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What is Truth ?

loon the sad and weary heart.

blooms on dry and arid fields. March winds are blowing. On unknown homes, and humble

henefits bestowing and hanging everywhere, for all the wretched

Who plucks and eats, shall be made glad. ever deep his sorrow; He feasts upon the fruit to-day, and

out the throne; Who drinks shall never thirst

thou thirsty one Drink to thy fill, and bless t thy way in gladness; stream effords the antidote to every earth-

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the Bowels,

which, if not speedly we believe it is the be world, in all case an children, wieth from any other case in the case is the beautiful to the case is the case in the case is th

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ND COLIC,

tis a star-s pure bright star-the day-star from on high : the star that told the wise men once, that Israel'

The polar star to guide our way over life's wide The same mid calm Pacific's tide, or Maelstrom

dread commotion. It is a sun-a full-orbed sun-the Sun of Right-

Where'er it shines upon our earth, the harbinger Rise, O, blest sun of truth, and speed the birth

When under thy meridian rays, earth hails the

from out the throne. Come to the bearts that yearn for ye. and your fullness known.

O. Bethelhem's star, O mdiant sun. O angel. speed thy mission. And open to our waiting eyes, the grand and glorious vision

Of earth renewed -its kingdo our conquering Saviour,

The Second Great Commandment

sion of the Scriptures, each of which has its

originals. For the sake of brevity we will pass over the different shades of meaning of these eight original words, and simply say that the that is, any other member of the human family. As the original word answering to neighbour in this precept signifies one who is near of whatever kindred, nation, or religion, our Lord shows very conclusively that if a man should come from be is near you, that very moment he becomes mains within your reach. According to the Scriptures, then, every human being in the

to himself, for we are here commanded to love will constrain us to live entirely for God and the

eared by the love which man has for himself. from conquest and from popery. As thyself. The apostle, in Romans xiii, 9, after saming several negative precepts adds, "If comprehended in this saving, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." He does set say, is fufilled, but is briefly comprehended, is more directly to the point. The Greek here mendered, is briefly comprehended, are only twice in the New Testament, namely, and in Ephesians i. 10, where it is rendered, artogether in one. It literally means to close mming up, or to recapitulate, as an orator If I love my neighbour as myself, I regard his right to er joy whatever belongs him equal to my right to erjoy whatever

newed nature he can now trace, as so many meeting at A. streams, to their fountain-head, which is comman. - Ch. Advocate.

Wonders of Prayer. O wondrous power of faithful grace!

God's hands or bound or open are, As Moses or Elijah prays: Let Moses in the Spirit groun, And God cries out,—Let me alone!

"Blessed power of prayer!" says Trapp Able after a sort to transfuse a palsy into the arm of Omnipotence." Tertuliian says : " Prayer conquers the uncor

querable, and binds the Omnipotent. This vioence is pleasing to God." Prayer has divided sess, rolled up flowing

rivers, made flinty rocks to gush into fountains, quenched flames of fire, muzzled lions, disarmed vipers and poisons, marshaled the stars against the wicked, stopped the course of the moon, ar rested the sun in its rapid race, burst open iron gates, recalled souls from eternity, conquered the strongest devils, commanded legions of angels down from heaven. Prayer has brought

with God for his recovery for upward ject. And then, how much is lost even in this Book of Private Prayer," and continued in Then shalt love thy neighbour, as thyself -- Matt. depart in peace?" "No, no, Philip, we cannot scattered around him in rich profusion, nor the therein: notwithstanding thou hast given the spare you yet from the field of labour." was the reply. He then ordered some soup, and when neighbour? In answer to this question I will pressed to take it, he declined, again saying, ment rendered neighbour in our authorized vertake the soun or I will excommunicate you " own peculiar shades of meaning in the sacred He took the soup, and commenced to grow better. He soon regained his wonted health, and labored for years afterward in the blessed logically signifies one near, but in its general im- gave me my brother Melancthon back in direct answer to prayer."

by every inhabitant of this country, especially of New England. This first, which consisted of the most distant part of the earth, the moment forty ships of war, was destined for the destruction of New England, and was of sufficient force your neighbour, and so continues while he regress of things, certain, and sailed from Chebucto, in Nova Scotia, for this purpose.

