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Home-Its Religion.

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Exercises of religion, in the family, are no means burdensome to him who lives the spirit and power of religion. He sees calling, feels his obligation, and sets himelf at once to perform his duty. Having btained the Divine blessing, he thirsts to be ade a blessing to others. He longs to be t the head of a religious family. From the yord of God he has received instructions in Divine things, and he resolves to teach Te same to his children. As from a child thimothy knew the holy Scriptures, and by them was made wise unto salvation, so does he determine that in childhood his offspring shall know them. The Bible is pre-emi-nently the book of his house. Its Divine and sacred character is felt, and therefore is acknowledged. He makes his chilren familiar with its contents, and points out its adaptation, in all its glorious truths to their spi ritual wants. He reminds them that

4 flere is the spring where waters flow To quench our heat of sin; Here is the tree where truth doth grow To lead our lives therein.

Here is the Judge that stops the strife Where men's devices fail; Here is the bread that feeds the life That death cannot assail.

The family is summoned to hear thos Scriptures read, and from them

'His servants there, and rising race, Are taught God's precepts, and His grace

It is with reverence that he opens the Divine volume; while with a tone of mingled awe and gratitude he reads its sacred words as they are equally addressed to himself and to his family. There are heavenly doctrines, faithful promises, and infallible precepts for all. It speaks with the highest authority to all, and all are to bow to that persons, precepts of universal application; while it addresses those to each which particularly belong to his station in life. When The Bible is the foundation of religion;

and honour him. tion, and for instruction in righteousness.

How Abram was the friend of God on high Or Moses bade eternal warfare wage With Amalek's ungracious progeny; th the stroke of Heaven's avenging ire or not should be stroke of neaven's avenging ite Or Job's pathetic plaint and walling cry; Or other holy seers that time the sacred lyre.

Perhaps the Christian volume is the theme, How guiltless blood for guilty man was she How He who bore in heaven the second man Had not on earth whereon to lay His head;

And the Bible is the book for child, as children can understand that Christ diell for light," when them, that he suffered for their sins, to bring them to God; and this is the most precious of revealed truths. We want no other Bible

We like to see in every house the wellerally contains the family register, and tells us the time in which another and another of sin and sorrow. But it is a book of inte-fluence of them must return. rest to the child also. The sight or thought of it calls up before him many a season of grace; when it flashed light and conviction try, or enduring in the wild wilderness of a chant-princes; or he may be seeking repose, after his day of toil, in the humble log-hut; yet, in any case, he will remember the family Bible, out of which he has so often heard a now-sainted parent read the word of eternal life. Hear him giving utterance to the happy remembrance of former days :-

"How painfully pleasing the fond recollection Of youthful emotion and innocent joy.
When blest with parental advice and affection,
Surrounded with mercies,—with grace from

I still view the chairs of my father and mother, The seats of their offspring are ranged on each hand;
And that blessed book, which excels every other.
The family Bible that lay on the stand:
The old-fashion'd Bible, the dear blessed Bible,
The family Bible that lay on the stand?

The family Bible, that lay on the stand. And is not this a time when we are loudly called upon to put honour upon the sa-

ly boast of the religious advantages which prayer. The chapter is read, we possess over Popish and Pagan nations, in the free circulation of the sacred volume. But what shall be thought of our estimate of the gracious boon, if we do not allow its light to shine in our dwellings? Our ancestors for ages were, by a corrupt priesthood, denied this treasure : and at an early While circling time period of the Reformation so scarce were dwell beneath every roof, bringing the Di- before the God of all our mercies.

authority with humble submission. It reveals to all one Saviour, points out one way to heaven, and prescribes, without respect of have its family Bible, not as a superfluous

