the spiders were forced to emigrate like－ wise．For some time wo had been pestered by homets that had built their nest in some unknown place near the house．One unknown place near the house．One
bright day when the hornets were uncon－ bright day when the hornets were uncon－
monly active，the outside doors，without monly active，the outside doors，Without
screens，had been left open，and several sereens，had been left ope
hornets got into the house．
The cannries were protected by netting and we killed the intruders as they went to the windows as fast as we could get a chance．Thinking about the spiders I went into the bedroom；and there was trouble enough．
Jehoshaphat was running with great rapidity about the wall，to－attract the at－ tention of the enemy to himself，I believe． The mother spider，with her legs close to－ gether，and one of the young spiders held

between，was creeping along the edge of the rug close to the wall，when a hor came out from behind the washstand．
1 gave the intruder a violent brush，and then a bnttle ensued，during which neither
the hornet nor myself took time to watch the hornet nor myseff took time to watch
the spiders．A darting，mad honnet is no the spiders．A diarting，mad hornet is no
inferior antagonist，but I succeeded in driving it out into the study，and fimally managed to kill it without getting stung．
When I went back to see how the spiders were getting on I could find nothing of them，nor ever saiv either of them atter ward．Their webs were left for a time， but they began to gathery dust，is empty houses will，and were demolished by broom and dusting－brush．－As no dend young spiders were found，we trusted that Jehos－ haphat and his wife and their children got off in sifety．
We have not so much as a silken thread by which to remember Jeloshaphat and his family，but we have a handsome hor－ his family，but we have a handsome hor
net＇s nest，which was discovered after it net＇s nest，which was discovered atter it
was deserted，under an old hoe without a was cleserted，under an old hoe without a
handle which some one had hung to a loose handie which some one had hung to a loose
clapboard on the back side of the wood－ clapboard on the back side of the wood－
shed．－J．Alvord Dingee，in Youth＇s Com－ panion．
an incident and its Lessun． During the Civil War many Northem men，instead of going into the army them－ selves，gavo large sums of money to others to go in their places．
A distinguished Northern general had left an important post，in ono of the border States，in the care of a subordinate officer． States，in the care of a subordinate officer，
Colonel M－．Many negroes lived around this post who hand been slaves，un－ around this post who had been slaves，un．
able to read or write，and，of course， ignorant of the value of money．These could easily be obtained，for a small sum， to enter the army as substitutes for rich men．A short time after the commander
had gone a mian was ushered into Colonel ${ }^{\text {hand gone a man wher }}$
＇Colonel，＇he said，in a confidential manner，＇I see a chance for you and me to make something handsome．Some North－ ern nabobs are advertising for substitutes： Now，we can buy up these darkies for little or nothing，and offer them to Northom men for what they will give，which will be a big，round sum，you may be sure，and we can pocket the difference．I shouldn＇t wonder，now，＇continued the nian，＇that we could make as nuch as－
＇Stop ！＇said the Colonel，wheeling around in his chair，and fixing his eyes in－ indignantly on his tempter，＇would you A frightened expression swept over the man＇s face，is at emphatic＇no＇burst vinlently from his lips．

Well，then，＇saide the Colonel，rising nnd preparing to bow his unwelcome guest from his presence，＇don＇t make it to me．＇

The Colonel was a small man，but doubt not that，as lie uttered that last word he assumed，to the person addressed，the grand proportions of the officar for whon Chrs acting
Christians，
Christians，young and old，is not that rood rule for all to follow？How miny emptations might be met and conquered ust as quiclly and completely as this was， by asking the question．What would＂the
Master do under－such circumstances？and Master do under－such circumstances ？and
instantly，without any parleying acting in instantly，without any parleying，acting in
nocordance with the decision．If：Chris accordance with the decision．If．Chris lians are the representatives of their Lord pon earth，it is not merely a sase rule， but the only rule，for their guidnce；and if followed，it will settlo，satisfactorily $y$ and and business life that so often prove snares to the feet．Then，too，with what gran－ deur and nobility that view of duty clothes the poorest and weakest of the followers of Jesus．＇Not I，but Christ in me，＇they can truly say．What mighty strivings in creates in them to measure up to that loty
ideal of chnracter and conduct which lie ideal of chnracter and conduct which he
holds before all who would truly repre－ sent him upon earth．
The only conception that some people have of Christ and Christinnity is that
which they receive from Christians around them．What will the world think of Christ if I pursine such a course of conduct？is a question that，if answered âright，would change many a stumbling－block into a bright light，shining with a clenr and stendy radiance，a sure guide to many groping，
half－blinded souls．－Presbyterian Observer： half－blinded souls．－Presbyterian Observer：

## PROPORTIONATE GIVING．

In the late number of The Golden Rule Dr．Clark，president of the United Society of Christian Endeavor，in a very practical letter declares hiniself to be in favor of giving one－tenth of his income to missions． He writes，among other interesting items， At Cleveland，next July，twenty－five societies that report the largest number of pledged proportionate systematic givers to nissions．
I like a prize of that sort．It will be noticed that the award is not for the largest amount of money，because that would ex－ given to encourge the systematic grver， which may include the humblest offering from even the smallest child．
The simplo addition of figures will often givo astonishing results．Dr．Chark makes a quiet little estimate in figures．which is interesting．Supposing that there are
300,000 Ludeavorers who have，on an average，a regular income of $\$ 500$ per year， they will earn during the coming year $\$ 150,000,000$ ．One－tenth of $\$ 150,000,000$ is $\$ 15,000,000$ ；－three times as much，it is siid，as tho missionaries of the country re－ ceived last year．
－But this sun can be earned and can be given，＇concludes the writer．＇It is only a question of your doing your duty and of my dong mine．Shall we do it？I mean in yonr，and $I$ will add this clause com－ ing year，and I will add this clause to my individual pe
Jesus Christ：
＇I will give one－tenth of my income for the coming year to the service of Christ．

