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Religious Miscellany

"Occupy Till I Come." "I have learned in whatsoever state I am, the with to be content." Paul

O deem not, pilgrim, that thy path is right, Nor rashly reason it must needs be so, Because prosperity makes all things bright And gilds thy progress with a golden glow! The smoothest way is never free from snares. And wayside wild-flowers intermix with weeds The smiles of fortune often gender cares, And human hope to disappointment leads.

Nor judge, my brother, that thy path is wrong, Nor idly argue, it must needs be so, Because thy pilgrimage is rough and long, And stormy winds around thee fiercely blow. The rugged road, though tiresome and severe, The baffling windings of thy climbing course-The blinding mists that dim thy prospect drear,-May come from heaven, to lead thee to their

'Tis not for mortals, with imperfect skill, To sound the secrets of His perfect plan Who deals out wisely, both of good and ill, Time's talents, more or less, to every man-The peaceful lot, apart from care and strife-The sterner state of struggling toil, and tears. Alike are fitting ministries of life To guide us to our being's destined spheres.

If favored then, with an o'erflowing cup-If bounteous blessings on thy head be poured-Use well the charge thou soon must render up, As faithful steward of thy absent Lord. If hardship be thy well appointed trust, And storm, sweep o'er thee, till thy race be run Still as a servant, be thou wise and just, And thine shall be the welcome word.

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How to Make our Prayer-meeting Interesting.

BY REV. JOHN TODD, D.D.

read the religious paper, and see if you do not find some thought, or some anecdote, or some fact, which you can use in the meeting. See if you can't gather a few drops of the dew which falls on Hermon. You may not be a watch or thought in a few moments, which cost you, perhaps, days to think out. A single thought that has been revolving in your mind, is valuthe day of your meeting, don't forget to think family see that that it lives in your heart. Be sure and pray for it before you go to it.—Pray that the Holy Spirit may be present to warm, and "It is meet that we should make merry and be that the Holy Spirit may be present to warm, and "The claddest countenance in that some

with a cheerful face. You would do so, if going to a party. Don't go acting, looking, or feeling that you have a chain around you called Duty, by which you are dragged to the place. If the room is dark, move round and get more lights. If not warm, go to your brethren, and insist on the room is dark, move round and get more lights. If not warm, go to your brethren, and insist on the room is dark, move round and get more lights.

body, don't sit and wait for others. Be ready. Have your gun loaded, and shoot quick. There is no electricity in silence or in waiting. Let your prayer be short. Just suppose it divided into three, and it will be long enough. I once heard and joyfully united in six prayers, no one heard and joyfully united in aix prayers, no one of which was over two minutes long. They were

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to open his mouth? You go to them along before the meeting and speak encouragingly to
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they must make a great speech. Go to your
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the meeting dead and cold to you if you do not. Our sine separate between us and thee." Don't be afraid you will do more than your share to make "our prayer-meeting" interesting. "What would not be a momentary dependence over thy hand findeth to do,do with thy might." If ele against the popular sins of the day, Sabbath description, rum-selling, and shurch—there must be the architect, and the contraint he church—there must be the architect, and salt, and salt ame to do was to look to Jesus for all, who is above all, and thirty-two in the whole of Greece. It less then 600,000 texts books are published at a single establishment at conver thy hand findeth to do,do with thy might." If elt shut up to a momentary dependence books are published at a single establishment at the whole of Greece. The less then 600,000 texts books are published at a single establishment at the whole of Greece. The less then 600,000 texts books are published at a single establishment at the whole of Greece. The less then 600,000 texts books are published at a single establishment at the whole of Greece. The less then 600,000 texts books are published at a single establishment at the whole of Greece. The less then 600,000 texts books are published at a single establishment at the whole of Greece. The less then 600,000 texts books are published at a single establishment at the whole of Greece. The less then 600,000 texts books are published at a single establishment at the whole of Greece. The less the mount at the whole of Greece. The less the mount at the whole of Greece. The less the sould I communicate to you may be seen and the whole of Christ.

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Divine Joy.

The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

ZEPH. iii, 17.

