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THE POWER OF JESUS CHRIST TO SAVE UNTO THE UTTERMOST, By the Rev. A. J. Campbell, Melrose. Pp. 329. 1864. New York: Robert Carter & Brothers. Pittsburgh

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she found the pearl of great price.

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For the Presbyterian Banner. . The Night is Par Spent; The Day is At Hand." The night is far spent, Which darkens the soul

With the shadows of sin, That over us roll. The spirit of light, . From the heavenly land Disperses the darkness-The day is at hand.

The night is far spent, Of watching and care When the life-boat of hope Seems nearing despair A star o'er the ocean Illumines the strand: Look up; fainting Christian!

The day is at hand. The night is far spent, Of this terrible strife. Which traitors are waging On the national life. Alas, for the carnage— For the woe in our land!

But the war-clouds are parting-The day is at hand. The night is far spent, The night of the tomb; Oh, long was the world Involved in its gloom. But the Mighty came forth, Rending Death's iron band; And his followers shall triumph—

The day is at hand. The night is far spent; The dawn is serene. And the visions of glory Illumine the scene. Lo! the gates of the City Invitingly stand! Up, Pilgrim, for heaven! The day is at hand. Independence, Ia.

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Fireside Reading.

The Worsted Thread; or, Small Beginnings. his father one morning.

"Why not, my son? "Because I make such bad work of it." "That is not aggood reason." "I want to wait till I am older."

"Being older won't mend the matter. Only practice will do that." look, you would think I had better quit it."

and I will look at them."

"I am ashemed to have you see them." "If you have done the best you can, you have no cause to be ashamed.' That night Sammy brought home his writing-book, and in the evening his father examined it. "You have seen my books at the office," said Mr. Harden, after look-

Sammy so much. "Yes, father, I have seen them several you were a capital penman."

"Would you not like to write as well?" "Yes, sir, indeed I should."

"Was it as bad?" "I think so."

you?" left alone on the top of a very high chim-ney, without ladder, or scaffold, or rope to help him to get down, and he got down at "Here is a lesson for you, my boy. last by the aid of a fine worsted thread."

"Certainly not."

tween thirty and forty feet diameter at the base. This man, with some other work-

ken away?" "He remained to see that all was right, intending to let himself down by a rope at- | blackberrying. the rope had not been left with him.

"'The rope! the rope!" he shouted in a voice of terror. "Those below looked around, and saw to the scaffold, and forgotten to carry up the for the "back lot." rope. It was a sight which struck terror

It made his head swim to think how far he green leaves. was standing from the ground, and no way to get down. He had a wife and a little very quietly—Kate and Tom running from of good ones. boy whom he dearly loved. In that dread-bush to bush, to see where they were most ful hour he thought how soon his wife plenty. But presently Aunt Ellen heard a would be a widow, and his boy fatherless. sad little voice saying, "O, Aunty, the stood gazing at him from below. He had frock is torn." come to see the great chimney finished, and return home with his father after the work showed her how to pick from the outside In purchasing, select those which flower

was done. He now ran home to his moth- of the bushes, and how to take hold softly, er as fast as he could: 'O, mother,' he so that she would not be hurt. Finding cried, 'he can't get down.' 'Who can't she did better, Kate dried her tears, but these will, in most cases, prove unsatisfacget down?' Father; they have taken still thought blackberry bushes very cruel down the scaffold, and forgot to leave the things. Tom wanted to know why the some climbing roses. The Baltimore Belle rope: The poor woman uttered one cry of stickers could not as well grow on the bush. is the best of these, but there are other rope. The poor woman uttered one cry of stickers could not as well grow on the bush. dismay, and then with her boy ran to the es that bore no fruit, and leave the blackspot as fast as she could.

"A crowd had collected, but not one of them could think of any way to help the do," said his kind aunt. "It's all because Where veal is especially valuable, it often poor man to get down. 'He is losing his Adam and Eve ate the fruit that God told, senses, and will soon throw himself down,' them not to eat. Then, when they had said one. His wife called to him to hold sinned, God, you know, drove them out of as they are marketed, supplying their on, and keep up his courage. She then did the beautiful garden where they had been places with others. New milch cows ought rected him to take off his stocking, ravel so happy. While they lived in the garden, to have some succulent food (roots or cabout a part of it, attach a piece of mortar to the fruit, and everything else they needed bages) at this season. It materially in the end to make it heavy, and then let it grew without any trouble; there were no down. After giving these directions to her weeds, no briers-nothing at all but what husband, she sent her boy to one of the was good and pleasant. When God drove

men to ask for a ball of twine. them out to make their own living, he told.

