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"THY KINGDOM COME."

Christian, none could be more comprehensive, or There may be more real piety in the village conmore significant, than the short sentence. "Thy gregation, gathered in some old and shattered kingdom come." In words so simple that every barn, lisping the praise of God in unmeasured child learns to lisp them at his mother's knee, it music; than in the gilded dome, the perfectly reguincludes all the strongest desires of the most expansive soul. And yet how little do we think of aisles of the city cathedral. The beauty of Gospel such passages of Scripture when we read and religion is the untainted adornment of the soul. repeat them so frequently! The sound falls upon our ears, its significance never reaches our hearts.

The words pass from our lips, but how seldom have they even skimmed the surface of our tian church, and is exemplified in the life of every thoughts! Though worthy of the deepest, the professor of religion. We constantly pray that most anxious and arduous research, and replete "His righteousness may go forth as brightness, with interest and instruction, yet, by constant use, and his salvation as a lamp that burneth," but they become as the words of some old wives' fable, how frequently do we prove as the slides of a dark and we feel little of their power.

have risen and decayed; kingdoms, glorious with let us zealously watch our own footsteps that all political power and regal pomp, have flourished and withered; cities, the mightiest and most magnificent, have spread their customs through the Church. In truth, what would be the use of that wide boundaries of the earth, or have fallen, help- power unless there was some end to be secured? less and decayed, like the yellow leaves from the There is an object-a grand and a glorious object autumn shrub; fortresses, which to human con- - an object which might well engage the attensideration were deemed, and by mortal enlogy tion of angelic worlds; ah! for which cherubim were extolled as the pride of the nations and the and seraphim are the ministers of his wrath or the

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for this the power and influence of the Holy for this? Can it truly be said of each one of us, himself that he was utterly undone. He some-Spirit is still felt upon our earth.

throne of Jehovah; for this the apostles preached | magazine, the storehouse of our supply and the eternal truths of the glorious Gospel of the strength ? From the use of the words at the head the afternoon. The providence of God had was developed, and for saftey of the rest she was blessed God, and for this they braved the ig- of our address we should infer as much. Where altered his argument of prayer, which was now for ordered to the hospital. She is one of our Sabnominy and the reproach of the world; for this is the Christian who has not yearned, at some the conversion of his new married wife, or he was bath scholars. Just before the twilight hour the the glorious army of martyrs suffered the most ex- time or other, to see more accomplished through undene. This he pressed with prayers and tears hospital van came to take her. In times of trouble cruciating pains, and from the dungeons of Rome, the agencies and the institutions of the Church? a great part of the afternoon, and did not rise from you often see among the poor a quiet strength from the fires of London and Lichfield, from the God grant that it may be the first prayer of our prayer without good hope of being heard. At the that arises to heroism. When the wheels of the amphitheatres of paganism and the tortures of spirit, the one absorbing passion of our soul, to see bride-house was hurry enough—horse and man van were heard in the lane, and pausing at the papal idelatry, they returned their souls to the his kingdom come. For the sake of the world let (after they missed the bridegroom) sent every door, there was simply, 'Maggie, they have come God who gave them; and for this, Christian us pray, for the sake of the Church let us strive, way. No news of him. He was wrestling as for you now.' To prepare to go the child at once friends, we have the distinguished honour to pray. for the sake of our Jesus let us cry-

