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Morning and Evening Hymns. BY BISHOP HEBER. A MORNING HYMN. To thee, O Lord, with dawning light, My thankful voice I'll raise, Thy mighty power to celebrate. Thy holy name to praise: For thou, in helpless hour of night, Hast compassed my bed, And now refreshed with peaceful sleep,

Grant me. O Lord, thy quickening grace Through this and every day; That, guided and upheld by thee. My feet may never stray. Increase my faith, increase my hope, Increase my zeal and love ; And fix my heart's affections all

Thou liftest up my head,

On Christ and things above. And when, life's labors o'er. I sink To slumber in the grave, In death's dark vale be thou my trust, To succor and to save : That so, through him who bled and died, And rose again for me. "The grave and gate of death." may prove A passage home to thee.

AN EVENING HYMN. Creator of the starry frame, Light of the souls that trust in thee, Jesus! Redeemer of mankind. To thee we call on bended knee. Thou, when the tempter's arts prevailed,

Did hasten down with tears of love. To shield and save a ruined world, With health and peace from heaven above. Exalted now, thy glorious power

Extends through all immensity; And saints in heaven, and fiends in hell, Bow at thy name with trembling knee.

To thee, O Judge of all, we look; Grant us thy heavenly help, we pray. Guide us in life, and guard in death, And shield us in the judgment day.

For thine the glory is and power, Erernal Sire, eternal Son; Eternal Spirit, thine the praise. The Oue in Three, the Three in One. "Glory be unto God In the highest."

Amen, Halleluiah.

For the Presbyteria Banner Remedy for our National Troubleso

What is it? PRAYER. God says, "Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee." Encouraged by our late victories, and believing as some do that the rebellion is about "played out," might tend to restrain prayer; but if we look at our present condition, the prospects of Foreign intervention, while we have great reasons to thank God, yet now it is, with us, "the golden hour," and the time "to take courage," and pray on and fight on with renewed zeal, until the rebellion is completely quelled, and the throne of civil power sustained. Let us rejoice that we are not "without remedy." The disease, though bad, is not beyond cure. There is still balm in Gilead-there is still a Physician there, to whom if we rightly apply, will heal us. O Lord, help us. Thou art our refuge and strength in this "time of trouble." "Unto whom shall we go but unto thee." "Lord, save or we perish."

PRAYER A MEANS OF POWER. " What is earnest prayer? It is offering up our desires to God, in Christ's name, for things agreeable to his will, backed by the use of all God's appointed means to obtain the blessing sought. " Prayer is no fiction." no reverie; no, it is a reality. And, says Phelps, "it is literally, actually, and positively a means of power." "It is a link of counection between human mind and Divine mind, by which, through his infinite condescension, we may actually move his will." It is not power itself, but

The orifice through the throttle connecting the boiler with the cylinder of a steam engine is very small, but it is an engine of mughty power Gaze upon the Great Easteru, as she lies upon the placid ocean. Not a wave to be seen-not a wheel or paddle in motion. All is calm and quiet. Lift the valve—the steam escapes, enters the cylinder, starts the piston, moves the huge counk, turns the ponderous wheel, and in a moment all is in motion, and the mammoth stenuer ploughs the mighty ocean and heaves the very earth : and all done simply by lifting a little valve. So is prayer; though apparently a weak instrumentality, it is "mighty through God, to the pulling down of strong holds." Behold the earnest suppliant alone in his closet—there, upon his bended knees, he lifts the valve of his heart; his desires escape, ascend Gud's throne, and move the powers of heaven and earth. It is the power of prayer.

This is evident not only from the numerous cases of answered prayer, but because God says so. The Saviour says, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." "And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Jacob prayed, had power with God, and prevailed. Gaze upon the thrilling scene of Penuel, and mark the power of prayer. Jacob had supplanted Esau, and caused his furious wrath, and murderous indignation to burn against him, and being afraid, fled to Padan-aram for refuge After twenty years' absence he returns, and finds Esau's revenge still burning against him; but he resolves to meet him, and to try the power of prayer to effect a reconciliation. Having sent his family and flocks over the brook Jabbok, retires alone, prays and wrestles with God, and prevails The heart of Esau is touched, gives way, yields, and his fratricidal revenge is turned to brotherly affection and love; and when they met, they embraced: each other with a kiss. And if we will pray and wrestle like Jacob, the direful reveuge now existing between the North and South will give way, and reconciliation and

peace will follow. severe famine. Elijah, who seemed to carry the keys of heaven in his pocket, " prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it earth from. Not a cloud darkens the cerulenn sky, and there is no sign of rain.