"The man obeyed his wife's directions, Adam that the ground would bring forth and soon they saw the fine thread coming thorns and thistles, and that he and all down, driven hither and thither by the his children must work hard for their bread. wind. As soon as it came within reach, So it has been ever since; and when we the wife seized it and fastened it on to the see the thorns and briers, we ought to reend of the ball of twine. Then she called member that they are part of the punish. to her husband to draw it up very carefully. ment of sin. And worse than the briers This he did until he held the end of the that get into our hands and feet, is the big twine in his hand. The twine was then | brier, sin, that grows in our hearts. Satan cut off from the ball, and fastened to the watches it carefully, and tries to make it rope itself, and then the man drew up the grow bigger; but we must pray to God to Either of these contrivances will do to get precious rope which would rescue him from without him. It was part of the punishment his dreadful peril. The rope was secured that Jesus bore for us, to have a crown of Almost any tree can be successfully trans to the iron, and soon the man was on the thorns placed on his head; but he died to planted, provided sufficient care be taken ground by the side of his wife and boy." take away our sin, so that we might be to keep the roots uninjured, and afterward

"What a nice way it was to get him down." fight against the briers, of his love for us,

t to-night.

"There are many things in this world By this time the sun was very hot, and garden and orchard from insects.

which may be compared to this fine worsted | their baskets full, so they walked back to | thread. Your writing-book is one of them. the house, both Katy and Tom feeling sure Your brother's writing-book may be compared to the twine, while the books at the lesson. office, of which Mr. Lathrop speaks so highly, may be called the rope. You see that the fine thread and the twine must be drawn in before you can lay hold of the rope. In other words, you must learn to make m's and t's before you can learn to write. The fine thread may be weak, and not in itself of much use, but the rope is strong, and can accomplish much. Think how many things it draws to our home ev-

ery year." "What things, father?" tea; parcels of dry goods enough to clothe ling winds, and then by some weeks of comthe whole family; barrels of flour, sugar, and molasses; and whole tons of coal. You see it is a large and strong rope." "I know what you mean, father. The money you earn by writing buys all these things, and so you call it the rope which draws them to our house."

"Is it not a good rope " "Yes, sir, very good. I will try to have one like it. I will take my writing-book to school, to-morrow morning, and I will draw in the fine thread as fast; as I can till I get to the twine, and then to the rope. "But you must draw it in very carefully; for the fine thread is tender and easily bro-

en. "I know, father, what you mean by that. You mean that I must try to write every line as well as I can."

"That is the way to make real progres But there are other things which may be that he can only learn one short and simple ing thousands of souls; or he may become "Bring home your writing-book to-night, true that it was once the little thread.

"But good things are not the onl nings No man becomes bad all at once. dry and settled, and most seeds should be Here is a man doomed to years of hard la- kept out until it has been warmed up by bor in the State penitentiary. He has been the sun. guilty of forgery, or of robbing the United States Mail. He did not become dishonest ing at the page which had discouraged all at once. His dishonesty was at first only a little thread. Perhaps it was very good corn ground, neither too stiff nor too small and fine, only the taking of a lump times, and I heard Mr. Lathrop say that of sugar from his mother's sugar-bowl with- any quantity, yet needs a fertile soil. Good time, cents and dimes were taken. The thread had become a twine. As years clover seed may be a seed, grass or collect on the terms of the seed of the seed, grass or clover seed may be a seed, grass or clover seed may be a seed on the seed of the out her knowledge and consent. After a "I began by writing just such a page as rolled on the twine become a rope, and the rope a chain, binding him to a life of shame and ignominy. The Bible speaks of drawing iniquity with cords of vanity and sin

"Can I ever learn to write as well as as it were with a cart-rope." "I have no doubt you can, but you must A little thread may be easily cut. It is can farmers has hitherto been chiefly to learn not to despise small beginnings. I more difficult to part a large rope, and when once read of a man who was accidentally that rope becomes a chain, the poor prison-

Break away from the evil while it is only a spend the home labor upon the straw usual "How could be do that? He could not little thread. Take care of the little in Europe, but it is got in marketable conlet himself down by the worsted thread." threads of good. They are feeble and tender, and may be easily broken. If you Please tell me the story, father. How will watch them and care for them, they good, dry, well-drained soil, and elevated

Why the Thorns and Briers Came.