This part of the prayer which our Lord and Saviour taught his disciples, has a deep and impressive relationship, a relationship which covers the whole history of the past, and will extend over every era of the future. Perhaps no prayer could have been more congenial to the Jewish prejudices of his early followers than the one expressed in the church. One great source of the weakness of these words. Whatever might be the expecta- the Church has been her divisions. Divide the tions of the Jew in regard to the Messiah, it ap- river into small streams, and that which could pears quite evident that the one predominant move the one monstrous water-wheel falls useless passion of his sonl was, that he would come as a upon the paddles of many. Divide the army, and sovereign, as their sovereign, and that of his that which could have carried the triumph with government they should be made kings and princes. | comparative ease, retreats from the field defeated That as a temporal monarch he would rule the and disgraced. Divide the Church, and, though wide world o'er, and the centre of his government her victory is sure since lodged in the hands on would be their own beloved city. Such, however, her great Captain, yet you weaken her power. was not the case. He became as a ruler, but it | And, to my mind, one great argument why Chriswas to wield the golden sceptre of sovereign love | tians should pray "Thy kingdom come" is, that over the affections, the desires, the passions of the then there will be universal love of the brethren. humas soul. He came as a universal sovereign, The union of the Church in spirit must exist. It but it was to be monarch of the mind and of the is like some stately tree, of which Christ is the heart, when his knowledge should cover the earth root and we are the branches. Because the as the waters cover the sea. And ever since his branches spring from different places in the stem, holy feet trod the soil of Judea, that kingdom has | ye would not say they had no common source, and been spreading its silent but irresistible influence. will ye say that we have nothing in common It has permeated by an unassuming yet carnest | because we take different views of certain portions zeal every quarter of the globe; and, to my mind, of God's truth. O Spirit of that kingdom, descend no hope can be so sweet to the soul of the believer | upon the Church ! that from the sweetest bonds as the one that, though delayed, the glorious mil- of concord, peace and love, one universal prayer lennium will come; "the kingdoms of this world | may arise-"Thy kingdom come," shall become the kingdoms of our God and of his The coming of this kingdom has a relationship

rumours of wars : he may mourn over the iniquity, shall be reluctant recipients of his wrath. Is our the vice, the immorality that on every hand sur- life governed by the code of laws he has given in rounds him, but the prayer, "Thy kingdom come," the revelation of his will? Do we covet and spears into pruninghooks and his swords into faith, cast ourselves upon him. They that are ploughshares, he shall hang his armour on the not for him are against him. Here is no neutral wall, and study war no more. The flood tide of ground, no border land, where we may remain in-iniquity shall be stopped by the mount of Calvary. different with impunity, and may expect an in-The government, not only in anticipation but in demnification against the results of our lack or actual realization, shall be upon the shoulders of interest in his cause. "Thy kingdom come." him whose name is Wonderful, Counsellor, the God send it into each one of our souls. Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Prophetic era, blissful day! Peace. Of the increase of his government there shall be no end until every knee shall bow before hun, and every tongue shall confess him to be Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Well, may we sing with the sainted Bishop Heber-

" Waft, waft, ye winds, his story; And you, ye waters, roll, Till, like a sea of glory,
It spreads from pole to pole;
Till, o'er our ransom'd nature
The Lamb for sinners sium, Redeemer, King, Creator,

In bliss returns to reign." If this be the case, that his reign shall extend until all the world feel its benign and glorious influences, we shall do well, Christian brother or sister, to pray more fervently, to strive more zealously, for the appearing of that glory, which, by the Redeemer, we were taught to expect, when he placed in the lips of his disciples the beautiful

prayer, "Thy kingdom come." This prayer has also a relationship to the church. To the glory of the church ; or rather, we might say to the manifestation of that glory; for the essential glory of the church must be the same whether manifested or not. She is like the sun, the clouds may sometimes hide her behind their black and dreary folds, but she shines the same although her rays are intercepted. Religion may

rise in every quarter of our land, and yet true religion be not half so lovely, as when she was beheld in the rough garb of the Puritan period, and the worship of our God as celebrated in the caves and dens of the mountains of Scotland. The beauty of the church is that which no external grandeur Of all the prayers that could be offered by the can increase, nor any rustic simplicity diminish. lantern, instead of being reflectors, by means of "Thy kingdom come." For the fulfilment of which the light might be distributed farther and this prayer, empires, the most wide stretched, wider. While we pray "Thy kingdom come,"

