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NOTES FROM A PASTOR'S DIARY. By the Rev. Edward Spooner, M. A., Vicar of Heston. No. 2.-A VISIT.

now."

of a parson.' "Well, my good woman, I am sorry to hear tak it."

there. The shock appalled us, but, commanding myself with a violent effort, I went on. Willy followed me in every petition, but with the Amen his eyes once more closed, and he fell back a very

The Religious

I must not, however, conclude this tale without telling a little story about Willy's mother. The lad died on Friday, and the friends wished the I am fully persuaded that sick persons are often funeral to take place about the next Wednesday conscious of what passes around them, even when or Thursday ; nor would they listen to me when I they seem to us to be perfectly unconscious, and told them that he ought to be buried as quickly as even after they have lost all power of motion, and therefore all opportunity of expressing their feel-was to put him in his coffin on Saturday night, ings to us. Acting upon this conviction, I never lose an opportunity of praying by the bedside of the sick, even when the patient is himself appa-rently unconscious; and not only in my form of expression do I pray for, but pray with the sufferer. paid once a month, "Would I lend her a sove-A very remarkable confirmation of this impression reign ?" Of course, the money was forthcoming, was given me by a brother clergyman, in whose as a loan, though I looked upon it as a gift. experience the following occurrence happened. As he was passing one day down a street, a woman stopped him, and asked him to come in and see her husband, who was dangerously ill. He duty, and commence a dreary search after health. entered, and found a man suffering from typhus Nine months had elapsed before I was permitted fever stretched on his bed, in a state of coma. to return, even on a visit; but, when I did go back, Turning to the poor woman, he asked her why as I was taking a walk up the street on the aftershe had not called him in before he became thus noon of my arrival, I heard a voice shouting after insensible, saying, "Of course I can be of no use me, "Parson, Parson." Turning round, I saw

Willy's mother coming hastily towards me. The poor woman assured him that "her Jack "Oh, I'm mortial glad to see ye; I've wanted was such an awful blackguard, he would never let so to get out of your debt. Here's the money ; any one come near him, and hated the very name I've had it in my pocket tied up in the corner of a

Accurate directions were given, and the doctor that he had thus early directed in a steps to one of God, exclaimed in the bitterness of disappointed mutual assurance that our parting would be final. aniet, and the house must be kept quiet also; the cherish.

"Do; but tell me first what to do with him." ordinary paracter; and I inwardly thanked God history, who, when contrasting the hollowness of It was a never-to-be-forgotten hour; and thus Accurate directions were given, and the doctor that he had thus early directed my steps to one carth's friendship and favour with the faithfulness strengthened and refreshed, we parted, with the

niet, and the house must be kept quiet also; the east noise might cost his life." As soon as the doctor was gone, I dispatched a dependent, had been an honest, sober and in-boy for a woman, on whose nerve, courage, and dustrious man, possessing an independence of dustrious dustrious man, possessing an independence of dustrious dustrious man, possessing an independence of dustrious by for a woman, on whose nerve, courage, and control was gone, I displaced at a distribution of the distributic distributic d The honse was full of holiday folk—private friends, who had come from a distance, and who, of course, who, that, in sickness and old age, they "might" we knelt together in prayer to Him who has said, who had come from a distance, and who, of course, when the sickness and old age, they "might" we knelt together in prayer to Him who has said, who had come from a distance, and who, of course, when the sickness and old age, they "might" what so are the sickness and old age, they "might" who has said, "parish union," and there he had died, an pitted, unwept.

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were over, the old moan broke out again with penny, and to look in valu in an empty cupboard ---- . the same in every respect as when we last he said, pointing to the door, "Sir, you see that arrangements for the night, were given, and he I shall never forget the old man's look, as with "What! happiness for such as we, cut off as we "God has given to us eternal life, and this life

