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

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DOLLAR A YEAR IN ADVANCE

Will a Man Rob God?'

He will: for what wickedness will not an do? To what depths of baseness will or St. John, he not descend? To what heights of immy will he not rise? The child has stung s with a serpent's tooth, the parent's heart : he servant has undermined the master in hose confidence he lived: the false friend as lifted the heel to crush the trusting soul hn Taylor, in If there be truth in the principle that 'He ncton; J. E. Up who is unjust in the least is unjust also in anch," we must believe that the man who RESTO- is false to his fellow men, will fail in being

Phey rob God who hold and propagate e views of him. The idolater does sodegrading divinity to dust, by linking irituality to stocks and stones, by denying se will it fail in the unity of Jehovah—giving his glory to head-ache, and others, and his praise to graven images. any imaginable The atheist does so-by refusing to acknowge his existence, excluding him from the liverse which is the outbirth of his power. nd monument of his goodness. The deis oes so-by denying Him the glory of selfevelation to sinful, but intelligent men, thus hutting up the world in hopeless exclusion became firm from Him who justifies the ungoily who beead was covered lieve in Jesus. The rationalist does so-by arrowing the sublime mysteries of inspired ith within the compass of human reason, Aug. 9, 1855. that I feel uand seeking to hold infinitude with a finite ave been, would grasp. The religious fatal'st does so-by aking the human will the creature of ne assity, even in choosing life or death, bles ng or cursing, by circumscribing within a ger of the half pullry circle the saving regards of Infinite STODDARD Love—thus limiting the Holy One of Israel, and detracting from that honour Oct. 19th, 1855 which he has in constituting every man able

> They rob God who consecrate their lives to pursuits, pleasures, and sins of the world glory ought to be the first thought of the nd, the highest object in the affections .son honoureth his father, and a servant his aster: if then I be a father, where is mine our? and if I be a master, where is my ar?' But of how many may it be affirmed hat God is not in all their thoughts, while the rld fills their heafts! There is the bustmerchant or toiling mechanic. You find at his counter or in the workshop, pune as the hour, labouring with as much de edness as if his eternal destiny were pended in his business activities; but hal as regardless of divine things as the

hly pleased will o serve him, and therefore a responsible

t matter on which his activates are exded. There again is the earth-worm se thoughts are 'always downward bent. ad-Ache, Liveldding piece to piece of the world's wealth plaints, and an the vain hope of sitiating the miser's just for gold. He is materially rich, but the pleasure with a mally poor. Pause, O man of the world, efit from you and think whether it would not after all be he wise and more gainful course to cease this recommend ignoring of God's claims, to become 'rich in ESTABROOKS. aith, and heir of the kingdom, rich in good ad of Danieworks, ready to distribute, willing to commu-

TON, Frederical E HARTT. They rob God who act unjustly and crue!s can be seely toward their fellow-men. It is God's high that man-how mean soever-should y a rational liberty, and a just remunerafor his toil. But they rob God who reet the liberties and grind the faces of their ws. You despot who fills a throne of Mahogany ether amid the ferti'e valleys of Spain, or eath the sunny skies of Italy, or encomed with the snow-clouds of Russia: while plants an iron hoof on the necks of men I to himself in the eye of heaven-robs Ruler of the nations in withholding those ts to which he entitles every intelligent ature. That slave-mister who can rup-

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the tenderest ties in the bosom of huity-who can set at nought the charities I Plaining Milnay not now think—but will some day find ne is swelling a criminal account with that les done to his creatures as done to him- Forget not, that while you do not believe

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rust of them shall be a witness against you, temptations which surround God's people, no and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye marvel that they often err, and sometimes fall. have heaped treasure together for the last But it is the province of the character to seek days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who after those who wander, and to restore those have reaped down your fields, which is of who have backslidden from the Lord. Chrisyou kept back by fraud, crieth; and the fian discipline should ever be considered as cries of them who have reaped, are entered designed for the honor of religion-the moral into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. purity of the church, and the restoration, if

They rob God, who, whi'st professing the possible, of the fallen member. faith of Christ, manifest remissness in his It should always therefore be begun and toil from Monday morning till Saturday night, for the offender. like others; who can attend to the daily calls Now, all members of Christian churcles dance on his ordinances? Does not his eye the Lord.

in reference to Chris't cause, is, we are as- well as in the world; and nothing is to be subversive and suicidal. God is not mocked; of evil to true spiritual religion.

of Him 'who though rich, yet for our sakes Dear reader, be resolved to act with wison which God goveres his church suffer no sure not,-envy not. atteration by the lapse of time-it still being I have said nothing particularly of Prayer

Church Members Column,

Hints to Church Members.