invulnerable deposit of their strength, have sunk messengers of his mercy, the extension of his wooing in that gentleman's house, there should be kingdom, the manifestation of his glory. I think no swearing nor debauchery, lest his son should made the inquiry-are not ready to make it. They "Thy kingdom come." For the appearance of we shall not be far wrong in saying that, as his be discouraged. Wedding clothes were bought, have a thousand plans to fulfil—a thousand venthis Divine and glorious government kings have kingdom develops itself, and hastens on to its and the day came in which the young couple tures to make a thousand hopes to realize, bewielded the sceptre of royal authority over mil glorious consummation, the power of his church were married. At the wedding dinner, at her fore they are ready for heaven. lions of their fellow mortals; emperors have nt- will become greater, her resources will be ampli- father's house, the mask was taken off; they fell 'How far is it to heaven?' Perhaps some tered their despetic mandates, and bound their fied, her energies extended, her success more to drinking healths, and swearing among their reader does not wish it near. Heaven may be far subjects as in letters of iron; legislators have marked and triumphant. How frequently do cups, and amongst others, the bride swore an oath. from you, and may never be nearer than at this formed laws, and brought about ends, even anta- Christians lightly use the language of our motto, At which the bridegroom, as a man amazed, took moment. Like the comet that is wandering from gonistic to their wishes; and warriors have trod atterly unconscious of the true import of the the battle-field with confused noise and garments | words! If his kingdom must come, it will necessitate a large outpouring of his grace upon the "Thy kingdom come." For the coming of Church. Are we prepared for this? Have we so this kingdom he sat in the council chambers of learned the mathematics of our profession that we eternity, and decreed what should be done in have allotted to its proper use every iota of the time; for this he has sat upon the throne of earth's grace we have received? The prayer implies history, and guided the belm of its existence; for this. An augmentation of our resources and an prayer, slacked his communion with God, when, this the second Person in the ever glorious extra expenditure of effort will be included in the as in that grand affair of his life, he ought to have Trinity became incarnate, suffered, and died; and prayer. "Thy kingdom come." Are we ready been doubly and trebly serious, and so might thank

"Thy kingdom come." For this the incense of opportunity pass unimproved? Have we avoided among the woods, he led his horse into a solitary

" Fly abroad, thou mighty Gospel, Win and conquer, never cease: May thy lasting wide dominions Multiply and still increase ! Sway thy sceptre, Saviour, all the world around !"

This prayer has a relationship to the unity of

also to each individual soul. We are each of us The child of God may weep over wars and either the willing subjects of his authority, or we

We catch thy warm, inspiring ray, Which gleams o'er India's plains; We hall the dawn of morning light That breaks upon the gloomy night,

Where superstition reigns. We hasten thy advance to meet; With vivid joy the sign we greet, That brightens in the sky— The peaceful sign of heavenly love, Which, like the holy mystic dove, Declares Messiah nigh.

Behold! he comes in triumph now; Before him see the mount ins bow, And all the valleys rise; He comes, with majesty and grace, To sanctify the human race,

And raise them to the skies. We'll aid thy triumphs, mighty King! The glories of thy cross we'll sing, And shout salvation round; Till every na.ion, every land, From Greenland's shore to Afric's strand, Shall echo back the sound.

Let earth commence the lofty praise , Let heaven prolong th' enraptured lays; Swell every tunefullyre; Bright seraphs! chant th' immortal song And pour the bounding notes along, From heaven's eternal choir."—Steans. J. B. SUMMERFIELD.

STRIKING INCIDENT OF PURITAN TIMES.

About the middle of the seventeenth century, godly family. Ordering horses one morning, he saint closed his eyes in death-sleeps in Jesus-

from this way you are in, to no purpose, I have to heaven? one more remedy to apply, in which, if you comply, I shall settle my estate upon you, otherwise inquiring world, have you made this one inquiry ? intend to marry you.'

profane, but went with his father, who before had heaven. Why not then ask, 'How far is it to made way there. They were entertained nobly; he heaven?' It may be but a little distance from had a sight of the young lady, a great beauty, and some of my readers. You may be already within the young man fell much in love with her. When the sound of its happy voices, and but for the 'vail of they had taken their leave, on their way home, his father asked him "what he thought of her?" But you will soon hear them. Only a little, He answered, " No man living but must be taken | very little farther on, and heaven will be attained with such a one, but he feared she would not like if you are found faithful him." The father was glad it had taken, and bid

