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ern yourselves, and he ent. Guard your ton in seasons of ill-health, trouble, and soften them sense of your own short-rors. Remember that, te gift of speech, silence aluable. Never retort a word. It is the second the quarrel. Learn to tile tone of voice. Learn deasant things whenever fers. Study the character, Study the character, when the second sympathize with all in however small. Do not however small. Do not things if they they can ort of others in the smalavoid moods and pets and as. Learn to dany your-refer others. Bewere of a tale-bearers. Never notive if a good one is con-

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e Words to Parents.

learn and practice ourselves learn and practice ourselves t our children to learn and ys the author of "How to lough Married," in his new alents of Woman," just pub-Scribners. "Some of us iled sadly at the account of ung mother who wondered y should be such a stave-we give it a little of what-ourselves, some red herring, se, a sup of beer hut too se, a sup of beer'-but too dminister mental and moral inappropriate. The num-is born annually into the 10,000; daily, 117,808; per It is sad to reflect how he helpless ones, who never

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there was a beginning there shall be no end. 2. "As it is written in the Prophets." The whole history of His humiliation, sufferings, death, resurrection and future glory is all written in the Prophets, for they all spake of Him, the Holy Spirit speaking through

Behold I send my messenger before Thy face who shall prepare Thy way." This is a quotation from Malachi iii, 1, and refers to John the Baptist as the herald of Jesus Christ. Observe carefully Gabriel's announcement concerning him in Luke i, 13-17, and his father's utterance by the Holy Spirit ! Luke

pardoning her iniquity and cause all flesh to their public prayers, until we watch in see the glory of the Lord; when He shall apprehension for the exact moment when service and yelling like a Salvation Army pear in His glory to build up Zion (Ps. cii, 16); when He shall appear the second time without sin unto salvation (Heb. ix, 28); the salvation of tion ready to be revealed at the revelation of the revealed at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (I Pet. i, 5, 7, 13.)

4. "The baptism of repentance for, or unto, the remission of sins." Such was the preach-ing of John, and such was the commission to and the preaching of the apostles (Luke xxiv. 47; Acts iii, 19; v, 81), with this difference, that John pointed to a Saviour about to come, while the apostles pointed to a Saviour who had come, suffered, was crucified, risen, ascended, and would come again to restore all things of which the prophets had spoken (Acts ii, 13-21).

The first essential to present happiness

and future glory is the forgiveness of our sins, and that we cannot have without repentance—that is, a true turning from sin to God our as our catalogue and repentance. God, cr, as our catechism has it, "a change of mind toward God, the effect of the con-

viction of sin wrought by the Holy Ghost."
5. "There went out unto him all Judea." Great multitudes came to him confessing their sins and desiring baptism, but his estimate of their sincerity and true repentance we may gather from his preaching (Luke iii, 7-18). No outward form or mere say so is worth anything whatover in the matter of repentance, or faith, or service, nothing but realthonest heart work is of any avail, and John gave them to understand that unless their lives proved their sincerity they would like chaff come to the unquenchable fire.

6. "Clothed with camel's hair." John was

no fashionable preacher, either as to person or style; food and raiment were matters of small importance to him, and as to his preaching he sought not to please men, but God. Gabriel had said that he would come in the spirit and power of Elijah (Luke i, 17),

he was wonderfully like him.
7. "One mightier than I." And John did not consider himself worthy to be privileged to unloose His shoes. Gabriel himself would covet such an honor, and what angel in

thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness."

10. "The Heavens opened, and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon Him." On just several different occasions do we read in Scripture of Heaven being opened, and each time it is to shew us Jesus either in humiliation or glory. When He becomes the center of our life on earth, as He is the center of all life in Heaven, then we will have Heaven on earth. It. "A Voice from Heaven." Three times during His earthly ministry does this voice testify to Him: at His baptism, at His transfiguration, and just before His crucif on the life of the l

THE POET'S CORNER.

