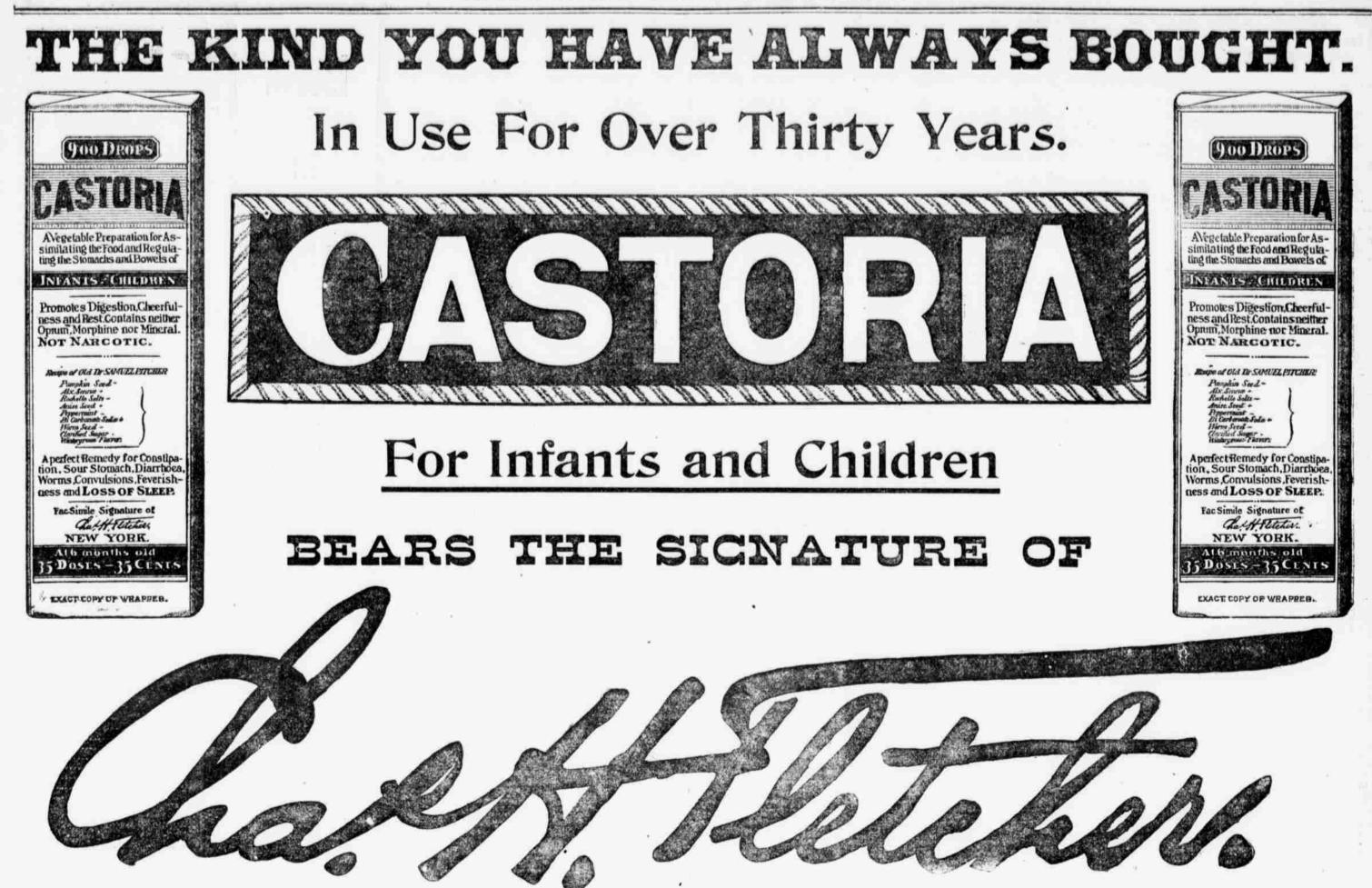
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HOW ANTHRACITE

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il you that once they were alive, as the sides, many hundreds of feet, in thickand even their most solmired schieve- in His wisdom and goodness He decided when the world was mostly covered with very long nor very wide, and in the ments are but faint reproductions of to make such a world as this to be the life, a mile in thickness, more or less; there ideals. It is the complaint of scene of human abode and probation, and lastly the period in which we now comes always, that the hand and the to make it in such a method as He did. grass and the shrubs and the trees are ness. Meanwhile ferministion had besummer months far from imposing. w, that that life came from the allgun in the vegetable manses. DISTRIBUTED Not many

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TURE'S BOOK.