London to buy things for the wedding. not knowing what to do. He bewailed himself as may always wander. undone, and deservedly, for that he had been so taken in love, and the business so hurried on in design, he said he had at that time restrained Jacob once at Peniel.

her in the chamber pensive enough. She asked hymn? And with a quivering voice she began him, " if he had done well to expose her to scorn | with and derision all the day?" He entreated her to sit down upon a couch there by him, and he would give her an account of his doing what he had then what the Lord through grace, had done for him. of another favorite hymn with our scholars, He went over the story here above mentioned, not without great affection and tears, the floodgates of which had been opened in the wood, and ever and anon, in the discourse, would say, through grace God did so and so for me.

prayed; and such weeping and supplication there ones, for of such is the kingdom of heaven. was on both sides, that when they were called down to supper they had hardly eyes to see with, so swelled were they with weeping.

that he would rather set fire with his own hands easier and easier as he advances. gave the estate to some others, of whom Dr. time when everything else fails.

pounds, and meekly departed. His wife, the match was so huddled up, had no He says to the miserable victim. in her own hand that had been given her by a carthly things?" grandmother; with that they took and stocked a | For a million dollars he will sell his reason; and spent without interest, and without effort. farm in Sussex, where Mr. Knight has often been, the million is promised. red waistcoat, and milking the cows, and was now science?" had mercy on me, and any painstaking is pleasant thing else. It is readily taken.

the blessing of marriage, divers children.

lawyer, with all his wit, could not alienate the making promises and never fulfilling them. be fashionable, and yet be very far from being beautiful. Stately cathedrals, gilded edifices, may be written, and the gospel's shall find it."— Eng. Paper.

A the foot of every far from being beautiful. They have and felt no exhaustion at the close. I recovered it. "He that toseth his life for my sake one joy that they can get out of it. They have and felt no exhaustion at the close. I recovered it. "He that toseth his life for my sake one joy that they can get out of it. They have and felt no exhaustion at the close. I recovered it. "He that toseth his life for my sake one joy that they can get out of it. They have and felt no exhaustion at the close. I recovered it. "He that toseth his life for my sake one joy that they can get out of it. They have and felt no exhaustion at the close. I recovered it. "He that toseth his life for my sake one joy that they can get out of it. They have and felt no exhaustion at the close. I recovered it. "He that toseth his life for my sake one joy that they can get out of it. They have and felt no exhaustion at the close. I recovered it. "He that toseth his life for my sake one joy that they can get out of it. They have and felt no exhaustion at the close. I recovered it. "He that toseth his life for my sake one joy that they can get out of it. They have and felt no exhaustion at the close. I recovered it. "He that toseth his life for my sake one joy that they can get out of it. They have and felt no exhaustion at the close. I recovered it. "He that toseth his life for my sake one joy that they can get out of it. They have and felt no exhaustion at the close. I recovered it. "He that toseth his life for my sake one joy that they can get out of it. They have and the close it. "He that toseth his life for my sake one joy that they can get out of it. They have and they can get out of it. They have and they can get out of it. They have an are sake and the close it. They have an are sake and a young have an are sake and a young have an are sake and a young have an are sake and a yo

HOW FAR IS IT TO HEAVEN?

