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LETTERS TO YOUNG MEN.

BY DR. WM. A. ALCOTT.

ON MODELS AND MODEL CHARACTER.

In my letter on politics, I haved urged upon you the study of the history and geography of our country, as the basis of that subject. Closely connected with these, however, is the study of biography. I wish this last were made a fundamental branch in every public or common school. usual interest, and I had expected to make it alone. For to say nothing, now, of the historical and political information which, when properly writ- Christian Easter, the week which even Mohamten, communicates, it is still more valuable, in medans, as I found, make a festival in honour of amother respect, to which I respectfully call Moses, had now come; and Monday morning

chameleon-like. They take a tinge, so to speak, self, the Christian pilgrims, from 5000 to 8000 from the company they keep: especially if it in number, were to go down to the Jordan for the much kept. Nay, they are often affected the annual bath. Willing or not I was compelfor life by the society of an individual but for led to join the immense throng, and to be jostled half an hour. It is so with regard to com- and crowded, and to have my horse held back by

David, Solomon, Isaiah, Homer, Confucius, Armenians, and Maronites, and Druses, and Al-Alato, Zeno, Paul, John, Franklin, Cuvier and banians, and Georgians, and what more I know Howard. In the language of another, we are not from Asia; and Greeks, and Germans, and enabled, in this way, to "shake hands across Russians, and Italians, and French, and English, oceans and centuries." And young men are dec., from Europe, and last of all some two or often influenced almost as much by the men of three Americans. Then there were old men and climes and ages with whom they thus shake old women, and youth, and lasses, and squalling hands, as by those whose hands they shake infants-a rare collection. I noticed what is often from day to day at home.

cess, of the writings of Franklin. Not only his | peculiarity which charity weuld suggest originphilosophy, but his manners, habits, and style ates from woman's more susceptible religious his model. The attachment to the doctor led, churlishly attributed to the female weakness, as in a practical point of view, to an intimate ac- it is called, of curiosity. If, however, it be quaintaince. His efforts to imitate were attend- the latter, it would seem to be a weakness ed with success. He became a "doer of good," which the lords of creation are well pleased with,

as Addison, Washington, or Byron. The result has been, in not a few instances, that they have oured to imitate. Franklin, himself, in point of style, was a successful imitator of Addison. No young man can know how much he is intion of Dr. Rush, that we are apt to resemble those by whose names we are called, especially prevails, the ladies do literally, and most becomwhen they have been greatly distinguished, is well founded, may it not be accounted for from the fact that we are led, by the name, to be only for men, in these Eastern lands of little doncome familiar with the biography of him who kies and of narrow streets and rough mountains, bore it; and thus in a degree to take him as a is among females at once universal and appropri-

sandel, and to do it in early life. The earlier is a species of wooden frame, designed to be a the better. I do not, indeed, mean to insist upon sort of chair, fastened on each side of the mule your copying any one character, exclusively; nor in fact upon your attempting a perfect copy of anybody. Men are but fragments of men, after all and the same as t ter all, and do not deserve—the best of themto be copied entire. Even the venerable Dr. Franklin kimself is not an exception to the truth pokes and rubs bore me witness; pokes which of this remark. Perhaps it might be preferable to have before the mind's eye, as models, severad different individuals. One may be the model in point of style, another in manners, another in philosophy, &c. Here, by the way, I speak with some diffidence, for want or sufficient experience. Of one thing, however, I am certain; which is, that many excellent young men-I mean excelfent in point of intention-accomplish but little in this world, because they attempt but little .--The greater part, in truth, come into the world and pass through it as if they were without any definite aim and object. And as certainly as the stream never rises higher than the fountain whence it has its source, just so certainly will young men who aim at nothing, accomplish no-

I have said that men are mere fragments of men-and that it is difficult, therefore, to find in any individual, a perfect model. There is one exception to the truth of this remark. In the man of Nazareth we find a perfect model character.

