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Weary and worn at evening With bearing the cross of the day, Still bending beneath its burden, O Father ! we kneel to pray.

Lifting the bands that are failing, We seek the clasp of Thine own ; The cross is so very heavy, We cannot bear it alone.

Dim are our eyes from our weeping And bleeding our feet from the way. For thorny and rough was the journey We've wearily trodden to-day

arker and darker the shadows are folding us closely around : Thy love is our only refuge; No other shelter is found.

Refuse not the strength of Thine arm O wipe all the tears from our faces, And shield us from night and alarm.

Lowis and lowlier always In grief and confusion of face. Ashamed for our manifold sinning,

We bow at the throne of His Grace. Forgive us, O Father ! forgive, For the evil this day we have done ; The sine that are scarlet and shameful. Remove by the blood of Thy Son.

Darker the shadows are falling. More lowly we bend at Thy feet; Thy leve is a refuge unfailing, And rest in that refuge is sweet.

# Talking With God.

If there is anything in our Christian journey

telling Him of our sorrows and joys. ....

over us, almost overwhelming life's frail barque, we too often forget the linvisible power whose ing us aright through the misty darkness,

with God. Shall we not invite this communion? Sha e not reckon it one of life's delights. Shall we in our hearts forget to talk daily mankind.

our Father, who is King of Kings, and

riends, enjoyments; the consolation, rich and light and hopeful heart, ree, of His grace?

Ab : Enumerable evidences of His parental

power to the plastic minds of the young student ; cent. elevating the apirit of contemplation from na-During the past years of sorrow, when Vir-

sons and daughters, often precluding the pos-sibility of falling upon her knees in quiet, air, which the Lord had not given us grudging-way; while you, my brothers, go along your air, which the Lord had not given us grudging-way gloomily, with heads bent, because you can't

longing after those vernal fields in a summer

clime, where God is its eternal light. The bleating lamb, adding another attraction boy! His means were little to his ampler to the landscape, evokes from our hearts the desire, that as the Good Shepherd, He would sire, that as the Good Shepherd, He would the cheerful giver rest upon him.

The shorter menk seemed to listen with in- at our table to talk.

And sire, that as the Good Shepherd, He would the cheerful giver rest upon him. ever lead us as the sheep of His pasture, the lambs of His flock—through green pastures, by

our minds while contemplating a spectacle so fearfully sublime.

Our minds revert to the " Rock of Ages."-When that fearful day appears, let me not call for these to fall, to hide me from Jehovah's wrath. But,-

"Rock of ages cieft for m

Bright with expectation, we are about to dearest undertakings, or raise up instruments and tracts. for our assistance ?

Inasmuch as every gift is bestowed by God, to pass." it is but meet and proper, as dependents, inde- to your comrades." pendent of every consideration, that we should "Can't help that; I have my orders. No powmake known our minutest want to Him who is er on earth can get you in." able to supply it -ever using with thankfulness the rich provisions of His love, be they spiritumyself, turning away leisurely, and watching him God's bounntiful supplies.

A Beautiful Extract amid her hills as a child upon the breast of its mother. The noiseless sentinel stood like a its enlightened shadows. Reason shed a faint his willingness to save. All my tracts were exglimmering over the minds of men, like the pended, and I now took out some Testaments, oold and insufficient shining of a distant star.

bis willingness to save. All my are more deferential, and listen better to your pended, and I now took out some Testaments, superiors; you mean well, my child, but you are in error." The immortality of man's spiritual nature was best to distribute among the multitude I knew unknown, his relation unto heaven undiscovered, and his future destiny obscured in a cloud of
mystery. It was at this period that two forms

mystery. It was at this period that two forms of ethereal mould havered about the land of God's chosen people. They seemed like sister angels, sent to earth on some embassy of love. The one of majestic stature and well-formed limb, word, a thing strange and new to them, that they word, a thing strange and new to them, that they evinced the glee of children. which her snowy drapery hardly concealed, in her erect bearing and steady eye, exhibited the bighest degree of strength and confidence. Her other words, talking with our invisible Father : upward where night appeared to have placed

