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RIVET THE LAST PACIFIC RAIL!

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Rivet the last Pacific rail, With a silver hammer and goldin nail For over the hill and over the vale, The iron horse is swiftly coming Along the praries wild flowers sweet, With red lips kiss his flying feet, Wild eagles his wild scream repeat :-His hymn of praise the bee is humming, Hail to the day and deed Hail to the iron steed! Hail to the iron rail! Hail to the West, all hail

Now the rising and setting sun Shall see the East and West are one, Wherever the steed of steam shall run, The Union shall be one forever. State linked with State with iron bands, Hearts linked with hearts, and hands with hands,

Hail to our broad free lakes and lands Hail to our free lands ! Hail to our free hands Hail to the gold nail l Hair to the last rail !

Over praries of gold and green, Over rivers that roll between, -Plumed mountains of richest sheen. The steam horse toils harder and harder, Now scaring the wild herds and flocks, Now thundering over granite blocks, Now climing the steep shelving rocks Now up to the Sierra Nevada. Hail to the plains below ! Hail to the peaks of snow Hail to the hammer's stroke Hail to the echoes woke!

From ocean to ocean the rail Runs over the mountain and vale. Which echoes with blows on the nail, Now heard by the list'ning races, Hail to the pathway of nations here, It runs to-day through the hemisphere, The good time coming must now be near, It shines on our hope-lighted faces. Hail to the age of steam! Hail to our iron bars ! Hail to our flag of stars !

A TASTE FOR READING.

A cultivated literary taste is one of the best safeguards for a young man exposed to the temptations of a life in a great city. When evening approaches, a feeling of loneliness will and variety, or in rarity. Such feathery can you encourage him? You can be prompt in things, such fairy shapes, such delicate colours, attendance at the shaped services especially at thousand the first shapes and some exquisive combined in any nose-gay, and I felt bers will be,—the praying dutie, the thousand the first shapes to me, combined in any nose-gay, and I felt bers will be,—the praying dutie, the thousand the first shapes at the shape of the civil authority to its criterion of absolute and heavenly-revealed authority, it would constantly menace all rights. pleasure. Dut, and stops that home, I would gladly have paid the on hell," If he throws himself within their highest New York prices for a hundred, and a highest forever unless by a group. power he is lost forever, unless by a superhundred might have been plucked from a rood
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hundred might have been plucked from a rood by the root of the even the marks of his fetters will go down to freshness and delicacy. the grave with him. To one thus far from home, in a land of strangers, a choice book is a home, in a land of strangers, a choice book is a unpeopled state of this fine country which is an other in organizing your Church was, that it was for all. I have admired much the assurance as it was extraordinary; but the preacher was home, in a land of strangers, a choice cook as friend indeed. Let him make the little room he calls home as chery as possible. Place an easy chair in it, and hang up a tasteful picture easy chair in it, and hang up a tasteful picture. Nature seems to say there is no Galilee. Nature seems to say there is no good deal of the time, I should have been to say there is no good deal of the time, I should have been to say there is no good deal of the time, I should have been to say there is no good deal of the time, I should have been to say there is no good deal of the time, I should have been to say there is no good deal of the time, I should have been to say the sa casy chair in it, and mang up a vasteriar product on the wall. Do not think it an extravagance. The wall room for anything in this sacred region but a good deal of the time, I should have been on the wall. The will room for anything in this sacred region but a good deal of the time, I should have been on the wall room for anything in this sacred region but a good deal of the time, I should have been on the wall room for anything in this sacred region but a good deal of the time, I should have been room for anything in this sacred region but a good deal of the time, I should have been room for anything in this sacred region but a good deal of the time, I should have been room for anything in this sacred region but a good deal of the time, I should have been room for anything in this sacred region but a good deal of the time, I should have been room for anything in this sacred region but a good deal of the time, I should have been room for anything in this sacred region but a good deal of the time, I should have been room for anything in this sacred region but a good deal of the time, I should have been room for anything in this sacred region but a good deal of the time, I should have been room for anything in this sacred region but a good deal of the time, I should have been room for anything in this sacred region but a good deal of the time, I should have been room for anything in this sacred region but a good deal of the time, I should have been room for anything in this sacred region but a good deal of the time, I should have been room for anything in this sacred region but a good deal of the time, I should have been room for anything in this sacred region but a good deal of the time, I should have been room for anything in this sacred region but a good deal of the time, I should have been room for anything in this sacred region but a good deal of the time, I should have been room for anything in this sacred region but a good deal of the time, I should have been room for anything in this sacred region but a g on the wall. Do not shift a good deal of the time, I should have been but I will pay a hundred per cent. interest in the referred elevating pleasure it will give. Then

