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The following pointed appeal to the audience is extracted from the Rev. James Martineau's very able and impressive work—*The Errors of the Reformation*.—

Dear Beloved Reader, what think you now of your race, what think you of the Saviour? Do you say that you need a Saviour, do you say that Jesus is just the Saviour you need? Do you regard that discussion in which we have been engaged merely as a matter of curious speculation. The doctrine of universal government does a most monstrous injustice to your eternal well or woe. If it should be true,—"Christ loved you and gave himself for you," as much and as truly as he loved Abraham, and gave himself for Abraham.—If this should be true, and if he revealed it too in the Scriptures as he has, what is the doctrine of the Reformation?

have a most important influence upon your
heart, and life, and fruitless soul—O what a
sillyness does it be if you be ignorant of it,
and live in darkness and in death! I am so
fully persuaded that it is true as I am persua-
ded of the existence of Jesus himself, it is because
it is true, that the gospel is "good tidings of
peace" to "LITTLE CHILDREN." O then, my
brother, are you persuaded of its truth? If
you still hesitate to receive it, I ask you why?
Is it because the Bible declares it, discus-
ses it, denies it? No, my brother, the Bible is al-
ways with it, and "the church of the living
God," in its purest state, and so its boldest
test, has embraced it as its own glory, and
so the glory of the gospel and the gospel's
God. Observe lest you be found rebelling
yourself, or your children, and your friends,
—"the pearl of greatest price!" O beware
lest you be found miscalculating—"the truth as it
is in Jesus," and taking our self it what is re-
ally its heart, its soul, its marrow, the phi-
lanthropic and sanctifying power! Take care
you do not quibble the gospel, and do what
you like to keep the inner world, the
world interlarded, the Church itself with her
own name."

Do you, on the other hand, yield to the accumulated evidence of the truth of the world's theory—that it is the centre of the good government? If you do, O my soul, dash magnificently the Lord's light upon your eyes with the "all-wise" granite of His Word. Let me ask you then, O reader, is the *cry* of gospel a good one that takes "the sting" out of death for you, and makes you quite willing, just as you are, to be *crucified*? Could you die with the truth you have now discovered in the Bible? O, why not? If Jesus had died for you, it has done all for you. If He has done all for you, you need no more, but do believe! When he tells you this, is either true, if it is safe for you to depart. Wherever be with both everlasting life." You do not need Christ's death, and *none* good feelings and *none* good conduct, *etc.*, in order to reach your salvation. O woe! Good feelings and good conduct are the delightful consequences of the "joy of salvation"; they are not necessary as its precursors or prerequisites. Feelings and conduct, *truly* good—*only* such as a holy God can approve of and delight in—are impossible to an *unregenerated* soul. The feelings and conduct of an *unregenerated* soul, from a wrong and *sinful* nature—a supposition of self; and they are, consequently, *dead works*, which a pure God "cannot accept with."

When you get to yourself, then, the question, "Could I venture to die?" you must be quick anywhere for an answer but to "I don't know." Though you seem to grow so bold in your own self, as an angel, all this time, or would not make it one particle safer for you to die, than it would be in this room, were you a man or a mad man, or even a child, or a creature of any kind.

When the good saint David Dickson of Irvine, afterwards professor of divinity in Glasgow, and then Edinburgh, was upon his death-bed, he was asked how he found himself. His answer showed that he knew the gospel most intimately, and was guiding on to full salvation. "I have," said he, "seen good deeds and all my bad deeds, and I have put them together in a heap, and I have then laid it down, and it has been

— *Yes, the goodness did not help him, as a badness were equally instrumental in the matter of his safety. His goodness did not help him, and his badness did not hinder him. Mr. Mc-Lester, of the Tylbourn Church at Edinburgh, was dying, his colleagues, his pastor put him a verse and put the question to him, "What are you doing better?" His answer was, "I'll tell you what I am doing better: I am gathering all my prayers, my sermons, all my good deeds and all my good words, and I am going to throw them all on board, and swim to glory on the plank of safety." Mr. Mc-Lester knew the gospel, and I think our G. Master, but you will find it in glory, if you yourself ever arrive. It is a few different, however, to the view from many, who try to be as good as possible, and to many others as they can, in order to be safe by becoming as holy as they can be able to die. The eminent John Butler, till the very close of his sainted, moved under this — *deliquit* — and he died with his lotteries escape from the death.*

the painter. "I was on his death-bed, called for his dying sin, and said, 'Thou hast endeavored to avoid sin, and to give God, in the strength of my power, yet thou hast been conscious of perpetual infirmities. I will stand by thee.' "My son," said the other, "you have forgotten that Christ is a sinner." "Yes," was his answer, "but I shall know that he is a Father for