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who had come from a distance, and who, of course, were doubly excited by the accident. To calm these persons, to point out to them how essential quiet was, was no casy task; however, by a little good-temper and firmness it was accomplished. The poor patient was still quite himself and The poor patient was still quite himself and the house was till quite himself and the house was the himself and the house was the house was the house was the house was the himself and the house was the house was the himself and the house was the house was the house was the house was the himself and the house was th quite sensible; but, over and over again, with differing depths of earnestness, we heard the same for every effort that he made to lay up for future morose, and irritable, with an understanding blunt-we found so worthy of approval and admiration; beyond this lower world, pinched by poverty, morose, and irritable, with an understanding blunt-inquiry, "Well, P----, how are you?" "Very years proved a failure. The bank in which were ed by an old age of ignorance and stupidity. Had nearly home," was the immediate reply. I sat by "He that knoweth his master's will, and doeth deposited his hard-carned savings, to the amount I no message for him ?- no word that might tend his side, and we talked of that bright and beautiful it not, shall be beaten with many stripes. I have of £30, "broke" when he was yet in middle life, to awaken him to a sense of his danger and misery? home amid the "many mansions of our Father's known it all my life, and I have never done it." and all was lost to him. With manly courage he Oh yes! the message is large and full. "Let the house," which Jesus has prepared for all who love To change this current of thought, or to check began again. But clearly his dependence was in wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man and serve him (John xiv. 2, 3), and to which he To change this current of thought, or to check it, was clearly impossible; there remained but one other course, namely to attempt to modify or to divert it into a fresh current. Very slowly, and from time to time, I repeated sundry verses of Scripture, and some well-known hymns; and once or twice I gently prayed that the was taught to ask by faith alone, "Give us the all-merciful Master would, for his Son Jesus' this day our daily bread." The very day I came "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the piness, he replied with great emphasis, "He has sake, visit and pardon this sin-stricken soul. Earnest attention was given to my words, earnestly he and his crippled wife had realized in all its 14). I knocked at once, and entered. There, in cast out.' I have come, and he will not cast me handkerchief this eight months, and now you maun were my prayers joined in : but, as soon as they bitterness what it is to have parted with the last the same seat in that chimney-coruer, sat J-A out. On another occasion, and to another friend,

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EMICALS sturers and earnestly, concluding with the Lord's Prayer, woman saidential Oils. st Sundries. Corner, ig Street. ices, Table toes, Sweet ency Office,

"Molly, I've had a visitor." "You have, Jack," said his wife. "Who was it, Molly ?"

Molly, I must see that man again."

most humble and devout penitent.

down a steep hill, the wagoner having stopped burst into tears, and said-

A surgeon was, however, in attendance, and he own for me."

was full of hope of saving both life and leg. He One has spoken much of death, but ever as yet a bed-room door, sat down on the side of a bed. dressed the wounds, and promised to call again of the bright side of death. It must not, how- What a sight was there! Two large, old-fashioned "Who's there?" arrested me at the threshold the lad, as he was very anxious that I should read him as the "king of terrors." We sometimes the Bible and pray with him, but I would not let hear the terrible voice of despair, the fore-echoes him speak too long, as quiet was essential. About of judgment. There was a tradesman in the nine clock at night a rap came at my door, and parish who was an easy, good-natured, civil fellow, the surgeon who was attending the boy was an- but a thoroughly careless, thoughtless man. He nounced. He apologised for calling, but said that had an excellent wife, a really handsome, but at he found the little lad much worse, and that the the same time a clean, industrious, and striving only hope he had of saving his life was to ampu- woman. He had also the six prettiest children in tate the limb in the morning, provided the little the whole village, five of whom were the very sufferer was strong enough to bear the operation. gems of our parochial schools. The eldest of these He was anxious, however, to have the assistance of children was about twelve years of age, the a famous operator, who lived a few miles off, and youngest a baby yet at the breast.

patched a groom to request Mr. F---- to meet the mob, and asked what was the matter. surgeon at the lad's house at seven o'clock in the "Oh, sir, Mr. ---- is killed, or nearly so." morning. We then parted; and, on returning I went up-stairs, and saw the tradesman just t was past cleven when I left the house. About allow him all the air he could possibly get.

we o'clock next morning I was awakened by some "Has the doctor been sent for ?" boking out, I saw my friend Polly, the village "How did t

that; all that is now left to us is to pray for him." I did take the money; and was about to slip it terrible distinctness. They knelt down, and the clergyman prayed into my pocket without counting it, when the poor

and then rose and left the house. The man con- sixpence over to coom back to me."

