Mariner, stay!

Swift o'er the waters Thy bark moves along; Soft breezes whisper, And woo thee with song. In the other above thee There floateth a cloud: And waves are beneath thee That shall thee enshroud. Pleasures around thee Becken away,

Far in life's ocean, Quicksands and shoals May wreck thy frail boat, And ruin thy soul, Quick, while thou mayest. Choose thou thy way Down to death's portals Or up to life's day. If death be thy choosing. On with the crowd; Soon its dark waters

Shall thee enshroud.

Yet heed the warning,

Mariner, stay!

" Life, life," thou sayest, Turn then thine eye From thy temptations Up to the sky. There burns a beacon That safely will guide; Christ's love is left thee Whate'er may betide; Faith for thy pilot Guideth thee home: Spirits that watch theo

Becken to come. Row thy boat lightly Over life's sea: Eyes beaming brightly Are watching for thee: And souls of the blessed Shall welcome you home, And eyes of the angels Grow bright as you come Then for life's voyage Bright hope is given: Row thy boat lightly, Moor it in heaven.

Literary Hotices. WP:1

A MORNING BESIDE THE LAKE OF GALI-LEE By Jumes Hamilton, D.D., F.L.S.
18mo., pp. 182: New-York: Robert Carter &
Brothers, For sale by R. S. Davis, Wood
Street, Pittsburgh.

In commendation of the little volume before us, we need scarcely say more than that it is from the pen of the author of "Life in Earnest." and "Emblems from Eden;" and that the rich exuberance of sanctified fancy, the glowing ardor of spiritual feeling, and the peculiar gracefulness of style which rendered those works, and especially the former of them, so universally popular, are in a high degree characteristic of the present publication. The sermons of which it consists, and which number ten, are founded on texts selected from the closing chapter of the Gospel of John, respecting which the author, in the preface, expressively remarks: "Interposed betwixt the Gospels and Acts, like a beautiful bridge, it leaves no chasm. Straight along the level, from the labors of the Master it conducts us to the ministry of his servants; and, the cloud which received him notwithstanding, it helps us to understand how he still is present

For the Poung.

Why Did God Call Light Good.—(Gen. 1:4-18.) 1. Because it is the creature of God, of whom it is said, "O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all."

2. Because, being composed of seven distinct colors, each differing from the rest in reflective and refractive power, it imparts beauty and variety to all objects on which it shines. Its compound nature is beautifully illustrated in the rainbow, which spans the clouds, and also in the glass

3. Because, in consequence of its amazing swiftness, it conveys to the beholder correct information in reference to all visible objects. Did light move no faster than sound it would not answer this purpose, but its passage from the most distant earthly body to the eye being instantaneous, we are enabled to determine the true position of every thing we see.

4. Because such is its delicacy and subtlety that although penetrating the most sensitive organ of the body, it causes no painful, but on the contrary a most pleas- dress, which, although clean, looked cold urable feeling. "Truly the light is sweet, and meagre by the side of Nellie's warmand a pleasant thing it is to behold the colored wool-delaine. She did just what

5. Such is its purity, that while often | Nellie in her quiet way, and, without seeking the truth,) I was miserable because coming in contact with the most foul and speaking, watched the bead-stringing with I could not believe it; I dared not reject loathsome thing, it receives no taint. It is evident interest. just the same, whether reflected from dia: mond or the dunghill.

6. By its reflective quality we are able to | "My uncle sent them to me from Newsee what we could not otherwise behold—! York," replied Nellie, with a toss of her versity honors (in different years, of course) e.g. our own faces. Indeed, were it not, curls. "He is a wholesale bead-merchant makes me sympathize with him peculiarly. for this property in light, we could not see there, and has the monopoly of the trade." any thing but the luminous source whence

rays are conveyed to a focus in the eye, thus | haughty humor. forming a perfect image of the object, from which it proceeds, upon the retina.

8. Its warming, quickening influence "Oh, I shall find sufficient use for conveys life and vigor to the vegetable and them," was the reply, with another toss of animal world. Without light the earth, the head.

9. It is that, by means of which most of could we know of this world through the have a nice time together." medium of our senses, while of other worlds | But Mary hesitated, for a strange light and fostered by eminent success in the Sen-

we would be totally ignorant. In the form of lightning it is an invaluable assistant to man, not only in an agricultural, mechanical, chemical, and therapeutic operations, but also in conveying intelligence by means of telegraphs through the nations. 1311. Good, because it furnishes the most

is mysterious in his nature, fills immensity gathered up the various-colored beauties, ural man. with his presence and imparts life to all his creatures. Thus by means of light we are led to the believing contemplation of Him who is Light infinite and eternal, and lap. in whom there is no darkness at all."

