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"A GOOD MAN-A VERY GOOD MAN INDEED. By J. DeLiefde, of Amsterdam.

CHAPTER IV. The baker sells his bread in the opposition shop.

Continued.

Thus Mr. G- would speak to his cousin, nd his words were to our afflicted friend like olden apples on silver dishes. As the corn, nocked down by a succession of heavy rains, om its prostration under the fostering beams or ne summer sun, thus the baker again lifted up his ead under the consoling and quickening power f God's word. Soon he again opened his Sabnexhaustible in its resources. For one hour every outting some boards across a few chairs, accommolation was made for about thirty children. To

he baker's great joy nearly all his former young riends made their appearance, so that his school was crowded. The same process was for an hour t is true, the little parlour was rather close, when containing upwards of twenty individuals sitting on the benches under the low ceiling, and nearly as many standing in the corners and in the doorsame time caused the psalms and hymns to proclaim the praise of God all over the village. The speak to him. landlord and his companions were compelled to feel, that while they could deprive the Lord's people of their house and field, they could not deprive them of their joy in the God of their salvation.

"Thus matters continued for a considerable dying lips. time, during which, from our friend's parlour, many a fervent prayer was offered up to God for the conversion of his adversaries. The time was at hand when he was to experience that this prayer too was one of those of which we are ssured that they "prevail much." The Evil One had succeeded in damaging the good work of the baker through the instrumentality of his servant. It was to be measured to him again now by the same measure with which he had been meting. Diseases are creatures of the devil; he brought them into the world through sin; they are his servants, whom he employs in order to plague Adam. But God, who is sovereign over all, also enable him to quench his burning thirst. controls the evil which Satan creates. He now resolved to employ one of Satan's servants to destroy Satan's work. One day that terrible angel of destruction called cholera, entered this village. in the surrounding country. A general panic master? eized the population. Tue shouts and songs of the Golden Plough were silenced at once. But has sent me to help you.' from the baker's little parlour the psalms of David

sounded py the louder. " A nongst the individuals whom that swift and terine messenger of perdition visited was Frederic. In a sudden, in the midst of his business, he was attacked and cast down on his bed. The next day his servant sank down and was carried off to his bedroom. Frederic's wife and mother were in utter despair. Assistance was not to be obtained at any price. Every one shunned their house. Frederic's wife, leaving her four children to her mother-in-law's care, spent day and night in attending the sick ones. The business, of course, was brought to a stand still. Soon great inconsupplied from neighbouring villages, but not nearly

sufficient to meet the wants of the population. "One evening the front door of Frederic's shop found himself in an Egyptian darkness.

"'Yes, I am here!' shouted a voice from a back with the children. Please step in here.'

three children standing at her knee. A small such as had not been seen in it for many a day. the only light that illumined this dismal scene.

the room. 'Tell me, ma'am, how is your son?' friend the baker was standing before her.

voice of surprise mixed with fear.

a streams of tears gushed down her cheeks. his salvation. three sick ones, while I take care of the children. substitute. It would then be shown what remune-But, oh! my good sir! my good sir! what a posi- ration the baker would require. this child continually on my knees. I see the tion of the capital he was due to him.

" Where is the cellar?' asked the baker; 'I'll result. go and cut one.'

Our good Lord has sent you, I'm sure.'

door. He took the light, hurried to the indicated spot as quickly as the lingering flame would allow him, and returned with a fresh candle, which soon me leave I should not have been able to serve in their very labouring rejoice the most. diffused its bright light through this abode of you. So you may consider it in this way, that Here is a little company each at his own work

"' But, my dear ma'am,' asked the baker, resuming his seat, 'can you not obtain any assistance? You cannot possibly continue any longer in this position. Your son has so many friends, -is there not one amongst all of them who proves a friend

"' Not one, sir. They are all of them afraid of the disease. Many of them, too, have invalids in their own house. We have tried everything but all in vain. We are abandoned by God and man. I wish we were dead, all of us, for such a life is worse than death itself.'

