SABBATH READING. The Soldier to his Children.

Darlings, I am weary pining;
Shadows fall across my way;
I can hardly see the lining
Of the cloud—the silver lining Turning darkness into day.

I am weary of the sighing, Moaning, wailing through the air; Breaking hearts, in anguish crying For the lost one-for the dying, Sobbing anguish of despair.

I am weary of the fighting— Brothers red with brother's gore: Only that the wrong we're righting— Truth and Honor's battle fighting— I would draw my sword no more.

I am pining, dearest, pining
For your kisses on my cheek;
For your dear arms 'round me twin
For your soft eyes on me shining;

For your loved words, darlings speak Tell me, in your earnest prattle. Of the olive branch and dove; Call me from the cannon's rattle Take my thoughts away from battle, Fold me in your dearest love.

Going to Sing in Heaven.

"If I could have your faith, Hawkins, gladly would I; but I was born a skeptic. mind, it is utterly impossible."
So said John Harvey as he walked with a

friend under a dripping umbrella, for the night was stormy and very dark, though the brilliancy of the shop lamps made a broad path of light along the wet sidewalk. John Harvey was a skeptic of thirty' years standing, and apparently hardened in his belief. Everybody had given him up as unconvertable. Reasoning ever so fairly and calmly made no impression on the rocky soil of his heart. Theologians disliked the sight of his massive face, and humble Christians sighed as he passed them. A man with such capacities, they said, with such generous impulses, (for everybody knew how kind he was.) with an intellect so enriched, and powers of the keenest metal, and yet no God, no hope of the future, walking with the lamp at his feet unenlightened. Alas! it was

sad, very sad. But one friend had never given him up When spoken to about him, "I will talk with and pray for that man until I die," he said; "and I will have faith that he may yet come out of darkness into the marvelous light. And O how wonderful that live seem to him, shut up so long."

And thus whenever he met him (John Harvey was always ready for "a talk") Mr. Hawkins pressed home the truth upon him. In answer on that stormy night he only said "God can change a skeptic, John; he has more power over your heart than you have, and I mean still to pray for you.'

"O, I've no objections; none in the world; seeing is believing, you know. I'm ready for any modern miracle, but I tell vou it would take nothing short of a miracle to convince me. However, let's change the subject. I'm hungry, and it's too far to go up town to supper this stormy night. Whew

How warm and pleasant it looked in the long, brilliant dining-room! Clusters of gas jets streamed over the glitter and color of pictures and gorgeous carpets, and the rows of marble tables reflected back the lights as well as the great mirror.

The two merchants had eaten, and were just on the point of rising, when a strain of soft music came through a door-a child's

"Upon my word that is pretty," said John Harvey; what marvelous purity in those I'm going."

Up there! John Harvey turned uncontrolled the said ward his friend.

ed angrily to the door. "Let her come in." said John Harvey

springing to his feet.
"We don't allow them in this place, sir, said the waiter, "but she can go into the

"Well, let her go somewhere, for I want to hear her," replied the gentleman.

All this time the two had seen the shadow

of something hovering back and forward on the edge of the door; now they followed a slight little figure, wrapped in patched cloak, patched hood, and leaving the marks of wet feet as she walked. Curious to see her face -he was very small-John Harvey lured her to the furthest part of the great room, where there were but few gentlemen, and then motioned her to sing. The little one looked timidly up. Her cheek was of olive darkness, but a flush rested there; and out of the thinnest fase, under the arch of broad temples, deepened by masses of the blackest and "What are you grad to, "To get away from here," she said delibtender pleading would have touched the hardest heart.

"That little thing is sick, I believe," said John Harvey compassionately. you sing, child?" he added.

anid she wasn't going to sing any more on earth, but up in heaven."
"Well, and what then?"
"And then she died, sir," said the shild,

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pockets, purses pulled out, and the aston-ished child held in her little palm more money than she had ever seen before. "Her father is a poor consumptive organ

grinder," whispered one. "I suppose he's too sick to be out to night." Along the sloppy street went the under the protection of John Harvey, but not with shoes that drank the water at every step. Warmth and comfort were hers I cannot help my doubts more than I can the city walked the man, a little cold child-the results they lead to. I cannot look upon the results they lead to. God and the future as you do; with my stopped; up broken, creaking stairs they temperament, and the peculiar bias of my climbed. At last another doorway opened; a wheezing voice called out of the dim arch, 'Carletta

"O father! father! see what I have brought you! Look at me! look at me! and down went the hoarded silver, and venting her excessive joy, the child fell, ery ing and laughing together, into the man'

A face dark and hollow, all overgrown with hair black as night and uncombed; a pair of wild eyes; a body bent nearly double; hands like claws.

