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HALIFAX, N. S., WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1871.

(For the Provincial Weslevan.) DOCTRINAL SKETCHES, No. 15.

SAVING FAITH.

full participation in the benefits of the Gos- which is the condition and the instrument led pa torate. death, and the efficacy of His intercession. On a subject of such importance plain words were required; and those plain words were spoken. "This is the work of God," said the Saviour, "that ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your live not that I am He, ye shall die in your live not that I am He, ye shall die in your live not that I am He, ye shall die in your live not that I am He, ye shall die in your live not have not have not the subject of such importance plain if this suspense. He where going out, where y which it is conversion will be increasingly evident. And this suspense. Just as they were going out, if this suspense. Just as they were going out, own Master standeth or talleth," and not to ed within, is the same by which it is conversion will be increasingly evident. And this suspense. Just as they were going out, own Master standeth or talleth," and not to ed within, is the same by which it is conversion will be increasingly evident. And this suspense. Just as they were going out, own Master standeth or talleth," and not to ed within, is the same by which it is conversion will be increasingly evident. And this suspense. Just as they were going out, own Master standeth or talleth," and not to gove hithing the coach when it that set us down, may carry you home to your others not for him. He deliberately throws all church positions, whether in colleges, agendities once the faithful say the means of great moral and spiritual that set us down, may carry you home to your others and now occupies the first rank. In the conversion of very way my morther said, "I you will, the coach when it thus suspense. Just as they were going out, whether the conversion of the summated in our eternal blessed mort and not to gove the deliberately throws and now occupies the first rank. In the summated in our eternal blessed work to your deliberately throws and the set us down, may carry you home to your others. The pulpit has rapidly gained in all the conversion of very way my morther said. The pulpit has rapidly ga soever believeth on him shall receive renot that of the penitent before God, but spiritual things. He studies for Christ's sake, source. not that of the penitent before God, but that of the penitent before God, but that of the professed believer before men.

The answer of St. Paul to the enquiry of the agonized jailor at Phillippi was prompt, clear and decisive, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." How does the belovitous forth. Very addisciple was the penitent before God, but that of the penitent before God, but that of the professed believer before men. It consisted that there were some who said that there were some who said that they had faith, but whose life was destitute of good works, which a true and living faith invariably brings forth. Very the disciple was the penitent before God, but that of the penitent before God, but that of the professed believer before men. He found that there were some who said that they had faith, but whose life was destitute of good works, which a true and living faith invariably brings forth. Very that they had faith but whose life was destitute of good works, which a true and living faith invariably brings forth. Very that they had faith but whose life was destitute of good works, which a true and living faith invariably brings forth. Very that they had faith but whose life was destinated in the penitent before God, but that of the professed believer before men.

He found that there were some who said that there were some who said the penitent before Christ's sake, and meets with daily and joyful surprises in the true minister pondering the commonly entertain on this subject?

The people of the house I had never seen between the persons. I be the settled conviction of your soul, for the people of two rooms, as yet unfurnishment as trong that they had faith, but whose life was destructed to two rooms, as yet unfurnishment as trong that they had faith sould be and meets with daily and joyful surprises in the true minister ponde the least suspicion upon the doctrinal system taught by either Peter or Paul ? Very excellent are the things which he utters respecting love, but does he underrate faith? He certainly knows his own mind, and he speaks on this point for himself. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His that it worketh by love, and purificth the Observe, too, with what force, heart. even in his epistle, he urges faith in Christ as the groundwork of all gracious experience and true devotion: "And this is His commandment, that ye should believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and