"The old woman sank backward in her chair, bath school. True love is quick in invention and and covering her face with both her hands, gave vent to her grief in a loud excess of weeping and Sunday all the moveable furniture of the little sobbing, The baker was silent. The history of tions upon this subject :parlour was transferred into the bedroom, and by the last year flashed through his recollection. The saying of the woman, 'We are abandoned by God and man,' cut him to the heart. 'How terrible,' ejaculated he looking upward, 'how terrible art Thou in thy doings towards the children of men!'

"'No, ma'am,' he said, rising from his seat and or two gone through every Tuesday evening to gently laying his hand upon her shoulder; 'you nodate a small Scripture-reading meeting. are not yet abandoned by God. Your sins may be many, but God is not yet dealing with you according to your sins. Nor are you forsaken by men either. If you cannot find any help amongst friends, God will procure it you now from those

"'I think he will,' replied the woman. 'God

"The baker proceeded towards the room which

the woman indicated, and soon found himself at the sickbed of his former servant. "' Frederic!' he whispered. "" Who is there?' asked the invalid, turning

his face towards the speaker. It was rather dark in the room, as the light-shone dimly. "'Do you want anything? shall I give you some water?' "'Oh, yes; water, water!' cried Frederic. 'I

am perishing from thirst !' ". The baker soon found a jug filled with water and a tumbler. Putting his left hand under Fred- the degree of doubt and anxiety that preceded it.

"'Oh, that's dew from heaven!' whispered the sick one, reclining backward on his pillow. "A pause ensued. He appeared quite exhausted by this exertion. Then turning his face again one, the greater will be your delight when all goes Already hundreds of victims had fallen before him towards his benefactor, he whispered : 'Is it you,

"'Yes, it is I;' replied the baker. 'The Lord "'O God! O God!' cried Frederic, lifting up his

hand towards heaven.

tion. Will you permit me to take care of your business till you are recovered?' "'God bless you!' whispered Frederic.

" Very well. My daughter will be up soon to attend to you, and my wife will attend yours. Take rest now. The Lord be with you.'

"Our friend went home as quick as his feet would carry him. He had already spoken with his master, the miller, who had no objection to leaving him free for a couple of weeks, especially now that venience ensued, for the villagers' bread became he was to take up the baking business, the stopscarce as in times of war or famine. A quantity was | ping of which somewhat drained the miller's purse. One of the baker's Christian friends, who had been apprenticed with a baker in his boyhood, but had turned a day labourer, gladly agreed to join our was softly opened, and a person entered, who friend as his assistant in the bakehouse. Thus all was fully prepared; and that same evening four "' Is there nobody here in the house?' he called persons at one time entered Frederic's house, each of them to take their own place; the baker and his temporary servant in the bakehouse, his daughparlour; 'but I cannot go to you; I am alone ter in Frederic's bedroom, and his wife in that of Frederic's partner. The next day the population "The individual groping his way through the of the village was not a little surprised at learning dark in the direction of the sound he had heard, that bread was to be had at Frederic's as usual, soon found himself in the room where Frederic's and before the sun went down the shop was mother was sitting, a sick baby on her lap, while | emptied, so that not one loaf was left, and the at the same time she was trying to undress one of counter-drawer was filled with a quantity of cash,

piece of candle, nearly burning in the socket, was "The baker's noble conduct, of course, became the topic of conversation in every house from the "' Good evening,' said the person who entered burgomaster's down to the poorest cottage in the community. The simple people were quite "The old woman contracted her brow to astonished, and praised our friend as if he were an sharpen her sight, and looking keenly through the angel from heaven. Those who boasted a profound glitterings of the candle, discovered that our knowledge of the human heart, called the baker's deed a cunning trick for making his fortune. The "'What! is it you, sir? exclaimed she, in a minister, and the burgomaster, and the notary deemed themselves still better informed. They Don't be put out, ma'am,' said the baker in described the baker's conduct as a clever coup de with the merry and light-hearted song and jest hypocritically answer, "I go, sir," while you perhaps, see any reason or necessity for the ina kind tone. 'I understand that you could expect main to produce effect, and thus to render his party that tell how the labourer likes his work. And never stir a single step; but, "Whatsoever he junction; but his word alone should win your more popular than over the produce effect, and thus to render his party that tell how the labourer likes his work. And me least of all. But I am told that circumstances more popular than ever. Our friend, however, are very distressing in your family at present, and knew nothing of all these judgments pronounced I am come to ask if I can be of any service to you? about him. He kneaded the dough, and baked "'Yes, my good sir,' said the old woman, while the bread, and sang his psalm happy in the God of