Let no young man sneer at the idea of fixing on Jesus Christ as his model. Let him not say that mer, and manners in 1848, and in America Palestine in the days of our saviour, that such a model is no model at all; for it is not so. No man shall go before me in estimating the value of a Sayiour for the "atonement's sake;" and vet no man shall go before me in valuing him as young man's life; but only in all the essential points which are necessary to develop character. refer, without understanding what is required in' order to fellow him. Let Jesus Christ, then, my young friends, be your model man. Study, above all the rest, the biography of the Saviour. great principles by which it is clearly seen he was governed, in all your circumstances. Find out, but do more. Yield yourselves up to be led by him, Were young men to do this, but for a single century, the world would again flourish as Eden-nay it would become as the garden

If you call this preaching, be it so. How shall young men, as well as old men, "hear without a preacher?" You are fond of philosophy, I suppose-common sense philosophy. Now philo phy has had much to say, the last century, about he influence of example. But who has not conceded that our Saviour's example may safely be imitated? Be philosophers, for once, and let the brightest example the world has yet seen, be more powerful than even his divine precepts.

have another opportunity of noticing the growth ef Canadian enterprise. Messrs. Crawford & night at Ashod, my horse and mulemen, who how will this anxiously desired thing look to our

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE OF THE N. Y. RE-CORDER.

A FEW WEEKS IN PALESTINE.

JERUSALEM, April 19th, 1848. AFTET a Sabbath of delightful rest in Jerusa lem came the excursion to the Jordan and Dead Sea, which has occupied the last three days. It was an excursion anticipated with more than Christian Easter, the week which even Mohamwas the time when, attended by 400 Tnrkish Young men, to an extent greater or less, are soldiers and by the Governor of Jerusalem himing in contact with character through the me- Turkish soldiers as the multitude passed slowly through the narrow mountain passes. And such observed at associations in our country, that by I knew a young man who was fond, to ex- far the majority of all the throng were women; of writing charmed him, and at once became sensibility: but which some have perhaps too and learned, with Franklin, to value, highest, this species of reputation.

and fond of gratifying; for even here, where gallantry towards the fair is not generally sup-Others have taken, as their model, such men posed to have reached at any rate a Quixotic pitch, even here the lords were generally on foot submissively leading the donkeys, and mules approximated to the character they have la- and camels, while perched aloft astride on the heaps of luggage, rode in majesty the ladies. One word employed in this last sentence may shock some ears; and yet is necessary to a true debted to this species of influence. If the no- picture for the customs of the country. For in this land, where the graceful Turkish costume ingly too, wear the pantaloons; and that posture ate, and indeed absolutely necessary to safety .-Let me exhort every young man to select his A still more picturesque mode of conveyance here

able and even dangerous, as several uncavalierly

sometimes made me look (for there was no use in

speaking in such a Babel,) all sorts of daggers

and other pointed things at the fair inmates. The

road, whose character made these modes of rid-

ing necessary, attracted notice; and if there ever

was a road appropriately called a pilgrimage, it

Jerusalem to Jordan; the one which for ages

since Christ has been yearly travelled by so many

been trodden in fact since, and even before Solo-

mon's day, under whom Jerusalem first became

really a city; and in some places in the deep and

labouriously cut rock the ancient made road may

be seen. But over such rocks and mountains,

of whose extent and roughness I had formed no

conception, the path must ever be what the au-

thor of nature has made it- narrow, winding,

steep and rough, utterly impassable for anything

like a wheeled vehicle. The ride to the Jordan,

which is not more than four hours, occupied six

thousands of pilgrims. It is the road which has

or seven in such a company. The camp was Happy the man, young or old, who is wise enough to select his model in this divine di-Towards eve. a party, consisting principally of English gentleman was formed to take a walk to the fountain of Elijah. Coming to the edge of the camp ground we found a line of sentinels differ so greatly from the men and manners of placed around, and attempting to pass were stopped and beckoned on. Proceeding in the direction pointed we were still beckoned on from soldier to soldier, till we came to a ruffianly felshout at us in Turkish and to throw himself into our example. The Saviour was a model for the a defying attitude. In company with a young succeeded in getting the decision reversed. A dying man apprehends them to be when just rushpurse was made up for the wounded Arab and ing into the Infinite Presence.

