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THE INSPIRATION OF A GREAT PRESENCE

BY A. C. GEORGE, D. D. "I am the Almighty God ; walk before Me, and as thou perfect."-Gen. 17: 1.

Whatever resources we may have within our-

selves, we are more or less affected by the The Infinite Mind, therefore must be a source of untailing lite and inspiration. The Divine presence must always be a quickening influence to creature capacities. "I am the Almighty

And God's first requirement is that we should discern his presence, that we should set mark :

"As ever in my great Taskmaster's eye." And in order that we may come to know him, overwhelmed in the ruin they had planned for He did not feel that he was called to preach come when the Churches shall be more awake It is said that when the dispute was running trequently the case in matters of religion—the world, and assured him of the sympathy of God has not only revealed himself in all his others. If a magazine should be prepared to the Gospel in the higher sense of that calling. to their duty-when every Christian shall feel high before the Council of Nices, a simple- most important of all matters. God has not only revealed himself in all his works, from every blade of grass and every blade of the unseen, the unattained and the inexhaus- themselves."

Mrs. Livermore is said to be the author of prayers, it is quite certain that the imprecation eventful life he acted as depositary for the are called by the name of Christ have in their is just that entrance of Christ's words which advocate. these two memorable sentences: "A Divine was uttered entirely in subordination to the will American Tract Society. But, wherever or dying hour that they have not done more for giveth life. By a process of transmission and these two memorable sentences: "A Divine discontent must pursue all human lives;" and "Life is lonely to every soul," And Dr. Thomas Chalmers, on one occasion exclaimed: "What a wilderness this world is to the heart,

adds, "What a marvellous solitude every man a doubt, by the mercy he exhibited toward his small that it required his constant exertions to to prevent his acquaintances, and even his mation of character in Christ, it might well that fear him! Just as the miser lays up That the destruction of the German empire bears about him; and then that other and mys- enemies during his entire life. On two differ- provide bread for his family. And yet, although own household, from going down to hell?" stand as the barrier against heresy and unbeterious seclusion, the intervening veil between ent occasions the life of Saul was in his hands, us and the Deity." Now who does not realize and at both times he resolutely restrained his the due to the may feast his eyes upon it, so is the object of the Ultramontane party their then what will many have to say of themselves allowed a day or a week to pass by without that there is something in the human soul which finds no creature companionship, and heard of the death of this worthless monarch, the human soul which finds no creature companionship, and heard of the death of this worthless monarch, the heard of the death of this worthless monarch, the heard of the death of this worthless monarch, the heard of the death of this worthless monarch. The means which he employed were writing the heard of the death of this worthless monarch. The means which he employed were writing the heard of the death of this worthless monarch. The means which he employed were writing the heard of the death of this worthless monarch. The means which he employed were writing the heard of the death of the death of the heard of the death of the heard of theard heard of theard heard heard heard heard heard heard h

which therefore makes life lonely, even amidst be was filled with grief. A more daring and letters, distributing tracts, teaching is or super-awake to this great interest. Think how dogmatic statements, are at best for a compen-come to the bottom of those depths, How labour for its dismemberment. They have so the throng of great cities, and excites that traitorous plot was never laid against a govern- intending a Sabbath-school, holding neighbor- promising the field of labor is before you. dium, an abstract, a summary of truths con-"discontent" of which Mrs. Livermore speaks? How many idiosyncracies of life and eccentricities of conduct have their root in that "may millions of dazling pearls and gens" and gens are at this moment bid in the deep recesses of fantastic King of Bavaria-with whom pleasures and is and gens are at this moment bid in the deep recesses of fantastic King of Bavaria-with whom pleasures and is an astraction of their peace with an an at the definition is exhaustic the ocean caves? But these are unsearchable and it was overthrown by the sudden death of this was overthrown by the sudden death of their peace with an at they have produced symptoms of reac-

work will be cheerful and absolute. Then all act as if they were only idle tales. Hence many too many pulpits where the "terrors of the malice will be expelled from the heart; and who have for years professed to be Christians Lord "are seldom or never sounded forth, and gentleness, kindness, forbearance, patience and have never made one real, earnest effort to where finely rounded periods and honeyed If a character is that which is cut or engrav- the participants in these things would condemn sive expectations. Neither of them can come resignation will dwell there, like angels. Then " convert a sinner from the error of his ways." words and an emasculated Gospel are dealt out en, and comes through the impression of quali-them. Yet there are in this city, as in other with a wish that could not be entertained by

