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Life Story of a Man of God.

The Priest of the Little Church Around the Corner.

this church has come to be regarded as

Not funerals alone. The marriages of

of bell and burial."

Henry Austin, in the lifustrated Ameri- | ation, and if one asked the average New Yorker today where the Church of

the Transfiguration was situated, the nam would look puzzled; but nearly When Victor Hugo in "Les Misesables" drew the character of the good priest, Bishop Bienvenu, many critics every one is able and eager to direct a denounced it as a gross exaggeration on the part of the master of romantistranger to "The Little Church Around the Corner." Still it is a mistake to suppose that the burial of George Hol-land from this church was the first incism

The career of Rev. Dr. George H. Houghton, rector of the Church of the Transfiguration, who passed away at his home in New York, on November 17, presents an actualized clerical chared at the funeral of one of that class of people who for centuries have been acter no less superb and thus contraecclesiastical ban. Just after the Civil dicts these superficial critics of Hugo's war an English actress, who was also histiop.

He achieved fame accidentally. He had no ambliion to be pointed out and the rector's personal friends. Since the Saline enigram, however, admired of men. He simply did his work in the simplest and quietest manner, and yet there is perhaps little exaggeration in saying that for many years Dr. Houghton has been the most pleturesque figure, as well as the most winning personality, not alone in the ministry of the metropolis, but in that of the whole country.

Born in Deerfield, Massachusetts, seventy-seven years ago, he grew from youth to manhood, from manhood to old age, almost in the soft shadow of here. the vine-embroidered wall of the little bloss them-hither bring their brides church which he established and built up on East Twenty-ninth street, just ound the corner from fashionable Fifth avenue.

isited, their mourners comforted, their In the early days of Dr. Houghton's perplexed and troubles and sinful counministry Pellevue hospital had no reg-ular chaplain, and Dr. Houghton recled and relieved. Alas! alas! that this last is so infrequently, so excep-tionally done⁴⁷⁹ ceived frequent invitations to come and comfort the dying and the sick in that institution. His engerness to offer the It is a part of the curious felicity and ingular implicity of this truly priestly

last consolations of religion, regardless of creed or condition, was noticed and reported about by word of mouth all over the upper cast side, and thus his theater but once popularity began outside of his own enomination

Day and night this priest was sent and he always came promptly. Lateness of hour or violence of weather, nothing prevented his hastening to bed of sin and pain.

He had been educated as a theolo-gian, and in the discussion of nice fifteen, to visit the old Chatham Street theater, and the sorrow of his mother. points of doctrine Sr man could be when she found it out, made such a more adent: but doctrine was dissi-pated like a gray mist by a swift wind deep impression upon him that ne never went again. nd a bright sun when humanity called In the regular congregation of his litto his heart for a message of comfort tle church around the corner there and of cheer.

At the breaking out of the Civil war he offered his services without compensation as chaplain of the first military hospital established in New York, This was the fashion of the man. He had ally got up a subscription at once which belped for years to support the church more than canceled the indebtedness. he had founded, turning over to it enfirely a legacy he had received, and whenever he had a chance to give service, instead of selling it, he had cager in the giving.

When the draft-riots occurred and the negroes of New York were in danter from the Copperhead Tammany thugs, nany colored men and women, smitten with panic, came, as if impelled by instinct, to this generous priest for protection. Many threats of pernal chastisement were sent to him to make the Church of the Transfigurand made against him by the Tamation stand for in the minds and hearts many men, but he paid no attention to of men-a person and of blessing: such things and walked the streets of New York, clad in the shining armor

"To that ministry no sin, no degra-The deed that brought him farm was not one of his own doing: that is, was not one of his sesking to do. He performed it as a more matter of course in the service of that Master who deensed it no derogation of His human and His divine dignity to sit at meat with publicans and sinners. It came about in this way. An actor, the older Holland, of repute in his art and in his life, died on December 20. 1870. Joseph Jefferson, therefore, undertook the arrangements for Holland's funeral and called with some friends on a dergyman named Seline, who was paster of a fashionable church on Mad-Ison avenue. This Dr. Saline evidently considered himself the salt of the earth and actors the sour of creation, for he flatly refused to bury the dead player, and when Jefferson asked him if there was may clergyman nearby who would be willing to conduct funeral services over an actor, he contemptuously replied. There's the little church around the corner, where they would do such a thing, I belleve." Whereupon the theatrical delegation walted upon Dr. Houghton and were received in a most brotherly way. Of ourse, they talked afterward not a Btthe about the difference of the treatment they had received from the two clorgymen, and that phrase of con-"The little church around the 1 Hinnit. evener," attained a wide publicity. This has ever since been the nickname of the Church of the Transfigur-