"By *lord*, said the chaplain, 'it is written—him that cometh unto me I will in, and will cast out.'"¹⁰ "True," said the Bishop, "and I am surprised that, though I have read that Scripture a thousand times over, I have never felt its virtue all this moment; now, I do *hence*." That good man, who has done such service to the cause of Christianity, was yet ignorant, utterly ignorant of THE GOSPEL! He laid upon his death-bed. He thought that he would gradually attain to such a state that it would be safe for him to die, by trying to avoid sin and to please God. He looked in the wrong direction for safety, and in reality had, on his death-bed, no use for Jesus at all but to be a puzzle to his own deficiencies. As his trials to avoid sin and please God, be at last found out to be "filthy rage" and "strife," which were enough of themselves to damn him, and had no tendency at all to save him. His eye was at length turned away from himself, and his own feelings, and his own doings, to the blessed Jesus, and he saw that he was a *Sinner for him, and had lost all for him*, "AND HE DIED HAPPY." The good Samuel Rutherford said on his death-bed, "Farewell all that God ever made me will of do, and look on it as defiled and imperfect as coming from me, and I take me to Christ. Thus even the goodness which the Holy Spirit in-works it is of no avail at all to make it safe for me to die. Nothing but 'the blood is soul-saving.'"

O sinners, then, have no respect to anything whatsoever, when you wish to know what would be safe for you to do, but in the blood of atonement. Come to this blood away from all else within or without you. Come to it with all your sins, though a legion in number, and cast yourself into its ocean-greenness, and the sins will sink to the sinner's ruin. There is blood to cleanse all your sins, and to bear you up. O great sinner, fear not, then, but come, and come once, and cast all in. "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanse from all sin." Come, O "chief of sinners," come as sin itself perished. Do only come, and cast just once, and you will assuredly find that Jesus Christ is "all in all" and everything you need. If you ask me how you are to come? I will tell you. You are to believe God's race when he tells you that Jesus is your substitute your Saviour, and that there is in him, *you*, righteousness and everlasting life. This is truth. This is the truth. O believe, and live; and having once believed, it has been made alive by it, keep living by faith on it, thus the love of God may constrain you to become like Jesus—meek, and lowly, and holy, and heavenly, and divine like, and humble, and full of compassion for the souls. See a transformation into the image of Jesus, the great one that God has in view in saving and commanding you to believe and

Selected by a Young Lady

"Father, Pray for Me!"

The force of the obligation by which parents are bound to set a pious example by their children, and to give them a religious education, may be in a degree illustrated by following facts which took place in the life of a Mr. G. related to the writers family. He was in every circumstance of property, and held a respectable station in life. His character for piety and honour was high, a few men had enjoyed more fully the confidence of all than did Mr. G. In his domestic time he was kind and courteous and dignified. But all his high morality was of the world and not of the gospel, except when visited the preacher of a neighbouring church or some other pious friend; his house knew no sound of prayer. Religious conversation was almost as rare, though usually on the sabbath he would be reading the Bible or some religious book, the peruse of which would call for a casual remark. At the time to which history refers, his eldest son, C. was about sixteen years of age, and till then remarkably healthy and athletic; but now he was visited by a severe attack of typhoid fever.

