BEYOND.

It seem the such a little way to me Across to that strange country, the Bewould:

And yet not strange-for it has grown to be The home of those of whom I am so fond They make it seem familiar and most dear, As journeying friends bring distant countries

So it so it lies that, when my sight is clear, I think I see the gleaming strand;
I know I feel that those who've some from

Come near enough to touch my hand. I often think, but for our veiled eyes, We should find heaven right 'round about us

I cannot make it seem a day to dread When from this dear on the I shall journey

To that still dearer country of the dead. And join the lost ones, so long dreamed I love this world; yet shal! I love to go And meet the friends who wait for me, I

I never stand about a bier and see The seal of death set on some well-loved

know.

face, But that I think, "One more to welcome me When I shall cross the intervening space Between this land and that one over there-One more to make the strange Beyond seem

And so for me there is no sting to death, And se the grave has lost its victory ; It is but crossing, with abated breath, And white, set face, a little strip of sea, To find the loved ones waiting on the shore, More beautiful, more precious than before. Ella Wheeler, in Christian at Work.

GERS.

BY MRS. C. F. WILDER.

Everyone knows how society in a small city is kept moving. If a lady is active in her own church why that is just the person who will do duty in the Union Dorças, in the Y. M. C. A., in the Social Science Club, the Reading Society, the Choral Union, and just the person to invite to the social dinmers and teas. And these are the women who are usually the most conscientious as house-mothers. and home-keepers. My friend, Mrs. Gray, is one of there active, conscientious workers at home is a very amiable woman and I she knows us all; we like her and never saw her angry until the she likes us. She has simply other day when I went for her to been ready to meet us with a go with me to "call on strangers." smile and greet us kindly as we "'Call on strangers,' " she re-

peated. "Not I. I've called on my last stranger. Let some of | I have never been able to find her those we've called on return our in the church on the Sabbath. calls."

I looked at Mrs. Gray in astonishment and said, "What has come over you?"

" Nothing. 'Whereas I was once blind now I see,' that is all. It was last Sunday that my eyes hospitality to the strangers and urges his people to be cordial, and that a dozen of us knock down, figuratively speaking, our true and tried friends to get a chance, after church service, to grasp by the hand some stranger who is vanishing on a doublewhere they live, trot round and eall; they unite with the Church | did not come. I asked her daughand then they want us to call again. They come out to church but she did not know anyone and occasionally—when they get new did not like to. Mrs. Fairweather The pools of Clyde had their livclothes four times a year-and if they see us twenty pews off and we don't rush by everybody, chase them out of the church and half a block toward their home to I'm sorry for her and know how apeak to them, they go off and to pity her for I can't dress very talk 'cliques,' 'aristocratic,' 'good clothes," 'no sociability' and

Here Mrs. Gray stopped to get, breath. Before I could speak she began again. You remember that woman

who, last fall, complained be- pretense of them. cause we were such a cold lot of Church members. You never ean forget how we spent one whole precious afternoon hunting her up. The places we inquired and at last, just at tea-time, faint, hungry and tired to death we a great help to the church if she ning life, he would choose the friend, and walking home with found her. You remember the would come cordially among us. same hard lot through which he our thin shoes in the rain, we both call. One steady stream of Why do you suppose she talks had actually passed. It had fur- took cold. That friend is in the complaints about our Church that way? We don't have to nished a most valuable training, members. I remember how you live in her home and if it suits both for mind and body, and had looked and how I had to keep her it's none of our business. prepared him for his work in pressing your toes to make you When I call on people it is to see Africa; for he would not have shown the same power of endurnot say anything, I know you house. was all out of patience with the woman and you did at last make you ever did in class-meeting.