Text of an Exceedingly Interesting Sermon Preached in This City Twenty-four Years Ago by Rev. Dr. I. P. Warren, a Congregational Minister of Massachusetts-Science and Religion Harmonized.

In the summer of 1875 Major Everett Warren's uncle, Rev. Dr. I. P. Warren then a Congregational minister in Massachuseits, preached in the Second Presbyterian church in this city a most interesting sermon in which he touched upon and explained the anthracite deposits in this valley, and also the petroleum deposits in Western Pennsylvania. A copy of this having recently come into our possession, w deem it of sufficient merit to justify reproduction. The speaker took as his text, Exodus, xxxil 16, "And the tablewere the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables:" and after a brief reference to the stone tablets given to Moses at Mt. Sinal, he went on:

Those tablets, sacred beyond all works of human art, as fushioned and engraved by the hand of God Himself, have perby the hand of those friends, have pair ished. But, my friends, there are other tablets made and inscribed by the same divine hand long before those, which have been preserved to the present day. and which we may read, wonderingly and adoringly, and which should be to us tables of testimony to the Boing the Power, and the Goodness of their Author. refer. of course, to those which are deposited in the archives of the earth, mountain and valley-among the most remarkable of which is the locality in which you live. To me, who have been permitted to come here a few times, it a region of the deepest interest and instruction, and it has occurred to me that probably. I might in no way more prolitably accupy year thoughts this evening than by taking my text out of these stone tables of testimony and reading from them some of the lessons which

RECORDS OF LIFE.

Let me observe, then, in the first place, that upon these tables of stone God has written His name. Here is a valley many miles long and broad, set like a gem in the green mountain ranges that enclose it. The luxuriant vegetation which now covers it is but a faint suggestion of the richer and more abundant vegetation that lies buried beneath, And vegetation is the product of life, that which is the gift of the ever-living, solf-existent Creator alone. Believe if you will that matter is eternal, that chemical forces and operations are inherent in it, but you cannot say that life, vegetable or animal, is or can be without a Crea. Science can indeed do wonders! the statory of the artisan and the chemaboratory ist bring forth products new and strange but no art, or invention, or skillful com-bination of elements or forces, ever yet, without a pre-existent germ, produced living thing.

Yet the records of the burled past heneath you are the records of life, in as-tonishing profusion and variety. Here once grew forests and thickets of strange the longest. forms and luxuriant foliage, mosses, reeds, forms and trees, of spocies and families having not new a solitary representative on earth. Century after cen-tury they flourished, germinating, grow-ing, maturing, decaying-one generation siving place to moother until they had formed beds many feet thick. Here they place to another until they had are now; preserved in the great herbar-

erent strata.

od. And with all this comes the sug-stion of almighty power, and inex-sistible resources and immeasurable the internal fires of the earth. Century under coormous pressure, the sands and the mud consolidated into stone. imprisoned segetation is charred, its resinous, gummy substances being driven uration, and infinite goodness, which us planned and provided for the wants f man, who long ages after should off by the heat, is in the distillation of a retort, and lodged in the pores and inotence and Omniscience and Elemany, cavities of the rocks to become the petroleums and gages of after ages. Th residuum, compressed and semi-crystal of Beneficence are only mamor of God, a Who of us can descend into the dark hambers beneath and look upon the ized, becomes cort, of various qualities ony tablets that lie piled there, in heau-ful strath, like a vast book of count-as leaves, without seeing the writing according to the completeness transforming prosesses. Where the heat of God engraven upon them, and that writing everywhere spelling out His adorble Name?

A WONDERFUL HISTORY.