members of the Congress, when this important resolution was passed; and all seemed to give

not repeat the game another night. That eve to believe we shallmake in that solemn hour, will of social order. Wars and fighting had always ropean gentleman; and immediately on hearing this the sheikh had gone away satisfied, -another mark of the genuine hospitality of the native was the first specimen of Turkish oppression!

tribe dwelling in this plain and among the moun- of the history of the affair. tains, to take us after the scene of the bathing,

river. And such a seene language cannot pic- taey vere intermingled. youth and the decrepid with age, all in one constrong sinews launching out into the strong curerepid old men and women, and timid maidens. scene long, observing the apparent sincerity of the bathers, impressed with the fact that men the bathers, impressed with the fact that men the bathers, impressed with the fact that men the bathers impressed with the ba appy hereafter, and yet oppressed with the conction that few of that vast multitude probaby understood the truth, that it is "the pure in heart alone that shall see God"-that Christ saved us by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost." Proceeding that such a man was found to inaugurate the can authorities upon it. He was in Brussels at along up the thickly lined bank of the river, I Peace movement on the Continent. After the bank, with Yankee tars in them, scated at their posts, coolly looking at the mighty swarm that ad come down upon them. I knew at once Party; and hailing them and asking for the ofcers was answered in the same cool manner, by just above me. Proceeding in the direction indiated, two plain and comparatively small tents ppeared rising from the thick reeds; and soon was seated like a boon companion, in camp nd Oriental style, on the ground, and in a ngled circle of American officers and Arab sheikhs. I could delay but a few moments, for our party was waiting to proceed to the Dead is the road from Joppa to Jerusalem, and from An hour and a half, perhaps, brought us thither. I could not resist the temptation to bathe, despite my lameness. For all that I had read of it I was surprised at its excessive saltness and bitterness to the taste, the severe pain it gave for the moment to the eyes and especially at its excessive buoyance, which enables one to lie as in a luxurious cradle of down, without hardly the possibility of sinking even plunging yourself beneath the water. Riding along some distance on the shore we bent Westward, and returned through the back part of the plain near the mountains. I was struck with the great width of this plain, of which I had not before got an adequate notion, it being more than two hours from the river to the hills. The marks of the former rich-