Again Elijah enters the closet, bows the contributions and prayers of the closet, bows the knee, lifts his heart to God in prayers and the contributions and prayers of the closet, or selection. No

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man's hand gathers, and thickens; the heav-W. J. M. roars, "and the heavens gave rain." But in answer to the prayer of Elijah, God not

only gave rain, but fire fell from heaven and consumed his sacrifice, and convinced four hundred heathen idolaters that Jehoveh is the Lord. At the prayer of Joshua the sun stood still in heaven. PRAYER SAVED NINEVEH.

Again, take the case of proud, wicked, corrupt Nineveh. The "seller of nations," and all full of lies and robbery, they killed until there was no end of the dead. It was exceedingly wicked and corrupt, and God himself turns against it, and sends his prophet to warn them of their impending ruin. Jonah goes, perambulates the streets, crying, "And yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown." The alarm spreads, and the terror struck inhabitants begin to eagerly ask, What shall we do? Is there no remedy?—no way of escape? Must Nineveh, with all her glory and grandeur, be destroyed in forty days? Is it possible? Has God ceased to be gracious? Is the day of grace over? and has the day of wrath begun? Is our fatal doom inevital'ly fixed? Must we all perish? And again they hear the voice of the prophet pealing forth the awful sentence: "And yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be over-Uries and shricks are heard throughout the city. Awful terror clothes every brow-fell despair sits upon every face and surges every heart. They pro-claim a national fast, and the king and all

drink. Thus fasting and humbling themselves, they prayed—cried mightily unto God turned from their evil ways, until God saw their good works, turned aside his fierce anger, and spared them some two hundred

How encouraging this case! We have had three days of national fasting; and then encouraged by late victories, we have a day of thanksgiving. And now while we have great reason to thank God, we have stronger reasons to take courage, and go on, pray on, and fight on, until the work is completed. Courage, brethren; let us take courage; follow up the victories. The rebeltion, the quailing, still exists-though prayers, and the struggle will be over and angry voice. Which legacy will you leave peace restored. What! do you expect to pray the rebellion down? Yes. Without ithout the army and navy? No. Why then pray at all? Pray, because earnest prayer always leads | GEN'L HEADQUARTERS, ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, to earnest action. Prayer, faith and works always go together. It was said of an earnest Mr. Joseph Albree, Treasurer of the Christian Com- that God has used them for the conversion teneral that he prayed as though God must do everything, and at the same time he acted as though he must do everything himself. That is the right spirit. Proy ture. and act. Back your prayers by earnest efforts. The Saviour prayed, "Thy king-dum come," and he lived, labored, suffered, died, rose, ascended, and still intercedes for its coming; and has come and is comand victory crowned his efforts. Earnest good service. prayer always leads to earnest action and to success. Besides all this,

OF FAITH. for us;" or, in other words, the Spirit me they have not heard a sermon for 14 sion in us, the same Divine Comforter has "The Spirit itself maketh intercession prays through the believer; or, in the lan- months, for 10 months, for 9 months, for ministered to the souls for whom we prayed guage of Dr. Chalmers, "the man whom they look upon us very kindly, and seem The meetings of the Conference are held and his heart "the channel" through which to think we belong to the army, to them. in a large iron church, beautiful and comthe petition reaches the throne of grace. They are grateful to us; we have secured modious, in the midst of park scenery, and their confidence and respect. Prayer-meeterring; he will not dictate to the Chris- tings are now held every evening at our which, always at the close of each Corfertian to ask what God is not willing to give. For the maketh intercession for the saints, ed and full of interest; they unite with us catholic and devout commemoration, in a according to the will of God."—Rom viii: in addressing the meetings and in calling common participation of the Lord's Sup-27. Therefore God the Father is the hear. upon the Throne of Grace; such earnest. per, of the decease accomplished at Jerur, because God the Spirit is the inspirer ness in prayer I have seldom witnessed. I salem. This year the attendance has been of prayer. Therefore, every prayer of faith | was called upon yesterday to know if we | larger than ever before; men of different will be answered, and consequently prayer is a means of power, and if we call upon God earnestly with faith, believing, he will | ings. deliver us. We have been long praying that the rebellion might be quelled and the Government sustained, and God has heard receive what we have to give; see how they our prayers, and given us many signal vic- enjoy the means of grace provided for and Churches have been lost sight of in tories. He has sentous a few severe reverses and defeats, but they were necessary to rouse up and call forth the energies of the North; and as God sometimes "answers he achievements of the past and the prospects of the future, together with the great interests at stake both to the Church and State, let us toil on and pray on, until

these calamities be overpast. OLD CORRESPONDENT.