love one another, as He gave us command-

The importance of faith in the Redeem

er may be shown by the fact that it consti-

tutes the grand test of our submission to God. Sin has not only placed us in a condition of alienation from the Divine Being, but it has engendered within us actual hoscial death of Christ for our restoration to actual bestowment of that favour, in the forgiveness of all our sins, and the justification of our persons, is only bestowed upon those who cease the unequal, unnatural warfare, and who absolutely surrender themselves to God. The message of mercy is, "Be ye reconciled to God." But this reconciliation is not by making, or attempting to make stipulations or terms which we may deem advantageous to ourselves. The making of the terms is with the Author of our mercies; and it is ours simply to accept of and perform them. But this is offensive to human pride—the reason doubtless why the arrangement was made-and men will do anything, will try any method of relief, before they unhesita tingly deliver up their arms and accept salvation only by faith in the merits of Christ. It was this fact which excited at once the grief and the anxiety of the Apostle Paul in reference to many in his day. He bore them record that they had "a zeal for God. but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own rightto the rightousness of God." This is the They are enlightened as to the evil of sin. Deeply do they feel, and heartily do they lament over their fallen and sinful condition. They are full of good resolutions in reference to the future, and like Herod, who heard John gladly, they "do many things" which in their circumstances are right and highly proper to be done. Yet all the time there is no acceptance of the atonement as an only hope; there is no unreserved closing with the Saviour; no entrusting of the soul exclusively into His hands, to be saved now and henceforth by His wisdom, love, and power. And consequently there is no 'peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" which can be enjoyed by such But let the soul yield, let it sink at the feet of the Redee ner, let it adventure all its interests with Him for time and for eternity, let it trust entirely to the merits of His death, and in the same moment, and by the same act will there be presented unto God a living sacrifice holy and accepta-

But not only is faith in Christ the test of our allegiance to Jehovah, it is also the true and only condition of personal salvation. Repentance for sin, we have seen, is indeed necessary, but not in the same way as faith. No impenitent man can believe with the heart unto rightousness. Therefore repentance must go before faith. But on the other hand repentance by itself will in no wise avail to disarm the wrath of

salvation by grace, through faith, the more important it is for us to ascertain surely for ourselves, and to manifest fully to others,

> (For the Provincial Wesleyan.) HUMILITY.

that our faith is " of the operation of God,"

A beautiful plant in the garden of God. tul. Grows not in human nature's garden, but only in the shade of the Cross. Is fed by the but it has engendered within us actual nostility towards Him. "The carnal mind is the range of their influence. Its penetrating seek agencies etc., are thrust into them, and verning law of their moral sense and life. enmity against God." Now, though pro- loveliness often arrests the attention, and wak compelled by the voice of their brethien to do

ounts to his pulpit again.

of this delicious production.

and lowly in heart."

of it most largely. Peter likens it to a garment, and exhorts, of power and victory. Be clothed with humility." It is suitable for worldly dress of many colours to this plain fire of youth, and hence is not acceptable to years. garment. God visits the house of those who the people in many places. Let such make up . And in the oft-quoted command, with

them grace while he resists the proud. It is not very abundant in our day. This is an alarming fact. The deceiver of nations pulpit? Reverence will follow such age, and in the way, etc.? Christ says, 'I am the way to a serious extent he has succeeded.

ing but careful attention to the embankment is the surest road to victory for the minister of and eternity is infallibly sure. and fresh cultivation of the soil, will renew the Jesus Christ. Out of it is most peril, toil, and ... It is not, therefore, wise, it is not proper finding no congenial place of abode on earth, of a minister of His Son Jesus Christ. will tower away to their native skies, and leave us, like some of old, to pine away amid the de solations of Zion.

'The saint that wears heaven's brightest erown In deepest adoration bends; The weight of glory bows him down Nearest the throne itself must be

The footstool of humility." Canning, July, 1871.

From the Central Advocate

THE DIGNITY OF THE PULPIT. The poblest avocation pursued by man that of administering the comforts of religion to wounded hearts, and teaching men by example and precept the way to happiness and heaven. There are many ways in which a minister can exert a wide-extended influence for good. By the purity of his life he makes impressions upon the people never to be effaced. Any minister can recollect instances of the affectionate recognition of the goodness and services of pastor: who preceded him. The mem-God, or to ensure the possession of the ory of a good man is precious, and his influence blessings of the new covenant. Faith alone grows with the passage of time. Presidents obtains them. This fact is stated with the and professors of colleges, editors of papers, utmost explicitness, and repeated with the and publishers of books do good when they utmost urgency throughout the oracles of are faithful and conscientious in their work, which, purifying the heart, makes all things many thousands, and down to remote genera- Workman says: new, we shall find that this grace is impart-

From the Pittsburg Advocate.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

