RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

"The Best Things Haven't Happen- Philippi, in Athens, in Corinth, in short of love. "But how can I love there was little hope of her escaping They belong to secret societies and ed Yet.

The world is old, but the heart is young, And its sweetest songs are yet unsung Earth's richest treasures are yet unsought; Earth's bravest battles are yet unfought

As we slowiy mount earth's heights sub lime

We read these words, on the walls of time. "No room in this age for the drone or shirk--

- For the need of the world is honest work.
- Down deep in the earth-in the blackened soil-Shut out from the light does the miner
- toil. But, see ! at the sound of each ringing
- blow,

How the factories hum and the hearthfires glow !

A black-browed man, in a humble room, Sits patiently tending an ancient loom, But see ! from his hand what hues arise, Of tapestry rich in eastern dyes.

The farmer wakes with earliest light And toils in his field from morn till night. No king could a worthier s rvice yield, "For even the king is served by the field.

With a disc of glass in his careful hand, As he fashions a lens, see the master stand!

His work is finished, and, mounted on high,

A mighty telescope sweeps the sky.

On a steel-clad ship, with a foe in sight, Men stand-and their faces are set and white.

"General quarters !" rings out the cry. And they spring to their places, to do on

die. Then, work and win! for the world it wide.

And its doors will open on every side. Look not on the past with vain regret, For "the best things haven't happened Ephesus in Rome ; but, after all, it is even seen Him. very little. And we know less about

what the converts who composed the churches were doing and achieving. no benefit from my Bible-reading. "I down with all on board ! The letters give us very little insight get no benefit from my Bible," declarinto the activities of the Christ ans of

that day. That there were among love God." "Neither did I," replied not make the very best violin possible them elders who had the oversight of his friend, "but God loves me." "That for him to make, God would miss the them, and deacons who cared for the finances of the churches, and that there answer," said the man afterwards in music! If we are not each one of us relating his experience, "seemed to faithfully doing our duty, be it great were some "evangelists," and some lift me right out of my saddle into the or small, there is silence or discord "prophets," and some "teachers," skies, and I learned from it the way where there might have been music. we were well persuaded ; but that in into the love of God." any city where Paul preached there

When this love has once entered the together-we must needs lift up those were thousands of converts during his life, the fourth requirement named in about us, or drag them down. We life we are not compelled by the nar-Deuteronomy follows as a matter are bidden to so our seed at all times,

rative to believe. of course-service. And what a magni- for we "know not whether shall pros-This one thing can be said with ficient inspiration to our work it is per, either this or that, or whether degree of confidence, namely, that to when we do it for God and with His they both shall be alile good." The become a Christian in those days aid ! "It is impossible," said old cobbler, as I once heard a minister say meant more than it does to-day, in Jeremy Taylor, "for that man to de- could not paint a picture, but he could most communities, and in many spair who remembers that his helper tell Apelles that the shoe-tie was not churches. The man or woman who became a Christian in Paul's day was is omnipotent." Payson once remark- right, and so might help towards makmarked by the heathen unbelievers ed, "Since I have begun to ask God's ing the beautiful picture perfect.

blessing on my studies, I have done and was cherished by the believing more in one week than in a whole saints. Men, women and children (infants?) were not gathered in by year before." As a practical aid to scores to be put out by tens. We will work the thought of God's nearness is not believe that Paul encouraged the the greatest labor-saver in the world. The toiler who attempts to get along churches to "open their doors" for without it is throwing away his best the reception of any who might be persuaded to enter; nor was there in tool.