"Did he give you all this, Carletta?" "They all did, father; now you shall ave soup and oranges:" "Thank you sir; I'm sick you see rone, sir; had to send the poor child out or we'd starve, sir; God bless you, sir; I wish I was well enough to play you a tune;" and he looked wistfully towards the corner where stood the old organ, baize covered, the baize

"It's no matter." said John Harvey with difficulty. "I'll come and see you some

One month after this the two men met again, as if by agreement, and walked slow- opened the meeting by prayer. Mr. Ham

No, not lived there; for, as they paused a moment, out came two or three men bearing a pine coffin. In the coffin the top nailed down so that no mourner might open it, provided there had been any such. slept the old organ grinder.

"It was very sudden, sir," said a woman, who recognized his benefactor. "Yesterday the little girl was taken sick, and it seemed as if he dropped right away. He died at six last night."

The two men went silently up stairs. The room was empty of everything save a bed, a chair, and a nurse provided by John Harpale as marble, with a strange polish on her brow. O how those dark eyes on the in-stant became eloquent as John Harvey sat

"Well, my little one, so you are no

"I wish I could sing for you," she said and her little hands flew together. "Do you wish to sing?"

"O so much! but it hurts me. It wont hurt me up there, will it?" wonder in her eyes? "Did you ever hear of Jesus," asked House of Con John Harvey's friend.

"O yes!" "Do you know who he was?" "Good Jesus," murmured the child, with

chief to his eyes.
"Don't cry! den't cry! I can't cry, I'm

so glad!" said the child exultingly, and she looked as if heaven's light were already dawning on her.
"What are you glad for, my dear?" ask

erately. "I used to be cold in the long winters, for we didn't have fire sometimes; but mother used to hug me close and sing about heaven. But I did have to go out.

shook as he said-it was almost a cry-"Yes, pray, pray !"

And from the side of the dead child went up agonizing pleadings to the throne of God. hat prayer was answered—the miracle is reader, may a little child lead you!

MISCELLANEOUS.

Revival Meetings. At the children's meeting yesterday mo ning, in Mr. Inglis' church, there was ters present we observed Mr. Inglis. who addressed the children, Dr. Irvine, Rev. J Henderson, Rev. Mr. Burnett, and several children attended the enquiry meeting. The daily prayer meeting, at 3 p. m. in St. Andrews church, was also well attended. Among those present who took part in con ducting the services, were Rev. Mr. Hammond, Henderson, Pullar, Rice, Cheetham Irvine, and Gordon. Mr. Pullar read ex tracts from a letter written by Rev. Dr Goold of Edinburgh, on the death of young lady whose removal was pathetically described and whose triumphant entrance iuto the Kingdom of Heaven. The open air meeting at the Gore was attended by the Rev. Messrs. Cheetham, Henderson, Brown, Hammond, and Irvine, all of whom took part in conducting the services and the crowd was invited to repair to the John street or St. Andrew's Churches. Both these places of worship were filled. On the platform of St. Andrew's Church were Rev. * * * * * Mr. Pullar, Rev. Dr. Ormiston, Rev. Dr. Irvine, and Sheriff Thomas. Dr. Ormiston ly down town. Threading innumerable passages, they came to the gloomy building where lived Carletta's father.

Threading innumerable mond read an extract from a most interesting letter written by a lady in Scotland, and after a few pointed and appropriate remarks from — Phillips, Esq., (Hamilton Academy), he delivered a powerful discourse from Rom. ii., 23. The enquiry meeting was kept up till a very late hour, and many cases of great mental distress were conversed and prayed with. The children's meeting at eight this morning in Mr. Inglis' Church was somewhat smaller than usual, owing to the heavy fall of rain. There were, how ever a large number of children present, and addresses were delivered by Dr. Ormiston Lieut. Colonel Hoste, Rev. Dr. Irvine and Mr. Hammond; after which an interesting enquiry meeting was held among the young -Hamilton Times.

