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The first oracle of Redemption was coeval with man's apostacy. In one pregnant sentence He who is "wonderful in counsel and excellent in working," announced the destined overthrow of Satan's usurped dominion, the and affords a sure guarantee, of all the subsegrace that bringeth salvation. Along the whole course of the Divine administration, from that of sacred history, illustrations of its progressive

In the evolution of this stupendous scheme, for the recovery of our sinning race from the ruins of the fall, it was fitting that the grand, cross. central epoch, should be marked by the auspicious event which we to-day commemorate; the event that on each recurrence of this anniverthat hailed the advent of the Son of God to our the soul.

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offers itself to our contemplation, in the mystery tion. Other and highly important objects were of its character,—the infinite benevolence of its compreheaded in that general design; but they

the mystery of Godliness, God was manifested his preceptive, teaching-the manifestation in in the flesh. "God," as the same momentous his person of the glory as of the only begotten truth is expressed in our text, "God sent forth of the Father, full of grace and truth, together his Son, made of a woman, made under the with the exemplification of perfect holiness

us in the lively oracles. To indulge a spirit design could not have been realized without of rationalistic speculation on a subject at once the shedding of his precious blood as a propiso awful and so consoling, were not only vain tiation for the sins of the world. It behoved but preversely irreverent. Our highest wisdom, him to suffer, and to rise again from the dead, and indeed the only legitimate function of that rependance and tended in his name among all nations.

In selecting the foretoid era of the reason, in relation to problems of which the be preached in his name among all nations.

Christ, in preference to all others. volume of inspiration only can supply the solu. Salvation presupposes sin; and "by the law and gratitude the Divine response.

the incargation of Christ, the fact that, the ruin we must view it in contrast with the grandeur of our redemption. It is clearness and copiousness of the Bible with and the grandeur of our redemption. It is less cycles of eternity.

It is replete with practical instruction. Let members have not the courage to be absent, and so the dear Christ is wounded by his prohis name shall be called, Wonderful, Coun- glory of God." his name shall be called, Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father,
the Prince of Peace." Shall I refer to the
animated testimony of Micah, when rapt by
the revealing spirit into the same anspicious era?

This blessed privilege forms a part of the salvation common to all the members of God's
spiritual household. To be assured that we
to us, not in word only, but in power, and with the revealing spirit into the same auspicious era? Listen to his thrilling words :- But thou Bethlethe thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall be come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel: whose goings torth have been of old.

Jesus, which is the spirit of prophecy, the Gospel narratives are replete with illustrative exemplifications of the distinctive peculiarity of the person of Christ as the God-man. His descent to the scene of his humiliation occasioned no interval of suspension in the adoring cleared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by his resur-

I have anticipated the full disclosures with respect to God our Saviour that are scattered respective orbits, can be supposed to be the works of a dependent creature—if worshippers homage to a created being, not only without incurring the guilt of idolatry, but in obedience then, not otherwise, may Christ be regarded is direct or inferential, systematic theologians, as This is but one side of the truth concerning merely as a creature of unrivalled dignity—a is direct or ingerential, systematic theologians, as God, not in the proper sense, but by virtue of derived even leaves and delegated enthesite. There is another class of facts about however, although those in whose hearts Christ them.

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the glory of God the Father.

"But when the fulness of the time was come, sels of eternal wisdom, that he should assume

II. To know the love wherewith God has sary, simultaneously guides all the streams of to work out our redemption, the means by

