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THE GREAT CITY. •

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BY GERMANICUS.

The difference between two and four is not much, but between two million and four million it is something prodigious. Paris has a population of about two millions, and it is a great city. But think of what Paris would be if it were multiplied by two! Extend that city over twice the area it covers now; double the number or length of its streets; for every man, woman, and child, that is there, add another; and for every omnibus, cab, cart, carriage that now rumbles over its pavements, let there be another omnibus, another cab, another cart, another carriage, give Paris another throat to roar with, as many again legs and arms to kick and thrash with, and with all this increment of extension and of capacity, try to think what a Paris it would be! In Vienna there is something over a million of people, and it is a great city. But think of it as grown to four times its present size! Most of your readers have seen New York; and what a world is New York! How interminable the distances! How the people jostle each other in the streets! What a crush of vehicles! What confusion and noise! The man out of the country or the country town says: "O, what a Babel!" Yet New York with Brooklyn added to it and Jersey City and Hoboken, is less than half the size of this Imperial City on the Thames. Conceive of New York joined with the cities now separated from it by unabridged rivers in such a way as to make a solid whole of them all, having a population of over four million of souls, and in addition to all this, as the case with London actually is during the greater part of each year, not less than half a million of strangers assemble in it-enough to make another city as large as Boston!

It is easy to conceive of things that lie within the range of our common cxcomes to things wholly out of that in all the streets running off from it, perience and observation; but when it range, such, for example, as Mt. Blanc | right and left; and in all the ways among mountains, the St. Peter's Church at Rome among buildings, then we lose ourselves and need to be helped, and fail, with all possible help, to lift up our minds quite to the reality of them. If ane one desires to know how large London is, he must come to London and take the measurement for himself. He must do as the Psalmist bade them to do who would know the greatness of Jerusalem. "Walk about Zionand go around about her; tell the towers thereof; mark well her bulwarks; consider her palaces."

I know very little of Nineveh except that it was "an exceeding great city of three days' journey." Some calculations have been made on the basis of this statement, but I can not say how reliable they are. The cities of that day were so different from ours that no mere measurement of them in miles, if we had it, could be made the ground of a proper comparison. "And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey." Does it mean that in one day he advanced a third of the distance through? I doubt very much whether any weary and forlorn prophet, not well pleased with his errand, having such a message from God to proclaim as Jonah had, would be able in a day to accomplish as much as that in London. Many a time, on foot or on the roof of an omnibus starting from near the middle of the city, I have sought diligently for some outlet from it, but in vain. Push on as I might, I seemed to be always in the heart of London. Twice only, from some high grounds within the limits, I have succeeded in catching a distant view of what appeared to be "the beyond." There are old people in London who have never seen the outside of it, to whom the country is as much a myth as the city is to many in Westmoreland and Warwickshire.

Very intelligent Londoners are proown city. How many miles of circumference has it, and what are its longer and shorter diameters? Over and over again I have asked, and no man has answered. I addressed a note to on the seventh as on the sixth day. published a "Dictionary of London," putting to him these and other questions on points respecting which his book did not enlighten me, and he replied: "I regret that I am unable to of business outside drowns the voice of piled: I regret that I am discrete the worker of God, confidence in him give you the information you require. prayer. Continental Europe has virtually person to read more than one novel a for victory or flight from ignominious week.—Sunday Afternoom. I do not even know, without search, set aside the third commandment."

where it is to be found." I have learned this: that the London postal district has a radius from Charing Cross of twelve miles, according to which the city should have a diameter of twentyfour miles and a circumference of about seventy-two. The postal district, however, I suppose, extends considerably beyond the ground actually covered by continuous streets. This much is cestain: London is "an exceeding great city," and, according to all my experience of it, I should say, any way you please to take it, a city " of three days'

Broadway in New York is undoubtedly a great thoroughfare, and one may get there a very good notion of what a crowd is in a great city. But start, if you please, on any tolerably fair day from Hyde Park corner, and pass down through Piccadilly, Haymarket, the Strand, Fleet Street, Ludgate Hill St. and Cheapside, to the Bank. Then, if you would have a larger experience, push your way along through Cornhill, Leadenhall Street and Oldgare High Street, through White Chapel Road, Mile End, and indefinitely further on into that vast new London which has grown up within the memory of living men-outgrowing each year all the measurements of the year before, a region as strange to the West Enders. among whom you begin your progress, as if it were in a foreign land-and then, after you have done all that, tell us what you think at last about great thoroughfares and city crowds! Broadway is not to be despised. I grant you that. But I commend you after all to this main arterial thoroughfare in a city that boasts of over four million inhabitants, the most commercial and busy people in the world, with half a million of sight-seeing visitors besides!