steeve just as she was going down to be polite and courteous." the steps. I told her I was glad I left my friend and went alone to see her (almost a lie); asked to make a call on a sick lady who

answered. church. Says she can't get out old members of the next. to church, and her family is exgo. COURTESY FROM STRAN- dress so much; that's all the good | self-sacrificing, long-suffering leaves to church. Still calls her- nearer home.—Central Adv. self a 'new member.' and wants us to pet her and carry her in our arms, though she has been here A BATTLE ALL MUST two years. Now, for my part, I've done running after strangers. They have some duties as well as we. I know we are a kind, cordial church, and I don't believe there is a church in the land but will show itself friendly to strangers, if strangers will show themselves

friendly to the church. "Look at Mes. James. came here a stranger two years ago. A sweet, gentle soul who has not put herself forward one and in church and society. She | inch, and yet we all know her. greeted her. There is Mrs. Elwin, been here only a few months, and thanks to our abominable 'freenew' system, which never allows families to have a seat of their own or to let us sit in the same pew two successive Sabbaths; but she comes to class-meeting, prayer-meeting and the Dorcas, were opened. You know how our | and has gotten quite well acquaintpastor opens wide the door of ed, already speaking of others as 'strangers in our church,' because she has so soon become an integral part of the aggressive force of the church, and, with her, as soon as her letter was read, it was 'our church,' and not 'your church.'

"There is Mrs. Hein upon whom we called last year. She quick from the vestibule. We has never returned our call. I invite them to come again, ask invited her to come to the Dorcas when it met at my house. She ter to come to Sabbath school. asked them to come to a social. Not one of the family went. She says she cannot dress as well as other members of the church. well, myself, both because I've no taste and not much money. And she says she is not as talented and intellectual as the others. I have a great respect for modesty, humility and all the passive virtues but I have no patience with the

> "There is Mrs. Crane, says we live in the style we do. I should

a little speech more earnest than received courteous acknowledg- through that long, hard apprenment and I propose, hereafter, to ticeship in the mill at Blantyre. "Well, she opened my eyes last let all strangers alone who act as Sunday. She walked out of though they wanted to be let but they are valuable as shewing you and is willing and waiting to church as usual, eyes cast down alone. It is just as much the duty how nobly the battle with what is and arms stiff at her sides. I of strangers to be polite and irksome may be fought in youth, gave chase and caught her by the courteous as it is for the church

her to return my call, etc. lived about a mile from Mrs. Wall! I reckon I shan't come Gray's. As I traveled over the even pernicious lives, the most Saviour." here no more. I shall take my rough side walks, in the burning common is impatience of irksome

That minister has called on me Gray had said and I reached very greater curse can well fall on a and when you go home to tell story: "Found a white man dead and them people have some life in nearly the same conclusion which | young person than the disposition them.' Before I thought what I my friend had reached. There to turn up his nose at regular prowas saying I answered her that I certainly is a duty which stran- tracted labor, as if the only good was real glad she was going where | gers owe the church and the duty | thing in life were self indulgence. she would at last find what she is seldom met. In the first place What a fatal defect ir. many "Ever since Sunday I've been | seles known. It is a very simple | here !-Prof. Blaikie. thinking over the matter. How and easy matter to remain in the many of the strangers upon | pew at the close of church service whom we have made the greatest until the pastor can have an opeffort to call have returned your portunity to speak, or even go to him and introduce one's self. It "Not one-yes, just one," I is the duty of the stranger to hold herself (I make the pronoun in the "I have counted over sixty teminine gender for it is of women calls we've made, and not more I am speaking) in readiness to rethan one has returned my call, ceive attention and show a will-There is Mrs. Dign. I have called | ingness to return all courtesies in there five or six times during a proper way. She should let her the last two years. She has been influence be felt as soon as she here once, and yet she always unites with the Church, in the says, in a sepulchral tone and prayer-meeting, missionary sowith a much injured air, every ciety, Dorcas meetings and in the time I meet her, 'Why don't you benevolent offerings and expenses ever come to see me?' Just think of the church. Her presence how many times we've called on should be regular in church, Sun-Mrs. Sprite. Every time we call day after Sunday. In our swiftly she entertains us by grumbling at changing communities the new something or somebody in the comers of one year are among the

I suppose ministers think it actly like mine, and I manage to would be discourteous to tell Won't let her children go to strangers their duty, but I do Sabbath school because she has think if the text, Be ye courteous. no confidence in the teacher. would sometimes be aimed at them Don't like our people because we instead of the faithful, patient, it does for us to wear our old fig- | Church members it would go

FIGHT.