The supreme purpose of the incarnation of In the text which I have chosen, the incarna- Christ was, that by giving himself a ransom tion of our Lord and Saviour. Jesus Christ, for all he might obtain for us eternal redempobjects, - and the appropriateness of the time of were important only as being subsidiary to its accomplishment. The clearness and sublimity I. Without controversy, brethren, great is of his doctrinal; and the purity and range of that gave a celestial lustre and loveliness to Of this sublime mystery, we know nothing, his human character, were all tributary to the and can know nothing, but as it is revealed to grand design of his earthly sojourn; but that

tion, is, with all humility to ask, What saith is the knowledge of sin." The holy rectitude Father of lights. Prophets, Apostles, and wrath of God. All this is included in our gestive. Evangelists unite in holy harmony, and in the being under the law. For we are not merely, as richest variety of phrase and illustration to moral agents, under its code; but as sinners attest the coalescence of essential Deity and we are under its curse. And the curse of an wonder at the Divine philanthropy manifested of the Church. Let the new Testament mortrue humanity in the person of our Redeemer. offended God is, you know, the dark presage in our redemption? And that wonder will rise Shall I refer to the testimony of Isaiah, called of endless woe. From that terrific doon the in proportion to the justness and humiliation of and its members will be "living epistles." by eminence the evangelical prophet, who saw incarnated Son of God died to redeem us. in proportion to the justness and humiliation of the views wherewith we are impressed of our which scepticism and indifferentism must read the views wherewith we are impressed of our which scepticism and indifferentism must read the views wherewith we are impressed of our which scepticism and indifferentism must read the views wherewith we are impressed of our which scepticism and indifferentism must read the views wherewith we are impressed of our which scepticism and indifferentism must read the views wherewith we are impressed of our which scepticism and indifferentism must read the views where with the views where views the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted The value of his transcendent sacrifice justifies own ingratitude and unworthiness. "Herein up—and heard the magnificent antiphony of the the highest estimate of the riches of redeeming is love, not that we love God, but that He loved the veiled seraphim, celebrating the glory of grace. There full expansion will require an us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for Christ the Lord? With what rapture does be eternity of bliss. But the appropriation our sins!" Equally entitled to our thankful anticipate his incarnation, and with what through faith of their inexhaustible treasures, graphic power does he portray, the apparently be it remembered, begins in time. "There-Christ who, for a time, disrobed himself of rreconcilable, yet really inseparable properties fore being justified by faith, we have peace the majestic form of his Divinity, and ex-

government shall be upon his shoulder: and wherein we stanc, and rejoice in hope of the made rich. Nor ought we to be less powerfully have passed from death unto life—that our the blissful assurance of present salvation. H Listen to his thrilling words:—But thou Bethle-hem, Ephratah, though thou be little among the though the best between blotted out, and our names en-from the enraptured heart of the pardoned from everlasting." Let the writer who closes ance of the saints in light. Without a contact that not one-twelfth of the population of the chis is all the more unfortunate in that the contact that not one-twelfth of the population of the chis is all the more unfortunate in that the contact that not one-twelfth of the population of the chis is all the more unfortunate in that the contact that not one-twelfth of the population of the chis is all the more unfortunate in that the contact that not one-twelfth of the population of the chis is all the more unfortunate in that the contact that not one-twelfth of the population of the chis is all the more unfortunate in that the contact that not one-twelfth of the population of the chis is all the more unfortunate in that the contact that not one-twelfth of the population of the chis is all the more unfortunate in that the contact that not one-twelfth of the population of the chis is all the more unfortunate in that the contact that not one-twelfth of the population of the chis is all the more unfortunate in that the contact that not one-twelfth of the population of the chis is all the more unfortunate in that the contact that not one-twelfth of the population of the chis is all the more unfortunate in the chief that not one-twelfth of t present our reference to the cumulative evidence of prophecy on this topic: And the Lord shadows, clouds, and darkness must rest upon who having given us such exceeding great and our present relation to God, and our eternal precious promises by his inspiration, enables temple, even the messenger of the covenant prospects. Surely, my brethren, it can not the whom ye delight in, behold he shall come saith In striking accordance with the testimony of agined that in one great object of his redeeming and favorite doxology:—
enterprise Christ has failed, namely, "to Praise God from whom all blessings flow enterprise Christ has failed, namely, "to deliver them who, through fear of death. were all their lifetime subject to bondage?"

