The following tender and beau iful peem has been, we know not how truly, ascribed to Charles Dicken's.

When the lessons and tasks are all ended. And the school for the day is dismissed, And the little ones gather around me, To bid me good-night and be kissed: Oh! the little white arms that encircle My neck in a tender embrace: Oh! the smiles that are halos of heaven, Shedding sunshine of love on my face.

And when they are gone I sit dreaming Of my childhood too lovely to last; Of love that my heart will remember, When it wakes to the pulse of the past. Ere the world and its wickedness made me A partner of sorrow and sin: When the glory of God was above me, And the glory of gladness within.

Oh! my heart grows weak as a woman's, And the fountains of feeling will flow, When I think of the paths steep and strong, Where the feet of the dear ones must go; Of the mountains of sin hanging o'er them; Of the tempest of fate blowing wild; ()h! there is nothing on earth half so holy As the innocent heart of a child.

There are idols of hearts and of households; They are angels of God in disguise; His sunlight still sleeps in their tresses His glory still gleams in their eyes; Oh! those truants from home and from heave They have made me more manly than mild: And I know how Jeaus could liken The kingdom of God to a child.

I ask not a life for the dear ones, All radiant, as others have done, But that life may have just enough shadow To temper the glare of the sun; I would pray God to guard them from evil, But my prayer would bound back to myself; Ah! a seraph may pray for a sinner, But a sinner must pray for himself.

The twig is so easily bended; I have banished the rule and the rod I have taught them the goodness of knowledge, They have taught me the goodness of God; My heart is a dungeon of darkness, Where I shut them from breaking a rule; My frown is sufficient correction; My love is the law of the school.

I shall leave the old house in the autumn, To traverse its threshold no more; Ah! how I shall sigh for the dear ones, That meet me each morn at the door: I shall miss the "good-nights" and the kisse And the gush of their innocent glee, The group on the green, and the flowers That are brought every morning to me.

I shall miss them at morn and at eve, Their song in the school and the street; I shall miss the low hum of their voices. And the tramp of their delicate feet; When the lessons and tasks are all ended, And Death says, "The school is dismissed," May the little ones gather around me. And bid me good night, and be kissed.

THE PAPERLESS MAN.

BY SYLVANUS COBB, J. R.

"No, sir! I don't want noth'n o' the kind. in the next place, if I had the money, I wouldnt have none o' your papers.

So spoke Titus Closely, in answer to a man who had called to see if he would like to subscribe for a newspaper. Said man kept a store in the neighbouring village, and was also the postmaster; and he had made arrangements to add to his business by the establishment of a

"I can furnish you with any paper you may like," he explained to Mr. Closely," and I can furnish it cheaper than you can get it in any it can't be helped now." other way, because by buying of me you will save the postage. I shall have papers devoted to the interests of the Family; papers for the Farmers; papers for the Mechania; and papers vast amount of valuable information you will and fifty cents!

Nancy Closely wanted a paper; but her hus-

and, if Nancy and the children want to read, they can get tracts of the minister."

"Your neighbor, Deepwater, has subscribed for two papers," said the agent. "He will take a pleasant high-toned literary paper for his family, and a paper devoted to Art, Science and Agriculture for himself.

"The more fool he!" cried Titus Closely, contemptuously, "John Deepwater can't afford it no more'n I can. My farm's bigger an' better'n his is; and I tell ye, flat an' square, 'at I ha'n't got three dollars to throw away for a newspaper." " But_Titus"

"Shut up, Nancy! I tell ye, I don't want it." And Nancy closed her lips; and the agent went his way; and Titus Closely went forth to plow his ground with the great old wooder plongh which his father and his grandfather had used before him.

And time passed on. The newspaper agency was established at the village post-office; but Titus did not patronize it. He felt that he had a principle at stake. He had said he wouldn't-and he wouldn't! But in one thing Deacon. he was consistent; he would not allow his wife nor children to borrow papers of his neighbor Deepwater if he knew it.

One evening Titus Closely and his wife took tea by invitation with neighbor Deepwater.