THE IMPRECATORY PSALMS.

more congenial to our hearts. We have won- duty, and as encouraging others to imitate his believing in Christ."

more can be meant than that they should be means of saving souls."

with all it has to inspire happiness; and he David is concerned, this view is proved beyond working at his trade or teaching school was so can one be a Christian who has done no more orthodoxy were identical with this right infor-

"marvellous solitude every man bears about aspiring youth, David's heart was well-nigh God. The numerous letters which he worte to methods employed by Harian rage, and, him," and into which the world cann ot enter? broke. "O Absalom, my son, my son, would unconverted persons are the very models of animated and encouraged by his toils and his toils an Did any one ever look at a flower, and think God I had died for thee !" how it came up out of the cold earth, or gaze There is but one instance in his whole his- courteous; pointed, but kind and gentle; bold, ances of the word of God, you shall reap a on the clayey yet lovely teatures of a dead tory where even the show of malevolence is but toned with the precious love of Jesus, they glorious reward if you faint not in the discharge child, marveling whither its little life had seen. This was the result of haste, when he seldom missed their mark, or failed to produce of your duty.-N. Y. Advocate. received a base insult from Nabal of Carmel lasting impressions and convictions. In addr gone, without a certain sense of loneliness ? Can one behold the ocean in its vastness, or on the occasion of his sheep shearing. After tion to the means already named, he always lose himself in the limitless prairie, or roam listening to the sound words of Abigail, he ac had by him a list of names of persons to be conthrough the infinite heavens finding no bounds, knowledges, with shame, his hasty and unjustiversed with and to be prayed for. "Is it wonand not be oppressed and overwhelmed? The fiable spirit, and said to her, "Blessed be the dertul," says his biographer, " that God should truth is, that in all our experiences of nature, Lord God of Israel, which sent thee this day to bless his efforts? that in every Church with which meet me; and blessed be thy advice, and bless- he was connected individuals in relating their of life, of death, we do constantly pass beyond of life, of death, we do constantly pass deyvant meet me; and blessed be thy auvice, and blessed be thy auvice, and blessed be thou which hast kept me this day from as the means of bringing them to Christ?" In coventry, where he was born, and lived and could the most of his days, revivals were fretoiled the most of his days, revivals were fre-To walk before God, then, in his conscious 3. Consider, in the next place, that the male quent. In the city of New York, in superinnearness, in the realization of his love, in the dictions invoked in the Psalms in question, were tending a large Sabbath-school, thirty-two of in the mysterious fellowship of his infinite upon the basest enemies of God and humanity. knowledge of his Fatherly care and blessing. his teachers were brought to Christ, and nine We think it will appear to all, that persona nature, is to find a fullness, a companionship. of them were called to the ministry. While and a sufficiency, which nothing but the Gospel spite was far removed from David's spirit. acting as depositary of the Tract Society fifty. Therefore, these prayers for vengeance were in eight of its employes were converted, principalof our Lord Jesus Christ ever makes a reality simple recognition of a fact exemplified in the in any human experience. Henceforth the soli-tude is filled by one glorious presence, and the history of the world in every age, that, sooner ly through his labors. In one ward of the city, where he and his follow-laborers distributed tude is filled by one glorious presence, and the loneliness is cheered by voices such as make melody in heaven. tracts, thirty-four protessed faith in Christ, On To those who walk before God, the uprightmelody in heaven. ness, sincerity and completeness which the was pressed to the lips of others. The Babyso soon to be bereaved, "I think I have had evidence that more than one hundred souls have ness, sincerity and completeness which the Gospel requires, come to be realizations, al-most in the most of natural array of antipart of the chaldeans, overwhelming their cities, and laying waste their fields and been converted to God through my direct and personal instrumentality." This was certainly most in the way of natural consequences. That fruitful vineyards. The Babylonians, in process a modest and a moderate estimate of the results is, it one will set God always before him, he of time, shared the same fate at the hands of of his efforts. But suppose that it was precisewill be self-denying, honest, pure, devoted, the Persians. When the Persians' cup of inly true, what a life he lived ! what a revenue even without deliberate determination. His iquity was full, the Romans came down upon of glory will be his in the heavenly world ! sins and corruptions will fly the Divine presthem like a mighty avalanche, bringing terror what a starry crown he will wear forever ! ence, as owls and bats the light of the sun. in their train, and burying them in utter ruin It must be evident that no one would enter It the heaven of his soul glows with the mani-The fate of the Romans is tamiliar to every If the heaven of his sour grows will spring up fest God, his virtues and graces will spring up school-girl. Disturbed by internecine wars upon such a work as this, involving such an expenditure of time, toil, care, anxiety, prayer like grass and flowers in the Spring time, and broken into factions, they finally became weak, and self-sacrifice, without being inspired by the will come to ripeness and maturity like the and their mighty power, which had made the will come to ripeness and matury into the and their mighty power, which had made the golden grain of Summer. Integrity is what is world tremble at every tread, was forever gone