## walls, &c., all now neglected and in ruins. THE HONEST HOUR.

ness of the plain are still seen in the old wells

low, who instead of beckoning us on, began to emn crisis of their history, for this were to im- go out of the world from the Convention, espe-English gentleman I happened to be in front; and the hour which brings us to the last strug- strong terms. But, on meeting in the Commitfor the man of thirty. True it is that he was and as we kept on, not noticing the soldier, he gle offers no inducements to keep up a deceitful tee Room, just before the opening in the evening never tried in all the circumstances of every came suddenly up and pushed rudely against my show. The dying man is done bidding for the session, the following resolution was adopted companion, who unwisely, though naturally, world's favour and friendship; for what can they grappled with the fellow. Presently the Turk, avail him, and why should be deceive his own arms to settle international differences, is a usage getting his right hand free, began whipping the soul when its secrets are just on the eve of being condemned alike by religion, reason, justice, ly study his character in all the points to which I gentleman over the head with a thick cowhide revealed by the searcher of hearts? It is the hour humanity, and by the interests of the people; riding stick. Upon this a second English gen- when, if ever, the hypocrite puts off his mask, that it is, therefore, a duty and a means of safety tleman stepped up to interfere and he was laid and the scales fall from the eyes of the self-de- for the civilized world to adopt proper measures hold of and served in the same manner, Finally luded; when conscience, long silenced, finds a for bringing about the entire abolition of war." a third gentleman interfered—a young man who had a gun hanging over his back—and he grapto full consciousness of the present and fearful tion, I almost held my breath from intense inhe acted; and what he would do, governed by pling I saw soon a struggle for the gun. At this forebodings of the future. What avails, then, terest, doubting whether a declaration of such a juncture, however, an officer came up, and the the praise or blame of man, compared with the sweeping character could be espoused by such contest ceased. Immediately, however, a com- praise or censure of Him who holds the key of an assembly. His clear voice seemed to penepany of soldiers who had run up, fell upon four death and hell, and whose favor is life, and trate into the hearts of all present, as he read inoffensive Arabs of the tribe dwelling here, whose loving-kindness better than life. It is the the esolution a second time, and asked all in its de la Sagra, especially to the statement that whom we had taken as guides, and who had hour whose decisions respecting the things of favor to arise. The whole assembly, with but whom we had taken as guides, and who had been mere spectators of the affair, and with clubs beat them unmercifully, breaking the gun of one worthy to be trusted then those estimates which silence or it worthy to be trusted then those estimates which silence or it worthy to be trusted then those estimates which silence or it worthy to be trusted then those estimates which silence or it worthy to be trusted then those estimates which silence or it worthy to be trusted then those estimates which silence or it worthy to be trusted then those estimates which silence or it worthy to be trusted then those estimates which silence or it worthy to be trusted then those estimates which silence or it worthy to be trusted then those estimates which silence or it worthy to be trusted then those estimates which silence or it worthy to be trusted then those estimates which silence or it worthy to be trusted then those estimates which silence or it worthy to be trusted then those estimates which silence or it worthy to be trusted then those estimates which silence or it worthy to be trusted then those estimates which silence or it worthy to be trusted then those estimates which silence or it worthy to be trusted then those estimates which silence or it worthy to be trusted then those estimates which silence or it worth to be trusted then those estimates which it worth to be trusted to be trusted to the trusted then those estimates which it worth to be trusted to be beat them unmercifully, breaking the gun of one worthy to be trusted than those estimates which silence, as if struck with their unanimity, an enand the arm of another; and then stripping them were hurrying them off to inflict the bastinado. we form in the midst of life and health. Just thusiastic peal of applause burst forth, especially so empty are the best possessions of the worldling, from the English delegates, who seemed to ap-The whole party of gentlemen, however, with a as his own soul will pronounce them when taking preciate in a lively manner the conquest of the dragoman who spoke Turkish, went to the gov- leave of them forever. Quite as awfully impor- principle. The magnificent hall was well filled ernor, and after some time and repeated effort tant are the things of eternity as the soul of the with an intelligent audience, in addition to the

specimens of the brutal spirit of these Turks-in us if we would accustom ourselves to form those expressed. this country the conquerors and oppressors of the estimates of things now which we may reasonnative people—in their treatment of the Arabs ably anticipate that we shall form in that honest before; but I was not prepared to see such hour which awaits us. How well it would be,

the sheikh of the village had finally come out to be the true ones—at least, they will be far more been a part of humanity, and could not be conremonstrate with my men; and s I afterwards true than those which we make while yet absorb-

THE BRUSSELS PEACE CONGRESS.

The pressure of various duties upon me, partly people. If I had understood it, however, at the arising out of the success which has attended our time, the rascals would have been exposed. This glorious demonstration on the Continent, comand every day after I felt more and more that I report of the proceedings on that occacion which friends will see at once that these daily items of

Wednesday, Sept. 20. At half past 12, went About 1 o'clock in the morning the whole to the eye was picturesque, novel and interesting. the Jordan; for though the river was only two public meeting before. It seemed like an immiles off, it was thought necessary to start thus mense private parlor, most elegantly furnished. early, the company was so large. It was tedious Its white ornamental walls were hung with the arbitration, discussed yesterday: business to be in your saddle so early, to move on perhaps five minutes, and then be obliged to remain motionless for half an hour; and yet in that motely group there was enough to interest that motely group there was enough to interest.