God! Then, when the Lord's Supper is ad- prayor. ministered, it is specially desirable to be pre- Where insuperable prejudices exist on the Saviour are upon you. And if you love him, meet statedly among themselves for prayer you will not fail to shew forth His death, and and mutual edification; but, I confess, I know with thanksgiving celebrate His redeeming of no sound or scrip ural reason why they 1) time you meet, that you may converse and ings of the church! meditate on the benefits arising to you from In the midst of the devasting ravages of the will and tes ament of Jesus Christ your sin, and the deep unconcern which distinelder brother, whose bequests of love and guishes the mass on the subject of religion, grace will make you rich and happy for both how desirable that all the members of the worlds. Without associating superstitious church should contribute to the utmost of ther, mother, husband, child, to extract views with this ordinance, you will give it a their talents, energies, and time, for the revia the blood and bones and sweat of his deep place in your affectionate regards, thus val and spread of Scriptural piety. The

And that heartless employer-whether in the real presence of Christ in the bread, ceks to wrap his mean rapacity in the yet that you do believe in the spiritual preents of the gospel, or bares to the heavens sence of Christ at this holy banquet; and ver perhaps too late for repentance -- love, but and the work of the discipline

theistic head—who, for a miserable gain, therefore, that is your highest privilege to be Carefully abstain from all but spiritual oppress the hireling in his wages, will there, to enjoy the tokens of his favor and conversation: "Not speaking thy own werds,"

Your gold and silver is cankered, and the will necessarily arise. Amidst the prevailing

service. This was the particular evil charged carried out in the spirit of meekness and against the Jews in Malachi's time. Their charity. There should be displayed wise hearts were cold, and their hands were close. consideration, and tenderness of spirit. The Like their progenitor on the plains of Baby- subject of discipline should be admonished, lon, 'with their mouth they showed much warned, exhorted, &c. first alone; then, with love, but their heart went afer their covet the additional presence of one or two more. ousness.' Two phases of this subject may be Afterwards the whole church may discuss it noticed: first, Remissness in personal atten- when assembled in the name and fear of dance on the ordinances of the gospel. In Christ. Suspension from the privileges of almost every church there are some whose the church may be adopted, if other means presence in the house of God is more a marvel have failed; and finally, the church may than their absence; it is their wont to be withdraw itself from any who continue to walk away. We refer not to those whose bodily discreterly. But this is he last act of the church weakness, or lengthened age, or domestic and must only be done when all other meduties, or local distance may righteously thods have been ineffectual; and only then; excuse their absence; but to those who can in the spirit of deep compassion and prayer

of secular life with unabated energy, and yet should be solicituous to act with caution, durthe Sabbath shows their empty pews. They ing the exercise of discipline, and not circucone not either to be blessed themselves, or late reports, or display an irritating temper, to help in blessing others. But does not God much less to exult over those who have turnaccount as robbery this withholding of atten | ed aside from the righteous commandment of