Will you join me in this endeavor？
This prominent ind decided announce－ ment of his purposo in proportionate giv ing by a Christian leader so well known and so cordially trusted can but have a great influence ovier the minds of many who are yet hesitating as to what their duty may be in the line of Christian giving． Dr．Clark makes this announcement in his customary simple and practical manner， with no desire evidently to niake a show of his generosity；but for tho benefit of his companions in Christian Endeavor．There is no trace of the sensational or sentimental character in the Christianity of this C．E． ments in deliberationsistian duty are based on the principles of common sense and righteous living，and thicy can but colly stidy themselves to all who will care corresponding acts of the man．
Only a fow days ago in my own parlor a young woman who has cone to love said that she was going to give one－tenth of her income the coming year for Chris－
tian work．She had come to the conclu sion in the calmness of her own convic tions，that some system of proportionate giviug was the best plan to be adopted and hat one－tenth of all she possessed was the rery．least oftering that she could afiord to
make to the Lord Jesus Christ．：It wonld make to the Lord Jesus Chist，it would
be interesting to know if it were possible be interesting to know if it were possible
how many individuals throughout the churches have this year made this same re solve．－Ila Fullonton in Morning Star．

## THE GENTLEMAN＇S PSALM．

Very feir people would agree exactly in giving a definition of a gentleman．Some have the idea that he is a man who hives on the income of his property and does no work ；others have other ideas on the sub－ ject．Here is one that was once given by a Christian lady：She was the widow of an officer in the army，and was at a roview with her young son when several oficers， who had known her late husband，cane to talk to her，and the conversation ran on former common friends．At last she asked about a certain captain，who had
risen from the ranks by distinguished ser－ risen
vice．
＇Oh，snid one of the officers，＇I don＇t know anything about．him ；he＇s a snob．＇
＇A snob！＇answered the lady，fired with indignation．I tell you he was the truest gentleman in the reginent．

Indeed？＇said her companion with a sneer；＇then，as you seem to be so con－ versant with the matter，perhaps you will kindly tell us what is $\Omega$ g gentleman．
Quietly，and without a moment＇s hesita－ tion，the lady，looking straight in his face， repented the fifteenth Psaim．
＇That is my definition of a gentleman， said sle．
Her little boy，a mere child of eight or ten，was by．A day or two afterwards she happened to find in his pocket a piece of paper，on which was writton out，in his and an hand，the whole of this P．Th Gentleman＇s Psalm．＇－Exchuinge．

## BE PROMPT．

Don＇t live a sangle hour of your life＇with－ out doing exactly what is to be done in it， and going straight through it，from begin ning tuend．Work，play，study，whatever it is，take hold at once and finish it up squarely；then to the next thing，without letting any moments drop betweon．
It is wonderful to see how many hours these prompt people contrive to make of a day ；it is as if they picked up the moments the dawdlers lost．And if ever you find yourself where you have so many things pressing upon you that you hardly know how to begin，let me tell you $a$ secret ：
Take hold of the very one that comes to Take hold of the very one that comes to
hand，and you will find the rest will all fall into tile and follow after like a company of well－drilled soldiers；and though work may be hard to meet when it charges in a squad，it is easily vanquished if you can ring it into line．
lou may have often seen the anecdote of the man who was asked how he had ac－ complished so nuch in lifo．＇My father taught me，＇was the reply＇when
anythitig to do，to go and do it．There is the secret－the magic word，now ！－The Lutherani．

## an historic parallel．

Being challenged as to his reasons for refusing wine on one occasion while in England，Dr：A．T．Pierson related the following incident：＇In Paris，during the
Reign of Terror，there was a magazine Reign of Terror．there was a magazine
where an immense amuunt of gunpowder where an immense amuunt of gunpowder
was stued with other kinds of oxplosives There was a man there who took out his pipe，filled it with tobacco，and lit it with a taper．His compunion said，＇You should not smoke in this magazine；if you are going to smokego out there．＇He replied， ＇I am not going to have my liberty inter－ riglit to exercise liberty when his indul－ gence is endmgering millions of other people？It is quite a mistnken notion of liberty if you claim the right to smoke in a magazine of gunpowder．But the drink－ ing habit is worse than a match lit in such a magazine．There is not only peril in drink，but there is absolute and consum－ mate destruction in it，and I do not know
how I could take any other position，know－ ing the effects of the drink traftic，thinn to set myself agninst it tooth and nail，with pen and tongue，with principle and practice and I ask God to help you all to look at it in the same light．＇

## PROVIDENOE．

Somewhere，underneath the sky， While the summer winds pass by Springs and grows the ripening grain， That with wheaten bread shall feed Thee and thine，in time of need， While thou toilest，heavy－hearted， As if hope and thou were parted

Some stout hand the furrows made，
And the seed within them laid：
And some watchful cyo took care， Lest，from out the carth or air， Weed or winged or creeping creaturo To the toil should bring defeature． God and man tho whont have tended， And from drought anid deluge＇fended．
By some river，never still，
Stands the dusty，hurring mill， That shall grind thy grain to flour．
Waiting now the day and hour alting now the day and hour Somowhere ship and train are keeping Room for it．While Thou art sleeping But thy own will not pass by thee．
Is itwell to sigh and frot
When God＇s workmen all are sot
Each at his own task for thee？
And His messengers will be
All so flect and free，transmitting Treasure for thy bencifting？ Nanght can hinder or crade Him，－ Sun，earth，seas，He has to aid Him．
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