The progress of the disease was rapid. It is a comparatively short time fatal symptoms were very evident. This information was the evening communicated to Mr. G. and the course of the night to his son. He retired in wish supreme that entire comfort be bestowed on his father. Just hearing he asleep, chose not to wake him. Before however the father was at the side of the bed when a dialogue commenced in the following words:—"Father! said young man "the doctors tell me I must say they say they can do no more for me" "I know," well father, I have one, and I feel fainest to ask of you: will you grant it?" my son, if it is possible; ask me any thing can do: It shall be done "Father, I want to kneel down by my bedside and pray, will you?" "I can't, my son: I can't." "Do I pray for you, you never prayed for me: in would I pray for me while I can yet live," can't, my son; Oh I can't." "Dear father never beside me to pray to the Lord Jesus and now I die; you never prayed for me: I don't let me die without my father's prayer." In answer of weeping, the father raised of the room. The otherwise kind, and in great pain, but clearly long neglected his soul, and also the soul of that beloved son, never could not find a heart to reach him.

Would that parents would remember that they must meet their children in the awful judgment. Would they could be induced to ask themselves whether they can calmly determine to part with their children in death without having crumpled them to the throne of mercy.

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It is said a man be known by the company he keeps, and the books he reads. Then friend, let me enquire what company do you keep? What are their characters? Perhaps you say, I keep company with those around me who are cheerful, and not morose or gloomy; not too strict, who can take a glass now and then, and spend a sabbath in the field for amusement; and go to parties for pleasure. Like those companions who do not pretend to be religious, as some people do; those who can go to races, balls, cock-fights, theatres, and enjoy themselves. I am not fond of companions who are at times talking about another world about their hearts being by nature bad, and who never take any of the pleasures I name! If this is your answer, friend, let me tell affectionately, you keep company with those who are strangers to God, who do not love to serve Jesus Christ, and who are on their way to endless war; with those who are lovers of pleasure more than God, and whose end is destruction. If you prefer the gay and giddy, and those who are careless about it, to those who are religious, who hate sin and love holiness; your condition is sad indeed;—and I trust of God plainly declares that—“He that walketh with wise men shall be wise, but the companion of fools shall be destroyed.” It is not enough to say—“Let me die the death of the righteous and may my last end be like his. Unless we live their life; for the wicked are driven away from their wickedness but the righteous have hope in death.”

Sin is the greatest folly, and the sinner the greatest fool in the world. There is no sadness as the most foolish lunacy. Think a man risking eternity and his everlasting happiness on the uncertain chance of securing another year. Think of a man procuring a momentary pleasure at the cost of a less pain. Think of a dying man living if he were never to die. Is there a creature to God who looks back upon his uncertain state and does not say with David, "Lord was art a beast before thee?" Now conviction not only restores God to the heart, it restores also to her throne. Time and eternity are now seen in their just proportions; their right relative dimensions; the one in finiteness, and the other in its greatness. When the light of heaven shines on the soul what grand discoveries does she make;—the exceeding evil of sin, of the holiness of the Divine law, of the infinite purity of Divine justice, of the grace and greatness of Divine love. On Sinai's summit and on Calvary's cross, what new sublimity, affecting scenes open or her astonished eyes! She now, by true conviction bound, leaps to the conclusion that salvation is the one thing needful, and that if a man will give all he should live the life that now is, much more he should part with all for the life to come. The Saviour and Sinner, the soul and body, heaven and sin, have competing claims. Between these, reason now holds the balance, and unto God, in the Valt of conversion, what the demoniac found in Jesus went. The man whose dwelling was among tombs, whom no chains could bind, waited at the feet of Jesus, "clothed, and thine right mind."—*Christie.*

Holiness and Happiness

To be holy is more important than to be happy; and indeed holiness necessarily produces happiness, and sustains it in the relation that cause sustains to effect.

Holiness implies such a renunciation of sin from corruption, and regulation of the intellectual and moral powers, such an adjustment of our relations to men and to the Creator will assure inward tranquillity, and, occasionally, joy unspeakable and full of glory. "The soul can never be at ease,"—the tamer soul can never cease to struggle, until freed from sin.

Many religious persons are mistaken in respect to the relation of happiness and holiness—and if they do not confound the two—they reverse their proper order—and place holiness before happiness. Hence their prayers, songs of praise, and self-denial, all directed toward the attainment of happiness as an end. And when a blessing is received and the soul made happy for the present nothing happy is sought.

