

"Sir," said a low earnest voice, very different from the beggar's whine, "you know, I can see, something of my story. I was born a gentleman, the son of a clergyman. I can see the pretty vicarage now, covered with ivy and I can see, too the old school, and the faces of my school-fellows; and then, and then "-he broke down, covered his face with his hands, and sobbed aloud-" all is darkness and mise ry." "What then ?" said his questioner, kindfirst boy in the school, proudly thinking I should carry all hefore me. I fell in with clever, but wicked companions. I was soon to be found at wine parties, and to be seen giving wine parties in return. I am sure you can guess the rest of my story, sir. I took to drinking freely, and while intoxicated, I committed an action which closed the college gates against me. What could I do? Home I would not go after. what had happened. I tried one kind of work and then another, my taste for drink getting stronger and stronger as I sank lower and lower; and now sir, no one will employ me. My character, my respectability, my health and

high nonors at the university, and might have sunday-school work is not so well organized as the servants. is my daily bread, it is my greatest curse. I remember too well every little incident in my Sunday-school. past life. Ah ! sir, it is the drink that has done

burst them if I would ;-and it will land me in cess in his work, he should occasionally pause, seen :hell. Now, sir, you know my story, please to and take time for consideration. He should be raised up in life again; I'm a wreck; and ed, and then keep these steadily before him. am content now to be so."

The listener's eves filled with tears as he looked on what was indeed a wreck of humanity-the young life before him a hopeless ruin. " Dear friend," said he, " say what you will, I cannot go from this house and forget you. You may call yourself the devil's castaway; but it is the devil's castaways whom Jesus came to seek and save. Hear the word's of inhim return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abun-God will set you with princes. Ask God's pardon through the blood of a crucified Redeemer, cross my father's threshold again, and I never door closed; and when, a moment after, he appeared. This sad but true story is enough to make

the sternest weep. We stand by a bed on which lies the corpse of one dear to us; and, as we look on the stiff form, and feel the dead hand, our boasted manliness breaks down, and

was in all haste to carry the news to the king. Then comes a criticism of Her Majesty's sing-In his zeal he actually outran the more sober- ing, which " was in strict time and tune, and minded Cushi, and was the first to enter the with very good execution," a few mistakes, DOMINION DIRECTORY OFFICE. royal presence. But when asked his tidings, which are noted, excepted. The Prince sung

he could only say, "I saw a great tumult, but "Es ist ein Schnitter," and invited their visito roses, and the green lawn on which I played a I knew not what it was." So the king said to to play. Of his performance: happy child, with my little brothers and sisters. him, "Turn aside and stand there." Thus, too If everything had gone as usual, I ought to often, in their zeal to be doing something, peo- have improvised most dreadfully badly, for in ple rush out into the thickest of the turmoil is almost always like that with me when I want without knowing exactly what it is that needs it to go well, and then I should have gone away to be done, and without having formed for vexed with the whole morning. But, as if I was themselves any definite plan of action. Such to keep nothing but the pleasantest, most char-He dried his eyes: "I went to college, sir, the proceedings are worse than a mere waste of ming recollection of it, I never improvised energy. They are often positively injurious. better; I was in the best mood for it, and play-Paul says: "So fight I, not as one that beat- ed a long time, and enjoyed it myself, so that eth the air." When he gave a blow, he was besides the two themes, I brought in the songs careful to take aim. He wished to hit some- that the Queen had sung, naturally enough; body, and to hit the right one. These people and it all went off so easily that I would gladly who thrust out at random not only beat the air; have stopped; and they followed with so much they often hit and hurt the very ones whom intelligence and attention that I telt more at they seek to befriend. ease than I ever did in improvising to an audi-