A cultivated literary taste has saved many a pulpit. youth from ruin, and furnished society with able, intellectual men, who were an honour to their various professions. Always select the best authors, as time is too precious to waste in reading a poor book, especially since our great publishing houses have brought the best of literature within reach of even the humblest. What a change four hundred years have the sacrifice of a fortune. The purchase of one was considered so great a transaction that distinguished persons were assembled as witnesses, and most terrible denunciations were pronounced by the church against those who should dare to steal or deface a religious work. Now we have books without limit, and the in my heart to write you a note expressive of my greatest difficulty is in deciding which of the deep interest in you as members of the same multitude to select. But whatever may have Church as myself; and had I not presumed that may have been the subject of the evening's you have occasionally listened to extracts from reading, the day should never close without the perusal of a chapter, at least, from "the Book of books." Here we may always find a sure guide, a loving counsellor, and a friend who. can supply the less of every other.—S. S. Times

NEVER MARRY A DRUNKARD.

From reviewing the many corruptions of out Christ to dwell within me. Faith in him,—a mankind, I am made to exclaim with the Psalmist, "Corrupt are they have done abominable iniquity." "Horror hath overwhelmed soul. I say a faith that works, for all faith that is made iniquity. Horror nath overwhelmed without works, is dead,—is no faith at all, any me," and "my heart is sore pained within me;" and of "all the evils I see under the sun, more than a corpse is a man. The missionary's joy which is common among men," there is none to arises from his labors for Christ; not that he feels surpass, the sin of drunkenness. That awful they are deserving of anything good, but Christ decree passed by Almighty God upon its slaves reveals himself to all who try to please him, so in death, we know is sure and unalterable. that labors of love have their ever-present re-Left us therefore awaken every power and sym- ward. It is not striving to secure hereafter the Left us therefore awaken, every power and state pathy, to alleviate the misery felt in this life, blessedness of heaven, that leads him to labor; it by both the hell-bound victim and the bleeding is the consciousness that Jesus is pleased with kindred hearts. Due praise be given to the noble temperance societies for their efforts to noble temperance societies for their efforts to happy unless he makes daily efforts to bless was gently passing away from damnation, and others taking up the cross is essential to of her Sunday and an arrangement of happy unless he makes daily efforts to bless was gently passing away from earth, when one to condemn lively and energetically many pagel me to plead a more speedy reformation, for "when a sinner is given over to hard hearthand".

And now, my dear friends, I do not wish you ing of a white rose. The dying girl looked at "the civil power killed them!" Mirthful de-"when a sinner is given over to hard nearmand a reprobate mind," the gentle wooings of anx-

hope this resolution I now offer (which has the acts of my sex in a distinct state) will be all the world and preach the gospel." heartily responded to by the sisters of my Now, my dear friends, are you doing all that is

bring you in sorrow to the grave?

" Like the fatal winds that sweep O'er the deserts burning plain, Is the deep and deadly poison of his breath While the aged and the young He is binding with a chain
That will lead thousands down to death."

THE FLOWERS OF PALESTINE.

flowers have taken advantage of this absence is wanted everywhere. of cattle and people, to spring up in a variety

A WORKING CHURCH.

The following letter was addressed to the not forgotten in your prayers. Second Congregational Church in Danbury, Ct., of which he had been a member,—by the late Rev. Henry Lobdell, M. D., missionary at Mosul. Its working church."