Very distressing. God alone know how we are "Six weeks elapsed in this state of things till man's duty and happiness. It goes with you, or than to hear and to put in practice what he says usual examination, he asked her whether she could was that generally used on such occasions by those to get through it, and what the end of all this will Frederic was fully recovered. This was the period should go, to the shop, the plough, the anvil, and to us. A minster once preached a sermon with give up her ornaments for Christ. It was an unbe. My son happily has got over the attack of the landlord of the 'Golden Plough' had with takes cognizance of what passes there; and the especial reference to one member of his congregation to the solder blow. He explained the spirit of the gost selected from the fact that the word "all" is in it, the cholera, but he is so thoroughly exhausted, great anxiety looked forward to. He had heard that the doctor says it will at least take four weeks the different judgments of the people about the ere he will be able to leave his bed. John, the baker's conduct, and he did not know what to over his work, sins against religion just as certainservant, is in a worse condition, poor fellow. We make out of them. This much was certain in his ly as the man who neglects prayer or seldom opens himself—as ministers have frequently thought— cision, she took them off, saying, "I love Christ ism. Prayer followed, in which occurred a frequent expect his death every hour. My daughter-in-law opinion, that the baker either was an angel or a his Bible. Constituted as human nature and "Now, surely this will touch him; he must see more than these." Ah, dear reader, she was will repetition of the words, "Thy servant, the deceased." has attended both of them day and night, till she subtle intrignant. Which was the case time was to human society are, there is something holy, somesank down from exhaustion. She is laid up now reveal. The landlord of the Golden Plough, with and confined to her bed by fever. So I am alone great anxiety looked forward to the day when hitherto," said Jesus, "and I work." Angels are was over, the gentleman and his pastor happened you like her? with Mary our servant. She is attending the Frederic would resume business and discharge his happy beings, for they are working beings. They to meet. "I must thank you for your admirable

tion we are in; we have not tasted a bit of warm "That day soon arrived. With cordial joy the food since vesterday week. To complete our mis- baker welcomed Frederic in his shop. He showed fortune, this baby her on my lap took ill last him all, that he might be sure that everything was night. The doctor cannot tell what ails her; but in its place, handed him the book that had been she will not lie still, poor thing, unless I keep her kept, and the money that had been gained. There on my lap. You see in what a condition I am even | was such a surplus that Frederic could send a conjust now. I scarcely can move my hands with siderable sum to the landlord, to clear off a por-

"You are too kind, indeed,' rejoined the woman. answered the baker. 'You will find that I every troubles, an elasticity and animation diffused does, and hoarding it up like a miser. It seems to be a challenge of the second local does, and hoarding it up like a miser. It seems to be a challenge of the second local does, and hoarding it up like a miser. It seems to be a challenge of the second local does, and hoarding it up like a miser. It seems to be a challenge of the second local does, and hoarding it up like a miser. It seems to be a challenge of the second local does, and hoarding it up like a miser. It seems to be a challenge of the second local does, and hoarding it up like a miser. It seems to be a challenge of the second local does, and hoarding it up like a miser. It seems to be a challenge of the second local does, and hoarding it up like a miser. It seems to be a challenge of the second local does, and hoarding it up like a miser. It seems to be a challenge of the second local does, and hoarding it up like a miser. It seems to be a challenge of the second local does, and hoarding it up like a miser. It seems to be a challenge of the second local does, and hoarding it up like a miser. It seems to be a challenge of the second local does, and hoarding it up like a miser. It seems to be a challenge of the second local does, and hoarding it up like a miser. It seems to be a challenge of the second local does, and hoarding it up like a miser. It seems to be a challenge of the second local does, and hoarding it up like a miser. It seems to be a challenge of the second local does, and hoarding it up like a miser. It seems to be a challenge of the second local does, and hoarding it up like a miser. It seems to be a challenge of the second local does, and hoarding it up like a miser. It seems to be a challenge of the second local does, and hoarding it up like a miser. It is seems to be a challenge of the second local does, and hoarding it up like a miser. week took the salary which I used to receive throughout a man's whole being, which the list- strange to me that a man who professes to be a obedience to all requirements is what the Saviour who the minister was praying to!"—Watchman