The Old Style and the New. Twenty five years ago, writes a correa-pondent of the Brooklyn Eagle; I made a nightgown-case in the following man-ner: I took a piece of marseilles and shaped it in the form of a large cavel-ope. The entire edge was braided, and The entire edge was finished with a band of small red and white cotton balls, and, as the braid used was red. piled from Lesson Helper Quarterly, by per-sion of H. S. Hoffman, publisher, Philadel-the beginning of the Gospel of Jesus closed with red satin ribbon bows. An exquisite case that would form a lovely gift to a bride is in white satin with a love scene painted on the top, lined with quilted satin, perfumed, white silk gold net, the opposite side with a frame of the gold net in brocaded effects, the centre of satin in fine hand painting, perfamed, the edges finished with small gold cord and is very beautiful. It is rather smaller than the first described, but large enough for a fine gown, and would be lovely for the bureau for laces or fine handkerchiefs.

A Valuable Discovery.

F P Tanner, of Neebing, Ont., says he has not only found B.B.B., a sure ham, King of the Jews; while in this gospel we see Him rather as the servant spoken of in Isa. xlii, 1, "Behold my servant;" also Isa. xlxix, 6; liii, 11; Ezek. xxxvii, 24, 25; to be the best medicine for regulating Zech. iii, 8, etc. There is one word in this gospel which peculiarly points Him out as ever taken. B.B.B. is the great sys-

Every one who has tried it knows how difficult the work of finding words of comfort for the bereaved and desolate, without being formal and offensive, as also find more or less of each in them all, and | weil as it may be hypocritical and fauthis first verse brings before us Jesus, the Saviour, who saves not only from the wrath in silence than in speech, while the few tastic. There is often more sympathy words, and fitly spoken, are as soothing and satisfactory as the common saws, hackneyed quotations, and dull, dreary moralizing are torturing and intolerable. The meagre chaff, well meant for grain, is sometimes absolutely terrible. Awkward blunderers, though well meaning, often tear open nearly closed wounds and lay their clumey hands upon the generous heart in a way that cannot be described, The following remark by a well known writer hits the mark very sqarely :--

Do not think me flippant if I venture to say that in a note of sympathy one should not be too pious. By this I mean that there is a dialect of grief—a repertoire of Scripture phrases and bits of hymns—which comes readily to the pen, yet which often conveys no com-fort, because it sounds atereotyped, and 8. "The voice of one crying in the wilderness." This is a quotation from Isaiah xl, 3, and carries us beyond the first coming of Christ, when He came to suffer, to His second coming, when He shall comfort Jerusalem, coming, when He shall comfort Jerusalem, phrases which fall from some people in their public prayers, until we watch in their public prayers, until we watch in

> Anything at such times rather than insincerity and prosing oft-repeated com-

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Washing Flannels and Prints.

Clever housekeepers accustomed to washing, often speak strongly in favor of flannels and prints being washed at the commencement of the washing day's proceedings; and they find the plan convenient, because they say that colored things can be washed in the same water as flannels, and the water used for rinsing flannels will serve as "firsting" the best whites. All this is true, and is very rarely heard in churches from the yet when we come to practice we find it regular choir, and a glow of delighted is best to let the state of the weather determine for us when flannels are to be teners. The hymn finished with a joyous washed. We have to remember that burst, and a murmur arose from the conwhile after being washed without injury, though linen and calico may lie for a gregation." yet flannel and colored goods must quickly dried or they will speil. To dry fiannels slowly causes them to shrink hough he was not Elijah (John i, 21), to dry colored prints, chintzes, etc., wonderfully like him. Flannels and colored things, therefore, should not be touched until there is a to unloose His shoes. Gabriel himself would covet such an honor, and what angel in Heaven would not rejoice to do Him the lowliest service? But the I is so mighty in most of us that John's "mightier than I," whom he so delighted to honor, finds us but poor witnesses. He is "The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace;" and if we only believed what we profess to believe, that we are joint heirs with Him who is Heir of all things, and are thus exalted through His sufferings, our devotion to Him would be such that a thought of self would not be tolerated. We would say with Paul, "For me to live in Christ and to die is gain; let Him be glorified either by my life or death" (Phil. 1, 20, 21).

