading his soul, when deep darkness settles fast hold upon the peace of forgiveness. Once down on all the devices of wicked men, and in a while the cloud would seem to lift; once and the low and crooked policy of the faint- gleam of comfort; but it was only for the mogreater dangers and darker conclusions. The was not so easily broken. His bodily sufferfor several days, but God has rebuked the light of heaven will always shine on the head of ings were intense; perhaps he was soon to die him who keeps himself at a sufficiently high under their severity. But the physical agonies But in consequence of the state of the health of and commanding position above the world. of a thousand deaths were pleasure beside the Mrs. O. as well as his own, it has been decided The mount of God seems to the murmuring and anguish of a spirit crying for one token of forhim who ascends the sacred heights upon the apprehension of dying under this darkness. He loss will a great one to the Mission, weakened wings of faith and prayer, the whole region is felt this to be the neward of leaving his religion as it already is by the absence of Rev. Mr. full of light; his own countenance absorbs the at home when he came to the army. radiance of the heavenly day, and when he re- My duty soon called me elsewhere, and I turns to the world, it can be seen in his silent commended his case to a faithful Christian look that he has been talking with God as friend. I know not whether he lived or died; friend with friend. The face of the righteous and if the latter, whether or not, he found man is a mirror to receive the light of the sun peace. I sometimes thought he was a real, has been up at the North river to the distance of righteousness and reflect it upon a darkened though deeply sinning Christian, and that he world. By looking to him, the fearful, the be- would not be left to die in the dark. But, dear 13 days to go that distance including two nighted, the wandering, can always see that Christian soldier, is your religion with you in Sabbaths, during which time the boat was at the true light shines, though it be hidden from the field, or did you leave it at home when you anchor. The party were treated civilly by the them. The faithful servant of God, calm in came to the war? You will return or die a people and by mandarins. Many exceedingly the midst of public agitation, fearless in the better Christian than when you went forth, or many trips must be made before China is evan- face of danger, prompt in the discharge of duty, deeply fallen. Thousands of prayers ascend in gelized. Books were distributed at various living every day in the celestial region of light your behalf. Be faithful to Jesus and faithful and love, above all the doubts and fears and to your own solemn vows. There is no special interest among the people cavils of the world, preaches righteousness by here at any of the stations that I am aware of, the purity of his own life; encourages the fear-The work is conducted much as usual at some | ful by the strength of his own faith. and cheers eight or ten out-stations, as well as at this large the sorrowing by the light and serenity of his city within and without its walls, by the own countenance. And when the day of pe-American Mission, Methodist Episcopal and culiar trial comes to him, and temptations assail And another short year is finishing fast. American Board. A committee of two from in a fiery shower, and afflictions beat upon him Another short year! oh, the sound of its wing each of these missions are now busy at work like a strong wind to cast him down, then still To my bosom some heart-searching questions should endeavoring to prepare a translation of the he stands, like the royal cedar upon the high Have I sought for the Lord? Do I walk in his ways? New Testament into the spoken language throne of Lebanon, a defense to others and seof this place. When the union version is cure himself, proving that his foundation is the completed it will be an occasion of rejoicing holy mountain and that his trust is in the im- The days of the years of my life glide away;

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# Soldier's Scrap Yook.

# FESSOR IN THE ARMY.

of the victories brought by last mail, over the many of your fellow soldiers who, at home, walked with the church, and came to her sacramental feasts. I need not say to you that, when they went to the war, they went where some ten missionary ladies, and 10 or 11 their whole character was brought to the test. I have watched the course of some of them. with gratitude and joy. The state of things Mission. Several prayers were offered, and around them was such that, if their faith and an impromptu address of great interest, feeling love was strong, they must almost infallibly, and patriotism, was made by Rev. S. L. Bald, become warmer and brighter Christians than win of the Methodist Mission; God's provi- ever. They would find no alternative between dences as illustrating God's purposes in regard clinging closer to Christ, and falling away. to our native land were referred to. The They accepted the necessity; they have kept meeting was hopeful. Several of the gentlemen fast by the cross; they have watched and present took part in remarks bearing upon the prayed; they have promoted prayer meetings; subject which had convened us. All were they have been Aarons and Hurs to godly earnest in the expression of the conviction chaplains and army missionaries; and they