Do the views ordinarily held concerning

the change was brought in our relation towards God: "for we, through the Spirit, wait for the hore of right-across the condition as that on which wait for the hore of right-across the condition as that on which was gave me two beds, one for myself, and a little one for my maid; and appeared to converse on the God's Word furnish us with such examples one for my maid; and appeared to converse on the Gospel? Is it not the very acme of fame, to assure us that the period of early childhood it is a way of approval. Something however wards God: "for we, through the Spirit, wait for the hope of righteousness by What higher place is there this side the throne

faith." Have we a wicked world surroun- of God than that of an embassador of Jesus is not necessarily alienated from God? If, seemed to hold us, on both sides, from bringing member, too, that the life is more powerful than itable objects. He knows he can have but a ding us? This is the victory that over- Christ? We do not believe that there is any therefore, it is not only possible, but is a mat- it to the point. cometh the world, even our faith." Un- place more honorable than the pastorate and ter of fact, as every Bible reader will admit, For the next two months I suffered much; my and not to leave the other undone." Let the what disposition he can make of this sum. seen forces are marshalled against us; but we have a strong conviction that it is incom- that children are sometimes born of God from mind was exercised with many tender and pain- two—words and life—agree; so shall your in- Shall he distribute it now, or shall be give it by It is impossible that a question of more obtaining import, or one import, or one more seasonable, of faith" whorewith we shall be shall be

please God," so, according to the specific and oft-repeated language of our Lord and this Apostles, our confidence towards God to the specific thinking, moral agent, it becomes morally accountable, as under law to God, for its personal thinking, moral agent, it becomes morally accountable, as under law to God, for its personal the life which he lived in the flesh was "by not for our firm belief in the expediency and they go out without saying anything to me, I and for first and most useful men in the world. Were it they go out without saying anything to me, I and for thinking, moral agent, it becomes morally accountable, as under law to God, for its personal to the specific countable, as under law to God, for its personal to the specific countable, as under law to God, for its personal to the specific countable, as under law to God, for its personal to the specific countable, as under law to God, for its personal to the life which he lived in the great causes of Christian countable, as under law to God, for its personal to the specific countable, as under law to God, for its personal to the specific countable, as under law to God, for its personal to the specific countable, as under law to God, for its personal to the specific countable, as under law to God, for its personal to the specific countable, as under law to God, for its personal to the specific countable, as under law to God, for its personal to the specific countable, as under law to God, for its personal to the specific countable, as under law to God, for its personal to the specific countable, as under law to God, for its personal to the specific countable, as under law to God, for its personal to the specific countable, as under law to God, for its personal to the specific countable, as under law to God, for its personal to the specific countable, as under law to God, for its personal to the specific countable, as under law to God, for its personal to the specific countable, as under law to God, for its personal to the specific countable, as under His Apostles, our confidence towards God must centre in Christ, and in order to a little fact of must centre in Christ, and in order to a little fact of cannot go; and if they should not invite me to shun all censoriousness, especially towards old-below the fact of cannot go; and if they should not invite me to shun all censoriousness, especially towards old-below they are could not invite me to shun all censoriousness, especially towards old-below they are could not invite me to shun all censoriousness, especially towards old-below they are could not invite me to shun all censoriousness, especially towards old-below they are could not invite me to shun all censoriousness, especially towards old-below they are confidence to a little faith of the Son of God," who loved utility of an itinerant ministry we could not invite me to shun all censoriousness, especially towards old-below they are confidence to a little faith of the Son of God," who loved utility of an itinerant ministry we could not invite me to shun all censoriousness, especially towards old-below they are confidence to a little faith of the Son of God," who loved utility of an itinerant ministry we could not invite me to shun all censoriousness, especially towards old-below they are confidence to a little faith of the Son of God," who loved utility of an itinerant ministry we could not invite me to shun all censoriousness, especially towards old-below they are confidence to a little faith of the Son of God," who loved utility of an itinerant ministry we could not invite me to shun all censoriousness. must centre in Christ, and in order to a full participation in the benefits of the Goal full participation in the benef pel, must repose upon the merits of His death, and the efficacy of His intercession.

