AN EVERYDAY CHRIST



Philologue and Julia. Matthew Henry, Albert Barnes Adam Clark, Thomas Scott and all the commentators pass by these verses without any especial remark. The other 20 people mentioned in the chap ter were distinguished for something. and were therefore discussed by the illustrious expositors, but nothing is sald about Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, Philologus and Julia. Where were they born? No one knows. When did they die? There is no record of their decease. what were they distinguished? Absolutely nothing, or the trait of character would have been brought out by the apostle. If they had been very intrepid or opulent or hirsute or musical of cadence or crass of style or in any wise anomalous that feature would have been caught by the apostolic camera. But they were good people, because Paul sends to them his high Christian regards. They were ordinary people moving in ordinary sphere, attending to ordinary duty and meeting ordinary responsibilities.

What the world wants is a religion for ordinary people. If there be in the United States 79,000,000 people, there are certainly not more than 1,000,000 extraordinary, and then there are 69,000,000 ordinary, and we do well to turn our backs for a little while from the distinguished and conspicuous people of the Bible and consider in our text the seven ordinary. We spend too much of our time in twisting garlands for remarkable and building thrones for magnates, and sculpturing warriors, and apotheosizing philanthropists. The rank and file of the Lord's soldiery need especial help.

The vast majority of people will never lead an army, will never write a state constitution, will never electrify a senate, will never make an important invention, will never introduce a new philosophy, will never de- stop. cide the fate of a nation. You do not expect to; you do not want to. You will not be a Moses to lead a nation out of bondage. You will not be a Joshua to prolong the daylight until you can shut five kings in a cavern. You will not be a St. John to unroll an Apocalypse. You will not be a Paul to preside ever an apostolic college. You will not be a Mary to mother a Christ. You will more prob-

logus or Julia. Many of you are women at the you plan for the day. The culinary department of the household is in your dominion. You decide all questions of diet. All the sanitary regulasupervision. To regulate the food, to play marbles when he ought to dedecide the thousand questions of home thousands of business men have tolife is a tax upon brain and nerve and day-keeping them tranquil, whether general health absolutery appalling, if goods sell or do not sell, whether custhere be no divine alleviation.

gate. It does not help you much to be amid all vicissitudes. That is the sind told that Mrs. Judson was very brave of grace we want. among the Bornesian cannibals. It farmers. We talk about agricultural ready with help and re-enforcement.

he has taken lessons in dough! They who decide the apparel of the world and the food of the world decide the endurance of the world.

An unthinking man may consider it a matter of little importance—the rares of the household and the econhelp. The God who made indestruct are more of them. thie eulogy of Hannah, who made a The healing profession has had its cont for Samuel, her sen, and carried Abercrombies, and its Abernethys, and

their want of it, or re markable for their deeds-Deborah and Jezebel and Herodias and Athalia and Dorcas and the Marya, excellent woman, amid ordinary circumstance attending to ordinary duties and meet

ing ordinary responsibilities. Then there are all the ordinary business men. They need divine and Christian help. When we begin to talk about business life, we shoot right of and talk about men who did business on a large scale, and who sold millions of dollars of goods a year, and the vast majority of business men do not sell a million dollars of goods, nor half a million, nor quarter of a million, nor the eighth part of a million. Put all the business of our cities, towns, villages and neighborhoods side by side, and you will find that they sell less than \$100,000 worth of goods. All these men in ordinary business life want divine help. You see how the wrinkles are printing on the countenance the story of worriment

You cannot tell how old a business man is by looking at him. Gray hairs at 30. A man at 45 with the stoop of nonogenarian. No time to attend to improved dentistry, the grinders cease because they are few. Actually dying of old age at 40 or 50, when they ought to be at the meridian. Many of these business men have bodies like a neglected clock to which you come, and when you wind it up it begins to buzz and roar, and then the hands start around very rapidly, and then the clock strikes 5 or 10 or 40, and strikes without any sense, and then suddenly stops. So is the body of that worn out business man. It is a neglected clock, and though by some summer recreation it may be wound up, still the machinery is all out of gear. The hands turn around with a velocity that excites the astonishment of the world. Men cannot understand the wonderful activity, and there is a roar and a buzz and a rattle about these disordered lives and they strike 10 when they ought to strike 5, and they strike 12 when they ought to strike 6 and they strike 40 when they ought to strike nothing, and suddenly they