12. As collected into the heavenly bodies and coming to us from them, light is good | too." because it not only divides the day from season for rest, and furnishes a natural supplies the data upon which are founded things from New-York, and I know Uncle those wonderful calculations showing the James would be sadly shocked if he knew magnitude, distances, and movements, of Nellie was so selfish that she could not use the planets and the vast dimensions of the a little self-denial—enough to make another Universe. Thus we learn that the nearest little girl happy." fixed stars are about thirty-three trillions of miles distant, (farther than a cannon ball would fly in seven millions of years,) while many that are invisible to the naked eye but discoverable by powerful telescopes, lie hundreds of times farther off. It is thus through the agency of light that "the heavens" (in which is set a tabernacle for the sun.) "declare the glory of God," prompting the intelligent creation to exclaim, "Great and mavellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty."

From the Independent. Nellie's Self-Denial.

Our Nellie is a remarkably interesting child. Strangers call her beautiful, because she has red lips, pink cheeks, the most laughing blue eyes you ever saw, shaded by long, dark lashes, and her hair is just a profusion of sunny curls. To me, children are always the most interesting beings in the world, and there is nothing that I would not do for a sweet-faced, gentle little girl; I say sweet-faced, for I think that children's faces are an index of the heart, and an unselfish little soul is sure to leave an impress of itself upon the face. So when Nellie is loving and generous, she is a priceless household treasure, and it is our delight to watch the unfoldings of the blossom which God has given us, and to guard and shield it from chilling, Wintry wind. Still she is the cause of many a heartache, for she is a faulty little specimen of humanity, and there have been times when it seemed that our only hope of Nellie lay in that God had made the hearts of childred naturally plastic, and susceptible to teaching and impression. Besides, we have noted and with gladness, that whenever Nellie has been able herself to achieve a victory over some naughty little propensity, it always leaves a good and lasting impression It has led me to believe with Thomas De Quincy, that children have "aspecific power of contemplating the truth," and it is clear to me as to him, that in those paths "which require no knowledge of world to unravel, they tread more firmly than men." I am going to tell you, now, something about Nellie-a little thing in

One day, Nellie was sitting in the window, stringing beads. She had a box full of them, and such treasures in the way of beads do not fall to the lot of many little girls. There were huge milk-white ones, that I verily believe were carved from a cow's horn, while others were pure and delicate as a pear. There were black ones of every imaginable shape and size, some of which I know to be "real jets"; then there were amber-hued circlets, chased miniature globes of emerald green, tiny gilded heads, so small that they looked like a heap of golden mustard-seed; azure-colored ones of various kinds, some as rarely blue as Nellie's eyes; others were red as rubies, and as precious; besides piles of purple ones, yellow, and orange, and stone-color, and gray—in short, you would have thought that every thing that ever was invented in the shape of a bead was represented in Nel-

If you had seen her as she looked that afternoon, sitting in the sunlighted window, her face wrought into an earnest intent upon her work, you would have thought it a pleasant picture to look upon. The oft-quoted line of Keats came into my mind: "A thing of beauty is a joy forever;" and at the same time I remembered that a "thing of beauty" is not a "joy," when there is anything ugly or evil to mar or blemish it. And yet I thought she never looked so sweetly nor seemed so dear, as when, in a moment afterwards, she held up to my view a string upon which she had enshrined a ruby-colored bead in the midst of an amber and gold-colored one of gradated sizes.

"I am making mamma a bracelet." she whispered, impressively, "but you must be very private about it, for it is to be a Christmas present," and down went the the subject daily. If her dolls and kitten curly head again, and away flew the busy little fingers. "Nellie," said I, "Mary Atkins is com-

ing in to see you." Mary is the only child of her mother, and she a widow. Our pleasant mansion upon the top of the hill, and Mrs. Atkins's tenement at the foot, are the only dwellings in sight of each other, so the two children are thrown much together. But Mary is different from Nellie. She is pale-faced, and, although she owns a pair of great, wondering eyes, she is undemonstrative in her ways, and this afternoon she wore a calico you would have thought -sat down by

"Where did you get them?" she asked, at last.

Nellie had heard some one say this before; besides, she has a proclivity for the 7. Owing to its refractive quality, its use of long words whenever she feels in a on with ease and delight; had become ac

What will you ever do with so many?" asked Mary again.
"Oh, I shall find sufficient use for

would be a desert, the waters solid as Her mother, who had come in, probably granite - utter darkness enveloping the thought it a suitable time to break in upon whole, and death reigning from pole to ! Nellie's selfishness, for she selected a needle and thread from her work-basket, and said and thread from her work-basket, and said three hours ago. I had, in fact (as we say) to Mary, "Here is a needle and thread for made myself master of dynamics, and beour knowledge of the material universe is you; Nellie has so many beads that she come gradually more and more a believer acquired. Were it not for light, how little / will be glad to give you some, and you can in the unlimited capacity of my own mind !

came into Nellie's eyes, and her face was ate House, and by subsequently obtaining working like a small thunder-cloud.

both surprise and reproof.

and deliberately walked home.