In the mean time, our pious forefathers, apby the whole heart, soul, and mind, which in- and with great devotion and ardor supplicated with ourselves.

ing I rose very early to pray for my children, o man? It flows from the love of God to came hopeful Christians. All her sons became tence. ministers, one of whom is no less renowned a lf we are truly desirous of doing good to and spiritual wants infinitely in advance of any and extinguishes every spark of calumny.

man than the Rev. Henry Ward Beacher, the most controlled found on the whole continent, a man who bears which we can readily adapt ourselves and haviles the Sabbath-school as an institution; and

world would soon be converted into an earthly Ghost upon those fountains of knowledge, his the miserable and the wretched, but we are not more palpable. Here, although the work is tary banners, or high mountains, or solemn forcept would put an end to all wars, bloodshed, bers his son in Yale College."

being in unison with Christ and his people, and treated religion with ridicule. But now his cry me a bit. deeply imbued with the spirit of sympathy, he was, "Pray for me." This awakened youth "I wouldn't mind it if I was always spoken to wield argumentatively the sword of the Spirejoices with those who rejoice, and weeps with was the son of him who had sat down, overcome to in this way; but I am greatly distressed in my rit, while the skillful Sabbath-school missionary those who ween. All the affections of his re- with the emotions of his soul, in the prayer- heart when any one-a minister, for instance-

prehended in one word, namely, love, which tude of instances which prove the power of my young friend, I would like to inquire concerncomprises the grand moral law of the Gospel. prayer. By prayer Abraham healed Abimelech; ing the present condition of your precious could Love is now the mainspring of his soul, which Moses prevailed in the land of Ham and in the I hope it ign't wrong in me to say that I think heart not panting for the work? Are you either sets all the others in motion. O, may we all wilderness ; Joshua arrested the sun ; Hannah harm is sometimes done by speaking of religion have an experimental and practical knowledge obtained Samuel; Elijah shut and opened hea- in such a supid manner." of this precept, which is founded in love, the soul ven; Asa put to flight a million of Arabians; moral, political, and social relations of man with lans; Esther saved her people from ruin; the and Paul and Silas shook the prison at Philippi. N. Y. Evangetist. Prayer is the power that moves the hand that moves the world. It is the key which opens the windows of heaven. It is weakness going to Infinite Power for aid. It is emptiness going to Infinite Fullness for supply.

Among all the great and good

o us who for thy coming stay; Of all thy gifts we ask but one,— We ask the constant -Corr. of Christian Ad.

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His heart is entirely engrossed in his poss us: his life is bound up in his riches." Thus Ah! thought I, what a dreadful condition is he symptoms of death. He mourafully bent over has placed about him, how like a broken reed affliction. - Christian Scrivener. him, and, sobbing, gave utterance to a sorrow. will they prove when the hour of his extremity ful exclamation. This roused Melanothon from comes! When the grim messenger calls for him, his stuper; he looked into Luther's face and what then will be his trust? His money? That said, "O, Luther, is this you? Why don't you cannot save him. His houses? The strongest let me depart in peace?" "We can't spare thee bolts present no barrier to the entrance of Death. the times, but to none more than the present, yet, Philip," was the reply. And turning round, Alas! there will be no refuge for the soul who was one of the early productions of the Refer be three himself upon his kness, and wrestled has made the things of this life its first grand ob- mation. It was continued in "The Primer, or

the bed, and took his friend by the hand. Again The man who makes wealth and pleasure his should ever have been discontinued :- "The e said, "Dear Luther, why don't you let me first care sees not the beauty which nature has earth is thine O Lord, and all that is contained and be at rest?" "We cannot spare you yet, none of the rich consolations of grace vouchsafed none of the rich consolations of grace vouchsafed to the man who is seeking first the kingdom of of the earth; that they remembering themselves in his riches shall fall."

Are there not some, even among the profess ed

Tact in Doing Good.