How blessed the privilege which permits the her delecate companion, in form and counten-what puzzled at my warm reception by his comaweet intercourse of a kind parent, who, sympa- acce the contrast of the other, was drooping thizing with us in our every-day care, or rejoic- like a flower moistened by refreshing dews, and nizes us as His children; the effspring of His chosen creative power; the redeemed of His chosen buman race. There were deep traces of sorrow on his countenance though no one knew why on his countenance though no one knew why had previously ordered me to leave. "I am or had previously ordered me to leave. "I am or

The intimzey of that connection is limited only by our want of faith in His promises, and indisposition to commune with our Father, the Lord of the whole earth. Strange how few, comparatively, appreciate the glorious privilege dumb spake, the dead arose, the ocean moder-on your return." granted them by a perfectly apprecedable Po- ated its chafing tide; the very thunder articulat-No earthly friend can manifest such sympathy. to death. Thickly guarded, he slowly ascended How seldem we lay to heart God's very intim- the hill of Calvary. A heavy cross bent him to it, for she has brought us nice gifts, which we ate care over all His works, numbering the very the earth. But Faith leaned on his arm, and

ed to the skies.

# Giving.-A Contrast.

By reason of abundant leisure, the office of own, and disappeared. Deliverence. When gloom and doubt becloud collector for various charitable objects has often our sky, our want of confidence often bedims fallen to my lot. I remember calling one bright to the lovely avenues of the ancient palace, to the Pillar of Fire, which is, compass-like, guid- spring morning at a pretty white cottage, with which I trequently resorted for rest, and thought its terraced lawn just budding into greenness; Registration of a Father's love, we too frequent. The whole overlooking a wide extent of mountain and meadow,—one of the most lovely views of the far famed Connecticut Valley. It seemed a right their pleasures, and their vices, all passed away to their eternal account; wondering that God had given to so worldly, miserable, and bearing the sweet invitation for holy converse of the far famed Connecticut Valley. It seemed gain inspiration from it, a clearer, broader faith, of his salvation. My heart was full, and I burst an enlarged spirit of benevolence towards all

I knew Mr. S. to be a man of large and growwhen the solicitation was in the way of worldly Shall we forget to tell Him how grateful we amusement; and though mine was not of that sel for our hourly benefits; peace, health character yet I ran up the piazza steps with a ly-looking man of dejected appearance; the oth-Mrs. S. greeted me cordially ; but when I men-

tioned the subject of my early call I noticed a slight change in her mnaner, which looked a lit-This talking with God, or ejaculatory prayer, the ominous for the success of my mission. My y repetition, becomes one of our highest plea- courage rose when she requested her husband to be called in. He came ; but the weightiest Walking, riding, or engaged in any duty- argument I could command failed to move him. therever we are-He seems inviting our com- Net wishing to press the subject further, or seem unreasonably earnest even in so good a cause. I Never have I enjoyed it more than when en- rose to leave; when the lady, turning to her husgaged in the arduous toils of the class-room, un- band, said in a subdued tone, 'I think you had folding the wonders and beauties of His creative better give a little, Fred,-just enough to be de-

Pained as well as amused at the novelty of this give me a hearing, as heavy drops of rain began appeal, my first impulse was to decline the prof-fered twenty five cents, but remembering the I immediately opened a large unbrella, and stepginia's bosom was bared to the storm of mortal gift would be useful though the reluctant gives onflict, God slone could number the moments might fall to receive the blessing, I accepted it of sweet, confiding communion with Him, when thankfully. It was with a glad sense of relief, terror burst furiously and impetuously upon her bowever, that I left the stifling atmosphere of out, "for I am going to heaven singing all the

ly, or just enough to be decent.' danger and death. Is it not all written in His ed his mite upon the table. The next day, a look happy to what you do?" ed his mite upon the table. The next day, a look happy to what you do?"

clergyman from the North, who was present at
the most of those mournful days. the meeting, met the little fellow, and inquired with curiosity. The taller one kept his eyes in dismay, and only look at this table." We walk abroad in the green fields. The how much he gave.— Twenty-five cents, he bent on the ground, and answered thus: springing grass, the blooming flower directs modestly replied; and then, as if apologizing for our thoughts to Him who placed them there, the smallness of the gift, added, It was all I what you are talking about, because you cannot eaten at it,

and our hearts exultingly joy in the Creator of had, How did you get that my good boy? know; and perhaps you are an enthusiast on the said walked by most of the children, and the love duties as a public servent of the Lord. He is and our hearts exultingly joy in the Creator of had, 'How did you get that my good boy know; and pernaps you are an entituties as a public servant of the Lord. He is such chasms for our eyes, and bless Him for a By holding the gentlemen's horses Friday and wrong path, and will find yourself in error after they manifested for the school, I felt fully com- called to his sacred office to perform the high Saturday; and I wanted to give it, that the poor all." children at the South may be educated.' Noble