The late news from Japan shows that the Jap- ferers. They could brave death for their counanese are not intent on cultivating friendly and try, but they would not brave a light cross for

It is difficult to forsee how matters can be scenes of camp life forbid it. The trial of religion is incessant. Those who do not work for There is no very recent and important news Christ will soon be at work for Satan. The

the Imperialists by Capt. Burgovine, a renegade table. He was an old man, i. e., old for a solstates that the students would call at their studies American, who with the steamers and the dier, and so feeble that the probability of being Sinist locked, for I felt that there was more which he ought to say. He was silent a few moments. "My friend," said I," are that wife and daughter of yours Christians?" "Yes." he replied. "Do you also profess to be a Christian?"

A deep anguish gathered over his counte-Psalms xeii: 12. The righteous shall grow like a nance. "O sir," he said, "You have touched a tender point now. But I will tell you the The first rays of the rising sun and the last truth. I am a professor of religion at home. calm light, and anticipates the coming of the even been a Judas. I used to think that I

The next day I was I was on a distant part of the field, and could not see him. The third So stands the righteous man, secure and se- day I saw him again, and we had fuller conwild tempests of revolution shake the nations, in a while prayer would seem to bring in a hearted and the compromising only leads on to ment. The power of the prince of darkness sensual multitude at the base, full of thick dark- giveness and one smile from its Lord, but stillness and shaken with angry tempests. But to feeling that all was dark, and terrified with the

## The glories of Summer and Autumn are fled. And Winter, stern Winter, has reared its dark head; December is here, and will quickly be past,

And my thoughts, are they hallowed by prayer and

May I earnestly labor while yet it is day,
And, knowing that life must soon come to an end,
Look to Christ as my Saviour, my Lord, and my Friend.

Be not weary in well doing.

## Selections.

## A RUSTY CHRISTIAN.

A key unused becomes rusty. A harp un-practiced gets out of tune. A heart which does SOLDIER: -- Are you a professing Christian? ot draw up daily and hourly its kind and emoall will, by neglect, inattention, want of use, | glass!"—Band of Hope Review. become rusty, dry, hard to start sometimes impossible without a great deal of work and labor, and use of all such material as will put it n motion. The engine may need the hammer. the file, the chisel, with oil, and sometimes the borepeating and working over again or replacing he. of some part of the machinery, and then it will not work as at first; the rust eats in and someimes so corrodes as to require another piece to

Impatience, or irritability, or indolence, or ndifference may say it is not worth the trou- better not go." ble; ignorance may say it cannot be done; lespondency may give it over; but patience, than themselves better things than they can forbearance will put it in motion—fit to its practice. But you see what a bridle the habit

however much water may be in the well, however excellent the pump, the stiffness and dryness must be attended to; to moisten it, until it we forget Him. Nobody can bring daily to takes up the water. !

t, a throne of grace and seldom comes to it; a doing wrong; for prayer, like a chain let down amily altar, and only Sabbath evening, gets from heaven, with one end in our hand, twitches ais family around it—who knows the way of us from evil and draws us toward heaven. life, but just keeps so near that it may be hoped for him he is in it; yet is so in all his pious mother gathers her little ones about her, novements that you stand in doubt; is like a man who can write, yet seldom takes hold of a pen.

The want of use; application, perseverance n anything which we should follow; makes us stiff in our movements, dry, lifeless, rustythe very motion makes a gritting, shricking but sometimes the rust eats in so that the whole thing is useless.

A rusty Christian-he may be on the outward ppearance from circumstances—for want of the means of grace, society of Christians, and, when brought under proper treatment, may be started—but the safe, sure, and comfortable invite a number of his playmates to spend the way is to continue on in the way and use of means—constancy in prayer, studying the Bible. means—constancy in prayer, studying the Bible, keeping up household worship, private prayer, with devotion to every Christian duty. This may seem laborious, confining, but it it will go easy, and the burden will be light. It is only Then some one proposed going into the house, a rusty Christian who can't be moved to Gos. | to play blind man's buff, and so the large dipel duty; while it is a burden to him—it is in great danger of destroying him.

you find the throne of grace the place where always good—as you will see. you must go, to which you will go with a The privilege of going where they pleased

family worship, the members are so scattered that they cannot be found, or come in and look as if they did not know what was going to be certainly very rusty.