It is not enough, as many persons suppos that we simply mean to do good, but we must de prised of their danger, and feeling that their it in such a spirit and on such occasions as in only safety was in God, had appointed a season most likely to secure the object aimed at : w our neighbour. This love is not a barren, but of fasting and prayer, to he observed in all the must have right motives, it is true, but we must churches. While Ray. Mr. Prince was officiat- also do the right thing in the right way, if we which shows itself in kind words and acts of ing in his (Old South Church, Boston) on this would accomplish anything. We must take care benevolence, with a desire to gratify and benefit fast day, and praying most fervently to God to that our good be not evil apoken of, and we our neighbour. Love is the only principle that avert the calamity, a sudden gust of wind arose must consider the poor, attending to all their the day had till now been perfectly calm-so wants, whether of body, mind or estate, as we violent as to cause a loud cluttering of the win- would to those of a friend, a brother or a parent. dows. The reverend pastor paused in his prayer, -respecting them as inheritors of our common oined. The love which God demands in the and looking round upon the congregation with humanity, as subjects of the same Divine governarst and great commandment is to be measured a countenance of hope, he again commenced, ment as objects of the same Divine compassion before he had been in Syria three years, he had

chade all the affections and powers of the whole the Almighty to cause that wind to frustrate the Some one has said that in business, Taot, Push man. But the love here enjoined is to be meadesigns of our enemies, and save our country
Principle, are the three magic words of success, ing the same Scripture lessons taught the chileared by the love which man has for himself. from conquest and from popery.

And we can easily call to mind notable examples dren in Christian lands, but in a different lan-A tempest ensued, in which the greater part from the lives of New York merchants, showing guage. In the June No. of the Missionary Herof the French fleet was wrecked on the coast of the value of this three-fold cord of active life; ald, Mr. Williams writes from Kharpoot, saying Nova Scotia. The Duke d'Anville, the principal and we might say that Tact, Pluck, and Grace, general, and the second in command, both com- stand in similar relations to Christian effort. For general, and the second in command, both command, would we size to do the most good, in the best bered 339, and I wish those whose contributions thousands found a watery grave. The small way, we must cultivate a Spiritual desterity, a bave sided in planting this vine of God, equid number that remained alive returned to France Christian knack, that shall enable us, with clay have looked upon the cluster of faces asking and About fifty years ago there was living toward and attention, that they will be led both to re- is not a failure." and storm of the greatest terms a the eastern end of Long Island a woman of ster- cognize our relation to Christ and the disinterling mind and good sense, a dexout Christian estedness of our motives. Let no one plead that the roluntary labors of the Sabbath-school ing mind and good sense, a dexout Christian and praying mother. She instructed her chilired spostle, the whole work of all the dren in the word of God, and prayed for and with manity as long as men, are made of body and to any now employed in making inroads upon nents relating to the duties we owe to them. Subsequently to her disease there was them. Subsequently to her disease there was and fishes in the Master's name, and for the increasing dearth of missionnies, the application of the increasing dearth of the increasing de and especially that my sons may become minis. —air and food, and medicine, are as Christian ment of the exhaustices resources of the church, and especially that my sone may become minus, and love for its summit, for on it hang all ters and missionares of Jesus Christ," All that

shall show it by acts of kindness, such as I should Thursday of Pebruary to pray for the colleges of tion eather to manner or matter, since the best to find the lower forms of Christianity poducing itself; one promiscuous mass, instinct with life these poisonous excretions, needs to be purified hope to receive him were our circumstances re- the land. One gentleman was called upon to intentions may utterly fail from our neglect of the a better life and civilization than the highest and swayed to and fro by high-wrought emotion; as often certainly as once in three to versed. If this law were written in every heart, pray. He rose and commenced; but as he be- little amenities of society. and duly observed in all the walks of life, this gan to supplicate for the descent of the Holy We have spoken chiefly of visiting the poor, this increase of light, we feel the darkness to be sive than any display of mechanic arts, of mili-