For the Presbyterian Banner.

Excuses Invalid.

The invalidity of excuses drawn from the lives of Christians, appears from several considerations: 1. Religion is a strictly personal matter.

any one. The faults, or the neglects of Presbyterian church at Warrenton, former number of the elect, and hastening his others, will not save him. If he would be My a Lieutenant in the Rebel army. We kingdom? And may we not hope that the wise, he must be wise for himself. By his have supplied them with testaments, relig- time to favor Zion is near, seeing that own personal acceptance or rejection of the lous newspapers, writing paper, envelops, many take pleasure in her stones and favor own personal acceptance or rejection of the hope set before him, he must stand or fall. medicine, &c. 'Tis more than they exthe dust thereof?"

Embrace Christ and you shall be saved; pected, and they say we show the true reject him and you must perish forever. 2. Each one must give account of him-Christ, and give account of himself to God. own vine and fig: tree, with none to molest He must be tried, acquitted or condemned swer the charges registered against you; all good; for their home enjoyments.

For the Presbyterian Banner Parents, Speak Soft and Low. CAMP DISTRIBUTION, Aug. 12, 1863.

I know some houses, well built and handsomely furnished, where it is not pleasant to be even a visitor. Sharp, angry tones resound through them from morning till night, and the influence is more contagious than the diptheria, and much more to be dreaded in a household. The children are liable to catch the disease, and if they do, it will last for life. One of our friends has such a neighbor within hearing of his house, (when doors and windows are open,) and even their little daughter has caught the tune, and delights in screaming and scolding so annoyingly that she has been sent by her parents into the country to im-

prove her habits. Children are more liable to catch cross tones than parrots. Where a parent sets a bad example, you will scarcely hear a pleasant word among the children in their plays with each other. The discipline of such a family is always weak and irregular. The children expect just so much scolding, be-fore they will do anything they are bid; whereas in a home where the low, firm tone of a mother, or a decided look of a father's steady eye, is law; they never think of disobedience either in or out of sight.

Oh! mothers and fathers, it is worth a great deal to cultivate that excellent thing in you, a low, sweet voice. If you are ever that neither man nor beast should eat or or wildle the mischievous or wilful pranks of your children, speak you and your children wretched. Why then not speak kindly to your children? Impatient, angry tones never did the heart any good, but doubtless much harm. Read what Solomon says of angry words, and remember he wrote with an inspired pen. You cannot have the excuse that they lighten your burdens; they make them heavier. For your own sake, as well as that of others, learn to speak pleasantly. Your children will remember that tone when your heads are under the willows, and your bodies cold beneath the clods. So. too, would they remember a harsh and

from a Delegate of the Christian Com

Near Warrenton, Va., Aug. 8, 1863.

mission, Pittsburgh. Sin :- I wrote you a few days since, giving an account of our capture and recap-

We are now located at General Headquarters, three miles from Warrenton June the Cross, and the faithfulness of their gates at this Station engaged in distribut- nized their family relationship. Burdened ing. The Apostles prayed for the cause of ing reading matter to the soldiers, and in hearts have found relief in prayers that Dirist, and they labored, suffered and died attending to their wants generally. Mr. have entered within the veil; and newfor it—backing their prayers by their J. B. Miller, of the Theological Seminary, born souls have poured forth their gratitude works. Sinking Peter prayed, and he was Allegheny, and the Rev. Mr. Ritchie of in songs of praise that have vibrated.

> The soldiers receive us gladly, and it retent, for the soldiers, which are well attend- ence, there is a unique and remarkably had any more of the Soldiers' Hymn Books | nations were present from afar, and every

them, it would gladden their hearts:

