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# Religious Miscellann.

Evening Prayer. I come to thee to-night,

In my lone closet, where no eye can see; And dare to crave an interview with thee, Father of love and light.

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If I this day have striven With thy bless'd Spirit, or have bow'd the knee To aught of earth in weak idolatry, I pray to be forgiven.

If in my heart has been An unforgiving thought, or word, or look, Though deep the malice which I scarce could brook,

Wash me from the dark sin.

If I have turned away From grief or suffering, which I might relieve, Careless the cup of water e'en to give, Forgive me, Lord, I pray;

My sinful wanderings with a deeper smart, And more of mercy and of grace impart, My sinfulness to heal.

Not for myself alone. Would I those blessings of thy love implore; But for each penitent the wide world o'er, Whom thou has called thine own :

And for my heart's best friends Whose steadfast kindness o'er my painful years

Should o'er their path decline The light of gladness, or of hope, or health, Be thou their solace, and their joy, and wealth, As they have long been mine.

And now, O Father ! take The heart I cast with humble faith on thee. And cleanse its depths from each impurity,

For my Redeemer's sake.

# Christian Purity.

answers the end intended. A perfect watch is one that keeps exact time—perfect gold is that difficulties without making them known to me. which contains no partiels of any other substance, while perfect brass would require a proper mixture. A perfect Christian is one who was there in doing kindly by others, if she did answers God's requirement of him as a redeemed it on the stipulation of taking good care of hersinner. God requires that we should be cleansed from all sin, necewed in righteousness and true holiness, and love God with all the heart, and our neighbour as ourselves. This is Christian and I had no other visit in relation to the same

nature, the answer is, God asks it, and when He too certainly all the concatenation of providen-Even the lowest degree of conformity to God's witnessed, that the zeal of that contributor pro-image is unattainable in our own strength. But hearts in part can revew them in whole. The of missions." same precious blood that can cleanse from some sin can cleanse from all sin. This is God's will, and His power is pledged to accomplish for those who ask it, when He thus wills. But when? Now. How? By faith. "If thou canst be- ing just remarks on "Revival Precursors," by lieve, all things are possible to him that be- Dr. Ide: -

This was much dwelt upon by our fathers as This was much dwelt upon by our fathers as also as it is fitted in a pre-eminent degree, to the great object to be accomplished by the gospel, impress the minds of the unconverted. The them mighty power with God and with men drances to the conviction of the unbelieving.

The count met apathy of the believing is one of the chief hinthem mighty power with God and with men drances to the conviction of the unbelieving.

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sad day for us when we lower it. This doctrine by suppression or by languid announcement, lumnies wrought out of His acceptance of their in appealing to the members, some considerable to some injudicious advocates. What dochas had some injudicious advocates. What dectrine has not? Shall we abandon a great vital love." Shall we therefore cease to seek and preach it? Ob, let us shun the snare of Satan! This is not the wisdom that comes from above.

in all our hearts—as shall bring our hearts into intimate sympathy with the heart of the Lord Jesus—as shall set our souls on fire with holy zeal for the salvation of men, as shall induce

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been with Christ—as shall give new life to all A man met him, and after inquiring where he He had created and redeemed?

# Reaching the Mark.

otherwise befriended in some case of difficulty. air of truth. mer years, she was now in a small bired room, for the objects you mentioned.' She then hand- true symbols of a holy life. Holiness—purity—is the great qualification ed me five pounds. I immediately evinced pain The avoidance of little evils, little sins, little