"This day shalt thou be with me in Paradise," the son of a Mr. Studley a lawer in Kent, was said the dying Saviour to the penitent thief. It brought to the knowledge of Christ. His father, is not far to heaven; it is not a day's journey. a profane man, and a bitter bater of the Puritains | The angel messenger came all the way from heaven did all he could to drive the son out of his pious in a few minutes to Daniel, while he was speaking ways. Failing in all attempts, he bethought in prayer. The Saviour ascended to heaven from himself of a plan for marrying him into an un- Olivet and was soon out of sight. The dying took his son with him for a ride, and on the way and opens them in heaven. Sometimes the departing Christan hears the songs and music of "Son, you have been matter of great grief to heaven even before his immortal spirit stretches me, and, having used much means to reclaim you its wings for the final flight. How far is it then

Young reader, in all your inquiries in this anxious you shall never inherit a groat of it. I am riding to such a gentleman's house, to whose daughter I far is it to the place of rest. We hear the lost wanderer inquire how far is it to his home, You The son said little, knowing that family to be profess, it may be, to desire an eternal home in humanity,' they might even now fall upon the ear.

'How far is it to heaven?' How few make the him take no care for that. The wooing was not inquiry! How few desire to know; and could long, for at three weeks' end they both came to you perhaps, be assured that one hour more would end the journey, how startled and even how afraid The father had charged, that in the time of you would be to know that heaven was so near.

occasion to rise from the table, stepped forth and the sun, the great centre of attraction, and shoots went to the stable, took a horse, none observing off into interminable space, so you may be wanderall were within, busy; he mounted and rode away, ing from heaven, and if not now drawn to Christ

How many of our young readers are earnestly seeking to make heaven the end of their journey ? How many feel that they are travellers along the narrow way that leads to heaven !

In a poor unwholesome home a little time ago a father died of fever. He left as desolate a home as I had ever seen. On his burial night his "He hath done what he could?" Have we let no times thought of riding quite away. At last, being widow and children were seated by the fire; the only daughter a child of ten years, looking with a the saints' supplications has ascended to the no work for the Lord? Have we emptied the place, tied him to a tree, in his distress, and betook wearied look into her mother's face, said 'Mother, himself to his prayers and tears, in which he spent how sore my head is !'-Next day fever in her also In the evening he returned home, and, inquiring artless, 'Mother, ye ken I may not come back to where his bride was, went up to her and found you again. Will the man wait till I sing my

> Come sing to me of heaven, When I'm about to die, Sing songs of holy ecstasy, To wast my soul on high. done, and tell her the story of his whole life, and After a moment's pause she took up the chorus Here in the body pent, Absent from thee I roam, And nightly pitch my moving tent, A day's march nearer home,

And so they carried the ailing child that night, John xv. 1, 5. When he had told her his story over, she asked | with such joyous thoughts as these filling her young him what he meant by that word so often used in heart, to pitch her tent in the place where the the relation of his life, "through grace," so ignor- journey from this to the eternal world is so short antly had she been educated, and asked him if he and so often made. O blessed religion this of thought there was no grace in God for her, who Jesus! Blessed to the child of ten as well as to nent position. I was preceded in the pulpit by Prince of Peace, who will reign until he has put was so wretched, a stranger to God. "Yes, my the sage of seventy years. 'This is but a child's

should die, ten pounds to cut off his claim; and | way so works that all its helps come just at that

Reeves was one; and not long after died. Dr. Methinks I see the transaction that is taking parations, and the excitement of the morning used of organization, can, of itself, give to the church a Reeves sent for the gentleman; paid him his ten place in thrice ten thousand instances. The devil | up completely the little vitality which remained | pledge of real and lasting prosperity, or of ultimate pounds; told him he had been a rebellious son, comes into the man's presence and looks over the to me. The rest of the day dragged heavily. Success. Nor must the mere fact of an increase in and might thank himself. He received the ten inventory of his faculties -his reason, his moral The sermon I had prepared three or four days the number of church members be regarded as a sentiments and his affections-and prices them. before had lost its freshness. It was correctly but sign of increasing prosperity, if, as numbers in-

and seen her who had been highly bred, in her . "And for how much will you sell your con- the remedy. I abandoned every thing which never fancy that you could be somebody if you

lence ?"

the road, by one of the tenants of the estate, taken. For when the devil is buying goods he I kept them so. On Monday morning I began nities: and it is nothing new that the patient and saluted by the name of landlord. "Alas," never stops about prices. He will buy whatever | work, and on Saturday noon I laid down my pen, should dislike his medicines, or any certain proofs said he, "I am none of your landlord." "Yes you offer him, and buy it at your price. Whether and on no account would I touch pen, or book, or that they are poisons. No. A truce to all such you are," said he, "I know more than you do of he will pay you or not is another thing. He has even newspaper, till Monday morning. The whole imputations. the rettlement. Your father, though a cunning been bankrupt ever since there has been a davil, of Saturday afternoon I devoted to recreation. I

will serve you to wage law with them." He was any pleasure or satisfaction. They have sold light supper, and went early to bed.