Nothing seems to please them more than the little "Housewives;" which are small bags containing needles, pins, thread butthe North; and as you sometimes answers tons, yarn, &c. Most of them contain also the world and of the Church of God, there us by terrible things," (Ps. lxv: 5,) they tons, yarn, &c. a letter to the poor soldier which he is ex- seems to be a louder call than ever for us may nave occur, and no doubt were given, pected to answer; sometimes a sheet of pa- to unite in prayer and praise. How fearper with a stamped envelope enclosed ful is the destruction of human life in These letters are read with a great deal of America! How heaving with commotion interest, and they generally answer them, are the kingdoms of Italy, Austria, Russia thanking the donor. As many as fifteen and Prussia! How lamentable is the poor twenty have been around the tent at one sition of Spain! and how darkly and sitime, begging for a little thread or buttons lently is the poison of infidelity and superto mend their clothes; 'tis seldom they stition flowing through our own land ! oun buy these articles of the sutlers. In How peculiar does the position of our widtheir appeals they have shown me how des- owed Sovereign, and that of the youthful titute they were; their ingenuity in the heir to the throne, claim our prayerful

use of substitutes is amusing. On to morrow (Sabbath,) we have preachng at 10 A. M. and at 3 P. M. Near us is the "Ring," in which pris-

Christian spirit. Some of them have ta-

As I am finishing this letter, a soldier insists upon my sending home his contribution to the Christian Commission. En-

EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENCE.

closed please find it.

onvocation of Christians at Barnett—The Rev. W. Pennefather—His Invitation and the Reasons Thereof—Subjects Discussed—Silent Prayer and its Power—The Queen'and Brutalizing Sports— Pauperism and Popety—The Covenanters Defended by the Edinburgh Review—Death of a Decendant of the Scots Worthies—The New-York Riots—The Daily News Thereon—Miscellaneous. LONDON, Aug. 1, 1863.

A CONCERT FOR PRAYER, mutual inter-

J. B. D. M.

course among Christians, and the building up of one another in the word and work of the Lord, has been held this week at Barnett, a town about twenty miles North of London. This is the seventh concert of a similar kind, which has been held at the same place. It has not only originated in revival times, but it has largely promoted and advanced, the cause of true spiritual progress all over the kingdom. Its chief promoter is the Rev. William Pennefather. a clergyman of the Church of Englandnot occupying the parish Church and liv-ing, but a distinct Church within the parish of Barnett. Mr. Pennefather belongs to an old Irish Protestant family, was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and afterwards came to England. He is a man of singular lovingness, earnestness, good sense, and piety. His very appearance, as well as his prayers, address, and conversation, inlow. It will be a great help to you to even try to be patient and cheerful, even if you man of devoted nick induess and goodness of heart. try to be patient and cheerful, even if you men of devoted piety, including Captain cannot wholly succeed. Anger makes both Trotter, who has been for years an evangelical laborer in all that is good, and in Paris as well as London, has effected great results. He, with Mr. Blackwood (the husband of the young Dowager Duchess of Manchester)—who also was present at Barnett Conference—excels in the exposition and preaching of that Word of Life which seems to have saturated their moral nature, and make them admirable and much-blessed alike to a company of true believers, to a body of railway laborers, or villagers in a lost, school house, or barn, or to a crowd of the West-end Londoners on Saturday afternoons, met to hear, one or other of them preach the Gospel, in Willes's Rooms, St.

James' Square. Mr. Pennefather always issues an annual circular, inviting Christians to the coming Conference. In the last circular, he says of the six Conferences already held, he recounts the blessings received: "I know of sinners, for the edification and cementing togetheir in love of his saints, and for the honor of his holy word. Laborers from distant parts of the Lord's vineyard, have met together to recount the triumphs of tion. I remain in charge of the Station. God. Brethren who had never looked one There are now with us six or eight dele- another in the face, have at once recog-

saved through means. Washington prayed, Beaver County, are with us, and are doing through the Courts of Heaven, and found an echo in the breasts of those who, 'absent from the body,' are ' present with the joices their hearts to know that the Chris. Lord. The claims of distant churches, THE HOLY SPIRIT INDICTS. THE PRAYER tian community at home think of them and and of our isolated missionaries, have been their wants. But few of the regiments presented at the Throne of Grace; and now have Chaplains. Soldiers have told while the Holy Spirit has made interces-

> they wanted to form a choir for the meet- branch of the Church catholic, and "male and female, too-all one in Christ Jesus-Could the Christian community at home had their representation, and here as here-see with what gratitude these poor soldiers tofore, God has in his great mercy so blended soul with soul, that nationalities

> > As reasons for such a convocation, the good clergyman had truly said in his circular: "In the present circumstances of sympathy, and how even the very elect are in danger of being carried away by 'false brethren.'