for a limited residence in the coun-When the traveller departs for an. other city in the empire he must have the passport countersigned by the police. This process continues until he reaches the frontier, which he cannot cross unless the passport has been vised and stamped by the police. Not infrequently tourists are stopped at the frontier, and subjected to serious nconvenience because they have neglected to comply with the police regulations respecting passports. All this red tape causes annoyance and irritation among tourists, who are

apt to overlook the fact that Russians as well as foreigners are compelled to observe these police regulations. It is the business of the police to know where everybody lodges. A permit is required if a native removes from one quarter of a town to another. Everybody is registered by the police when stance in which Dr. Houghton efficiathe arrives or departs, and foreigners when they are in Russia are dealt with on equal terms with permanent resiinsidered under a kind of social and dents.

PARADISE FOR COOK AND MAID a writer of some note. . is buried from the Church of the Transfiguration, and Domestic Science, Syracuse Model, everal players in consequence became

Has a Place for Best Young Men. 'rom the New York Sun.

If the cooks and the housemaids only the special sanctuary of the dramatic profession. From its portals Lester knew what beautiful schemes are being moditated for their benefit they Wallack, Harry Montague, Edwin Poorh, Dion Baucleault and others of might be so happy that they couldn' live through it. However, as it is said less note have had "the bringing home that joy never kills, the Sun will take the risk of publishing the facts.

At yesterday's meeting of the House many players have been selemnized hold Economics association the servant Dr. Houghton said in one of his problem was up, as usual, for discussermons: "My friends the actors-God ion. Different women told their tales f wee. Some of them had tried to for the wedding, their habes for the baptism, their dead for the burial: carry on cooking schools and other classes where domestics and other hither come that their sick may be working girls might learn how to do housework. There was some complaint that the girls did not fall over one another in their eagerness to attend these schools and classes.

Finally, Mrs. Larned, of Syracuse, innounced that in her city they had solved this problem. They have eighty and princely life that, with all his fratirls in the "domestic science" classes, ternal fordness for the dramatic pro-fession, Dr. Houghton was never in a and sixty of these are servants. The girls have a good time cooking various hings, a better time eating them, and Not that he disapproved of the stage,

On the contrary he believed that the yourg men come and take them home. highest kinds of plays are an education y the longest possible way around, of to the race: but his abstention from the theater was due to the force of an This beautiful scheme was highly apcarly sentiment. A cousin had per-suaded him, when he was a lad of

oved by all present, and Mrs. Alexnder, the vice-president, went so far is to propose a still more effectual one she suggested that the "best young men" of the class members be invited o come and help eat the things cooked y the class. If Mrs. Alexander's suggestion is followed, matrimony will inade the cooking school ranks and

have been for years many players and, laim their brightest ornaments. when announcement was made, net Dr. Mary Green, the president of the long ago, that the expenses of the National Household Economics assochurch had gone far beyond its income, iation, read a paper yesterday. She members of the theatrical guild generxalted the importance of housekeeping, and said that recently, at a great neeting of women at Nashville, they But it was not alone or especially talked about almost everything under for the members of this long-taboosd he sun except their homes. She said profession that Dr. Houghton estabthat domestic science is taught in the Boston public schools, and that she was lished his church of the living Christ, and maintained unswervingly his minmazed at the knowledge possessed by istry of mercy with all the ardor of a girls of 14 or 15 years. These girls, as youth, all the unflagging zeal of a devotee and all the practical wisdom tinal examination, prepared and erved a six-course dinner, doing evof a man of the world. In a sermon, everything, even the buying of the which he preached four years ago, he took the public entirely into his con-She urged the women to secure the fidence as to which he had endeavored

that

yond even tearing or cutting, he quietly put them in a piece of brown paper and stowed them away in his pocket. Green predicted that if women Dr. would give themselves heart and soul to the newly awakened interest in housekeeping, stories of women like Kate would become ancient history,

SHAKESPEARE IN LONDON.

To Suppose That Shakespeare Was Not Known to Educated Londoners Is Absurd.