respired definition of the kingdom of God, is sented to me. 'My appeal,' I said, 'was to the the indiscretions and imprudences, little foibles, of disappointed bese, the heart grows weary of gives the following record of mission work in "Rightenusness, peace and joy in the Holy rich, and none of them had as yet responded; little indulgences of self and of the flesh, little the struggle, and we begin to realize our insigand here she was tendering a large amount of acts of indolence or indecision, or solovenliness nificance. Those who have climbed the pinnicle Just now I am out itinerating with Brother Holiness, complete holiness, conformity to the money which she had most commendably stored or cowardice, little equivocations or aberrations of fame, or reveled in luxury and wealth, go to Thoburn forty miles west of Moradabad, near image of the heavenly, is the grand end of the gospel. And every human being should be integrated as the pearl of the secure this as the pearl of the secure the secure this as the pearl of the secure the secure that the secure the secure this as the pearl of the secure that the secure that the secure that the secure tensely solicitous to secure this as the pearl of gone aside, and I have missed my mark.' No,' wishes of others, little outbreaks of temper and soon forgotten. Generation after generation, west, with Rev. Prem Dass and Rev. Zahur-ulgreat price—the most precious thing in all the she replied, the arrow was for me, and it has crossness, or selfishness, or vanity; the avoid-says an elequent modern writer, have felt as we Hugg, we went to the bazaar, and, standing in Methodists understand from the great com- science because of my neglect. I have been mission that God has undertaken to provide a rich enough to do good that I have not done, system of salvation, complete salvation, perfect and there's my guilt.' 'But if I took such

salvation, for the race. What has originated the sums, I said, from such persons, I should bring and hour, in public transactions, or private dealneed of this salvation? Sin. To what is sin seemal on charitable subscriptions—they would opposed? Holiness. The restoration which the gospel seeks to accomplish therefore is a must reduce the amount to a few shillings. res o ation to holiness. It is a perfect system of Her face then flushed with emotion, and she salvation, because its provisions reach to all men, said fervently, 'I have considered the case: I am and promise to each man, who will accept them, sure I am doing no more than my duty, or not deliverance from all sin, and from all the consequences of sin. It offers salvation to all, and er, I will resist the temptation by laying down salvation to the uttermost to each. Perfection is ten pounds.' So assailed and baffled, I said I properly predicated of anything which precisely would surrender to her wishes on one stipula-

asks it He gives the grace to accomplish it tial influences, I may safely affirm, from all I the same Almighty power that can renew our was worth many hundreds of pounds to the cause

# Fervid Desire.

The Watchman and Reflector has the follow

for which it longs, not only as it falls in with the established order of Divine communication, but and the enjoyment of this "perfect love" gave apathy of the believing is one of the chief hinthoughout the land.

The Wesleys were raised up to elevate the that they could not be silently ignored, nor Not of ascetic bostility to wealth and its adjuncts, beer; for the practice is to drink whilst there is The Wesleys were raised up to elevate the standard of Christian morals, and it will be a coldly proclaimed. Hence the unworthy handtrine has not? Shall we abandon a great vital truth on this account? God forbid! Some truth on this account? God forbid! Some and invigorated views of the solemn destruth on this account? God forbid! Some that we unworthily professed to enjoy this "perfect leave unworthily professed to enjoy this "perfect leav

Rev. Dr. King (of London, late of Glasgow, which the information was given, the traveller kingdom. humble aspect. She had an expression of im- earnest gesture, the traveller turned back and heresy and schiam. perfect health, and the natural inference was, was saved. The intelligence in both cases was

inquire delicately how she was situated. She overcome and the heedless travellers of the brought thee out of the land of Egypt." Has watched to soothe affliction's griefs and tears told me that she had been long in service, but My warmest prayers ascend.

We betide the Church in which a long purse told me that she had been long in service, but broad way, wen to the path of life and happing was not in service now; that her health had failness. Love is the most potent logic; interest is held to confer a right to control the affair of light to confer a right to control the affair of light to confer a right to confer a righ

> done nothing for the heathen. Sad things may go softly " on their mission of refreshment, not incurred by its introduction !- The Churchman. have come through my neglect, and be lying at "the waters of the river great and mighty," my door; and now I have brought a small sum rushing down in torrent noise and force, are the

of which it is composed.

bright sward which clothes its slopes, composed name; of innumerable blades of grass. It is of small things that a great life is made up : and he who will acknowledge no life as great save that which to built up of great things, will find little in Bible characters to admire or copy.

# The Money Power.

When it pleased God in mercy to take our reflection. This is what God expects, and has subject. After about three weeks had elapsed, flesh upon Him, and visit us, He came in abject the retired servant died of a sudden illness. poverty. Of the gold and the silver, which are

ling which these great truths receive, whether consort with Him, and cared not to shun the ca to share theirs in the same way.

others to take knowledge of us that we have swept away by the torrent; but he knew it not, sive claim to the love and trust of those whom brought more fully into the work of the Lord. highly for a season, but in the long run the value on the cross, and the predeterminations and in

our preaching, and praying, and labour to save since is such a baptism as shall place "holi-" Are you aware that the bridge is gone?"

