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THE GOLDEN STAR.

Tivey brought to the cradle their gifts of gold, The gums of Araby sweet, And scattered them where the stars had rolled Round the habe of Bethichem's feet,

They had marched by night 'neath the diademed sky From the mountain peaks afar a But why did the reathen first descry The light of the Golden Star?

O mystery of the nights of bliss, I air nights of the Golden Star !— The Lord is love, and the world is his, And all nations his children are.

Or whether he holds or breaks his seals, He is near to all watchful eyes, And to those on the mountain-tops reveals The messages of the skies.

THE SECRET OF PEACE.

WHAT is meant by that injunction, so often emphasized in the Bible, to carry no useless load upon the journey, to be burdened with no needless impediment? How are we to take it, with refer-ence to our own situation in this rapidly flitting of course, the negative side. Permission was year of grace, 1886? What is the process of cast-given, but the letter was not printed, neither was to enter into the fulness of blessing implied and coveninted in the assurance, "He careth for you"? We read our Bibles prayerfully, we sit under the ministry of some beloved pastor and are told to weary ourselves with no undue solicitude about temporal matters, and we accept the words of instruction; but we keep on worrying. "How am I to help it," says the merchant, "knowing night and day of that note in the bank, which will go to protest unless it is paid?" "How am I to who is bound to extend a helping hand?"

The fact is that most of us, when confronted with pecuniary distress, not mere inconvenience, but real distress, menacing our homes, or our honour, find it next to impossible to refrain from involve the claims of others, to be indifferent to our reputation for integrity, surely, God does not want us to be thin. And though he promises us daily bread, and we may expect the finest of the wheat, if we are spiritually enlightened, yet it is more than mere rovision for the way which most of us want. God has not pledged us complete ammunity from trouble, nor assured us that we are to go to Him for the gratification of every transient wish, as spoiled children to an indulgent parent. His dear

children we are, not his spoiled children.

We are often burdened unduly, in the endeavour to assume a certain state, and live in certain conditions of ease and beauty, for which we have not an adquate income. Mr. Micawber's reckoning was not far wrong. The chronic impecuniosity of that cheerful philosopher had its gleams of reason, and in one of them he evolved that calculation of them he evolved that calculation of them. twenty pounds income, with outgo of nineteen pounds, nineteen shillings and sixpence; result, happiness, and the obvious reverse, with the expenditure beyond the twenty pounds, misery. The cause assigned in the thoughtful article by the president of a bank, for nine-tenths of the defalcations which in every case plunge multitudes into wretchedness, as well as bring disgrace upon the miserable criminals themselves, is extravagant

ways preservo a margin in your business transactions. Never go to the outside limit of your resources." It was good advice, and is thoroughly sensible and practical. One of the first steps to and obtaining a minute account of everything she "Who is Fay?" she asked. be taken by any one who has monetary anxiety, had done or said in public upon every day of her in order that he may plead the Scripture promises, and claim the Lord's help, is to do all he can to help himself, by taking in sail, and relieving himself of every really needless incumbrance. When self of every really needless incumbrance. When one has done all he can to help himself, then he may not only plead, but claim the assistance of God; then he may recall with comfort and gladness the vision that cheered the prophet's servant when the mountain was revealed with its crowding and the minute. When the President came to chariots and horses of fire, for to-day, as in that far-off sime, "Greater are they that are with us, see how he would greet his future wife, and his than they that are with them."

Many anxieties besides those connected with the means of living consume our hearts. One which ought to be oftener present than it is, and which certainly ought not to be lightly dismissed, is care for the conversion of those dear to us. If we ought personal descriptions, some of which surpassed in to agonize for anything, it ought to be for that. Yet, while in a general way we desire and expect to see our children, our friends and our neighbours brought into the kingdom, how seldom are we wrought up into such carnestness that we have

lasting welfare of our friends. There, too, we ought to strive, remembering that the bird beating against the air current, soars aloft, that the swimmer battles with the waves ere

how it weighs us down, whatever label it bears. George Riot says pithily, "There is much pain men who take this view of their profession should that is quite noiseless, and vibrations that make answer all criticism with personal abuse. human agonles are often a mere whisper in the roar of hurrying existence." Our hidden sorrows, worn with no regality of woe, our bright faces over nching hearts, God sees.