homage paid to him by the most illustrious order of created intelligences, in the preexistent glory which he had with the father before the Scriptures more explicit and use the world was. "When He bringeth his First quivocal. "For as many as are led by the begotten into the world, he saith—and let all spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For the angels of God worship him." Though he ye have not received the spirit of bondage was made of the seed of David, according to the flesh, and by his sacrificial death on the cross proved to be mortal, yet was he "dethat we are the children of God" In the text perpetuates itself; festers and gangrenes unthis consolatory blessing is represented as given til the very existence of the social fabric is to there who are accepted in the beloved, in threatened. It is enough barely to mention virtue of their filial relation to God: "And London, Paris, and New York. London, because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the with its thieves' quarter, which no policeme Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying Abba, dares to enter after nighfall, and the shameles In such profusion over the spostolic epistles.

Nor is it necessary minutely to point them out.

If the worlds stronged through measurables.

Spirit of his son into your nearts, crying Abba, dares to enter after inguisate in all its thormal factors. The inference is, admitting the possibility of our being the children of God without the worlds stronged through measurables. If the worlds strewed through measureless out the conscious possession of the Spirit of under the judgment of that God she once votrealms of space, and their sustentation in their adoption that we grievously wrong our own ed out of the universe,) with an exterior s souls if we live without the enjoyment of the splendid and a demeanor so engaging to the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the uninitiated eye, that it is hard to realize what on earth and in heaven may render supreme Holy Ghost which is given unto us; for that is a mass of moral putrefaction is thus hid from unquestionably the spiritual birthright of all view; "New York, with its immense greed the sons and daughters of the Almighty Lord. tor gold, and its large districts of heathen-With respect to the nature of the witness of the dom-the two symbolized by Broadway and honor the Son even as they honor the Father, Holy Spirit to our adoption—namely, whether it Five Points.

consanguiaity, as well as by resemblance of petent to determine the fittest period in the ing, through-and-through style of piety; a say I am not a regular fireman." of the Redeemer when death, the last enemy, God, and thinking it not robbery to be equal rial Rome, and the liberal genius of its political which braves all perils, and calmly says, "We hears the gospel is commanded to proclaim it. with God, he yet humbled himself and became institutions afforded greater facilities than had are not careful to answer thee in this matter. of the Gospel.

But the phrase the fulness of time, was proloved us, we must consider in connection with bably meant by St. Paul particularly to denote the peerless dignity of him whom he designated the arrival of the time, when, according to the immortality. God demands, and the Church Christian meditation into one channel—evoking from every sanctuary, and from every godly which it was procured, and the rich heritage into the conscious possession of which those household, glad responses to the angelic song are introduced who believe to the saving of the appearance of some illustrious personage, to proceed from Judea, the destined agent lent in the heathen world, we learn from the borrowed from the prophecies of Isaiah in justice. Pope's Messiah. Among the Hebrews, from In walking rapidly up Broadway, one day we whose sacred writings that hope was derived, it

> eavenly places, the manifold wisdom of God undermine spiritual power. in selecting the foretold era of the coming of Nor must there be any compromise with the

our meditations on this happy anniversary, is A Christian man is put up for office; he need the Scripture?—and to receive with meekness of its precepts demonstrates the obliquity and one the interest of which will continue unabated the courage of a hero to resist the temptation guilt of our rebellion. But, brethren, if we through all the coming ages of time; and whose to covert bribery and to the defilment of base Mow the grand mystery of Redemption being would measure the depth and dimensions of our inspiration will impart t) the songs of the 18the incarnation of Christ, the fact that, the ruin we must view it in contrast with the grace demed their richest rapture through the limit and committees, and military balls, in which

eendent importance, is one that should cal of our guilt, depravity, moral enslavement to me close by simply indicating one or two of and so the dear Christ is wounded by his pro forth our fervent ascriptions of praise to the Satan, and exposure to the overwhelming the many important lessons of which it is sug-