They have sold their conscience.

what have they got in return for these things? commencing a new sermon was after the services Bonds, stocks, houses and lands. And now they of the Sabbath were over, and the freshest day of are seventy years old, and rheumatism has them, the week, except Sunday, was Monday. which of their lots, or houses, or stocks, or bonds Moral.-Make Saturday your day of rest, and will cure them, or give them patience, as they sit | Sunday your first day of labor for the week, instead with feet in chair, writhing and groaning. Their of the last, and blue Mondays will disappear. walls are hung with pictures; but of what comfort Independent. are these to them? They have no taste. They bought them because other rich fools bought theirs. They do not care for them. At night they say, " Would God it were morning?" and in the morning they say, "Would God it were night!" Their condition is most unbearable. in supposing that littleness, relative or absolute And cursed be he that says any thing to them is not valued of God. Do parents love their child about death and the future. They abhor the ren according to their square inches? Insignificant thought of the future. There is no future for them that they can endure to look on. They have sold themselves, and all that can profit them, be an object of the Divine love and care. in a fatal compact. They have lived all their life long in acquiring that which, now that they have broad, outwardly reflecting in a thousand ways ome to it, is powerless to make them happy. In their old age, when they need some consolation, their prosperity has none for them.

JESUS OUR SUN.

I had a little plant, a pot plant. In the fall it in the dark all winter. When at last it was brought up, it looked dead. "O, that beautiful plant, is dead, " I cried. " No," they said, "only put it in the sun." The dry leaves were cut off shelf in the south window - a stick, a dead, homely would ever be anything; and so it was left pretty much to itself. Some days passed, bright, warm, sunny days, enough to do one's heart good, when I thought of my plant, and looked at it. What a change! The dead, sickly look was gone; it Little? You are little; but God's love has no had straightened up; it had a fine fresh green the juices were stirring; and lo, on all sides, pairs of little leaves were pushing out to life and light, clothing the branches with beauty and youth. There was no mistaking it; the poor despised stick had taken on a new life. It was wonderful how it grow, and how glad it was to grow; yes and with what a sweet, loving faith all the little leaves turned up towards the sun; and how the top as it grew, bent forward and over, seeking the, ifegiving beams.

"The sun does wonders," we said. Yes, and t is bringing life to millions and millions of little plants all over the earth, just as it had done to mine. "O, beautiful light! O, blessed warmth!"

And it made me think what meaning there is in that name of our dear Lord, who is called our "sun," the "Sun of righteousness," Sin, dear friends, leaves us out in the dark and cold, and we shall die there, and be cast away if we stay. O, if we can only get to the Lord Jesus! He can enlighten our dark souls; he can warm our cold hearts; he can put new life and vigour into our torpid minds, end everlasting life." And as the plant grows sun, so surely does the believer turn to the "Sun of Righteousness" for the supply of all spiritual needs, that he also may "grow in grace" and be a living branch of the "true vine," waiting in patient hope for the time when he may be transplanted to the "better land," under the more mmediate care of the great "husbandman."-

PREPARATION OF SERMONS.