John Fiske in the November Atlantic, Shakespeare's London was a small

ity of from 150.000 to 200,000 souls, or about the size of Providence or Min-neapoils at the present time. In cities of such size everybody of the slightest eminence is known all over town, and such persons are sure to be more or less acquainted with one another; it is a very rare exception when it is not so. Before his thirtieth year Shakespeare was well known in London as an actor, a writer of plays, and the manager of prominent theatre. In that year Spenser, in his "Colin Clout's Come Home Again." alluding to Shakespeare under the name of Action, or "eagle-

like," paid him this compliment: 'And there, though last, not least in Action: A gentler shepherd may nowhere be

found: Whose muse full of high thought's in-

vention Doth, like himself, heroically sound." Four years after this, in 1598, Francis Mercs published his book entitled "Pal-

ladis Tamia," a very interesting contribution to literary history. The perfectly author, who had been an instructor in thy man living rhetoric in the University of Oxford, In a hovel with was then living in London, near the a dry crust only for food, can be happy Globe theatre. In this book Mercs tells A man living in a palace with all the his readers that "the sweet, witty soul delicacies of the season spread in an

HINTS FOR THIN WOMEN.

sleep possible-from nine to ten hours In addition, a map in the middle of the

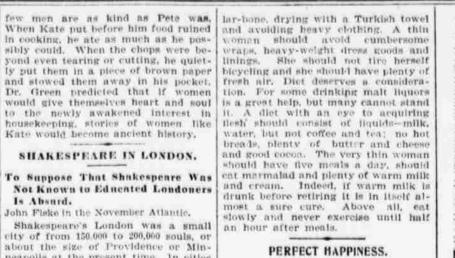
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eference was not in the spirit of boast-

up at the end of a long and faithful life.

PROSPECT-But what Hes beyond

The past, although secure, is of



What would make you perfectly happy? If that question was asked of ten people, ten different answers would probably be the result. Each person has his own idea of perfect happiness some would like to be wealthy, some learned, some famous; others think they would be perfectly happy if they beautiful, talented or accomplished. But there is something very ecessary to happiness that few of them think of. If a person was endowed with all the blessings before

mentioned. but lacked health. he could be supremely misorable in spite of his supposed pood fortune Therefore per-"Agen fect happiness depends upon good health. Δ

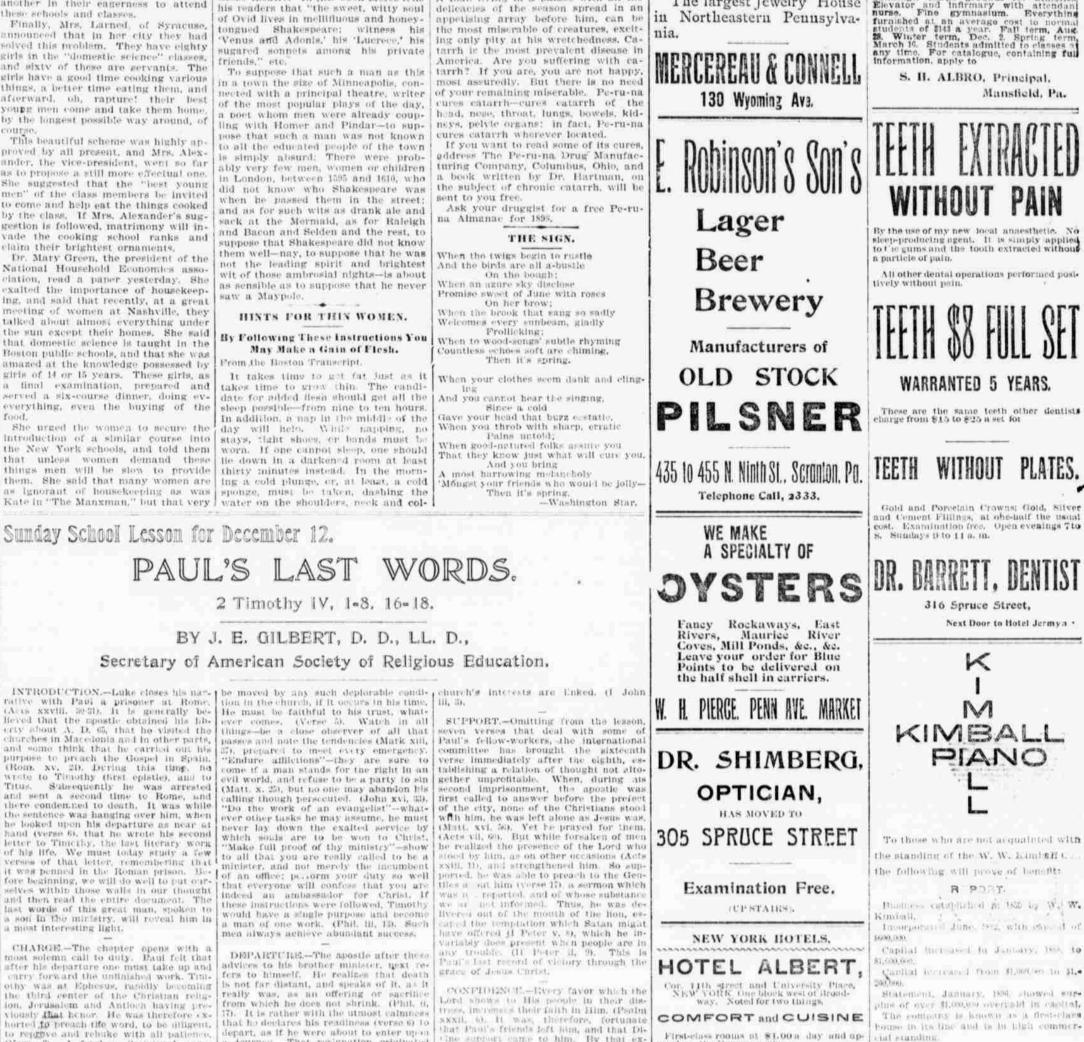
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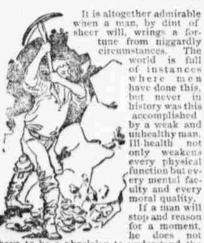
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for a moment, he does not he does not he does not causes of impure blood, or its far-reaching effects. When a man's digestion is disor-dered, his liver sluggish, his bowels inac-tive, the blood is deprived of the proper food elements, and the sluggish liver and bowels supply in their place, the foulest of poisons. The blood is the life-stream. When it is full of foul poisons, it carries and denosits them in every organ and the and deposits them in every organ and the sue of the body. Bone, since, muscle, and flesh-tissue, the brain cells and the nerve fibres are all fed upon bad, poisonous food. Serious ill-health is bound to result. The man is weakened in every fiber of his body He is weakened physically, mentally and morally. He suffers from sick headache morally. He satters from tick nearthene, distress in stomach after meals, giddiness and drowsiness, loss of appetite and sleep, bad taste in the mouth, shakiness in the moraing, and dullness throughout the day, and lassitude and an indisposition to work. Sconter or later these conditions develop construction material consumption, nervous prostration, malaria rheumatism, or some blood or skin discase Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the best of all known medicines for ambithous, hard-working men and women. It is the great blood-maker and flesh-builder. It makes the appetite keen and hearty, and the digestion and assimilation perfect, the liver active, the blood pure and rich, the nerves steady, the body vigorous and the brain alert. Where there is also constigation Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Fellets should be used. Both of these great medicines are for sale by all medicine dealers