A Crises Approaching in

Prussia is in peril of a revolution. King William, notwithstanding the excitement in his capital, appears to be incapable of appreciating the storm he has provoked,—so true is it, according to the old axiom, that these beds were being deposited, the old axiom, that the old axiom, that the old axiom, the old axiom axiom the old axiom axiom to the world into old axioms the old axiom. The old axioms the old axiom the old William, notwithstanding the excitement in hurt me up there, will it?" Where was the child looking, that there seemed such the limits of the law. One of their first gantic icebergs laden with rocks and debris beasts, and men. The lowest fossil bodies beasts, and men. Where was hitherto, they have kept themselves within House of Commons for the patriotic spirit with which the representatives resisted the encroachments of the Crown—a bad sign for the King, and showing an ominous de
went sailing towards the South, and then that have been found in the rocks belong to the lowest grand division, the Radiats. The oldhamia, a Zoophyte found in Ireland, and corals found by Dr. Emmons in what was then the floor of the ocean, but is now dry ground. Of this period say Prof.

Jukes,—"We learn to look upon the glacial what he calls the Taconic formation are the miles to the place where it is found. So a rare smile.

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A young Tipperary widow, Nelly MoPhee, I think he called her, was courted and actually had an effer from Tooley O'Shane, on her way to her husband's funeral. "She didn't said Smith. Tooley, dear," says she "ye're too late; four weeks ago it was I shook hands wid Pat Sweeney upon it, that I would have him a dacent time afther proof. The value of England, where these rocks were well developed. The lowest bed belonging to this formation in Canada is the Potsdam Sandstone, the eldest rock in Canada, which may be seen at Brockville and down the river to Prescott as well as in the neighborhood of Ottawa, whose Parliament buildings are soon broken up, and rendered unfit to stone, the eldest rock in Canada, which may be seen at Brockville and down the river to Prescott as well as in the neighborhood of Ottawa, whose Parliament buildings are soon broken up, and rendered unfit to perform their respective functions in the anisting fishes, and of reptiles among which didn't said Smith. Tooley, dear," says she "ye're too late; four weeks ago it was I shook hands wid Pat Sweeney upon it, that I would have him a dacent time afther proof. The value of the mortal period of its duration, of England, where these rocks were well developed. The lowest bed belonging to this formation in Canada, which may be seen at Brockville and down the river to Prescott as well as in the neighborhood of Ottawa, whose Parliament buildings are soon broken up, and rendered unfit to perform their respective functions in the anisting fishes, and of reptiles among which dum known by the name of asphaltum, when the volatile parts evaporating, the ground has become covered with the resididn't said Smith. Tooley, dear," says she "ye're too late; four weeks ago it was I shook hands wid Pat Sweeney upon it, that I would have him a dacent time after proof of the mortal period of its duration. The nervous, muscular, and oscous systems through the lamd, where these rocks were well developed. The lowest bed belonging to this formation in Canada, whi

Presently the hands moved, the arms were raised, the eyes opened—yet, glazed as they were, they turaed still upward.