faithfulness and self-denying love."

(To be Concluded.)

THE JOY OF HARVEST.

"They joy before Thee," writes the prophet Isaiah when depicting the happiness of the Church before Thee according to the joy in harvest." And recognise as a most graphic one. There are probably few who would not sympathise with the cheerful emotions congenial to such a season as the has again began to pour the rich tribute of her hangs heavy with fruit; or as you climb the hill on miles the broad acres are waving a mimic sea of moreover, the happy associations connected with such a scene as this come before your mind-visions of plenty and peace and comfort, of garners overflowing with goodly store, of homes and hearts made glad by nature's bounty-you cannot resist the unias it steals over your mind, you feel yourself, before the great bestower of all blessings, "rejoicing with the joy in harvest." It is very obvious that the pleasure experienced from any happy or auspicious measure diminish their intensity; rarity and suslabour for any good thing, and the more numerous the conditions which render the result a dubious al isoue. Exercising all his skill and experience in the selection of the crop and the preparation of the soil, the husbandman has ploughed and sown | and gone through all the processes of his husbandry, and then with anxious eye he has watched the course "'Don't speak now,' said the baker quickly; of the seasons and the progress of his work. 'you are too weak for it. Only answer one ques- Through the slowly rolling months, the fluctuations and uncertainties of weather and the remembrances of many past disappointments have kept him in much doubt and uncertainty as to the result. But as the season crept on, the genial influences of nature have come forth in unwonted benignity over the ripening fields; and at length, as he watches the busy reapers engaged in their rapid and peace-

> the joy of harvest." The joy of harvest may be regarded as typical of the Christian's joy in this respect, that it is a joy that is connected with active exertion. The mirth of the harvest-field is not a mere listless amusement. The shout that rings, or the song that rises cheerily from the reaper's lips, is the shout that inspires to effort, and the song that beguiles toil of its wearipass by the wayside, or is borne along and reechoed from distant plain and valley and upland, it does not pain you like the vacant laugh of indolence, or the wild ribaldry that breaks forth from the tavern. It tells not of folly and reckless "WHATSOEVER HE SAITH UNTO YOU, DO enjoyment, of wasted hours and wanton caronsng, but of busy and strenuous toil, of profitable industry, and manly and honest exertion. It when it is averred that the joy of a Christian saith unto you, do it." remind us of that great law of man's nature which ible, next to the profligate man, as the mere idler, their own?

with a smile, 'it is not so much to me as to him great field of duty in which they who labour the these; they seem written on purpose for his adthat you are indebted, for if he had refused to give hardest may not only reap the richest results, but monition.