CALVINISM.—It is no objection to Calvinism ... How can men of your education come down sarly, and in a brown study; for in one of these that, according to its own defenders, it can only to this?" said I dangling the beads that hung by he is a most uninteresting, (and by no means a We ascend the mountain's rugged steep.— that, according to its ewn defenders, it can only to small the man ever brings his faculties to bear fruit might be produced to the glory of God.

We clamber over the massive granite, piled in be reconcealed to God's prefections by a metabic seconcealed to God's prefections by a metabic still pursue the old method which the mass of the people which the mass of the people of God's

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fruit might be produced to the glory of God.

Christ's kingdom, and for the gift of God's

From a letter received lately I learned that they

while in such a mood. The necesses which the mass of the people which the mass point. Awe, wonder, reverence, pessess at once cannot conprehend,

# Religions Intelligence.

What a Lady Can Do.

abode, there were seen stretched over a wide up his orders and his convent life, and took to absent moods grow on him; by-and-by he will germ of a Sabbath school. It was the most launch into some new enterprise. Pauce !- plain the white tents of the dear men whose the New Testament?" would we dare take so important a step witnout souls I was anxious to do something for. As I "Speak not to me of that renegade," said he for it. But this night his tongue was loose, and asking the counsel, guidance and blessing of struck off across the plain the sentinel forbade crossly. Him who alone, is really able to aid us in our me to proceed, as I was heavily laden with books "One of my family heard him preach in the voully thankful we had secured our supper be-

ly threading my way into the midst of the tents, How could I get one?" It was night, Jerusalem slept as quietly at their tent doors in their shirt sleeves. Oththe recipients. Some of the men were sitting ers were playing at bowls, others lying l'atlessly you." about, the greater number intent on dominoes statue at his post, and the philosopher's lamp and cards; not one had a book. I got far into burned dimly in the recesses of his chamber.— the camp and had a large crewd around me, to But a moral darkness involved the nations in whom I spoke of Jesus, his love to sinners, and

In the midst of this distribution a soldier pre-

her darkest pavilion; while on her left reclined distribution tell him." On which the man, some-

"That is very kind," I replied; "thank him

"You must not take the lady away without ed, He is the son of God? Envy assailed him her dinner," shouted several cooks at the canteen. intend to read when our work is done." But ! hairs of our head, and noticing the falling spar- Hope dipping her pinions in his blood mounted them. The soldiers bidding me farewell, by tossing up their caps and waving their check

handkerchiefs, I returned their salute with my

vanities, their pleasures, and their vices, all passthat one living amid such charming scenery must nighted a soul as I had been the light and joy forth in praises to God.

As I turned a corner into another avenue vaulted lika a cathedral, I saw a couple of monks ing means, and of a fair reputation for liberality slowly pacing along, with bare heads and feet, long beards, and serge dresses, girdled with a common rope. One was a tall, thin, gentleman-With my heart lifted up to the Lord, I dared to address them. " My reverend brothers and fathers, I scarcely

know how to address you; will you kindly tell "Cannot you tell it by the convent bell, or

the appearance of the sun through the tree," said the shorter one, " without the need of asking ?" "I want to speak to you, and am glad of the opportunity," said I more boldly; and stepping forward, kept pace with them.