now see, and his judgment pronounce on In Church Meetings all things should be those who 'are gone away from his ordin- done decently, and in order. Watchfulness ances, and have not kept them?' Secondly, of spirit, and a well bridled tongue, are es-Deficiency of temporal support to the gospel. sential to the due and proper transaction of To our mind it is as plain a Scriptural truth church business. The officers of the church the reign of the emperors who successively buried in indiscriminate heaps; sometimes as any other, that it is both the duty and pri- would do well always to arrange the various vilege of the people of God to contribute of matters to be introduced; and not to allow their worldly substance for the maintenance the friends to be surprised, by the introducand extension of the truth. Yet how differ- tion of unexpected subjects for discussion .-- | vailed, and the obsolete laws were put in ent the apparent feelings of Christians and Dissent has suffered no little by the rudeness, execution against them. The pagans were Christian churchs on this point! There are vehemence, and factiousness of some, who alarmed at the progress of Christianity, and individuals whose procedure says, 'Freely under the pretence of thorough independency, revived the calamity of placing incidental we have received, and freely shall we give. have made church meetings scenes of strife misfortunes to the account of its professors. Dr. Livingstone's Missionary Travels. of liberality can never form a theme for terly shocked at the bare idea of behaving in eulogy, nor a ground for boasting. There public worship, as they do in church meetare churches that clothe with an air of ma- ings, -as if all decency and propriety could terial comfort everything about them; whilst be dispensed with, when Christians meet tothere are churches whose principle seems to gether to attend to the solemn interests of the enemies. Tertullian, who lived in this age, almost the whole of that vast continent was Messrs. Oswell and Murray, on a journey be that of cheapening everything-from their Saviour's cause. No spirit can ever be be- informs us, that if the Christiaas had collec- still unexplored. So little was known, in re- across the Kalahari desert. In two months Bible that adorns their desk, to the besom fitting the church meeting, which is unsuited tively withdrawn themselves from the Roman gard to Africa, less than a century ago, even they reached Lake Ngami, which was then that sweeps their floor. Such parsimonious to the regular services of the sanctuary - territories, the empire would have been great- after the rage for discovery, which had lasted for the first time seen by Europeans. In policy on the part of individuals or societies There is often a mobocracy in the church as ly depopulated.

selves. The elements of blessing are all in ment, speech, and vote, let the mind of Let us then be instructed by the grace so as to pervade and sanctify the whole.

became poor, that we through his poverty dom, and prudence, and piety, in church consider that he who soweth bountifully, shall and practice of peace always, and to all shew

true that the liberal, suf-deny, unselfish soul, Meetings, and yet, they have been called the shall be made fat. Prove me now herewith, pulse of the church. A love of prayer seems sai h the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you an essential element of true religion. If so, the windows of heaven, and pour you out a we shall not neglect the prayer meeting. It ty six years of age, with an infant chied at miles from Tripoli, southwards to lake Tchad, Boers. blessing, that there shall not be room enough will be esteemed a privilege to be present, and her breast. She was seized for being a and have penetrated further, to within about to receive it.' Mal. iii. 10 .- Glasgow Ch. it will be our solicitude to cultivate the spirit and grace of prayer, so that we may add to her, went to console her during her confine. covered a country of great fertility, and a the interest and efficiency of these means of

members are regular in their attendance, and that still fewer are in the habit of exercising the Ordinances and services of the Church, and employ the gifts of both brethren and sis

If your own sou's are in a healthy state, And why not sisters engage in our public your attendance on the means of grace will prayer meetings? They often excel in the be cheerful and regular. It will be your de- devolicinal spirit; and why should the church light to be found in your place, not only on lose the benefit of their fervent, meek, and the Lord's day, but on week evening services. spiritual exercises. In the church, over You will learn to contrive, so that unless un- which the writer of these ' hints' presides, the der extraordinary circums:ances, you will be praying gifts of the sisters have been elicited, present. A little unfavorable weather will and have done much to revive, and render not prevent you. The visits of friends will our prayer meetings interesting and useful. not prevent you. To such you will say, -- it Woman never appears so exalted as when is our service evening, and we shall feel hap- breathing out the benevolent aspirations of py if you will accompany us to the house of her soul in holy, humble, contrite, believing

mercy to your souls. Besides, here you have should not unite with brethren in public prayfel lowship with his people. This is the family ers and supplications. What enjoyments band,—the children's table. Here from time many lose by not attending the prayer meet-

ims, the corporeal luxuries of a short life, honoring your Saviour, -- shewing your de- church should present one continued phase of light in his people, and evidencing a proper diligent activity. All Christians should labor eous Judge, who is pleased to reckon the life. regard to your spiritual growth in the Divine and pray—and labor and pray together, for the spread of religion.

Rules for Holy Living. XII. Of the Sabbath.

his robbery is of God as well as of man. In the church of Christ cases of discipline day;" " Not doing thine own ways."