"But are there not streaks of light among Every man must be religious for himself or oners are put under guard until they are the clouds, which tell of the coming day? Every man must be religious for misser of oners are put under guard about the Gospel preached as a witness in the reference. The fact, therefore, that sent to Washington, which is done every la not the Gospel preached as a witness in two or three days. Among them now is the two or three days. Among them now is the profession they make, is no excuse for the Rev. John W. Pugh, pastor of the Lord quickly accomplishing the

The Conferences were preceded by a prayer-meeting on the Tuesday evening of ken the oath of allegiance; others would, the present week, and then followed in self to God. The Christian must account but fear to do so lest the Rebel army should three successive days the meetings themfor his own conduct; and the sinner too return, and they be unprotected. Could selves, beginning at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. must appear before the judgment seat of our people at home, who sit under their Between these two great gatherings there were, in tents and elsewhere, meetings of a nor make them afraid, see the desolation of smaller character, for social intercourse, for himself. The sins of others will not this part of the country, their hearts would prayer, and mutual edification. At the excuse him there. Reader, you must an be drawn out in gratitude to the Giver of more public assemblies, three topics guided It is the intention of the Christian Com- the Word of God: First, The fulless and which will not avail you as such at the bar mission, to establish a Station near the preciousness of the written Word, (Luke Headquarters of every corps in the army xxiv: 44 ) Secondly, The person and Beach one must bear his own punish of the Potomac, from which reading mat-glory of the Word Incarnate, as unfolded ready to discontinue themselves. PRAYER SHUT AND OPENED HEAVEN.

Take a scene in Israel. It is a time of must, if found out of Christ, bear your own meetings and preaching will be held, and thirdly. The duty of the Church to employ the property of the property of the church to employ the property of th must, it is the control of the wants of the soldier, temporal and spire ploy every talent with reference to eternity, punishment. On yoursen must be disappeared for as far as possible.

pensed the sine you have committed, and the gratified medical solution of the neglects of which you are guilty. The the neglects of others will not alleviate your soul breams and society have elected two for the conceptance of the solution of the loveliest, the flowers decked the sufferings of others will not alleviate your soul breams and society have elected two for the conceptance of the solution of the parsonage, and all is still very far indeed from a radical large of the solution of the parsonage, and all is still very far indeed from a radical large. sufferings of others will not alleviate your know the wants of the soldiers receive these lawn and grounds of the parsonage, and all is still very far indeed from a radical cure tion and development of ideal numbers; woes. Why then hazard your soul because woes. Why then hexard your soul because tude with which the solutions received the with which the solutions and meadows, others live unworthily? Let me entreat favors, to induce them to contribute still around was the rich uplands and meadows, others live unworthily? Let me entreat favors, to induce them to contribute still around was the rich uplands and meadows, of the wants and harvest fields—almost ripe for the namition and bideaugness in all its and Professor Steenstrup, of Copenhagen, and harvest fields—almost ripe for the namition and bideaugness in all its and Professor Steenstrup.

Captain Trotter; written requests for prayer | deepest roots." were read out by Mr. Pennefather, and after each, the whole assembly bowed itself for silent supplication. This brief united, silent appeal to the Father of mercies was most impressive. Would that it were frequently practiced in all our assemblies! We depend too much on the vocal utterances of man, and formalism comes in with

much speaking;" but in this kind of prayer, from a thousand hearts at once, and as arrows go up the sighs and supplications of the people of God-concentrated and intense. Surely he who heareth prayer, hears such sighs and marks such prayers.

peared in this country, the public taste has been injured and corrupted by the # sensation" and perilous style of amusements. Many also have been the imitators of Blondin, and most of them have come to grief. Among these was a woman, who, with her of God's humble saints. husband's consent and as a source of profit, was engaged to walk across a great space in Aston Park, Birmingham, on a rope sixty feet high. It was a part of the pro-gramme of amusements got up at the an-nual festival of the Odd Fellows Association-working men, associated for mutual benefit fund purposes, bringing their wives South of Scotland, and the farm-house of and friends with them. Such a fete is held Lochgoin, in that parish. There has lived annually at the grounds of the Crystal for many years, and there has recently died, Palace, in Sydenham. No danger was apprehended to the woman, "Madame Gene author of Scot's Worthies, a book which rieve;" but after crossing the rope twice, is found in many a home, where the stock when a sack was put on her head that she of literature is small. He lived to the age might walk blindfold over the rope, suddenly the rope snapped asunder, (not visibly, but inwardly rotten,) and falling to the ground, she was instantly killed. In persecuting days Lochgoin was plundered the levity of the people, this awful incident twelve times—each time the people eswas ere long forgotten, and the revels proceeded. On one occasion they were forced ceeded. Public indignation and grief have to hide a number of coins in the moors, spoken out through a unanimous press, and which lay undiscovered for more than a now the Queen's letter to the Mayor of century. The coins are still preserved, Lirmingham will effectually and perma- shown to visitors along with the Fenwick nently put down this kind of disgusting flag, which fluttered in the breeze on the performance. The letter, as dictated by fields of Bothwell, Kilsythe, and Drumclog. the Queen, is as follows:

