Miscellaneous

IN THE DARK BY ALICE GRAY.

Has the Spring come back, my darling, Has the long and soaking rain Been molded into the tender leaves Of the gay and growing grain-The leaves so sweet of barley and wheat All molded out of the rain? Oh, and I would I could see them grow, Ob, and I would I could see them blow. All over field and plain-The billows sweet of barley and wheat All molded out of the rain.

Are the flowers dressed out, my darling, In their kerchiefs plain or bright-The groundwort gay, and the lady of May, In her petticoat pink and white? The fair little flowers, the rare little flowers, Taking and making the light? Oh, and I would I could see them all, The little and low, the proud and tall, In their kerchlefs brave and bright, Stealing out of the morns and eves, To braid embroidery round their leaves, The gold and scarlet light.

Have the birds come back, my darling, The birds from over the sea? Are they cooing and courting together In bush and bower and tree ? The mad little birds, the glad little birds, The birds from over the sea! Oh, and I would I could hear them sing, Oh, and I would I could see them swing In the top of our garden tree-The mad little birds, the glad little birds. The birds from over the sea!

Are the building their nests, my darling, In the stubble, brittle and brown? Are they gathering threads, and silken shreds, And wisps of wool and down, With their silver throats and speckled coats, And eyes so bright and so brown? Oh, and I would I could see them make And line their nests for love's sweet sake, With shreds of wool and down, With their eyes so bright and brown !

THE SUCCESSFUL SUPERINTENDENT

The successful superintendent is described by a writer in the S. S. Journal as follows:-

L He was a man of prayer. He prayed much he prayed in his school his prayers were short and earnest. The children loved his prayersthey could understand them, they listened to them-he prayed for them.

2. He was instructive. He loved God's word standard works of the Church. So thoroughly is it any disparagement to him to say that he was his school instructed in divine things that it would not? The model lawyer is a counselor was said of the young converts there, "They rather than an advocate. Will the time ever were born two years old."

every Sabbath to attend his school. Seeing a ported, as the venerable counselors at-law. visitor in the school one morning, he asked her reply. "There's a bench you can have, then." find them." Thus his school grew and flourished. or what was the reason for the fact, or why he . 4. His aim was to glorify God and save souls. told us of it; but, on thinking it over afterward, Everything tended to this; nothing was tolerated that interfered with it. His Sunday-school exhibitions were directed to this end. They were pre-eminently religious, full of the sweet spirit of piety and of love, brimming full of religious truth, and full of facts calculated to make a child IMPORTANT NOTICE fall in love with Jesus.

5. He was never dry. Such a man could not be dry. He had too much real feeling for that. His soul was filled up fresh every day with precious truths and holy love; and whenever he addressed his school, teachers and scolars felt he loved them, and felt, too, that they must love Jesus.

6. He succeeded. It was no wonder. The wonder would have been if he had not. His schools flourished. Churches sprang out of them. Teachers and scholars were converted; some were called into the ministry.

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SERVICES OF STUPIDITY.

Our stupidity, in short, preserves a convenient twilight; it hangs like a fog over contending armies, which enables the rival commanders to shift their positions and gradually to occupy important posts without giving the alarm. Before we are aware that any change has been made we have undergone a complete revolution, and wonder when we look back, like a man who has been walking in a mist and has described a complete circle under the impression that he was following a straight line. But this service, great at it is, is only one of those which we owe to stupidity. It is generally said, and with a certain degree of truth, that men are great in certain degree of truth, that men are great in proportion as the sare in advance of their age, and catch distinct glimpses of the goal to which things are tending. But it is also to be observed that fools are frequently in advance of their age, and that the fools often make the best reformers of the two. Great thinkers have for the most part the weakness that can see two sides PULPIT BIBLES. to a question; they see that a change will lead to certain blessings; but they cannot overlook the evils with which those blessings will be excellent quality, large and beautiful print, and good paper—just the thing. Prices, \$13.00 \$18.00 that as a nation we don't know when we are beaten; taken literally that amounts, like ON ACCOUNT of the rise in the value of green-many other national self-glorifications to boast. O backs, we will be obliged to charge Subscribers ing of stupidity, and, if the facts be true, it is a the REPOSITORY in future. All orders for this very legitimate boast. The Duke of Wellington, Magazine addressed to the undersigned, will be duly who is supposed to have profited by this quality, is in some respects an excellent example of the principle. He was not precisely stupid, but no

man, who can fairly be called great, ever had a narrower escape from stupidity. With certain great talents, he had one characteristic peculiarity of fools—that of being provided with a pair of natural blinders, which compelled him to see only that which was straight before him, and to take the narrowest possible view of his task, The stupidest of men could hardly have been more blind to the real nature of the vast revolution in regard to which he played so conspicuous a part. - Cornhill Magazine.

LAWYERS AND MINISTERS.

Lawyers and ministers are often compard together, to the deparagement of the latter. We have no confidence in such comparisons. If they must be made, let a poor minister be compared with a poor lawyer, and not a poor minister with an eminent lawger. The result of such a fair comparison would probably be nothing. In our opinion, there's very little to be learned or gained by trying to bring one profession to the standard of another.

It is often said, by way of berating a people for not being captivated with an aged ministerial candidate, that lawyers and judges grow in public esteem as years and experience bring wisdom; but ministers, forsooth, must pass for worn out men as soon as they reach a ripe age. A good rod to chastise a foolish people with; but it will not bear much leaning on as an argument. How many aged lawyers and judges depend upon their public speaking for their usefulness? There are in Boston, perhaps, five hundred lawyers in active service. Dropping into the office of a lawyer friend the other day, we asked him,

"How large a proportion of the Boston lawyers depend for their business on appearing in

"Seven eighths of the legal business of Boston is office-business," he replied. "How many lawyers derive their success from

eloquence in court?" "You can count them on your fingers."

The simple fact is, that in the ministry public in secret, and God did reward him openly. When the legal profession it is comparatively of little speaking is almost universally required, while in account. What matters it that a judge seventyfive years old delivers his opinion in a thin, squeaking voice, that can hardly be heard across a narrow court-room? If his hearing remains tolerably good, and his mind is unimpaired, all and studied it. He was conversant with the is right. But would he do for a preacher? and come when the principal work of the ministry 3. He was full of energy. He would visit a will be to give counsel in private on the great deserted neighborhood, procure a place to hold questions of religion? If it does, then it will be a school, and then, in strong reliance upon God, found that aged spiritual counselors will be would begin his work. He would walk miles more revered, more popular, and as well sup-

Our legal friend answered one question which if she would like to teach. "Yes, sir," was the we did not ask. "One third," said he, "of the Boston lawyers do not make a living by their SILK. "But where are the scholars?" "Go out and profession." We do not ask him how he knew, we thought he might have meant to offer a crumb of comfort to ministers pinched by small salaries .- Sabbath at Home.

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