Kate and her brother Tom were spendmen, was employed in building one of these ing the hot weeks of the Summer at Uncle lofty chimneys. When it was finished, the John's, in the country, where, they thought, cold of last Winter, if, out down to the lofty chimneys. When it was finished, the John's, in the country, where, they thought, other men got down and took away the it was always nice and cool. There was ground, may throw up shoots which will scaffold, leaving this man alone on the top." plenty of green grass, too, to run about on, serve for budding. "Old trees are entirely "Why did he not get down with the and big trees to shade them from the sun. destroyed in many places. Probe out the other workmen before the scaffold was ta- Then, sometimes they could go to the borers and apply some kind of protection woods, and play by the little stream; and Ashes invigorate sickly trees and in a this Summer they had the promise of going measure keep off borers.

intending to let nimself down by a rope at-tached to an iron prepared for this purpose. When everything was completed, and he was ready to descend, he discovered that porch. "I walked down to the back lot, this afternoon, and saw plenty."

"Then we will go and gather them tomorrow, if it is pleasant," said Aunt Ellen. To-morrow came, very bright and clear: their dismay that the rope lay coiled on the so as soon as the dew was dried off the ground beside them. They had taken down grass, Aunt Ellen and the children started It was just a pleasant walk down a shady

high that the rope could not be thrown up. among the bushes, which looked so pretty The poor man was now in great trouble. with the dark berries shining among the Soon all were busy picking Aunt Ellen

Aunt Ellen pitied poor Kate; so she

berry stocks smooth.

them out to make their own living, he told

calm thought in the hour of danger. But Eden. There no one is ever weary or a few years.

this is not the moral I intend to draw from troubled. We shall find no briefs there, Birds.—Do not forget to provide houses

they would never forget the blackberry

Farm, Garden, &c. [From the American Agriculturist.]

April is preëminently seed-time through out most of the Northern States; though beginning in March, it is chiefly in April that the bulk of the crops are sown. There is a rainy season and breaking up of the "Baskets of meat, vegetables, coffee, and Winter in March, followed by high and dryparatively dry weather. This dry "spell' seldom begins before March 25th, and rarely lasts beyond the first of May. Its approach may be known by reports of the state of the roads in Virginia and South-

ward, and from thence we shall hear of the beginning of the gold rains of May some time before we experience them here. It is on this account that we ought to put in only those seeds that come up quickly or surely, and that are not particularly injured by cold, wet weather after they are up. Such are grass and clover seed, wheat, barley and cats, peas, carrots, onions, beets, flax, etc. But corn, sorghum, broom-corn, millet, beans, squashes, etc., if sown early, are apt either to rot in the soil, or to drag

late frosts. In selecting a spot for a new garden, a But there are other things which may be warm, rich piece of ground should be compared to the fine thread. Here is a lit chosen, and if at all inclined to be wet, it tle boy learning his first Sabbath School must be thoroughly underdrained. In lo-lesson. Perhaps he is such a little fellow calities where strong winds prevail, there should be some protection upon the windverse, such as 'Suffer little children to come | ward side : this may be afforded by a hedge unto me, and forbid them not. This lest of Norway Spruce or other quick-growing son is the little thread. The thread will evergreen, or by a high, clear board fence. soon become a twine, and he will be able to It'is well to have the garden close to the "I don't want to write any more at school learn much about the precious doctrines and house, so that it can have frequent attenthis Winter," said little Sammy Harden to holy precepts of the Bible. In time the tion without the necessity of traveling far little thread may become the large and to give it. A plenty of manure and deep strong rope. The little boy may become a plowing or spading are necessary to secure man like Doddridge, and write a book the best results. If the directions given which may be the instrument of convert- last December were heeded, the garden will be ready for the spade or plow as soon as a second Spurgeon; whose eloquent appeals | the soil is dry enough; but as most persons to the heart and conscience will be heard defer their clearing up until Spring, this "If you could see how my m's and t's and read by millions. However large and in a majority of gardens will be the first strong the rope may become, it will still be work to attend to. The remains of last year's crops, brush, old, stakes, and other rubbish, are to be brought together in heaps things which may be compared to this little and burned. There is nothing gained by thread. Evil things also have small begin | working the soil before it has become