When Nellie's paroxysm had subsided, her mother took her, still sobbing, into her "Poor Nellie!" she said. "I do not

That night; when Nellie was being unlressed, she looked up into my face, and in a little earnest way, that both charmed and girl gives up her own pleasure for the sake of making another happy." "Would it be self-denial," she asked,

kins?" "No. I do n't think Mary would be any happier to take them all. I do not think mindetalike Voltaire, Voloney, or Tom Mary is selfish enough for that." "Would it be self-denial to give her

"Do you think it would?" said I. She did not reply to my question, but looked up in her witching way, and said, Do you use self-denial?"

"Yes," said I, "very often." "Well, but did you when you were a little girl?" "I am sure I cannot remember."

"I guess you did n't said she, unless they made you do it!" About midnight I was awakened by Nellie, who said, "You know Live got eight rubies; would two be enough to give Mary Atkins for self-denial?" "I think it would," said I.

"That would be enough for two bracelets von know.' enough to give Mary; but I would go to he shut my mouth forever from cavilling a sleep now, and not think of it until any difficulties in the written Word; and

ever, until the sight of the box on the time preaching had been misery, now i mantel shelf brought back the weighty became my delight to be able to say, with

beads to Mary Atkins!" how you can atone for your behaviour yes, and Aaron, said Samuel; and By the

terday in any other way."

| grace of God Lam, what I am, said St.
| Not long afterwards, I heard her in an Paul; and so, in a modified and humble other room talking to herself in this way: sense, I can truly say. "Oh, you beautiful, beautiful beads! I do not want to give you away one bit! But block to me to find, so many learned men, you have so many," she continued, in a so many acute men, so many scientific men. tone as if another person was speaking, infidels. It is not so now; I see that God

mire self-denial!" n where she was, she had assorted the ceive the things of the Spirit of God. peads, taking two of the "rubies," and Hence I expect to find men of this stamp about the same proportion of others she of intellect coming out boldly with their thought most valuable, and stood regarding avowal of unbelief in the written Word of them with quivering lip and chin. This God. The only answer I can give to them was the crisis, the trial of victory, and I is, 'God has in mercy taught me better;' came to the rescue.

think you can spare any more. I will do filling with tears of gratitude to the God them up for you, and you may get your new of all compassion: hood and go and carry them to her." She obeyed, without hesitation, and I saw her walking down the hill with the air of one relieved of a burden. It was not

and excited. "Mary Atkins," said she, "would not let me use self-denial! She said I had no business to get so angry, and she did not want my old beads. I guess she did, though!" continued Nellie. "I guess she told her mother, and her mother would n't

"Do you want her to have them?" said Nellie's mother. "Why; yes, mamma; I want to give them to her.

let her!"

"Shall I send for Mary to come up "Oh yes," said Nellie, evidently delighted at the prospect of a playmate.

A servant was dispatched for Mary, who

soon made her appearance; and the chill dren spent one of the happiest of days, and exhausted the whole bead vocabulary in the manufacture of bracelets, necklaces, and 15, 1862." ear-rings, without number. This happened three months ago, and that Nellie has not yet forgotten her lesson of self-denial is evident from the lectures she delivers upon are not self-denying in their relations to would invite the attention of the public to his extension of the public to his ex ing from Nellie.

Miscellaneous?

Skepticism Cured: 130

The London Record is credited for the following most instructive sketch of autobiography. It appeared in response to the infidel work of Bishop Colenso, on the Pentateuch.

"I remember when I first began to read the Bible (and Lthought I was sincerely any statement I found there; but I could not fully believe it was true. The Bishop of Natal just expresses what I felt; and the fact that we took exactly the same uni-My own history was just this: I had read and studied deeply in mathematics; had mastered every fresh subject I entered upcustomed (as every exact mathematician must do,) to investigate and discover fundamental differences between things which seem to the uninitiated, one and the same; had seen my way into the physical astronomy and the higher parts of Newton's immortal Principia, and been frequently lost in admiration of his genius till St. Mary's clock warned me that midnight was past This self-conceited idea was only flattered a Fellowship at Trinity, and enjoying very "Nellie!" said her mother, in a tone of considerable popularity as a mathematical lecturer.