It is known that for years some of these oretinen of all things comes to be accretioned.

A man met him, and after inquiring where he was bound, said to him in an indifferent way, bave been employed in subordinate places of up and down in the wilderness, and say your of these their help was great, and the in- say, and cry your cry, and just as true as the strip breaks at that expendence, becomes an idol, by have been employed in subordinate places of up and down in the wilderness, and say your of these their help was great, and the in- say, and cry your cry, and just as true as the strip breaks at that expendence, becomes an idol, by have been employed in subordinate places of up and down in the wilderness, and say your of these oretinence.

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bridge is gone!" "Oh yes," replied the way. are one long record of that fact. The moment prepare them for large ingatherings of souls "At a time when efforts were made to elevate farer, "some one told me that story a little dis- man takes the Master's place, and substitutes from amongst their countrymen. I hope this the standard of Christian beneficence in Glasgow, I preached a sermon on the subject one back, but from the careless tone in which he told it I am sure it is only an idle tale. "Oh, money becomes all in all to the poor idolator, when those who have just entered there will Sunday afternoon. It was my hope that I had it is true, it is true!" exclaimed the other. "I Funds, not faith, must be the basis of his enter. come into the full work. not vainly fulfilled the requirement, 'Charge know the bridge is gone, for I barely escaped prises; income, not blessing, the measure of But what are we now to do? You will see them that are rich in this world, that they do being carried away with it myself. Danger is their success. From Paul of Samosata down to that we cannot meet the demand for help, for lagood, that they be rich in good works, ready to before you, and you must not go on." And in the the poor recipient of "Peter's pence," in our bour on every hand. Those who have been im distribute, willing to communicate : laying up excitement of his feelings he grasped him by the day, we find usurpation, tyranny, and error in pressed by the preaching of the word, require in store for themselves a good foundation against hands, by the arms, by the clothes, and becought the Church, looking to worldly wealth as their de- much instruction. We begin at the beginning. the time to come.' Next day I was called on him not to rush upon manifest destruction. Conby an elderly woman in plain attire, and of vinced by the earnest voice, the earnest eye, the of pecuniary success in developing the germs of Our Leaders' Meetings must be kept in vigour,

though there was nothing of the beggar in her the same; but the manner of its conveyance in greater than the attempt to do the work of Christ English work, and enable me to give Sabbath looks, that she was come to ask counsel, or be the ore gave it an air of fable, in the other an by the rules of Wall Street, and plan schemes service to the native stations. Then we have She recalled to me, what I did not at the first So it is only through a burning zeal for the Reckoner. It is to set up mammon—the slave employ additional help. If with an English colmoment remember, that she was a communicant in my church. As she was not very prompt in and flashing out in look, and action, and utterannouncing the object of her visit, I began to anoe—that the confidence of unbelief can be calf of gold, and cry, "These be thy gods that ed between the old and new roads from King

ed her, and as she had saved something in for- and sympathy are the most subduing elequence. the household of God! Wors innumerable further efforts, has been done during the year. and living on her savings. But that, she said, brings me to the business I have on hand. Little Things in Religious Life. Carist through fifteen centuries, in which money to stir our hearts to their depths, to consecrate has been allowed to buy the power of making, all our powers to this Divine work, and to re-Under the description you gave me yesterday of Little words, not elequent speeches nor ser- governing, directing, and in an evil sense inspir- joice before God in all the wonderful things He the obligations resting on me to extend the gos- mons; little deeds, not miracles nor battles nor ing, officers in the army professing to be led by does by our feeble instrumentality. To Him be pel, and make the salvation of Christ known to one great act or mighty mortyrdom, make up the the Captain of salvation. May God preserve us glory both now and ever .- Miss. Notices. poor perishing sinners, my beart smote me, be- true Christian life. The little, constant sunbeam, from the sad enslavement, and preserve our cause I had hoarded up gains for myself, and not the lightning; the waters of Siloam, "that councils free from the foul contamination to be

### We Fade as a Leaf.

mee of such little things as these goes far to feel, and their fellows were as active in life as make up at least the negative beauty of a holy ours are now. They pass away as a vapor, while ed a free and present salvation. We have visited And then attention to the little duties of the day her Creator commanded her to be. And so if not edification. ings, or family arrangements; to the little words heavens will be as bright over our graves as they offended with something said by Zahur-ul-Hugg.