But finally, God's requirements are operation the machinery which is not met when they are met merely as operative to-day, in so many cases. If requirements, still less when they are Paul baptized ten believers, he countobserved as conveniences and helps. ed ten, at his next areeting. We can They must be met in the spirit of joy. not believe that he baptized three When God's law is our delight, the times as many as were found steadfast [after three years. Paul differed from thought of God our kighest pleasure, the consciousness of God's presence some preachers of to-day in this, that our noblest inspiration, then we are he was sent, "not to baptize, but to God's and our work is God's, and God's preach the Gospel" while they seem to requirements of us cease to be require think themselves sent not to preach ments because they have become our the Gospel, but to baptize. It might be assumed then that, in one desire for ourselves.-Sabbath proportion to its numbers, an indivi-Reading. dual church was stronger in that early

day than in our day. It had in it a

smaller number of nominal members,

clans, but they do not know the secret God ?" it is objected. "I have not the rocks. Suddenly the lower light of the Lord, which is with them that appeared, but, alas ! it was too latefear him. They may have education, Two men were riding together and the steamer had missed the entrance, and all that learning can give them, talking about Bible-reading. "I get and in the attempt to turn about went but without prayer they will be like

sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. You remember George Eliot's poem ed one, at length, "because I do not of the violin maker, who said if he did They may be abundant in labor, fervid in speech, and zealous in good works, but all this will not avail unless they have that power and that presence which comes only in answer to prayer. Let Christians learn the lesson, and as they desire to be useful and to do effective work for God, let them see More than that, our lives are bound

to it that they watch and pray, that they continue instant in prayer, and thus draw from heaven that power and help without which they can do nothing and without which, all they undertake to do will amount to nothing in the end.-Horace L. Hastings

Religion a Life Process.

There are some who think of religion chiefly as a passport which insures for them entrance into a Heaven of blessedness. Conversion is to them an exalted experience, a gracious deliverance, which lifts them over some bar at the mouth of the river of life, having passed which they are safe. They apprehend but faintly the fact that conversion is only the beginning of a life-long process, the first stage in a life-long career of enlargement and transforming, whose goal is perfected character. It involves the reshaping of the inward and outward life in the likeness of Christ.

This is not the work of a day. Perection in not wrought at a stroke. It s a growth. There are habits to be overcome, tendencies to be repressed. graces to be cultivated and a new spirit to be developed until it becomes send it. I was not sure it would do regnant over the whole life. The call any hurt, but in my doubtfulness I of the Gospel is not simply "Come!

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Keep Still.

Keep still. When trouble is brew ng, keep still. When your feelings are hurt, keep still till you recover from your excitement at any rate. Things look differently through an unagitated eye. In a commotion, once, I wrote a letter, and sent it, and wished I had not. In my later years I had another commotion, and wrote a long letter ; but life rubbed a little sense into me, and I kept that letter in my pocket against the day when could look it over without agitation and without tears. I was glad I did Less and less it seemed necessary to

vet. -Mrs. Annie E. Smiley, in Zion's Herald.

Christianity Always Aggressive.

We are not satisfied with what Christianity is undertaking and accomplishing to-day. We do not think that Christians-true Christians-are doing all that they might do, nor al that they ought to do for the advancement of the kingdom of God in the world. The old requirement, "Line upon line, line upon line, precept upon precept, precept upon precept, here a ittle and there a little," is as needful ow as in that older day. The purpose of God must have for its accomplishment the work of the Spirit in the hearts of his people, and the admonitions, as well as the incentives to sacrifice and labor, if Christianity shall attain to what is surely to be realized in the procession of the ages. We must have more of the "up and at it' spirit, if we would see the kingdom of God come with the power and great glory of which we sometimes dream and prophesy.

And yet we are not of those who defame Christians for their indifference their restlessness, their indifference, their lethargy, their travesty upon the self-denial and conquering intrepidity of those of the first century, and the second, and the third. We do not believe that the contrast between the Christianity of to-day and that of the centuries named is what some would have us believe. On the other hand, we hold that the grace of God in a human soul the regeneration of the Holy Spirit, the new life begotten by the power of God, is no less active and efficient than it was in the first century

There are those who love to tell us of "the early Christians," what they did, and what they suffered, and what they accomplished for the name and the cause of Christ. But a good deal of what is said on that point is purely imaginary. It is taken for granted and no one cares to contradict or call to book the orator who makes the comparison so unfavorable to the Christianity of to-day. (And when we say "Christianity," we do not mean to in-

clude all who "profess and call themselves Christian," but those who have in Deuteronomy of God's requirements