am glad that this loan has been of some service to on. There is perhaps the farmer who superin- like to cut out this page about the unruly tongue, and now, farewell. May God speed you tends and watches the progress of the work; there and preserve your house from further calamities.' are those who cut, and those who bind, and those that he never looks at it; and yet, if it had been "Frederic could not answer a word He burst | who glean, and those who load the cart or lumber | made for him, it could not have denounced his into tears, and ere he was able to control his emo- ing wain and bear away the result of the common | besetting sin more strongly." tions, the baker had withdrawn, leaving the open toil. And as the reapers nimbly ply the sickle, hop book and the piles of silver behind as the and each band or individual strains every nerve | Scriptures for yourselves, and not for each other. silent and yet eloquent witnesses of his disinterested and pushes on that he may not be surpassed by "Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy others, and as the cheering word or shout, or brother's eve?" "Whatsoever Christ saith unto merry song rises up in the clear bright air over | you, do it.' the scene of blithe and busy toil, one perceives A Christian friend remonstrated with a young again a most striking proof of the increased power tradesman about some objectionable practice which of common work and mutual helpfulness. Now The Rev. John Caird, D. D., one of the Queen's so it is, or should be, in that noblest of all com- him how plainly it was forbidden in God's Word. chaplains for Scotland, has some beautiful reflec- unnities, bound together for the grandest of all The young man admitted the truthfulness of the works-the Church of Christ, the company of representation; but, said he, "It is only what a Christ's true soldiers and faithful workmen on great many other people do. I am no worse earth. Religion is not a solitary thing, a thing than my neighbours. Why don't you go to Mr. with which each man has to do exclusively in the T____, for instance? he is the office-bearer of a at the advent of its great deliverer,—"They joy hidden solitude of his own heart. It must begin church, and, therefore, more to blame than I am." there, and in many of its deepest exercises it must the image here employed is one which we must all be carried on there; and without the private intercourse of the soul with God, the private discipline | neighbour, but of himself, to God. God has proand governance of a man's own secret heart, all claimed to you his law, that you may try yourself other religion would be vain. But, on the other by it, not that you may see whether your nextpresent, when nature, arrayed in all her loveliness hand, as little will it do to make religion altogether an individual and secret thing. In many of its bounty into the lap of man. As you pass through highest privileges, exercises, and engagements it is what you know to be right? "Whatsoever Christ some fair and fertile district of our land, where every social; and one of its most momentous duties is saith unto you, do it." way, and in the narrow passage outside; but the open windows, while letting in fresh air, at the open windows with the open wind fulness. If you are a sincere Christian, you ought | push off our respon to feel that all you have and all you are, your | we must hear what Christ says to us; we must that skirts some noble landscape where for miles wealth, time, talents, power, influence, your penit- apply his word to ourselves. I fear that with knows but that you must go to him to help him as gold beneath you, and survey the busy toils of the dom, all your blessings and privileges temporal and personal attention to Christ's sayings. We ence, faith, virtue, Christian experience and wis- many of us there is a great want of this individual you have helped me now. I'm sure he is quite reapers and listen to the merry shouts that rise, and spiritual, have been bestowed upon you, not do not listen to them; or if we liston, it is only to Martin Luther. alone, for Mary is certainly with John, to wet his blended with the voices of birds and streams, now for your cwn use alone, but for the common benefit faintly echoing from the far hamlet, now more dis- of that holy family, that household and brothertinetly heard from the nearer homestead, and, as, hood of God's redeemed to which you profess to urged to consecrate herself without delay to the belong. Your portion of meat God has given you service of the Saviour. "I wish to do so," she not to hasten away to devour it like a greedy child in secret, but to share it with all your brethern in specting which I am still unsatisfied. The state Christ. Your light was not kindled that it might of the heathen, for instance; do you think that a be hidden for ever underground, illuminating only God of love can leave them all to perish ?". versal sentiment of cheerfulness and gratitude, and the walls of your own tomb-like solitude. You are to "let your light shine before men," and not only by your example, but by your active exertions and sympathies, you are bound to help on the work and the workmen in Christ's Church | heathen world." event will be more or less vivid in proportion to No member of Christ's Church but can do somemankind, and to dig the graves of the children of eric's pillow he lifted up his head so much as to Regularity and certainty in our enjoyments in some by his kindly aid, his visits of sympathy, his pense greatly heighten them. The longer you his recountal of his own experience, be of must attend to it; no one else can do it for me; right at last and the matter is brought to a success- brothers enlisted in some noble and heaven-blessed Peter, " Lord, and what shall this man do?" cause of freedom, truth, and justice! What a "What is that to thee? follow thou me." happy scene would that be in which the wise and aid to help the untried and ignorant, in which the | " Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." ful conquests, his heart gladdens with the satisfaction of successful industry, and he "rejoices with good, to help and encourage each other in the to yield. work of the Lard, to prepare for the great harvesthome of eternity! Then, indeed, might our Sabbath song of praise be a prelude of that glorious song in which we all hope to join, in which the thousand times ten thousand voices, but one mighty heart of the redeemed in glory, shall celeness and fatigue. When it catches your ear as you brate the praises of the great husbandman, affording the noblest, most glorious fulfilment of that text, "They joy before Thee according to the joy