ORTHODOXY IN CHARACTER.

will be rather sought then shunned. Then It may be in the want of a clear experience, of beetling brink of the lake of fire. presence and power of others. Great minds, a final triumph over death and bell, an abiding as in us lies, for the salvation of our fellow-men: you meet impenitent sinners don't merely say thing, while soundness in and through the faith as sanctimoniously as any others, and as much fidence of our friends in the endurance of peace, a final triumph over death and bell, an abiding as in us lies, for the salvation of our fellow-men: be the use of the salvation of our fellow-men in the use of the salvation of our fellow-men is the difficula final triumph over death and hell, an abiding especially, awe, excite, and uplift our souls. The Infinite Mind, therefore must be a source of untriling lite and inspiration. The Division of the exists to an alarming extent.

It is in view of this that I would call attention 'pull them out of the fire.' They are going to apprehend it under the form of correct de-to the "Memoir of Harlan Page," as furnish-to perdition. There is a heaven and a hell." ing one of the brightest illustrations in modern To another he said, "If I could raise my voice bundle of propositions to be slung over the considered such declarations as the following: God," or "God all-sufficient," as Bush ren-ders the Hebrew. All life, power, blessing, completeness, fullness, are in him in infinite sufficiency: so that he can perfectly satisfy all the world goes; but what is this in comparison truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." Church;" and to predict that the counsel of

the world goes; but what is this in comparison unfolding of their powers, and through the whole period of their duration. He is a God of rich, abundant and immeasurable resour of rich, abundant and immeasurable resour of ever having heard a sermon preached on the until he was over twenty-two years of age; but subject, or to have seen a newspaper article. as soon as he had experienced the saving grace every evangelical Church in our land, how modifies it according to the Christian idea; and a grace every evangelical Church in our land, how In the consideration of this subject we re- of God, he began his life-long labors for the would they arouse their fellow [Christians to gives it character by impressing on it the image Jesus of Nazareth," but his thinking he ought of congratulation-upon the stand he had taken should discern his presence, that we should set ourselves diligently to order our ways so as to please him, and that each one of his creatures should realize the poet's aspiration— truth in the way of speculation, or digestion; him, men may, and do, often think themselves the presence, that we should set ourselves diligently to order our ways so as to please him, and that each one of his creatures should realize the poet's aspiration— "the burning coals fall upon them," &c., no year after year that God would make ma the lers, and bring down the Holy Spirit in ans- whether it is simply a conception of his thought right, when, in fact, they are wrong. No one he is waging, not in the interest of Germany'

wer to their prayers!" When will the time or received as the nourishment of the heart. denies this; and, allow us to say, this is very alone, but for the good of Europe and of the

taught school for the support of himself and erful and more glorious, in their operations do in bringing out Christian character? but from whom they have a right to expect better lous equality and liberty of conscience. He 2. Let it be remembered that, in all these this family; and for the last nine years ot his same years ot his hear years ot his same years ot his same years ot his same years

playof Hamlet, with Hamlet left out.