It is care of every kind which has to do with the vicissitudes of human existence, which we ought to carry to the Saviour, and leave with Him. For He careth. Not a moan is unheard, nor a cry unliceded. And the secret of peace is in those and a most of S. Ball Man archive a conjunction of S. Ball Man archiv tender words of St. Paul, "In nothing be anxious, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus,"-Mrs. M. E. Sungster, in The Interior.

NEWSPAPER ESPIONAGE.

A FRIEND of the late Samuel Bowles once addressed him a letter in which he used the following sentence as a basis for what he had to say :-- "It seems to me that a newspaper should be governed by the same principles which a gentleman follows in his personal conduct." Mr. Bowles, whose motto as an editor was "The Springfield Republican is one thing and Sam Bowles is another," asked permission to print the letter, saying that he should be the conductive the same and the conductive the same and the conductive the same and the same an the question which it raised ever discussed by Mr. Bowles, probably because he found the subject more difficult to treat than heliaif anticipated, Sofar as I am informed, nobody has since undertaken the task which was too difficult for him. Yet one can scarcely imagine a subject the discussion of which

would command a keener interest.

At no time has this subject of newspaper conduct been more pressing than it is now. The extraordinary course of not merely a few but of nearly all the prominent journals of the country, before prevent it, "exclaims the widow, "when my rent is and after the President's marriage, has served one overdue; my boy needs an overcoat, the flour is good purpose. It has called public attention to the low in the barrel, and I have not a friend on earth intolerable lengths to which the modern system of press espionage has been carried. The watch kept upon President Cleveland was no sudden develop ment of newspaper enterprise. It was rather the supreme demonstration of the resources of a system which has been growing steadily for several years, anxiety. It is an open question whether it would and which found in this event an opportunity to lift be praiseworthy to seel no anxiety, whether that is itself into national prominence. There had been the significance of the divine injunction. To be many instances of intrusion upon private rights no apathetic, when obligations are concerned which less flagrant than this, but they did not command sc wide an audience. Anybody who has read newspapers regularly during the past few years can recall dozens of such cases.

The treatment of the President and his bride was the culmination of this kind of journalism.

Let us take a comprehensive view of it from its beginning to its end. It was about three months ago, I think, that the rumour first started that the President was contemplating marriage. All efforts to get a confirmation or denial from him or his intimates were complete fullures. Then work was begun upon his family relations and upon those of his suspected fancee The country was scoured for them, and every effort was make to induce them to talk. After several weeks of this kind of work, sufficient evidence was secured to show conclusively who the lady was. It was discovered that she was at this time in Paris. The cable was at once employed to put spies upon her track, and discover everything that was possible about her and her plans and daily occupations. Great efforts her, but when these failed, a plentiful crop of bogus | up the work. ones was produced and published as authentic. Every bit of gossip, however trivial or impertinent, which could be found or invented about the lady and her family, or about her relations with the living. Extravagance is relative, and it may be safely predicted that always when a man lives for any length of time beyond his legitimate income, whatever it is, or however small his excess, he is extravagant.

Then, what some of the admirers of this kind of journalism call the "detective instinct of the press," was roused to unprecedented activity. Among Prince Albert's wise counsels to one of From the moment she set foot in New York, the his daughters, I remember to have read this: "Always preserve a margin in your business transacways preserve a margin in your business transacways preserve a margin in your business transacnewspaper distanced all others at the outset by "Yes, me forgive em; blake glas voyage. Not a smile or even a nod of the head was missed. This narrative occupied the entire first page of a great journal. Watch was subsequently kept upon her hotel from early morning till late at night, or until the lights in her room were put out, for reporters stationed upon the him," so pleading that she overcame her scruples side-walk watched for the latter occurrence each and went to the laundry and taught the poor vulgar impertinence anything which had yet been produced. Finally, when the wedding occurred, all previous detective exertions were outdone.