Flax grows well wherever oats will-so far as climate is concerned. It requires light. It will not bear fresh manure in sward, plowed in the Fall and sowed in the clover seed may be sown at the same time -that is, after or with the flax. A common rule for the quantity of seed to sow is, three pecks per acre when the crop is raised for seed, and two bushels when "Look out for the little threads of evil. raised for fibre. The object with Ameriobtain the greatest quantity of seed, but now the fibre is in demand at very remunerative prices at least in some parts o the country, and the demand is rapidly widening. It is not customary for us to

dition at the least possible expense of labor. Peach Trees. These should be set in came the man there?".

"There are some very lofty chimneys in the manufacturing towns of England and Scotland. There is one in Glasgow over four hundred and thirty feet high, and bemony of several to the efficacy of a heap of stones around the tree in keeping away the

> Testing Seeds .- By trying fields and gar years or recently purchased, should be proved. This may be done in several ways: Count a portion of seed and plant it

in a box or pot of fine soil kept damp in a warm room. The number of plants which appear will show the proportion of good seed. The same result may be obtained by placing the seeds between the folds of a into every heart, for the chimney was so lane, and before long they found themselves damp cloth and putting this between two plates to prevent evaporation; or by tying them in a cloth and burying them in the soil of a hot-bed. The seeds will sprout in a few days, and thus show the proportion

Roses.-Plant early, heading back well would be a widow, and his boy fatherless. sad little voice saying, "O, Aunty, the to induce a strong growth. The June to induce a strong growth. The June tood gazing at him from below. He had been so; and do see how my somewhat. The perpetuals may have the branches cut back to three or four buds. freely on their own roots. There are some tory to the general cultivator. Have good sorts.

Cows and Calves.—Separate cows and pays best to let calves run with the cows, sometimes giving one cow two calves, and bages) at this season. It materially increases their flow of milk, and the increase is maintained when they get to pasture. Soiling ought not to be commenced before a constant supply of green food can be maintained.

Cucumbers.—Start seeds on sod in hotbed. cold-frame. or in a box in the house. Some hollow out large turnips and fill with earth, so as to make a kind of flower-pot and set these in boxes in the house and start the seeds in them. The turnip, with the plant, is set out in the hill, cutting off the bottom of the turnip at the time, to a few very early.

"It is a capital story, papa," said Sammy. happy here, thinking, while we work and to prune properly. Where, however, the trees are of large give it is usually much "It was a very ingenious contrivance, and of the happy home he has ready for us, better to set out young trees and wait for It shows the value of presence of mind and even more beautiful than the garden of the growth; they will be more profitable in

for the birds where they will protect the

Barley.-Sow 21 to 3 bushels per acre, on good soil, in fair tilth. To kill the smut, steep one day in a moderately strong brine containing some blue vitrol, then roll in lime or plaster. The Nepaul variety is highly esteemed, but scarce.

Cattle. Feed work-cattle well and card them frequently. Apply unguentum mixed with four parts of lard, behind the horns and a little down the back, if there be any evidence of lice. Be very regular in feed ing and giving cattle rest.

Accounts,-Farm work begins to be complicated, and it will require a good deal of perseverance and application to keep the accounts all straight, but it well repays the trouble.

Buildings.—Collectall decaying materials, and clean up everywhere. Whitewash the poultry house inside, the cattle stalls, and interiors generally, where lice or any vermin might hide.

Radishes.—Seed may be put in vacant places in the hot bed. Unless a radish grows, rapidly it is worthless ... Therefore, a-quick, rather sandy soil is the best. Sow at intervals for succession.

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