the Bible is read in the family, the voice of but prayer embodies its spirit, and displays God is heard speaking to all that is in the its practice. Every family possessed of the house. That book is adapted to every fa- Scriptures is taught by them to make the mily, both rich and poor. It provides com-fort for every sorrow, direction in every house there ought to be the book of God, in perplexity, a supply for every want that can every house there ought to be an altar deperplexity, a supply for every want that can dicated to God. The dwelling of a truly be experienced in a family, while it sternly reproves every family sin. For all these purposes the Bible is daily needed. And purposes the Bible is daily needed. And will any parent making pretensions to reli- together read the word of God, should togegion put dishonour on the Scriptures, by the approach the mercy-seat. Family represent the prayer for neip, guided the approach the mercy-seat. Family represents the prayer for neip, guided by the perusal of the holy volume, sweetingligion implies family worship. Wherever ened, it may be, by the choral song of praise, will the authority of that parent or master God gave to Abraham a place for a tent, in this is a service so sacred, so thrilling, meglecting to read them in its family: Or, and the authority: Or, God gave to Abraham a place for a tent, in section which his family might dwell, there did this family might dwell, there did the sacred grounds on which it rests? He is the minister of God to them; and in that the scale of the minister of God to them; and in that the scale of the sacred grounds of prayer and thanksgiving.—

The sacred read and converted at Camp became awakened and The Patriarchs were wont to acknowledge Him, who was the God of their life and of by whence he can never stray. Inextricable a Missionary to Liberia in Africa.

We ask in view of the above facts if it There are few scenes of deeper interest time, who was the God of their meant of the may guide back his course.— does not become our duty to attempt somethan that of an assembled family, devoutly their salvation. Who has not been affected their salvation. Who has not been affected away their day which is so begun; and thing of the same kind in this Province listening to the word of God. The ordinaby the narrative of dying Jacob blessing the calmly does that shut which is thus conwhere owing to the limited number of our ry bustle and business of the house are suspended; and the attention of all are fixed was rather a prayer that God would bless no sun can emit, and the evening is hushed of Jesus extends so slowly? Such was the on the affairs of the soul, and its everlasting them. But see the venerable saint placing into a quiet which no shade can lull." life. All are reminded that there is a God, a hand on the head of each, and then saya Saviour, a heaven, a hell. The Scrip- ing, in the spirit of devout gratitude, and of tures are profitable for reproof, for correcterms prayer, "God, before whom my and all this blessedness, and declare, by his last, "What measures can be adopted to fathers Abraham and Isane did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, the angel which redeemed me from all thers and ourselves. And our children to bless them, we are asking it of Him who they incur.!

redeemed him from all evil! goodness to acknowledge, and no blessings riching his children by shutting out from well as for parent. There is no other book to implore? A sacrifice of blood has alrea- his family the services of religion, he is which will so early arrest the attention, and dy been offered: the Lord waits for the sa-robbing them both of their birthright and which will so early arrest the attention, and affect the feelings. Its vivid descriptions, sublime poetry, general histories, and indistributions, and when presented, let it not be with dull Reader! art thou that parent? Has the vidual narratives, are never brought before performance, as of an irksome duty. It Lord had no altar in thy house, and hast them in vain; but, above all, the story of need not be a tedious service; nor a hurried, thou hitherto excluded the voice of His the Son of God incarnate touches their irreverent, and lifeless one. No; it may be word? Let the time past suffice. Thy sin hearts, and children will weep tears of genu- a time of earnest, fervent, and believing is already great. Fear to increase it. ine penitence at the foot of the cross. Yes, prayer, "a season of grace and sweet de- this day call upon the name of the Lord: so

for our children than that which we ourselves "David returned to bless his household; possess: it is the fountain at which both and great indeed is that blessing which he parents and children may together drink the brings down upon his family, who, by his ardent prayer, opens heaven, and fills his dwelling with Divine glory. There may be used family Bible. It is a volume of para-there hearts so carnal and sinful, that they mount interest to the parent, chiefly because may resist even an influence so gracious it contains the oracles of God. It also gen- yet such occasions of Divine light and mercy can never be forgotten; no, not by those who, for a time may love darkness rather heir of immortality entered this dark world than light. The remembrance and the in-

We earnestly recommend that in all families, where it is practicable, singing into his mind, and impressed him with the This helps greatly to quicken religious feeling District, except by report, it appeared to necessity and the privilege of having his ing, and to give efficiency to the exercise. the Committee appointed at our late District name written in heaven. In after-years, Devotional singing imparts life to devotionwhile toiling amid the strifes, the troubles, al feeling, while it softens and blends the holding one, that the principal reasons for and the griefs of life, will the image of the hearts of those who engage in it. How of- the measure should be given in the columns Bible come up before his mind. He may ten has it been our happy lot to observe of the Wesleyan, in order to remove prejube bearing life's burden in his native coun- with delight the effect of the evening hymn dices and enlist as far as possible, their for eign land the privations of an emigrant; for the blessings of the day, the prayer for prise; and, the brethren, who with the he may have risen to affluence, and be residing in a mansion, one of England's merplication for a preparation for death and urgently requested me to perform this duty, this sense, should there not be "the voice of is hereafter submitted.