Mosul, March 2, 1864. DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS :- It has long been my letters to our dear pastor, I should have done

I think I may venture to speak very freely to you, even as I used to do when among you. You will certainly believe that I have no desire but to make Christ more dear to you. He is to me, my life, my all. I could not stay in this wicked city a single month longer, and be at ease, with-

ious friends are but the "casting of perils to the glory of God any better than each one of and remarked, 'This rose is the emblem of he who killed his victim—it was his dagger! before swine." "A rod for the fool's back," you can in Danbury. Whoever has a heart to do purity. Through the blood of Christ, my The Inquisition, gentlemen—the Inquisition was says the wise man, and they need the strong semething for human salvation, can always find heart has been cleansed and made like to this the dagger of the church. The truth of the arm of the law to inflict it. Rulers lend your opportunity to do it. And let me ask of you, rose. Thank you, Maggie, dear, said she to persecutions may be known by opening any ears, your heart, and your hands. Pray, condo you work as earnestly and as faithfully as your
the giver; 'for this lovely flower has given me page of ecclesiastical history. Does Senor Mansider, make, and enforce, as the first step Lord requires? "Ye are my friends if ye do the home of the angels, I will weave you a Innocent III condemned the Jews to eternal toward the great reform, this provision, viz.: whatsoever I command you." says Christ, and wreath of the roses that bloom in paradise. slavery. Does he wish me to bring the letter in That no license to marry shall be given to any man who is addicted to drunkenness. And I man who is addicted to drunkenness. And I whatsoever I command you, says christ, and wreath of the roses that bloom in paradise. Slavery. Does he wish me to bring the letter in which the holy Pius V charged Philip II to seek to fulfil his commandments, we cannot be his heaven, I will sing her a song far sweeter than an assassin, to kill Elizabeth of England? long been formed, but recently encouraged by friends. Christ's command is that "we go into that she asked me to sing for her when I saw Senor Manterola has asked what I have to say

native Georgia, viz.: Let us form a society, required of you in this matter? I do not ask if the members of which shall pledge themselves you make pecuniary sacrifices to sustain your that they will not receive the attentions of any church services,—this I know you do. But I ask young man who uses liquor, tobacco, profane language, is a gambler, or practices any of those evils which are leading them down to perdicular they will have been accompanied to the services,—this I know you do. But I ask you if you engage in those personal labors for Christ, which are of more consequence than giving money to the Lord? The silver and the gold are tion. O, woman, will you risk your life, which money to the Lord? The silver and the gold are God has given you for his earthly service, and his, you are only his stewards. Your own charyour soul, which God has given you for his acter is yours, -this only. Now, do you manifest give a part, was delivered by Senor Castelar, in heavenly praise, with one who descends lower the character of Christ? Do you make it a rule the Spanish Cortes, in answer to a speech by than the lowest brute—one who cares as little to attend to all the exercises of your church? the Canon of Victoria, deprecating the toleration before us the great moral treasure of liberty of for your soul as he does for his own, and will Do you labor in the Sunday-school? Do you go of any but the Roman Catholic religion in Spain. thought—because they have not remained, as we Secondly, make provision that every married you pray as you ought, for the heathen at home, woman be invested with power to prosecute and the heathen abroad? Do you love to hear the liquor dealer for selling her husband in-of the work of the Lord, as you love to hear news toxicating liquors without the strict testimony from California or Washington? Are you enough to its use as the last remedy) that it is alone for medical use. And in order that the reform going on in Turkey, China, and India? Do you be more complete, annex a heavy fine, with im- love the monthly concerts, as do the Protes. myself forced, by the duties of my position, and am more of a Christian to do so. Great is God prisonment, for every act of wilful drunkenness. Consider that—

by daties of courtesy, to occupy almost every in Sinai! The thunder precedes Him! The afternoon, against my will, the attention of this lightning accompanies Him! The earth trem-

gathered boquets in a few moments by the your church apostolic. Stand by your pastor belief; I attacked no worship. I only said that all mankind!" path, which I defy any London or New York through good report and through evil report, till the church, organized as a power of the State, conservatory to equal in beauty, and freshness, you have evidence of his unfaithfulness. How could not fail to bring about grand perturbations, and variety, or in rarity. Such feathery can you encourage him? You can be prompt in for in its anxiety to subject the civil authority human effort he is freed from their chains, and of ground. But their frailty was equal to their all times should rejoice to learn what God is doing the future of the nation.