There is one passage in Hugh Miller's Autobiography, " My Schools and my Schoolmasters,' where, with all his manliness, he gives way to a little pity for himself. His school boy days had been days of some work, but much play-stirring, roving days, full of fun and Irolic, and interspersed with grand expeditions, and hair-breadth 'scapes by sea and land, with like-minded comrades. But the comrades dispersed, the schoolboy era came to an end, and a very different era-the era of hard work for a bare livelibood-hove in sight; and the poor boy was sorry for himself. "I found myself standing face to face with a life of labor and restraint. The prospect appeared dreary in the extreme. The necessity of ever toiling from morning to night, and from one week's end to another, and all for a little coarse food and homely raiment. seemed to be a dire one, and fain would I have avoided it. But there was no escape, and so I determined on being a mason."

And yet Miller could afterwards look back on this dire necessity as a great boon, and give his benediction to honest, homely Labor, with her horny hands and hard conditions, for in her school he had learned some of the most useful lessons of his life.

It was the same with David Livingstone. The woods of Blantyre were charming scenes for a young explorer, and every plant and every animal, great and small, enjoy the scenery?" had an interest for a born scientist. sport to throw out with the rod came a Monday morning (and he salvation. was but a child of ten) whon he till eight at night, amid deafen- help me." ing noise and monotonous sights, treat her coolly because she can't ed by Livingstone, too, in future freely: "I have been a gay and laugh if it was not so provoking. Blantyre, after he had become of the ballroom and other giddy She is a real nice woman and has famous, he told them that if he pleasures. A few months ago, I considerable talent and would be had the choice of a way of begin- attended a ball, with an intimate ing hardship, the same patience "Now of all the calls on stran- and perseverance in conquering gers we have made, only two have the irksome, if he had not gone

These are not solitary cases; and what precious fruits came of the victory. Unfortunately, instances of the contrary are but too common. Of all the causes that

ALL TO JESUS.

I have taken all to Jesus -Cares, vexations, deep depression, Longings that could not be met But by constant, stern repression. I have taken all to Jesus, Left with him a past polluted, And a present pierced with anguish-Sorrow planted, joys uprooted.

I have taken all to Jesus. All the ill I have committed All the good I've failed to render-Evil cherishings permitted. I have taken all to Jesus, Left with Him my life, and given Over to dis blessed keeping

Ev'ry hope for earth and heaven. have taken all to Jesus-Not a secret wish withholding: And I have the rest and rapture Of his sweet and perfect folding.

have taken all to Jesus, All I dread and all I treasure In return he gives me leading, Peace and gladness without measure -Methodist Recorder.

RATHER POINTED.

At a church meeting not far from Boston, a man whose credit was not the best, and who was somewhat noted for his failure to meet his obligations, arose to speak. The subject for the evening was, "What shall I do to be saved?" Commencing in measured tone, be quoted the passage "What shall I do to be saved?" Again, with increased solemnity and impressiveness of manner, he repeated the inquiry, when a voice from the assembly answered in clear and distinct tones, "Go and pny John Williams for the yoke of oxen you bought of him!" The rest of the gentleman's speech was not reported. All present appreciated the fitness of the unexpected word in season, and were saved from hearing a lengthy

exhortation from a swindler's lips. The incident has led us to think that there are a good many people who, before they make much progress in walking in the valley of salvation themselves, or guidthey honestly owe him. There is no man shrewd enough to pursue a course of dishonesty or trickery, and still retain the favor of God in this world or a good hope of glory in the world to come. It is best to settle up, square up, and pay up, and then it will be in order to talk in prayer-meeting .-Christian.

HOW TO BE SAVED.

Some years ago, a lady was travelling with her husband in Kansas. As she was crossing Illinois, she saw in the saloon of the car a beautiful young lady reclining on the sofa, and asked her, "Why don't you come out and

The conversation that followed revealed the fact that the young ing treasures, which it was fine lady's father was the agent of the railroad, and she was ill, and in a on the grass—all the more if the despondent state of mind. The catch of trout should be varied by lady endeavored to direct her atan occasional salmon. But there | tention to Christ and the great

"I am very ignorant," she remust turn out at six o'clock to plied; "I never thought much on the spinning mill, and toil there | the subject, or had any friend to

The tears began to flow. The with but short intervals for break- lady closed the door of the saloon fast and dinner. But, however and sat down by her side, and hard it was felt at the time, this like Philip, "preached Jesus" to necessity was welcomed and bless- her. Then she opened her heart life. Speaking to the people of fashionable girl, she said, "fond grave, and I know I am not prepared to die. I have had no meeting to go to; no Christian friend to consult. I have read in the Bible that I must be converted: but I could not tell what it was to be converted; and I am still in darkness; can you tell me?"