"OSBORNE, July 25, 1863. "Sir: -The Queen has commanded me ers, are also preserved. to express to you the pain with which her Majesty has read the account of a fatal accident which has occurred during a fete at Aston Park, at Birmingham.

ortunately prevalent, for exhibitions at. | their successive generations." tended with the greatest danger to the

performers. "Were any proof wanting that such exhibitions are demoralizing, I am commanded o remark that it would be at once found the occasion after an event so melancholy. "The Queen trusts that you, in common with the rest of the townspeople of Birmingham, will use your influence to prevent in future the degradation to such exhibitions of the Park, which was gladly opened by her Majesty and the beloved rince Consort in the hope that it would be made serviceable for the healthy exercise and rational recreation of the people. "I have the honor to be, sir, your most obedient humble servant,

"C. B. PHIPPS. " The Mayor of Birmingham."

The Mayor of Birmingham replied, explaining that when his name was given is patronizing the fete, he was not aware of the intention to have this kind of performance, declaring that Aston Park should guish this species of entertainment.

PAUPERISM AND POPERY have always well as Ireland has been a land of beggars. The pressure of Constitutionalism in its neighborhood is beginning to tell upon Rome itself, as well as on those parts of taly now under the sway of Victor Emmanuel. The following is the statement of an Italian correspondent of the Times: "The telegraph brings us news, which

nust by this time have equally reached England, by which we are led to expect to see an end put to mendicancy in its very head quarters, at Rome. Wonders will never so greatly endeared the residence of the what India can do by what it has hitherto Even the Church that Church of Rome being overcome." to which mendicancy owes, if not its rise, at least its increment, becomes aware of the necessity of undoing its own work-or at least of declaring its intention to undo it. deliverance for the farming interest, which So much for laws and edicts; so much for suffered terribly for three past years. Trefine words and professions. Practically, however, it will be found difficult to dissociate Papal Rome from the host of tatterdemalions which has constituted the bodyguard of the Papacy from its earliest instiindeed hardly reasonable for the disciples of the right of begging. Praying for alms must not be a privilege of the mendicant monks, and the priesthood would in vain-strive to wean a brutified populace from those grovelling habits which have

been hallowed by their precepts and practice for centuries, and which they are not "War against pauperism has been strenuously waged here and there in the principal cities of free Italy; beggers, as I THE Royal Society have elected two for

suddenly a little cloud not bigger than a longer pray to be excused; but now flee to friends of the soldier be laid upon the allupper ranks and of the humblest, were all churches and sanctuaries—wherever the man's hand gathers, and thickens; the heav-Christ—repent, believe, obey! tar, and God will bless both giver and re-levingly intermingled; songs of praise influence of Rome was longest and busiest lovingly intermingled; songs of praise influence of Rome was longest and busiest lovingly intermingled. lovingly intermingled; songs of praise influence of Rome was longest and busiest were led by two young ladies, daughters of at work, wherever superstition cast its

> THE COVENANTERS of Scotland, we all know, were the excellent of the land, and attempts to injure their memories, or to deny the reality of their martyr sufferings, (as in the case of the young girl Wilson, and another, drowned by being tied to stakes below water mark,) have utterly failed, and recoiled on their Tory-Jacobite and Semi-Papist traducers. The Edinburgh Review has a powerful article reviewing a pamphlet by a Scottish Advocate, Mark Napier, marked by recklessness in his hatred of the good and great cause, which makes him an easy prey to the lion THE QUEEN has once more been exert- that pounces on him. By such literary re ing her influence for good. Ever since viling and misrepresentation, Professor Blondin, the French Canadian acrobat, ap- Agton and men of that school will never Agton and men of that school will never succeed in making the world believe that Claverhouse was the pink of chivalry and honor, or that Montrose was ought but a cruel persecutor, and while smiling and courtly was any better than an exterminator At such a time as the present, it is good

to be reminded of the services of those who "lived obscure," "Till persecution raised them unto fame,

And chased them up to heaven. Tourists in the Summer months ofttimes visit the moorlands of Fenwick in the