paradise, for no man, with this heavenly dispo- voice faltered, the tears rolled down his cheeks, to lose sight of the rich, the intellectual and the more difficult, for the enemy ests, or the great sea.—Rev. Wm. Adams, D. D. ing it, or picking it to pieces, and thus in fragsition of heart, would infringe upon the rights and, overcome with emotion, he sat down. fashionable. Some of our readers are in posi- has anticipated the attacks and more skilfully of his fellow-man. The observance of this pre- "Ah !" said to himself the pastor, "he remem- tions to reach these favorites of fortune, where arranged all his defences. That light which intact is needed, as in other cases. Just now, in fidelity could not shut out, superstition has oboppression, injustice, and wrongs of all kinds. At that very moment, in New Haven, there reading the biography of a beautiful, accomplish-acured. Looking over the countries of Europe, No man can fully keep this commandment were assembled within the college walls a com- ed young girl, I find her saying at one time, "To- South America, Mexico, and Central America, until he is translated into another character, and pany met for the same purpose. And even while day I called on Mrs. B., the 'good Samaritan' of we are ready to exclaim again, whence is receives a new heart and a new nature, which they yet prayed the Holy Ghost came down, our village. She asked me how I succeeded in come the army of preachers who shall prophesy are freely offered to him in the Gospel. Then, Many were bowed down with anguish of spirit. trying to be a Christian just in the same happy, over these immense fields of dry bones, and call being renewed by divine grace, he finds himself Among them was one, the most merry-hearted, every day voice in which she told me she was them forth to a glorious ressurrection? Surely n possession of a heaven-enlarged heart, and the most beloved in college, who had hitberto glad that I had come, and so she didn't frighten it is wanting. But let us not despair. We will

> comes up to me and says, in a constrained and bollow voice, without one prefatory word, ' Well.

That is it! speaking of religion in our " ha of social life, and the great preserver of all the Hezekiah secured the destrution of the Assyr-py, every day voice;" doing the thing naturally, disciples obtained the descent of the Holy Ghost; and poor, high and low, learned and ignorant.—

Sifted Wheat

Gotthold one day looked on while a farmer's wheat was heiny threshed, and observed that the men not only stoutly heat it, but tred upon it. Rev. John Wesley wrote and spoke, he never with their feet; and finally, by various expedients, separated the good grain from the chaff, not remember the French outrage in the various dust, and other impurities. How comes it he islands of the Pacific, and know what is now tranasked, that whatever is of a useful nature, and spiring in nearly all our eastern missions? The intended to be profitable to the world, must suf- Romish papers in Italy announce with pride that treatment; But that man, who himself does pacy, and the French aristocracy the most liberal, fer, or to permit God to deal as he lists with send for Peter's pence one million of france him? Wheat, which is the noblest of all the (\$200,000), which were obtained in a single street products of the earth, is here thre shed, trod in Paris, Chasee d'Antin. That large sum was sifted, shaken, and shoveled, and afterward ment among the ladies to devote the usual yearground, resisted, and baked, and so arrives at ly amount expended for parties. The Society de I heard a rich worldly man spoken of to-day. last upon the tables of princes and kings. What, Propaganda, in Italy, obtained by voluntary conthen, do I mean in being displeased with God, tributions 3,750,000 france in 1864, two-thirds O, fragrant flower, O luscious fruit, O stream Luther to inform him that Melancthon was dying. He at once hastened to the sick bod, and sodly be has deceived himself? These broad sed? and how could I be sanctified or saved, tory, sufficient to keep the wealth of nations in found him presenting the usual premonitory acres and beautiful houses, and all that wealth where I to remain a stranger to the cross and to the church, only to be wrested from its grasp by

The following beautiful prayer, applicable to

of an hour. He went from his knees to present life by worshiping the god of this world. till the accession of Mary. It is a pity that it when the idol is torn from our hearts, although their life, may be content with what is sufficient, it may seem at first an unendurable calamity, yet and not join house to house, nor couple land to behave themselves in letting dut their tenements, be received into everlasting dwelling places through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Keligions Intelligence.