That's What I'm Here For.

and a larger proportion of actual be-It was the uniformed young porter lievers, men and women who were who said it, as he smiled pleasantly on ready to bear burdens, "hardness," the woman whose bundle he had started to carry for her. The station was crosses, for Christ's sake. There were full of travelers, hurrying to and from not so many who attached themselves to a church for the sake of the respecttheir trains, but the porter was not in the least hurried. He was quiet, ready ability acquired thereby; who were helpful; and he found a seat for the looking about them to see what temporal profit socially or financially was woman in the right car, and repeated, as she thanked him for his trouble, acquired by church-membership, and "That's what I'm here for, madam, who were ready to renounce allegiance to church, or pastor, to any cause conall day long; just to see that people nected with the church's life, if all get aboard all right.' Then he went concerned did not accede to their back to the gate, and promptly helped somebody else to another train. wishes and make their church relation a source of profit. In this respect the Cheery and pleasant, he carried babies. churches of to-day are not so loyal to lifted heavy bags, reasured nervous their Master as were the churches of people who were afraid the train would that early day. But, in our judgstart and without them, and made ment, the true Christian of to-day is as himself generally helpful, hour after truely a Christian, a "saint," as were hour.

any of those who believed in that "That's what I'm here for," the earlier day. We do not take it altocheerful words carried an unconscious gather kindly when we hear it said message. The porter's lot was not a that Christianity has declined in power very pleasant one. Perhaps he, too, longed to travel away from the hot city and efficiency; that the Christian of to the sea or the woods, yet all the to day is not the equal of the Christian of the first century. We do believe year round he was shut within the that the power of God in a human crowded station, with its tracks and platforms. Few thanked him for helpsoul is just as great as it ever was, and that he who has been born of God is ing them and he could hardly have just as truely a saint as was any of been blamed if he had been a trifle those whom Paul addressed as such cross over his work. But he had no It is not for the good of the cause of such thought ; he was there to be help-

Christ that it be represented as so ful, and his heart was in his work. weak, nor is it to the honor of our The woman who had been helped to Lord that his saints-his brethrenare represented as mean, and low, and lifeless, and useless. Let that kind of talk be discontinued. - Journal and

God's Requirements.

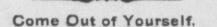
Daniel Webster was once asked, What is the most important thought you ever entertained ?" The answer of the great orator and statesman was, "The thought of my individual re sponsibility to God.

Wisely indeed does the summary truly been born of God.) We believe start out with the fear of Him.

leaned to reticence, and eventually it but also "Come up higher and yet was destroyed.

Time works wonders. Wait till you speak calmly, and then you will not need to speak, maybe. Silence is

the most massive thing conceivab'e, sometimes. It is strength in very grandeur. It is like a regiment order. ed to stand still in the mad fury of battle. To plunge were twice as easy The tongue has unsettled more ministers than small salaries ever did, or lack of ability. - Dr. Burton's Lectures to Yale Divinity Students.



So long as we dwell within ourselves we are exposed on all sides, by reason of the sensitiveness of our passions, and jealousy of our pride. No peace is to be looked for within when one lives at the mercy of a crowd of greedy and insatiable desires, and when he can never satisfy this "me" which is so keen and so touchy as to whatever

concerns it. The only remedy is to come out of one's self in order to find

peace. The more perfect is our selfsurrender, the more perfect is our peace. God's peace can only be found when all self-seeking and all self-will are utterly thrown aside. When you crase to be cager for anything save

the glory of God and the fulfillment of his good pleasure, your peace will be as deep as the ocean, and flow with the s'rength of a flood. - Fenelon.