tinued insensible all that day and all the next, but I counted it, and sure enough there was twenty at length, to the surprise of all, he suddenly re- shillings and sixpence; an odd number of half-

were well if our wealthier classes were as particular in the matter of debt as the better sort of the body. poor are. Many, of course, are utterly reckless, Them were the words my mother taught me, and clear annual income;" but with a large body of it would have been well had I minded them. them it is far otherwise. They hate and dread

ly visited the man, who lingered for a long time, this I have had a remarkable proof of this feeling. and who, when he died, was to all appearance a I called on a journeyman blacksmith's wife, who had been ailing all winter, and found, to my sur-An occurrence somewhat similar happened prise, that she was gone out pea-picking, though once to myself. I had been away from home for the afternoon was very wet. Her daughter, who a few hours, and on my return heard that poor lived with her, said, "I think mother must be little Willy S ____, one of my Sunday-scholars, clean mad to dream of it." I thought so too, and had been run over by a wagon, and was fearfully was just leaving the house when the mother aphart. I went off to see him, and found that he peared. I asked her whether she was mad or had been with the squire's team to ----, to fetch not, and told her seriously that she was risking grains for the cattle, and that, as he was coming her life by what she was doing. The poor woman

behind at a public-house, the load had pressed "Ouly God and my own heart know my cirupon the horses till they had begun to trot, and, as cumstances; and my circumstances drive me to the boy was trying to stop them, had knocked it. My husband lost no time in the winter, but it him down, and the wheel had gone over his leg, was illness brought me down, as his money was crushing it sadly. The foolish wagoner, frightened little, and so I got behindhand a long way, and I terribly by the accident, had picked him up and cannot abear the thought any one should suffer put him in the cradle behind the wagon, and through me."

driven him home, a distance of more than five "Yes, but you may kill yourself by exposure." miles, without ever attempting to stop the blood; "I know it, but I should die out of debt, and I and the jolting of the mangled limb, with the could not abide to die with the thought that any taking her arm with a kind of gentle violence, I way to their humble dwelling. great loss of blood, had reduced the boy very low. one were any the worse, in what was rightly their

squire about the matter, as he was not personally village, I saw a crowd round the door. As it was acquainted with him. Hearing his request, I wake-week, this did not at all surprise me; but, as I asked him to accompany me to the Hall, which drew near, I saw through the open door that some was about a mile off, and we walked together men were carrying a seemingly senseless body up across the park. The squire immediately dis- stairs. I pushed my way through the gaping

" How did this happen ?" murse. She told me Willy was dying, and wanted " " He met his man coming home with a load, sir, nouse. The poor lad was indeed dying; gangrene brought it down the hill, just above the house, the and set in, and had spread, not only over the wagon swung suddenly, knocked him down, and wound, but over the whole leg and lower parts of crushed him. the stomach. He knew me at once; his arms Poor fellow! he was still insensible. The were round his mother's neck; he was trying to doctor came in, looked at him, shook his head, and knelt down and prayed. He followed my body was examined, and the amount of the injuries rayers for a while, and then gradually sunk back; ascertained. The wounds were fearful.

which he repeated very slowly and deliberately, "It's all reet, it's all reet; but I guess there's a the dressing of the wounds, and the necessary "the parish."

The parson was quickly fetched. He repeated- nothing." The very day on which I am writing her help should be again needed. The sufferer selves upon the parish or the benevolence of indi- too. No; no one can see through." lay quite still, and dozed awhile; but ever and viduals. To such pauperism is doubtless a dis- "O come, thou Spirit, and breathe upon these rod and his staff they comforted him" (Ps. xxiii.).

> kept from the room because she was so terribly sin, and that God had clearly a purpose of mercy little gift elicited his first word of thanks; he cxvi. 15). excited that her very presence was dangerous, and and love to bring about in subjecting him to such seemed now to appreciate that I wanted to be- Reader, the contrast between these two old men had been induced to go to bed ; but now, having a trial. "I believe it ; God's will be done !" was friend him. So I determined to follow this up is striking and affecting. Lay it to heart. "Seek partly dressed, and put on a dressing-gown, she his emphatic reply; and the all but agonized by another visit the next day. had made her way to where her husband lay. expression of countenance relaxed as my old friend The sick man was just then asleep. She gazed bowed to "the will of God."