# Religious Intelligence.

South Africa. EASTERN PROVINCE.

Extract of a Letter from the Rev. William Hol-ford, dated D'Urban, Fort Peddie, December 7th, 1867.

When He sent forth His disciples on their first ments and charms of great value in their eyes,

would have been right and prudent in them to make. "No purse! no scrip!" where His stern of his attention to the Kaffir beer, that a considerable number of our Leaders and Local retired in disgust. make. "No purse! no scrip!" where His stern siderable number of our Leaders and Local Preachers have voluntarily abstained from drink-

and high connexions, whom a word of His would necessity." Now the evil of drinking beer has to do. Within the bounds of my own circuit ty stick of reconstruction—hard, tough and unhave brought, emptying all their treasures at shown itself for a long time in weakness of faith there are 700,000 souls, and no missionary of sightly, nicking our best tools, roughening our in their frequent stumbles and falls, and the not any denomination to push forward the work with smoothest surfaces, and bringing out the sweat No gift of houses or lands, for his own behoof, unfrequent exclusion of persons from the church me. Alone among that vast multitude, what can and the execration of our most skillful workmen. world, I don't think much of it. It is a very did he allow to put Him out of the condition of for flagrant sin. As the native assistants under. I do? O that the Church at home would lift \_\_And also in our churches, the difficulties of in- flannelly world, and emells of paregoric awfully. a homeless stranger and pilgrim, which He stand the inner life of the natives much better up her voice like a trumpet for the millions of terpretation and doctrine, and the disputes over It's a dreadful light world too, and makes me deemed most suitable to the work He came to than we can do, the evils arising from this prac. lost souls in India! But do not think that I matters of government and discipline are very blink, I tell you. And I don't know what drances to the conviction of the uncesteving.

It gives color to the falsehood that Christians the sole luxuries of His life were the precious nations, have held souls and bodies in bondage; that in ten or fifteen years our numbers will not the midst of a revival. Then we sigh over the

It is known that for years some of these brethren of all things comes to be accretained. Go, walk fallible results of redeeming grace. the "Power of Zeal." It is an admirable little volume. We make the following ex
little volume. We make the following ex
little volume. The ages of her history will produce richer fruits in themselves, and lected.

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> to influence the class meetings and members. of Church extention by the use of the Ready two places in the Circuit where we can usefully William's Town to Graham's Town to much

have befallen every branch of the Church of We are looking for the power of the Holy Spirit Corist through fifteen centuries, in which money to stir our hearts to their depths, to consecrate

#### Letter from India.

A letter from Rev. R. Hoskins, of the India Missi to Conference, M. E. Church, dated at Bijnour, Feb. 18th, and directed to the Corres As the trials of life thicken, and the dreams ponding Secretary of the Missionary Society of for seeing God, either here or bereafter. The and impatience in having such an offering preinconsistencies, little weaknesses, little follies, little weaknesses, little weaknesses, little follies, little weaknesses, little weaknesses, little weaknesses, little weaknesses, little weaknesses, little weaknesses, little weaknesses,

nature were the same aspect of beauty as when several native villages, much to their delectation

and tones; benevolences or forbearances, or ten- are now around our path; the world will have and began a discussion affirming that they were dernesses; little self-denials, self-restraints and the same attraction for our offspring yet unborn Brabmins, and consequently not needing any tuality, and method, and true aim, in the order- this will have happened! Days will continue to good works, or by descent from the mouth of ing of each day—these are the active develop. move on, and laughter and song will be heard in Brahma? You must be one or the other." ments of holy life, the rich and Divine mosaics the very chamber in which we died; and the eye They could not say by good works, for the peoyou?" They were utterly nonplussed, and seemed unable to say another word.

When He needed a stater to pay the tributemoney which He condescended to allow His own
servants to exact of Him, He had recourse to
none of the men of wealth, or women of rank
and high conveyions whom a word of His would tice could not be overlooked. They see how despair in the least; far from it. I expect to trying to faith and patience, and string upon us to do with my hands; I think I'll dig my

# General Miscellann.

Unappreciated Talents.