Do not work on the Sabbath day which made great efforts to exterminate the Chris. tribe, assisted much to prepare the way for you would not do on your dying day.

XIII.-Of Time.

as well as a Sabbath day in every week.

Walk in wisdom-redeeming the Time." careful of moments.

employment. Be able to look back in the government by collecting the acts of the vingstone, had he not been actuated by the evening on every hour's engagement. ly employed.

Always have some useful work in hand:

Go not where you have no need. ness to connect time with eternity.

Martyrdom of Christians.

FIFTH GENERAL PERSECUTION UNDER THE RO

vourer of Christians generally, and even brambles, till he died. succeeded Commodus, the Christians had a fifty or sixty being cast into a pit together. respite from persecution. But the prejudice and fury of the ignorant multitude again pre-Fire, sword, wild beasts, and imprisonments were resorted to, and even the dead bodies

sured, anything but profitable. It is self- more dreaded, or has been more productive Greece, and received a Christian education. Abyssinia, and published an account of his Dr. Livingstone and Mr. Oswell. The Zamand they that rob him will not enrich them- With perfect freedom of thought, and judg- the persecution at Lyons was written by him to have been throughout trustworthy, were to exist in that part of the country was then his hand; and he can withhold as well as Christ be clearly recognized and cherished, of Lyon, and ruled his diocese with great ty. Within late years much new light has river, of a bredth of from three to six hundred might be rich.' Let the professing Christian meetings. Let me add; cultivate the spirit the time. His zeal, in favour of Christianity large amount of work remains to be done.

was Perpetua, a married lady of about twen have advanced for upwards of a thousand the violent proceedings of the Trans-Vaal Christian. Her father, who tenderly loved ten degrees of the equator. They have disment, and attempted to persuade her to re- number of well consolidated kingdoms .nounce Christianity. Perpetua, however, These discoveries contrast strang ly with the trust, may soon become, according to his re-It is to be lamented, that so few of our resisted every entreaty. This resolution so idea previously entertained of the barranness commendations, the objects of attention of much incensed her father that he beat her of that part of the world. The eastern severely, and did not visit her for some days branch of the Niger has also been to some their gifts in them. To this charge our Me- afer. On being carried before the procon- extent, explored, and there is every pros generally in Africa, the promotion of comthodist friends are not liable. Their admi- sul Minutius, she was commanded to sacri- pect of that great river becoming speedily a merce ought to be specially attended to, as V-Give your influence to th: Maintaines of rable series of means are adapted to improve fice to the idols: refusing, she was ordered medium of commerce and general inter- "this more speedily than anything else deto a dark dungeon, and deprived of her child. course with the natives, especially through molishes," he says, "that sonse of isolation Two deacons, however, Tertius and Pompon. the enterprise of Mr. McGregor Laird, who which heathenism engenders." He instances tians, allowed her some hours daily to inhale and has recently established a regular line of the advantages of the residence of a trader at the fresh air, during which time she had the steamers for traffic on the Niger. In almost Mr. Moffit's station, the Kuruman. In Africa, satisfaction of being allowed to nourish her all the progress that has been made, the efinfact. Forseeing that she should not long fects of evangelistic operations have been for trading, this element is probably of espebe permitted to take care of it, she recom- conspicuously exhibited. The country has mended it strongly to her mother's attention. been penetrated chiefly by missionaries, or Her father at length paid her a second visit, from quarters where the continuance of misand again entreated her to renounce Chris. sions, for a series of years, has, to some extianity. His behaviour was now all tender- tent, humanized the inhabitants. ness and humanity; but inflexible to all Until within late years, all attempts to pe- chuanas, to whom his missionary labours human influence, she knew she must leave netrate the centre of Africa to the south of were devoted; the Griquas including all those everything for Christ's sake; and she only the equator, were made through the Portu- of mixed European and native descent. Dr. said to him, "God's will must be done." guese settlements on the east or west coasts, Livingstone complains most bitterly of the sent. Here the dying commands of our subject, let the female members of the church He then, with an almost bursting heart, left chiefly however from the west coast. Lake incursions among the Bechuanas of the Trans