Second-God has recorded in these writ-ten tablets a wonderful history. Time was when all this vegetation and the superincumbent mass of rock and soll and not write the the tasks and soll oring rocks and eatth. iti not exist; when the rough conglomrate underlying it constituted the urface of the earth, at least of this porion of it. Nay, time was of yast and inknown duration, before this, ere the as they now are areas from the deep onglomenate itself was formed and the with all the treasures which the preindstones and the limestores, and the anisothes and the innestories, and the lates, and the gradies were deposited in vineval occans on the congraded basim of the gradie, the common mother of hem. But we need not go back to that, t will be enough to open at the middle ages of the book. Lifted by resistless in-ernal forces of the earth, the ancient trata arose from the ocean depths, till had been its gravelly bottom, and the sedimentary mud that had gathered pon it, emerged into air and light. This, fter being dryed and mellowed and parally decomposed, affords the rule marials for a soil, and the Great Husjust the leaf which lies bern right bend roots of a vegetation such as was ors you. It is open for inspection by very one who chooses. It is not write lever before or since. The sun pours lown upon it his gental rays, and the en in a foreign language which only the umid clouds afford it abendant mois-are. Probably the climate was then learned may comprehend. The humblest miner has but to use his eyes and to exrelie his own perception and reason, to ead the whole smaring story. I am ure none can do it without the prootter than the holicst of the present ropics, and the atmosphere was filled with carbonic gases most stimulating to

inding Life-Giver whose name is heat was generated, incremsed possibly b

oundest wonder and admiration at the egetable life. A luxuriant growth was a result, lasting probably for centurie ages. Then the eternal forces which work and ways of God. had raised up the dry land relaxed, and he whole sank again beneath the waves.

ORNAMENTATION. Third, the tables of stone beneath yo

Slow and gentle must have been th motion, for the inrushing waters com-mitted no violence. The most delicat-fern leaf was enveloped in the soft mod intein not only the handwriting of Ged and laid away as tenderly as a mothe ould cradle her bany in its hed of down There it'reposed-how long we know notill there had been deposited upon it great beds of sand and gravel; and then hich could not be exceeded in delicacy al grace by the choicest exacte of your it the word of the Creator, the giant orces roused themselves again, and lift-of the whole a second time into light. nd this new deposit became dry land nd received a new adornment of vege. the life. And so the forces went on, brough periods of inconceivable dura 1000. on, each emergence into dry land bring. ng forth new vegetable growths which should be the future coal, each subsience beneath the waves bringing upon t the sands and the sediments which hould be the interlying standatones and dates. You can see for yourselves how nany times the process was repeated, by scending any of these shafts and sunting the alternating beds, provided only the shaft reaches down to the bottom of the series. You can see, too, pproximately, what was the relative ength of time employed in the produc-ion of each, by the thickness of the difthe thinnest indicating paratively a brief period, though pos sibly long as measured by any human standards of time, the thickest marking FERMENTATION. At last the series of alternations ended. that age of the earth's history was com-

and the pressure and the duration have been greatest, and the volatile elements most thoroughly expelled, the result is for purselves and wonder and adore. inthracite; where portions of those cle ments remain, the ceal is bituminous and generally the oils and the gases are ound more or less retained in the neigh Finally when the whole preparatory cycle of changes by which the curtic was to be fitted for the abode of many was completed, there come the last recorded, as we suppose, in the book of Genesis, At the word of the Creator, the continents ceiling ages had gathered in their bosom. New orders of vegetation clothed them The work of creation was indeed. Its Author producted it good, the morning stats same together and all the sons of flog shutted for joy, Surely this is most wonderful history. It is but a dr ste chapter out of the geological arch-lives of the past, vast as it is: it bears scarcely more propartion to the whole tory of creation than a single leaf would a valume. I recite it now because it

The humblest

ye are so inadequate to give forth the relations of the imagination. What, hen, must be the heauties of the Divine themselves to conceive the time that their geological names, were successly tages in the great world history, then, must be the heatites of the Divise Mind which in these dark chambers of the earth shows to us such wonders of skill and taste! What hithers of re-sources that could now such beauties broadcast over the ancient fields and we have every reason to believe was but and bettered conditions of existence. Animake them live in the masses and blos-som over all the free-trunks, and give of duration. So in His moral kingdom, So in His moral kingdom grace to the waving foliage, and then He is going to make goodness triumphont are then up and my them away so over cyll. Do we say that 6,000 years ar irefully where thousands of area past and it is not yet done? Do we say Do we my that 6,000 years are arefully where thousands of any hence we may light our limps and go that lown hito these chambers and see them ago. Christ died eighteen conturies ago, and the majority of man-kind to this day have never heard

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tinct; others still later, when flourished the mighty quadrupeds, the giant horses

NO RETREAT.

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the swelling tide. He not discouraged we who labor and pray for the need time

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that what He said will come true commet shall stand and I will do all my ideasure."

