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The seasons came and went, and went and came, To teach man gratitude; and as they past, Gave warning of the lapse of time, that else Had stolen unheeded by. The gentle flowers, Retired, and stooping o'er the wilderness, Talked of humanity, and peace, and love, The dews came down unseen at evening tide, And silently their bounties shed, to teach, Mankind unostentatious charity. With arm in arm the forest rose on high And lesson gave of brotherly regard. And, on the rugged mountain-brow exposed, Bearing the blast alone, the ancient oak, Stood lifting high his mighty arm, and still, To courage in distress exhorted loud, The flocks, the herds, the birds, the streams,

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the breeze, Attorned the heart to melody and love. Mercy stood in the cloud, with eye that wept Essential love; and from her glorious bow, Bending to kiss the earth in token of peace, With her own lips, her gracious lips, which God Of sweetest accent made, she whispered still; She whispered to Revenge, Forgive, forgive. The sun rejoicing round the earth, announced, Duity the wisdom, power, and love of God, The moon awoke, and from her maiden face, Shedding her cloudy locks, looked meekly forth, For dreams, in visions, sleep instructed much. rope. So all the sinner's hope lies, not in Day utlered speech to day, and night to night, strugling to save himself, but in ceasing to

the grave, The darkness, and the lonely waste, had each A tongue, that ever said, Man ; think of God ! Think of thyself ! think of eternity !

## What is it to Believe in Christ? to be willing that Christ should do the work

of my salvation, why do you urge me to be-Reader, did you ever ask this question? come a Christian, or to do any thing? Why Is it your sincere and carnest wish to have not let me sit still, and wait till Christ again; but though the lady was good, and made him anxious for the saving of his soul. it answered? If so, this paper is intended shall come and pardon me?" And what if for you. May God make it a blessing to the man in the boat had dropped his oar, of by-gone toils and privations, and for the ters; for, as he tells us, "I had not known your soul!

I will suppose that you have at some the rope to save him? He might as well time felt alarmed in view of your sins, and have died rowing as sitting still, and would inquired in your thoughts, if not in words, as certainly have died in the latter case as "What must I do to be saved?" You have in the former. But he must grasp the rope. the same answer that Paul gave to the jailor. So the sinner must lay hold on the cross ; "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Still not by waiting till he is better, but by first you hesitate. You ask what this language concluding that he shall never be any better means. You desire to know what it is to in the way he is going on, and then looking believe on Christ. to Christ. As he perceives the ground Your wish fellow-sinner is a very reason- sinking beneath him, and teels how wretch-

able one .-- The wonder and the sin is, that ed he is, filled with mingled despair and hope you have not asked such a question before. ---despair in himself, and hope in the power It is a most important and solemn question. and mercy of Christ-he says, "I stand upon a mountain's edge, O save me, lest I fall !" It has much to do with your salvation: for

the Bible declares, "He that believeth on His prayer is heard-the heart of the the Son bath everlasting life : and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life :

compassionate Saviour is ready to welcome but the wrath of God abideth on him."

sooner, as when he hopes he was pardon- reach the summit of the highest\_mountain ed. The next thing required of you is, without passing through the intermediate To cast youself unreservedly on his mercy, spaces, or to hope to attain the heights of and trust in him alone for salvation. This science by forgetting the elements of know- James Hamilton,") the copvists sometimes implies that you renounce all expectations of ledge. These absurdities have sprung, how- took great pains with their manuscripts, and saving yourself, or of being saved any other ever, in the advocates of infidelity, from an Bibles were then elaborately embellished. Lend a glad ear to your Saviour's call way than through the righteousness and re- ignorance of human nature, sufficient to dis. Traced in silver and gold and brilliant codemption of Christ. Did you ever feel as it grace even those who did not style them- lours, occasionally executed on tinted parchyou had done all you could? Have you selves philosophers. Presuming, contrary ment, the mere letters were often a gorgeous Rest, rest for your sous He offers to all tried to think of something more to do to to the experience of every moment, that the picture ; and such illuminated manuscripts obtain hope and forgiveness? You have affections are awakened by reasoning, and will always awaken the astonishment and done too much in this way already. perceiving that the general good is an in- delight of the tasteful antiquarian.