And as the child's development progresses, the condition and the instrument which is the condition and the instr

witness," exclaimed St. Peter when exopposition when he affirms that "by works of the pastor? His library is a little paradise none but Christians can entertain any such kind leave of each of the servants, as they any earthly friend. pounding the Gospel to Cornelius and his household. "that through His name, who-soever believeth on him shall receive re-

thou shalt be saved." How does the beloved disciple put the matter? True, he dwells, particularly in his epistles, upon the Divine life as revealed in human experience. But does he discard or throw the precious coin—worthless, and more, dies its exhaustless stores. And then what a utterly deceptive. St. James therefore wonderful day is the pastor's Sabbath! His tians till they have arrived at the years of comutterly deceptive. St. James therefore wonderful day is the pastor's Sabbath! His tians till they have arrived at the years of comguards Paul's doctrine from abuse; but the sermons are well thought out, and he has wil- parative maturity—till they have reached the of my father's house. I know the heart of a what need would you have of a Saviour? "Ask with the other. It well becomes us to understand both. If the Lord Jesus and His habit of making his sermons applicable and many prevers with reference not to their prederstand both. If the Lord Jesus and His habit of making his sermons applicable and many prayers, with reference, not to their precommissioned servants unite in proclaiming sympathetic, and generally, at least once, on sent, but to their future conversion. And they wings as eagles, and he walks with God. One any period short of what some call "the years sermon, prepared with close thought and re of discretion," which may vary, in different insearch, and preached out of a full, warm dividuals, from sixteen to twenty-five years, beart, not only bless the people, but bears the pastor half through the next week on its triumphant wings. Many a time the preacher their immediate acceptance, and their sense of the property of the presence of the presenc feels his own sermon, in all its sweetness and responsibility is weakened by this circumstance, power, teaching its victorious lesson, Monday, and they are permitted to cherish the delusion Tuesday, Wednesday, and then his prayer that they are too young to be Christians, and der to evade the trial more easily, I will not place. Bent after bent was lifted, till the last meeting buoys him over the breakers until he to grow up under this delusion. And it is not get acquainted with any; I will as much as pos- and heaviest one alone was left. At the word strange if, after they have for so long a time Such a life is nearest God and heaven, the lived under the influence of this delusion, they they are Secondly, I will endeavor to lay out which held the pikes, until it reached what holiest, happiest, and most delightful on earth. should refuse, when "the years of discretion" my time by rule, that I may know each hour builders call "the pinch in the bent," beyond breath of prayer, and soars on the wings of If all this be true, why do men seek outside have come, to give up a delusion which habit what is to be done; nevertheless I will cheer- which it passes with comparative ease to the

"When it is enjoined upon parents to brin work they would not choose themselves. Some up their children in the purture and admoni Its fruit is rich and pleasant to the taste, as think they would like a change, and after they tion of the Lord,' it is implied that their nurthe favour of our Heavenly Father, yet the all true believers testify. The heady and high find it are disappointed. Some may possibly ture is to be a nurture in Christ and not out of minded, gathering fruit from the tree of know- conceive that more honor or dignity may be Him; and their admonition, or the guidance ledge, will not stoop so low as to realize a taste found in other fields, and thus may be misled and restraints to which they are subjected, is into accepting outside positions. Others are to be Christian admonition, administered in the Jesus on earth lived in the midst of its adapted to teaching or to other special service children's behalf, as children born not of man, odors. All his garments, looks, words and ces, and so content themselves with secondary but of God. Hence, obedience to this injunc deeds, were tinctured with it, "He was meek positions. True and noble men, successful as tion requires, as its first and most important teachers, toil for the Church in that capacity, requisite, that children should be Christians. All who are like the Master are characterized and honor the position by unselfish fidelity. To not merely as capable of becoming Christians by its possession. The most devoted partake these let due credit be given, but put always but as Christians already by the birth of the the pulpit ahead of every thing else as a place Spirit and by a genuine conversion, in the very beginning of their development as intelled Descending gradually towards the tomb, the tual and moral beings, and through every proall Christians, but many so called, prefer the aged minister feels that he has lost some of the gressive stage of it, to the full maturity of their