> answer to prayer, flow in upon the house- name; what is called "the feast of taberna- trouble and expense will not be so much as From the foregoing particulars we arrive hold of God! Sorrow is relieved, darkness cles" being in substance a Camp Meeting- you expect, but if it were likely to be so, at this conclusion: Matter is that which ocfamily, as for the individual,

"Prayer makes the darken'd cloud withdraw, Gives exercise to faith and love, Brings every blessing from above."

Then, kneeling down, to heaven's eternal King There ever bask in uncreated rays, No more to sigh, or shed the bitter tear Together hymning their Creator's prais

vine blessing on all the house. And let spreads our table? Who provides our true saints of God, and the misleading say- does not famine force our door, and pestilence and "the result unparadelled." ings of fallible men called "Fathers" raised desolate our chamber? Why is our soul above the sayings of infallible Apostles,- preserved in life? Why do we not see the "From this unpremeditated beginning these cause inspired by the Spirit of expiring agonies of beloved children? Why meetings were extended, increasing in power God? Is Popery, in our own loved land, do not evil things perplex us? O! who and usefulness, under the special direction again to triumph? If so, then there cer- can think of his domestic mercies, and not of Presbyterians and Methodists." "A Prestainly will follow a famine of the word of call upon his soul, and all that is within byterian Minister calculated that there were God. Or is the pestilence of anti-Christian him, to bless his Benefactor's holy name? at least 20,000 persons present at one meeterror to be stayed? Then let us feed our "Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my ing held in Kentucky." children with the aliment of God's uncor- father's house that thou hast brought me serves that "about three thousand at one moral health, with vitality and vigour suffi- all that we now enjoy? Our bed might be Tarsus, under the presence of God. The cient to resist the infection of prevailing that of languishing, tears might be our formal professor, the deist, and the intemper There are religious families in which these shortations are needed. The Scriptures of in our arms, there might leer on us the destitute of the true knowledge of God." Divine truth have not the prominence which idiot's eye, and the maniac's phrenzy might affright us. Hearse after hearse It is thought enough that they should speak might wait at our gate. The well-spring of Island, in the Philadelphia Conference in to God; but it is equally necessary that God should speak to them. "I will hear," said ness might intrude its riot, and our walls ground, and, part of the time, 126 sail of thanksgiving and prayer. Let us lay upon verted at this meeting

it the fruit of our lips; let us lift up holy hands without wrath and doubting; while we encircle it, let us there pay our vows; let our glory sing praise, and not be silent. "Pleasant beyond description are the returns of this domestic sacrifice. The simple ery for mercy, the prayer for help, guided

own impicty and prayerlessness, they shall promote the work of God?" not enjoy it? Who is he, who will not, in evil, bless the lads." Thus, when we pray or give the altar of spiritual sacrifice a place? ing Camp meetings, where a Church desires before them the mercies of God to our fa- titudes of families which call not on the religion. name of the Lord. What black ingratitude should know, that when we are asking God do they display! What fearful guilt do has been to us "the Father of mercies."— macle. Peace shall not abide in their dwell-And, O, that every parent, in seeking a ing. Is he, who is at the head, only intent Divine blessing on his children, could not upon huilding up his house temporally? let only remind them of God, who had fed him him know that by his neglect of Christian awful is the eternal ruin that will soon over- sure through all their lives. And what family is there which has no take it. While such a one fancies he is en-

shall God bless thee, and cause his face to shine upon thee. Thou and thy children tice and judgment. For the future, of your towns and villages. are your joy .- Christian Miscellany.

The Camp Meeting.