Who can devoutly contemplate the majesty and mission of the Son of God, without adoring recognition is the grace of our Lord Jesus of his unique personality! "For unto us a with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ; by changed the wealth of heaven for the woes child is born, unto us a son is given: and the whom we have access by faith into this grace of earth, that we through his poverty might be registered in the Lamb's book of life, 15 penitent. He it is who quickens, and ther obviously essential to enlightened peace of consoles the awakened conscience. He it is conscience, and a lively hope of the inherit- whose effective compassion helps our infirmi us, by embracing and appropriating them, to delievered him up for us all that, in relation to and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of ness, the habitual feeling of our souls should templation of the amazing love of the Triune be characterised by the alternation of transient God, let us give utterance to our consentaneous emotions in the jubilant words of the familiar

Praise Him above ye heavenly hose, Praise Father, Son, a d Ho y Ghost.

THE PIETY NEEDED IN CITIES. Nowhere else on earth is virtue so im

which thou hast set up."

There must be no compromise at all with any Work. prophetic oracles, the Messiah, the long desired greatly needs, the general prevalence of a piety business morality of our day is far too lax. We are liable to be tainted by it; and a Chrisof an ameliorating change in the condition of tian so tainted is a Sampson shorn. The Sparmankind, was, at that crisis, extensively preva- tans are said to have taught their children that their was allowable and smart, if it was only Latin historians Tacitus, and Suetonius; and so slyly done as not be found out. It seems to the same anticipation undoubtedty supplied the be very commonly assumed nowadays that a inspiration of Virgil's Pollio-the beauties of man may do anything that he pleases if he which are felicitously blended with imagery only does it so advoitly as to go unwhipped of

passed two men in earnest conversation about was of course cherished with a deeper interest their business difficulties. One said to the other, "I would have paid you long ago, if When the mystery of God shall be finished, you had not inquired of my acquaintances about when the whole scene of the world's and of the my reliability." The man felt his honor touchchurch's history shall spread out its ample ed, and he retorted with dishonesty. The rolume before the assembled myriads of the loose, inaccurate, over reaching way in which intelligent creation in the unshaded light of im- some apparently sincere Christians do business mortality, then will be known, not only to our accounts for their being stumbling blocks in race, but to the principalities and powers in the way of sinners. Moral laxity is sure to

spirit of worldliness-a very potent spirit-The theme, my brethren, that has engaged which works immense mischief in the Church.

We throw out these hints concerning a pre valent evil, in the firm belief that worldly con formity is a vampire sucking out the life blood ality and unworldliness prevail in any church and tremble.

Another demand-nowhere so urgent as great cities—is for a laborious style of piety— It seems a part of human nature to comm a piety which can bear burdens patiently, and which judges as Paul did, "that they which live cially when the pitier and the sufferer chance found them full of idols. Would it not be stirred as deeply now if he could walk our and commit suicide, according to our tempera-

lightened parts of the earth. It is startling to invalid. bear that, after eighteen centuries of Christian be stated: More than one-half of the inhab. be so in very truth. itants of the Protestant countries are practically Now, we have great sympathy tor people in

two hundred and sixty eight more churches helplessness of body.

together when he left it. He scattered it. He lamenting what they might have done.

tongue contess, that Jesus Christ is Lord, to cordially would we say of all, without exception, rural districts. Yet the truth we first announced with the glad tidings on your tongue; keep blind professor we once knew, who, spite Mother's Catechism, dedicated to the Young who are sealed with the holy Spirit of promise, is so manifest as to give a profound moral sig- going, and never stop until you step forth into poverty and sightlessness, had worked his way and Ignorant." He died very suddenly in the

deliverance of the victims of his malignity, and the means by which both were to be achieved. That memorable prophecy contains the germ, and affords a sure guarantee, of all the subseliver them who through fear of death were all mind; and of which indeed the works of genius, right every does so." Who is every body? Is was instantly superseded by this more rapturous because, having lost it he has manhood enough and plastic church. One of the first questions their life-time subject to bondage." By his in the different departments of literature, are he God? God said, thirty five hundred years solo. The hall was quickly cleared. The to make the most of the one hand left him. which he asked was, "Do your people take miraculous conception, through the power of still regarded with undiminished admiration, ago, "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to streets became vocal with the shouts of hun-