Like a flash, the box of beads was thrown violently into Mary's lap, whence they of misery in after days, had I really felt button by letter and otherwise. violently into Mary's lap, whence they or misery in after usys, near the deeper rolled, hither and thither, over the carpet, what I so often said, viz., that the deeper winther additional screen with the deeper wit

striking emblem of the great "Father of Nellie. "Every one of my beautiful beads ought to be; and the more cautious in prolights" and of the co-equal Son; "the that Uncle James sent me from New-York!" nouncing an independent opinion on a subtrue Light which lighteth every man that and stamping and screaming in her wrath, ject he had not investigated, or could not cometh into the world," and of the Holy Nellie hid her face in the corner, while thoroughly sift. But, though all this was Spirit, "the entrance of whose word giveth | Mary's eyes only looked still more wonder- true, I had yet to learn that this humility light;" the triune Jehovah, who like light | ing, as with characteristic quietness she in spiritual things is never found in a nat-

> "I took orders and began to preach, and then, like the bishop among the Zulus, I found out the grand deficit in my theology. I had not the Spirit's teachings myself, and how could I without it speak 'in demonwonder she sobs. Mamma is ready to cry, stration of the Spirit and of power?" "In vain did I read Chalmers, Paley,

This took the child's attention; it was a Butler, Gaussen, etc., and determined that, night, indicating the time for labor and the phenomenon she never yet had witnessed. as I had mastered all the other subjects I "Mamma is ready to cry because she is had grappled with, so I would the Bible, sorry, and so very much ashamed. and that I would make myself a believer. chronometer by which days, months, sea- so sorry, and so very much ashamed, and that I would make myself a believer, sons and years are measured, but because it Mary has no uncle to send her pretty I found a poor, ignorant old woman in my parish more than a match for me in Divine things. I was distressed to find that she was often happy in the evident mercy of the Lord to her, and that she found prayer answered, and that all this was proved sincere by her blameless and harmless walk amongst the neighbors; whilst I, with all my science and investigation, was barren surprised me, said, "What is self-denial?" and unprofitable and miserable—an unbe-"Self-denial," said I, "is when a little liever in heart, and yet not daring to avow t, partly from the fear of man, but more from a certain inward conviction that all my skeptical difficulties would be crushed for me to give all my beads to Mary At- and leaped over by the experience of the

most illiterate Christian. "I was perfectly ashamed to feel in my Paine a I could claim no originality in my views; and I found they were no comfort but a constant source of misery to me.

"May we not compare this kind of state to that which God speaks of, Jeremiah xlix Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, and the pride of thine heart!' And observe what follows: Hear the counsel of the Lord. Surely the least of the flock shall

draw them out.' "It may now be asked, how I came ever to view Divine truth differently. I desire to ascribe all praise to him to whom power belongeth; I desire to put my own mouth to the dust, and be ashamed, and never open my mouth any more, because of my former unbelief. I cannot describe all passed through, but I desire with humility and gratitude to say, I was made willing its you know." in a day of Christ's power. He sweetly "Yes," said I, "I think it would be melted down my proud heart with his love; one of the first things in which the great In the morning she awoke, happy as change appeared was, that whereas before out a host of skeptical or infidel doubts "Oh dear," said she, impatiently, "I've rushing into my mind: 'Thus saith the got to use self-denial, and give some of my Lord.' Oh, I am quite certain no natural man can see the things of God; and I am "I should think you would do so, by all equally certain he cannot make himself do means," said her mother. "I do not see so. "It was the Lord that exalted Moses

itself, but quite a great thing for a five yearold girl.

"I know it, and I suppose I can get more has said, 'Not many wise men after the from Uncle James; but then I don't adfiesh, not many mighty, not many noble;' Then all was silent; and when I went see any thing, that no natural man can reand never do I sing those beautiful word "That is enough," said I, "I don't in the well-known hymn but I feel my eyes

"'Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God."

"So it was with me; so it must be with any one of them if ever they are to know ong, however, before she came back, flushed | the truth in its power, or to receive the love of the truth that they may be saved. "I feel very much for the young of this generation, remembering sether conflicts I passed through in consequence of the errors of men of ability. I hope the Lord will graciously impress on many hearts the serious truth of these words, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit; and 'The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.' My own way of explaining it to myself and others, when required to do so, is by saying, 'It is not the mind, but the affections, which receive true religion.' 'Knowledge puffeth up, but charity.

edifieth. difficial. A pologizing for occupying much room, I remain, my dear sir, "Your obedient servant,

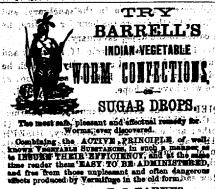
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