Adaptation of the Sunday School System to the Present Wants of Nations. Not many years ago, a young missionary ju sailing for Surfa, said, as he bade country and

friends farewell, that the most scalding tear the ran down his cheek was occasioned by the though that his Sabbath-school Isbours were over. Bu Sunday-school, singing the same tunes and learn-Yesterday the congregation of the Sabbath-

forms of Paganism or Mohammedanism; still by this is a sight more imposing and more impres-

hope that there are scholars enough educating shall here and there search out and unite a few Heaven-begotten souls in the delightful duties of coming generation. Disciple of the Cross sincere or intelligent when you sing in the concert for prayer-" From Greenland's icy mountains"-but do not calculate whether it be possible for the heathen world to be converted while the name of Christian is rendered odious by the

superstition and vices of nations nominally Christian, which lie between you and the realms of thicker darkness. Besides, it has been reckoned that one-half of the money given by England and the United States to foreign missions is lost through the counteracting and neutralizing influences of Romish missionarise, who are educated in Italy and

sustained by French contributions. Who does fer much, and be subject to every kind of ill- France is one of the atrongest pillars of the Pawith other things as he lists, is unwilling to suf- having, in the beginning of Lent, been able to upon, swept to and fro, tossed into the air, collected during the gay season, by an agree-

General Miscellann.

The Flutter Budget Family. The following admirable portrait of a wel nown and numerous family is by Dr. J. G.

Holland, of the Springfield (Mass.) Republican, well known as Timothy Titcomb : church last Sunday. She is always at church : and she never forgets her fan. I have known excellence of the wisdom that cometh from above. possession thereof to the children of men, to her for many years, and have never known her He is morally blind, and sees no beauty in a pass over the time of their short pilgrimage in to be in church without a fan in her hand, and life devoted to the service of God. He sujoys this vale of tears. We heartily pray Thee to some article upon her person that rustled consay, there are five words in the Hebrew of the "Dear Luther, why wont you let me go home no blessed communion with his Maker; receives send the Holy Spirit in the hearts of them that tion over the space of twenty feet on all sides of her. She fixes the wires in the bonnets of her God and his righteousness. "He that trusteth to be thy tenants, may not rack and stretch out little girls, and then takes their hats off entirely, the rents of their houses and lands, nor yet take then wipes their noses, then shakes her head at unreasonable fines and incomes, after the manner them, then makes them exchange seats with each of covetous worldlings: but so let them out to others that the inhabitance thereof may be able them, then finds the text and the hymns for others that the inhabitance thereof may be able them, then fuses with the cricket, and then fans not too many anxious about "laying up some- both to pay the rents, and also honestly live to berself unremittingly until she can see something thing for a rainy day," while they overlook the nourish their family and to relieve the poor. importance of constantly laying up treasure Give to them grace also to consider that they are out all these exercises, the one article of dress where moth and rust do not corrupt? Some of but strangers and pilgrims in this world, having on her fidgety person that has rustle in it, rustles. us make an idol of money, some of friends, and here no dwelling place, but seeking one to come; It chases against the walls of silence as a caged others of honor and fame. Well is it for us that they, remembering the short continuance of bear chafes, with feverish restlessness, against the walls of his cell; and as if the approvance of one sense were not sufficient, she seems to afterward it bringeth forth the peaceable fruits land, to the impoverishment of others; but so have adopted a bob-and-sinker style of trimming for hat and dress, and hair and cloak, and every lands and pastures, that after this life they may thing that goes to make up her externals. Litthe pendants are everywhere—little tassels, and make our own. It is that, to use an illustration he had set his whole heart cords ; and these are all the time bobbing up and

The one read leaf, the last of its clan, That dances as off as dance it can,

and down, like

down, and trembling and threatening to bob up

Any person who sits near Mrs. Flutter Budget or undertakes to look at her during divine service loses all sense of repose, and all power of that the greatest men were not the mere readers, reflection. The most solemn exercises in which but the men who observed, who reflected, who the mind engages, cannot be carried on with a fairly thought out an idea. To learn to reflect fly upon the nose, and any teasing of a single and observe is a grand desideratum for a young sense, whether of sight or sound or touch, is man. John Hunter owed to his power of obof those who occupy pews in the vicinity of this his time." lively little lady. Her husband died two years ago, of aleaplessmess and a harassing system of