It is easy in New York to get out of the press. You may slip away from it into a side street where there is looseness and may draw a quiet breath; but in London, if once you are fairly in the stream, it is not easy to find the shore. In all the route that I have indicated; pyramids and twisting and winding about in all directions, the state of things is just about the same, or, in the narrow and crooked ways, worse. The crowd and the crush are everywhere, and you say,-"which way shall I fly?" Mind the crossings! You need to have eyes behind as well as before, and on both sides. It is the easiest thing in the world to be run over, and you might as well be trod on by an elephant as by one of these dray horses. "Heh!" calls out a driver in front of you, and "Heh!" screams a Jehu behind, but neither of them holds up for an instant. It is "every man for himself" here. The right of way belongs to the strong-

O yes, there are quiet streets in London, but not in any of the quarters where London life surges and London does its business, and these quarters are very large and wide. They cover more ground than all of New York together. And let it be remembered it is not one or two great arteries that throb, but the great arteries are manifold, and each of them sends out on all sides innumerable great branches that throb in the same way. You must never lose sight of the fact that in London there are more than four million people, nearly all of them driving on as if to-day were to be the last of time.

Is London a fine city? Yes, and no. You see, my dear editor, that this subject cannot be finished, as I hoped it might be, in one letter; so, for the presen, I beg to conclude here.-Pittsburgh Chris. Adv.

No SABBATH IN AUSTRIA.-A traveler writes: "Whatever else Vienna may have, she certainly has no Sabbath. Unlapse of time, he will himself forget the people is doing them great damage. recurrence of Sunday; for there is nothing here-as in most other continental cities-to remind him when the Lord's foundly ignorant in many ways of their Day has come. We have been in Vienna two Sabbaths, and outside of our own party and a few Americans and English travelers, we have not heard any sugges. tions of such a day. Traffic, work, amuse-Catholic) have service on the Sabbath, and small audiences gather, but the noise

STEPS TO CHRISTIAN MAN-HOOD.

You who are just going out into the world, answer me one question to-day. Whom have you taken as your guide through life?

Perhaps your secret thought has been, "I need none to guide me. I can take care of myself. I am a man now, and can face the world alone." How little you knew of life if this has been your thought. Stop before it is too late, and consider what lies before you. This life is a long and dangerous journey for those who desire to find the heavenly home at the end of it. The wisest and best of us reach that goal travel-stained and weary-"through great tribulation." Those who set out alone never get there at all; for the narrow road of God is hard to keep, and self-will and carelessness lead many astray. Only He who is the Truth can show us therein, that our feet may not stumble.

He who faces life without God faces his own destruction. Many have shared your mistake-will you share their failure? Will you try in your own strength to conquer the world, the flesh, and the devil? Remember life is not mere child's play. Good wishes, good reso lutions, will not take you to heaven. Every onward step must be bought by a struggle. Every victory over your-self won by the help of God. You cannot go forth to your work this day without meeting temptations-temptations guage, to slothfulness, to lies. Who, save God, can tell what snares the devil is setting even now for your feet? Will you face these unknown perils without a guide, without help?

Listen to God the Almighty Deliverer's voice, when he says, "Wilt thou not from this time forth cry unto me, My Father, Thou art the guide of my youth?" Listen to our Father;" who will bring you safely into the land of

now and ask Him to be with you all rouse yourself to honest, manly work. Then rule your life and acts by what the Bible says. Do not trouble as to what is your mates' and comrades' way: but only as to what is God's way. The Bible standard is the only true one, the only happy one. Vow, by the help of God, to live and die by it. Let your prayer be "Lord, guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me to

WHAT OUR BOYS AND GIRLS ARE READING.

The flachy newspapers that are sold upon the news-stands, and the vile publications that are hawked about more secretly, are not, however, the whole of the mischievous reading that falls into the hands public libraries, the Sunday school librar. ies, furnish them with a great deal of hurtful to them. The statistics that our of novels over all other classes of books of these children's minds at the end of such a carnival of sensations! Even though no books of positively immoral character are admitted into the public li-

The late convention of librarians in Boston discussed this matter very earnestly and tried to reach some practical that a city or town has no right to tax the people for the furnishing of mere amusement to anybody, and that therefore no fiction that is not clearly educational in ments, and worldly occupations, have gone its character should find room upon the In- shelvet of the public libraries. Another Mr. Charles Dickens, who has recently deed, the theatres and dance houses do a proposition was that school children (and better business on the Sabbath than on the restriction need not be limited to chilrule ought to be immediately adopted and rigidly enforced in all the public libraries. It is simple debauchery for any young fore the worker of God, confidence in him

AN INSTALLATION OF CHURCH STEWARDS.