They looked at one another astonished, as they are forbidden to speak to a woman. They had not much time to decide whether they would ping between them, held it aloft for their protection, which they tacitly submitted to. "I wish you were as happy as I am," I broke

## "You know nothing about these matters; but know what to make of him, and came to the I shall pray that you may be as enthusiastic in conclusion that he considered himself above the religion in which our brethren have lived and conversing with, or noticing them, having al-

I cannot forget a few interesting visits to the "Permit me-one word. Was that brother their dwelling. They mentally resolved that he camp of Versailles, one of which I will mention of yours who is now preaching Christ to the would never again enter it, at their invitation. My way led through a charming wood one fife teathen in a foreign land, and winning a crown But the poor man meant no offense, and had summer day, and, issuing out of this sweet of glory-was he an enthusiast when he threw not the least idea that he had given any. His

it wagged to such purpose as to render us decity, and he preached just the contrary to what fore he arrived, for we should certainly have "You must return; I cannot allow any woman you are now doing, and regretted the years of choked in the attempt to swallow it while listenmisery that he had spent in trying to work his ing to him. and we are the only recipients of His bounty, "These books," said I, " are to be given gratis way to heaven, when there was, all the while, a We could scarcely crowd a word in edgewise; way through the precious blood of the Redeem- his words swept all before them, and he laugh-

My readers should have seen the anxious look very windows rattle, and the wonder was that "We'll see whether the Lord can," said I to the shorter one gave as he now addressed me : no M. P. came to bush the noise. " How I should like to read that New Testament, al or temporal; niways ssking, never limiting from a distance. He at length turned an angle, merely for curiosity's sake, which turned him repeat two, as they were in no sense confidenand, seizing the opportunity, I slipped in, quick-

distributing right and left with kind words to all somewhere for you. You can get if you like, could get my letters mailed. The first time and will persevere. The Lord will bless it to asked for and received my mail. When I took off my hat, on reaching home, out tumbled the

for we are nearing the convent." annoyed at myself, I replaced them and walked I back to the office. 'Any letters for me?' 1 "O that we may all three!meet in heaven!

are more deferential, and listen better to your them all away,' be answered.

answered. "No man can get to heaven but by Jesus and through a new birth." Except a man them back all the way in your hand, and see if be converted and become as a little child, he you can't get them in.' This time I succeeded.' devolved upon me. I commenced a system of cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven." I The next anecdote was of his father, Rev. Dr. shall pray that you may have the same faith as Lyman Beecher, one that was not put into that the brother whom we have been speaking of, by family book. learning out of the same Gospel and following 'My father,' said H. W., ' loved to write at the same road he went, and you will as happy the top of the house, and I loved to get up with the excuse that they were not competent. turned to Christ if it had not been just for such as he is. Give me each your hand ere we part, there to watch him. He had a way of whispersweet communion with him by the way. In right arm was extended in an impressive gesture immediately; these things are not allowed here."

"Madam, the officer says you are to retire and God bless you, and may we all meet in heaving to himself as he wrote, and while he wrote. Sabbath, I made it evident to one after another.

it. "I thank you," said I, "for your kindness other. He could not bear to be buttoned into to do what they could in this good work. The Carist died for me. He calls me. He is knocks. one gave a hearty shake, and heartier thanks, collar and vest were all sure to be pulled open

He was an ancient book-keeper, And he was tall and sim a.

Though his face was mild, he rarely smiled His clothes were dark and prim; And everything about his deak He kept exceeding trim.

Upon the self-same hooks. And laid his ruler, pen, and ink In their respective nooks, And the only exercise he had Was footing up his books. Each day, upon the self-same hour, He took his lofty seat.

He always hung his hat and coat

And bent his body and his mind His labors to complete; And blots were neither on his fame Nor on his ledger-sheet. The music of his pen was heard From morn till eventide : Up columns vast his eves were cast, Then down again with pride :

Quite pleased was he, tho' he saw his work ncreased and multiplied. The cash that o'er his fingers came Each day was something grand; And yet no schemes to hear it off By him were ever planned : Although you saw with half an eye

That he wrote a " sloping " hand. He had no wife, he had made no friends, His joys and cares were few : And his dearest hope from day to day Was to keep his balance true : A good world this if every man

The latter thing would do. He never sighed when little ills His way of life would cross And o'er the errors of his youth He showed no vain remorse; But set down all that came along

To profit or to loss. One day the creditor of all Dropped in for his amount : He found the old man at his post, Though low ran Nature's fount; The books were closed, and he was borne Up to his last account.

Beecherisms. the deor-bell rang.

tense interest, Now I wentured a bold effort: This was much better than if he had come

# The Sunday School

ready honored them quite enough by entering

ed to see us laugh, till between us we made the

Among things he told, first and last, I will

'I know I am very forgetful. Yesterday

beyond the reach of his voice.

Kind Manners at Home.