There is much force as well as truth in the fel-

to meet them, the children of God rise out of again erjoined on men rich in worldly goods the ern our conduct towards others (brethren,) whose to be given to his generation, need not much furniture, and he will find that despised knot I heard folks say, "Hush, don't wake up Em to meet them, the children of God like out and the might have weakness, or stumbles, or falls, cannot be unno-concern himself as to where he shall speak it. coming to use, and attracting all eyes by its cuticed. Upon this principle we have gained With what twaddle about unappreciated genius rious form and contrast of color. And so it dedoctrine because unworthy leaders have assumed its championship, have fallen into the snare prepared by the enemy. Shall we abandon Christipared by the enemy. Shall we abandon Christianity because it has had poor defenders and unworkly professors? We must discriminate hetter than this or expect to incur the displace. better than this, or expect to incur the displealiest are compelled to admit that the Gospel is Himself in disconnection from worldly interests together to Wesley chapel, where we had afterliest are compelled to admit that the Gospel is Himself in disconnection from worldly interests were of God.

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With all our appliances for pushing forward not a deau ereed, a system of the street of the power of the stupendous verities which it son of that on the possession of which the sucthey are such as no other church on earth posthey are such as no other church on the posthey are such as no other church on the posthey are such as no other church on the posthey are such as no other churc sesses, we need just now, entering upon the second century of our career, more than we need all things else, the baptism of the Hely Ghost.

| Coss of all earthly undertaking must depend, so the way of truth is opened to far so they way of truth is opened to far so the way of truth is opened to far so they way of truth is opened to far so they way of truth is opened to far so they way of truth is opened to far so they way of truth is opened to far so they way of truth is opened to far so they way of truth is opened to far so they way of truth is opened to far so they way of truth is opened to far so they way of truth is opened to far so they way of truth is opened to far so they way of truth is opened to fa pentient and workers.

A traveller was journeying in the darkness of kingdom. "Money," which is "the sinews of" much spiritual power attended the preaching, knows the price of things. There is little un-Such a baptism as shall perfect the love of God in all our hearts—as shall bring our hearts into

### Words.

Words are lighter than the cloud foam Of the restless ocean spray; Vainer than the trembling shadow That the next hour steals away : By the fall of summer rain drops Is the air as deeply stirred; And the rose leaf that we tread on

Yet on the dull silence breaking With a lightning flash, a word Bearing endiess desolation On its lightning wings, I heard, Earth can forge no keener weapon, Dealing surer death and pain, And the cruel echo answered

Through long years again. I have known one word hang star-like O'er a weary waste of years, And it only shone the brighter Looked at through a mist of tears; While a weary wanderer gathered Hope and heart on life's dark way. By its faithful promise shining Clearer day by day.

I have known a spirit calmer Than the calmest lake and clear As the heavens that gazed upon it, With no wave of hope or tear: But a storm had swept across it And its deepest depths were stirred. Never, never more to slumber, Only by a word.

I have known a word more gentle Than the breath of summer air, In a listening heart it nestled. And it lived forever there. Not the beating of its prison Stirred it ever, night or day; Only with the heart's last throbbing

Could it pass away.

Echoes in the skies.

Words are mighty, words are living; Or bright angels, crowding round us With heaven's light upon their wings; Every word has its own spirit, True or false, that never dies; Every word man's lips have uttered