Its white ornamental walls were hung with the flags of all nations, interspersed with pure white banners, bearing the emblems of Peace. On some of them was inscribed, "Welcome to the Friends of Peace."

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arouration, discussed yesterday:

"That it is of the highest importance to urge upon the different governments of Europe and America, the introduction of a clause in all international treaties, providing for the settlement international treaties, providing for the settlement. you. At length day dawned; and as the light senter an interesting contrast with their ruddy

ture. Hundreds of men and women, blooming M. Visschers opened the peoceedings with a Court of Nations to consolidate and apply." few pieliminary remarks, and we commenced fused company, were in the stream; some with the organization of the Congress. John Scoble moved, in a short speech, that M. Visschers ent and swimming to the opposite shore, while should re elected President, and I seconded the motion. M. A. Roussel, Professor of Law in the waded a short distance into the current, and Royal University at Brussels, moved the election as it was longer, when translated into French, their friends dipped the water and poured it pro- of four Vice Presidents, and nominated Franfusely over their heads. Yet amid this strange scene there was preserved a greater order and perfect decency than one would suppose possible; or lour vice Presidents, and nominated Pranticisque Bouvet, for France; Count Suvingar, for Holland; Wm. Ewart, Esq., M. P., for England; and myself, for the United States. After the conclusion of the dissertation, embracing all the tribune, and read in an impressive manner, the conclusion of the dissertation, embracing all the principal points of the proposition of a Contraction of the proposition o ach person wearing a becoming bathing dress, Secretaries were appointed, M. Visschers arose, and the thick groves and almost impenetrable and pronounced his opening speech in which he inderbrush of the bank, furnishing perfectly re- gave a lucid summary of the history of Peace tired and ample dressing rooms. I watched the societies and efforts up to the current moment. ble impression. A short and telling letter from

"Français, Arlais, Belge, Rousse ou Ge main, Peuples, forme: une sainte alli ance, Et donnez-von le main:" his seat, and we all felt gratified and grateful eading of a few letters from distinguished sons who had been invited to be present, the order of the day called up the first essay upon the "iniquity, ishumanity, and absurdity of war, as an arbiter of international differences," written by Edmund Fry, and read in French by L. A Chemarowzow, of London. M. Bouvet, of the Congress of Nations. He was followed by Baron Rieffenberg, who demonstrated the necessity of a general enlightenment of the popular mind, in order to abolish war. Mr. Ewart, M. P., then made an excellent and practical speech, in which he uttered some noble and generous sentiments towards France. When he left the tribune, M. Bouvet arose, and, meeting him half way, shook him by the hand in the most cordial manner. This interesting incident was appreciated, to every shade of its significance, and elicited a burst of

applause from the whole assembly.

James Silk Buckingham next delivered one of is clear, compact and conclusive speeches, upon nearly all the bearings of war, which made a deep mpression. The first session terminated at halfpast 4 P. M., and everything went on happily. The Belgian and Continental part of the audience listened to all the proceedings with thoughtful attention, and seemed to be pleased with the tone and subject of the discussions.

The evening session opened at half-past 7. After the proces-verbal was read, the first resolution, upon the iniquity, inhumanity rnd absurdity of war, was offered to the meeting. I shall never and channels for distributing water, the stone forget that moment. The Congress composed of about an equal number of Englishmen and Continentals, was called to decide upon the moral character of war within a few miles of Waterloo; Ir has become a proverbial saying, that the dy- or, as it were, to lay the basis of the cause of ng hour is an honest one. Not that men never Peace of the Continent. We had felt some soliimpose upon themselves and others in that sol- citude in regard to the declaration which was to peach the testimony of no infrequent experience. cially as some of the members of the Belgian But in a comparative sense, the proverb is true, Committee had evinced a desire to modify all

"The Congress declares, that an appeal to

when we find our hearts anxiously desiring pro- Scoble then read a letter from Richard Cobden | English people toward the French. Every hour CANADIAN ENTERPRISE.— We are happy to treatment of Europeans.