As a Camp Meeting is a religious associa should form part of the religious service .- tion but little known in this and the adjoin on a worshipping household! The thanks interest, and prayers in behalf of the enterudgment, have seemed to awaken sentiments I venture to proceed with the task without earnestness in every mind. And why, in candid, and prayerful consideration of what

ghteous?" is a novelty in the British Provinces, it is a some of all classes.—Some object to the ble, be a solid, extended, divisible, substance, How many are the blessings which, in meeting of very ancient date, under another trouble and expense—to such we say the constantly partaking of magnitude and figure. is a novelty in the British Provinces, it is a some of all classes.—Some object to the ble, be a solid, extended, divisible, substance, tion we read of multitudes repairing to "the and revive your own soul, or it may be to nor demonstrated to exist. wilderness" to listen to the soul-stirring convert a son or daughter?—Many, and The existence of matter, then, is evident

cred Scriptures in our families, as well as Israel are goodly, the dwellings of Jacob are continuing "three days," until, in fact, their But some object on account of probable already been proved. They being, however, in our churches? As Protestants, we just- loved of God. We love to see a family at supply of food was exhausted. These im- irregularities, and even immorality which incapable of communicating themselves, mense throngs were not drawn together by they suppose such meetings give occasion to through the medium of sensation, like mataccident, there must have been a providen- the wicked to indulge. To such we say that ter, are more remote from common appretial and wise design inducing such gather- everything of this kind can only take place hension. But distance, in nature, is no more. Take the class of insects alone : of these not ings—and may we not safely conclude that on a licentious community, and where no a proof of the non-existence of spirit, than fewer than 100,000 distinct species are alour adorable Redeemer availed himself of judicious arrangements are made, and ener-distance in space is a proof of the non-existence of spirit, than fewer than 100,000 distinct species are alour adorable Redeemer availed himself of judicious arrangements are made, and ener-distance in space is a proof of the non-existence of spirit, than fewer than 100,000 distinct species are alour adorable. their cager curiosity, and in some cases bet- getic efforts put forth to secure order; but ence of matter. Actual existence can have is adding to the catalogue. Wherever you ter motives to abstract those thousands for a my readers may be assured that everything no relation, either to distance or perception. penetrate, there life can be sustained; you time from the dangerous companionships, will be done by the Minister and Friends Clearness of apprehension, it is true, com- find living beings to exist; in the depths of toils, and cares of life, in order that his soul- on the Hopewell Circuit to preserve order copies of the Scriptures, that they had few And why should not this practice, with saving teachings might be more extensively and decency of behaviour that can be done; other opportunities of reading for themselves associate joys and hopes, prevail in every than by going to the one copy which was family in our land? There is not a family in our land? The air teams with life. The soi associate joys and hopes, prevail in every and rapidly diffused, by having such multi-and if our friends who love Christ, and why saturance that can be done, associate joys and hopes, prevail in every the saturance that can be done, as with life. The soi of our friends who love Christ, and this assurance that can be done, as with life. The soi of our friends who love Christ, and this assurance that can be done, as with life. The soi of our friends who love Christ, and this assurance that can be done, as with life. The soi of our friends who love Christ, and this assurance that can be done, as with life. The soi of our friends who love Christ, and this assurance that can be done, as with life. The soi of our friends who love Christ, and this assurance that can be done, as with life. The soi of our friends who love Christ, and this assurance that can be done, as with life. The soi of our friends who love Christ, and this assurance that can be done. provided for the parish, and chained to a in which the strongest reasons do not exist veyed might be more deeply engraven on by their prayers and efforts, we promise desk in the church. But now, by the boun-for offering a daily sacrifice of prayer and their minds, and far more influential on both them that with the blessing of God they ty of God, this lamp of life may enlighten praise. The blessings and the wants of heart and life, by reiteration under compa- will be constrained to praise Him that they ery abode; this ark of the Lord may every day and every night call us to appear rative freedom from all that could distract were induced to come to this lovely section Who the mind, or obliterate serious impressions. of the Province to spend three or four days