COUGHING ALL NIGHT.

her seat by him thought it over as the It's this night coughing that breaks train rolled away. She was one who us down, keeping us awake most of the time, aud annoying everybody in had carried many burdens for other the house. Lots of people don't bepeople, and had had few thanks. She gin to cough until they go to bed. It seemed to herself to have spent her gets to be so that retiring for the night life in starting other people off where is an empty form, for they cannot rest. they wanted to go, and staying behind Adamson's Botanic Cough Balsam makes life worth living to such people herself; and, lately, she had felt re. by its soothing effect on the throat. bellious about it. But the young BY AMOS R. WELLS. The "tickling sensation" promptly disporter's words started a new line of appears when the use of the Balsam begun, and irritation goes withit. This thought. "That's what I'm here for,' nedicine for cough hasn't a disagreeshe said to herself, "and it isn't my able thing about it, and it does effi businers to complain or to question. cient service in breaking up coughs of hair grow when all else fails. If he can do his day's work in that ong standing. It is prepared from hearty spirit, I guess I can, too," and barks and roots and gums of trees, and s a true specific for throat troubles. she felt her heart lighter than for Handling coughs is a science that every one should learn. Not knowmany a day. The porter did not know it, but he had preached a whole ing how to treat them has cost many SEWING sermon in five words that afternoon .- lives. In Adamson's Balsam there are the elements which not only heal Wellspring. inflammation, but which protect the inflamed parts from further irritation. The result of this is that the tendency To Each His Work. to cough does not manifest itself, and you are surprised at it. Afterward You have often sung, "Let the you would not be without Adamson's much about what the "saints of his come to care little for his approval and lower-lights be burning." I wonder Balsam at hand. This remedy can be whether you know the story that sugtested. 25 cents at any druggist's. upwards, for Cash Only But it is possible for the fear to gested it? Some years ago a steamer in a ter-**Prayer and Power.** rific gale was trying to make the harbor at Cleveland, O. There are two The worldling may succeed in life by lights at the entrance to the harbor, carefulness, by skill, by intelligence, one the upper light on the bluffs of and by force; but in the work of God the shore, the other lower light on the no man can succeed without prayer. his immediate supervision. No idle bar at the other side of the entrance. No human power can effect the changes The plot peered out anxiously to and accomplish the work required in It may be questioned whether that catch a glimpse of the friendly lights, the service of God. There is a superis true obedience. No man really and presently caught sight of the up- human work to be done, and a superroom at the work of evangelization. They were obeys that does not obey behind his per one. But that alone was not suf- human energy is required for its acspeculative, prone to erroneous views employer's back. God is seated on a ficient, he must also see the other to complishment. To be prayerless is very high hill. He knows our every know just where to go. But for some to be powerless.

higher !" No man ever fully attains or reaches the limits of possible growth. The best, with all their attainments, are still pressing toward the mark.-London Sunday-School Times.

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that they are just as true, just as zeal. The fear of the Lord is the beginning ous just as efficient, just as aggressive of wisdom. It is the beginning of the and just as successful as were those of love of God also, and of obedience and the first century. We must not forget service. If a child does not fear the the letters of Paul. They do not tell just anger of his parent, he will soon day were doing in the way of evangeli. his love. zation. The Acts of the Apostles is,

for the most part, an account of the stop short of obedience. The devils acts of one man and his associates; tremble, but they do not obey. and even that does not tell of such Bishop Vincent tells about a farmer,

Messenger

results as some would have us believe whose house stood on a high hill, and were achieved. The Christian comwas so provided with windows that panics in any of the many communities every corner of the farm was under in which Paul and his associates preached were small. The letters show workman on that domain !

that they were far from idea communi ties. They were not over-zealous in of Christ and of the Gospel mode of salvation.

ory of evangelization upon. We know serve Him as readily in case He were staggered on as best she could, while ness. They are eloquent, but they do some things about Paul's work in- withdrawn to another universe. Iconium, in Lystra, in Antioch, in

act and thought. But we are not His reason it was not lighted on time. Multitudes of men and ministers may The letters give us little to build a the obedient children if we would not Beaten by wind and wave, the steamer trace their failure to their prayerless the hearts of all on board trembled not pray. They are enterprising, but And so obedience dares not stop with fear. If she missed the entrance they do not frequent the mercy seat.

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