course of the Divine administration, from that hour to the present, may be traced by the lights of sacred history, illustrations of its progressive of sacred history illustrations of its progressive of sac ing the obligations, of a servant, that he might the objection that it stole into the world amid fulfill all righteousness, he was made under the darkness of an age of barbarism. More-image, is a very different thing from the Shad- and re-echoed the glad evangel. law. Thus it was that being in the form of over, the almost universal supremacy of imperach-Meshach and Abednego sort of rectitude On the last page of the Bible every man who

"Let him that heaerth say, Come." That is world will soon be Christ's .- Christian at

LEAVE ALL TO HIM.

Leave all to Him who knoweth all, To whom there's neither great nor small, But one vast comprehending plan, Thyselt involved, ere worlds began: Leave all to Him

Leave all to Him, He guideth all; He hears the weakest whon they call. For none are mightier than those Who on His unseen arm repose; Leave all to Him.

He'll scourge thee, when naught else will do But make thee more than conqueror too; Scourge thee, perhaps, against thy will, Yet trust in Him-He's thy Father still. Leave all to Him.

Though friends may turn to bitter foes. Leave all to Him. He ever knows, When thou would'st lean too much on the And seek, with them, thyself to please; Leave all to Him.

Which vexes and thy peace despoils Leave all to Him Leave all to Him, then sweetly lie Beneath His watchful, loving eye;

Leave all to Him, thy want, thy care,

The daily sum of wearying toils

That nameless grief that none may share,

And say, fulfil Thy will in me; In lite, in death, eternally, Leave all to Him.

FOR USELESS PEOPLE.

The blind preacher, Milburn, in advising a young man who had lost his sight, charged him above everything else, never to pity himself. The advice was very excellent, not only for the blind young man, but for all of us who lives in a world with an atmosphere, and conaccident, and death?

should not live unto themselves." The spirit to be one. And so when we feel ourselves of that mighty worker was stirred within him afflicted we grow morbidly tender of ourselves, when he walked the streets of Athens, and and give way to querulousness, or we become strreet as deeply now it has been streets? We weep tears of pity over the heathen in India. God pity the heathen in selves. We indulge all our little caprices and nervousnesses, and cultivate in ourselves a de-Many a Christian has no conception of the gree of petulance and general disagreeableness

Another effect of self-pity, and a still more effort, two thirds of the human race have nev- common one, is the abandonment of all effort, er heard the name of Jesus-to say nothing of under the idea that invalids or people other-Mohammedans, Romanists and Jews-and wise afflicted are of no use in the world. And facts are not so startling as two others yet to himself down as of no use in the world is apt to mised away."

charity, not one tenth of them are regenerated reason we write these words for their benefit. We have letters almost every day from people of telling Miss Abney that her fortune in-The persons who go to Church at all cer- of this sort, and the burden of all is the same : fluenced his choice, though he only wanted to tainly do not outnumber the aggregate sittings "I am of no use in the world." We sincerely use her money for the public good. She rein our churches; for it is presumable that two and earnestly sympathize with the sorrow of fused even to see him, and neglected to answer thirds of those who go at all go regularly, and such people. We are sorry they are afflicted, his innumerable letters and protests. He on any fine Sabbath morning our churches are but we are still more sorry that they pity them- inally published some of them, and, despairnot, on the average two thirds filled. New selves, because that very self-pity is by all ing of specific measures, sent her what he York city has a population of nine hundred adds the worst of their ills. And so we write termed a declaration of war. He asserted that resides, of the perfect wisdom, fidelity, and there words by way of encouragement, and being a very great man, he "would shoot off" and thirty thousand and church sixtings for the housand and church only two hundred and ninety thousand: not of censure, in the nope that some one of great bullets from his camp: ramely, by Suppose two fifths of the population to such may learn to believe himself of use in the carnest prayer to heaven, day and night, that be small children, invalids, and other persons world. We know well enough that anybody her heart might be soltened." Availing himwho could not go out on Sunday morning, it can bear the toothe-ache but him that has it," self of her absence from the vicinity of London, all the rest should attempt to go to Church, and we do not argue that invalids exaggerate he sent requests for prayer for her safety to the two hundred and and sixty eight thousand of their sufferings. We only say they may, if different city churches, and on her return a part of meditation at times and in due meaof them must remain in the streets—the chur they will, make themselves of use to themches would not hold them! And worse yet; if selves or to somebody else, in spite of their dangers of journeying. He so pestered her of its best elements if we did not from it learn

