Rev. Dr. Guthrie, in his autobigra-phy, now in press by Robert Carter & Brothers, tells the following good story of the time when he was a banker in Brechin, before he became a settled pastor:

I spent, on the whole, a happy time in the bank, never feeling its responsi-bilities very heavy but once, when a circumstance occurred that shows into what mistakes we may fall, and how careful we should be not to rush rashly ir to unfavorable conclusions.

Detained in the office till midnight on one occasion, by press of business, I was making my way to the cottage in which we spent the summer time, some two miles out of town. It was an exing of no danger, though I carried the bank keys with me, when I heard footsteps behind. Not seeking a compan-ion in the circumstances, I put on steam to shoot ahead, and became a little anxious on finding that as I quickened my pace so did he who followed me. I tried another dodge to shake him off crossing first to one side of the road. then to the other; so did the feet be-hind, and which were, by this time, almost on my heels. Seriously alarmed now, knowing what I carried, and dreading the blow of a bludgeon from behind, lopened my knife, having no other weapon of offense or defense, and suddenly wheeling round, to see dimly the figure of a man close on me, I faced him, demanding in a loud, resolute voice, "Who's there?" "Then it is you, Master Guthrie!" was the answer; "I was sure it was your figure in the brae between me and the sky, and I did my very best to mak" up to you. You see I're forty yound up to you. You see, I're forty pound on me, and it's no' chancy to be travel-ing alone at this hour wi' a' that sil-

This mistake of mine reminds me of one equally great, if not greater, into which the zeal of an ardent Methodist once led an equally honest traveler. The worthy Methodist, burning with desire to do good and save souls, seeing a man on the road before him, hastened to make up to him, that he might deal with him about his soul. Ignorant of these good intentions, the other, taking him for a foot-pad, did all he could to throw him out, but in vain. At last and at length the Methodist runs Lim and at length the Methodist runs Lim down, confirming his worst fears, as they now stood face to face, with the scartling question, "Are you prepared to die?" So the worthy Westeyan was in the habit of dealing with people, going thus right and at once to the mark. But, at this awful question, down goes the poor man on his knees, to offer the whole of his money if he will but spare his life, happy as the will but spare his life, happy as the supposed foot-pad raised him, to find out his mistake.

A German Sunday. The German's idea of Sunday is anything but puritanic. It is the very opposite. It is for them a day of amuse-ment. It is no unusual thing to be asked by a German on Monday morn-"How did you amuse yourself yes-ny?" There are those among the terday?" Germans, of course, who respect and keep the Sabbath; but then there are always enough of them who do not; and to judge by the numbers in which they frequent their places of amuse-ment on Sunday, the parks, beer gar-dens and public halls, a strenger might possibly be tempted to inquire whether the Germans had any idea of the Sabbath. Men, women and children, older men with their wives, and young men with their sweethearts, throng these places every Sunday, and enjoy themselves, careless of what impression they make on their fellow citizens of erican origin, to whom the sound of American origin, to whom the sound of brass instruments on the Sabbath air is anything but welcome or editying. In the cold days of winter, when the parks and beer gardens are dreary and shorn of their beauty, the German seeks anusement in some hall instead. Here he treats himself to a compound of rather heterogeneous elements—to music, beer and smoke-and to all of them at once. Any Sunday afternoon in the cold of winter you may find him, with his wife or child, or both, in some hundred, smoking his meerschaum or his cigar, sipping his beer, wine or cof-fee, and listening to a selection from Meyerbeer or Beethoven. Were it summer, he would add the odor of roses summer, he would add the odor of roses to the fumes of his tobacco and the smell of his beer; for he is as fond of flowers as he is of any of these, and is never happier than when the air, tremnever happier than when the air, trem-bing to the notes of the orchestra, is redolent with tobacco snoke, the per-fume of the roses, heliotrope, and hop, and he is himself in the midst of them

A Grammatical Point.

Dr. L- was a president of Southern college, who professed to be very grammatical in the use of his language, and therefore expected his pu-pils to do likewise. Playing cards was strictly forbidden on the school premises; but, as is is always the case, this law is often violated by the students without their being detected. A num-ber of freshmen collected together in one of their number's room, and were enjoying a good game of cuchre, when a knock was heard at the door. "Who's there?" exclaimed one.

"Me!" was the laconic reply.

The old professor turned his back and

went off, knowing that they had the

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