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That God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ.—Peter.

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Varrative of a Converted Seaman.

The following interesting narrative of Mr. John Byne, a converted Seaman, was given Lord! w himself at the Anniversary of AMERICAN SEAMAN'S, FRIEND SOCIETY, in New York in lay last. It was listened to during its deliery with almost breathless silence, and drew ears from many eyes. ED. INTEL.

He said that he shrank from appearing in re ventured to make an address, were it that the cause of the sailor was one dear him as his life. The God of mercy, said found me a wanderer on the ocean, and Spirit strove with me upon the deep. I, ew years ago, was in this city, a poor, stehed drunkard. I joined the United es service on board a man of-war; and at upon the sea not caring where the ship At sea we were caught in a gale of ad, "When we said peace and safety, ien destruction came upon us." It was hin three days' sail of Rio. Our masts went the board. We were on a lee shore, and ither, and how when in my young days he k me beside his bed and consecrated me

He spared me, I would spend the remnant

y days to His glory. Did I keep that vow? I did not keep it. nds, of that man-of-war. I was sitting on

but I do not read it." He then gave than winds follow the ship.

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told them. But they ridiculed me. They ed me if I was crazy. I told them that I fered some from them. One said "Burn to judgment! Bible." But I told them that if it were or the American flag, and that the Bible sea! free for me and for every one. Then e they continued to persecute, I con ued to pray. And, oh! my friends, the ers of the people of God will convert the or! The thought that gives me most rerse, when I look back upon my past life, hat I sinned against the prayers of my home, giving an account of his death concluded. of his going up to Jesus, I trembled as a almost dropped too. But what did I do. ad of going into the closet, I went to rum-shop to drown my conscience in

at I must tell you of my shipmates on the man-of-war. When they tormen perfection of Christian character. and persecuted me once, I said to them, ne of these things move me, neither yard-arm? I would willingly swing that yard arm if I could save you!" crowned with a blessing. blessed me then, and they did not trouble

ly friend spoke of the work of God caron among seamen. A work of God was ed on among my shipmates. And let you, that if you go up boldly to the and confess Christ to him, and tell I tried to make an effort to do good in with. God in prayer, and to go and speak a aning over the anchor stock, meditate tentions. on the goodness of God. I repeated the

" Alone, yet not alone am I."

collect that on that night-that beauti- e scouragement.

I to him, "The blood of Jesus can save ignorant with your knowledge—the sorrowtogether, and soon he was made happy in the prayers.

the bow of the ship, we sang the "Star of by your example and inflence-and yourself "When," says Mr. Martin, "the tablet of keeping voters opposed from the polls on elec-Then our hearts did indeed rejoice! And Jesus, and seeking the help of the Holy will be!" Hear, then, the conclusion of the crime had full license; property and life were deeds of blood in the whole locality, as well then the devil raged. They said to us, Spirit. You will convert us all, will you ?" "No," Join courteousness with faithfulness-genpresence of the audience, and would not said I, "we cannot convert you; only the tleness with zeal-spirituality with diligence life. grace of God can convert you." Soon four in business-and prayer with everything. hope of salvation through the blood of the know your own hearts, and suspect it con-

rum. He could not part with that. He said them narrowly. he would like to be a Christian, and wanted Lament over the sins of your unregeneracy to know how he might be one. I said to -over your daily sins and short comingshim: "If you want to be a Christian, you over a weak and divided church-over a I will drink my two glasses of rum. Can't a censures, and misanthropic feelings. re expecting every moment to find a watery ing up rum?" I told him that perhaps it prayer-hope with affliction-kindness with strong drink. I told him that I would not versation. God. This came up before me; and when drink a drop if the Commodore himself should Note the providence of God toward you captain said that "we would soon be offer me a glass. Well, that man wouldn't with gratitude-the operations of bis Spirit in ept into eternity," I exclaimed, "I am give up the rum, and so when he went ashore you with hope—and the watchfulness of the to ruin. Respectable, perhaps pious, parents kept his old police in the field. He attempts the Metropolitans, hastening to the rescue of I kneeled down on the deck, and prayed trap of hell in Water street, and he is now Recorded providences, cherished convictions, to their love of reputation, their regard for sioners from exercising the functions of their rounded by a large gang of riotous Irish in God to have mercy on me. I vowed that lying in a churchyard without a stone to and discovered temptations, are all value friends, their desire for a comfortable and re-office. The constitutionality was brought to a the Seventh Ward, passed the place where mark the spot, far from kindred and home. able. So much for the land-sharks.