Just stop doing, and begin to trust Christ comparably greater object in itself than the We do not print our Bibles in silver and to do all, and yon are safe. A man is row- happiness of any limited number of indivi- gold ; nor have we verses marked out from Like Him meck and lowly, ing a boat on a river just above a dreadful duals, they interred nothing more was ne- the others, by their vermillion link or their cataract. The current begins to bear him cessary than to exhibit it in its just dimen- bolder character. And yet we have somedownward, the spectators on the banks give sions, to draw the affections towards it ; as times thought that every careful reader can 

is thrown towards the wretched man, it strikes known to render us indifferent to our do- at one time or another, have stirred or the water near the boat; now how does the mestic concerns, and lead us to direct all our strengthened him :--it is all radiant with But what he suffered no language can tellcase stand? Do all the spectators call upon anxiety to the prosperity of that vast but texts which have accused, or rebuked, or him to row, to row stronger, to try harder remote empire.-Rev. Robt. Hall. to reach the shore, when with every stroke

of his arm the boat is evidently floating towards the falls? O no, the eager and united cry is, "Drop your oars! give up your by the restoration, was attended with most desperate attempt ! take hold of the rope !" But he chose to row, and in a few minutes he disappears and perishes. All his hope And with her virgin stars, walked in the heaven : lay, not in rowing, but in *ceasing* to row ; for but he knew what it was to lead the life of a And wath her virgin stars, walked in the heaven : iay, not in rowing, out in could hot grasp the fugitive; and, after making a narrow escape Taught knowledge ; Silence had a tongue; struggle; for while he expects soon to ac-

doing but yielding that is required.

all exclaim. But in another moment a rope of China to Great Britain needed but to be The book is all bright with passages which, consoled him. On this verse he heard a Closing Days of John Owen.

The retirement into which he was forced of the hardships incident to an ejected minister, to which were added sufferings and sorrows of his own. He never was in prison, from dragoons sent to arrest him, he was compelled to quit his rural retreat, and seek a coincide; and a few emphatic sentences may struggle; for while he expects soon to ac-precarious refuge in the capital. In 1676, be common to all: but, according to indivi-complish the work of salvation, he will not he lost his wife; but before this, they had dual peculiarities or providential circumlook to Christ to do it for him. It is not mingled their tears over the coffins of ten out of their eleven children; and the only with glory to one eye are obscure or ordina-

But you say, "If all I have to do is to cease from attempting to save myself, and the house of an unkind husband, to seek be-To take two instances. Suppose that side her father, all that was left of the home each man were to mark in vermillion the of her childhood. Soon after he married verse that first convinced him of sin, or first and then folded his hands, and waited for brief remainder of his days, weakness and sin, except the commandment had said,anguish made many a mournful deduction. Thou shalt not covet." In the Bible of Still the busy mind worked on. To the Alexander Henderson it would be, "He congregation which had already shown at that entereth not by the door into the sheeponce its patience and its piety by listening fold, but climbeth up some other way, the to Caryl's ten quartos on Job, and who was same is a thief and a robber ;" for that was afterwards to have its patience further tried the shaft which pierced the conscience of the and rewarded in the long but invalid incum- unconverted Minister. In the Bible of the bency of Isaac Watts, Dr. Owen ministered Ironside soldier, the rubric would be found as long as he was able ; and, being a preach- at Eccles. xi. 9 ; for it was there that the er who had "something to say," it was cheer- bullet stopped, which, but for the interposing ing to him to recognize among his constant Bible, would have pierced his bosom; and attendants, persons so intelligent and influ- when the battle was over he read, " Rejoice, ential as the late Protector's brother in law O young man, in thy youth; and let thy and son-in-law, Col. Deaberough and Lord heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, Charles Heetwood, Sir John Hartopps, the and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in

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Before the days of printing, (says Dr. O come, all ve wearv. And we heavy liden. Fearing or grieving. Yet humbly believing,

> O then sing H sannah. With abilant volves And follow his train with willing accord In heart and life boly.