It will pay a hundred per cent. interest in the refined, elevating pleasure it will give. Then with a good book for a companion, the evening with a good book for a companion, the evening of the refined and the refined and the refined are green, and flowery, and laws, you owe to this liberal party whom you often seen men whose movements were government. with a good book for a companion, the evening hours will pass all too swiftly, and he will feel than that of acting as the witnesses of Him church in Danbury. And shall it not be such? hours will pass all too swiftly, and he will feel at than that of acting as the witnesses of Him than that of his glory, and used them as His altar and His interests dear as the apple of your eye, for these as 'a right that the Irish rustic and the Catholic and they were conducting an exhibition. It is interests are but the welfare of immortal souls, peasant should not have to pay from his pockets always sad to see this, saddest of all in the puland the well-being of the universe of God.

Your affectionate brother. H. LOBDELL.

friend the pastor, as follows: vival of God's work! May your little church be been to enslaved peoples, I have never seen the instrumental in the conversion of souls. May all festival of the Sunday kept! I have never seen its members be as earnest as the native Chris- it kept in Spain! I have never seen it kept in tians of the East,-every one deeming himself France! The Sabbath among an enslaved and herself commissioned to propagate the Gospeole is a Saturnalia. On the other hand, I pel. The church will not fail to prosper, in have seen the Sunday celebrated with an extrawhich all the members toil earnestly for God. ordinary severity, with a severity of customs How much depends upon the hearty co-operation which astonishes, among the only two free How much depends upon the hearty co-operation of pastor and people! My dear brother be thou faithful unto death, and entreat the members land and in England. And how is this! I of our church to be up an doing while the day know how it is. It is because there are bonds earnestly for our heavenly Father.

her last.' And when the day dawned, Katie's of the Church when she has created great unicleansed spirit passed away to the home of the versities? I am just. The Church was once angels. And Maggie has been waiting the sum- the centre of the unity and the ideal of life; for mons to join her till her head is all silvered over it was the only intellectual element in the chaos with age, but her faith fails not.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN SPAIN.

The magnificent oration, of which we here foreign universities has Senor Manterola cited? into the highways to bring the peeple in? Do It has produced an immense sensation in Europe, did so long, without light in the conscience, and is an augury of good concerning the pro- buried in the depths of Inquisition. . . gress of religious liberty in the most intolerant that the children are responsible for the sins of country in the world.

to hear of the progress of the Gospel every month. They almost invariably attend all our and not contribute such long and continuous and not contribute such long and continuous there is a God greater and grander. Not the prayer-meetings; and though when the church was first organized, it was thought a shame by solemnly promise not to speak again for some Calvary. The God nailed to a cross, wounded, persons outside of the church for some of them time, and especially in the debate on the totality transfixed, crowned with thorns, gall on his lips, to pray publicly, they are all ready to pray, when of the Constitution! The illustrious Senor and yet saying: "Father, forgive them; forasked, and at all proper times. They make it Rios Rosas said, with the authority which his give my murderers, forgive my persecutors, for their chief business to preach Christ at their speech, talent, eloquence, and character gave they know not what they do." Great is the "The hills in the region of Mount Tabor," says Dr. Bellows, "offer better pasturage than any we have met in the Holy Land, and yet there seem fewer flocks upon them. But the flowers have taken advantage of this absence I doubted if I had been just. I doubted if I mental code "Religious liberty!"—that is to and beauty I have nover seen equalled. We Now you will not murmur, if I ask you to make had been prudent. But then, I attacked no say, "Liberty, fraternity and equality among

now so lar away.

Then is his hour of amid a thousand homes." Then is his hour of peril. A hundred gilded doors are open wide peril. The theatre blazons forth its.