Now, the desire to be happy here and get to heaven hereafter, has nothing to do with the attainment of holiness, or the partaking of the nature of purity nor of being a state of grace. It is in no way consistent with the unswerving heart. The man whose desire to be happy here borders on selfishness.

But the desire for holiness is doubtless excited by the Holy Spirit, and should be accordingly cherished and carefully indulged.

Holiness preceding happiness and holiness and mainly sought. No one then voluble about joyful feelings—the

come often enough—and last long enough. The great burthen of thought, anxiety, prayer, faith, and the one object of crucifixion, ought to be divine conformity—an equality—communion with God—complete holiness. If sorrow, disappointment, reproach or affliction is necessary in order to discovery of our needs, to the breaking up of the heart—or a revelation of the fullness of Christ—and or all these, it should be welcomed.

EDUCATION.—I have observed that most ladies who have had what is considered an education, have no idea of an education progressing through life. Having attained certain measure of accomplishment, knowledge, manners, &c., they consider themselves made up, and so take their station. They are pictures, which, being quite finished, are now put in a frame—a gilded one if possible—and hung up in permanence. A beauty! permanence, that is to say, till of Time, with his rude and dirty fingers, soil the charming colours.—*John Fraser.*

DYING AND THEN LIVING, AND NOT LIVING
 AND THEN DYING.—A solemn and beautiful
 thought is expressed in the following:—
 It is related of a well-known divine, who
 when living, was called the "The Prince
 Divine," that when on his death-bed, he was
 dictating words to an amanuensis who had
 written—

"I am yet in the land of the dying, but hope soon to be in the land of the living!"

Spain whose Viceroy ruled at Milan Naples for so many years, and which, even in the middle of the last century, was a first-rate State, is now of so more account Europe than a small German kingdom. Decline, within the present century, has been the most rapid in the history of the world. We can hardly realize that this kingdom which now has only a few frigates and a few frigates, in the memory of men still living a great naval power. Jervis fought the battle of Cape St. Vincent, in 1797, against twenty-seven Spanish sail-of-the-line, and forced them to the combined armaments of France and England in the Black Sea. In eight years more of warfare, the monarchy was still able to put to sea fifteen sail-of-the-line at the battle of Trafalgar. So then everything has gone—army, fleet, position, colonies, ships, and commerce. The so-called Indies, from Texas to Patagonia, have become independent republics or passed under the dominion of the Anglo-Saxon race. The poverty of the land now is proverbial as its former wealth. The grandees of the kingdom have fallen from their high place among the aristocracy.

Europe. We are now accustomed to look only with pity or contempt on what is going at Madrid. If this has been the fate of the greatest of despotic kingdoms, how well have we hope for the future. Spain was during a long period of European history the dread of all who had the cause of liberty at heart. The reformed religion, popular institutions, the independence of all secular States, were supposed to be endangered by the preponderance of a monarchy which cared for nothing but to spread its ungodly and crushing sway. Spaniards were supposed to possess above all men the genius of conquest, and to be inspired by a fanaticism which made them certain of success in war. They ruled Italy with a rod of iron; they held all that was then highly valuable in the New World; they were great in Indian seas, and at the Philippines established the most flourishing colony of the new world. They were the most formidable enemy England and France had ever met, against them manly was looked upon as the highest and boldest of all achievements. Yet they have passed away, and an invasion from another planet is not more improbable than that a Spanish army should ever again surround the fortress of Alessandria to

English Correspondence.

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As we lay place to place to another, we at times disposed to wonder how the by-ethems which were dropping from the press of our morning journals will be occupied with news. Be it one way or another, it is done. Like the flowing of rivers the sea, or other great operations of nature with the moon comes the paper full of incident and comment. So it is with your war correspondence; and I said that the past night has left on my hands no small column of facts, of which this letter is to send and convey the burden. Giving things their proper precedence over this matter, I have to report that the Bishop of Durham and London here at last filled up, the former by the translation of Bishop of Ripon, (Dr. Topley—) learned man, and the latter by the appointment of Sir Dr. Tate, Dean of Canterbury and formerly Bishop of Exeter, — the successful and venerable Dr. A. The Sun of Ripon is a learned faculty, which is now known of the community.