drew her from the room. She staggered rather

draperies hung in quaint festoons around them ;] while on them lay the children-the three girls in one, the two boys in the other. As the night was intensely hot, both groups of children had cast off arms, and yet partly in the attitudes of those who felt the heat, they presented as beautiful a picture of sleeping childhood as the eye ever saw. The mother gazed on them. Her baby was in

her arms, and actually at her breast; and then, wanted to know whether I would speak to the One hot June day, as I was coming down the barkwards and forwards, she began to cry out-"What shall I do! what shall I do! Six such beautiful children, and the father a-dying! Oh, what shall I do ! what shall I do !"

see the mother in her despair ; with the other the

to see me. I dressed, and hastened up to his and took the lead of the horses himself; and as he comfort her, and bidding her not to cry, for he ordered the room to be cleared, asking me, howwas going to Jesus. The sight was overpowering. ever, to remain and help him. I remained ; the such another night !"

earnestly at him, and burst out into a flood of We talked a while, and then I left, promising,

tears and lamentations. It was in vain to attempt not only this aged couple, but myself, that it to soothe her; she refused to be comforted; so, should not be long before I would again find my

And now I have knocked at the next cottage. than walked across the passage, and, pushing open I knocked, and knocked again. Concluding that all were out, I gently lifted the latch, when a surly four-post beds nearly filled up the room ; their "A friend, who would be glad to speak to you." "What do you want?" "If I may come in, I'll tell you." "Come in, then." And I drew aside the curtain which hung between the fire-place and all the clothes, and lay clad in nothing but their His back was also bent with the weight of years, little night-dresses. Twined partly in each other's his brow furrowed by time and toil; but oh, the painful contrast between that open, manly, honest face which I had just left, and the stupid, contracted, all but repulsive countenance which now met my eye!

"Are you here quite alone ?" was my introductory question, and one which I had to repeat once or twice before I could get a reply. Deafness, however, I soon found to be in part the cause, so I drew my chair close by, to endure as I stood by the open door. With one I could best I could the fumes of tobacco which puffed on you ?" "You may do as you please, but I shan't understand." I did read, and I talked too, of the "sinner and the Saviour;" but the only reply still was, "I know nothing about it; I can't understand." Secretly I lifted up my heart to Him who can "give understanding to the simple, and can teach the ignorant knowledge," and I left, feeling that time alone could make us " friends.' On my next visit to P-R-, we read together that word which was so soon to prove " a lamp to his feet and a light to his path." chose the parable of "the Prodigal Son," and I found at once I had touched a chord. "You I had just come to reside in the village of _____, a have heard this before," I said (for he could not stranger among strangers; and many a long month read). Shaking emphatically his aged head, and This was done; and, by the aid of some strong it takes to learn names of people and places, where wiping away the tear with the back of his hand, and said we might solly came down, restoratives, the poor man was brought to con- all is new and strange. Determined, however at "Yes, indeed I have." Some months ago I once to make acquaintance with at least some of managed to hobble as far as the school-room, to my nearer and poorer neighbours, I set out one the Sunday evening lecture there. That was the friend, P-R----. How has it been with him morning to visit some of the cottages which were text; and all the way home I could not help feelclose at hand -secure of this, that a kind look and ing that I was that prodigal son ! and ever since words of eternal life, "growing in grace, and in a kind word would insure me a welcome wherever then I have longed to know more about it." " Like the prodigal, then, you have wished to 'arise, and

in search of what, alas ! they already too well met. A slight inclination of the head was his door; you could not have come into this room if At eight the doctor came; the symptoms were knew could not be there. And now the struggle only recognition. I told him I had just left his it had not been there; as I lie here, I look at it, declared a little better. Accurate directions as to began. His wife, for the first time, had proposed the dressing of the wounds, and the necessary "the parish." he door by which I shall together. A surprised look seemed to say, get into heaven."

