RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

At Last.

When on my day of life the night is falling, And, in the winds from unsunned spaces blown, I hear far voices out of darkness calling My feet to paths unknown,

of life.

Thou who hast made my home of life so pleasant, Leave not its tenant when its walls decay, O Love divine, O Helper ever present, Be Thou my strength and stay !

Be near me when all else is from me drifting: Earth, xy, home's pictures, days of shade and shine, And kindly faces to my own uplifting

The love which answers mine. I have but Thee, O Father ! Let Thy Spirit

No gate of pearl, no branch of palm I merit, No street of shining gold.

Suffice it if, my good and ill unreckoned, And both forgiven through Thy abound. ing grace, 1 find myself by hands familiar beckoned Unto my fitting place. Some humb'e door among Thy many mansions, striving cease,

And flows forever through heaven's green expansions The river of Thy peace.

There, from the music round about me stealing, I fain would learn the new and holy song,

And find at last, beneath Thy trees of healing. The life for which I long.

-John Greenleaf Whittier ----

What Shall We Do With the Past?

The change from one year to another is, in itself, no more than the transition from one day to another. But we hang up a new calendar and write new

temporary, but the results are perma- us. It is possible that many of t'e with a look whither she listeth nent and in them we find the values | ministers who read this do not need The beaviest work of our servants this word of exhertation. If that is she maketh light, by orderly and sea-

We should use the experiences of their case, happy are they. the past and the wisdom gained for | If we leave the church and go into greater usefulness in the present. To- the streets we still find an application more grief than she shows.-Fuller. keep saying "Amen" or they were not day is builded on the past and it for our contention. For what the should be higher than yesterday. daily life of the average Christian man There should be more of force in each | needs is more religion. We have all succeeding year. There is an accumu- doubtless been for some t me convinced lation of life which should give us that business is busines, for it would greater power in the world and we require much ingenuity successfully to should use it for the purposes for deny that. But if we admit what our which life is given us. Time does not grammar and cur dictionary make immove in a circle, but in a straight line, parative, is it not true that the busiand in each succeeding period we ness of a religious man should be reshould be further away from any given ligious business? A religious man may Be with me then to comfort and uphold; point in former experience ; should be have to face smaller profits if he better, and be better equipped for brings religion into his business, but present duty. That quipmeet should surely men of the Angle-Saxon stock be used to the best possible effect. It have courage enough for that.

should be easier to perform duty, We have space to mention but one easier to resist temptation, and the other sphere. Our efforts to reach the duty should give us greater delight. people and improve their condution We should use the past to give us need more religion. We are convinced greater confidence in the promises of that the only social effort that has any God. We live by faith, but faith is permanent future is that which seeks based on our knowledge of God. The to bring to the people a religion, and Some sheltering shade where sin and revelation of him as given in his we make bold to say that what the Word is confirmed to us by our exper- average Christian Socialism needs is lence of his grace. "Experience more religion. A book that is at the worketh hope." After Abraham was present time being widely read says, on the mount of sacrifice, "Jehovah "Democracy must get rid of the natjireh" was written on his life. David | ural man of each for himself and have said, "By this I know that thou favor. a new birth into the spiritual life, the est me," It was not in idle thought ideal man of each for all. This is its he said, "I remember the days of old; great lesson . . The underground system I meditate on the works of thy hands," of the human being is the thing that bit in the greater strength gained by we must first set right. Without resuch meditations on the doings of ligion how is man, the essentially re-God. "I have considered the days of ligious animal, to face the most treold, the years of ancient times. I will mendous of all problems - social jusremember the works of the Lord ; tice ?' With these sentiments we surely I will remember thy wonders of heartily agree, except perhaps where old." There have been many times it is implied that the most tremendous

thought of either. The processes are believers that God is of a truth with ber, are none in noise, steering them

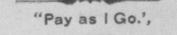
sonably enjoining it. In her husband's six mess she feels

Visible Only When the Wind Blows

and are supposed to be unsympathetic on shaking his head.

of charity, and minister joy to all about | evening.

them by their grace .- Peloubet.



1 met a fellow man the other day who was very severe on another who, had failed to pay a debt due him, and who puffed up as he said, with a good deal of fervor : 'I pay as I go.' This suggested some questions, and I began

to fire them at him, 'How much did you pay the preacher

ast year ?' 'Nothing ; 'cause I don't owe him nothing."

What did you contribute to missionary work during the year ?' 'Not a cent ; it is none of my busi-

ness.'

Think for Yourself.