In addition to what we believe is scriptu- in the worship of God. Protestant parents daily appeal to that sa-clothing? Who shelters our head? Who cred volume as the only but sufficient rule is our Keeper; our shade on our right hand, of faith and practice. Has not the plague-and on our left; our Shepherd, so that we spot of Popery already appeared in many do not want? Who performeth all things three years; the first having been held in professedly Protestant families? Are not for us? Whose mercies are they which are 1799 in Kentucky, at which, "the services ments will be made with some of the owners the lying legends of spurious saints already new every morning? Whose faithfulness were conducted," says the historian, "by of vessels from this port to visit Sackville, exalted above the veritable histories of the may we show forth every night? Why Presbyterians, Baptists and Methodists," Dorchester and other places to bring those

The same pious writer goes on to observe, rupted truth. This, this alone, can produce hitherto?" What might be the contrast of meeting fell upon the ground like Saul of drink, the desire of our eyes might be torn rate, met with one common lot, and confes-

In another authentic work it is stated "A Camp Meeting was held in Deal's should we not adore him who loads us with with great zeal, and corresponding success.' benefits? Let us rear an altar on the scene and that "some of the most unpromising of mercy; not an altar of expiation; but of characters were happily and powerfully con-

> At a meeting of the same kind " on the Talbot Circuit in the same year, there were 120 tents, and about 100 covered waggons, and not less than 200 converted." similar meeting in the State of Maryland the same year, 179 persons professed to have vast concourse, and much good done."

It is authentically stated that a large number of the Methodist Ministers in the States

by which he may guide back his course .- does not become our duty to attempt someopinion solemnly formed by the preachers And is there a husband, parent, master, of our N. B. District when the important who will dare to step in between his family question was under consideration in May

But in addition to what is stated above his house, allow the oracles of God to speak, we think there is sound Philosophy in hold-Many are doing it this day. There are mul- the increase of union, and the spread of true

> each other, and by their association for days that kind of Christian regard that will be

encouragement as a Camp meeting.

while they dwell in the Stately House, and space. sit in the more respectable pews in the Cha-

shall dwell among you, filling you with result from the devotion of a few days to its nature is demonstrated; and that it is in the Church as you have in the army," he villa, exclaims, as he throws himself upon shall dwell among you, filling you with result from the devotion of a few days to blessing, and crowning you with mercy. He the itamediate worship of God, and attendant shall compass you with favour as with a tion on the Ministry of the Word, away shall compass you with favour as with a tion on the Ministry load of cares and emission of the word of the

We look also at the increased opportuniimpressions.

such as Protracted meetings, &c.

Prayer sanctifies the joys and sorrows, and under the brightest and best dispensation, we read of the "four" and "five thouprosperity and adversity, health and sickprosperity and adversity and advers

who may wish to attend.

Hopewell, July, 1852.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN. Mental Science.

THE NATURE OF THE HUMAN MIND. HAVING, in the preceding numbers, from both reason and Scripture, we may ing the penalty of his dissipation and vice. now naturally direct our attention to its nature, investigating the same, and endeavour- without ministering consolation to this weary tion. As the existence of the soul appears paused by the bed of the suffering youth .site, prior to our examination of its passions, his lamentation, "I am lost," he answered.

poreal, material or immaterial, visible or in- Christ. visible, which have in themselves a positive existence, must be resolved into these two versation with young Henri. His talk was refuge in religion. structible may be the atoms of which it is sentiments more pious, or in a spirit of greatcomposed: and whatever is spiritual or im- er earnestness.

part of human nature.

substance which occupies, or which is the sub- lecting himself. In tends greatly to encourage those who matter. Every kind or portion of matter exclaimed the startled Henri, rising in his shalt thou and thy house be saved. Then arise among the different grades of society still extension, and consequently, still occupy able to keep in the paths of morality and reserves.

shall keep the way of the Lord, to do jus- pel for the worship of God, particularly in already been enumerated; and as matter is the priest relaxed, his spirit was moved; eccle. Take one or two familiar cases. material, it must of necessity, have those siastical injunctions and professional barri-Saviour, you should say, "His-name is Immanuel, God with us." The Lord God tual good which we hope, nay, believe will list by these distinguishing properties that It is by these distinguishing properties that carnestness of truth. "We have superiors house in the city, to a comfortable country ployments—away from associations calcu- evidence of material existence, or that they "must I part with my Bible? No, I would energies seem absorbed in money-getting. lated to choke and in many cases actually to are the essential properties of matter. Were part with life rather. Take it from me, and "Surely, my dear," replies his wife, lated to choke and in many cases actually to destroy the seed sown in the heart by Sabhath services.