WORLDLY CONFORMITY.

as they look back upon a useless life, and God, so there are creeds without Christ. That be may supply all we need out of them. Un-founded in robbery and crime, as hostile to the fathomable oceans of grace are in Christ for Church and under the curse of God, and they

tive; above all, so that any repetition of the statement would be equivalent to the fruit What definition of a flower can put the color personal exhortation and appeal. Plain, but success, and inspired by the blessed assurinto it, and the perfume and the elegance of ts form? What scientific putting concerning a

demn them, and were they given fair play and perors, he said: "The high personages who not deadened, the consciences of the actors, the have some together will separate with no deluservice and sacrifice for Jesus and his cause, There is evidently a great lack somewhere. to men and women who are standing on the ties and habits, then to have it engraven and places, not a few, but many, who attend balls. the others. No aggressive purpose against any brought out in the way of right qualities and dancing parties, theatres, send their children to power, in any direction, has called forth hope will be exultant, the victory over sin and of a deep conviction of the truths of the word "Brother," said the dying saint to a lovely habits is about the only orthodoxy that amounts dancing school, dress like the world, talk like. this meeting. The friendly personal intercourse Satan constant, and the confident assurance of of God, or of a conscious responsibility, so far Christian who watched by his bedside, "when to anything. For soundness of faith is one the world, and then go to the Holy Sacrament of the three emperors will strengthen the con-

England.

for these fundamental principles, God will defend the German empire against the enemies

many millions of dazzling pearls and gems far worked upon the tears and jealousies of the tion in that portion of the empire township Jesuitieal policy. But so long as Bismarck holds the helm as Chancellor, he will make it plain that, in his intention, the expulsion of the Jesuits was not a passion, but a policy; not a ness. The craft and cunning of Machiavelli- prejudice, but a principle-the prohibition of anism have so long prevailed in diplomacy, and any foreign power upon the soil of free and the fraud and intrigue of Jesuitism have had united Germany. If he lives five years his cards will win.-Berlin Cor N. Y. Observer.

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required of us-that is, a whole and not a God was in all this. fractional life; and, as Bush has said, " Integ-Now, let any one study the retributions rity is true Scriptural perfection, and without God-whose ways cannot be criticised, however that everything is defective, and all profession much they may differ from our notions-remem bering, at the same time, the relation of the

"Noah." we are told. " was a just man, and Psalmists as prophets of the Almighty, and he perfect in his generations, and Noah walked will not see any incongruity between the praywith God;" and because he walked with God, ers for the overthrow of the wicked and the he was just in character, and perfect in his Spirit of Christianity. It is in exact harmony generation. His obedience was not hypocritiwith the teachings of Christ and the Apostles. cal, but sincere; not partial, but complete; not It would not be well for ordinary Christians to fitful, but constant; not formal, but fervent; adopt these maledictions as a precedent, when not deficient, in a word, but perfect. And persecuted by the ungodly, as this was sharply such is ever the character of the obedience inrebuked by the Master, when the disciples sugspired by the consciousness of the Divine presgested a rain of fire upon the stolid Samaritans. Yet Jesus plainly declared, "With what judg-

ates and governs only in the light and under

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God-does possess a perfect power in the heart,

then our repentance will be deep and thorough

Whedon commenting on Matthew 5: 48, ment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with "Be ve therefore perfect, even as your Father what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." We may settle down upon the in heaven is perfect," says : " Neither St. Paul nor St. James expected that the Christians itact, that God never rebukes in judgment, they addressed would be perfect like angels, or where mercy can be safely exercised. As the even ideally periect men; nor perfect performwisest and best men are not able to distinguish ers of God's absolute law. But they did ex- when punishment is indispensable, this whole pect that the law of love might possess a perfect thing is left in the hands of God, "Vengeance power in their hearts, and in that would consist is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."-From the perfected character of their piety." And Ladies' Repository for December. don every if the law of love-a law which lives and oper-

> HARLAN PAGE. BY REV. LEWIS R. DUNN.