When we find our hearts anxiously desiring property was fraught with interest; the gladsome meetave another opportunity of noticing the growth

Coming from Gaza, when we stopped the first

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how will this anxiously desiring property, wealth, peace, or worldy honour, to ask

to Joseph Sturge, which produced a powerful impression upon the assembly.

M. Roussel, Proings of friends, the smiles on every face, and
how will this anxiously desired thing look to our er Canadian enterprise. Messrs. Urawiord & might at Asnod, my horse and muleimen, who instead of the Country of Haldimand, Niagara District, have recently erected a Manufactory for the preparation of Manufactory for the prepar tion of Mustard from the seed, and are engaging who were coming home from the fields at eve, How will the objects of our choice appear; what several other Belgian speakers on the same side. our hearts with the luxury of loving emotions topretty extensively in the business. It appears bringing as usual bundles of grass on their heads will be the aspect of our course through life, when, Next arose a contrary spirit, Don Roman de la wards our kind. that the climate of this country is peculiarly for the cattle which worked in the day; and having but one hour more before standing at the Sagra, from Madrid. He seemed the very genius suited to the growth of the Mustard plant, and every one of the passers was compelled to yield judgment bar, we cast our thoughts backwards of controversy, and entered upon the defence of close my journal of this memorable demonstra-

learned they had told him that they had taken the grass for the "hawageh Frangee"—the European centleman; and immediately condensing humanity. James define the world, and blinded by its allurements and the deceitfulness of sin.—N. Y. Evangelist.

It will be recollected that it was proposed at the last anniversary of the American Bible Society to send \$10,000 to Period in the condensing humanity.

Thus ended the first day of the Congress, Evwas under a government far different from that I can at present give to the Citizen circle.—Our erything proceeded favorably. An excellent spirit pervaded the assembly, and all seemed The excursion to the fountain of Elisha was for experience and observation were never intended impressed with the beauty and loveliness of the that night broken up; but a few of our party for the public eye, and are too incoherent and principles of Peace. I went back to the hotel, mong the French people, who in several places formed an arrangement with the sheikh of the hasty for publication; but they may give an idea gratoful that Providence had opened such a door to us on the Continent.

which was to take place at sunrise next morn, to the Salon de la Grande Harmonie, which be- lovely morning. It seemed as if the firmament first to the Dead Sea, and then back through the gan to fill with delegates and visitors. After was in sympathy with our cause, and had put on plain South of us to the eamp, and then from arranging the order of the proceedings, we left its loveliest, sweetest sheen to smile its best upon the camp through the North of the plain to the Committee Room, and found the great and the day. At 10, the morning session opened Jericho, the fountain of Elisha, Kurmtul, &c. saperb hall nearly full. The spectacle presented with a full house; all appearing to be deeply incamp was awake, and soon were on the move for I had never seen such a room appropriated to a the reading of the proces-verbal, M. Visschers terested in the expected proceedings. proposed the following resolution, as embodying the sense of the meeting upon the subject of

of all disputes by arbtiration; that war may be ally, before the sun appeared, we were at the with the French-looking continentals, with whom for a permanent appeal to the great principles of justice, which it will be the object of a High On being put to vote, the resolution was car-

eied, with only two dissenting votes. The subject of a Congress of Nations was now called up. I had engaged M. Bourson, the General Secretary, to read my essay, or about half of it, gress of Nations. It was listened to with fixed attention, and the illustrations upon which I had then took the tribune, and read a learned and elaborate essay upon a Cengress of Nations. It was Professor Bertimatti, from Turin, a distin-He was cheered enthusiastically when he took guished jurist, who appeared deeply versed in the whole subject, especially with the best Amerithe time, and seeing the proposition of a Congress of Nations on our programme, he out an erudite dissertation in favor of it. This was to me a grateful and surprising coincidence. His points, illustrations, authors, dates, &c., were almost identical with those I had employed. Indeed, the coincidence was so striking, that many remarked that one eassy seemed a copy of the Fromb, Anti-nelivered at reached and coduction other in these next and reactive of a more pleasantly than this. I felt that the grand idea of a Congress of Nations had taken a deep hold of the thinking mind on the Continent, and that it would ere long be raised into a fixed fact, with the grateful acclammations of the peo-