are the essential properties in matter, essential to its being, we could have no knowledge of The thrilling earnestness with which these ter all; you have several hours in the evenit, nor distinguish it from spirit. That words were spoken overthrew the remaining ing." which has no properties by which it may be hesitancy of the spiritual counsellor. "Then which has no properties by which has no properties by which the said, as he turned away is tired and harrassed with a day's fag at persuade the impenitent to fly to Christ; must possess its own essential properties; many being drawn to such meetings, that for without them it could not be matter, never go to the house of God, and others neither could we form any ideas of material in body and in spirit, left the hospital, a faithwho may hear an occasional sermon but are substances. It is of no consequence whether immediately brought in contact with such a mass of matter be small or large, because, influences as effectually destroy any good of any dimensions, or under any circumstances, these properties must invariably ad-In short we expect the conversion of sin- here to it. The most minute portions of ners and the revival of the work of God in matter, of which we can form any concepbelievers, and that those returning to their tions, must have solidity, and where there is different classes, and neighbourhoods, will solidity, there must be magnitude, and where assuredly spread the blessed Leaven to a there is magnitude, there must be extension, of gratitude, and feelings of solemn religious further apology, desiring of my readers, the greater extent than has ever been done by and where there are magnitude and extension any revival growing out of Local efforts, sion, there must be figurability and divisionlity. Matter must, therefore, under any joy and rejoicing in the tabernacle of the Although what we call a Camp Meeting We anticipate objections however from and every modification, of which it is capa-

GEORGE JOHNSON. Point de Bute, June 29, 1852.

Young Henri's Conversion: THE PRIEST AND THE BIBLE.

The Revolution which raised Louis Phiippe to the throne of France, secured for at country a breathing-time of unrestrained religious liberty. In this brief period priate organs, possesses spontaneous power ome of God's precious ones were gathered of motion, and enjoys an independent vitality. in. When lately in France, we were much struck with the following narrative of the conversion of a young soldier at that time. which we had from the lips of the excellent man who was, in God's providence, the in-

trument of his change,
Mr. C. was making his usual rounds the hospital of the ancient town of M-, in the south of France, when his attention was attracted to the wretched case of a young soldier, who, in fearful sickness of body, and proved the existence of the human mind, still more fearful distress of mind, was pay-A year earlier he must have passed him ing to demonstrate its importance. The and heavy-laden spirit, for he was a Roman nature of the human soul may be illustrated Catholic, and proselytism might not be pracby referring to spirituality, derivation, resi- tised. But now the case was altered, and dence, rationality, immateriality, immortali- the Protestant Christian might fearlessly importance of the subject under considera- vation is confined within its pale. He to be unequivocally determined, it is requi- He probed his wound to the bottom. To

affections, and emotions, to unfold, so far as "You are lost," for he would not heal his our present limits will admit, the nature of wound slightly. Then came the glad tithat living principle, which is, during human dings of Him who "came to seek and save peet life to become extinct, the snow is some life, united to a material body. And the topics that which was lost." Never did thirsty times found of a bright red colour. Exwhich have been referred to, as necessary to be examined, in order to attain correct conceptions of its nature, are, at once, sufficient young Henri drank in the news-to him surface of the snow as their natural abode. to excite in us exalted views of the superior it was news-that there was salvation for perishing ones like himself. He longed to water, secludes it from the air, and then The spirituality of the human mind is make himself fully acquainted with the way places it under the influence of a powerful evident. There are only two substances in- of reconciliation, and joyfully received the electric current. Living beings are stimul

One morning the priest entered into conprimary substances. Matter and Spirit of sin, salvation, glory, while a deep earnestconstitute the first principles, or primitive ness was stamped upon his pallid countensubstances, of the whole of what we know ance. The priest had known him only as a to have any existence in the mighty uni- wild and reckiess youth. Was it indeed the verse of God. We can have no conception same? Was it Henri from whom those hoof any other substance, distinct from matter ly words and burning thoughts poured forth? and spirit; because we are not conscious The priest a kind man, and, after his manthat any other ever did, or will, exist .- ner, a devout man, was overjoyed. For a Whatever is material, so far as we can form time he sat by the bedside, an eager and deany conception of it, demonstrates that mat. lighted listener, rather than an instructor .ter is its nature, however minute and inde- No ghostly comforter could have uttered

ful and rejoicing soldier of the cross of While this worthy man is thus complain-