two men of scholarly attainments, one of whom on | all enemies under his feet, is proceeding in his work dear," said he, "there is grace for thee, and that religion,' you say. Yes, and is it not the glory of retiring, took the place of head professor of one of of regeneration, and will continue to prosecute I have been praying for this day, in the wood, and the Gospel that it does give strength and gladness our highest schools of theology; the other took that work "natil he shall send forth judgment God hath heard my prayer and seen my tears, and to the young heart? The most childlike are the presidency of a college in an Eastern State. I unto victory." - Wilness, let us now go together to Him about it. Then most blessed by it. Jesus the loving Saviour will felt called upon to do what lay in my power to did they kneel down by the couch-side, and he yet, as when on earth, deal gently with the little fill with credit, the place they had filled with Holiness is Power. Never was it more needhonor. I devoted all the time I could command ful to the church than at present, not only practito my pulpit preparations, often consuming con- cally to set before the world the example of a holy siderable portions of Saturday night over my life, but in its doctrinal testimony to give to the sermons, and always occupying all the time I could | Scripture view of perfect holiness that place which At supper the bride's father, according to his The worldly way to honor and to happiness has command between the services on the Sabbath, in its importance justly claims. The mysterious custom, swore. The bride immediately said, its advantages more in the beginning. Its evils the same way. The sermon prepared in the early power by which the Christian Church has gained "Father, I beseech you, swear not"; at which the multiply as they go on toward the end. The godly part of the week I always preached last, deeming its position, and by which it has not only kept its bridegroom's father, in a great rage, rose from the way has its chief difficulties in the beginning, and | it the most thoroughly prepared; while the sermon own but bid defiance to a host of foes, is a power table. "What," says he, " is the devil in him! Has its blessings multiply at the enc. When a man prepared on Friday or Saturday, I regularly derived from no other source than the spirit of he made his wife a Puritan already ?" and exclaimed | begins a Christian course it is difficult, but it grows | preached on the Sabbath morning. I multoruly | holiness. It would be vain to sigh for a return of found that the fresher preparation produced the those days when the disciples had " favor with all bears upon its wings the essence of true consola- desire more than anything else to be the objects to the four corners of his fair-built house, than the more than anything else to be the objects to the people," and "fear came upon every soul," if tion, in that it shadows forth in clearest outline, of his favour? Are our affections governed by ever he should enjoy it. And accordingly he need the support of all their life's accumulations of the after part of the day fell flat upon listless we were no longer permitted to understand the that the warrior shall, in God's own time, beat his his truth? Have we, by humble and implicit should die ten pounds to cut off his claim; and way so works that all its helps come just at that

I had exhausted myself thoroughly in my pre- social position, nor ontward activity, nor strength formally delivered to an audience whose enthusiasm crease, the desire after holiness becomes less portion promised, at least that he knew of, who " For how much will you sell your reason in had been excited and exhausted by the morning's generally felt, and the nature of true holiness less relied on his father, so that she was also deserted slavery, that it shall never again walk in the fair sermon. Sunday night was restless, and Monday clearly apprehended, and less strikingly exempliby her friends; and, having two hundred pounds fields of thought, but forever drudge and serve in dawned as blue as the mists which were brought fied. in upon our city from the ocean. The day was

could either stimulate or exhaust artificially the only had a different lot and sphere assigned you. become the great comforter of her husband, and | For a hundred thousand dollars he will sell his | nervous system. I had always been strictly tem- God understands his own plan, and he knows what exceedingly cheerful. "God," says she, " hath conscience. That is a cheaper than almost any perate. I never used tobacco in any form. I you want a great deal better than you do. The abandoned the use of coffee, drinking only water very things that you most deprecate as fatal to me." There they lived some years, and had "And how much will you sell your benevo, or weak black tea. I got a good number of ser- limitations or obstructions, are probably what you mons prepared in advance of my preaching for I most want. What you call hindrances, obstacles, After some three years he was met in Kent, on For half a million more he will sell that. It is had no old stock to fall back upon and for years discouragements, are probably God's opportu-

and it is to their memory what children that have I was greatly relieved from incipient ministerial been dead forty years are to their parent's thought. sore throat. I never was worried on Saturday to know what I was to preach on Sunday, and I never All their manhood has been sold out. And had a blue Monday afterwards. My best hour for