inhabitants as truly heathen as any in Hindos- have imparted but for ailments. Their help- Mr. Cruden was working hard on the version with life the moment it drops hour by hour an.

How is this wide spread and terrible muni
How is this wide spread and terrible muni
to cultivate in them a habit of self-sacrifice

Daily Advertiser, a paper rendered famous by Plucked plant that stands in water without cipal destitution of the gospel to be supplied? and a helpful disposition they would never its publication of the letters of Junius. About roots of its own, and can have no growth, and The answer is single and simple: By the ago otherwise have developed. In a thousand 1758 he seems to have become more settled in soon fades and passes away.—Beecher. gressive movements of the Church. There ways these people influence their friends for his mind. He was constant in labor, and unwill come no new star of Bethlehem, no new good, and who shall weigh the value of such a wearied in acts of benevolence. His actions flight of angels, no new tongues of fire. There life-work until He that counteth the hairs of were sometimes whimsical, but were often to be that of recording a man's life and deeds must be the persistent use of the old means, our heads and looketh even after the sparrows generous and beneficial. He was instrumental so far as they have tended to the furtherance energized by an increase of the old, ever new shall make up the account? But even in oth- in saving an ignorant forger from the gallows; of the kingdom of God, and to leave almost or er and more direct ways people striken in their prevented a disheartened man from committing quite unnoticed the manner of his departure power.

The people used to come to the temple, bodies may often make themselves wonderfully suicide; took home and reclaimed a wretched bence. I think there is no exception to this Christ destroyed the temple, and sent living tem- useful in their day, if they only resolutely set street walker, who remained his faithful servant rule in the New Testament but that of Stephen,

The fulfilment of His mission of mercy to the earnest of the purchased possession, though mificance to the statement that "God made the the golden streets.

The fulfilment of His mission of mercy to the earnest of the purchased possession, though differing from us in doctrinal sentiment, "The country, but man made the town."

to a chair in a college, where he lectured upon year 177 mental and moral philosophy to the upbuilding a chair. to a chair in a college, where he lectured upon year 1770, being found dead kneeling against mankind, involving as it did, the negessity of his death, demanded, according to the country, but man made the town."

The inspired writers labor to show us that mental and moral philosophy to the upbuilding a chair.

The inspired writers labor to show us that mental and moral philosophy to the upbuilding a chair.

What sort of piety is fitted to cope with the this duty is incumbent on all Christians, and of hundreds of young men, who were never cruden's insanity must have made him at the conscious of the worker's blindness, except as times a very disagreeable acquaintance, but III. In respect to appropriateness of the time enormous evils of a great city, and to diffuse not simply on ministers. They tell us that conscious of the worker's blindness, except as times a very disagreeable acquaintance, but God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath s no forth the Son into your healts, construing a sensor of the time designed and interesting illustration of the sensor of the time designed and interesting illustration of the goodness of his intentions, and the expanded and interesting illustration our present of the sensor of the time designed and interesting illustration of the goodness of his intentions, and the expanded and interesting illustration our present of the sensor of the time designed and interesting illustration of the sensor of the sensor of the time designed and interesting illustration of the sensor of the sensor of the time designed and interesting illustration of the sensor of the time designed and interesting illustration of the sensor of the sensor of the time designed and interesting illustration of the sensor of the sensor of the time designed and interesting illustration of the sensor Sprit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, being, however perfectly assimilated in his tically designated in our text the fullness of in cities; the one of which is the essential fourconstituent parts to our race, as the shrine of time. It was so in the counsels of God, to dation of unconscious influence, the one we saw fallowing the plow in Illinois, all biblical students. It is remarkable that a our Lord's Divinity. It behoved him to be made like unto his brethren by the ligament of time were present, and who alone was communications and who alone was communication. If your neighbor's who had managed to buy and pay for a farm successful effort.