An Imposing Spectacle number that remained alive returned to France weary, and keeping up that flow of life styles of purple performance are, middly under that remained alive returned to France weary, and keeping up that flow of life styles of purple performance are, middly under that remained without spirits. The enter- erness and skill, to meet all classes of persons, answering questions. They would have felt that me so much as the sight of a great concourse of and spirits which are necessary to the perform- in our day very popular. The sureless than the sight of a great concourse of and spirits which are necessary to the performwithout nealth and without spirits. In successful and so win upon them by appropriate kindness there are some places where the missionary works people. It is always instructive to me to move ance of the arduous duties of farm life. A com. of people retain a taste for the sincero mink of female, seamed with wrinkles or rippled with Of the eight pounds which a man eats and those who pursue these methods law and the prophets. What can equal this mother's children, eight or nine in number, betricity, and the use of steam, have steated moral at you beneath matted hair from the crowded permeates every part of the bed. Thus all parts aimed at, and almost anything at the honorable and enviable distinction of being ing found it, let us give time, and thought, and more bitterly and savegely hated by the South energy to it, and by a close observation of human this, that as soon as a man or a woman becomes than all which he can make or do. A vast color of the earth.

A few years ago, in a certain New England to the Sabbath-school as an institution; and the shows and pageantries that much as the sheets. To allow the sheets to be God and saving souls! It is nothing more ver where analysis or changing, three or six sent of spiritual dissipation. It is not add than all which he can make or do. A vast color of men or all clauses and conditions, rich has asid that "Manner is a successful to the saving souls!" It is not add than all which he can make or do. A vast color of men or all clauses and conditions, rich has asid that "Manner is a successful to the saving souls!" It is not add than all which he can make or do. A vast color of men or all clauses and conditions, rich has asid that "Manner is a successful to the saving souls!" It is not add than all which he can make or do. A vast color of men or all clauses and conditions, rich has asid that "Manner is a successful to the saving souls!" It is not add than all which he can make or do. A vast color of men or all clauses and conditions, rich has a said that "Manner is a sound all that a saving souls!" It is not add than all which he can make or do. A vast color of men or all clauses and conditions, rich has a sid that "Manner is not add than all which he can make or do. A vast color of the heart or conscience, but to the current of the heart or conscience, but to the current of the heart or conscience, but to the current of the saving souls in the flow and than all which he can make or do. A vast color of the heart or conscience, but to the current of the body to make it unfit for produce any good and lasting results. It is for the current of the body to make it unfit for produce any good and lasting results. It is for the current

Two Sussex Lads.

was named Joe ; oth were the sons of

prospects fair. nd of schooling both, for countr

sure hours spent ;

ene'er he wandered ever tried to find lesson good in all be store his mind.

nd he would sit and sip

ose to his brain and drowned the power to u derstand and think. went away to London town his fortune

there to try : study and in anxious toil his time went by. Whate'er he thought was right to

soon it passed another's hands, for

wealth his father hoarded

ers stood around. Dick died, and kind hands closed his eves : and round his coffin stood Men from the nations far and near, the noble and deliberately affect what we do not feel; or

When o'er the mounts moursful tidings swept

o'er pipe and pot

While Richard, by his toil became he man, than whom the world as yet can ho

Too Much Reading. In an amusing article upon the "Physician

that more than half your illness aries from too that cannot long impose on serious min. think, cram themselves with the ideas or the bear the blame, it is ourselves. words of others. This many call study, but it is not so. In my own profession I have observed

Importance of Wholesome Beds. Sleep to the working man is emphatically presching that is confined a most exclusively cature's sweet restorer : reinvigorating the phy- the sphere of fancy. There is another kind ! sical system, which through much toil has be- is purely esthetical in its character. Both thes come weary, and keeping up that flow of life styles of pulpit performance are, uniformulately, about in a promiscuous crowd of men. I am fortable bed, as we are all aware, conduces greatly the Word. The great majority base "hobing never weary of looking at the human counts- to one's rest. On this subject a recent writer ears," and are fond of something that will exceed

mples, sallow with disease or flushed with drinks in a day, it is thought that not less than Word, crowds will run. Hence there is a great soiled by labor or refined by elegance, deformed centage escapes during the night while he is in in simplicity, solemnity, and gody sincerity, so isshapen, or chiselled with aristic perfection ; bed. The larger part of this is water, but in mix it with novelties and in whether it looks out upon you through plate addition there is much effete and poisonous mat-

ments exposing it to the direct rays of the sun any of the ordinary mattresses. I am decidedly There lived two lads in Sussex some forty years, of the oninion that the good old-fashioned straw

> for fresh straw, and the tick be washed, is the If in the winter season the paroneness of the steam had makes it a little uncon fortable entead which should be washed as often as every two weeks. With this arrangement, if you wash all

> windows during the day, and not make it up for the night before evening, you will have added

consequence, to the true of your health. I beartily wish this good change could be everywhere introduced. Only those who have thus attended to this important matter can judge of its influence on the general health and spirits

Ministerial.