Capt Paton's Bible, his sword, and the drum and drum-sticks used by his follow-The Rev. Dr. Simpson, in his Gleanings among the Mountains, says that "the family

of Lochgoin has subsisted on the spot for about 700 years, and came originally as "Her Majesty cannot refrain from mak. refugees from some of the Waldensian or From all of which it appears: ings of horror that one of her subjects-a nental persecution. No fewer than ninefemale—should have been sacrificed to the and twenty persons of the name of John gratification of the demoralizing taste, un- Howie or Hoy, have occupied the place in

THE PEOPLE who confided in the Times. and in Mr. Spence of Liverpool, and ventured their money in the Confederate loan, are smarting severely. The stock went down within the last week to 16 or more in the decision arrived at to continue the below par. It has rallied a little, in confestivities, the hilarity, and the sports of cert with the recovery of the general money market.. Some say that in case of peace the Federal Government will probably recognize this or kindred engagements of the Confederates.

Suicides have been frequent of late One of the Queen's servants threw herself down from one of the towers of Windsor.

Castle. THE INDIAN REVENUE is flourishing The amount for the year 1862-3, was £47, 247,000, leaving a net surplus of £1,280, 000. Measures are being adopted of a sanatory character, to reduce the mortality among European soldiers in India. The cultivation of tea in India is now likely to be vastly extended. The Times' Correspondent at Calcutta says:

"Never has an English Budget been rebe preserved for such purposes as the la- ceived with so much interest in India as mented Prince Consort would have sanc- Mr. Gladstone's. The reduction of the tioned, and expressing the hope that public | tea-duty nearly one third at a time when all opinion would finally and forever extine the available land at the foot and on the slopes of the Himalayas, for a length of 1.500 miles, is being covered with the teabeen associated in Europe, and Italy as plant, promises to give an impetus to tea cultivation which will soon enable India to meet the increased consumption in England, and ultimately take its place beside China and before Japan. We generally estimate the annual export of tea from India at about two and a half millions of lbs... or just-half what Japan exported in the year ending July, 1861. Mr. Fortune says that hundreds of miles of the finest tea land lie waste in Japan, and that the teaproducing capabilities of that country are practically inexhaustible. But India has in its favor a still greater extent of tea cease. The hackney-coachmen of Piazzi land, the absence of political difficulties, di Spagna have been subjected to a fixed the capital and skill of Anglo-Saxon settariff, neither more nor less than those of thers, the advantage of being a dependency civilized places. The turn now comes for of England, and greater proximity to the the beggars, those picturesque beggars, who | European market. You must not judge of Seven Hills to strangers of a sentimental done. In the nine months during which cast of mind. The Pope is determined to Lord Canning's land, rules were in force, wage war against yagrancy. Alien varathousands of acres were purchased, and are bonds are to be shown out at the frontier; only now being covered with the indiginous native paupers are to wear a badge entitling Assam plant. There is a perfect furore for them to appeal to private benevolence; for the formation of tea companies with limthe rest, begging is to be at an end in the ited' liability, and scrip is hardly put on churches, the houses, the streets, and pub- the market when it rises to 50 per cent. lic establishments. The whistle of the loco- premium. All the schemes now affoat are motive is working its wonted effects on the sound if the manager on the spot is able or Vatican. The Pope feels the necessity of trustworthy. That is the sole condition of coming to terms with the spirit of the age. success, for even the labor difficulty is now

WE HAVE magnificent harvest weather. All the crops are splendid. It is a great land was thereby impoverished to the extent of millions.

THE LIBRARY of the late Mr. Buckle, author of "The History of Civilization," containing 20,000 volumes, has been sold tution. It will hardly be possible, and for upwards of £18,000. Many of the books had been enriched by marginal annoof Francis of Assisi to claim a monopoly tations. A copy of Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations sold for £12. IN THE AUTUMN of this year the French

Empress is to make a pilgrimage to Pales-

the exception of the tunnel through the Appenines at Gonza, Naples will be connected by railway with Bologna, Milan and Turin.

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Inducements to Attend Prayer-Meeting.

1. That you may draw down blessings upon your country, the world, the church, your family, and your own soul. 2. That you may help to revive the church, and cause it to flourish, increase, and grow.

3. That you may encourage your pastor, and render his ministry powerful, unctional, and efficient.

4. That you may comfort, assist, and stimulate your fe'low-members. 5. That you may be useful to souls, to

sinners in their conversion, backsliders in their restoration, and saints in their edifi-6. That you may resist and conquer

Satan, both as a seducer and an accuser. 7. That you may rise above business while in it, and live above the world while passing through it. 8. That you may stimulate and make a

good impression upon dull, heavy, sleepy professors; let them see you go regularly to the prayer meeting, and there plead with God for them.