IT."-John ii. 5. Cana's marriage is over, and you cannot wait | tion, and, finally, to the abandonment of such unspeaks not, like the sluggard's or the drunkard's upon Christ there: nor is he visibly present any- worthy pleasures. merriment, of squandered substance, and squalid where on earth, so that you might listen to his Now, my reader, is there any sinful preference, is the symbol rather of plenty, and peace and com- the feast. But, nevertheless, Jesus speaks to you shrink from Christ's service, or bring dishonour curses, like the work of the slave or the felon, but of open insubordination, "I will not;" nor yet not seem pleasant nor expedient. You cannot,

resembles the harvest joy, may not the comparison You will observe that this obedience is to be a servant, you are not to question, but to obey; ago, in the town of ______ Conn., a neighbor suddenly personat - Whatsoerer he saith unto you, do it." not to demur respecting your work, but to do it died, whose character as an openly wicked man connects his true happines and dignity with work? Oh! it is so much easier to find out what Christ A Karen woman presented herself to a Christian was well known. The Universalist preacher of the Religion has to do with everything that affects says to other people, and even to tell them of it, minister as a candidate for baptism. After the place officiated at the funeral. The Scripture read idle servant, the dawdling, triffing workman, the tion, a gentleman whose piety was, unhappily, not pel, and appealed to her own consciousness of vaniman who wastes his time and hangs listlessly always marked by its consistency. His remarks ty. She looked again and again at her handsome is no light consideration, even though the connecwere very plain and pointed, and he thought to necklaces, and then, with an air of modest de- tion and parallel passages are fatal to Universalthing divine in work. "My Father worketh way wished or anticipated. When the service he bade her with readiness and gladness. Are and that no one pretended that he had met with continually "do God's commandments, hearken- discourse," said the former; "it was so very earnest of Jesus gave!—" Whatsoever he saith unto you, in this; for as I was returning home after the scr-

and social greatness because it is a busy and work- gation who hear for others instead of for them- of men. Hearing the word is not enough; "Be think of that?" ing world. And as with society at large, so with selves? Are there not many readers of the Bible ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceivindividuals. Nobody in the world is so contempt- who seem to peruse it for everybody's benefit but

and between profligacy and idleness there is "How surprising it is," remarked Mr. G-to are ye if ye do them" (John xiii. 17). Outward acts That's what I call first rate! a close connection. A man who has nothing to his wife, one morning after family prayers, as the of worship are not enough; "Behold, to obey is "That's so," responded his interrogator. candle is about to go out. I hardly know how to "And what shall I return to you, my noble do but enjoy himself, will never know what real Bible still lay open at the sixth chapter of the get down into the cellar to cut a fresh one off the master?' said Frederic with tears in his eyes, enjoyment is. No one who has tried it but must first epistle to Timothy, "how surprising it is that while he looked at the book with its amazing feel that in thorough and earnest occupation there our friend, N-, can read such verses as the

Mr. N-was glancing over the third chapter my master has lent me to you for a month, and I and all cheering, encouraging, urging each other of James, and he said to himself, "How I should

Ah, Mr. G and Mr. N , do read the

he pursued in his business; and he pointed out to "Mr. T---'s conduct is no excuse for yours.

door neighbour comes up to its standard. Why not honestly carry out your convictions, and do

Yes, there must be no evasion, no endeavour to invent some excuse for our disregard of them.