> "It is to come right to Jesus. with a humble contrite heart, and receive you. Are you willing to give yourself up to Him, and be His forever?"

"Oh, yes! willing and anxious. The world has nothing to satisfy my immortal spirit. All my degive rise to useless trifling, and sire is to have Christ for my

letter over to the Blank church. sun, I meditated fon what Mrs. labor in youthful days. No yourself to Him without reserve,

your parents and friends that you have given yourself to Him?" Still weeping. "Yes I will.

Blessed Jesus, take me as I am! As she said this her face beamit is their duty to make them- a young person's education lies ed with joy. She stretched forth her arms and clasped her unknown friend in one long, fervent embrace. "Oh! how grateful I demanded of the Indian. "O yes! am for your kind words. God has sent you to me. No person ever said a word to me on the subject of religion before in my life. I can, I do trust in Jesus as my Saviour. How can I ever thank

> dispelled. I am happy now." As we were nearing the station | where her father would meet her. she handed her card and said, "We may never meet again in this world, but we shall meet again. God bless you." That card and name are sacredly treasured vet, and that conversation remembered, as among the most precious of a lifetime. How many such golden opportunities are lost! Oh! let us be faithful.— American Messenger.

Men plant prayers and endeavors, and go next day looking to see if they have borne graces. Now God does not send graces as he sends light and rain, but they are wrought in us through long away from it—and hence the days of discipline and growth. Acorns and graces sprout quickly. but grow long before ripening.

You start back in surprise, and turning aside, you say, "The man must be beside himself. Instead of thus spending a fortune upon the old premises which he must soon vacate forever, why is he not saving his capital and looking out for a new home to which to remove and permanertly enjoy?" Hold! reader; that is just your own position. "Thou | The rueful looks of blank dismay art the man.

Be inconsistent, and enmity to the Gospel may be propagated over a parish. Give occasions of offense, and many may fall. Those entering the way of life may be warning each merry little guest To seek the home fold quickly; ing others therein, will have to already entered may be made to The lesson is as plain as day; go and pay John Williams," or stumble. You cannot live only John somebody else, the money for yourselves. A thousand fibres connect you with your fellow men; along those fibres, as sympathetic threads, turn your spirit and action as causes; and they come back to you, and act on others, as effects—effects which will be working out their results forever. -Melville.

> Temptations, that I supposed to be stricken dead and laid upon their back, rise again and revive upon me; yea, I see that, while I live, temptations will not die. Satan seemed to brag and boast as much as if he had more court with Christ than I have; but his wind shaketh no corn—his efforts avail nothing. I will not believe that Christ would have made such an intimation to have me to himself, and have taken so much pains upon me as he hath done, and then slip so easily from possession, and lose the glory of what he hath done.—Rutherford.

Our friend, the late Rev. Dr. Green, of Tennessee, once told us of a mule that had served in a bark mill so long that when, in extreme old age, he was turned out upon the commons, he went round and round—one side of him being shorter than the other. The lamented Bishop Marvin told ns a good story in Atlanta, at the session of the North Georgia Conference, that bad, as an old friend of ours was wont to say, "pith, point, power, and edge." And it us?" will say like the prophet, connects with Dr. Green's mule | " Here am I send me?"-H. L. H. story. The bishop was passing in Christian Index. through a circuit, and wished to know how a certain pastor was getting on. He found the steward with whom he stopped disposed to reticence about the pastor. Being pressed a little by the bishop, he said this only: "Well, bishop, he is going round." Are not a good many preachers in this case?-Wesleyan Advocate.

OUR YOUNG POLKS.