When I first began to preach it bothered me if I thought anybody was differing or opposing what I said. I thought the preachers ought all to

One night I said something which I thought was unusually strong, and

It is said there is a flower in South happening to glance down toward the America which is visible only when front eat, I saw an old man shaking the wind blows. The shrub belongs his head at me. The effect was a cross to the cactus family, and the stem is between waving a red flig at a bull and covered with warty-looking lumps in throwing a bucket of water on a hen. calm weather. These lumps, however, I simply said, "O, yes, it is so, you need but a slight breeze to make them | must know it is." Again he shook his upfold large flowers of a creamy white, head and I said, "If you would pray which close and appear as dead when over it you would know that I speak the wind subsides. Fit emblem this the truth," He shook his head again. is of many Christians who in ordinary I said, "It is obliged to be so, there times exhibit but little of active grace, is no doubt about it at all." He kept

and indifferent, but when reverses and | I don't know how I ever got through affliction come to themselves or others, that sermon. I was mortified and when there is a call for what they can broken up generally. I know I do or give, open out into the lovelines, preached very badly for the rest of the

> After the service one of the pastors came reassuringly and whispered in my ear, "You must not mind that old brother. He does not mean any harm. He has just got the palsy, that is all.' Now whenever I find any one disagreeing with what I say, I just class him with the paralytics and go on .-M. B. Williams,

> > With God's Help.

Patience is the drudge of the graces. Many a Christian grows weary in active service without a murmur, who finds it unspeakably hard to lie still and cough. Yet inaction is oftentimes as much a duty as a seed-sowing of harvesting. We are bound to be miserable What did you give to charity in or querulous under our burdens unless

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The three great vital factors of this body of ours are the heart, the nerves and the blood. It is because of the triple power possessed by Milburn's Heart and NervePills of making weak, irregular beating hearts strong and steady, toning up run down, shattered, nervous systems and supplying those elements necessary to make thin, watery blood rich and red, that so many wonderful cures have been accredited to

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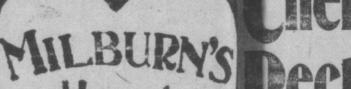
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figures for the year, and are thus made to feel more sensibly the passing of the time. The completion of one of the longer divisions of time, in which we count our lives, is noted because we are thus forcibly reminded that our days are being spent. When many years have passed we realize that our days are as a tale that is told, quickly related and almost as quickly forgotten. Sometimes we are disposed to a certain degree of morbidness in recalling the past at the eutrance of a new year, and dwell with pain on the unpleasant experiences; sometimes we so cling to the past that we discredit the future and speak as if it cannot be as good as the past. What should be our attitude? What is our duty? What shall we do with the past i

Very much of it should be forgo ten. | ent moment the greatest need of the Unhappily there is much in every life world is more religion. We are also that is of no value and should be put persuaded that as soon as this state. clear out of mind. We should forget | ment is read it will by many be at once all unkind words spoken to us; the questioned. They will assert that the little things which were felt to be dis- world already has too much religion, courtesies or intentional offences, the and that what it wants is more Chrisprovidences that brought pain to us, | tianity. The Athenians whom Paul the disappointments that shaded the addressed were "very religious" and us up to the steps of a great building, days as they passed, and even the yet they were suffering from a very and as we entered the porch it should sorrows that brought darkness at mid- serious need-the need of Christianity. begin to grow dark; suppose that he day. It is not possible to forget all But with those who offer this objection should then open a door into a very such things absolutely, for memory is we have no quarrel, since we nold large hall, which he called a picture not entirely at our command. The much the same ground as they do. gliery. As we enter it, we find it experiences become part of the life. For there are two senses in which the d rk as night; but as the angel touches and may come up to mind at the most word religion is used-in one of which a spring, the light flashes in and fills unexpected moments unbidden, and it means something less than Chris- the room. We now see that the walls bring back the pain to some extent. I tianity, while in the other it means its are hung with pictures, -so many and But they should be relegated to the essence. It is in the latter sense that so large that they cover all the walls. past, not to be pondered and brooded we are at present using the word, and Ou these are painted all the sins that over, but laid aside as having no direct without any attempt at great accuracy we have ever committed. On one place in the present or future. We or profundity we would define religion picture are painted all the bad words change their nature somewhat, and for our present purpose as vital con that we have ever spoken; on another very much change their influence on tact with God. And this vital contact all the crimes and jealousies we have ourselves if we so forget them. We with God we assert to be the world's ever felt: on another all the coverings should also forget in the same way greatest need at the present moment. of our hearts, all the wrong bargains many of the pleasant things of the past, for memory has the peculiar to which this statement applies. In to our parents and friends of which we power of giving greater sweetness to order not to appear to sit in the seat have ever been guilty, all our neglect the pleasant things after they have of the scornfal, we are willing to begin of God's Word, all our ingratitude gone from us, and we may, perhaps, at home and to make the assertion towards our heavenly Father and our use this to the depreciation of present that what the average religious news- hard feelings towards Him, all our good. And we should forget, leave paper needs is more religion. A dis- abuse of the Sabbath and the means of behind and allow to pass out of tinguished editor of a religious j.urnal grace, all our neglect of the Saviour memory, more than we are disposed to recently took his readers into his con- and our grieving away the Holy Spirit. do, the good we have attempted to do fidence and told them that when he What pictures would our sins-open In doing it we rendered a present approached his new duties he did so sins, secret sins, heart sins, and life- and ends with one. It began with one service and received the blessing, but with the conviction that a religious long sins-make ! Who would dare in a corner, and ends with one which that service should not be held as a newspaper should contain more of look at them? What a terrible hall will stretch from where the sun rises claim against the present. It fitted what relates to personal spiritual life that would be! It would truly be a in the morning to where he ends on its day and circumstances, and should and to vital Christian doctrine. His be allowed to go with these into the successe has proved that he was right. tremble.-Rev. John Todd, D. D. eat aggregate of life, and be lost in When we make this assertion we do