left, promising to call very early next morning. a voice choking with emotion, and the tears steal- are from the enjoyments of life ?" I spoke to is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life" (1 Before he went, however, he entreated me to ing down his furrowed face, he said to me, "Yes, him of God, of heaven, of hell; but he seemed John v. 11, 12). In this full assurance of faith, covered his faculties. He called his wife, and his crowns and shillings having made up the extra sum. try again and again, but very quietly, to rouse the and she did it; she went this very day. I could scarcely to realize he had a soul-what was to P-waited for the message which should call mind to some better hope, as he considered the have lain on that floor and died, but I could not become of it, that "he was sure he did not him "home." A few days more, and he had mental depression must tell unfavourably on the have asked-I could not beg !" I tried to soothe know." Of the being and nature of God he was gone to be with Jesus, whom, having not seen, he his wounded feelings by drawing the distinction alike ignorant. To the question, "Do you think loved, and in whom, though now he saw him not, At nine o'clock I again went down-stairs, saw between honest pennry and dishonest-between he sees us ?" "I'm sure I can't say." And then. yet he rejoiced with joy unspeakable and full of "The parson, Jack," cried the trembling woman. and like the notorious Lord Alvanley, look on that the house and shop were properly shut up, those sufferings which come directly from the throwing a puzzled look all round the room, his glory. He was conscious to the last; and, when and returned to my watch. The nurse aided me to hand of God, and those which are caused by im- eye fixed on the ceiling, which he seemed to con- I took my leave, never to see him alive again in dress the wounds, and re-arrange the sufferer in providence and sin-between his case, in short, template for a moment or two, replied, "I should this world, his lips were moving in fervent prayer, bed, and then, at my request, went to lie down in and hundreds of others who, through habits of think not." "What makes you think so?" "Be- though his eyes were closed to all things here debt, and their proudest boast is, "that they owe a neighbouring room, to catch a little sleep, till idleness and intemperance, wantonly throw them- cause of that ceiling; and there's room above below. He was entering upon the valley of the shadow of death ; but Jesus was with him ; "His

again, he started from his doze with the same grace, but to one who had done his utmost to dry bones, that they may live," was my silent On the following Saturday his body was commournful cry. I read, I prayed ; my efforts avoid an old age of penury and dependence, aid- prayer. "Put thoughts into my heart, and words mitted to the grave-"earth to earth, ashes to secemed to quiet him for a moment or two, but whether parochial or individual-was most justly into my mouth, that I may speak as I ought to ashes, dust to dust;" but it was "in sure and the calm was of very short duration. He was too and cheerfully given; for "no kind of disgrace speak." I read and spoke to him of God as the certain hope of a blessed resurrection to eternal weak for argument, too weak to be directly spoken attaches to parish relief as supplying the wants of "Maker of the world and all things that are there- life through our Lord Jesus Christ." And, though to for any length of time, so I was forced to listen to his cry. attaches to partain relicit at supplying the name of the individual in the individual is the cause which throws the individual in the individual is the cause which throws the individual in the individual is the cause which throws the individual is the cause which throws the individual in the individual is the cause which throws the indition throws the cause which throws the individual i About half-past three o'clock in the morning, just as the dawn of the longest day began to break, on the parish." And while from my heart I help you to understand. Say after me, 'Lord, and of gratitude to God for having called him out teach me to understand?" He repeated it once of darkness into his marvellous light, and saved footsteps approached the room. - I started up; it but remaind him that even honest independence, if or twice, and then I left, leaving with him some him by the blood of his Son. "Precious in the was the poor wife, who entered. She had been carried to excess, might become a snare and a little help, which I had brought on purpose. This sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Ps.

which we repeated together yesterday !" I asked, the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, I have as next day found me again seated by his side. no pleasure in them" (Eccles. xii. 1). "Behold. "Yes, I said it when you were gone, but I have now is the accepted time ; behold, now is the day forgotten it now; I can't keep anything long." of salvation" (2 Cor. vi. 3). And He has said, "Well, we will say it again : 'Lord, teach me "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast to understand'- 'Lord, give me the Holy Spirit for out" (John vi. 87). "The blood of Jesus Christ Jesus Christ's sake."