Lord. How easy Ilis voke is How light is his burden ' His grief in the garden To purchase our pardonsermon which he never can forget; this His pangs on the cross to save us from hell.

chapter is associated with some affecting event in his domestic history ; and here is a Hence loud Hallelujahs paragraph which gave rise to a dialogue or Shall sound without ceasing ; meditation, ever memorable in his religious And t till they all meet in the kinghom above, The living, the living,

Prayer, praise and thank-giving. Yet were a hundred such illuminated Bibles compared, it would be found that in no Shall joyfully render their love for his love J. M. two of them is the same set of passages The Mount, April 29th, 1854, marked and made prominent. Some may

> -----A few Hints to a Father.

Father, you have a son, a darling son, stances, it will turn out that portions fraught He has faculties for good and for evil, and they must act. Each capable of such in-Your son is now young; he has no habits, formed, and you have been appointed by manuscript.

direct his innocent footsteps ? What would

ried the ague through the region, and the Art habitants englit it and had to move away a preparent rid advalit and at last, the very moge cast their version and the two ways, deal more the read and deserted it, and break the limit of the two sectors. upon the pool and deserted it, and beave . in met y to man, smole it with a hotter. And the go breath and dried it up. "But did not the little stream exhaus

itself? Ob, no ! God saw to that : it emplied Scotland and Popery. its fall cup into the river, and the river bare it on to the sea, and the sea welcomed it, and The addowing is Ver dithe sum smilled upon the sea, and the sea of the  $f_{\rm eff}$  is a Rsent up its incense to great the sun, and the clouds caught in their capacious bosoms the incense from the sea, and the winds bla waiting steeds, caught the chariots of the first of the form increase of 1 Own Christ, as good servants, your Master and clouds and bore them away - away to the mountain that gave the little fountain birth and there they tipped the brinning cup, and last men boured the grateful baptism down; and so God saw to it, that the little fountain, though he beins it gave so fully and so freely never tren day. We for

And if God so bless the fountain, will be sent to attract processes Board not bless you, my triends, it, has ye have the Curr hot Rome not 1 treely received, ye also freely give Betreely received, ye also freely give Be after three days of solution assured he will." -Religious Intelligeners. deliveration, it acted to the

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----Extemporary Preaching.

durates and dur s-out to The two greatest preachers of modern with Processing Association times, Whitefield and Robert Hall, were where a prined, no store extemporizers, their written sermons were at Papter rescurring a composed after delivery." Such a thing as Protestant Representation, as a manuscript sermon is never seen in the Processant hand in Pailmanni, and pulpits of the continent of Europe, except me the Protestant, of all ration when American or English elergymen hap-vast contederacy of control down pened to ascend them. If the European sistance. The curryne out of dergy, Catholic or Protestant, write their mensures has been committed to a discourses, they have, nevertheless, the R formation Society, which have good sense to deliver them memoriter, and much toward evolving a techar tense action that both cannot act ay a level, thereby save them from the dulhaess of read- containce the Rulers of the R must be, in some measure, subservient, ing. In like manner did the old unrivalled that it they wink to continue at its h Your son is now young; he has no habits, pulpitorators of France--Massillon, Bossuet, shall only be on the condition of a no principles, no character. These must be Bourdaloue, Fletcher, Fencion-eschew the and forever abandonnes a cost of