Now, what is wanted is grace, divine grace, for ordinary business men, men who are harnessed from morn till night and all the days of their life -harnessed in business. Not grace to lose \$100,000, but grace to lose \$10. Not grace to supervise 250 employees in a factory, but grace to supervise the bookkeeper and two salesmen and the small boy that sweeps out the store. Grace to invest not the \$80,000 ably be Asyncritus or Phlegon or Her. of net profit, but the \$2,500 of clear mas or Patrobas or Hermes or Philo- gain. Grace not to endure the loss of a whole shipload of spices from the Indies, but grace to endure a loss of head of households. Every morning a paper of collars from the leakage of a displaced shingle on a poor roof. Grace not to endure the tardiness of the American Congress in passing a necessary law, but grace to endure the tomers pay or do not pay, whether It does not help you much to be told tariff is up or tariff is down, whether that Elizabeth Fry did wonderful the crops are luxuriant or a dead failthings amid the criminals at New- ure-calm in all circumstances and

told that Florence Nightingale was life, and we immediately shoot off to very kind to the wounded in the Crimea. It would be better for me to who went from the plow to a high poand Martha is your friend, and that distatorship in 21 days went back He sees all the annoyances and disap- again to the plow. What encouragepointments and abrasions and exas-ment is that to ordinary farmers? The perations of an ordinary housekeeper vast majority of them-none of them thread. from morn till night, and from the will be patricians. Perhaps none of arst day of the year until the last day them will be senators. If any of them of the year, and at your call He is have distatorships, it will be over 40 or 50 or 100 acres of the old homestead. They who provide the food of the What these men want is grace to keep world decide the health of the world, their patience while plowing with You have only to go on some errand balky oxen and to keep cheerful amid amid the taverns and the hotels of the drought that destroys the corn the United States and Great Britain erco and that enables them to restore to appreciate the fact that a vast multitude of the human race are slaught- bor's cattle have broken in and tramered by incompetent cookery. Though pled out the strawberry bed and gone a young woman may have taken les- through the Lima bean patch and sons in music and may have taken les. caten up the sweet corn in such large mose in painting and lessons in astron- quantities that they must be kept omy, she is not well educated unless from the water lest they swell up and

Those stone masons do not want to hear about Christopher Wren, the architect, who built St. raul's cathedral. It would be better to tell them how to entry the hod of brick up the ladder without slipping, and how on a omies of domestic life-but I tell you cold morning with the trowel to the earth is strewn with the martyre smothe off the mortar and keep cheerof kitchen and nursery. The health ful, and how to be thankful to God shitters womanhood of America for the plain food taken from the out for a God who can help or standing amid the ads, and the bit, dinary women in the ordinary duties and the plane and the broadax need of housekeeping. The wearing, grind- to be told that Christ was a carpenter, ing, unappreciated work goes on, but with his own hand wielding saw and the same Christ who stood on the hammer. Oh, this is a tired world. bank of Galilee in the early morning and it is an overworked world, and it and kindled the fire and had the fish is an, underfed world, and it is a already cleaned and broiling when the wrung out world, and men and women sportsmen stepped ashere, chilled and need to know that there is rest and rebungry, will help every woman to cuperation in God and in that religion prepare breakfast, whether by her which was not so much intended for own hand or the hand of her hired extraordinary people, because there

it to the temple every year, will help its Valentine Motts, and its Willard every woman in perparing the family wardrobe. The God who opens the Sible with the stery of Abraham's entertainment by the three angels on the plains of Mamre will help every woman to provide hospitality, however rare and embarrancing. It is sight time that same of the attention we had come of the attention we had come of the attention we had come of the attention we

stature, and who turned the scabs of who rubbed the number alysis, and who swung wide open the closed windows of hereditary or accidental blindness until the morning light came streaming through the fleshy casements, and who knows all the dleases and all the remedles and all the herbs and all the catholicons apeutics, and who has sent out 10,000 record, but to prove that they are angels of mercy I invoke the thousands of men whose allments they have amuaged and the thousands of women to whom in cries of pain they have been next to God in benefaction. Come, now, let us have a religion for ordinary people in professions, in ocsupations, in agriculture, in the household, in merchandise, in everything. I salute across the centuries Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, Philologus and Julia.