If I were to adopt a name after the days of isters I would sign myself.—Standard.

#### DISCOURAGEMENTS AND TRIALS. O EXCUSE FOR ABANDONING THE MASTER

The times in which we live are so much o golden slippers and downy beds, that we cannot Edwards. ook for much manly vigor or endurance, and where success does not appear, the faith of our imes inclines to abandonment of the field. This was not the way with the men of faith of whom Paul writes. Nor is it the history of the men who have carried the Gospel to the destitute and

of labor and toil without encouragement, they

consulted together for weeks as to the evidence of duty to stay. Christian David concluded to if he had returned at once to the parlor and rereturn to his own country, but he agreed to return to his own country, but he agreed to support the mission to his utmost ability; Stach agreed to try ten years longer, even if no fruit his home, and, going to his room as quietly as he could, he sat down and drew from his pocket should arise from his labors. Three other the cause of his trouble. "Perhaps," thought nissionaries agreed to spend and be spent—to elieve without seeing, and hope against hope. Their supplies were reduced to the lowest in my little box; and no one shall know it is degree, when a vessel arrived from Europe, but brought nothing for them. Out of their scanty supply they had to provide subsistence for David to return home. They had now to rely on the seals caught by the Greenlanders. These they had to buy. When attempting to catch fish for themselves they were in danger of being drowned. viction. "I wont keep it there. I can't have in their strait, God sent a strange Greenlander such a book about me. The Good Man placed

train oil with oat meal. It was a delicacy compared with the old tallow candles which they requently were compelled to eat. God don't promise fine houses, comfortable ecomodations, luxuries, but food, raiment, bread and water sure. With these he will give grace, strength, wisdom and success, in that to which he appoints them. On the way they may have many difficulties, over which he will make them

they were thus preserved during a whole season

to triumph. Sure I must fight if I would reign. The saints conquer though they die on the field. Death can have no power over them. Jesus has conquered for them—he led captivity captive; ie bore the cross-its shame, its trials. Will any follower say in the time of trial, let me go back? Will ye also go away? Think of those words, "Ye are they that have continued with me in my temptations."

#### EFFECTS OF ONE GLASS. On passing through one of the wards of the

He held down his head as though ashamed to look me in the face. On handing returned together to their sports—Charley to him a tract, he said, "I knew your voice as soon enjoy himself; but John to think over what he as I heard you, sir; I have heard you before to- will never forget, that After a few words, of explanation, I found

that we had been one time members of the same congregation, and sat under the same faithful ministry. I anxiously inquired how it was that

perate, but was happily led to give up drinking entirely, although I did not sign any pledge, which I now lament! I became a regular attendant at a place of worship, and joined the congregation. I went on very happily for some for ease; he gives patient

years, until one evening I was returning from when I met with some friends from They prevailed upon me to go to the public house to have but one glass. Conscience reproved me, but having entered upon the enchanted ground, I was readily induced to take more liquor until I became overcome by it. The next morning I was ashamed to show myself ions, a benevolence which does not seek its and left for Leeds. My old appetite opportunities for exercise, a machine which for drink had been rekindled. I became reckless ays bye unused, however admirably it may be and joined a set of counterfeit coiners. We were dapted to its end, however beautifully it may discovered, convicted, and now I am to be transwork, and with however little friction—each; ported. Oh! that I had never touched that one

## THE HABIT OF PRAYER Some had boys tried to persuade a good little boy to pay truent. "No, no; I cannot," said

"Why? now why?" they asked:
"Why?" answered the boy, "'cause if I do,
I shall have to pray it all out to God by mother's knee to-night "Oh, well," they said, "in that case you had

Bad boys expect of boys better brought up place, get it in tune, draw up the waters of consolation—so on, and effect the work.