Without special ordination. If your neighbor's who had managed to buy and pay for a farm successful effort.

It must be an uncomprising, thorough go-bouse is on fire you don't fold your hands and by his awn exertions, and was bringing up a such protracted tell should have been prehousehold of sturdy boys and girls to be so pared by a man who was seldom if ever perattributes. "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also him
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tained its pre-eminences as the best work of read more upon Church and Christian affairs, class for more than a century. The result of and he began to arouse them to earnest workindefatigable and more faithful labor it has left ing and generous giving. The contributions obedieut unto death, even the death of the ever before existed for the general propagation Be it known unto thee, O king, we will not every Christians ordination parchment. Let to imitators little opportunity for correction, increased wonderfully, for the people were serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image the Church obey this divine behest and the enlargement or improvement. Yet this great learning of the real wants of the Church. The undertaking was accomplished by a man who preaching was blessed. Press and pulpit lent spent many years in madhouses, and when not a force to each other. Pastor and editor were

from boyhood, he naturally sought the ministor of the asylum. He also instituted a legal world .- Interior. prosecution against him and the attendant whereupon Mr. Cruden published a report of

their trials, dedicating it to the king.

work the Church has yet to do in the most en- which we would tolerate in nobody but a dear he curiously enough said: "Being goutish in be like the cheering countenance of a most the feet, he could not run away from the Cor- beloved friend. Take care that nothing comes rector, as others were am to do."

The next project of poor Cruden was to get -Dr. Todd. himself elected member of Parliament. Being defeated, he bore the disappointment with resignation, saying that "he had the hearts of globe are nominally Protestants. But these viction makes the fact, and the person who sets the people, though their hands had been pro-

Soon after we find him in love. The object of his suit was Miss Elizabeth Abney, a wealthy heathen; and, in the judgment of the largest any way stricken in body, and for this very lady, daughter of Sir Thomas Abney, the benetactor of Dr. Watts. Cruden made no scruples with letters and calls, that her servants resorted how to take a better course in time to come. were built for them, they would not come! We In their patience and gentleness many se- to rather violent measures to keep him away. have in New York hundreds of thousands of vere sufferers teach lessons they could never Nearly all the time, in spite of his mania, censor, his guide. He who lives, and is done

ples to the people. He did not bind his Church out to accomplish what they may without until his death, and proved herself a sincere which, after all, is no exception, but a confirpenitent; and distributed large numbers of mation of the rule; for the death of the prodid not say, "Hold together for mutual com-

then let every knee bow to Him, and every to the former of those views; yet not the less nothing to fear from a comparison with that of contains the very spirit of the gospel-"go" lamentations, without contrasting him with the very solemnly a little volume called "The