or of those to the Deaneries of Westminster and Carlisle. Dr. Tait has accepted the Metropolitan Episcopate with the understanding of a speedy division, so as to allow of another See, that of Westminster—which will comprehend the important Parishes of Westminster, Marylebone, St. Pavers, &c. The present governorment, it will be seen, has retained the prestige of the old whigs, who were famous for the church patronage that fell to their disposal. Durham at some future day is to be divided—but as things stand, two Bishops ought to be supplied, and it may happen before long that the sea of Exeter will be in the same position. Dr. Philpotts, who is very old, has been recently ill, and when he lay down the crossier, it will be interesting to decide who will take it up. It will certainly be requisite to allow it time to cool, so, active has the aged prelate used it for the last thirty years. On the old principle of medicine, some very low or latitudinarian churchman should be appointed to succeed him.

Among dissenting denominations there is not much stirring of an extraordinary character. Dr. Campbell, the editor of the *British Banner*, after promising to withdraw his dissent to the republication of some letters on the Lynch controversy, agreed to their being printed, with additional matter, and this unworthy conduct has drawn out Rev. Thomas Binney, who has not failed to deal justice to the offender. Dr. Binney never writes without power, or without producing a painful effect; and in this affair he carries with him the pre-existing sympathy of a large portion of the congregational body. I know not how many may be with you, but here we find that the most violent denouncers of Jesuitism and apostasy are too prone to exhibit those vice, in their own official relations.

Another matter of less public interest is reference to the case of Rev. Ebenezer Davies, who was a most successful missionary in Barbadoe, and on his return to England, had a new chapel raised in the Caledonian road (new road.) He was apparently not on the best of terms with the directors of the London Missionary Society, who gave a reason to the charge of a clerk in their employment that 1845, Mr. Davies wrote to his wife a letter addressed to the mission house, containing expressions too vile for publication. The clerk pretended that he had copied this letter and got the attestation of a fellow clerk, so that he kept it a secret till Mr. Davies was seated at the Caledonian Chapel. Several legal proceedings arose out of this case, in which Mr. Davies was taken at a disadvantage, lately Rev. R. M'Antrie, was able to procure, at two pounds expense, a book containing the very sentence in question. The probability is, almost amounting to certainty that one of these clerks fabricated the letter and fostered in this atrocious passage. Mr. Davies has just issued a pamphlet, in which he treats the subject with great command of temper, and in a very conclusive manner.

Pope is making progress among the ladies. The Dowager Dutchesse of Arroll is just being "reconciled," and several English gentlemen are announced as on the point of returning to Rome.

Mr. Frost, who was sentenced to death in 1839, for his part in the Chartist riots of that year, has had his sentence of transportation for life exchanged for a free pardon. He is now in London. On the 15th inst., he was treated to a public procession and an address; but the whole affair was of no political importance, except to show that the principles of the Chartists were at a miserable count. Mr. Frost seems to be of that optimistic sort, for he is now lecturing on the efficacy of the penal settlement system. I heard him last night on this topic. He spoke with calmness and sense; but he threw no light either on that or its associated question. In 1839 he was a man of property, and a magistrate, and will either settle down to law, or say—into an itinerant lecturer will take to more private employment; what he will be speedily forgotten. He is doubt an honest man, and means well, narrow-minded and uopian—the class men who will do any amount of mischief without the slightest comprehension of

The Sunday Bands dissolved, avowed cause of the season, but really, I should like for a more influential reason—the defilement of pay money. The sale of programmes not cover expenses, and the committee of management, it is probable, will have to share the deficit among them. The rage for Music can scarcely be so intense as to desert when hundreds of thousands of people do not contribute two or three hundred pence for the entertainment. The consequence that as they will not pay for their article whistle is withdrawn. Sir B. Hall, however, has his reticence, for on the flimsy plea blasphemy is spotted in the Victoria Park he will no longer permit religious services to be conducted there.