First of all, if you feel that you ere ordinary, thank God that you are set extraordinary. I am tired and sick and bored almost to death with extraordinary people. They take all their time to tell us how very extraordinary they really are. You know as we. as I do, my brother and sister, that the most of the useful work of the world is done by unpretentions people who toll right on-by people who do not zet much approval and no one seems to say, "That is well done." Pheno mena are of but little use. Things that are exceptional cannot be depended on. Retter trust the smallest planet that swings in its orbit than ten comets shooting this way and that, imperiling the longevity of worlds attending to their own business. For steady illumination better is a lamp than a

Then, if you feel that you are ordinary, remember that your position inrites the less attack. Conspicuous people-how they have to take it! How they are misrepresented and abused and shot at! The higher the horns of a roebusk the easier to strike him down. What a delicious thing it must be to be a candidate for governor of a State or President of the United States! It must be so soothing to the nerves. It must pour into the soul of a candidate such a sense of serenity when he reads the blessed newspapers. The weather of life is not so severe on the plain as it is on the high peaks. The world never forgives a man who knows or gains or does more than it

can know or gain or do. Then remember if you have only what is called an ordinary home that the great delievers of the world have all come from such a home. And there may be seated, reading at your evening stand, a child who shall be potent or the ages. Just unroll the screll of men might in church and state and you will find they nearly all came from og cabin or poor homes. Genius altions of diet. All the sanitary regula-tions of your house are under your tons of your house are under your all history an instance where the people amounts to anything. In this county we had two great men father and son, both presidents of the United States, but from present prospects there never will be in that genealogial lien another president for a thousand years. Columbus from a weaver's hut, Demosthenes from a cutler's reller. Bloomfield and Missionary Carey from a shoemaker's beach. Arkwright from a barber's shop and he whose name is high over all in earth and air and sky from a manger.

Let us be content with such things as we have. God is just as good in what He keeps away from us as in what he gives us. Even a knot may be useful if it is at the end of

At an anniversary of a deaf and dumb asylum one of the children wrote upon the blackboard words as sublime as the "Iliad." the "Odyssey" and the "Divina Commedia" all compressed in one paragraph. The examiner, in the signs of the mute language, asked her, "Who made the world?" The deaf and dumb girl wrote upon the blackboard, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." The examiner asked her. "For what purpose did Christ come into the world?" The deaf and dumb girl wrote upon the blackbeard. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." The examiner said to her, "Why were you born deaf and dumb, while I hear and speak?' She wrote upon the blackboard. "Even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in thy sight." Oh, that we might be baptised with a contentod spirit. The spider draws poison out of a flower, the bee gets heavy out of a thistle, but happiness is a heavenly elixir, and the contented spirit ex-tracts it not from the rhododendron of the hills ,but from the lily of the

No Romedy. Farmer Hayrick (reading paper)-That settles it! I'm goin' ter quit att'nin' hegs en go ter raisin' steers.

Farmer Hayrick -- Why. 'nough! This here paper ses 100,000 hogs went inter bome consumption in this State durin' the past year. I've fit off the cholera and blin' staggers all my life, but the Lord knows of consumption's gettin' hold of 'em they ain't nothin' af'il mys 'em.—New

Some Rambling Thoughts.

possibly from our ignorance of and more also. our daily lives seem more like Debtors are we to the r demi-gods than men, and we simply marvel at them ; for if the fame of a great man has elements in it that are walls before us instead of steps we peep at it like children from a distance, we long vainly for its altitude, and we pass on neither aided nor encouraged. It is true beyond dispute that a touch of Nature makes us all kin, and like the unexpected meeting of a beloved friend is the effect upon us of the great who have suffered as we have, worked long years unseen as we do, and triumphed in some measure as we hope to last. We are cheered by them. In them we discover the able humanity; their footsteps were no longer than ours but siimply always led forward, their hours were no more numerous than those allotted to us but all were made to bend to a purpose, their hopes remained often unrealized-like ours-but in reaching upward towards them came sublimity to the the lives that we can safely admire and emulate.