have it, yea, makes there his abode. He gives in dignity, purity, and kindness for what they promise annexed, 'Train up a child in the way have lost in physical strength. What can be he should go, and when he is old he will not more beautiful than pious, kindly old age in the depart from it, what should we understand by would fain be the deceiver of the Church and sweeten its infirmities by appropriate honors. the truth, and the life." To train up a child Gracefully, peacefully, full of bonors and of therefore, in the way he should go, in the true The divinely arranged embankments of the years, the true minister of Jesus descends Scriptural sense of the expression, is to train Church have in many things been so leveled, happily to his rest, and at last sleeps quietly, up a child in Christ, and suppose the child to that the tide of worldliness is flowing in even followed by grateful memories and triendly be in Christ who is the subject of such training cousness." had not "submitted themselves to the garden of the Lord. And like the tears. His record is on high, and he has gain- And it is only when a child is trained up it dykes of our country recently overflowed with ed a never-fading crown. The pulpit is the Christ-in this true, divine, infallible waystumblingstone of many in our own day. salt water, the crop is almost a failure. Noth-

crop. So in the Church there must be a care-uncertainty. To stay out and be pure requires it is not Christian, that we should be contented ful watch respecting the bulwarks of faith and constant prayer, and double work. God has to wait for the evidence of conversion in our practice, or the benign influences of humility, never given to man any higher place than that children till they have grown beyond the age of childhood, and begin to verge on the period of manhood or womanhood. Let Christian parents and Sunday-school teachers hear Christ saying to them, as he says to all, 'Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

> childhood conversions properly take into account the work of the Holy Spirit?" Ye must be born again," is doubtless true of every hu-then the Lord will take me up." Psalm xxvii. 10. man being; the natural heart must be renewed (EXTRACT FROM THE "LIFE OF MRS. FLETby the Spirit's influence in order to the begin-

One day, my father said to me, "There is a ning of the Christian life, whether in the child or the adult. But when may this be done? particular promise which I require of you, that little things; and every renewed mark of kind-At how early a period? Is it possible during you will never, on any occasion, either now or ness made the wound to bleed afresh. infancy, at the very dawn of the natural life? hereafter, attempt to make your brothers what Long before the child becomes morally respon- you call a Christian." I answered (looking to sible for either character or conduct, certain the Lord) "I think, sir, I dare not consent to inherited evil tendencies are often strikingly that." He replied, "Then you force me to put manifest. Must these proclivities to evil grow you out of my house." I answered, "yes, sir, ly. Time, talents, opportunities, powers of receiver. Many times it brings light into the extent objectionable to the congregation. A with the growth and strengthen with the according to your views of things. I acknow- body and mind, are all to be given to Him. strength, until the line of personal accounta- ledge it; and it I may but have your approval 2. The grand daily question of life is to bility is passed? Or may they be corrected in no situation will be disagreeable." He replithe germ, nipped in the very bud? If thus ed, "There are many things in your present smallest as well as the greatest matters are to early in life evil qualities are possible, so also situation, which must be I should think very be settled by it. are all good qualities by the operation of the uncomfortable." This, I acknowledged, and 3. Never pick and choose among the con Holy Spirit. And who shall dare to limit that added, that if he would but say he approved of mandments of God. operation, or assume that God withholds His my removal, I would take a lodging which I 4. To learn duty, read the precents of Spirit from the children of men until their na- heard of at Mrs. Gold's, in Hoxton-square; but Bible in the light of an earnest piety. tural evil has become firmly fixed by habits of that no suffering could incline me to leave him, 5. Never let mere want of feeling hinder early and irresponsible indulgence? Is this except by his free consent. He replied with from following out a plain path of duty. the teaching of the Gospel? Does the remedy some emotion, "I do not know that you have duty call you to follow, let feeling alone. God. It is affirmed of these blessings colbut ministers from their pulpits in their pastoof the great salvation come so late, and at
ever disobliged me willfully in your life, but
6. Never be atraid or ashamed to say "No. lectively, it is also declared of them in de- ral work accomplish perhaps as much as the such disadvantage? Or may the spiritual birth, only in these fancies; and my children shall alto him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith shall be counted for righteousness." Or, if we look at the internal grace, that which cuters a ragion where a ragion where a ragion where a ragion where a lock of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God"—may this necessary moral charge speedily follow the natural bits congregation. A preacher in a small from tier town may be laying the foundations of the cuters a ragion where a home in my house." As I could the will of man, but of God"—may this necessary moral charge speedily follow the natural bits congregation. A preacher in a small from tier town may be laying the foundations of the cuters a ragion where the ragion where the ragion of the construction of the rest of the will of man, but of God"—may this necessary moral charge speedily follow the natural bits congregation. A preacher in a small from tier town may be laying the foundations of the cuters a ragion where the ragion of the will of man, but of God"—may this necessary moral charge speedily follow the natural bits congregation. A preacher in a small from tier town may be laying the foundations of the cuters a ragion where the ragion of the will of man, but of God"—may this necessary moral charge speedily follow the natural bits are place. (though I knew not how or when), I judged it most prudent to take the lodgings.