it was broken. But His goodness still could relate, but I fear to keep you waiting in affliction—and not at all in publishing or conversion. And with God's help you may the highest legal resort. This question in a large force had come to attack them and too long. One thing more and I am done. or repeating the faults of others, except when succeed, and then all will be well. and upon me and brought me again to the During the last winter I have seen and conit is plain that the honor of God requires 2. The friends of Sabbath-schools are painduring which the Mayor resisted process serLot take place in their ward, "the Bloody erge of the grave. Then, with a broken versed with upwards of fifty sailors who have it. their voyage and returned, they have said acter, promises, and glory. deck. He came up to me and asked, that they had no difficulty in serving God upon | Quench not the Spirit by any means; but Labor for their conversion, and the object is ling the new law in its length and breadth.— A number of the policemen were severely the sea, as well as upon the land. I know quench the fires of sin, Satan, and strife, by said I. "I will give you one," said he, this is true, for I myself am a witness that all means. Quench not the kindlings of

audience with much emotion.) I read the ocean, "tempest-tossed and not comfor- prayerfully, punctually, and constantly— and choose sober and virtuous associates? wires from Albany. We now breathe more are not friends to the police, but they hate Testament after the godly man left. I ted." Coming into your port once, I spoke a brother's character, and vindicate it, if Very well; but strike at the heart! a great deal in it, but found no rest and to a countryman of yours on the ship, about truth will allow—the acts and sayings of the ace. At length in my despair, I came the state of his soul. It was just before we wise and good, and endeavour to imitate reached here. He was sick nigh unto death. them. at he gave his only begotten Son, that who- He said, "John, don't talk to me of religion Sacrifice your own will and opinion to God's ver believeth in Him should not perish now, I ought to have thought of this before I verdict -- man's applause for God's approbahave everlasting life." There was no came here. There is only one thing I wish tion-your own ease for his service-and all set that I could go to, and so I knelt I could do and be happy. I have a widowed the treasures of earth for his presence. on the deck of the vessel, and there, mother; I am within four days' sail of home, Try to be affectionate in the family-affather before I die!" The poor fellow died. and active in the church of God. The way all been wise. It is useless to lop off the law, it is expected they will not receive pay n my simplicity, thinking that my shiptes would rejoice as I rejoiced, I went Did he die in Jesus? No, no! We com- to be all this, is to be attentive to truth, and branches and leave the root vigorous and un. for the services they have thrust upon the unfrom here! There he lies, and there he will wasp nor a drone. Let him, rather, imitate eruptions on the surface of society, while the We hope, but may be disappointed, that the which the firing was briskly kept up. Either shappy. Then they persecuted me and lie till the trump of God shall call the dead the dove, and learn of the ant.

sion of that simple and touching narrative; and judgment, to crush a worldly spirit.

and Cautions.

Setan-at the conversion of sinners-and at nally.

he deck and said to them, " Do you see self-consequence in labouring for God, and of of bringing others to him.

mistakes with ingenuousness-and your ig- good works.

you!" We commenced to read and pray ful with your sympathy-and all with your

Instruct your families from the Bible—the Soon after this, while we were sitting in church by your gifts and grace—the world Bethlehem," and asked God for another to by observation and meditation. But attempt human fame comes to be reversed for that of tion day. The result was that the police and foreign population would be outraged. Igkeep us company. And he gave us another! nothing without first sitting at the feet of God's approbation, what a revolution there the most noted criminals, became cronics;

or five sailors were brought to rejoice in the Know the Lord, and trust him always;

stently; know your friends, and use them One seaman could give up everything but kindly; know your spiritual foes, and watch

my sins," said he. "Will you give up rum?" hated, and his mercy slighted. While thus enced in such labor than myself came along, a board, including the Mayor's of New York "No," he replied, "I cannot give up rum. lamenting, avoid false humility, sweeping and said, "Strike at the heart." man be a Christian," said he, "without giv- Mix faith with hearing-confidence with

So much for the land-sharks.