Will some newspaper which is daily practising this style of journalism reply to that, and at the the importance of salvation from sin. "What responses which I have seen made to criticism shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, like mine has been, first: "The people like news and lose his own soul." Nothing can be stronger than that. So, at one point, anxiety is not only pardonable, but we are heartless and insensate, if we feel none, and that is, with regard to the search seem. The authors of such criticism of voices all around her. At last she heard some last the soft spring days dawned upon the great city there came a Sunday when May Sing was not there. His teacher waited and wondered. She sat at her little table in her quiet corner, the hum of voices all around her. At last she heard some last the soft spring days dawned upon the great city there came a Sunday when May Sing was not there. His teacher waited and wondered. She sat at her little table in her quiet corner, the hum of voices all around her. At last she heard some same time answer the question about gentlemanly never regretted her decision, conduct which I have put before it? They only As the soft spring days d we feel none, and that is, with regard to the everlasting welfare of our friends.

With reference to our own spiritual condition, of it?" If the first of these be accepted in its full our growth in grace, our sense of the inward wit- meaning, that journalism is a profession in which ness of the spirit, we have no warrant for uncon- it is allowable to do anything that pays, then there is no room for discussion. The profession be- Jesus. flesh, and the devil. To him that overcometh, are the sevenfold promises of the Revelation. Possibly it would be well for us to be attired to greater vigilance in our outlook upon the enemy, to deeper trust, and closer following of the Master in the aboulder, bow the head, and crush the heart, are, it must be admitted, temporal cares in the main, some of them preventable, and many of them inexpressibly wearing. The him that overcometh, are public guide and teacher; and the apectacle which he presents, peddling out moral precepts with one and teacher; and the apectacle which he presents, peddling out moral precepts with one he presents, peddling out moral precepts with one according. The arises of the Master in the guement that it pays, because people want it, covers equally well the printing and selling of obscene books and pictures. That sort of trade pays so well that it is necessary to prohibit it by strict penal laws. If a newspaper can do anything that pays, then interest in the main, that pays, then interesting the presents pertends to be a public guide and teacher; and the apectacle which he presents to be a public guide and teacher; and the apectacle which he presents peddling out moral precepts with one and teacher; and the apectacle which he presents, peddling out moral precepts with one according to the presents, peddling out moral precepts with one and teacher; and the apectacle which he presents to be a public guide and teacher; and the apectacle which he presents to be a public guide and teacher; and the apectacle which he presents to be a public guide and teacher; and the apectacle which he presents to be a public guide and teacher; and the apectacle which he presents to be a public guide and teacher; and the apectacle which he presents to be a public guide and teacher; and the apectacle which he presents to be a public guide and teacher; and the apectacle which he presents to be a public guide and teacher; and the apectacle which only in the presents to be a public guide and teacher; and the ape comes the lowest of human callings-lower then pressibly wearing. The burden of incompatibility fessedly respectable callings the only one whose Lord's Prayer?"
with our surroundings, of uncongenial associations, of scant opportunity, of meagre food for the intellect, of disappointed hopes, and defeated plans, same principles which, a gentleman follows in his trank you for teached me how to read the Bible.

personal conduct," It is natural and fitting that

But I firmly believe that it will not become the tule. I do not believe that even a majority of the editors of to-day are in favour of it. Many of the most influential of our journals have already protested against it, and the very ones that are the most realous advocates of the system now will not be long to fulling out their midster. be long in finding out their mistake. It is a libel upon the American people to assume that they will long tolerate a kind of journalism which makes the ideal newspaper, not a public benefit, but a public nuisance. They will insist upon it that the newspaper has some other purpose in the world than to amuse and entertain the thoughtless and that to amuse and entertain the thoughtless and the victous, they will insist that the duty of select-ing goes hand in hand with the duty of collecting the news; and sooner or later they will make it appear, to even the most undudish of editors, that it is not true that indecency "pays" better than decency, but that in Journalism, as in every other reputable calling, the honorable, self-respecting course in the only one that "pays" in the long run.—/oreph II. Bishop in The Forum.