PROTRACTED - MEETINGS AND SPECIAL SERVICES.

WE have been asked what we think of protracted-meetings-are they useful in promoting the work of God ? That is a singular question. experience should refer to his faithful endeavors It seems to us everybody can answer it. Romanists, Ritualists, Evangelicals-almost all sects-resort to them. The advantage of camp-meetings, and other protracted services, consists largely in keeping the minds of the people who attend them on the subject of religion, so that, by God's blessing, they become sterested in it, and the spell of worldly influences is broken. They have time to repent. We are asked whether it is better to converse, and sing, and pray with inquirers, in the church, or to have pastoral interviews with

things. them in private. We say, do both, as cirumstances and the character of the parties may suggest. Some are profited by one mean -some by another. "Sow beside all waters." Use" all reasonable methods. Idolize none. As to wild fire, John Wesley used to say, better have a little wild fire mingled with the genuine than no fire at all. Censure none who

are truly in earnest for the salvation of sinners. There may be various modes of exorcism-no matter, so the devils are cast out. We must hand that question over to Drs. Taylor, Cunnyngham, and Kelley. We presume they preach to the heathen. converse with them.

and pray with them, when opportunity serves. clearest convictions of duty and responsibility Thus did the apostles, as we gather from the on his part, and of peril and danger on the Acts-though no mention is made of " altar ' part of those for whom he labored. Mr. Page or "mourners'-bench." They endeavored so believed every word that the Bible speaks of the to preach that the people might repent, believe, exposure of the sinner to the wrath of God. protess Christ, and obey the gospel. So did This awakened within his heart an earnest desire the Wesleys, though they never used such to rescue and save them. He knew that it the terms as "altar" and "mourners'-bench." person whom he addressed-no matter how They preached with faith and power, and examiable, moral, or lovable, the person might

pected the people to embrace the truth while be-was not in Christ, was not born again, he they preached it, as faith cometh by hearing was in momentary peril of eternal burnings. -and as their hearers believed in their heart. Take the following as a specimen of his method so they contessed with their mouth. unto salvaof addressing unconverted persons by letter. It tion. Personal counsels and prayers followed was written to a relative: when occasion served. Ministers must exer-

was written to a relative: *Dear Sister*, -I think much of you, and long to see you in the Ark of Satety. Have you reason to hope that your sins are pardoned through a Saviour's blood? If not, consider your danger. O Emmeline, if you have not chosen God for your portion you are every moment exposed to the torments of eternal despair. Should death now call you, you must sink "where their worm dieth not, and their fire is not quenched." when occasion served. Ministers most exer-cise common sense about these matters as well as all others. They must instruct the intellect, they must bring consideration to blities, and they must bring consideration to bear npon the will, to induce compliance with the terms of the gospel. "We persuade men." Some are most affected by clear and emphatic presentations of the truth—some by fervent transforming and quickening them under the prayers-others again, who are not moved by Then, speaking of what Christ had done to sermon, are charmed by a song. If people

save her, he continues : are not disposed to "come to the altar," seek "Will you despise his love and these suffer-Will you despise his love and these suffer ings? Death is coming apace. O, delay not to make preparations? Christ is ready to par-the class meeting—put suitable tracts, etc., returning penitent-he is ready to into their hands-get pious neighbours to visit

receive and pardon you. Go. then, as a weary and heavy laden sinner; implore His mcrcy; them-choose any method, the most likely to give yourself into His arms, and be happy forbring them to the cross. Some ministers can

operate better by one method than by another. Letters like this were multiplied by scores, Every man has his peculiar gift. Let not any vailing in our Church organizations, and the powerful and aspiring neighbor. But Russia the words of Tennyson: There is nothing which the church so much and hundreds, and were often bedewed with his be slighted or despised. Be all things in the solemn declaration of the word of God is, "It saw that the strengthening of friendly ties be-