This is a question of far more than a construction of the will of man, but of God"—may this necessary moral charge speedily follow the natural place. (though I knew not how or when), I judged it most prudent to take the lodgings. can be stronger than the words of St. Paul, It is a mistake to suppose that a minister's inthe will of man, but of God"—may this necesnot but forsee that a separation would take

8. Let nothing hinder daily reading of the judged it most prudent to take the lodgings, 9. Do not examine too closely your own This is a question of far more than specula-that, in case I should be suddenly removed, I heart and motives. It is like a child pulling is distributed. The luxury and the spiritual mense free tabernacle in Brooklyn. The ob-Church for coming millions, and by impressing tive interest; it has the most important pracmight have a house to go to, which I preferred up a plant by the roots, in order to see whether enters a region where no educational appliances, no outward rites, no self-discipline society in its infancy he influences all its after place your soul where crease of human sympathy that come from as well as the rich, and they determined to successful to the going into a friend's house as a visitor. It is growing. Rather place your soul where puances, no outward rites, no self-discipline can exert any hallowing influence, and life. The congregation of fifty multiplies into the beams of the Sun of Righteousness and the life. A writer in the Sunday School I also hired a sober girl to be ready whenso- the beams of the Sun of Righteousness and the life. A new plan was adopted. It was anever I might want her. I informed my mother a dews of the Holy Spirit may fall upon it daily, not the cheerful giver whom God loves. He nounced that the pews would be free, but that "Have these not been examples of children short time after, of the steps I had taken. She and you will grow in grace inevitably. who were regenerated from their birth? Does gave me two beds, one for myself, and a little 10 Speak to the impenitent of Christ and His death can loosen.

armour of God, and "above all the shield of faith" wherewith we shall be able to guench all the fiery darts of the wicked."

The impossible that a question of more solutions in could be addressed to us, than that which was put by our Lord to the man whom He had just cured of a life-long blindness:

"Dost thou believe in the Son of God?"

For, as we are assured in general terms, as we are assured of their regeneral terms as that I must go home to my lodgings that night.

It is not an easy matter to decide at what thick the children may give evidence of their regenerate that I must go home to my lodgings that night.

It is not an easy matter to decide at what provide in the state as soon as they are capable, in the terms that I must go home to my lodgings that night.

It is not an easy matter to decide at what pr For, as we are assured in general terms, that "without faith it is impossible to that "the just of obedience to God and beneficence to man? Then he tells us that "the just of obedience to God and beneficence to man? Then he tells us that "the just of obedience to God and beneficence to man? Then he tells us that "the just of obedience to God and beneficence to man? Then he tells us that "the just of obedience to God and beneficence to man? Then he tells us that "the just of obedience to God and beneficence to man? Then he tells us that "the just of obedience to God and beneficence to man? Then he tells us that "the just of obedience to God and beneficence to man? Then he tells us that "the just of obedience to God and beneficence to man? Then he tells us that "the just of obedience to God and beneficence to go obedience to go obedience to God and beneficence to go obedience to God and beneficence to go obedience to that "without faith it is impossible to please God," so, according to the specific to the spec

and in ease and pleasure it has no rival at all. "We say Christian parents, because the When the coach returned, I ordered my trunk ing, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sion. Wisdom, then, dictates—a regard for sins." "To Him give all the Prophets witness" exclaimed St. Pater when the sassertions St. James offers no What can be more delightful than the studies promise is to them and to their children, and in ease and pleasure it has no rival at all. We say Christian parents, because the winen the coach returned, I ordered my trunk and into it; and, struggling with myself, took a sinners." Be more intimate with Him than with his own highest good dictates, that the man into it; and, struggling with myself, took a sinners." Be more intimate with Him than with his own highest good dictates, that the man into it; and, struggling with myself, took a sinners."