In the last I alluded to the failure of the Royal British Bank. The Vice-Chancellor has just ordered that concerns to be wound up. The excess of liabilities over assets is £250,000. This is £50,000 more than the £200,000 on each share will bring; and with additional costs of clearance to be defrayed either the shareholders will have to do the total loss among them, or the depositors will have to be content with less than two shillings in the pound. Several miscellaneous, unimportant, and unprofitable, and unimportant societies are involved in this misfortune—though misfortune is not the word to employ in regard to an event which has had good results for the public and

ment for its mother. Other joint stock Banks have been affected by this failure. The Unity Insurance has been passing through a crisis, arising from a quarrel at head quarters, but quietude is being restored.

No particular criminal trials have been in progress, with the exception of a case in which several members of the Shipwrights' Trades Union were charged with trying to deter other men from entering the employment of Messrs. Young & Co. This case had made regulations for ensuring the better performance of work in their establishment and doing away with the drinking time. This was not to be borne by free-born Britons who are never slaves, save to their own follies and the public purse; and not content with throwing up their places they endeavoured to force their employers to give way. Hence this trial, the men charged were allowed to plead guilty, and were dismissed with a severe reprimand. This was mercy to them, for they could else have been convicted and severely punished. The correspondence in the public prints on the sale of poisons, is swelling to a voluminous extent. Druggists in many instances are not sufficiently careful, and it is proposed to make access to the deadly poisons more difficult than ever. This the law can interfere for good I believe; but the same law licenses at this time of the year many thousands of men to sell *ad libitum* articles containing one of the most dangerous poisons of which the pharmacopœia gives an account. In this respect it is the law which neglects the weightier matters, while it interferes on the less important.

Her safety in the Highlands, attended it is said, by no fewer than three Secretaries of State; one is the usual allowance. scarcely less an object of respectful remembrance, is Miss Florence Nightingale, who at her father's house at Sea Hurst, Dorsetshire, is recruiting herself after the fatigue of her mission of mercy. Balmoral Castle will become the cynosure of all eyes if the noble-hearted lady accepts the invitation of her sovereign—as she will now probably do—to visit her in Scotland. Every ardent kindness shewn to Miss Nightingale will be but adding fresh wings to the diadem of her beneficence.

Our Irish neighbours are making the most of the sun shins. The Green Ideology never looked promising as now. Mr. St. O'Brien, while sticking to his old procreant, recognises the difference between 1850 and 1880, and wisely wishes to let the progress of Ireland improve itself as fast as possible. Emigration has reduced the population of Ireland since 1851, but as a price reverse, we are told by the census commissioners that the extent of arable land and value of farm stock have increased. The worst description of houses are occupied better—a smaller population of families dependent on their manual labours for a support—and the education of the people favourably increased. Spirit drinking also decreased—one of the most favourite means, and furnishing a criterion which determines the condition of all other counts as well as Ireland herself.

France is discussing in an underground fashion, whether her ruler is *compos* *me* or not. He ought to know best, but an sophist could delight in the logical problem which the question presents; for it says he is so, who shall say he is not? If he says he is not, how can he be believed to believe him, would he be creditworthy. Logic apart, there would be something dreadful in prospect if the worst alternative were verified. What Regent could rule the French? The singular influence he exerts could not be transferred, unless to some sure or near relative, who is intensely popular; but where is he? anxieties of his position are assigned, some, as the cause of his hallucinations, his uncle's position was one of greater solitude and labour.

There are rumours about that the King of Naples is to be visited by an armed detachment on the part of England and France. Gunboats are talked of as well as large vessels of war. No one would regret to hear of his dethronement; but to find a successor to cope with the difficulties of the situation would be no easy task. Should he be a Bonaparte? He would make a poor constitutional monarch, with France as a constant ally, and the French would be jealous of any English pretence.

The little Kingdom of Belgium has risen safely through all the revolutions of late years. Leopold and his family are in favour with all classes, and not encroach on the rights of the rights of the legislature.

On the 15th inst., Brussels was alive at a "Congress International de Bienfaisance (International Philanthropic Congress), in consideration of great social questions. Temperance societies of England and the Alliance were well represented, and many found of bringing our principles prominent before the Congress. This occupied a week, and on the following Monday a "Universal Free Trade Congress" was held, which is still in session. At such meetings the influence of Christianity is being felt, a hope that it will be well at last to subvert of Adam and the redemption of Christ.