work will be complete and perpetual. It is reported of Charles XII. of Sweden that, when he ascended the throne, he wrote on a map of Northing the salvation of souls. Of numbers there is an abundance, and op-the sacended the throne, he wrote on a map of the function the sacended the throne throne the throne the throne the throne throne throne the throne Sweden: "God has given me this kiagdom, multiplied beyond any precedent. But a very of sinners. Either from want of careful reading -whether with "shouts" or "silent awe"-with and dancing professors are not Christians, else The stress of the Imperial Conference lay in and the devil shall not take it away from me." large portion of the membership of all our of the word of God, or from a lack of a per-

and the devil shall not take it away from me." large portion of the membership of all our In like mansier we shall be able, if the law of love rules in our hearts, to write on body, soul and possessions: "These are Christ's and possessions: "These are Christ's and and unboly uses." These the Bible, which proclaim the tearful character and unboly uses." These the Bible, which proclaim the tearful character and unboly uses." These the Bible, which proclaim the tearful character and unboly uses." These the Bible, which proclaim the tearful character and unboly uses." These the Bible, which proclaim the tearful character and unboly uses." These the Bible, which proclaim the tearful character and unboly uses." These tearful character and unboly uses." These tearful character of the investion of the Bible, which proclaim the tearful character and unboly uses." These tearful character of the invest of the Bible, which proclaim the tearful character and unboly uses." These tearful character of the invest of the Bible, which proclaim the tearful character and unboly uses." The Bible conduction of the Bible, which proclaim the tearful character and unboly uses." The Bible conduction of the Bible, which proclaim the tearful character of the invest of the investore tear invest of the invest of the invest of t all the promises of the inspired Word, and rely with fullest confidence on the covenant love of God. Then the choice of God's way and

BISMARCK AND HIS WORK.

The secret of Bismarck's policy is its openwork of art can exhaust it, just as what genius can exhaust itself in a work of art? How much less can we hope to put him who is the fullness of truth and grace into an abstract statement. such ascendancy in the Church, that men are It is, to say the truth, very much like the not prepared to believe in frankness, but sus-

pect this to be a vail for treachery. But who-Then, again, the creed, while it is infinitely ever will study the speeches and State papers then, again, the creed, and in place of or Bismarck for the past ten years, in the light

Him. It may answer as a halting place, partly of the events which have followed them, will time. It may answer as a matting proces, process of the events which have to now to the best best of the best of t to assent with the intellect, than to give the his expectations for the future of Prussia and affections of the heart. This thought ever and Germany. Diplomatists, trained to cultivate again recurring that I am sound in the faith. distrust as a part of their science, interpreted that I am truly and profoundly orthodox, {may these declarations by their opposites, and thus seem to answer the end of religion, and may produce the further thought whether I am world favored-the success of Bismarck's frankchanged in character. In fact, it is easy to ness. As, however, it is now seen upon all tall into the idea that soundness in the faith is sides that he does what he means, so it is bethe ultimate requirement, and the test of all ginning to be understood that he means what

Furthermore, how much easier to say the of the Emperors and the expulsion of the Jescreed than to search the Scriptures in which uits-have been played openly, and the Prince Christ is set forth in the completeness of His has declared, in the most straightforward manperson and career, so far as words have power to do it; above all, how much easier for one both. ner, his purpose and expectation in them

to do this than to work out his salvation with From the beginning of his career as a minis fear and trembling. Orthodoxy, therefore, so far from being ter, his policy has been to secure the unity of Germany under the leadership of Prussia-the

identical with Christian character, may not touch the character at all. It may hang upon ture, freedom, intelligence, and power; and piece of property, which makes one content to do nothing. Like one descended from an an-