Open your mouth wide at the throne of There are many other things which I grace—slowly in conversation—thoughtfully

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The Dead Rabbits fled for safety, supposing Mayor then appealed to the court of appeals,

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procrastination, or fear of singularity.

but I shall die without seeing her! Oh, John, ble in all your intercourse in society-attenit is hard, it is hard! I want to see my mo- tive to your own proper sphere and duty— suppression, and I will not say they have not vice by the old police being unsustained by mitted his body to the deep, four days' sail alive in the closet: a Christian must not be a disturbed. It is useless to quell any slight willing city.

Use the world without abusing it—the re-Remember the sailor! Remember me! lations of life without idolizing them-the And may God grant that you and I may meet truth of God without perverting it -- and all ht burn my Bible, but that I was now a full ship's company on the other side of the means, friends, and instruments, without trust-

At the conclusion of this brief address, Visit the Bible, to learn wisdom-the throne President Sturtevant, who had been announced of grace, to obtain strength—the sick, the worthy of our commiseration. But go and portion of Lake Champlain. The crops in of whom are not expected to recover. The ed to deliver another, said that he was un-dying, and the poor, to cure discontent— labor with him to produce a reformation— the county through which I passed look very "Boys" did not lose a man. The loss was, willing to efface in any degree and impres. Calvary, to augment love-and hell, heaven, ply him with the arguments of expediency; promising, especially the grass crop. On the

ference to the spe ech and the speaker, and day; work humbly, for without Christ you best actions are very imperfect; work hope. or your labor will be lost. fully, for you serve a kind Master, and a rich Strike at the neart of the sinner, and seingly, for only those who endure unto the otherwise seek in vain. AIM at the promotion of God's glory-at end shall be saved; work lovingly, for Jesus the destruction of sin-at the overthrow of did, angels do, and all the saved shall eter-

Yearn after daily fellowship with Christ in

Confess your sins with penitence-your to that peculiar people who are zealous of ple of God, strike at the heart!

prance with humility. He who never says Thus every letter in the alphabet has affordto God, " I have sinned," cannot possess the ed us some counsel, with the exception of the pleasure of pardon; he who never acknow- letter X; but we must press even this letter ledges his errors, cannot enjoy human friend- into the cause of truth and holiness. There ship; and he who affects to know more than is no English word that commences with X: he really does, will remain ignorant of many several Greek words do; and the letter is hat Jesus loves him, he will be impres- things he might have been acquainted very useful in many English words: for in--holy words - moral image - beauteous in the church and in the world, although we politan Police Bill. The proper time has at give your readers as distinct a view as posin season to my mates. One night I works-wise providence-and sublime in- never appear in the front ranks, or as the length came.

ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, FRIDAY, JULY 17, 1857.

Strike at the Heart.

I was endeavouring to reduce a large and During the recent Session of the Legisla-

but in vain. The axe rebounded, and the cent cities, were, by the law termed Metrognarled and rugged surface seemed to defy politan Police law, united in our Police dismust give up your sins." "I will give up deluded and dying world-over God's will my utmost strength. But one more experi-

and to my surprise soon split the log into two the old police-system. Naturally enough the exc tement of the day had not improved the re. Then I remembered the prayers of might be so, but that God had said, Woe reproof—candour with reports about others equal parts, which was much more than I Mayor of the city disliked the bill, declared amiability of either side. unto him who riseth in the morning to drink and the salt of grace with your common con- expected at first. The incident interested and the bill unconstitutional, and raised a rebel-

fane and profligate; and they are hastening pointed by the Board had no right to act. He

ed to see so many of the older pupils-from ved by the new police, setting the old police Sixth." No sooner, however, was the true art, I sought mercy through the Lord been truly converted to God. I have had Persevere in seeking to know more of Christ 15 to 21 years of age—leaving the school to kill them, or next thing to it with their state of the case perceived, than those who them in my room, sometimes as late as eleven --to feel more of the operation of the Holy and passing beyond its influence. Larger clubs, till at length the military was called had just been fighting among themselves, bewill tell you the reason why the Scamen's o'clock at night. Many a poor weather- Spirit—to do more for the church of God— and better books are obtained, better teach- out to put down the rebellion, when the iend Society is so dear to me. One of its bearen cheek has been wet with tears. After to grieve more on account of sin and over ers are sought, and many other devices, well Mayor surrendered. onaries came on board, at the Sandwich they have gone away from the "Home" on sinners—and to rejoice more in God's char- enough in themselves, are employed to in-