again; but though the lady was good, and black manufactory formed, and you have been appointed by manuscript. formation. This you must do, whether you quence," contends for extempore speaking : endow Popish chaptains topish in the king will or not. The nature of the relation ex- the argues that even the classic orators were a dom has produced throughout the land the isting between you and your son renders mostly extemporizers. There is much to deepest ficting of indignation and dismity yonr non-participation in the formation of his character impossible. Towards what course of life would you itsee the impossible what course of life would you itsee the impossible impossible in the matrix of the second of the s orising their substance, but delivering them neeted with their end systems, and there you have him become? A man in form without regard to the written language.-- is no reason for en low as there as chaptains only; independent of the good, with feeble (See Feuelon.) Ware says, "Chatham's in juls, which is not at his? equilibrium trong wavering energy, his self-respect a mere low speeches were not written, nor those of Fox. for the establishment of the R enish thereby disgusting pride?-You can easily train him nor that of Ames on the British treaty.- itself in Ireland, and mash parts of Bedam for this, as thousands have and are being. They were so far as regards their language in which that system exists trained, unless his mind is far above the and ornaments, the effusions of the moment, ed course of the encretchment of Rome commonalty. Treat him as a machine, and derived from their freshness a power have been such that we ain the bast space impress it upon him that he is a mere tool, which no study could impart. Among the of one year we have had to record oursees and he will soon become such Make him orations of Cicero, which are said to have and attractives more bein keenly feel his inferiority, check all his as-Hon. Roger Boyle, Lady Abney, and the sight of thine eyes: but know thou that pirings, and like a sapling bent to the ground, best accomplished the orator's design, and the the sight of thine eyes: but know thou that he will soon learn to grow downward. But those delivered on unexpected emergencies, the doings of Pepery, the generationent has

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Do you say you cannot? O, then, now you cannot? The second the provide the pro Whose fault is it that you do not still compassionate Redeemer : tell him all

save you, and save you now. He is able,

*suc,* to hear you reply, "O hord, I cannot us love the whole species more, by loving terred, they had the date of the very particular part of it less. In pursuit grave is with us to this day; but in the which have pieced the conscience and conneed it before the summer's over. It has with the evidence of his glory.— *Chalmers*, they had the date of the very particular part of it less. In pursuit crowded for the very particular part of it less. In pursuit crowded for the very particular part of the very particular part of it less. In pursuit crowded for the very particular part of the very part of the very part of the very particular part of the very part of the think that they woulds traceive such a one every particular part of it less. In pursuit grave is with us to this day; but in the which have pierced the conscience and connect the summer's over. It has we as me, if I should come? Yet you do in effect of this chimerical project, gratitude, humility, deet say this, every moment you cherish the conjugal, parental, and filial affection, togenteeling that you are too sinful to hope for ther with every other social disposition, are the long that you are too sinful to hope for ther with every other social disposition, are the summer source of the summer to pay for it—you have a hot summer to pay for it—you have a hot summer to pay for it—you have and proved effectual to the healing of such will dry up then.' Well, said the stream-

pardon. You mistake this for humility, but reprobated ; virtue is limited to a passionate the gate, few pilgrims can distinguish the

pardon. You mistake this for humility, but its unbelief and sin.
You must believe that he is willing now.
Perhaps you have thought he would be found that in this let, 'if I am to de sosson, I had better do life is extinguished, and all the bands of so- diety are untwisted, from whence this ardent in the general good is to spring?
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A young man is invited by vicious comparent, or the gambling presentative of Solend. (Appla 1...)
An old Man's Secret. in praying, and weeping, and growing better. affection for the general good is to spring? assured your worst enemy wants no When this savage philosophy has commore than that you should continue to think pleted its work, when it has taught its dis-so. *Fou are growing no better.* You are growing no better. What reprints a drop steal away. Soon the much opposition, without ever betraying the doing nothing to gain Christ's favour while of his least impatience. An interse friends, when it has a family of sons. He is pointed out to me, jist as a currowity. This was the lamp which lighted such a pil-uon the little stream. But the trees crowd-bosom, so estrange himself from his friends, who highly admired these qualities which is the network the rest did. Whet is the network which is the network the rest did. Whet is the network which is the network