"I declare, Nancy," said Titus on their way so many verses to be ground out every day, home, "Prudence Deepwater beats all creation one chapter, long or short, dull or interesting. for cooking, don't she? I'd no idea she was We go through it without half as much devotisuch a hand at it. I wonder where she got on as our servants do in repeating Pater-nosters them fresh strawberries."

"O-git cout! Them wasn't presarved-they

was fresh as new-picked."

"It is the way they were fixed, Titus."

"Eh! can you do it?"

"I could if had her paper."

"Her paper?" "Yes. She found the recipe in the newspamest all of her nice cooking."

Titus changed the subject of convergetion Autumn came, and the Agricultural Fair was pose she would take for her knowledge of held in an adjoining town. Titus went over Scripture, for the verses she cons over to herwith a yoke of what he considered very fine self, on her sick bed?" oxen; but he found, when the exhibition came off, that he was very far behind the times. New breeds, of which he had known nothing, of the promises of God as Aunt Sue has," said were introduced, and his own animals were not Mr. S. deemed worthy of notice.

"When " whistled Titus, as he sat in his said the Deacon; "it only costs a little patient | Provincial Wesleyan Almanac. kitchen, with a crumpled report of the Award-ing Committee in his hand. A friend had giv-Mrs. S. shook her head. water has got the premium for sheep. By other folks." hookey! I'll bet I clip more'n wool than he does

next season."

or a pair on 'em!" "And," added Naucy, "he sold two of his verses," said Mrs. S.

spring lambs to Mr. Thompson for eighty dolture for a punishment," said Mrs. Lacius. " Git eout !

"Prudence told me so. John Deepwater he want to make him hate the Bible." saw so many flattering accounts of those sheep in his paper, that he knew it would be safe to the pennies?" Titus referred again to the Report.

"Hello! I'm blessed if Polly Downer hasn't got the first premium for cheese-five dollars !" "Yes," said Nancy. "She was telling me you'd-"

"Bah! Don't talk to me!" And Titus threw in disgust.

The winter passed; and the spring's work was done; and the time for sheep-shearing before; and I save my pennies." came. Titus Closely shared one hundred and six hundred pounds of wool, being less than an the part the children are most interested in." average of nearly four pounds to the sheep.

"Titus, didn't I tell you that neighbor Deepwater's sheep would prove by far the most valuable? It costs no more to keep one of his ours. And then his lambs are heavier; and his Mrs. S. and myself can do our own praying and nutton is-'

"Stop yer gab, Nance! I know what ye're oithchin at: It's one o' them 'tarnal papers! Let John Deepwater go it, if he wants to. I've got more wool'n he has."

"And you wintered more than twice as many sheep as he did." " Shet up! will ye?"

Nancy was silent. But the end was not yet. water and his wife called over and took tea, and spent the evening, with Titus and Nancy. In the course of conversation Prudence told Nancy many new things which she had learn- break in with a question. It keeps them all on ment with the publisher, he is allowed to offer the ed of household mysteries, while Mr. Deepwa-the alert." ter talked to his host of the great improvements which were being made in agriculture. And

Titus was interested in spite of himself though he tried to appear otherwise. "By the way, Titus," said John Deepwater. late in the evening, "when you get ready to sell your wool, I think I can recommend you

to a good market. "Much obleeged, John; but I've sold." " Sold? To whom?"

"To Saddler and Ryder of Brinkton." " Did they come for it ?" "Yes. Old Saddler came himseif."

"What did he pay you?" " Thirty cents."

"Thirty-cents?-Thirty cents a pound?" "Yes."

"Goodness mercy, John! You didn't sell your whole clip at that price?

"Y-e-s. Why?" "Why?-Why-wool, like yours, is worth Fairman to offer you that price for your clip.

You must have had over five hundred "Yes," said Titus, gaspingly, "I sold five hundred and seventy.

"But-didn't you know that wool had rise in value?" " No. Mr. Saddler said thirty cents was all

twas worth." "Mr. Saddler deceived you. But you should have watched the Market Reports. Didn't you notice them in the paper ?" " I-l-don't take no paper."

"I declare, Titus, I am sorry for you. But

Mr. Deepwater saw how badly his friend was feeling, and he said no more.