when we were ready to say with Asaph, of all problems is social justice, for Has the Lord forgotten to be grac- that, in our judgment, lies in another therefore we enter the new year with need is more of it. greater confidence, with the assurance that goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives and we will dwell in the house of the Lord for-

The Greatest Need of the World.

ever.-United Presbyterian.

We are persualed that at the pres-

ious? These are the ungodly who direction. We are confident that apart prosper in the world ;" but when we from religion there is no hope of perlook at the providence of God and see manently uplifting men, and we are what the unfolding years bring to equally confident that the social probmen, we say with him, "So foolish was lem can never be solved except by I, and ignorant. Thou wilt guide me | attacking the selfishness that is conwith thy counsel and afterwards receive stantly gnawing away the bonds that me to glory." Every year brings us should tie us together. It is only renew experience of God's grace, and ligion that can do that, and what we

> We are sure that we might enter many other fields of human interest. with an equally clear result, We think, for instance, that it is true of the average Christian home and of the average system of theology, that what they need is more religion. But to

pursue the subject forther is impossible, and so we must content ourselves by saying again that the greatest need of the world to-day is more religion -Can. Baptist.

A Judgment Hall.

Suppose a messenger from G d should take us by the hand and lead Let us look at a few of the spheres we have ever made, all the unkindness

1898 ?

'Nothing. I believe in charity beginning and remaining at home. What have you contributed to the upport of disabled soldiers ?' 'Not a dime. Let the State care for

them., 'What taxes did you pay on money you have loaned out ?'

'Not a penny. That's none of the Government's concern.' 'Did you help the cripple begging in our community the other day ? hospital.

'Did you ever contribute to the support of a free hospital?' 'No. It's no home of mine, and I

don't ask shelter from any of them.' 'Did you offer to help the poor widow who lives near you, and whom you know to be in want?'

'No, for the poor house is the place for all such.'

'Did you help nurse that neighbor who suffered such long and painful illness?

'No. Doctors and nurses are paid for that work.'

'Did you welcome the stranger you saw in church last Sunday ?'

'No. Let the ushers attend to that. 'Did you ever give a word of cheer to a discouraged brother man?

'No; don't ever bother with such

'Did you ever speak a word of sym pathy to a sorrowing soul ?'