ONE OF THE MOYS.

"You teached me read the Bible?" he asked, and there was an eagerness in his voice and manner which proved the question one of real interest.

No teacher could turn from such a question with a cold and formal reply. The work was wearisone, and her hands were full—overfull, she somesome, and ner names were min-overrun, and some-times thought. But here was this dark faced heathen "boy," with his eager eyes, and ready smile, asking her—, "You teached me read the Bible?" Could she, dare she evade the question? Was it not God Himself who stood back of this needy soul awaiting her reply?

She sighed softly at the thought of the afternoon hour of test, and following the sigh, a prayer—a cry for grace sufficient. Then, she said, "Yes, Sing, I will teach you.

When, indeed, had any Sunday school pupil ever thanked her with such a sincerity as that? When had any ever shown so glad a face at the prospect of being taught God's truth?

There are those who declare that Chinese boys only care to learn our language. Perhaps. And what then? Will not our language bring to them the knowledge of the one only God, and Jesus His Son, who gave himself for their ransom? It only remains with the teacher to give them, out of our language, those sweetest and most compre-hensive words of all.

He was one of "the Moys." He was proud of his family name. Yet he was like a little child, in his willingness to learn, his eager listening to the instructions and the explanations of this genile, dignified woman who had become his teacher. He looked upon her with a certain timid awe and reverence. He appreciated her—as these heathen men can and do appreciate a modest, unselfish Christian woman.

And the hardest part of her labour was not the mere teaching, but the constant meeting and minglmere teaching, but the constant meeting and mingling with those of her sex who were frivolous, and who did not rightly estimate the work which shey, and undertaken. They gossipped with the boys, they laughed and chatted, they smilingly acceptes rich gifts which the poor fellows thought they were in honour bound to give as some small return for all the standard of this womanly care and attention ! It hurt her fillt made her ashamed of her sex, and sorry:for the

great work so sadly neglected.
Yet Moy Sing had asked, "You teachee me—?" were made to procure an authentic photograph of And she had prayed for guidance and again taken

Every Sunday his bright, eager face met her, and he searched diligently with her those wondrous Scriptures which would make him wise unto salvation

Occasionally he would tell her of his troubles; his laundry and of how the "Melican boys" tormented him-breaking panes of glass and committing other mean trespasses.

Then she taught him the Lord's Prayer and the

meaning of "Porgive us our trespasses as we for-

" Yes, me forgive 'em; blake glass, do what 'em Fay was his cousin-Moy Pay. He was a

hunchback, she found out afterward, and rarely went from the doorway of the laundry, because the "melican boys" were so rude to him. When she told Sing to teach his cousin about Jesus he asked "You could come and tellee him," so pleading that she overcame her scruples

Do you know how these Chinese boys fove one another? It is a touching revelation. We may well learn from them in this respect.

hours of visiting and leaving her were noted and published with equal exactness. When the lady started for Washington for her wedding, she was followed closely by the press detectives, and both herself and the President's sister were subjected to church would have been very pleasant to Sing, he would sit with Pay in cheerful self-denial, striving to brighten his lonely life. And as he learned to read the Bible, he would read it aloud to his cousin, repeating the lesson which his teacher he ligiven him. It was a blessed winter's work. That teacher

of voices all around her. At last she heard someone say: "Tell Miss—— She does dot know."
Then one of the boys went to her and told her that
Moy Sing had been badly hurt in a quarrel, and,
"he not live, he want you come quick."

Ifer heart sank. In a quarrel! And she had
thought he had learned to love the mark and lowly.

thought he had learned to love the meek and lowly

She was soon there. The "melican boys" had