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hands than Briars and more mouths than a sponge, lay hold of and appropriate the nourishment that lies in the earth; whose giant earth time-scarred and lieben-browned, whose heart the centuries have knit wrought—the lion is a lamb—the doubter a stands in majesty, upholding the stalwart, and Wales a thickness of from 20,000 to which gradually advances to higher forms believer—the skeptic a Christian. Careless branches from which its myriad twigs their barons as they marshalled their rassals for the wassail revels of the old time. We call are vanished and we march into the night of scaly substance. Geology demonstrated base when Britain was an island of savages. Yet what is the age of these compared with this planet of ours? They are the veriest babes of time, the ephenera of a bubble that floats on Niagara's stream, glittering for an instant on its surbulent breast, then gone for ever! Some ust conception of the element of time is necessary to a solution of the great geological problem. There was a tree cut down in California 96 feet in circumference. He (the lecturer) had counted on a block of it shown in Wis-Here then was a tree 2496 years ald—
to-day. The metamorphic period was a tree that was a cappling when Nebuchadneszar was a boy—that was nearly 200 years vious day. The time when the rocks of this is, Canada West, and other localities, much 2500 years old, and one in Kent 3000. There spread the earth, and rains incessantly fell one suppose that it is the oleagenous matter was a Baob in Senegale, in which an incision was made and the concentric rings or the spread the earth, and rains incessantly fell one suppose that it is the oleagenous matter pressed out of antediluvian whales burned in the localities where the oil is discounted, from which it was calculated to be rock occurs in vast chasms, and as the walls covered. Another, that it is the dripping 5105 years old. The soil must have been close, shoots up in fiery fountains. Water of coal beds: subject to enormous pressure, many generations of these trees may be represented in this soil. What ages were spent before that in pulverizing the rock to appear in the boiling abyss beneath. Dur-lieve that the oil was driven from neighborspent before that in pulverizing the rock to make it. What historian shall write the biography of these 12 inches of earth? Older than Britain, Gaul, Egypt, and India,—the grandfather of nations was this ancient soil! Away into the shadowy past we tread from day to day. Yet the soil was read, and by means of which but one of the days of the days of its vast generation. Beneath the soil in this as in Northern countries where hedge of sand to to day. Where depends on the countries where hedge of sand to the countries of the countries where hedge of sand to the countries where from neighbor ing rocks; the coal, after parting with its oil, assuming the form of anthracite. A milder theory supposes the oil was driven out of coal by heat in the condition of vapor, out of coal by heat in the condition of vapor, out of coal by heat in the condition of the countries. A milder theory supposes the oil was driven out of coal by heat in the condition of vapor, out of coal by heat in the condition of vapor, out of coal by heat in the condition of vapor. These countries where the letters by which the history of the countries where from neighbor. A milder theory supposes the oil was driven out of coal by heat in the condition of gravel and clay, and mixed with them, or lying upon them or lying above them are rocks or erratic blocks many of which have born. Life did not begin on the land, for beds are the source of the oil; but what a bones of enormous oxen, nearly as large as elephants, bears larger than the great grizzly bears of California, large hyenas had placed all the animals of the world into

of the various geological formations in as- foundations of mighty empires! cousin, 43 rings of annual growth to as inch. chaos came the order and beauty we behold old when Socrates was born. A Yew at period were deposited was empathatically a interest has been excited in reference to it. Fortingall, in Scotland, was calculated, to stormy one; dense steaming clouds over- and many theories of its origin propounded. how could they have taken root? How plosions are heard by which rocks like moun- linseed subjected to the power of a hydraulic n Northern countries, where beds of sand, tops did life commence, for the crust of the him, and we must receive it thankfully, asktion. In some of these beds were found the the first animals were like, whose remains coal mine, and what is more I never smalled period as separated from our own days by most ancient fossils known. As we ad- abundant was the oil in this locality, that the lapse probable of millions of years. Below these drift or glacial beds, lies the Tergratest abundance of molluscous and articular beds we discover the low these drift or glacial beds, lies the Tergratest abundance of molluscous and articular beds we discover the low these drift or glacial beds, lies the Tergratest abundance of molluscous and articular beds we discover the low the Indians, for the purpose of column is the second of the second in the capital. The next session will bring matters to a crisis.

It consists of beds of clay sand, marl, lime-stone having a thickness in some places of more than a thousand feet. Some of these beds were formed at the bottoms of lakes, beds were well delegated to the latter of the harder barri.

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tears brimming up and over on the dark check, now univously finded scarlet.

"Well, if she died, my little girl you may live you know."

"On on, if no, air! (very quickly), I'd rather go there, and be with mother. Some and cough as the did there wont be any pain up there, sir, it's a beautiful world!"