BY E. H. PIERCE, A. M., KENTUCKY CON-FERENCE.

You are not only to be "found faithhave hardness of course, but you have received and consented to God's post of signal honor. A magnificent army on the row defiles through rugged mountains surrounding. A memorable scene came the tent of the commander-in-chief beup to receive them. Drenched with the storm, bleeding from wounds, the eyes of the whole army are upon them. It has been a caprice of the general, perhaps, army from disaster and possible ruin.

are deployed as the best men of Methodism to-day to guard the very heart and

ment; 2. Delay; 3. Doing,
1. Discouraged. You have accepted the trust. Peradventure a mere incident to you, or accepted in a reluctant, self-honoring or apologetic spirit of, if you can't get anybody else. When named to you by the rastor no burden is upon your soul, to drink, to bad company, to foul lan- no such keen sensibility of unfitness as may lead to feel dependence upon God. No prayer for wisdom "When none but Christ can hear." "Won't take much time; maybe I can serve," is the thought. First meeting with board of stewards, you come in a little late and look distant, business proceeds; some difficulties suggested. Other brethren speak, hearts warm, faculties all awake, suggesting plans proposing "to go up and possess the land" of difficulty for the Lord. Presently they look at you. You maintain dignified reserve, and when you speak your "buts" and ifs" to see more Anakims than ever the And how can you take Him for a guide? First, by prayer. Kneel down when you mat your business reactions and caleb advent of a witty, humorous friend is like when you met your business partners with sunshine on a cloudy day. While it is a rising or falling market; and before the always oppressive to through the day. If temptations come hour is done you rise, pull watch and say, stantly striving to say witty or fundy lift up your heart with the prayer, "Gentlemen you must excuse me, I have things, it is comforting to see what a Lord, help me," and cry, "In the other engagements, you know; business brightener a little fun is—to make an effort to have some at home. It is well to will be able to crush down the rising in two with a door slam. Again: "Good temper, to shut your lips to the lie; to morning, Brother Steward." "Good morning." we've divided the names; you have the best lot; hope you'll collect promptly; pastor just moved, you know; heavy expenses; moved across the conference; good man, large family; able, faithful Take a higher standard than those minister. We ought to pay his travelling about you, and live fearlessly up to it. expenses, and have something left for Lie first provision and grocery bill; embarassing for him to ask credit of a stranger, salary last year was small you know. Do your best; good morning!" Ten days afterward when the board of stewards meet: "Is Brother S. ready to report?" 'Well, not much; saw four or five of the twenty on the list, but they 'put me off,' and gentlemen I just can't beg people. I'm rather discouraged; let me off at any time you can fill my place." "But, Brother S., did you explain and urge the situation? Our people must be informed and enlightened by the stewards;" we are

not begging, we are simply asking people to pay what they owe, promptly, cheerfulchievous reading that falls into the hands ly, according to Scripture standard." of our boys and girls. The libraries, the "No, I didn't urge 'em; strangers to me rather; but I can't beg people, and "just then the chairman begins to underreading that, as they use it, is extremely stand you, and without tarrying for a longer groan, calls for Brother B.'s report. for individual conscience. "If you can librarians give us showing the great excess | He has had some difficulties, but is free to only get up a crowd," he save, "you say has met them hopefully, prayerful- will somehow get rid of your separate issued to the patrons of our libraries give ly, and found his list willing to do the us food for rather discouraging reflection. best of their ability. But you go home From the Hartford public library one boy that night and tell your wife: "Fraid took one hundred and two novels in two the preachers' goin' to have a hard time months, and a girl one hundred and twelve hs .ear; am really discourged." Ah, my in the same time. Think of the condition brother! For your soul's eternal account you had better quit quick or ask God at wrath of the Lumb, shall the cousing once to give you heart for the business! Tell him you are consciously cold, in aiff erent; ask the wisdom "easy to be en- vious character, avail to mitiga" one's braries it is clear that the provision of so treated," to warm your heart, quicken your less the traveler keeps close watch of the much mental excitement for our young brain and fill your hand with desire for his work. The cause of Christ then, mark it, will not long stumple or starve over constantly emplicates the factor we your discouragement; you will get in the are responsible for our influence, in the way or get out of the way. Just remem. smallest things as well as the greatest. conclusions. One radical suggestion was ber how long you "ciphered on that it is not enough that we refrain from "bunch" of cattle; how you breasted dragging people down to greater sins; whather on "court" or "sale day" to have we must not saek to cloud their conscian eye open to business; . ow when thinglooked blue in trade, men complimented your "nerve" in coming through. Throw some of the same energy of faculty prayer- let them alone; for "He who is not fully on God's side, and you will present. with me is against me," says Christ! ly say, "Go on, Joshua; come on Caleb; and so the idler's influence is still downany other day. The Catholic churches dren at school) should not be allowed to we are well able to possess the land."— (for nearly everybody here are Roman take more than one story a week. That Numbers xiv. And as with the church of God in the olden time on the march; but one of two things is tc-day often be-

burial upon the field of failure,

O-O-O-OH!