# The Value of Knots.

ber bears an advanced price. A knotty stick is intention of performing a variety of intangible that mourned for us will be dry and will glisten ple would immediately convict them of a lie; a term of depreciation-nearly as much so as a duties to-morrow or the day after. When this What makes you green hill so beautiful! Not with joy; and even our children will cease to consequently, after much quibbling they said, crooked stick. Who chooses such for splitthe outstanding peak, or stately elm, but the think of us, and will not remember to lisp our "by birth." Then he named several Brahmins ting? The carpenter, too is a little shy of a server will usually connect it with a vague imwho are spoken of in their sacred books as be- knot, whether he uses saw or plane. Tools are pression once formed or received that the patient ing born of crows, horses, and other animals, sometimes broken in the cutting. Certainly a was living a little too hard. He will scarcely and said, "These are not descended from Brah- log of wood is rather unsightly with its gnarled have had leisure to turn it over in his mind, and ms, and yet were Brahmins; how much better protuberances. A pine board suffers in smooth- form the terrible suspicion of ' dry rot,' when he are you than the common people who surround ness and color by the inserted knot. We try to will notice a change for the worse in the patient's conquer the cross-grained portion, and instead appearance - a certain alovenliness and deteriorof coming into shape it only slips out, leaving ation, which is not poverty, nor dirt, nor intoxi-Animated discussions occur at almost every an unsightly hole! And then paint does not cation, nor ill health, but simply dry rot. To preaching service, and frequently the most ab. take a durable finish over these perverse spots, this succeeds a smell as of strong waters, in the surd points are raised, for which only a well- so much barder than the surrounding surface. morning; to that a looseness respecting money; Charles Pamla, the native assistant, has been directed shaft of ridicule is of any avail. A It may be said, then, that knots are at a discount to that a stronger smell as of strong waters at

tience; of a person inpenetrable and unmanage- plank is found affected with it, and the whole mission to awaken Israel. He most expressly pro- and sought unto our God, the God of our salva- The crowd saw the point, and sent up a shout of able, on whom we do not care to break our lo- structure is devoted.—Thus it had been with the hibited such provisions as in earthly wisdom it tion. I may mention here, as the result in part, laughter. The poor butcher had nothing more gic or turn the edge of our temper. How troublesome these subjects and characters are, in subscription. Those who knew him had not Church and State! We meet them where they nigh done saying, 'So well off, so comfortably The work promises well. Inquirers are ap-

special beauty, rightly placed and viewed. The days-old baby. Never mind, when I'm a man

tal discipline in learning and preaching, under not being appreciated. Whenever a man in any What kind of theology is that which arms a man startle nobody into thought and feeling. Such cause as little faith as they do resistance. Nobody cares enough about them to affirm or deny. But try the old Gospel creed. Preach the doctrines which, if they are anything, are everything. Rouse a man's soul by visions of heaven and hell, with a judgement-seat in the foreground. Tell of a God whose nature is mystery, but whose personality and holy character are the facts of all facts. Proclaim pardon through the shed blood of the incarnate Son of God. Insist upon the total ruin of mankind, and the supernatural grace of the Holy Spirit .-These are tough truths. Men fight against them at first. They call them old, crabbed, knotty doctrines. But when the natural man is slain, fairly brained and over with, it is by terrible blows from these hard knots.

We have even a veneration for the knots in timber. They reveal a history in the grand old tree. Each tells of a limb that once sprang from that point, and is a scar made by the woodman's ax. It says, Here there was once beauty and strength, though there seems to be little of either now. Are scars always unsightly? What are those which the veteran soldier brings back from battle-fields which saved liberty to the nation and the world? So rough, gnerled characters, scarred all over with the conflicts of other days, call on us sometimes to stand before them with bared brews. Thus, Oliver Cromwell is a tough knot in English history, and the sentimental praters who call Charles I. a martyr 'think that Puritan name a sad blemish in the roll of British sovereigns. -But the world could ill spare that rough protuberance on the British Oak. A bough shot out there once which was its glory, and under the shadow of which liberty found shelter in the days of storm. Every knot in a tree is a chapter in its history .- The Advance.

## The Dry Rot in Men.

A very curious disease, the dry rot in men, and difficult to detect the beginning of. It had carried Horace Kinch inside the wall of the old King's Bench prison, and it had carried him out look at, in the prime of life, well to-do, as clever as he needed to be, and popular among many friends. He was suitably married, and had healthy and pretty children. But, like some fair-looking houses, or fair-looking ships, he velation of the dry rot in men is a tendency to lurk and lounge; to be at street corners without intelligible reason : to be going anywhere when met : to be about many places rather than A knot is thought to be a defect. Clear lum- at any; to do nothing tangible, but to have an

this attainable? Certainly.

Whatever God requires of any human being is possible to that human being, in precisely the sense in which God requires it. If it be said that it is too much to ask of poor weak human that it is too much to that human being and the silver, which are active and powerty. Of the gold and the silver, which are all times; to that, a trembling of the limbs, sometimes, to that, a trembling of the limbs, sometime

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