The has been or can be a barrier. gambling house, the house of Ill-repute the prison house, have been open to it: there has been no place shut against there has been no man or woman who has needed to hesitate to seek it in time of need. And, thanks be to God, during all these forty and five years not so much as once has the foot of the personal ministry from the Church of the Transfiguration withheld liself from crossing any threshold through fear of possible peril. From the dying it has come out of the Gambling house at midnight, and from the house of ill-repute at the dawn of day. And the and of that ministry, despite of warnins, in the midst of pestilence, has held the head, as it should, of the pestilence- smitten, for receiving the body and blood of the Lord"

personal ministry of mercy

itter offices

What a sublime picture is here-this vigerous, stormdefying man of God. with kindly, forgiving eyes and venerable heard, white as anow, coming forth from the gambling house where some poor swindler may have been struck down in sudden quarrel, or may have collapsed with consumption, which makes a special prey of that profession'

Or behold with revorent eyes this mar of God standing like a status of peace and spiritual brightness in the garish room where some Magdalene in gony and remorse is breathing her With soothing hand he seals the glazing eyes, and murmurs softly in the failing ear the pardon and the benediction of Him who died on the cess: "Neither do I condemn theo. Go thou and sin no more!"

Surely, when one regards a life like that of Dr. Houghton, the pitiful ex-Steggins become obliterated in the dust of their own insignificance, and the true character, mission and glory of Christianity stand revealed in the light which leads the world on.

SOME PASSPORT REGULATIONS.

Vexations Restrictions in Russia and Tarkey.