THINKING AND WRITING -We doubt whe-

# Sabbath School Appliances.

lowing from Notes of a Catechist in Canada: At A- (the country church) I found the be absent altogether. Perhaps there is no help mere sense of duty, and the children, from a desire to "kill time." It consisted of two teachers did not feel 'that this is meant for me. They and about twenty five scholers. It seems that did not turn to Christ. old Mr. Bain, the Superintendent, had been enreceived with joy. I announced from the pulpit you : you may question me, too.' that I would become teacher in the Sabbath- At first some answered promptly when asked school, and on the next Sabbath would form a home questions; others blushed and turned their young men's and young ladies' Bible class. heads away. But ere long the restraint wore off, "We must part," said the elder one gravely, letters that I had been writing. Feeling rather Twenty young ladies responded to this invita- and nearly all could talk easily. The means, I tion immediately. But the young men did not trust, though humble, were blest. Soon my respond. After urging them Sabbath after Sab- heart was cheered by a gracious awakening said, seeing the clerk did not move on my ap-"You may jet," said the tall monk, "if you pearance. 'Why Mr. Beecher, you just took they were a little shy of the girls—afraid to dis-passed nearly all were rejoicing in a Saviour's. play their ignorance before them. I surmounted love. Now no question could be too close. A this difficulty, by telling them I would meet the new scholar came into the class, who was not

The superintendence of the school virtually not like to answer them. What shall I do P' improvements by introducing new teachers and all the way you can get rid of them. That's the dividing the wo large classes. I experienced way the rest of us did. Now the closer the much difficulty in obtaining teachers at first, in questions the better. They make us think so asmuch as all to whom I applied would meet me much more. I don't know as I should ever have immediately; these things are not allowed here. Sabbath, I made it evident to one after another "I will go immediately. I have finished my en." He demurred, but I selzed it, and pressed with one hand he rubbed his breast with the that it was their duty to give a helping hand—

result was an excellent corps of teachers. thizing with us in our every-day care, or rejoic. If a flower moistened by refreshing dews, and ing in our moments of exquisite pleagure, prompts a spirit of confiding love and consequent dependence upon its sweet and supporting influence.

In contemplating my theme, no example more becautiful or mpressive presents itself to may mind than the dist relation. God recognizes us as His children; the effspring of His creative power; the redeemed of His choses Son. was several minutes before he fairly realized cieucy. And it was delightful to hear them ed with the ware of souls. It is, perhaps, we what the sound was. Then he rushed to the singing the old familiar tunes of my childhood. may add, the duty in which ministers most frewindow and hailed the man, who had passed "Who should sing if not the children?" Let quently and most lamentably fail. So fully and beyond the reach of his voice.

Clapping his pen behind his ear, father dashed down stairs like an avalanche, and, before any or all the women who were wont to lie in wait to catch and put him in order, could arrest If it can be administered in delightful doses ing on to his pantaleons with one hand, and accomplished by Sabbath-school hymns.

waving the other in the air, shouting, 'Clame, 3. Sunday school Papers.-These I introclams, clams!' He caught the man; secured duced, thinking they would be an attractive and his clams, and returned slowly, buttoning up as useful feature. We obtained from Montreal he went, to the house and to his study."-Zion's two kinds, so that there might be a distribution every alternate Sabrath. This was something without interest. new to the country children, and I understood they read them with the greatest avidity. These, There are many families, the members of I have no doubt, were the means of drawing which are, without doubt, dear to each other. | many in the school.

If sickness or sudden trouble fails on one, all 4. Catechism and Watchwords.—Every Sabnary intercourse there is not only no expression the catechism. They did not do it as a task, but entered into their heads that it is their duty, as verse. I would be compelled to laugh at the it should be their best pleasure, to do and say boys semetimes, when I would detect one trying of thought.