BEAUTY EVERYWHERE.

Observe, noo, that God did not make this beauty merciy to be seen. Man a cont to spend dittle care on what is no o he noticed. We build handsome front stores strated a our houses, but the rear is often lef assigntly. We dress to appear in pub

it elsewhere we indulge in deshabili The artist paints the face of his petur with care, the back he does not touch But it is not so with God. The doe God's work, again, never goes backward. If there are apparent pauses or failures in it, we may be sure they are such only in appearance. If when the o mere show work; everything he ast great stratum of ceal vegetation was include, we could have seen the contiis as perfect as if he were never to mak is as period as it was not a horman eye of existence when these primeval forms were growing, yet the types of armanen were all as carefully restarded and ded entery wrought out, as if the whole rate might have felt a pang of diseppoint-tent, at the failure of Tibe undertaking And so with each recurrence of the weat, so specially at the end, when the had been summered to be lookers Not one fern leaf in a thousand nail ad measurest were completed, and th teat succeeding formations came on to any them as we might think forever out of those buried in the rocks will eve to seen by man, yet not one sensen, was neglected in its finish. Musf reach. But we now know that was a future. Whatever the aspects to out we not my, it is because God love beauty for its own sake? If no othe dew, every change was in the divious dam a more of progress. It was by a cast gradation of such steps that creaye was to see it, yet His would see it ad delight in it. And does it not wir on was completed, and man placed at a head. So now there is no backward or hearts to Him in whom dwells such s head. So now there is no backward top in His rule over human affairs, Evi perfection and make as desire to b casing to Him-to have His boly may sometimes triumpi, wickofficies sometimes beau itself of what it has fone and what it will do. But such beauting is vide. The trees do not stop growing because their leaves fall off in playency fixed upon us, as the most beautiful things which His hands bave made in all this lower world?

MODES OF WORKING.

Pourth. God has recorded in His hand writing of the rocks not only what He

has done, but His modes of working. I is His method to work out of sight. If ave Mores the written tables of the aw, but He did not let him see the writvictories of the wrang. Man's default are that a successes, and we may be not but which the said will come true. "M

at his ornamentation. The book we mines were, as I have sold, wrought out at his ornamentation. The book we mines were, as I have sold, wrought out and hid up there when there was no hu-man eye to see it. Even had man ex-isted with exquisite beauty. I picked is a piece of slate in one of the mines is other day showing the perfect in-

after new patterns of beauty, but the worker in them is invisible, the process es themselves cannot be detected by the sharpest seruting. "It is the glory of God to conceal a matter." Just as it is in the meral world. He made us and in the meral world. He made us and nuervatories. The fern leaves which becur in such profusion excite in every isitor who first sees them, exclamarules us, but we do not see Him. He presides in the affairs of nations, He remy of delight. More beautiful still are Ha which He will one day make, wherein shall dwoll righteousness. I will not un dertake to say precisely what is mean he casts from the bark of the ancient species in oval forms, another contest, another lozenze-thapsd; now arranged in straight lines parallel to the trunk, ow rought gli that marvelous history forming a seri of checker work, and permiting the entire surface from the root to the extremest branches. There were toubless the skift, or germ-spots of carth, but He did not. The thing was afth feathery verdure, waving and rus. wards and punishes men, but He does not show Himself to light. Will you, These are of many species; some aves or spines which clothed the storms to be done, but it was to be done in a prescribed way, through the processes ling in the passing breas. You can of what we call Nature-vegetable growth each feathery verture, waving and rus-ling in the passing breact. You can see now in some of the galleries these ancient trees imbodded in the staty roofs, rophecy written in this older book of Sature. From the beginning of time, id conditions of the surth have been see now in some of the galleries these ancient trees imbedded in the slaty roads, sometimes still in an erect position, as if they had been suveleped by the said while standing as they grew. Imagine what must have been the beauty of the what must have been the beauty of the and the maximum state of the the means for it. He re-what must have been the beauty of the and use the finited Covinthian columns; where the tall tree ferms, growned with agoing away, and all things becoming ew. There was a primitive earth of ew. nvetoping occan with only bate gran-te peaks rising above the waves, and drange forms of corals and shells swarmng in the depths, but it passed away another earth succeeded, filled with lux