8. "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost," Unless we have this baptism we shall never amount to anything in Christ's service.

9. "Jesus was baptized of John in Jordan," Read the more full account of this event in Matt. iii, 13-17; John i, 29-34. Jesus had no sin to confess; He needed no repentance, But He said to John, "Suffer it to be so now, for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness."

10. "The Heavens opened, and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon Him." On just seven different occasions do we read in Scripture of Heaven being opened, and each time look clean and bright, but it also tends are rinsed. This helps to make them look clean and bright, but it also tends are rinsed. This helps to make them look clean and bright, but it also tends are rinsed. This helps to make them look clean and bright, but it also tends are rinsed. This helps to make them look clean and bright, but it also tends are rinsed. prospect that they can be dried off and be done with, and this is why we should

Good-Bye, Old Cow. Good-bye, old cow, you've got to go Of course 'tis hard to tell you so. For your forefathers and my own For ages this old farm have known. You're lank and flabby to be brief You're fit for neither milk nor beef; You yield but little at your best And then godry six months to rest.

Your horns are long, your bones the same Foo little mest for such a frame, With stomach large and udders small, The different parts don't match at all.

I look at you with sad regret, And mourned to think we ever me For every wrinkle in your horn Proclaims of wasted hay and corn.

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RELIGIOUS NOTES.

Interesting Paragraphs Relating to Chris-

Rev A. C. Crews, pastor of Simble street Methodist church, Hamilton, has accepted the call from the Zion church, Winnipeg, which is the second Methodist church in the city. The stipend is \$1,500 a year and a free parsonage. [If dist church in the city. The stipend is \$1,500 a year and a free parsonage. [If Mr Crewes is not a native of Goderich, he at least resided there for some time several years ago.]

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the wife of Rev W. P. Byers, of the Bengal Conference, a former Stratford boy, who learned the trade of a printer in the Herald.

There is a proposal on foot to erect a Methodist Gospel tabernacie in Toronto similar to the Guy Pearce tabernacle in London. The building is intended principally for missionary work, and if gone on with will probably be erected to seat 3,000 people. One of the principal movers in the scheme is Rev J. M. keep any better time that Wilkinson, of Agues street church, who dog is running after her." will probably bring it forward at the next ministers' meeting in the Metro-

George Chauncey, of Boston, began his career as an orthodox Christian minister. Then he became in turn a Unitarian, an Agnostic, a Spiritualist, a Theosophist, a Rosicrucian, a Hermetic Philosopher, and a believer in Esoteric Culture. He also became prominent as an infidel lecturer. He has now boxed the religious compass by again becoming an orthodox minister, and announces his intention of confessing the truth on the he so long taught error.

A methodist church in New Haven is having a good deal of trouble with a too enthusiastic member. For years he has church must shut up.

Emma Abbott sang "Nearer, My God to Thee" in Trinity Church, San Francisco, on Sunday recently, and electrified the congregation. The Examiner's musical editor describes it in this way: "Suddenly, like the notes of a startled bird, rang Miss Abbott's sweet Rastus—No sah, I'se feelin' de want ob voice upon the fashionable stillness. People cocked their ears and sat motionless as the melody rolled along among the golden stars in the ceiling. It was 'Nearer. My God, to Thee,' but it was not the well-known melody of the ceiling. not the well-known melody of the old log cabin church among the fragrant pines. There was more operatic lace and ribbon to the air. It expressed tender, trustful feeling in the piano passages, while in the crescendos and fortissimos the sentiment was of joy mingled with the passionate cries of love triumphant. A vocal solo with so much feeling in it

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mother arrange her toilet preparatory to a shopping tour. 'Mamma, when I det big like 'ou, will I wear a bustle and put powder on my face?" "Yes.
Dracious! won't I be ugly "Yes, my dear.

How a Dude Caught Cold.

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