suppose there is one in the ship," I re- God follows men on the sea more closely liberality or zeal, in yourself and others, by verty, ignorance, and a bad name, in one ing five of the Mayor's party, are for this de- ed as best they could, and, being ready to sense, are great evils. Will you go and tell cision. And now, dear friends, remember the said, "I pray it may be blest to your soul." Sailor. Remember when you are in your soul." So excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the city was so excited as it was passed since the ci

ness are great evils; and connected with power, and sober and respectable men have them are many other evils; and many efforts, the guardianship of the city in their hands.— the Rabbits. First, one party retreated before private and public, social, popular, political So we hope, yet we know that there are yet their conquering enemies; then the retreating and ecclesiastical, have been made for their chances of our defeat. The last month's serfires of hell are slumbering beneath.

speaking will be done away. The slave of military of the whole state to their aid. an evil habit is an unfortunate creature, and I have recently had a pleasant trip over a as ascertained, some eighty wounded, many and he therefore made a few remarks in re- Work for God. Work while it is called tions-but they are too slight. The chains valley which affords pastures and dairies altogether on the side of the Rabbits.

sometimes dishearted because a good cause the yearly meeting. Beware of sloth in secret duties, and of his sufferings, and daily conformity to him in advances so slowly or even goes backward.— To-day I suppose your General Conference Soon after, the police, seconded by the milipride in public duties of envy in adversity, his meekness and gentleness; yearn to yield See, for unstance, the cause of temperance. commences its session in your city. Far tary, cleared the streets, and closed all doors, and of self-consequence in prosperity—o. yourself entirely to God, and to be a means But let us strike at the heart, wielding weapself-consequence when your labours are Zealously plead for God, spread truth, and or power, which are "mighty through God," the report of your proceedings, expecting to some other party, were on the march to the

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importance to the church is to be estimated of the inhabitants. With so large a force as by the degree in which we reflect the image the police at his absolute disposal, he can hold of Christ, and insure the presence of the the office so long as he pleases and will as he Holy Spirit. A day is coming, when many pleases. For the police become his active para great I will wish himself a humble X! tizans in electioneering, furnishing funds, and whole matter: By humility and the fear of unprotected; and, elections became as much as the Dead Rabbits themselves. They prethe Lord, are riches, and honour, and a cheat and mockery as in Paris and France pared for a fight on Friday by carrying bricks when the Emperor had complete control of and other missiles into their basements and the polls. The state of things has been rapid-

sures to protect our city from the great perils in the vicinity of the head quarters of the Many hard blows had I dealt on it, hoping gathering around it. For this purpose four to strike off a section on one side or another, counties, including New York city and adja-In the expectation of proving the fruitless- by the Governor of the State, has the control and Brooklyn and five or six others appointed ness of such an effort, I did strike at the heart, of the police force. The new law abolished Saturday evening, by which time the rum and lion against it. He resisted a process of law 1. There are many young men, wild, pro- against himself on the ground the police aptwo glasses led to more. He was taken to a world and Satan over you with attention and others try to save them. They appeal ed by injunction to restrain the new commisspectable settlement in life-oftentimes all test before the highest judicial authority in the the fight had just ceased. The cry was rais-

> duce them to remain. Strike at the heart! judges gave their decision yesterday, sustain. attacked them with every conceivable missile. 3. There are many evils in society. Po- political party with the Mayor. Six, includ- losing their lives. They resisted and retreat-

Intemperance, and slavery, and licentious- compelled to put aside the insignia of their cover.

Mayor, having once being brought down from from weariness on both sides, or from fear of Strike at the heart, and you will certainly his lofty position by the military, will not the military, which would soon have been overcome all the external evils which afflict need the force of steel to bring him to terms upon them, both parties retired from the field society. Barbarism, and ignorance, and intemperance, and licentiousness, and evil police commissioners have power to call the moved.

bring to bear ort him all worldly considera- banks of the take in the town of Putnam is a men, who were killed or severely wounded, that bind him are 100 strong to be struck off equal to any I saw on your noble stream. The police, meanwhile, being reinforced, or. Once, I recollect, when I got a letter the wonderful power of the grace of God, and can do nothing; work penitently, for your except you "strike at the heart." Do this, that is praise enough, to say ours are equal to were not idle, a number of the most active