We speak thus b

en, redeemed man! The idea is, the joy and he rejoiced with joy over a new-born world. But this was a feeble type of his complacent rest and say "God speed you." We will be serious now. We shall try to and rejoicing over the new-born ransomed soul. sympathize with the true and faithful-not a There is a beautiful sequence in the verse. It number in any church-who are always at rises to a climax. First, God "saves." Then prayer-meeting, and who wish they knew he "rejoices." Then he "rests," (the contemhow to make it more interesting. You want to plative rest of joy.) Then, as if this were not know how to bring live coals to the altar as you enough, he joys over his people "with singing."

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Truth is Beautiful.

helps all to feel that there is another heart to is our reasonable service. In this glorious work tains in it the elements that are necessary to

"Let party names no more,
The christian world o'erspread:
Gentile and Jew, and bond and free
Are one in Christ their head."

The Female Prayer Meeting. falls on Hermon. You may not be a watch or look, may alienate and estrange; the Friend of the female prayer meeting," said a gray-haired a telescope maker, but you can do something, if friends is immutable. O how intense must that father in our church, not long before he went to love be for the guilty and the lost which is thus his rest. "Our church never prospered so well spoken of by the lips of divine filial love : as when that was well sustained."—I believe no "THEREFORE," says Jesus, "doth my Father one who was made a subject of a continued, eslove me, because I lay down my life for the pecial prayer in that meeting was not eventually The pebble which David chose was one that had been washed and smoothed in the brook a long them washed and smoothed in the brook a long the bride; of families, who had praying wives; one of them the bride; or the bride; so I now recall, who was recently our State Senator, time. It was all the better for its polishing. On shall the God rejoice over thee." Isa, lxii, 5. and this year a candidate for Congress. He has The returning prodigal is met, not only with the for years been one of the leading men in our tear and the grasp of parental forgiveness; but church. There were also many daughters brought high festival is kept within these paternal halls: into the Church about this time, who are now glad." The gladdest countenance in that scene There is no interest which lies so near to the of joy is not that of the haggard wanderer, but heart of the pious mother as the conversion of 2. Feel responsibility for it. Make it a solemn duty, a habit, and a privilege to be there. Go with a cheerful face. You would do so, if going to a party. Don't go acting, looking, or feeling

Meeting. At 13 issue to make a prayer-meeting stereotyped, and there is no danger that is greater. Can't you sometimes have something new sung? Can't you get this or that different fearlessly, unmixed with error, proclaimed boldly, and is so active that it will progress just in the direction it meets the least obstruction, and like electricity, takes the easiest course. For the last obstruction, and like electricity, takes the easiest course. For the last obstruction, and like electricity, takes the easiest course. For the last obstruction, and like electricity, takes the easiest course. For the last obstruction, and like electricity, takes the easiest course. For the last obstruction, and like electricity, takes the easiest course. It is it then the American beautiful in all or that different fearlessly, unmixed with error, proclaimed boldly, and given stability to the character; and indeviously in all the progress of the Turk, easily difficulties are surmounted when calmly in and direction it meets the least obstruction, and like direction it meets the least obstruction, and like and with all his Yankee perseverance and entermet; temperance will have preserved both health prise, I fear will never succeed to rear up his and temper; probity will have ensured respect that it will progress just in the direction it meets the least obstruction, and like and with all his Yankee perseverance and entermet; temperance will have preserved both health prise, I fear will never succeed to rear up his and temper; probity will have ensured respect that is and temper; probity will have ensured the prise, I fear will never succeed to rear up his and temper; probity will have ensured the prise, I fear will never succeed to rear up his and temper; probity will have ensured the prise, I fear will never succeed to rear up his and temper; probity will have ensured the prise. greater. Can't you sometimes have something reasonable of contractions of the last young man to come in and say a few words?

Can't you get that other man who never speaks, light and temper; probity will have ensured respect to rear up his and temper; probity will have ensured respect to rear up his and temper; probity will have ensured respect to the last and given stability to the character; and independence of spirit, while it will give dignity to the man, will certainly gain the admiration of the man who never speaks, light and given stability to the character; and indector the last government in the man who will become the people progressed wonderfully in all to committee the last gain and indector to the last gain distinct the man who will become the people progressed wonderfully in all to committee the last gain distinct the man who will be come the people progressed wonderfully in all to committee the people progressed wonderfully in all to co Can't you get that other man who never speaks, to open his mouth? You go'to them along beor three who gather in his name. You may feel, grace divine.