> was the first time he had presented himself, and the Belgians hardly knew what to expect from the short, dumpy, red-faced man who appeared before them. As he began as usual, in a low voice, and labored for expression, many persons left the hall, and the current was setting in strong for the door, when one of his thought-claps arrested it in a moment. By degrees his voice arose into the ruddy energy which distinguishes him, and the whole assembly began to feel his power. Onward and upward he soared, and his unprisoned thoughts flashed with dazzling brilliance in their flight.-Many seemed half raised from their seats by the power of his towering genius. It was eloquent, almost to inspiration; and when he ended with the exclamation, " The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth, Allelulia!" there was an explosion of applause in which every human being in the house seemed to join. James Silk Buckingham attempted to give some of the leading ideas of Vincent's speech in French. He said he feared his feeble analysis must resemble a little taper succeeding the splendour of the sun; but the taper, however small its light, was better than complete darkness. Ramon de la Sagra, after a little interruption, again mounted | people. the tribune and recapitulated his arguments of vesterday. He declared a Congress of Nations impossible, because it could not be established upon the basis of universal suffrage, which was not yet granted to all the peoples. Wm. Ewart, M. P., replied in all able manner; maintaining that universal suffrage was not absolutely neces sary to establish a national law; but if it were indispensible to the convocation of a Congress of Nations, it would soon be secured; for come it ought, and come it would, ere long. Two or three Belgian speakers followed in favor of the propositions .- Henry Clapp, Jr., of the United States, then made a happy, vigorous, and eloquent speech, which was well received.

The session was now drawing near to a close, when Francisque Bouvet, the French Vice President, arose, and in quiet dignity and gentle voice, adverted to some of the remarks of Don Ramon in France, gentlemen, is ' Liberty, Equality, Fraternity'-the motto of the Gospel." A large number of members arose instantaneously at this happy and touching return to an invidious remark, and " Vive la France !" resounded through the hall. After speaking in a felicitous strain for resolution was passed; and all seemed to give a few minutes, he took leave of the Congress, as purse was made up for the wounded Arab and higher the infinite resence.

The solution was passed; and an seemed to give a few minutes, he took leave of the Congress, as he was sent to the hospital at Jerusalem. I had he was obliged to return to Paris to attend the hospital at Jerusalem. I had he was obliged to return to Paris to attend the hospital at Jerusalem. discussions on the French Constitution. Kindly The order of the day was taken up, and an es- interchanges of sentiments passed between him say, by Wm. Stokes, on the subject of arbitra-tion, was read in French, and well received. Mr. timony to the friendly feeling entertained by the

But enough for this time; next week I will

onaries the First, then

-grand, a very ancient manuscript copy,

THE BIBLE IN FRANCE.

admirable manner, completely refuting his ar- ty to send \$10,000 to Paris in the course of the guments. Several short speeches followed from | year, to aid our friends there in circulating the different members on the same side, and the Bible. The following note, just received from element of discussion thus unexpectedly thrown our brother Bridel, shows us that the funds alinto the meeting by the Spanish Don, imparted vivacity and brilliance to the proceedings of the remainder as fast as they can be collected. -J. C. B.

Our French Bible Society, encouraged by the fraternal assistance which it has found in the United States, is anxious to profit by all opportunities to distribute as many Bibles as possible amanifest the desire to read it and to find in it the truth, after which the soul of man sighs.