YOUR LITTLENESS AND GOD'S LOVE .- " But I am afraid," one says, "that my littleness will seem insignificant in God's sight." Why, certainly it will. You are right in that. You are only wrong and poor in a thousand ways man is; but that is no reason, in the mind of God, why he should not

There stands, in summer, a huge tree, green and the solar light, and inwardly full of twilight, and a little bird draws near, and philosophizes with itself as to whether it may take refuge in that tree from the scorehing rays of the sun, from the pitiless storm, or from the hawk that soars in the sky. Its heart palpitates, and it looks into the tree, and wonders if there is room there for it, if it was left on the back side of the house in the shade will be disagreeable for the tree to have it there, and cold, and it looked very miserable. Then it and if such a great tree cares for such a little bird. was carried down the cellar, and there it stayed O bird! fly and ask no questions. Let the flutter of the leaves and of your wings mingle till you are upon the inmost twig of the tree, and then sing a song of gratitude. Methinks I hear it singing within the branches. In all the region for the earth loosened; it was watered, and set on a half a mile about the sweet descant is heard; and that little bird's song has paid the tree, and ever stick, and nothing more. It was hard to say it thing there is in that wide expanse, a thousand times better for its shelter.

One little soul flying into the bosom of Jesus and singing gratitude, will make heaven happier than ten thousand processions of crowned kings latitudes nor longitudes. It is in its nature infinite and beyond price. Into that love fly, and sing your song of gratitude. None so little that they may not go to God and trust in Him.

THE FINAL TRIUMPH. - Christ shall continue his mission "until he send forth judgment unto victory." In the language of the prophet, " He shall not fail nor be discouraged till he have set judgment in the earth." The work shall go on; Christ shall not become uneasy nor disheartened, but shall maintain the bloodless strife to its consummation. He shall persevere against all discouragements and opposition. Though the con-I said, looking up into the sky, and thanking God | flict may be fierce, enemies may be numerous and powerful, and the battle may wax hotter and hotter, and final triumph be long delayed; ages may roll on, and still the fight proceed between the two armies; partial and momentary defeats may seem to render the issue doubtful; there may be apostacies and schisms, and the dragon draw after him "a third part of the stars of heaven." Some mighty mind may lead on a host against the truth, and cause trembling and dismay in the so that we may have " fruit unto holiness, and the ranks of the faithful, Still our great Captain " shall not fail nor be disconraged." Every new strataupwards, and expands to the beams of the natural gem of the enemy, every reaction in favor of sin and error, shall call forth fresh demonstrations of his skill and power, until victory shall perch upon his banners.

The time may be in the far distant future. Sin and error may hold their grim sway for centuries; cities and countries may be desolated by destructive wars; the poor may be oppressed by the rich, and perish for the want of bread; human muscles may be ground down, and human hearts crushed; and the church may be distracted by heresics and divisions yet for long ages. But another and My church was in a city, and occupied a promi- a better day will finally arive, for the Saviour, the

and joyous response in believing hearts. Neither

God's Plan of Your Life. Never complain I saw the cause, and I roused myself to apply of your birth, your employment, your hardships;

roved over the fields back of the city. I walked Gon is History .- The prayer of the patriarch estate from you, whom he had made joint pur- I can show you men who have been in part down upon the shores of the harbor. I stopped when he desired to behold the Divinity face to chaser. Myself and some other tenants know it, paid. They have rolled up millions of dollars; where gangs of men were working, and amused face, was denied; but he was able to catch a and have refused to pay any money to Dr. Reeves. but to get their property they have given up the myself with their toil. I dropped my line for fish glimpse of Jehovah, after he had passed by; and I have sixteen pounds ready for you in my hands, best part of themselves. They have sold their off the projecting rocks of the harbor. I did any so it fares with our search for him in the wrestlings which I will pay to your acquittance, and that understanding. It shall no longer afford them think. Returning at nightfall, I took a of the world. It is when the hour of conflict is over that history comes to a right understanding A man of mature age and a young heart has