The pump gets dry from want of use, and mind His adorable character, what He wants us A man who has a Bible and neglects to read to be, and what He wants us to do, and go on

> Oh, what golden moments are those when a and teaches them; not to "say their prayers," open their little hearts in penitence and trust and love to the Redeemer who died for them. Then is the time, in earliest infancy, for the Spirit of Christ to enter in and mould their souls into His likeness. Mothers, see to it that His print be there first.

## "JOHN DUPPS."

It was Charley Edwards' birth-day, and his mother, to please him, gave him the liberty to lows were early at the house. For a while, they played about the large garden; first at one thing, then, when tired of it, at another.

ning-room was cleared for the fun. There was one boy, John Dupps, at this Are you in this condition? Get the file, the party of whom I wish particularly to tell you. hammer, the oil. Rest not until you find it He was not a very bad boy-no worse than easy to take hold of the Bible and read—until most boys, and yet he was not a good boy—

ready mind and will: the work and service of was given to the children, provided they dis-God-that in which you find your heart and turbed nothing. It is oftentimes a very hard hand ever ready.

When you go into the family of a professed off." John Dupps, while the play was going Christian, and the family look surprised at your on, became tired of it, and stepped into the parasking a blessing, or the head of the house apo- lor, adjoining the room they were in. How logizes for not thinking to ask you until you many beautiful things were there! What pretty have hinted at it—or when, on your suggesting books, and shells, and ornaments! What beaufamily worship, the members are so scattered tiful birds! far more beautiful than he had ever before seen! How many nice little things! "Surely Mrs. Edwards can scarcely know what done, it is a tolerably safe inference that they a quantity she has. And the books, so full of are not in the habit of these things. They are pictures! That is a beauty with the crimson back on it—Stories for Little Folks. I would like a book like that. I wonder if she would Diver Cromwell and his noble Christian mi- miss this little bit of a one?" So John Dupps was thinking. "I should love to have it There ain't any body about to see me "-and John slipped the book into his pocket. Quickly he returned to the dining-room. "Here is John," said one of the boys; and immediately John's face turned as crimson as the book his pocket. "Johnny, you blush like a girl," said Mrs.

"I am so hot," replied John. That was an

untruth. "If you are," said the boy next him, "why don't you keep your hands out of your pockets. Something kept saying to John, "They all know you are a thief-your face looks like a We are reminded of the mission to Greenland in the days of Christian Stach, where after years of labor and toil without encouragement, they now so uncomfortable that he took his cap and left the house. It would have been far better he, "they won't miss it, and I'll keep it locked there. I'll look at the pictures a while. Poetry in it, too."

#### "It is a sin to steal a pin As much as if a greater thing."

Instantly he let the book drop. The first words in the stolen treasure were words of connamed Ippagan, who lived 40 leagues south of those lines just there for me." Oh, how well them, to sell them all he could spare—by him he thought so!

"What are you doing here?" cried Charley from actual famine. They got used to living on Edwards, rushing unheralded into the room. John Dupps' mortification was complete. There could be no disguising facts now. There lay the stolen book on the floor, and its owner.

hefore him "Will you forgive me Charlev?" "Certainly. What for, John-for leaving so soon ?" "No, no. For taking your book !"

'This one," asked Charley, lifting it from "Yes." "But vou didn't mean to keep it. John?"

"Yes, but I did, though, and that's wha nakes me so sorry." "Ma prizes this book more than any other.

It is sister Jane's book, and she is dead, John. Ma would have felt sorely the loss of it." "Ain't I a bad boy. Charley?"

"Not if you won't do so again. And come: I'll take the book and put it myself in the parlor, and no one shall know of it—not even Ma; and I'll never, never speak of it again." And generous Charley kept his word. The prison, I accosted an elderly looking book was placed on the table where it had long been kept by the hand of affection. The boys

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-Youth's Evangelist. An effort is making to have a grand fair.

i prison.

"A glass of ale, sir, was my ruin," he replied.

"How could that be?" I asked.

"I was at one period of my life, sir, very intemple as the great fair held at Chickthe paper at proved such a success.

When Christ denies what

for the first, and