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and this is what the Greeks are in hopes of ac-

hear men say, "if now this church would only to stand in the breach. Here and there are one down on her knees in the dust before God those walking in white, with garments unspotted thing (it may be ignorantly) to check the growth is were Greeks. Our theology and creeds are with one which is were Greeks. Our theology and creeds are with one white the first Christian martyrs and Christian missionar terror. The trout dove down to the bottom enabled to make myself of no reputation, and to thing (it may be ignorantly) to check the growth is were Greeks. Our theology and creeds are with one which of his tail. It was a terrible seek the honor which comet from God only.

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The new Testament without praying for the spray. or in any way, settle it with him and with God all from the highest to the lowest who bear the and female, are educated in our schools. Schol- their very habits are used as illustrations to exbefore you come to the meeting.—You will find image of the heavenly, are received as brethren, arships and prizes for any branch of science, lite plain the doctrines of Christ, while their customs of my home, and I am determined not to stay under all eicenstances, as he should make it the meeting dead and cold to you if you do not. beloved. One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one erature and art, are not a few. At Athens are constitute the warp and the woof of the parables

the men with spades, and men to carry the brick fascinating, bewitching literature of the day, Christian Power in the East? A crop can not shall have no share in it. and mortar. They are all to do something. Secret, oath bound societies, the making of God's house a house of merchandise, against every
They are all needed. And so in our churches, house a house of merchandise, against every
need to be felled, and time must be given for the and invest your money in doing good in Greece.

To have huge ships of war and bat. every one can, and should do something. All thing, indeed, in opposition to a pure gospel; a cannot talk or pray in public; they began the bible standard of holy living is held up vividly, up and mellowed, before the seed can take root your prayers are with it. We need money very and spouting in one's breast and mighty fish diving steady victory over sins which before enslaved your prayers are with it. We need money very and spouting in one's bowels! But instead of the lord and in his Word. spiritual life too late; but they can always be forcibly—entire consecratedness to God's serthat will sustain the stalk, which in turn shall much, yet we need prayer even more than money. I that will sustain the stalk, which in turn shall much, yet we need prayer even more than money. I that will sustain the stalk, which in turn shall much, yet we need prayer even more than money. I that will sustain the stalk, which in turn shall much, yet we need prayer even more than money. I that will sustain the stalk, which in turn shall much, yet we need prayer even more than money. I that will sustain the stalk, which in turn shall much, yet we need prayer even more than money. I that will sustain the stalk, which in turn shall much, yet we need prayer even more than money. I that will sustain the stalk, which in turn shall much, yet we need prayer even more than money. I that will sustain the stalk, which in turn shall much, yet we need prayer even more than money. I that will sustain the stalk, which in turn shall much, yet we need prayer even more than money. I that will sustain the stalk, which in turn shall much, yet we need prayer even more than money. I that will sustain the stalk, which in turn shall much, yet we need prayer even more than money. I that will sustain the stalk, which in turn shall much, yet we need prayer even more than money. I that will sustain the stalk, which in turn shall much, yet we need prayer even more than money. I that will sustain the stalk, which in turn shall much, yet we need prayer even more than money. I that will sustain the stalk, which in turn shall much yet we need prayer even more than money. I that will sustain the stalk, which in turn shall much yet we need prayer even more than money. I that we need the stalk we need the stalk will be shall be stalk with the stalk will be shall be stalk will be stalk will be stalk will be shall be shall be stalk will be shall be sha