"How do you know I' sheered on the little piece of the activity." The prince of the head even in the sheer with the prince of the seal of the leaves and little sheer and be with the were found before it. In some of the seal and sound as the prince of the seal of the

its limestone composed of the remains of of their teeth and fragments of their spines ian lies the Silurian, attaining in England for the first time life was found on the land, branches from which its myriad twigs their status of limestone principally, formed at the bottom of ancient oceans, ian formation we see fish in great abun-England old, whose ivy-crowned rains have and many of them as fall of the remains of dance, and the period when those rocks were old forms of marine life "as a straw stack deposited is sometimes called the ages of inspired the songs of generations of roets; old forms of marine life "as a straw stack deposited is sometimes called the ages of whose tower looked down on the feudal is full of straws." What vast periods are fishes. We find in the old red sandstone of represented in those mountain monuments Scotland winged fish, and buckler-headed the deadly fray, and whose halls rung with of the dead! With the last of these all life fish, and fish protected by hard boncy the pyramids of Egypt eld that stood on their time, lighted up by the fitful glare of dread that life and death went hand in hand volcanoes all alone. Then follow the Me- from the earliest time. There have altamorphic rocks, whose thickness on the ways been the devourers and the devoured flanks of the Andes have been calculated at and the waters of the ocean have been dyed from ten to fifteen miles, the sediments of with the blood of the slain. Mr. Denton summer's day: no older comparatively than oceans boiling hot, worn from the pre-exist argued there was actual benevolence in the ing granite by the agency of water,—that arrangement which made animals feed on granite formed during numberless ages each other—the smaller to be preyed upon from the cooling of the original igneous by the larger, so was it, but to a less extent, mass of the globe. What an immense period in the Silurian system. Corals seem to eternity all but the name! The lecturer have been abundant at this time, millions of next proceeded to consider the construction millions living together and forming the cending order and how out of the original MR. DENTONS' THEORY OF THE ORIGIN OF PETROLEUM OR ROCK OU.

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appears probable enough, and it deserves at least calm and careful investigation. We tons future lectures on this important

Vice Versus Labor.

Under the above heading we find in a recent number of the Mark Lane Express, an excellent and highly toned article on the moral and social condition of the cultivators of the soil, signed "A man o' the Mearns," from which we select the following extract, the length of which will be justified by the importance of the truths enunciated, and which are of universal application :-

In all ages and in all kingdoms of the world, vice has proved itself diametrically opposed to labor, and for the most cogent and tangible reasons will of necessity continue to do so to the end of time. Virtue, ndustry and wealth, whether viewed in an ndividual or in a collective or national light, have always been considered synonomous terms; and so have immortality, idleness, and poverty. Such is Nature's irrevocable fiat, pronounced against every race and against every social rank of the human family. Neither kings nor queens, peers nor rarsons are excepted any more than country squires, farmers and agricultural laborers. Wherever we find virtue or vice, whether in the palace or in the cottage, there we are also sure to find their respective awards in some form or other. We may as well think to gather figs of thistles as to realise the contrary. Indeed, it is well for mankind that it is so; for had the reverse been true, the heart recoils from the contem plation of what would have been its inevita

There is, perhaps, no branch of industry where immorality is attended with more ruinous results than in agriculture, more especially amongst the laboring population : consequently there is no place where virtuous habits ought to be more sedulously cultivated both by precept and example, than in the cottage of the agricultural laborer. We repeat, both by precept and example for if landowners and their factors (stewards) and tenants spend immoral lives, it is hopeless to think of a virtuous, industrious,

and prosperous peasantry.

The reason why immorality is attended with results so adverse in agriculture arises from the heavy character of the work and the fidelity with which it must be executed rocks or erratic blocks many of which have travelled hundreds of miles from the places they originally occupied. Underlying the soil, they were of course laid down before it, and what an immense period of time must have been consumed in their formamust have been consumed in their formamust have been consumed in their formamust. Life did not begin on the land, for the land, for the land surface of the globe was a wilder-ness of bare and heated rocks, and therein life was an impossibility. The first fossils with coal. I have visited eoal mines in England and Wales, and I never saw this oil in a vast amount of work in a short time, if you will only give them drink, or in some way or other bribe them to do so, and then look sharp after them; but "fits and starts" of this kind are always attended with shortthose whom the gods destroy they first make mad. In Berlin, the people are high-ly incensed, and the unconstitutional duct of the Sovereign is discussed with great fury under the windows of the royal palace. Meetings of the electors have been held; but hitherto, they have kept themselves within acts was to propose a vote of thanks to the went sailing towards the South, and then that have been found in the rocks belong which the oil is found, consisting of sand- 33, and Isaiah i. 19, 20)—a difference in-

tion; for apart from themomentous question of everlasting punishment in a world spirits, they impair their physical and intheir lifetime on earth, while they greatly shorten the mortal period of its duration.

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