From the Youth's Compasion. There are few countries in which travellers now require passports in or der to promote their convenience and security. In Itrazil and Venezuela a assport must be shown to the efficials before one is allowed to have the country for a foreign port. This is a exatious measure, enforced apparenty for the sake of enabling a few officials to collect small fees. In Cuba assports are produced whenever travcliors arrive or depart. This precaution is considered necessary in view of the political condition of unrest prevailing in the Island. In Russia passport regulations are

enforced with great stringency. No traveller is allowed to enter the empire until he has obtained a passport and copylneed the Russian consular offiers at the port from which he sails that he is neither a Roman Catholic priest nor a Hebrew. The question ordinarily asked is "What is your relig-ion" but it is designed to provide against the entry of either of these wo classes When the travellor arrives at a Rus.

ine port, with a passport which has been properly vised and countersigned at a consular office, it is critically examined by a police officer and duly registered.

At the entrance of the hotel another police officer takes possession of the locument, and, in the course of twen ty-four hours, returns it with a permit

borted in personal tife word, to be utiligent, to reprove and rebuke with all patience. (Verse D. A fearless, Scriptural, earn-ext ministry was enjoined (Titus 1, 13), showing that Paul had a lofty field of the pastoral office. It was to him no sine-cure, but a position in which one might the pattern of the conflict rather than to his be-tory, but a position in which one might. t of the conflict rather than to his be-i havior. (J Tim, vi, 12). His course was iinistical, a figure of speech derived from t he race in the Olympic games-he had t reached the goal. (I Cor. ix, 26). In the t midet of all his straggles, in the carnest His fears were all dismissed. Thereafte reached the goal. (I Cor. ix, 26. In the midst of all his straggles, in the carnest pressing forward (Phil. iii, 10, he had conno one could harm him, (I Peter iii, 13). The Lord "will preserve me unto IIIs stantly kept the faith (Rev. bi, 8), having here to the doctrines of Christ and heavenly kingdom," he adds, looking for ward over the brief space of mortal life to the fruition of his hopes, the consumnation of his work. Here the spisile viring. Years before, Paul had laid his pride at the feet of the cross, (Gal, vi, 10. But this is the voice of triumph lifted some dear friends. But the climax of Paul's life was reached when with utter dependence on the Lord, he waited with omposure for his transfer home

CONCLUSION .-- We are now to take eave of this man of God. For nine nonths we have followed his history or studied his writings. Beginning with his conversion we have trav-lied with him from city to city, from country to country, nover wearied, but often retreshed and stimulated by his heroic deeds and musterful words. Always and every-where he proved to be a sincere, faithful diligent, self-sacrificing steward of the icad in the reward of imabandoned by timid friends, his heat yearns for the companionship of one wh had been with him in ble earlier toils () if he feared some false impression might be left in some mind, he takes a bronder him, to whom he writes not knowing that view, and sweeps out into the estimated they shall meet again. This letter is his view, and sweeps out into the estimated they shall meet again. This letter is his they shall meet again. This letter is his view, and sweeps out into the estimated they shall meet again. This letter is his view, and sweeps out into the estimated they shall meet again. This letter is his view, and sweeps out into the estimated they shall be universal oburch. It would be the universal oburch in the state of the universal oburch. It shows

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because the future would be beset with trouble. Possessed of prophetic foreworth, only as it prepares for the future ire said toward the close of his ca. "I take a leap into the dark." Pau oltaire ight, Paul saw that a day would come when the members of the church would hapse into a lower state of religious zeal. felt that in departing he entered upon an estate of blessedness, the prospect of (Verses 3 and 4). History shows that there have been reary such instances. Feople embrace Christianity at first from which had long cheered his heart, (Phil. 23). In the old Greelan games, the suc-cesful runner was honored with a crown onviction. As the numbers increase, voridly influences enter. Rhotoric, clocuof laurols, which was placed upon his acad in the midst of the assembled multitowed through Jesus. (Rom. ii, 7). Im-audiately on making this statement, as

church will hear, preach the doctrines that tend to build up holy lives. (II Peter H. 23

ion, ritualism, and many other features are introduced to gratify the tasic of the congregation. Afterward, men refuse ound doctrine because it exposes and undernas them. They select ministers of delicate mould who will satisfy their iching cars, and not disturb their con-clences. Turming away from the truth, tess people will seek after fables, fush-mable, foolish stuff, that is utterly conthiess. (I Tim. 1, 4). Hence while the

his duty upon the highest consideration.

He summoned Timothy into the presence of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ (verse D, as us ald in his first letter (

the judgment, when at the appearing of

Jesus, all his servanta must give ac-count. (Matt. xxv, 19). These carnet

words from un absent and beloved friend

must have gone to the heart and pro-

WARNING .- Why was Paul so carnest?

Why did he not leave Timorhy to learn his duty in the school of experience un-der the guidance of the Spirit? Partly

duced a lasting impression.

2D. He even reminded him of