feel, to sympathise, and to thrill with all the rest. of reformation, of spreading scriptural holiness nourish and enrich; but it needs first to be clear-Go then constantly; and carry there faith, hope, charity, and love to Christ, and you will surely deed, smiling graciously on their self-denial and to the Christian faith. This has been done. The grow in the divine life, and will never complain untiring perseverance. "The Lord keep them people are becoming disgusted with myths and that " our prayer-meeting" is not interesting. as the apple of the eye, hide them under the ceremonies, so much so, that in their election of shadow of his wings-from the wicked that king they prefer a Protestant to one of the Greek ladder of fortune until he stands securely at the be lost?' oppress them, and from their deadly enemies Church. To be a member of the Greek Church summit, with fame, wealth and honours surroundwho compass them about." Psa. xvii. 9. Make does not to-day constitute the prevailing qualifi- ing him. Some twenty years ago this same cation in the mind of the people for the throne. James Holford was at the very foot of the ladder of myself. I am so small! Just look at that We speak thus by way of encouragement, and This is but a straw upon the water, yet it tells the pondering how he should rise. The ladder was map! Why, I'm only a little black streak!" from a sense of duty, having recently been an way the current runs. There is a preparation very curious to contemplate, and still more curieye witness of their holy living, their trials, per- among the people for the reception of evangeli- ous was it to hear what the world said about it. about you, want?" secutions and self-denying labors. It has ever cal truth which will astonish those that never "It is all luck, sir," cried one, "nothing but "We want to be Amazons! and be two hun been our happy and privileged lot, to stand by thought of the religious welfare of Greece, and luck; why, sir, I have managed at times to get dred miles wide and five thousand miles long, satisfaction of one reposing after the completion God's persecuted ones, persecuted for righteous- have forgotten to pray for its regeneration. So up a step or two, bat have always fallen down ere and to roll through mighty forests, where croconess sake, irrespective of name, sect or denomi- great is the preparation that when a Bishop in a long, and now I have given up striving, for luck diles and monkeys live, and where great serpents nation—give them the right hand of fellowship, diocese, a short time ago, took the Bibles from is against me." the hands of the people, they wished to have him "No, sir," cried another; "it is not so much 'Foolish one! I must make ten or a do Greeks have a repugnance to foreign interfer- while more honest folks remain at the foot."

nal life, while Mohammedanism, though it is in tion on one alike to him in sympathies and in such a rebellion since! advance of heathenism, is by no means to be fortune, and wedded happiness with her. He compared with the Greek Church, for it lacks not became a trader for himself, having from his inonly the grace, but even the name of Christian. come laid by sufficient to start with. His pro-Christianity must ultimately triumph over and bity, his courtesy and his application, commendagainst all forms of religion, however moral. ed him to all his customers, and every year saw The East, once the birth-place of Christianity, is him advancing higher in the world's estimation. now overrun by the Mohammedans, whose pro- Not only did he devote his energies to his busi-Saviour's place. This it seems to me was only bours soon began to look upon him as an He was a faithful man of God while he lived, allowed by Jehovah for a punishment to those authority in public matters, and again and again and triumphant in his death. Christians who perverted the truth they possess- confided offices of trust to him, in which he ined to their own private uses. Just as He allow- variably won golden opinions. Independent in Lord's, that he has received us, and calls us his. ed to their own private uses. Just as its size and calls us his.

Lord s, that he has received us, and calls us his.

This is religion—a relinquishment of the pria-It not warm, go to your brethren, and insist on them that the room must be comfortable, pleasant of the parable of the lost sheep. See and the Greeks.

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"The facilities for education," said one, "are his power, and hates both the Christian and his relation to Code a covenant made with God, that we so great in Greece, that the people become educated above their circumstances." The Greek mind is so active that it will progress just in the mind is so active that it will progress just in the mind is you act best acquainted. Ended the property of the control of the Christian and his power, and hates both his power, and hates both the Christian and his power, and hates of the Christian and his power, and hates

General Miscellann.

The Ladder of Life.

help you up, or you have no chance" so waken its ares. You want not merely to Like an earthly warrior; first, the victory; then, the should and so so full of sunshine, of genuine kindness.

The reingitus renormation among the should need, and it danced, and it danced

shall you aid?

1. Let the weekly prayer-meeting live in your chart—think of it when in your business—when you read your Bible—and see if you do not light pread the religious paper, and see if you do not find some thought, or some anecdote, or so

wentury have globale in his name. You may less, proposed and others are only a control of the board and others are only the control of the board and others are only the control of the board and others are only the control of the board and the water of the control of the board and the board of the board

and the contractor, and the carpenters, and also pleasure seeking, idolatry in dress, the popular, are they religiously prepared to become the else the work will be accomplished, and they great ships on them, and great whales awimming a child of Abraham and walk by naked faith in there. And even such, constant, meek, and good vice, a presenting of the body a living, perpetual hold the fruit.