I am now exposed to the world, and know not what snares may be gathering around me. I

not receive visits from single men; and, in or- near gathered to raise the massive frame to its sible, refrain from going into company where of command, this rose above the strong arms praise. Its odors delight all who come within the range of their industries. We do not know. Some who do not has made a dominant power in the soul—a gotunned whenever the providence of God sees fit master-builder shouted with alarm, "Lift, men, so to do. And thirdly, I will endeavor to fix or die!" Every muscle was strai to lead a mortified life; remembering 'He came throng like an engine of swift destruction .not to be ministered unto but to minister." The prejudices of education are strong, es-

eproach, and trembled at the thought. But I

world; I have nothing to do but to be holy, both in body and in spirit," filled me with consolation. Thankfulness overflowed my heart; and such a spirit of peace and content poured into my soul, that all about me seemed a little Some bread, with rank salt butter, and water

to drink, made so comfortable a meal, that could truly say. " I eat my meat with gladness and singleness of heart." As the bed was not put up, I lay that night almost on the ground and the windows having no shutters, and it being a moonlight night, the sweet solemnity thereof well agreed with the tranquility of my spirit. I had daily more and more cause fo praise. I was acquainted with many of the exthem. Yet was I not without my cross; for every time I went to see my dear parents, what I felt when, towards night. I rose up to go away, cannot be well imagined. Not that I wished to abide there; but there was something in bidding farewell to those under whose roof effort alone can save from fatal reverses.— the churches ought to have it as an evidence of I had always lived, that used to affect me much. Foster's Encyclopedia. though I saw the wise and gracious hand of God in all, who had by this means set me free for his own service. From my heart I thanked Him as the gracious author, and them as the profitable instrument, of doing me so great a

HINTS TO YOUNG CONVERTS.

1. Consecrate vourselves to Christ complete "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" The

mere words. "This ought ye to have done, few years longer to live. He is considering

teaching of the one is in perfect harmony ling ears and hearts before him; he knows his age of sixteen years or upward. They may stranger; but alas!—how much more of it I and it shall be given you; seek and ve shall be giv the Sabbatl, he has a time of surpassing joy in soon understand it. If they are not to be words: "When thy father and thy mother for- gifts to your children, how much more shall preaching the Gospel. His soul mounts up on Christians at four or five years of age, or at wings as eagles, and he walks with God. One any period short of what some call "the years following reflections also arose in my mind: them that ask him?"—Congregationalist.

A FEARFUL EMERGENCY.

The foundations of a gigantic mill were laid and endeavor to walk thereby. First, I will New York; and the men of the little village mind on the example of Jesus Christ, and but in vain. There it hung over the living Just then three men appeared in the highway upon the brow of a hill; and the call for help pecially in those persons who have been brought fell on their ears; they saw the peril, and has up in rather high life. The being removed tened away with cowardly fear. The chief from a parents habitation seemed very awful. I workman mounted a plate above the trembling looked upon myself as being liable to a deep company, and, in tears, again shouted, "Lift, men, or die!" The struggle was fruitless; the remembered that word. "He that loveth fa- frame was settling towards the exhausted ther or mother more than me, is not worthy of throng. Meanwhile the tidings had spread through the village; the women had gathered along the opposite bank of the current, and ed a fire in the other room, and borrowed a were anxiously looking up to the imperiled few things of the family, she begged me to loved ones. The eye of the builder was turncome into it, as the night was very cold. And ed upon them a moment; and then, with a now my captivity seemed turning every moment. fresh flood of tears, he exclaimed, " Mothers That thought, "I am brought out from the it you would have sons; wives, if you would have husbands; and sisters, if you would have brothers to-night, come and help us!" With the strong impulse of woman's nature they rushed across the stream, and stood side by side with the dear inmates of the deserted

THE BLESSEDNESS OF GIVING.