The Bible in France.

which contained "the Life of Jesus Christ." himself. with notes, the price mentioned being very Take another illustration. A young wife considerable, I remarked, "How is it that I and mother, amiable and kind, but not parcan get the whole New Testament for ten ticularly thoughtful, is really sorry that when sous, when this very small portion of it her husband returns home in the evening, he costs so much?" The bookseller replied, should so often have to complain of the dis-Testament so cheap; we used formerly to the two children, who seem to set parental is scattered, consolation is secured. For the scattered, consolation is secured. For the for altho' commemorative, it was designed will not the spiritual blessings received from cupies space, and is possessed of certain prosecution in the spiritual blessings received from cupies space, and is possessed of certain prosecution in the spiritual blessings received from cupies space, and is possessed of certain prosecution in the spiritual blessings received from cupies space, and is possessed of certain prosecution in the spiritual blessings received from cupies space, and is possessed of certain prosecution in the spiritual blessings received from cupies space, and is possessed of certain prosecution in the spiritual blessings received from cupies space, and is possessed of certain prosecution in the spiritual blessings received from cupies space, and is possessed of certain prosecution in the spiritual blessings received from cupies space, and is possessed of certain prosecution in the spiritual blessings received from cupies space, and is possessed of certain prosecution in the spiritual blessings received from cupies space, and is possessed of certain prosecution in the spiritual blessings received from cupies space, and is possessed of certain prosecution in the spiritual blessings received from cupies space, and is possessed of certain prosecution in the spiritual blessings received from cupies space, and is possessed of certain prosecution in the spiritual blessings received from cupies space, and is possessed of certain prosecution in the spiritual blessings received from cupies space, and is possessed of certain prosecution in the spiritual blessings received from cupies space, and is possessed of certain prosecution in the spiritual blessings received from cupies space. to promote true religion among the Jews. God amply repay, if God should pour out perties essential to its nature and existence, warehouses. But, of course, since we are ability, from family cares, to comply with At a later day, and under a later dispensa- His blessed Spirit on the vast assemblage, and without which it could neither be known become church booksellers, and only sell his wishes for a little reading or music. objects de piete (pious articles), we cannot Her sister, however, with three times as have any thing of that kind in our shop!!" many children, and who, perhaps, if in that wilderness" to listen to the sour-surring convert a son or daugmer :- many, and words of John, the forerunner of our Lord; perhaps some of those very objectors spend from sensible proof; but actual existence This is highly complimentary to Protestan-station of life, often lends a hand in the Prayer sanctifies the joys and sorrows, and under the brightest and best dispensation of the bri

The Miracle of Life.

Boundless variety and perpetual change are exhibited in the living beings around us municates to the mind, the idea of assurance, ocean, in the arid desert, or at the icy polar and this assurance the certainty of its being; regions.-The air teems with life. The soil of our clearness of apprehension, or our assurance of the certainty of its existence. a drop of water, and examine it with a microscope : lo! it is swarming with living creatures. Within Life, exists other life, until it recedes before the powers of human vision. The parasitic animalcule, which preys upon or within the body of a large animal, is itself preyed upon by parasites peculiar to itself. So minute are living animalcules, that Ebrenberg has computed that not less than five-hundred millions can subsist in a single drop of water, and each of these monads is endowed with its appro-

> In the very ocean deeps, insects, by the labour of ages, are enabled to construct islands, and lay the foundations of future continents.- The coral insect is the great architect of the southern ocean. First a reef is formed; seeds are wafted to it, vegetation springs up ; a verdant island exists ; then man takes possession and a colony is

> dred yards deep, throw up a portion of soil cover it so that no communication can take place between the earth and the surrounding Soon you will observe vegetation ringing up-perhaps new plants, altogether unlike any thing beretofore grown in that neighbourhood. During how many thousand years has the vitality of these seeds een preserved deep in the earth's bosom Not less wonderful is the fact stated by Lord Lindsay, who took from the hand of an Egyptian mummy a tuber, which must have been wrapped up there more than 2000 years before. It was planted, was rained and dewed upon, the sun shone on it again, and the root grew bursting forth and blooming into a beauteous Dahlia

At the North Pole, where you would ex-

its cause inevitably throws them back upon the Great First Cause, Philosophy takes

Hints about Improving Time.