9. That you may see the Word of God made effectual in the conversion of many sinners to Christ.

10. That you may be happy in your own soul, enjoying the testimony of an honest conscience, and a Divine blessing on the

means of grace.
11. Would you please God, and obtain the testimony that Enoch did? Then, go to the prayer-meeting, and by earnest prayer, hearty praises, and cooperation with the saints, honor him whose grace has distinguished you from those around

Dancing.

"A time to dance"-Eccles. iii: 4. On this passage an ingenious writer inquires: 1. What is the right time? 2. Is the text a command, permission or declaration?. 3. What kind of dancing does the text intend? To avoid mistake, I have consulted every passage in the Bible. The most important are: Ex. xv: 20, and xxxii: 19; Judges xi : 34, and xxi : 21; 1st Sam. xviii : 6; 2d Sam. vi : 14-20; Psalm xxx : 11, and cxlix:3; Job xxi:7-11; Jer.xxxi:4; Matt. xi: 17, and xiv: 6; Luke xv: 25.

ing known through you her personal feel. Piedmontese valleys in the days of conti- 1. That dancing was a religious act, both in true, and also in idol worship. 2. That it was practiced exclusively on

joyful occasions, such as natural festivals, or real victories. 3. That it was performed on such great

occasions only by one of the sexes. 4. That it was performed usually in the day-time in the open air, in highways, fields

5. That men who perverted dancing from a sacred use, to purposes of amusement, were deemed infamous. 6. That no instances of dancing are found

upon record in the Bible, in which the two sexes united in the exercise, either as an act of worship or amusement. 7. That there are no instances upon record in the Bible of social dancing for amuse-

ment, except that of "the vain fellows," void of shame, alluded to by Michael; of the irreligious families described by Job. which produced increased impiety, and ended in destruction; and of the worthless daughter of Herodias, which terminated the rash vow of Herod and the murder of John the Baptist.

Be Religious in Every Calling.

Sometimes when some of you have been stirred up by a sermon, you have come to me and said: "Mr. Spurgeon, could I goto China? .: Could Libecome a missionary ?: Could I become a minister?" In very many cases the brethren who offer are exceedingly unfit for any service of the kind. for they have very little gift of expression, very little natural genius, and no adaptation for such a work, and I have constantly and frequently to say, "My dear brother, be consecrated to Christ in your daily calling; do not seek to take a spiritual office; but spiritualize your common office: Why, the cobbler can consecrate his lapstone, while many a minister has desecrated his pulpit. The ploughman can put his hand to the plough in as holy a manner as ever did minister to the sacramental bread. In dealing with your ribbons and your groceries, in handling your bricks and your jackplanes you can be as truly priests to God as were those who slew the bullocks and burned them with the holy fire in the days of yore. This old fact needs to be brought out again. We do not so much want great preachers as good upright traders; it is not so much deacons and elders we long for, as it is to have men who are deacons for Christ in common life, and are really elders. of the Church in their ordinary conversation. Sirs, Christ did not come into the world to take all fishermen from their nets. though he did take some; nor to call all publicans from the receipt of custom, though he did call one; he did not come to make every Martha into a Mary, though he did bless a Martha and a Mary too. He would have you to be housewives still; be sisters of mercy in your own habitations. He would have you be traders, buyers and sellers, workers and toilers still; for the end of Christianity is not to make preachers, but to make holy men; the preacher is but the tool; he may be sometimes but the scaffold of the house, but ye are God's husbandry; ye are God's building; ye in your common acts and common deeds are they who are to serve God.—Spurgeon.

a Comforting Thoughls .- Why should not a man that would die at all, be as willing at thirty or forty, if God sees fit, as y seventy or eighty? Length of time doth not conquer corruption; it never withers and decays through age. Except we receive an addition of grace, as well as time, we naturally grow worse. ... Omy soul depart in peace! As thou wouldst not desire an unlimited estate in wealth or honor so desire it not in point of time. How many of the precious servants of God, of all ages and places, have gone shefore thee! Thou art not to enter an untrodden path, nor appointed first to break the ice. Except Enoch and Elijah, which of the saints have escaped death? And art thou better than they! There are many millions of saints dead, more than now remain on the earth. What a number of thing own bosom friends and why some standard of the contraction of the contrac