do nothing. Like one descended from an an-cient and honorable family, he may glory in it, Hitherte the politics of Europe have been too cient and honorable family, he may glory in it, and all the while be running to seed. It may rest upon him so oppressively, that anything like a good honest doubt which should set him thinking, would be the best thing in the world. Example the political and military com-tended to political and military com-tended to political and military com-tended to political and military combinations planned at Rome have been able at It was the Scribes and Linking were Abra-could get over the idea, that they were Abra-ham's seed, who had to have the unpleasant ham's seed, who had to have the unpleasant nent. Bismarck intends that the Pope shall nent is the second of the conti-nent. Bismarck intends that the Pope shall nent is the second of the conti-nent is the second of the conti-starvation, if not assassination, with all clue truth told them, that the publicans and harlots cease to be a political factor in any problem of should go into the kingdom of God before the future. Could the Pope unite France and ever lost, when he is suddenly greeted in his

How could we ever mistake the idea, that character is the measure of all things? Did pair of shears, he might hope again to divide has come straight from the outer world to find How could we ever mistake the idea, that Christ come into the world and enter into the condition of our sorrows, and bear our burcondition of our sorrows, and bear our termination of the sorrows, and the most of the termination of termination of the termination of the termination of the termination of the termination of termination of the termination of the termination of the termination of the termination of t that he might become a power in our lives, the meeting of the competition, that he might become a power in our lives, ting the war upon the Jesuits.

transforming and quickening them under the influence of His own? No doubt that the ereed Austria would visit Berlin every possible in-the water-snea," he says, " and unfortunately the seventh hundred in the most interesting of the whole; for in it, if I am not mistaken, four and the life should go together, and that the fluence from Versailles and from the Vatican fountains arise from an earthen mound, and the was used to frustrate this intention; but the last of the four becomes, at no great distance

nature of the other; but we must remember that Christ was before all creeds, and that joint persuasions of Bismarck and Andrassy off, a large river. while they were yet unformed, and perhaps proved too strong for France and Rome, the unthought of, He was moulding the character Austrian Minister seeing clearly that the develof his disciples through the substance of their opment of the new order of things in the Austro-Hungarian Empire will require a good un- home that seizes me every time I think of my faith, and becoming the power of God into sal-vation to them that believe.—*Church and State* France strove desperately to win Russia to a covery.

special alliance, to excite her jealousy of Germany, and to keep back the Emperor from such The spirit of the world is extensively pre- an open manifestation of good-will toward his

AFRICAN EXPLORATION.

The research into that dim region, that world still lying obscure while all other worlds roll into light, and even Japan breaks the seals of its mystic seclusion, is a passion, an enthusiasm, a mania. The earliest and most tascinating reading of many boys who are grey-beards now, were the African books, There is no passage in this vast library of travel more familiar and more touching than Mungo Park's description of the negro woman singing by his sick bed; and the actual source of the Nile, hidden somewhere in midmost Africa, is one of the oldest and most securehe says. His two latest cards-the rendezvous ly guarded of geographical secrets. Yet the desire to master that secret is a magic like that of the lotus which grew upon the Nile shores.

Branches they bore of that enchanted stem, Laden with flower and fruit, whereof they

gave To each, but whose did receive of them And taste, to him the gushing of the wave And taste, to nim toe guaning of the wave Far, far away did seem to mourn and rave On alien shores : and if his fellow spake His voice was thin as voices from the grave : And deep asleep he seemed, yet all awake, And music in his ears his beating heart did

How truly Livingstone has tasted of that otus of African desire is curiously shown in his letter of gratitude to Mr. Bennett. For years he had been away from England. His wife has died. He has been long believed to be dead. He has suffered every hardship and Austria in his interest, then using these as a own language, by a man of his own race, who Germany, especially if he could foster internal him. But even in that moment, which was incauses of division. To remove both of these deed a resurrection, he still turns the lotus dangers, to circumscribe French influence, and upon his tongue, and its taste is sweeter than

the water-shed," he says, " and unfortunately

" I have heard of them so often and at great distances off that I cannot doubt their existence, and in spite of the sore longing for covery.

How perfectly these words of Livingstone, written under the well-known circumstances, reproduce the legend of the Odyssey and repeat