In order to get a chance and happiness. 'Each one for himself, and bad to repeat his verse. luck take the hindermost.' The father orders Once, when visiting a farmer, a bright little

go the children, snap, snarl, and whine, and so his hand into mine, saying that he wanted to of the congregation as a whole, and of its indigo the condren, snap, snar, and whine, and so is snaps and so of the congregation as a whole, and of its indigoes the day. Alas! for if this is a type of "speak" a verse. I encouraged him to do so vidual members in their severalty, that they are heaven !—as the 'family,' is said to be—at Looking up to heaven, he said, "The Lord's to offer to God. For this a lively and earnest least, it is said to be the nearest thing to heaven my Shepherd, I'll not want," &c. He told me sympathy with them is necessary. Some knowof anything on earth. But the spirit of selfishhe was going to be a preacher. His mother ledge of their affairs, and a quick appreciation of anything on earth. Dut the spirit of sellishing of the spirit of place - yea, and this too often, even when all the her to pray that God would make him a minismembers of the household are members of the ter. And frequently when he returns from praying appropriately with and in behalf of the Church. Where you see—when you know it— school he inquires, "Mother, have you prayed people. Hence the prayers of the pulpit require one family where love and gentleness reign, you for me to-day?" "Yes, my son, I always pray and presume that they are the outbreathings of see ten where they only make visits, and this for you." "But, mother, did you kneel down the soul of the pastor, who, in the discharge of among Christian families as well as others.

Now, it is a sad and melancholy thing to 'sit that—I can pray for you while at my work."

The soul of the pastor, who, in the discharge of his duties, has come to know the joys and sorrows, the hopes and fears, of the members of solitary' in life, but give me a cave in the bowels "If you would only kneel down and pray for his fleck. The accumulated burdens of the of earth, give me a lodge in any waste, howling me every day, mother, I would feel more certain week are brought on the Sabbath into the house wilderness, where foot nor face of human being that God would let me be one of his ministers." of God, where the united congregation, led by ever came, rather than an abode with parents, We had also a very good library belonging to their faithful minister, pour out their cries be-Our guest was late: so late that we concluded friends, or kindred, in which I must hear or utter the Sabbath-school. The books were well and fore God, and together praise him for his wonlook up to heaven and cry, 'Abba, dear Fathar,' he had forgotten his engagement—that being language which causes pain, or where I must see constantly used. Making use of the above derful goodness. Such prayers must, therefore, One Sabbath evening, a few months since, a and feel death and judgment behind you. God something of a habit with him. We became conduct which is not born of love. No wealth, mentioned appliances, the school soon flourished. be comprehensive, descending often to details, His children's cries, and said to the demon collection was taken in a colored church in gave me pardon and peace, who was a poor, too hungry to wait longer, and seating ourselves no advantage of any kind, would induce me to The children rejoiced when Sabbath came. They and yet so compact and succinct as to avoid prospirit: "Thus far shalt thou come and no far- Washington to aid in educating the blacks far- needy sinner, without hope of salvation, seeking in our pleasant diving-room, through whose live with people whose intercourse was of such brough their parents out to preaching—especial lixity. Nowhere more than in the pulpit is importher." Yes, taught us to trust Him, to talk ther south. Among the many who came forward it by my works alone; but I got it as a free gift, open windows came the scent of flowers, we a narure. The dearer they were to me, the less ally those who were too small to come alone; tunity in prayer in place; the cases presented with Him, even plead with Him for His continut- with hearty freewill offerings was a bright-eyed and am able to sing for joy, as you may have soon satisfied nature's cravings for table bless- would I remain among them, if they did not do None of the children walked less than a mile, are urgent, and the assurances of the success of ed presence; walking, running, in the midst of boy, whose ebony face shone with joy as he plac- heard before we met. Look at me. Do not I ings. As the clock was on the stroke of nine all they could to make each other happy. With mere strangers one might endure, even under Sabbath-school. Every one rejoiced in the pros- not the prayer of, an individual, but of the two There that man is now! cried the mother, such circumstances, to remain for a time; for perity of the school. I had the pleasure of sec- or three agreeing, and of the minister of God, with curiosity. The taller one kept his eyes bent on the ground, and answered thus:

"You are very presumptuous, and know not cause a table to look nene the better for having family, children of the same parents, can remain from two to nine. All the room we had to spare together, year after year, when every day they was occupied. When I considered the distance get the comprehensive fullness of his range of the love. the father, in an undertone, as tramp, tramp, tramp, when hard words my on every side of them, the high tramp, came heavy feet along the hall. The as hall, and the very visitors in their houses are pensated. Indeed, it was delightful to look into functions of an interpressor for all men; for the "I have the blessed word of God for proof, door of the room was thrown back, and in came rendered uncomfortable by them, is indeed a so many innocent faces—to hear so many sweet Church in all its ramifications and its multiform voices—to encourage the children in the study interests; and for the social and civil community of God's Word. If those beautiful verses which the common wealth and its rulers. All these they repeated so sweetly take a proper hold upon should be constantly presented before God in

We copy from one of our exchanges the fol-

his fold and make them His.