It is a common remark that time flies, and ought to be improved. We fear, however, that few who make the observation are really aware how much it involves, and how far they themselves come short of it. Most persons do not rightly estimate the worth of the smaller fragments of their time. They have large ideas of what may be accomplish-These new-sprung senti- ed in years and months, but of the value of material, so far as we are capable of de- ments fell like dew upon the spirit of the minutes, or even hours, they seem uncon-In the first place it generally brings the material, so far as we are capable of de-ments lell like dew upon the spirit of the ciding, possesses indubitable evidences that priest. He could scarcely find words to expect the could be could members of different and distant Circuits together to form personal acquaintance with members of form personal acquaintance with members of different and distant Circuits together to form personal acquaintance with members of different and distant Circuits together to form personal acquaintance with members of different and distant Circuits together to form personal acquaintance with members of different and distant Circuits together to form personal acquaintance with members of different and distant Circuits together to form personal acquaintance with members of different and distant Circuits together to form personal acquaintance with members of different and distant Circuits together to form personal acquaintance with members of different and distant Circuits together to form personal acquaintance with members of different and distant Circuits together to form personal acquaintance with members of different and distant Circuits together to form personal acquaintance with members of different and distant Circuits together togethe " Here," said Henri, truth so often and so strangely overlooked? in the Worship of God, it begets and cements stratum of bodies occupying space. It is the drawing his bible from under his pillow.— That it is so, is obvious, whatever be the aggregate of parts, or a mass of minute, in- "From that book!" he said, as the look of cause. Many people act as though it had him know that by his neglect of Curistian carried back to their respective circuits, and duty he is undermining it spiritually, and by mutual attraction, and which are matedestructible, atoms or particles, which cohere benevolent interest gave place to one of prorial, extended, and impenetrable to other ed; you must give it up." "Give it up." perhaps, not chargeable with gross indolence, or habitual neglect of duty. But in are engaged in any enterprise, and especi- obstinately occupies some space, to the ex- couch, and grasping his treasure firmly in his the moments of needful occupation they ally a religious one, to meet and hail mem-bers of all ranks who are aiming at the same cular space. This occupancy of space is the holy Cutholic Church forbids laymen to object; and we think that nothing is so cal-simplest and most complete idea which we read that book," urged the priest. "No. tle, and failed to accomplish so many of culated to draw christians together from have of material existence. The particles thing holy can forbid that book," said Hen. their plans, they complain of the shortness great distances for the purpose of mutual of which matter is composed, though torn ri, with deep emotion, his pale features light- of time, the multiplicity of their engageasunder, by repulsion, until they become, in ed up with the light of truth. "It is it ments, or the peculiar hindrances they have Such meetings tend also to obliterate in the reality, invisible to the human eye, are still which has pointed me to the way of life; it sustained; in short, throw the blame on Church those conventional formalities that susceptible of indefinite division, and have is to its guidance I trust, if I recover, to be anything and anybody rather than on themligion. Take it from me, and you are re- think it might, and we will try to show The essential properties of matter have sponsible for my fall." The countenance of wherein, as we suppose the fault exists.—

turn to God, and the increased opportunities afforded to ministers to warn, exhort, and that of which we are unconscious, is to conceal the struggling emotions of the the office? Those who can command all to us a perfect non-enity. Matter, then, honest-hearted man.

will; but what can a man do who has only

Some weeks later, the young soldier, cured an hour or two at night, and part of that

Christ.—English Presbyterian Messenger. ing, he might be reading to his wife a cliepter in some interesting book; writing a letter to a friend; performing, if he have a talent that way, some little piece of handicraft skill; or giving his children some The Paris correspondent of the Christian pleasant and familiar lesson, which would Times describes a visit to a Parisian book- increase their stock of knowledge, and draw seller as follows:-On asking for a book out more strongly their affections towards

It is the Protestants who print the New order of the house; of the perverseness of