be willing to receive you. If you will con-time to place that time at the distance of a week, or an hour, or a minute, his object is pained, and your soul is lost. -But you ask, "Does not a sinner, at the but you ask, "Does not a sinner, at the but you ask, "Does not a sinner, at the but you ask, "Does not a sinner, at the but you ask, "Does not a sinner, at the but you ask, "Does not a sinner, at the but you ask, "Does not a sinner, at the but you ask, "Does not a sinner, at the but you ask, "Does not a sinner, at the but you ask, "Does not a sinner, at the but you ask, "Does not a sinner, at the but you ask, "Does not a sinner, at the but you ask, "Does not a sinner, at the but you ask, "Does not a sinner, at the promet of his actual submission to the Same promet of the but you you have the bus you have t

take the Saviour at his word! Are you sight, as well as his astonishing industry. At sinners, of whom 1 am chief is for it was in him so that he can only approach you with the 23rd August, 1683, he dictated a note to his back which fasts and penances had only sorrows, hopes and fears, which, although About the time of the invention of the

In order to render men benevolent; they had put to the press his "Meditations on like Jacob, who, at Luz, would always see \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christian Guardian. for he is almighty. You are a great sinner, must first be made tender; for benevolent the glory of Christ." There was a moment's the lingering light of the ladder-every time but Christ is a great Saviour. Satan has affections are not the offspring of reasoning; gleam in his languid eye as he answered. I he returned to the passage, even in his most

been trying to persuade you that Christ is they result from that culture of the heart, am glad to hear it; but, oh brother Payne! cursory perusal, the devout the logian would not able to save so great a sinner as you are. from those early impressions of tenderness. The long wished for day is come at last, in perceive a surviving trace of that manifes-the remotest scenes of the Universe; the enumerating the precise numbers from each

have found peace in him months, or years to the end; is as absurd as to attempt to pine or complain,"

last the pen dropped from his hand, and on sight of these words that the burden fell from an affront. He has his world of joys and Boundlessness of the Creation, victory over the common be.

-----Beautiful Illustration.

when he unterest this kind welcome, "" noso" build general benevolence on the destruction in righteousness, the unterent streamlet? I am going to the river to God finds room for the exercise of air has at-wer contribution of individual tenderness, and to make where five years later, John Bunyan was in-passages have done. It would be found that bear this cup of water God has given me. where five years later, John Bunyan was in-passages have done. It would be found that bear this cup of water God has given me. where five years later, John Bunyan was in-passages have done. It would be found that bear this quiver there are hundreds of arrows where he can raise another mechan-bin this quiver there are hundreds of arrows where he can raise another mechan-in this quiver there are hundreds of arrows where he can raise another mechan-bin this quiver there are hundreds of arrows where he can raise another mechan-in this quiver there are hundreds of arrows in this quiver there are hundreds of arrows where he can raise another mechan-in this quiver there are hundreds of arrows in this quiver there are hundreds of arrows in the given mechan-terred, they laid the dust of here was another mechan-in this quiver there are hundreds of arrows in the given mechanism of worlds, and fill and animate them all multitudes. In Staten I here they have an

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gested to me, that beyond and above all that Holland, Belgium, Switzer and, Italy, Spain, is visible to man, there may be fields offerear Portugal, Turkey, Suchari-mahort even tion which sweep immeasurably along, and country in Europe; some in Asia and Al-carry the impress of the Almighty's hand to rica; many from South America. After

this tree of life, as many leaves have dropped, have a hot summer to pay for it—you and proved effectual to the healing of such will dry up then.' Well,' said the stream-wounds. It would be found that in this left, 'if' I am to die so soon, I had better work arden there hardly grows an herb, but some while the day lasts.' If I am likely to lose the stream of the

An old Man's Secret. An Italian Bishop struggled through great nic. How many a text should we tind in-the was a latter to the taste, have, in blessing and rejorning in its sources for pool smiled complacently at its own superior pool smiled complacently at its own superior toresight, and husbanded all its resources for each of y the toresight, and husbanded all its resources for each of y the toresight, and husbanded all its resources for each of y the toresight, and husbanded all its resources for each of the pointed out to my, is the as a currently.

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