The teacher, of all persons, and the Sunday, ence. She said several times she hoped I school teacher, of all teachers, should seek dis- would soon come to England again and pay them tinctness of aims. The work is one in which a visit, and then I took leave." mistakes are so easy and mischievous. Chil- What Mendelssohn forgot to tell in its proper

dren, in consequence of their inexperience and place is as good as the rest of the story :

their pliability, are more easily led astray than "Also, I forgot to tell you how, just as she Is published every Morning (Sunstrength gone. All that is left to me is my grown people. The interests at stake are more was going to begin to sing, she said : 'But the momentous than those which concern merely parrot must go out first, or he will screech lou- days excepted), in time for the memory; if I read a chapter or a verse, I can the loss or gain of money. Another thing der than I shall sing.' Upon which, Prince Alrepeat it. That memory, sir, which placed me the loss or gain of money. Another thing der than I shall sing. Open which said which makes it particulary important that care bert rang the bell, and the Prince of Gotha said at the head of the school, would have given me high honors at the university, and might have led me to a high position in life; it might have

> organized public school a bungler has not half A HOME MADE EARTH CLOSET. the power of mischief that he would have in a

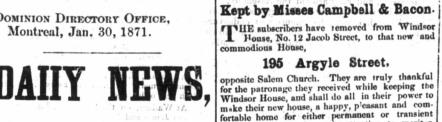
Much ingenuity and contrivance has been exin life to be a ragged beggar, —it has broken my parents' heart—it has bound me so tight in its chains, that I don't believe that I could burst them if I would ;—and it will land me in

I built a house lately, and managed matters let me go; you can't help me; I don't want to fix upon certain definite ends to be accomplish- in this way: I bought two camp kettles, sheet iron cylinders with a bottom and a bail; they Let the teacher aim distinctly to teach some- cost a dollar each, and measure perhaps 14 inthing. This may seem a very simple rule, ches across the top. The seat has hinges, and hardly worth uttering. Yet many make a seri- the kettles stand on masonry, so that the seat ous mistake just here. They occupy the teach- when down touches the rims. The bail is long er's chair, they go through a certain routine of enough to fall over the rim, and touches the duty from week to week, but they do not teach. side half way down. The shell of a box tur-Let it be remembered that talking is not neces- tle serves as a scoop. Once a week the box is sarily teaching. Hearing recitations is not teach- filled with dry garden earth or fine clay; once ing. Teaching is making some one know what a week it is necessary to lift the seat and take Selections. he did not know before. Let the teacher, when out the kettle and add the contents to the mafinite love, "Let the wicked forsake his way, the hour is over, ask himself this question : Do nure pile, a chore that consumes five minutes. my class know anything which they did not Before the kettles were used they received a LatestNewsofthe Day know before ? or have they merely exhibited to thorough coat of tar thickened with slate-flour. dantly pardon.' You tell me that you have fal. me what they had learned in preparing the leslen from your station in life; but the Spirit of son? Have they gone away with a distinct, et to stand where with any of t e old methods positive addition to their scriptural knowledge? it would breed disease. It is cheap and sim-This will be found a searching and critical ques- ple; it saves all the night soil; we have no and then do as one of old did-arise and go to your father. "Never!" almost shrieked the affirmative will find himself surely gaining a earth will quench it. It makes a light weekly unhappy young man; "I have sworn never to hold upon his scholars. Nothing so effectually chore of what would otherwise become an odisecures good attendance as the consciousness ous semi-annual job. In the hottest weather will. Good day, sir; you mean kindly; but on the part of the pupils that they are learning. we scatter a little quick lime or lime with carit's too late for me." A hasty step-the swing- But the teacher who would reach this end must bolic acid. Lime alone will quench the ill odor aim at it with distinct purpose, and must habi- of the fluids of sewage, and the dry earth who would have rescued the perishing one tually raise the question, whether he has really mnfiles the other. In freezing weather sifted

stood in the street, the tall thin form had dis- been teaching. If he does not, he may depend coal ash is a convenient substitute for soil. Any upon it that much of his labor is going to waste. earth that is not sandy will answer; but it He is working, but doing nothing.—From should be dry. " The Sunday-School Idea," J. C. Garrigues & Co., Publishers, Philadelphia,

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