Allow me, dear brother, to quote an example which will not be without interest to the friends of your Society. Some weeks, since, the Committee of our Bi-

ble Society heard that many hundreds of the prisoners detained in the forts (near Paris), for having taken an active part in the dreadful insurrection of June, were about to be transported to some distant colony. The Committee wished to provide these unhappy men with the word of God, and asked the missionary of fauboarg du Temple to go to the Eastern fort, in order to offer a copy of the New Testament to the prisoners who were expected to depart for Brest the following night. "I went to the director of the fort," writes this excellent missionary, giving an account of his mission of charity, "and I told him for what purpose I came. He received me with politeness, but expressed some fear that my offer would not be accepted by those unfortunate men. Notwithstanding, however, he willingly accompanied me to the casemates, and presented me to the prisoners as a Protestant minister who felt great interest for their unhappy position, and who came in the name of the Bible Society to offer them a copy of the New Testament. He added some words to engage the prisoners to accept this book, which was thus gratuitously

Then I began to explain to them the design of my mission, and the importance of the word of God to teach poor sinners the way of salvation; after that I asked those that wished to have a Bible to raise the right hand. I had to provide about two hundred and forty hands in seven casemates; I gave also fifty assurances of Good Counsels, and a good many tracts.

My store was soon exhausted, and I was obliged to send to St. Dennis for more. The prisoners, keepers and soldiers, each desired to obtain a book, and even the director, who wished to procure three copies of the new Testament. book has not been made by any man, but by God himself.'

In all the casemates I received very warm thanks, and was asked to thank the Bible Society. The director took my address, and promised to send for me when a new company of convicts should be about to take their departure. The following week this same missionary and another (also employed in Paris,) hearing that seven or eight hundred prisoners were to be transported in a few days, went together to the Eastern fort, and distributed 500 copies of the New Testament, which were urgently requested, Henry Vincent next mounted the tribune. It

and received with gratitude. This precious book is the only treasure which the majority of these poor unhappy men take with them into their exile! Let us thank the Lord that we have been able to procure them this treasure, and let us pray that the reading of it be

blessed for their soul's everlasting salvation. A'low me, dear brother, to cite another fact before finishing. An evangelist, who was ob-lized, some weeks since, to spend a few days n Paris, was astonished to find a great many persons crowded around the hall of meeting of the National Assembly. Pausing a moment, he saw a workman leaning against a wall who appeared deeply interested in reading a small book. Our friend was happy to recognize in this book

a New Testament!
"'You are reading a book which I am faniliar with,' said the evangelist, 'and which makes all my happiness.' This man related to me," adds the evangelist, "he had bought the book the same morning on account of its cheapness, and we continue to converse for a long time, surrounded by a great number of persons, who were expecting to see the representatives of the

"This workman opened his whole heart to me, and as I explained to him salvation through Jesus Christ, and told him that if he had true repentance (as I hoped), his sins could be forgiven in this very hour, he shed tears of joy, and left me after a very warm shake of the

"At this moment I found myself near a decorated soldier, who, as it appeared had overheard our conversation. He said to me, 'Sir, you have been talking about the Bible. I served under General Drouet, who loued it much. He had a little Bible in his pocket, which he carried with him in all his battles, and read it at every leisure moment. Napoleon called him for this reason, the Christian hero."

Accept, dear brother, the renewed assurance of my Christian affection,

Louis Bridel, Pasteur, de.

"IN CHRIST'S STEAD-"

In Christ's room and stead are ministers to plead with sinners. Wilful, hardened, rebellious, corning, mocking, or indifferent, or heedless, er impenitent, they must deal with them as though Jesus himself were pleading with his own blood; speak to them as we may suppose he would speak with his own perception of the infinite worth of their undying souls; as he would speak with his understanding of the precious nature of those heavenly joys and immortal interests which they are hazarding; as he would speak in full view of his rich man in hell calling for one drop of water to cool his parching tongue; or of Lazarus rejoicing in Abraham's bosom, must plead with them as they suppose he would plead, remembering the bloody sweat and betrayal in Gethsemane, the mocking and scourging before Herod and Pilate, and the agony and death of the cross. They must warn, and rebuke, and invite as they suppose he would, in view of the contempt and despite wnich they are heaping upon the riches of his goodness and long suffering, designed to lead them to repen-tance. They must set, as he would set, the blackness of the guilt and impenitence of their

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