AN INDIAN DETECTIVE. found a white man lying dead in going to stay all summer." "I the woods with a bullet hole in was," said the boy, "but I can't his forehead is one of the best il. stay where any body swears so, lusrations of the habit of observa- I will leave." The man felt the tion which a detective must culti- rebuke, and said: "If you will vate. The Indian came into the stay I won't swear; and he kept

in the woods. Had hole in his head. Short white man's himhot with long gun three inches beyond muzzle of gun. Wore gray woolen coat. Had waited long time for the deadman to come along," · How do you know all this?" Did you see it?" was naturally me saw; now show you." The settlers visited the scene of the murder, and the Indian showed them the spot where the murderer had waited for his victim.

He had set his gun against the tree. It was a long one, because you enough? The darkness is the bark was slightly grazed high up, and about three inches, above the mark left by the ramrod, showing that it projected three inches. The man wore a grav woolen coat, because where he had leaned against the tree little particles of threads had been caught by the bark. There was the place where the dog sat on his haunches, his stump-tail left a mark in the yielding soil. The murderer was short, because when he reloaded his gun he set the butt a good way from his feet. The trail he left coming and going showed that he was white, because he turned his toes out. Indians never did. The trail also showed that the one coming to the tree was older than the one going murderer waited .- N. Y. Times.

PLAY YOU DO NOT MIND IT.

Some youthful housekeepers one day Were getting supper in a way That was delightful really; The grass a velvet carpet made Beneath the glowing maples' shade ; No room so charming nearly

Then Flossy brought a napkin red; I will make a lovely cloth," she said, But when she came to try it, las! 'twas not quite large enough To hide the table, slightly rough, 'Twas useless to deny it.

Began to chase the smiles away, So meagre did they find it. Till out spoke sunny little Nell We'll leave it so, 'tis just as well, And play we do not mind it.'

The joyous smile returned once more. loo soon the dainty feast was o'er. And . hadows gathered thickly;

A cloud may rise above your way, When things go wrong and others frown. Just put all vain repining down And play you do not mind it.

GOD'S LITTLE ERRAND GIRL.

Little Hester loved Jesus, and tried to do his will. One day she and her mother had been talking together about their Heavenly Father, and Hester said :

"Why, mother, God is sending us on errands all the time! Oh it is nice to think that I am God's errand girl.

There are many things that an errand girl or errand boy can do, which are very important.

To do errands properly one must be attentive, and learn just what needs to be done: must be prompt and go at once to do the errands; and must be careful and faithful, and be sure to do the errands right.

Who is willing to run on little errands for the Lord? There are poor folks to be relieved, sick folks to be cured, sad folks to be comforted, hungry folks to be fed, old folks to be waited on, little folks to be cared for, and all kinds of good things to be done for the Lord; and he often uses very little children to do his errands.

Who will stand ready to run and do them promptly, diligently and faithfully? Who is there that in answer to the question, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for

WHAT A BOY DID.

A boy who attends one of our Sunday-schools went out in the country the past summer to spend his vacation—a visit he had long looked forward to with pleasure. He went out to help the men harvest. One of the men was an inveterate swearer. The boy having. stood it as long as he could, said to the man, "Well, I guess I will go home to-morrow." The swearer, who had taken a great liking The story about an Indian who to him said, "I thought you were White settlement and told his his word.

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THE VOICE

Wisdom is here Proverbs 1: 20. mind of the writer. sonification. Un tion, however, i gradual revelation ity, and especia ! of the truth conce God. Compare and teaching in t gospel with verse The "wise is in the " words' dscription which berselt is comple Christ, the Word does the book of first sight seems t duct of life only, (John 5:39.) Ver. 2. - Sh of wisdom as a le of the high place

and true womanh a Jew. The top of high places are heights about the I the crowds of we could be addresse path would be tar ing passers by were also place would easily be met or business and hear and te gates of the city deliberations wer was administered the name Porte, a ish Government this custom of ma cities and palaces for the conduct of ernment and justi not teach in a qui imparting her in ed tew. She in t of ('hrist and a and His apostles to all who would openly to the wo in the synagogue, whither the Jews in secret have I tau 18:20.) "Whos take the water of 22:17.)

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