Among these who do not discourage nor dazzle is our Lincoln. As the fierce light of the fevered hours in which he stood unmoved. subsides into a gentleday whose progress is guiltless of insternecine strife, he shows forth ever more Miss Polly Knepp was visiting with south of New Berlin, Isaac Bilger will horses, 3 cows and farming implements. clearly as "the great commoner." W. H. Kline's over Sunday..... He is a living proof of a truth we Mrs. Alvin Ulsh attended the fun- Rocipes. Chewing Gum and five others, O dime, Roman Swaitzen, Landa too often doubt in our haste, that eral of Wm. Johnston at Lewistown neither the lack of money nor of last week... Harvey Heimbach pedigree are enough to keep in sub- and wife and Miss Sallie Heimbach ection those who "will" to shake were visiting with Brother Charles Address Business, care Post. themselves free from impediments, near Middleswarth on Sunday.... He stands as an encouragement to Last week one evening a ealthumthose who strive against discourging pians band came together at Tilman odds-by glorifying the commonplace affairs of life into actual tests the birds had flown. Snow being of character, and by throwing his on the ground they could easily track full powers unreservedly into every them and located them at Oscar task he takes up. He shows that Schultz's. After serenading a while Fob. 12, 1898 the total expected of a man is that the couple made their appearance he should do the best he can :--if and John said, "Now kend dare a great man in a small place, by mich sanna." Our best wishes to the filling it to overflowing; if an un- young couple . . . Mr. Erdley and tried man in a great place, by filling wife were visiting her brother it through the might and the growth | Charles Herbster on Sunday. that come from modesty, humility, teachableness. He is-surely one with many of us-net occupied with proclaiming his desent, but having whereof to boast in his list for the past four weeks, but is ascent, -not dandled by a luxurious improving under the care of Dr. ages of modern railway travel whe mother through the proxy-love of Boush . . . T. F. Swineford made a he can leave the land of blizzard hired arms, but nourished by a rug- business trip through Mifflin county one day and finds himself in the ged woman under those strenuous on Monday. He also disposed of land of flowers the next. circumstances that developed unsung heroes along every bridle-path late freeze furnished all the ice re- Railroad tour Jacksonville, which of our enormous frontier. He is not quired for the ice houses at this end . . will leave New York and Philade bound within the limits of any John W. Wagner is busy taking out phia by special train of Pullma creed of man's inventing, butthrows lumber for a bouse and barn which Palace Cars Tuesday, February 2 out his beond soul into fellowship he intends building, in the spring, allowing two weeks in Florid with those of all nations who do on the Moyer farm. It has been Excursion tickets, including railwa man-service as God-pleasers. He reported that R. I. Wagner is about transportation, Pullman accommo does not stalk along in gloomy ab- buying Houser's share of the Lowell dations (one berth), and meals straction, but is 'hail-tellow" in a store. P. W. Treaster spent a few route in both directions while trave sunshiny way with all those weary days at home this week with his ing on the special train, will be so and burdened ones to whom a laugh family Squire Ulsh, of Middle- at the following rates: New York is more refreshing than new wine. creek, claims that the referees on \$50.00; Philadelphia, \$48.00 He is not filled with thoughts of the suit he had before him last week Canadaigua, \$52.85; Erie, \$54.85 some future destiny,—it is only on- saved the county \$100,000 by hav- Wilkesbarre, \$50.35; Pittsburg loookers who see the destiny of a ing it decided right in his office. \$53.00; and at proportionate rate man,-for he is content with the Otherwise it would have been sent from other points. next step each time that it comes, to the supreme court....Sucker For tickets, itineraries, and fu no matter where it leads. He is not fishing has been on the bill of fare information, apply to ticket agents even superior to repining and for the past week . . . John P. wears Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway gloom, but from every hour of de- the belt for the most caught in one New York; or address Geo. W pression he rises to fling the gage of day Sleighing gone and lots of Boyd, Assistant Passenger Agent Despair into the face of Fortune, mud instead Our accommodat- Broad Street Station, Philadelphia daring her to the conflct.