When the company had gone, Titus Closely took down the old slate from its peg by the side for both young and old; and, in short, I may of the looking-glass, and began to cipher. The assure you that any one of them would be worth difference between thirty and forty-five was fifmore to you than I propose to ask. Ask your teen; and fitteen multiplied by five hundred and tions, and seated himself near the pulpit. He wife what she thinks. You have no idea of the seventy gave a product of eighty-five dollars

On the following morning Titus Closely went to the village, and subscribed for two papers-one for himself, and one for his wife and in time he came to regard the newspaper got as much as I can do to look arter my farm ; as one of the greatest institutions of the age .-

MODEL FAMILY PRAYERS.

Mrs. Lacius and I went over last week t spend the evening with Deacon S.

"Deacon," said I, "Mrs. Lacius has you boy and one of Mr. Hardcaps's in her Sundayschool class. They both seem pretty well ac quainted with Scripture, but that is the only point of resemblance between them. Your boy seems delighted with anything that throws light on the Bible, and asks a good many more questions than Mrs. Lacius cares to answer; while James Hardcap is as obstinate

as a mule.' "He says he hates the Bible," says Mrs. Lacius, " and wishes it was at the bottom of the sea. What to do with him I do not know. He does not seem to be altogether a bad boy ei-

"I should like to know how to teach your children the Bible ?" said I. "I teach them at family prayers," said the

"Yes," said he. "To tell the truth, I think family prayers, as well as the blessing at the table. is apt to degenerate into the merest form. It becomes a sort of spiritual tread-mill; and Ava Marias, and with no more spiritual "She preserved them herself," answered profit. I have made it a study to make our

family prayer a living thing, and of real interest and profit to the children. "How do you do it?" said I. "In the first place," continued the Deacon

"I set my children to learning Scripture. believe in their being accustomed to commit the Worl of God to memory. There's old Aunt Sue, for instance, so blind she can't see and so per. And that's where she learned how to do deaf she can't hear. If she had not committed the Bible to memory when a child, she would not have any Bible now. What do you sup-

> " Money could not buy them," said I. "I would give the world for such a memo

Mrs. S. shook her head. "I don't know en him the printed docoment. "John Deep- about that," said she. "Some folks aren't like

"I use to hire my children," continued the Deacon, "to commit verses to memory. I "Because you've got more sheep," sugges- paid them a penny for every five verses. But Dev ted Nancy. "But wait and see. The new it did not work very well. They were after breed which he has procured is a very valuable the pennies, not after the Bible. They learned the verses, but they did not learn to love "Bah! think what it cost him: fifty dollars them. And they soon forgot what they learned."

"They kept their pennies better than their "Mr. Hardcap makes his boy learn Scrip-

"The old heathen!" said the Deacon. "Does "Well," said I, what did you substitute for

"My own example," said the Deacon. "I proposed to the children that we each take a continuous passage of Scripture. Each of the children began with one of the four Gospels. Mrs. S. took the Psalms. I took the Epistle of about her cheeses. She found out how to make John. 'Now,' said I, 'we will each learn a them in her paper. I tell ye, Titus, it's a good verse every morning, and repeat it at prayers. thing to have a good newspaper. I wish Sunday we will repeat the six verses we have learned during the week.' Occasionally, about once a month, we have a still longer review. down the Report, and retired from the kitchen In that way we have gone over two or three chapters already. The children are greatly interested, a great deal more than they were

"I do not think that is the best part of our fifty sheep, and obtained therefrom not quite family prayers," said Mrs. S.; "at least not

" Perhaps not." said the Descon "And what else is there," said I, "peculiar about our family prayers?"

"Well," said the Deacon, "I consider that splendid animals than it does to keep one of family prayers are for the benefit of the children. to the time of the sun's setting, and from the sum our own Bible-reading. But the children depend, at least at first, on us. I have always remainder add the time of rising next morning. shaped family prayers for the children.