where the tall tree ferns, crowned with thin drooping fronds, made dense shades; you say, because there are laws from which there results flow there is no where rich mosses carpeted the earth whole find measure carpated the carin and innumerable plants of unknown spe-cies inxuriated in Nature's primeval soli-tudes. Now all this beauty of form and arrangement is but the expression of the heauty which before existed in the mind of Him who made them. The ploted. The granaries of fuel and light for the supply of its future inhabitants were full, and the world passed on to new God that causes them? As well say, he-cause your mineral treasures came from ause your mineral treasures came from tribes of fishes and replifes, some par regetable growth there was no one who tial land periods with their characteris. stages necessary in their turn. Deeper than ever sank the buried strata of vego-tation. Higher and higher were piled of growth, or created ontrived the he principle of life liself to which it per-God works, too, with calmness and de-liberation. He is never in a hurry be-cause Lie always has time enough. When there was that strange glacial period such stream, although it is neither their braness, their fruits, and you who live here see them every day, and they shafts and along up yonder mountain they can give them outward visibility,

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ach with its accompanying condition o I mails, save of the lowest types, could no have lived in the poisonous atmosphere of the coal period, which is the reaset why we find so few animal re-among the fossils, Man, probably, remain have not lived in any of the ancient earths which preceded the present. if Him? Do you say that you neve lived in sin your three score MORAL EVOLUTION. 3/014 It is, then, according to all the ana years and He has not panished you yot? But what of that? Is the end any the less certain because it is delayed? What sques of its past history that there hould be still again, a new heaven and new earth. There are but too many new earth. detay to Him whose hand brendth mileations that the world we now live s not a perfect one, such as we might spect an inimite Perfect Being would

final reward. New changes, therefor are before it, whether by actual are, a

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It will not say. But the result is certain

Science and Revelation on this polls speak the same language. Each point

little White river. White river tries to keep up its

reputation from season to season by taking along a bridge now and then or dumning a train from an embankment and making the crew take swim-(ppoint for the final above of fils crea-ures. It is a good one for a state of irolation and discipline, but not for the ming lessons. Incidentally it gathers up such trifles as an occasional cow. a few shocks of fodder, or manages to put down a gravel bank in a wheat field. It is full of fun. White river is almost exclusively a southern Inliana institution, since it does not extend its meanderings much north of Anderson.

o get out of its banks, and the result

vas that almost the entire railroad sys-

em of Indiana, suffered, and hundreds

of thousands of dollars of damage was

done to embankments and tracks, not

orrents are dangerous, but White

river can give any mountain stream

odds and take the trick, even though it

lows through an almost level country,

cross the entire width of, Indiana,

rom the Ohio line to the Wabash. The

Wabash, Indiana's chief river, is cele-

brated in song and poetry, but in this

respect it does not compare with the

o mention wrecks and loss of life, It is usually supposed that mountain

STORIES.

"How many stories in that new block to a blessed era in the future surpassing Yours' "Two-a snake story and a bare story."

all that has gone before it. It shall be as a glorious city coming down from "Eh?" God out of Heaven. And as each of the pust stages of the earth had inhabitants "Saloon on the first floor and the sec. nd floor is still empty."-Indianapolis of higher orders than the preceding, so into this glad new world shall in no wise enter anything that defileth or worketh

SIX BY SEVEN.

commination or maketh a ligs There on, at last, shall God Himself come down to dwell with men and they shall be flip people, and God Himself shall be with them and shall be their God. And God They had thought love in a cottage Would be fine; I will help you wash the dishes, their yes, and there shal be no more death My divine nd we two will just he happy, there be any more pain, for the formet Rain or shine.

> she, entranced, enraptured, heard him. And was glad.

INDIANA'S ERRATIC RIVER. she had read a lot of novels. she had,

Journal.

Crossed by Railroads Oftner Than And she knew love in a cottage Wasn't bad.

to they stood before the preacher,

"What is the name of that river?" He and she: Then they hunted for a cottage asked a traveler on one of the trains But, ah me! on the Louisville division of the P. C., C. and St. L. the other day, as it

There was none they'd live in, even Though 'twere free! she had given up her novels.

And all that. She has farmed out both her parrot Silence and the smoke of cigars pre-And her cat-

They are living in a six by seven flat. -Cleveland Leader.

********* RIDE



vailed for a little while until another bridge and apparently another river were crossed. Once more the query came: "What river is this "

"White river."

"White river." "See here, neighbor," and the man, vidently a Kentuckian, sat up straight