As might naturally be supposed, he was totally man's Magazine. ignorant of himself as a sinuer before God. His expressions were strong and severe against one whose memory he ought to have honoured, for having so early put, him to work, and thus de- A merchant, in answer to inquiries, refers back to though living in a Christian country, and within sound of the church going bell.

ask for himself, for that God's own promise was, "Ask, and ye shall have ; seek, and ye shall find." But his only reply was, " I'm sure I don't know the time I came again. On another occasion I asked, " If he felt sure he could have the thing he most wished for by asking God for it, what he would ask for ?" and this was after I had tried to show him the value of his deathless soul, and the price at which ithad been bought. "I would ask him just do me the favour to let me buried in -----I dread above all things being buried by the parish." Reader, I could multiply instances to show the all but hopeless ignorance of this poor old man; but it is time we return to the cottage of our old all this while ? He has been drinking in the the highest spiritual good. Christ," and able now to cast his burden upon Him who has so graciously invited the weary and heavy laden to come to him, that they may find

the Lord now in the time that he may be found" "Well, John, have you said that little prayer (Ps. xxvii. 6), "while the evil days come not, nor

cleanseth from all sin" (1 John i. 7) .- Church-

DIVIDING WITH GOD.

prived him of all opportunity of learning; but he a period, when, he says, "In consecrating my life would take no blame to himself for having lived anew to God, aware of the ensnaring influences of more than seventy years without ever stopping to riches, and the necessity of deciding on a plan of ask, "What am I, and whither am I going ?" charity before wealth should bias my judgment, I adopted the following system :

I decided to balance my accounts, as nearly as I could, every month; and, reserving such a portion of Subsequent visits only revealed to me more and profits as might appear adequate to cover probable more the denseness of his mind. Sometimes I losses, to lay aside, by entry on a benevolent account, felt a little hope that a degree of light was break- one-tenth of the remaining profits, great or small, as ing in upon the darkness, especially on one oc- a fund for benevolent expenditure, supporting myself casion, when I saw the tear steal gently down his and family on the remaining nine-teaths. I further rigid face, while I read and talked to him of the determined, that if at any time my net profits, that is sufferings of Jesus, "of his cruel mockings and been deducted, should exceed \$500 in a month, I scourgings," " his cross and passion," " his pre- would give twelve and a half per cent. ; if over \$700, cious death and burial." " I don't hold with them fifteen per cent. ; if over \$900, fifteen and a half per without intermission from the pipe which he kept at all," was his ready remark; "they ought to cent.; if over \$1100, twenty per cent.; if over father in his agony. The noise had awakened in his month. To every question I could gain have been ashamed to serve him so"-while at \$1300, twenty two and a half per cent; it over the same time he turned his head away to conceal creasing the proportion of the whole, as God should ing on the table at which I had been writing; in at least, I learned : that his children, now grown his feeling. But beyond the story of our Saviour's prosper, until, at \$1500, I should give twenty-five home, I called again on little Willy. He was laid on his bed-alive, indeed, but frightfully the other, the grey dawn, streaming through the world's wile face: that his wife and he lived nome, I called again on little Willy. He was worse, very feverish, and a little delirious. He inew me, however, and asked me to pray with im. I did so and then enderworred to comfort him. I did so, and then endeavoured to comfort shirt collar, loose his waist-band, raise his head up. shall I do! Six such beautiful children, and the now that his working days were over. To my look a didn't have me taught in my young one-quarter of all net profits, great or small; and on shall I do! Six such beautiful children, and the father a-dying!" from the other, the low moan, "He that knoweth his master's will, and doeth it "He that knoweth his master's will, and doeth it not, shall be beaten with many stripes. I've shame for them that never in my young days made me a scholar," was the reply. "Shall I read to " and have never done it." " was the reply. "Shall I read to " ask for himself for that Code" and urged him to " another certain amount of capital, und the stripes. I've me a scholar," was the reply. "Shall I read to " ask for himself for that Code" and urged him to " another certain amount of capital, then to " ask for himself for that Code" ask for himself for that Code ask for himself for the code of the scholar of give the whole of my net profits. It is now several years since I adopted this plan, and under it I have acquired a handsome capital, and how to speak to any one so great and so far away. pectations. Although constantly giving, I have never I don't know how to get at Him." I taught him | yet touched the bottom of my fund, and have repeatthe "Publican's prayer," but it was forgotten by edly been astonished to find what large drafts it would bear. True, during some months I have encountered a salutary trial of faith, when this rule has led me to lay by the tenth, while the remainder proved inadequate to my support; but the tide has soon turned, and with gratitude I have recognized a heavenly hand more than making good all past deliciencies This system has been of great advantage to me, churchyard, where my father and mother lie; for enabling me to feel that my life is directly employed for God. It has afforded me happiness, in enabling me to portion out the Lord's money, and has enlisted my mind more in the progress of Christ's cause. Happy privilege, which the humblest may enjoy, of thus associating the common labours of life with the grateful service of the Saviour, and of making that which naturally leads the heart from God, subserve This system has saved me from commercial dangers the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus by leading me to simplify business, and avoid extensive credits. It has made me a better merchant ; for the monthly pecuniary observations which I have been wont to take, though often quite laborious, have brought me to a better knowledge of the state of my affairs, and led me to be more cautious and prudent Circumstances now arose which called me from than I otherwise should have been. I believe this home. My absence was likely to prove a lengthened system tends to enlarge the Christian's views, increase one, and I took leave of these two old men, who his disinterestedness, and lead him to shun the tricks for so many, many months had been objects of of trade. My own observation also confirms the belief, that even warm hearted Christians must detertar as the handkerchief would allow, was en-wavouring to repeat the Lord's Praver. His station and "No one," I said, "that I know of; but I will time-worn face; but there was something in the time-worn face; but there was something in the of this aged sufferer of one high in station and "One the communion." mine beforehand on the system they will adopt, if I set out on myjourney, at P-R-'s earnest themselves, under the grace and providence of God, God has appointed no means of extensive usefulness which does not involve the self-denying and