ed by no evangelist, but quoted by Paul in tributions to meet the current expenses. The good. My mother was frequently giving me tis speech at Miletus, and thus preser- plan has been generally successful so far as the ved and handed down to us, "It is more expenses are concerned, and to some extent blessed to give than to receive. Unques- for the ingathering of the poor, although for tionably the saying has its chief significance in this purpose it has not fully met the expertathe moral and spiritual influence of giving on tions of its advocates, the reason probably lythe giver. A gift is often of great value to the ing in defects which almost make it to some ome of darkness, relief to the desponding. pew in a church which a family can call their and lifts a heavy burden from the crushed own and feel they have a right to, and can proheart. But a richer blessing is sent back on vide with books, stools, fans and such appenthe giver. If from a Christian motive he has dages as are thought necessary or convenient reached forth his hand with pecuniary aid, that for devotion or comfort, becomes to that famhand brings back what is more precious than ily a sort of home for the time, and is the cengold. In this way, then, and in this way only, tre of home-like associations, which attach the can accumulated wealth become the means of persons to the church when they would not othmoral and spiritual good to its possessor.

If these words of Jesus are true, -and all are occupied at random there can be no such experience confirms their truth-then should additional bond, and it has been generally found the rich give while they live. Testamentary in experience that about as many families, not legacies are well. They benefit the receivers, members of the church, but who attended while They help the causes to which they are devot- they could own a pew, have lett when they ed. But the giver suffers an immense loss, were made tree, as there have been poor in None of the blessedness of giving comes to duced to attend. him. He is sleeping in his grave—has passed But the whole matter has been solved by the the discipline of earthly acts-before his wealth Rev. Dr. Talmadge and his church in their imbenefit, the enlargement of soul and the in- ject of the building was to preach to the poor holds on to his wealth with a grasp that only every family of the congregation might select

What though before me it is dark Too dark for me to see? I ask but light for one step more 'Tis quite enough for me.

Each little humble step I take, The gloom clears from the next So, though 'tis very dark beyond, I never am perplexed.

And if sometimes the mist hangs close, So close I fear to stray. Patient I wait a little while And soon it clears away.

I would not see my further path For mercy veils it so, My present steps might harder be Did I the future know.

It may be that my path is rough, Thorny, and hard, and steep; And, knowing this, my strength might fail Through fear and terror deep.

It may be that it winds along A smooth and flowery way; But seeing this I might despise The journey of to-day.

Perhaps my path is very short, And I might tremble at the though Of ending it so soon.

Of road that I must wend, Fainting, I'd think, "My feeble powers Will fail me ere the end."

And so I do not wish to see My journey or its length, Assured that, through my Father's love, Each step will bring its strength.

Thus, step by step I onward go, Not looking far before; Trusting that I shall always have Light for "just one step more." -British Messenger

A PROBLEM SOLVED.

From the Philadelphia Press How to reach the poor, and secure their at tendance on the usual religious services of the homes. Then came the cry of distress once church is a question that has agitated church more, "Now altogether, litt, or die!" And people in the large cities for some years. The they did lift. Up, up went the frame. A system of expensive pew rents that prevails so stroke of the hammer and all was safe. The reaction confined some of that number to the house for weeks. We have often thought of if pew rents are depended upon for the purpose, the incident when a crisis comes to the Church makes it impossible for persons of moderate of God. The spiritual bent will rise before means, and for those who depend upon daily or the power of faith, and then suddenly pause and weekly wages, to connect themselves with the hang in suspense before the tearful gaze of congregations. The Gospel, instead of being the believing heart. The Head of the Church free, is too costly, or is served up in too costly cellent of the earth, and my delight was in issues his call to his servants, urged by the a style for their limited means, and they and peril of the souls dear to them. If not obey- their families are consequently shut out from its ed, the falling bent crushes out the life which might have been saved. And so in natural uis- ly said that " to the poorthe Gospel is preachtory, the hour of decision comes when the ed." Christ gave this as one of the strong evisummoning of forces in heroic harmony of dences of His divine character and mission, and their Christian character.

> Among the several plans proposed and tried for the purpose of meeting the case, the most popular has been to give up the sittings, make It is one of the sayings of our Lord, record: the pews free, and depend upon voluntary conerwise attend. But where pews are free and

for themselves a pew which should be their Here, for instance, is a man advanced in life, own precisely as when rented. To avoid all