"We always have singing and repeating of verses. Then I read a passage. I always read in course, but always from some part of Scripture which I think will interest them. I have read in course the Life of Christ, and the Lite of David, and I am now reading the Life of After the baying had been done, Mr. Deep- Paul. They are always at liberty to stop me and question me. I generally question them each morning about the reading of the day before. If I see their thoughts are wandering, I

> "He has caught me once or twice," said Mrs. \$12.50. One hundred copies, \$1(0.00. S., "greatly to the delight of the children." "The exercise has helped me as well as them," continued the Deacon. "I always a speedy perceptible elevation of the spiritual touch make it a point to read over, myself, our morn- throughout the whole cornexion. ing passage, half an hour before breakfast, and

look up in my commentary and bible dictionary

any obscure points so as to be ready with an "But you do not always answer the question ourself," said Mrs. S.

Lucy can look it up during the day, and give the slightest degree the youngest or most delicate us the answer the next morning. Sometimes infant; so simple is their composition, that they they will spend half or three quarters of an hour in the afternoon studying for the next morn-

You must allow more time to family prayers their safe and speedy action, and than most people do," said Mrs. Laicus.

"Well, yes," said the Deacon, I suppose we forty-five cents and I was authorized by Mr. do. It takes time. We generally spend nearly half an hour after breakfast. But it is a half hour well spent. I would not give it up for any tim the purest and best vegetable Medicines consideration; and to tell the truth, I used rather to dread family prayers, and even to doubt often mistaken for those of other complaints, their utility. I believe, as it goes now, the but with very little attention, the mother cannot children would all vote it to be the best half mistake. Amongst the many symptoms of hour in the day. I am going eventually through the whole Bible in the same way, and when I are the following; a pale and occasionally flushed get through I think the children will have a countenance; dull heavy eyes; irritated, swelled, and often bleeding nose; headache, slim andy turned tongue, foul breath; variable, and some, good deal better than if I read two chapters times simost voracious appetite; vomiting co every day and three on Sunday, three every day and five on Sunday, or whatever the number is, so as to rush the whole thing through in a vear."-Christian Union.

THE LORD SENT HIM.

One Sabbath a poor drunken man walked into one of our wealthy and fashionable congregashabby appearance and uncertain gait attracted

The minister had scarcely commenced reaching when the stranger had sunk into a deep sleep; his loud snoring almost drowned the voice of the speaker, and one of the officers

of the church approached to lead him out of the "Let him remain," said the minister; "he does not disturb me. If he does you, try and bear with him. I hope he may hear some word before he leaves which will persuade him to eek a new life. The man is not in his senses:

there is some influence which we do not pereive which has led him here. I believe the Lord sent him." He continued to sleep on, but more quietly The pealing of an organ and the singing of the choir at last aroused him. He started to his feet and gazed in bewilderment around. It

was the old hymn, "Rock of Ages," which they were singing. He sat down and buried his face in his hands. What memories came thronging upon him who shall say? That he was affected might be seen by his flowing tears. He listened to the prayer which followed, a touching petition that all might repent and seek the Saviour, and that each one might find par-

The next Sabbath he was again in church This time he was a punctual and attentive listen er. Although still shabbily dressed, he had paid some regard to his attire. He continued to attend and to improve his appearance. In one of the prayer meetings he arose and said he hoped he had become a Christian. He had a stri gs and Fittings of all kinds, Cabinet Or pious mother; her great desire was that he gans. General Agency for Mason & Hamblin's might become a Christian. Since her death he became a victim of intemperance. For years his course had been downward. On the Sah bath when he first entered the church, he had heard the singing, and paused to listen. A voice seemed to bid him enter. He thought it might Births: Marriages and Deaths; Commercial Sun. be the voice of God speaking to him for the least in Held with the speaking to him for the least in Held with the speaking to him for the least in Held with the speaking to him for the least in Held with the speaking to him for the least in Held with the speaking to him for the least in Held with the speaking to him for the least in the speaking to him for the speaking to him for the speaking the speaking to him for t

last time. Half overcome with drink and all mary; Imperial Parliament; Ircland; Latest Shipheard part of the hymn, "Rock of Ages," the lymn sung by his mother on her death bed. The prayer that followed seemed meant for him. He resolved to leave off his old habit, and by the grace of God he had kept his resolution.

He became a sincere and devoted Christian Of that church he become a member and subsequently a deacon. "I do not know," said his pastor, "a man more earnest or more successful in doing good than he."-Temperance Vindi-

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