The Perils of Christian Ministers. At the close of the last New College session in Edinburgh, Dr. Candlish gave an address in which he spoke of the danger of familiarity in dealing with divine things. His remarks are worthy of consideration by ministers of all Ah! it is only too easy for us to fall into the

way of handling divine things without curselves at the time having any adequate personal sense of them. It is only too easy for us to grow contented so to handle them. Then our profession becomes a terrible snare; a sad source or occasion of spiritual declension and the decay of kindred vital godliness and heart religion. We are habitually, almost continually, handling divine things. It is the necessity of our calling; we bandle them for the uses and purpose of our calling; and on the supposition I am making. for these alone. We grow expert in so handling them. We learn to handle them well, skillfully, effectively. I repeat, it is a terrible snare. And it may be so all the more in proportion to our very success. The better we learn to handle divine things thus, the worse it may be for ourselves. For we often more or less consciously at least more than at the time we feel. We may not be intentionally and willfully hypocrites. We may be deceiving ourselves more than others; or he was dead, humanity bowed down its not even deceiving ourselves, we plead that hour's necessity and the infirmity of the flesh. Still, we are acting a part; honestly trying to act of these two lads, the one who spent his youth it well; perhaps even from right motives trying to act it well, that men may be impressed and for good may be done. But all the while we may be actors : actors merely, or little more. I warn seal and steady you against the beginning of this sore svil. When it comes to a height, to its maturity, it is at indeed an evil very sore. There are preachers who, however they may produce a great effect for a time, very soon convey to epiritual hearers the uneqivocal conviction that they are simply professional. There is a rude familiarity, a finpancy and ease, a want of reverence and awe in their way of treating the most tremendous

and Surgeons of a By-gone Generation," a for- topics of faith; or perhaps there is the reverse eign journal describes Abernethy conversing of that, an excess even of exaggerated solemnimuch reading.' On my answering that my short of these extremes, there may be real viareading was chiefly history, which amused while certty so far; an honest desire to be useful. To it instructed, he replied: 'That is no answer to preacher, really aiming at the faithful discharge my objection. At your time of life a young fel- of duty and the saving of souls, does his very low should endeavor to strengthen his constitu- best to present the truths of the glorious Cospel tion, and lay in a stock of health. Besides, too in a clear, persuastre, and reflecting way. But much reading never yet made an able man. It is he has got the habit, we shall say, of doing this, not so much the extent and amount of what we and being satisfied with doing it, vary much as read that serves us, as what we assimilate and an able and honest advocate would plead a cause borrowed from my profession, that constitutes judge or jury whom he has to convince or per the chyle of the mind. I have always found that suade. That is the evil I have in my mind just really indolent men, men of what I would call now. That is the manner in which, as it seems habby intellects, are great readers. It is far to me, our profession may and does exercise an easier to read than to think, reflect, or to ob- injurious influence on the callivation of personal serve; and those fellows, not having learned to piety. But it is not our profession that must

fatal to religious devotion. I presume that if servation that fine discrimination, that keen defect or deficiency in his public ministrations the pastor wishes to find the most sterile portions judgment, that intuitiveness which he possessed he lamented, but as he was eminerally guited of his field, he needs only to ascertain the names in a greater degree than any of the surgeons of with a refined taste and fertile imagine ton, we presume that any temptation to which he had vielded lay in this direction. How many your clergymen there are who need to guard thembealth, radiant with intelligence or stolid with five pounds leave his body through the skin, temptation to young men to fall in with the predullness, in repose or excitement, white or black, And of these five pounds a considerable per- vailing taste, and instead of preaching the gospel curbetone; nothing has such fascination for me of the bed, mattrass, blankets, as well as sheets, as the face of man. Assemble men in great soon become foul and need purification.

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