diseases, rface re-It surits of the stubborn he use of its appli thorough in the s, kinds,

tappearance gone. The poor mother was frantic; "Very ith difficulty I got her out of the room, and with wounds." ifficulty kept her down stairs while the necessary he lad was laid out, his eyes were closed, a handerchief was around his head, his hands were he mother was more frantic than ever; her "He that knoweth his master's will, and doeth

an" I can't pray ! I can't pray !" she cried. ast a violent burst of tears relieved her. I con- terrible words were repeated. rayer, when Polly, who knelt by my side, ed, and calling me on one side, said-

"Look at the lad, look at the lad !" I looked. He had raised himselt up in bed, and who can really watch him ?" yes were open, but the hue of death was still "Will you? I'll call again at seven."

te face dropped, the eyes were set, and he was to "Is there any chance, doctor ?" "Very little indeed; but we must dress his

> sciousness. We asked him how he felt. " Very bad was the reply."

I spoke some few words to him; he shook his ressed by his side; the calm of death was there. head, and, gazing steadily at me, said-

brieks were terrible; it was useless to speak, so, it not, shall be beaten with many stripes. I have I went. aking her hand, I kuelt down again. She also known it all my life, and have never done it."

I opened my Bible, and read a few verses. He

and must now leave him; but is there any one

Thank God, the children slept; but it was long ere I could in any way quiet their poor mother. At last she went off into another bed-room ; and, as she told me afterwards, " was so stupefied with grief, that she fell asleep." I returned to my post; and, when I had let the surgeon in, at about six o'clock, and had awakened the nurse, to help him,

I left the house for awhile, As I left, I could not help exclaiming, "Pray God I may never pass

THE HISTORY OF MY TWO NEIGHBOURS.

"J--- is terribly hurt. I have done all I can, hear the "Old Man's Story."

once towards him, and made me feel he was no 'mighty in power, claiming a prominent page in

My first rap and inquiry of, "May I come in ?" to go to your Father, and to say unto him, Father, was answered by a feeble, "Yes, it you please," fol- I have sinned against heaven and before thee, and listened, but only shook his head. I praved by lowed immediately by a lond, hoarse cough. Both am no more worthy to be called thy son.' If so, rest. I prayed. She was restless for awhile, but at him; again he shook his head, and again the same came from an old man, bent with age and worn you will meet with a like a reception. God is waiting to be gracions." "Ah! ah! I have kept fidence, and it did not take long either to tell or I served an earthly master-yes, and, though I say it myself, I served him faithfully, too ; but all Nearly eighty years had passed over that aged that time I forgot I had a heavenly Master to

such peculiar interest, with very mingled feelings -feelings of thankfulness, of hope, of fear. Before

.. Oardinal Wolsey.