The theatre blazons forth its. pern. A manufact grant down and place the monthly concert, has little least to the authority which his high representation in the church, his high will add to this, to complete my illustration, to welcome him. The theatre blazons forth its make their beauty the amende of a most honor. make their beauty the amenae of a most nonor, and coloured lights glance brightly from the many saloons and halls of Syrian boquets to each of my best beloved pleasure. But, alas! "their steps take hold friends at home, I would gladly have paid the

> in all lands for the honor of his son, our Lord? have never been realized in history—the idea of as we call it, went in the face of the whole There is a solemnity in the houseless, treeless,
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> The only reason that led me to unite with one nation for all, and the idea of one religion school of elecutionists, and was as unexpected the English Church, in which his conscience does pit. I shall always delight to hear from any of you, not believe. In the United States there are and especially to know that myself and mine are 37,000,000 of inhabitants and only 4,000,000 material bonds are loosened, the moral bonds are tightened. Thus it is necessary for the society to live freely; it is absolutely indispensable In connection with the above letter to the that it should have grand moral bonds, grand Church, Dr L. wrote also more familiarly to his bonds of ideas, rights, and duties—duties imposed not by civil authorities nor by arabies, but Oh, how much Danbury needs a genuine relasts, for the night cometh. Before this reaches of custom and intelligence which do not exist you, I have confidence that a great work will where religion is imposed by force, by means of have taken place among you; for it is true that artificial and mechanical laws, upon the will God helps those who will help themselves, even and the conscience! So it is that a Russian in spiritual matters. The human seems neces Prince once remarked to me in Geneva, that to the divine in this world. Let us not attribute they had more liberty in St. Petersburgh than to the divine in this world. Let us not attribute in New York; and on my asking him how, he any efficiency to ourselves, but make our bodies answered, "For a very simple reason. I am fit temples for the dwelling of the Holy Ghost. very fond of music, and in St. Petersburgh I can Then God will work through us, and his kingdom play on my violia on Sunday, while I cannot do come. Let not a refreshing from on high be fol- it in New York." The separation of the lowed by indifference. How soon we shall have Church from the tate, like freedom of worship done, all we have to do !-- and when our end and religious liberty, engenders the grand princomes, may we be conscious of having labored ciple—the voluntary acception of religion, or the metaphysics, or of the morality each individual-has in his conscience.

Senor Manterola said he condemned all religi-THE ROSES OF HEAVEN .- Katie, sweet girl, our persecutions! Then His Reverence ought rescue these sinking souls from damnation, and others; taking up the cross is essential to bleeding hearts, from dying grief; but allow others; taking up the cross is essential to be believed by the church of her Sunday-school classmates called to see in the history of the church. "We did not kills her, bringing the simple but well-selected offer- the persecuted ones," said Senor Manterola,

of barbarism. Then were born the universities under the favour of the Church. But compare the universities of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries with the most illustrious of ours-Salamanca, for example. What illustrious We have retrograded, not because we are inferior in intelligence and in talent to the Gertheir fathers? Does Senor Manterola believe

ELOCUTIONISTS IN THE PULPIT.

Rev. Robert-Collyer does not think much of the future of the nation.

* * Gentlemen there are two ideas which in the pulpit I ever saw. Every 'action,' as

GERMAN PROVERBS.

To change and to better are two differ ent things. Poverty is the sixth sense. Better free in a foreign land than a serf at home. Better go supperless to bed than run in debt. There is no good preaching to the hungry. Charity gives itself rich, but covetou ness hoards

It is not enough to aim, you must hit. The end of wrath is the beginning of repentance. The sun dial counts only the bright hours. Piety, prudence, wit, and civility are the elements true wisdom.

God's mill goes slowly, but it grinds small. High houses are most empty in the upper story. A hundred years of wrong do not make an hone More are drowned in the bowl than in the sea.

The fewer the words, the better the prayer. One has only to die to be praised. With patience and time the mulberry leaf hemes a silk gown.

Take the world as it is, not as it ought to be. Revenge converts a little right into a great wrong.

Speak little, speak truth; spend little, pay cash.

Handsome is that handsome does. Handsome apples are sometimes sour. It is easier to blame than to do better. Our neighbour's children are always the worst. Forgive thyself nothing and others much. Truth may be suppressed but not strangled.
What comes from the heart, goes to the heart. Little and often make a heap in time. He who blackens others does not whiten himself. Take care of your plough and your plough will

He who saves in little things can be liberal in He who avoids small sins does not fall into large

He that pelts every barking do r must pick up a great many stones. Would you be strong, conquer yourself. Where the hedge is lowest the devil leaps over.