May the Lord bless and prosper you all, is the led trout—not a whale nor a porpoise, not even delignt in my work as a minister; my removantly are helps to the meeting. Every one who goes sacrifice, holy and acceptable to the Lord, which is Son, Jesus

lakes! We want to be oceans!' But, my good fellow, the earth is not big enough to have any more oceans! Don't you seelings, I praise God and I trust in his Word, see that if I let you out you will not be an ocean, and when I am empty and my feelings are gone, see that if I let you out you will not be an ocean, James Holford has risen step by step up the but at once be swallowed up in the oceans, and I do the same. I have covenanted to walk by faith and not by feeling."

'Me! Why, your majesty. I am ashamed

and parrots live!

pebbly channel. Its face was bright, its eye large your influence,

Christian Experience.

Holiness to the Lord; OR, A MINISTER'S EXPERIENCE.

William Hill, whose experience is described

"It is sweet to feel that we are wholly the

that your joy might be full." John xv, It.

"God is in the midst of thee;" "He is mighty;" "He will save." What more does any poor sinner need than this—a present God, Amberst and Andover, and has now returned a hore of others; yet there are certain things which the stewards were astonished at the result them-

you would a frosty iron, and drop him as you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves, declaring pelled a reluctant momerch to give, them a continuity. In more than one respect can it be said sullen waters murmured over their banks. The beauting sine, which had dominion over me, feel the frost.

Don't teach false theology. You sometimes life? God in his mercy is raising up a people unanimity and order, expelled an imbedie king, pared the mind of the age to seek for truth. The

in them, and that men can sail on them days and the Word of God, and not by inward feelings

Christ. I am a babe in Christ. I know my attainments are small compared with those made

Ministerial

Pastoral Duty.

The following is an extract from an Address delivered by Bishop Ames at the Missouri Conference last month, previous to reading the ap-

removed as an unworthy shepherd. While the luck as scheming; the selfish schemer gets up new continents before you can be Amasona desirable in your religion; to be able to Just then the king heard a low, silvery laugh, recommend it to the young, that when they shall ence with their religion, they gladly purchase the "Patronage does it all," said a third; "you He looked down, and there was a little moun-Bible from the native agent, and listen to his ad- must have somebody to take you by the hand and tain-brook rippling and laughing along in its pleasing in your religion-this will greatly en-

want this meeting to be the instrument of doing field of conquest; then, the hymn of triumph.

your church and the community good. How He "rests in his love!" Love with God is a movement? If but two or three are of one mind is ever to be re-established, and the dome of St. man can do better for himself. No. I will rise if you had wanted me to be an Amazon, or a pleasant to the children, and exhibits his sym-Sophia at Constantinople again be made to reverberate the praises of Christian hearts. Christian heart fianity, however corrupt, is far better than any fully carried out. From the humblest office in a forward thou shalt be a favorite with every body? that man preach. I like him. He seems to be other form of religion. Corrupt as the Greek store, to the post of the highest trust, James Hol- And the brook went singing on, and the lakes a good man." Brethren, you do not know how Church is, it has in itself the very germ of eter- ford rose in a few years. He placed his affec- and rivers were ashamed, and have never had such work swells your congregations. And this fireside conversation and prayer! These people who are thus attended to, are much more likely. when they come into the church, to stay there than are others. They have a love for the church and a regard for the ministry. There is sufficiently understand and appreciate. Remember, brethren, you do not meet the requisitions phet holds, in the minds of the people, the importance of the Savour, and is substituted in the people that it is substituted in the following letter, was pastor of the Second portance of the Savour, and is substituted in the following letter, was pastor of the Second portance of the Savour, and is substituted in the following letter, was pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Newburg, New York. bers. Visit wherever you have the opportunity.
Try to do all the people good; and if you fall nos fellow in the water struggling for life. you try to save him, you will be better for