"Rest for my soul I long to find." Possibly some one has been persecuting the poet and his friends with long, lame, lean, lantern-jawed, lackadaisical articles ful," but revered. Your calling invites on the presiding-eldership. What won-the most thoughtful deference. Not called the longed for rest for his weary ed as captains of the host, you are never- soul? It's all in a nutshell, so we in the theless in position where sleeping on post mountains think. Its not the ship, but means rout and ruin to the army. You the elder that looms into prominence are the advance guard and you picket the among these crags and peaks. The easiest bridges and supply trains in the rear. You money to raise is the salary of a self-forgetting, hard-working presiding elder. The hardest money to raise is the stipend of a self-seeking meteoric presiding elder. march once encamped for a night in a An elder who comes in Saturday night or beautiful piain, approached only by nar- Sunday morning, like a collector of bad bills, and goes out Monday like a tin-peddler, is too dear at any price. The man with the morning. Scarcely a platoon of who comes as though his heart sent him, them, but there is a little band of soldiers works as though salvation depended upon marching under guard of honour toward his fidelity, and goes out with requestance and yearnings and faithful advices, is dear tween the lines of the whole army drawn in a sense which money does not express. He is waited for as the earth waits for rain. With him quarterly meeting is not "visiting time" to half the membership. A few preachers and rich ish officials will the right path and hold up our goings but he has felt due to discipline and cour- discuss as a matter of course. Like the age to tell them that their vigilance and immersed Negro, they are always " ready heroism in the night of storm had foiled for sputin." Our Celestial servent made the enemy in the dark defile and saved the army from disaster and possible ruin.

a loud outery the other day because he army from disaster and possible ruin. Stewards, above all others in the ranks, algous ailment grings the intellectual bowels of these neasy folks, who are also ways discussing or concussing, or cussing life of their church. They are likely to in some other way the system of Methodbe in line of three things: 1. Discouragehard-working ministry are always satisfied

> shamefully misnavigates it .- Cal Ch Ad. HUMOR IN THE FAMILY.

with the ship unless some captain elder

Good humor is rightly reckoned a most valuable aid to happy home life. An equally good and useful faculty is a sense of humor, or the capacity to have a little fun along with the hum-drum cares and work of life. We all know how at brightens up things generally to have a nvely, witty companion, who sees the ridiculous points of things and who can turn an annoyance into an occasion for laughter. It is a great deal better to laugh over some domestic mishaps than to cry or scold over them. Many homes and lives are dull because they are allowed to become too deeply impressed with a sense of the cares and responsibilities of life to recognize its bright and especially its mirthful side. Into such a household, good but dull, the turn off an impatient question sometimes, and to regard it from a humorous point of Well, here is your assessment list, view instead of becoming irritated about it. "Wife, what is the reason I can never find a white shirt?" exclaimed a good but rather impatient husband, after rumaging all through the wrong grawers. His wife looked at him steadily for a moment. half inclined to be provoked, then with a comical smile she said: "I never could guess conundrums; I give it up." Then he laughed, and they both laughed, and she went and got his shirt, and he felt ashamed of himself and kissed her, and then she felt happy; so, what might have been an occasion for hard words and unkind feelings, became just the contrary, all through the little vein of humor that cropped out to the surface. Some children have a peculiar faculty for giving a humorous turn to things when they are reproved. It does just as well often imes to laugh things off as to scold them off. Laughter is better than tears. Let us have a little more of it at home.

> All this desire for fellowship in wrong doing, all this malignant satisfaction in dragging people down, is merely the devil's miserable subscitute responsibility." But if the mountains and the rocks are powerless to hide the kings of the coth, and the great men and the rich men, and the chilf captains, and the mighty men from the of others to sin, however great he their number, or he ever spotles - 1 eir preown sentence / The gospe! of Christ knows none but the contrary law, and ences in the smallest matters. Lyor is our whole work done when we simply ward. There is no middle ground between a deliberate purpose to do all the mischief we can, and a sincere endeavour to make the world brighter and better to the extent of our utmost en-