The other day, an intelligent young person was replied, "but there are a great many points re-

"My dear young friend," was the rejoinder, is plain. Attend to that first, and then it will be time enough to consider the condition of the

This is a lesson we must all learn. Religion is a personal thing, something which concerns me just Chaplain, as much as if I were the only person in existence. soothing charities, his cheering encouragements, What Christ says to me, that is my business; I some use to his fellow Christians. What a happy and the negligence of those around me cannot state of things would it be if each parish in our extenuate my disobedience. Oh, we are so prone the mothers more especially, would effect a greater land were as the dwelling-place of a band of to turn from ourselves to others, and to ask with enterprise, fighting for home and country, in the | And we need as he did the reproof of our Master,

But these words of Mary may also remind us experienced were ever ready with their advice and that our obedience to Christ is to be impartial,

powerful aided the weak, and the weak in turn | We are not left to choose for ourselves : to were ready to bless, honour, and stand true to the obey one precept, and to disobey another; to do strong; in which by the head or by the hand, by what we like, and to leave undone what we do not endurance, forbearance, courage, zeal, self-devo- like. There must be no reserve, no holding back tion, all were ready to act together in the work of in his service. He expects from us implicit and putting down sin and winning the world to Christ! unwavering submission. Now here it is that so What a parish that in which the scene that is now many, like the amiable young ruler, come short. enacted on many a bright summer field were but | They are willing to do much that Christ tells a symbol and representation of our work in the them, but not all. There is something which nobler field of Christ's Church; where from year they cannot give up, or something which they to year all of us together, and each in his own are reluctant to perform, and they go away from place, were straining every nerve to be and to do the Saviour, sorrowful perhaps, but yet unwilling quency with which I should have to pass over the

Mr. Romaine was once addressed by a lady, who expressed the great pleasure she had enjoyed in his preaching; and added, that she could comply with his requirements with one exception. "And what is that, madam?" asked Mr.

" Cards, sir." "You think you could not be happy without "No, sir, I know I could not."

"Then, madam, they are your god, and they This pointed admonition led to serious reflec-

homes, and beggared broken hearted families; it desires and act them out, as did those servants at any unwelcome duty, which either makes you fort, of smiling faces and well-clad forms, of garners now quite as plainly as he did to them; and he upon it? Give up at once the wrong habit; take overflowing with corn, and homes where the sun- asks from you ready and unquestioning obedience up at once the appointed cross. It will not do to shine of prosperity smiles. It conveys to us be- to his commands; his word is as direct a message hesitate-to halt between two opinions-to try to sides the tidings not merely of labour that is pro- to you as if he himself audibly addressed you at serve God and mammon. A half-hearted religion fitable, but of labour that is pleasant, of toil that is this moment. "See then that ye refuse not him is no religion at all. Resolve then, that, like pursued neither in grim silence like the work of that speaketh." As you hear his voice directing | Caleb, you will follow the Lord "fully;" that the overtasked mechanic, nor amid groans and you in the path of duty, say not, in the language whatsoever he says to you, you will do it. It may

instant compliance with it. In your position as

ing to the voice of His word." Civilisation, pro- and faithful. I couldn't help thinking all the do it." Do it. Not merely think about it, or talk vices, I overheard some boys talking together.

"She directed our friend how to go to the cellar from my master, the miller. Indeed,' added he less and idle can never know. The world is but a Christian should not heed such statements as demands from us. It is easy to echo the popular and Reflector.

praise, "Never man spake like this man," or to sing with the palm-branch strewers in the Messiah's Quite right, Mr. G-; but not long since path, "Hosanna to the Son of David," while we keep not his sayings, nor endeavour to act in accordance with his will. But such conduct will never rank us among his true disciples. To approve of his commands, to discuss their meaning, to wish that we could fashion our lives in unison with them, so far as it goes this is well; but the grand, the essential point to be ascertained is, are we doing what he bids us? - For there are many now, as in Ezekiel's time, who speak one to another, saying, "Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord;" who sit in God's sanctuary, as his people sit, and hear his words, but who will not do them. The preacher is "unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an ir strument," they hear his words, but they do them

> not (Ezek. xxxiii. 30-32). Dear reader, whatsoever Christ saith unto thee, do it. Your oft-repeated petition is, "Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven;" let your daily practice harmonize with your daily prayer. As far as you know and understand God's will, strive to accomplish it. "I made haste," says the ments" (Ps. cxix. 60) .- Life's Morning.