A young minister was once called to a young

good religious papers?" The elders scarcely unless they would see that the congregation was well supplied with that sort of literature. Cruden's Concordance of the Bible has mainThey liked his proposal. The people began to confinement acted as if his sole object were mutual helpers in the same good work. And here is the real design of an earnest, thorough-Alexander Cruden was born at Aberdeen, ly Christian paper. It is not to draw dividends scotland, in the year 1701. Virtuous and pious upon the large investments, not to wage controversy, not to deal out the mere news of the terial profession, but abandoned the intention day, not to publish brilliant essays; its leading on the completion of the preparatory collegiate design is to do what the paster should be doing, course, it is believed, because of a develop- it they knew everything, and could be talking ment of aberration of mind. The disease was and teaching every week in every house. It is not hereditary, and is attributed by some to a his assistant and vicar in the parish. It sup-disappointment in love. After a beneficial plements his work. It goes on wings, while residence in an asylum, he went to London at he must walk. It goes when and where he the age of about 30 years, and pursued the cannot go. It makes a Sunday call on his peodouble employment of bookseller and proof ple, and fits them for hearing the next day's reader. In 1737 he published the first edition sermons. It follows up his preaching, whispof his Concordance. He had worked so hard on ering again to the conscience and the heart. it for years that his business appears to have It is the unfailing supply in vacant churches. suffered. He consequently became a bankrupt It is never down with a cold, nor absent on a in 1789, and soon after was decidedly insane. vacation. Fifty-two times a year it brings He was sent to a private asylum, and, in achappiness into the homes of thousands, and in cordance with the barbarous practice of the every house tells the same "old, old story of day, chained to a bedstead. He contrived to Jesus and His love," of the Church and her escape, however, and being very fierce against conquests, of holiness and of beaven. Let his imagined presecutors, published a pampherevery church have a devoted paster and a let, in which he violently attacked the proprie- Christian paper, and the Gospel will move the

PRIVATE PRAYER.

In the morning the mind is calm, the temp-For founteen years after, he appeared fairly tations of the day have not beset you; the da rational, working as a proof reader, but in 1758 ties of the day have not filled your mind and was again put in confinement for a sew weeks. begun to vex you. Before you go to the du-On his release, he issued what he called "proties of the day, to its cares, anxieties, and posals of reconciliation" to his sister, who had temptations, begin the day with prayer. Tempbeen instrumental in having him locked up, the tations you certainly will meet; trials of virtue satisfaction he desired being that the lady and patience will overtake you; and many would submit to forty eight hours' imprison- times before night you will need the aid of ment in Newgate and pay him the sum of ten your Father to shield you. Go to Him, and pounds. He afterwards modified the condi-ask his counsel to guide you, his power to tions to forty eight hours in the tower and uphold you, his presence to cheer you, his fifteen pounds payment. As these offorts were Spirit to sanctify you. Then will you have rejected, he brought suit for ten thousand done what is equivalent to half the duties of pounds damages against his sister and three the day, when you have thus engaged his care other persons, but they were acquitted, and a and assistance. And when the evening comes, new trial refused him. He then published a when you have done with the duties of the day, sequently with storms, and miasms, disease, whimsical account of his troubles, entitled, the body is wearied, and the mind is jaded, 'The Advantures of Alexander, the Correc- when the world is shut out by the shades of tor," a name which he henceforth applied to night, when you come to look back and review the day, when you see how many deficiencies He imagined that he was inspired to correct have marked it, how many imperfections still the morals of the age, and visited Oxford and cluster around you, how many sins stare you other places to exhort the inhabitants to repent in the face, how little you have done for your of their evil ways. He applied to the King and self, or for others, or for God, the day past, his Council to recognize him formally as Cor- then is the hour of prayer. It will be sweet to rector of the People, and to confer upon him teel that you have One to whom you can go, the dignity of knighthood. He was unsuccess- and who will hear you; One who will accept ful in both objects, and complained that Earl your evening sacrifice and give you strength Paulett was the only great man that did not for the morrow and gird you with his righttreat him badly. In explanation of this fact, cousness. This hour, if rightly improved, will

> Men and women have come to think, somehow, that Christian calmness finds its tes hour only when some great affliction crushes down. There never was a more sad mistake. Christian calmness has meet opportunity for exercise daily and hourly. It is the little trials that test it most.

between you and those hours devoted to God

When we remember an absent friend, we usually think with deep interest of the place where he is, of the business in which he is engaged, and of the time when we shall meet him. Christians, you know where your Master is. You know what he is doing. Think,

Every man's past life should be his critic. his

The principle of Scripture biography seems