The letter dropped from my hand, An Alphabet of Christian Counsels Rewarder; work carefully, for he marks the cure his salvation, and you will thereby se- held its Session in Putnam. It was a very heart, and records motives; work persever. cure every desirable minor end which you interesting occasion. Not less than twenty seekers manifested an interesting prayer .- to show their love of " liberty." Some were I do not decry any wise efforts to abate Five candidates were baptized on sabbath. added to the list of the killed, but more to specific evils; but do we not often overlook Encouraging revival; have occured in a numthe only sure means of success? We are ber of the churches within the boundary of the celebrated mission, was instrumental in

ons which never lose their edge, or temper, It is with no ordinary interest I shall look over came as they did, for the Bowery Boys, or mortify sin; and thus prove that you belong and we can not fail. O ye ministers and peo- see measures adopted to advance the interests of the Saviour's kingdom.

New York, July 6, 1856. Mr. Epitor :- I wrote you last week, how, remains. by the decision of the Courts of Appeals, the | I have thus given a general view, not sup-Metropolitan police force was installed in posing it would interest your readers to go power, and the old police, on Friday last, dis- into greater detail. During the riots the banded. The next day, Saturday, the fourth "Rabbits" trequently cheered for Wood, the MR. FIDITOR :- It has been my intention of July, was disgraced with serious riots, model Mayor, for to a man they are of his stance—exhort, fixed, &c. Let us, then, for some time to write about the local inter- which continued through the day, yesterday. his party. There is ground to believe that Delight much in God's glorious character learn this lesson that we may be very useful ests of this city, as connected with the Metro-

leaders of others. Some professors will not For a few years past the police force in About "Five Points," one of our worst ened by the fact, the whole force in the sixth Enquire of God for direction—of past ex- build, unless they are architects or master- this city has consisted of about a thousand localities, the members of the "Dead Rab- ward was offered on Friday to the new Comperience for warning-of the cross for mo-builders; nor fight, unless they command; men who are under the Mayor as head. With bits" society reside. The lower part of a missioners and refused. tives-and of the "cloud of witnesses" for nor watch, unless they can be observed. the Mayor, it is true, two others were associ-This is not a right spirit: it shows that they ated as members of the Board having the with the "Points." In that part of the Bow- been our rulers for many years at election, Soonlight night—I said to God: "I have been cronies with holy think (whatever they may say) that no one to pray with fear—the world and Satan with cautious fear can do things so well as themselves. Many has its head quarters. The latter society is composed of Americans, and the former of the believe they are to pay any respect to the The days afterwards a ment into the judgment—the atone-ment into the conscience—God's love into the heart—the promise into the memory—and miserable." "What is the ment into the conscience—God's love into the heart—the promise into the memory—and the coming of Christ into the dye. This will be obeying the divine command, "Get will be well used. The accumulation of villains in the church, by their prayers, influence, and the found system than dictator. This power in the hands of a good man might be well used. The accumulation of villains in this city is so great, and the good class of citizens is so intent upon is so on the country. It may not ta

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The whole population in the locality of the Dead Rabbits is violently opposed to the new police. Their political hatred was not all, crafty reports had been circulated by the defeated police, that the metropolitans would norant and vindictive, they were ready for up their roofs.

This was the state of feeling on Friday evening. As two or three metropolitans were very knotty piece of wood to suitable dimeneither by chance or design, fled for safety to the head quarters just mentioned, where a fight ensued between the two societies. The Dead Rabbits were repulsed, having been severely handled. This only increased the incensed feelings. So we leave them till

Near night, Saturday, a fight fell out at a rum shop among the Dead Rabbits and their neighbors, in their own degraded locality. It some of their comrades who had been sur-Six of the eight judges belong to the same wounded, and all were in great danger of freely; we begin to hope some part of the the hostile tribe of "Rabbits" more. Well, Try to lead them to Christ; and their bad ruffianism of the city will now be put down, too, for the policemen, that these enemies name will leave them, and their poverty and and high-way robbery in some measure disapgnorance will be removed or mitigated and pear from our streets. The old police them. caped instant death. One of their number is selves often drunken, will now, we hope, be so severely injured, he is not expected to re-

> The war now raged between the Boys and the conquerors. Thus the battle hung, appa-

There were eight or ten killed, and, so far

rioters were arrested and lodged in the

Last evening a new riot broke out among the "Six Pointers," for they are determined bringing about a truce between the parties. with malice aforethought. The gun was captured and taken to the arsenal. At about eleven last night all was quiet, and so still