Be Personal When & first took a Sunday-school class I formal, inanimate school I ever saw. It had the pointedly to each scholar before the rest. My form without the spirit. I suppose those en- teacher had never talked to me thus, and I was gaged in were doing the best they could. But afraid of offending by too close questions and too it appeared to me (I was a silent spectator for practical application of the truth. I soon found two Sabbaths) that the teachers came from a such sowing brought forth little fruit. The

May the Great Shepherd take these jambs within

One day, after prayerful consideration of the gaged in this work for many years. But being subject, I said, ' Boys, it is no use for us to be old and feeble he could not infuse that vigor afraid of each other; I came here to try and into it which is essential to the success of a show you the way to heaven; you come to learn school. Convinced that the good influence of it, do you not? Then we must get so that we the school might be extended to a larger num- can talk as naturally about Christ and our own ber of children and teachers, I determined to hearts as about our studies or our plays. So do accomplish that end. My intimation of reading not be afraid of my close questions. You will ness to aid them in the Sabbath-school work was have to get used to them r but they won't hurt

the fact. I turned away, and reaching home young men's Bible class every alternate Sabbath. used to such teaching, and did not like it. After "God's inspired word cannot be in error," I again, took off my hat, when out fell the letters. This was a success. For I soon had a large class a few Sabbaths, he said to a class-mate, 'I do not like so many questions about myself, I do

Oh, you'll have to learn to like them; that's

Fellow teachers, let us be personal. Make ing at the door of my heart.' - Union Magazine.

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of sermoss pulpit-prayer is the most important ters themselves fail to recognize this as among It is not strange, therefore, that many of the prayers heard in the public congregations are pointless, vapid, and spiritless, And since the people have never learned by experience to appreciate them as means of grace and spiritual edification, they are heard as they are delivered, There is great need that there should exist

among us a more just and appropriate notion of he relative worth of this part of public worship and a more adequate appreciation of its capabilities for good. With these the minister would are afflicted. But in their daily life and ordibath they would recite to me two questions from feel himself impelled to more earnest and deveout efforts in that direction; and the people by than words of endearment. To see and hear them, one would think that they hated instead as I would come to a class, several would jump stood that the prayers offered in the house of will these rise in fervor and expand in breadth In order to meet the demands of the case,

ministers should feel that they come before God

their hearts, who can estimate the glorious re- the congregations of his worshipers; and the sults both for time and eternity? It was plea- hearts of the people should be turned toward the sant to think that as the result of that planting, mercy-seat in supplication for the coming of

while in such a mood. The people did not tion of others,

Pulpit Prayer Next to preaching—the forming and delivery

teachers and Superintendents encourage them to generally has this become the rule in the case, him, he was in full chase down the street, hold- without neutralizing it, let it be done. This is the most important of their public exercises -

of affection, none of the pleasant and fond beof affection, none of the pleasant and fond be-havior that has, perhaps little dignity, but which tunity to answer the questions. Besides this, devout expectation, responding to them in their havior that has, perhaps little dignity, but which more than makes up for that in its sweetness; I assigned a watchword for each Sunday, re- hearts, and looking with assured faith for their but there is an absolute hardness of language questing every scholar to come prepared with a fulfillment in rich spiritual blessings. There and actions which is shocking to every sensitive verse from the Bible containing that word. If can be but little unity of hearts where there is a and actions which is shocking to every sensitive and tender feeling. Between father and mother the catechism was recited with joy, the Bible want of heartiness, and the lack of appreciation and tender feeling. Between lather and mother and brother and sister, pass rough and hasty verses containing that watchword were repeated on either hand operates unfavorably upon the words; yes, and angry words, far more frequent- with enthusiasm. The little ones were irrepres- faith and fervor needful for edifying public words. of loved each other. It does not seem to have up at a time, so anxious were they " to say a God are really the most valuable of its exercises

and growls, the mother frets, complains, and so boy, of about six years, came up to me and put their congregations. It is the common prayer in prayer as the mouth and representative of