tude and strength of mind on her trial. The ad with such imminent danger, on account the Cape Colony, who are "a sober, indusjudge entreated her to consider her father's of the character of the trib's bordering on trious, and most hospitable people." They tears, her infant's helplessness, and her own the Portuguese colony, which had been ren- are fugitives from the influence of British life; but triumphing over all the sentiments dered most cunning and vindictive by the law, because it refuses to tolerate slavery, or of nature, she forgot the thought of both prevalence of the slave trade, that they were to pass over offences committed against namen'al and corporeal pain, and determined not often made. Travellers who did venture tive tribes. They have a small republic of to sacrifice all the feelings of human sensi- to penetrate, seldom returned to tell their wen, and, though generous in their own bility to that immortality offered by Christ. tale. The approach from Cape Colony on families, they show no mercy to the poor un-Being conducted back to prison, she waited the south, was, until late years, quite imprac- offending Bechaanas, upon whom they make for execution, when several other persons ticable, as nothing was known of the im- frequent incursions, stealing their children, were to be executed with her; of those was mense tracts which lay between the co'ony Felicitas, another Christian lady. The pro- and the equator. They were generally, incurator, when he examined her, entreated deed, supposed to consist only of a vast her to have pity on herself and her condition, sandy desert. The gradual movement of the but she replied, that his compassion was use- colonies to the north, and the enterprise of less, for no thought of self-preservation missionaries in establishing themselves among friends of the British Government, were decould induce her to any idolatrous proposi- the heathen tribes, were, however, preparing

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tians from that kingdom. A roman soldier, further discoveries. Have at least a Sabbath hour in every day who refused to wear a laurel crown bestowed on him by the emperor, and confessed himself a Christian, was seourged, imprisoned, and put to death. Pontianus, bishop of Rome, for preaching against idolatry, was banished Be regular in the disposal of time; be to Sardinia, and there destroyed. Anteros, a Grecian, who succesded this bishop in the Let every part of the day have its allotted see of Rome, gave so much offence to the Never be unemployed. Never be trifling. having held his dignity only forty days. It may be said, that before the work accommily and other Christians, to the number of tions of most, if not all other African Do not suffer a careless or loose habit of forty two, were, on account of their religion, travellers, sink into insignificance. Not Endeavor by much prayer and watchful senator, suffered martyrdom in a similar tirely unknown to Europeans, but he took dragged, about the streets, was thrown into its products, and the character of the varied account of their Christian principles, put to world. This he has accomplished, not by most exc. and ing torture, and then the most means of such Jesuitical arts as those adopt painful death. This nobleman suffered the confiscation of his effects, poverty, reviling, In the year 191, the Emperor Commodus imprisonment, scounging, torture, and loss of dying, was succeeded by Pertinax, and he life, for the sake of his Redeemer. Martina, by Julian, both of whom reigned but a short a noble and beautiful virgin, suffered martyrtime. On the death of the 'atter, Severus dom for Christ, being variously tortured, and became emperor in the year 192. When he afterwards beheaded; and Hippolitus, a had been recovered from a severe fit of sick. Christian prelate, was tied to a wild horse, ness by a Christian, he became a great fa- and dragged through fields, stony places, and

permitted his son Caracalla to be nursed by While this persecution continued, numer- assiduously to the study of the Bechuana lana female of that persuasion. Hence, during ous Christians were slain without trial, and

reap also bountifully, and that the principles the spirit of forbearance. Judge not, -- cen- the emperor; and he was according y be- work have penetrated far to the south of ius, who had the care of persecuted Chris- has already spent a large sum on this object, as a proof of the correctness of this opinion,

> Ngami is reported to have been once reach- Vaal Boers. These Trans Vaal Boers are to Perpetua gave the strongest proof of forti- ed. These attempts, however, were attendthe way for future explorations. The enterprise of Mr. Moffat especially, in not only establishing himself at the Kuruman, then far sworn enemies of British rule. removed from civilisation, but in penetrating Strive to be " in the Spirit on the Lord's raised a persecution against the Christians; establishing a friendship with the Mo- count is given :- " My first impressions of and in Cappadocia, the president Semiramus selekatze, the renowned warriors of that the progress made were, that the accounts o

> > a se restall. Incommend there are a selection of religious descript great concernant. Charte se a