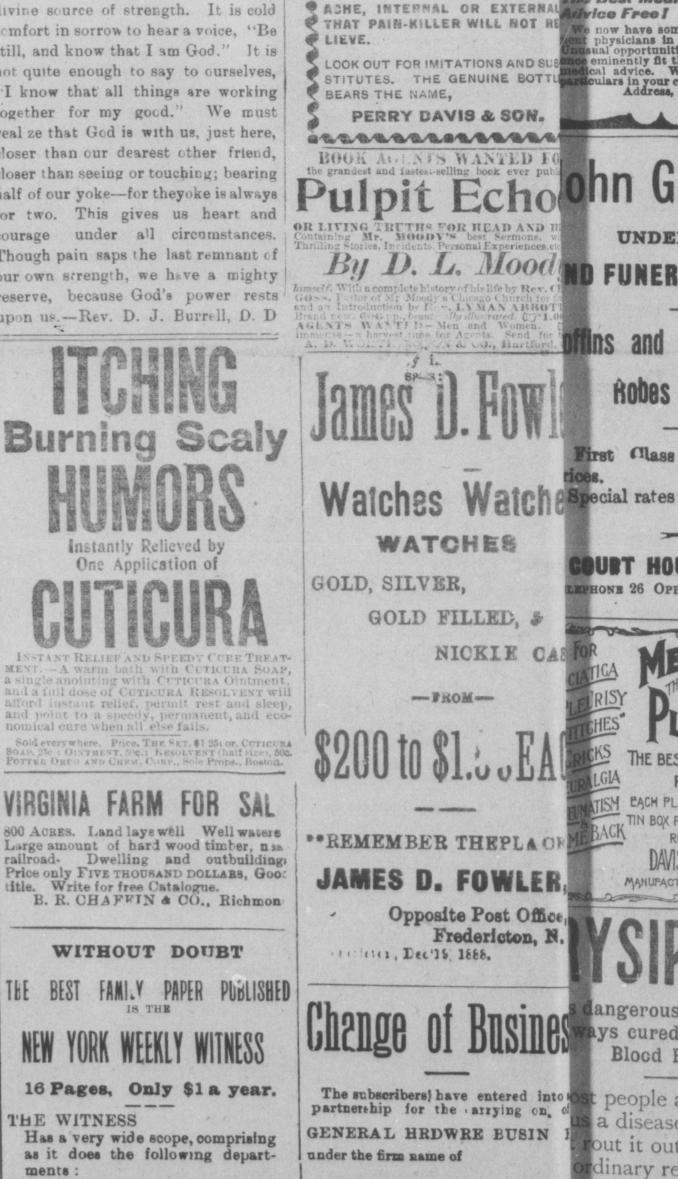
'Never did, and never expect to. 'Did you ever offer a hand to a fallen fellow-man?'

'No; my hands are busy at work. 'And yet you say you pay as you go ? Hopelessly insolvent ! Criminally in debt! Many times a bankrupt! Selfish spendthrift ! Faithless to a high and sacred trust ! Cowardly dodger of duty! False to God and man! Miserable miser! Repent Ask for mercy, or soon you will stand in the presence of a just Judge, and be pronounced an eternal bankrupt-Epworth Herald.

The world began with a paradise,

the rocky deep. It began with two

we keep in communication with the divine source of strength. It is cold comfort in sorrow to hear a voice, "Be still, and know that I am God." It is not quite enough to say to ourselves, "I know that all things are working together for my good." We must real ze that God is with us, just here, closer than our dearest other friend, closer than seeing or touching; bearing half of our yoke--for theyoke is always for two. This gives us heart and courage under all circumstances. 'No. Let all such go to the free Though pain saps the last remnant of our own strength, we have a mighty reserve, because God's power rests upon us .- Rev. D. J. Burrell, D. D.



combination of forces and results so with the consciousness that this is hich worked together for the still the aim of our paper. At the same etter things of to-day. And the time we desire to enlist the sympathy areams and baseless hopes, the many and support of our readers in helping things on which we wasted precious us to realize our ideal.

hours and expended valuable energies But our assertion applies to another belong. Some of them may have had that what the average religious service some use in the passing, but many now needs is more religion-more of that appear to have no value; leave them | conscious contact with God that brings | all behind. There is something better the unseen world near to the hearte for us.

ast. The days have their lessons; we from defective sight. We have been the books from which we were taught more people, or more excitement, or conceal his infirmities. then, but the lessons should not be more entertainment, or more learning. forgotton. There was a time when Our conviction is that while we really wife and deputy husband, which makes of the alphabet and to combine them greatest need to day is more religion At his return he finds all things so books and the teacher alike have been atmosphere that is referred to by the home when he was abroad. forgotten, and we read without a apostle Paul that will convince the un- Her children, though many in num commend it."

----A Good Wife.

"judgment hall;" it would make as

any equal matter by constantly obeying him.

Sne never crosseth her husband in Perry Davis' Pain Killer. without profit, let them go where they sphere of great importance. We feel the springtide of his anger, but stays till it be ebbing water. Surely men, contrary to iron, are worse to be wrought upon when they are hot. Her clothes are rather comely than ' Adamson's Botanic Balsam is splendid and conscience of men. Our religious

We should gather wisdom from the services have for long been suffering be velvet by her handsome wearing it. Her husband's secrets she will not [Tyendinaga, Ont., writes :- "I have] should not attempt to carry with us tempted to think that what we need is divulge ; especially is she careful to to thank you for recommending Dr.

In her husband's absence, she is we struggled hard to learn the letters do need some of these things, our her double the files of her diligence. Some of them would give me temporinto syllables and words, but the text- in our religious services-more of that well that he wonders to see himself at trassing complaint for nearly eighteen

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