> > HOME TRAINING.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."—Prov. xxii. 6. The most common of all human complaints is parents groaning under the vices of their children.

begin not at home.—Richard Baxter. No greater harm is done to Christendom than by the neglect of children; therefore, to advance the cause of Christ, we must begin with them .-

I think I may say, that of all the men we meet with, nine parts of ten are what they are, good or evil, useful or not, by their education .- Locke. The next important thing in this world, next to the soul's salvation, is the taking care of children;

and yet there is no subject on which there is so much ignorance as on this .- H. W. Beecher. The last thing forgotten in all the recklessness of dissolute profligacy, is the prayer or hymn taught "whatever becomes of the heathen, your duty by a mother's lips, or uttered at a father's knee; and where there seems to have been any pains bestowed, even by one parent, to train up a child

aright, there is in general more than ordinary ground for hope. The Experience of a Prison I have long felt that until the fathers and mothers are better men and better women, our schools can accomplish comparatively little. I believe that any improvement that could be brought to bear on

SHORT ARROWS.

done .- Earl of Shafeebury.

amount of good than movthing that has yet heen

No statute that the rich man places ostentatiously in his window is to be compared to the little expectant face pressed against the window-pane, watching for his father, when his day's labour is done, If God suffers a faithful pastor not immediately to see the fruits of his labours, it is to convince him that the success of his labours belongs to God but he ought to humble himself, and pray much, least some cause of unprofitableness should be in

himself. When (says Professor Woods) I began my duties of professor of theology, I feared that the fresame portions of Scripture would abate the interest in my own mind in reading them; but, after more than fifty years of study, it is my experience that with every class my interest increases.

If you would add a lustre to all your accomplishments, study a modest behaviour. To excel in anything valuable is great, but to be above conceit on account of one's accomplishments is greater. Consider, if you have rich natural gifts, you owe them to the Divine Bounty; if you have improved your understanding, and advanced in knowledge, you have only done your duty; and thus there is no reason left why vanity, a sin which God abhors. should be indulged.

Death to the servants of God is not so much a penalty as it is a remedy. It delivers them up to such joys as eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man to conceive. Yes, a man may as well with a coal paint out the sun in all its splendour, as with his pen or tongue express, or with his heart conceive, the fulness of those joys and the sweetness of those pleasures which the redeemed shall enjoy at God's right hand for evermore. For quality, they are pleasures; for quantity, fulness; for dignity, at God's right hand; for eternity; for evermore: and millions of years multiplied by millions make not up a minute to this eternity.

"THY SERVANT, THE DECEASED."-A few years

a change of heart before his death, the language How practical was the advice which the mother struck me as most inappropriate. Nor was I alone

about it, but do it. It is very important to observe "Well, Bill," said one, addressing his companworld has reached its present height of intellectual Are there not many members in every congre- how much stress is laid in Scripture upon the deeds ion, a shrewd-looking rustic youth, "what did you

ing your own selves" (James i. 22). Knowledge is do what we please, and then go right to heaven not enough; "If ye know these things, happy just as well as the biggest saint that ever lived.

better than sacrifice" (I Sam. xv. 22). Christian "But," continued the other, "there was one profession is not enough; "Not every one that thing that puzzled me, and that was, when the saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the minister kept saying in his prayer. . Thy servant, is a buoyancy of spirit, a lightness of mind, an ease | ninth and tenth of this chapter, and yet go on | kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of the deceased,' and I thought of what a cheating, "You will find my remuneration in your book," of conscience, a superiority to petty cares and getting money in the questionable way that he my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. vii. 21). lying, swearing, Sabbath-breaking ungodly man,

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