character more thoroughly human ing the medicines, grinding and than he is. In fact in his day small stuffing the sausage free of charge, men reaching no higher than his for which he has many thanks.... ankles could see nothing but the Five weeks' school yet for this term, mud on his shoes, and failed utterly to raise their eyes to the noble head. with its face seamed more than any man's through the frightful soulstraining weight that was laid by Susanna Glass, wife of the late Geo. the people upon this man of the C. Glass, aged 76 years, 4 months prople. As the ropes fall from a and 19 months. Funeral was held statue at the unveiling, so all his on the 13th inst., services being held littleness traits of a humanity at her residence. Revs. H. G. kindred to yours and mine, who two Snable and O. G. Romig officiated. often have no greatness to vary our Mrs. Hayrick-What's the matter, pettiness—are no longer existent, and he stands before us as a great MAN.

larger than our task and yet el ful withal while doing it; to be ready to acknowledge error in self and render praise to those who excel us; to be magnanimous to those AS TO LINCOLN :- Some of who bitterly thwart us in our noble the towering personages of history purposes. All these did Lincoln

lineaments of ordinary, approach- Grapes with Horehound Cures Coughs.

MIDDLECREEK.

On Saturday Robert Knepp received notice that his brother-in-law John Long, would be buried, on Sunday, near Coburn, Centre Co. Mr. Long was a former resident of this county Fred. Riegle and daughter, of Union Co., were the guests Alvin Ulsh's last week Weader's but soon found out that

WEST BEAVER. Dr. Shive has been on the sick ing neighbor, Henry Baumgardner, visited almost all his neighbors at There is not one great modern this end this fall, furnish. so the small boy says.

DIED.

At Freeburg, Feb. 10, 1898,

In Jackson township, Feb. 5th, Mrs. Rebecca Hummel, relict of Daniel Hummel, aged 74 years, 5 months and 11 days.

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Saturday, March 12, Henry Ho I mile west of Fremont, 2 horses, cattle and farming implements-

Tursday, Mar. 15th, at Fremont, ese with sell 8 horses, a lot of cast and farming implements.

W ANTED by an old established house, man to take charge of and look an their business in this section. Sala 8600, with commission. Cash security require

DMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. L. A te rs of Administration in the estate of William H. Fessier, late of Centre tw Snyder county, Pa., deo'd, having been grant to the undersigned, all persons knowing the selves indebted to said estate are requested make immediate payment, while those havis claims will present them duly authenticated the undersigned.

C. A. FESSLER.

DMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE Le

J. S. MEISER, Adm'r.

Tour to Florida via Pennsylvania Ra

Endorsement of Speer's Wine b the Faculty of N. Y.

The Committee of Physicians requested examine into the merits of the wines of Alfredgeer, report these wines strictly pure, accepted in favor, palatable and rich body. Oyrus Edson, of New York Board of ficelings there is no better wine in the world.

J. R. Kreeger attended a dans at Sunbury Tuesday night.

J. F. Wagenseller of Selinagrov was a Middleburg visitor Wedne

The result of the election Tues-

dayin Selinsgrove is as follows: Town council Dr. F. J. Wagenseller 160, W. H. Gemberling 137, F. R. Gemberling 1 year, 151, P. 8 Albert 52, H. J. Deobler 113, Frank Ulrich 34, Judge of election Chas-Botdorf 130, Josiah Kessler 141, At Freeburg, Feb. 9, 1898, Mag- Inspectors J. T. Mc Fall 169, J. 8. Without slavish imitation of this pine-knot student, this flat-boat law-yer, this rail-splitting president, let us learn from him.

It is a sign of greatness to do the next thing that comes to hand, without twisting time longing for greater things to de; to be ever sisted by Rev. H. G. Smakle.

At Freeburg, Feb. 9, 1898, Mag-Miller 99, School directors D. 8-Sholly 122, George Loog 178, A. A. Conrad 157, Wm. Holsworth 18.

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