The work of exploring Central South Africa had, however, only boen suggested, not begun. It appeared to present insuporable difficulties, both as regards climate. means of travelling, dangers from the inhabitants, &c., which might well have deterred a man even of the stoutest heart, and which would undoubtedly have deterred Dr. Li-

martyrs, that he suffered martyrdom, after strongest motives of religion and humanity. Pammachius, a Roman senator, with his fa- plished by Dr. Livingstone, the investigaall beheaded in one day, and their heads only did he travel through districts of fixed on the city gates. Simplicius, another immense extent, which were before enway. Calepodius, a Christian minister, after the most accurate observations in regard to being inhumanly treated, and barbarously the features of the country, its geography, the river Tiber with a milistone fastened inhabitants-so that he has been able vividly about his neck. Quiritus, a Roman noble- to picture these before us; in fact, to make man, with his family and domestic, were, on us familiar with all his newly discovered ed by Huc in his passage through China, or by such systematic deceit as that practised by Mr. Burton on the Arabs, on his way to Mecca; but sustaining throughout manly

bearing, which renders the work done more than doubly valuable, because he has thus prepared the way for the cordial reception of future English explorers. On his arrival at a s'ation in the neighborhood of the Kuruman, he devoted himself

guage. His final destination after some years was Kolobeng, considerably to the north of the Kuruman. At this station he laboured diligently as a mis sonary, till driven from it by the violence of the Trans-Vaal Boers, the hereditary oppressors of the Bechuanas. While thus residing on what might be termed the line of march fo the north, his eye must often have been wistfully cast towards those unknown regions of which he had heard vague descriptions from the lips of There are few parts of the habitable world, travelled natives. After a residence in Afriof Christians were torn from their graves, except Central Africa, which continue to ca of above eight years, he at length set out and submitted to every insult; yet the gos- give scope to the enterprise of the discoverer. on the 1st of June, 1849, accompanied by pel withstood the attacks of its barbarous Till within the last twenty or thirty years, Mrs. Livingstone and his family, and by from the time of Columbus, had begun to 1851, another exploring trip was make to Se-Irenæus, bishop of Lyons, was born in decline, that when Bruce returned from sheke, at a much greater distance north, by It is generally supposed that the account of travels, his statements, though since proved best, which had not been previously known He succeeded the martyr Pothinus as bishop generally received with a scornful increduli- discovered. The discovery of this noble propriety; he was a zealous opposer of here. been thrown upon the state of Central Africa, yeards, more if an answered to the expectasies in general, and wrote a celebrated tract especialty to the north of the equator, though tions of Dr. Livingstone, and appeared to against heresy, which had great influence at our knowledge is still most imperfect, and a present to him the prospect of realizing his highest hopes of opening up the rich districts pointed him out as an object of resentment to Dr. Krapf and his assistants in the mission of Central Africa to commercial and evangelistic enterprise. This determined him to the Abyssinia, and have reached a large inland | commencement of his great enterprise, which The persecutions about this time extended lake called Nyasi, beyond which there is re- he undertook in 1852, after his family had to Africa, and many were marryred in that ported to exist an immense chain of snowy sailed for England, and when driven, as we part of the globe; the principal of whom mountains. Dr. Barth and other travellers have said, from his station at Kolobeng, by

> We will not attempt to do anything more than give a rough sketch of the character and traditions of the varied tribes through which Dr. Livingstone passed, which, we different missionary societies, Dr. Livingstone considers, that in the extension of missions where the people have a great natural talent cial importance. The establishment of commerce would also act as a strong counteractive against the slave trade.

The first races referred to by Dr. Living-stone are the well known Griquas and Bebe carefully disting ished from the Boers of and often murdering the parents in cold blood. Dr. Miningstone complains, that by a strange mistake on the part of the Government, in Sir George Cathcart's time, an ordinance was passed, by which the Bechuanas, the natural prived of the power of obtaining gunpowder, and were handed thus over helplessly to the tender mercies of the Trans Vaul Boers, the

Of the effects of Christian instruction upon Maximus, who was emperor in A.D. 235, to the country of the Matebele, and the Griques and Bechuanas, the following ac-

with to him this with the first on a first