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THE WRONG TEXT. BY J. DE LIEFDE.

One bright swamer , Mis. B was citting in the stage coach that conveyed her through one of the most beautiful districts of the country. She was quite alone, for the railway had swept away all the travellers, who, in former days, used to throng the conveyances on that road. On a sudden the coach stopped, and a passenger who had come out of a gate that formed the entrance to a splendid estate, stepped in. It was an elderly lady, whose dress seemed to betoken a member of the middle class. Her face, though not beautiful, yet bore an expression of candour and truthfulness, which made it altogether attractive. Mrs. B--- thought she must be a good woman. In this supposition she was confirmed by the conversation which ensued between them. Those who know the Lord know each other soon. The Lord knows his sheep by their name; they know each other by their voice.

"Was it not from Miss R——'s grounds you stepped in just now?" asked Mrs. B——. Yes, it was," replied the lady. "I am Miss R----'s housekeeper, and, I am happy to say, her friend and sister in the Lord."

Yes, she must be a very good woman," said wealth for such good objects as she does. She is that it rather becomes a Christian girl to do too ter's family in the country. She showed no unlieve she is a remarkable proof of God's saving and sovereign grace in converting an erring soul. At least, it must be so if the reports are true which, as you will know, are generally current among the population about her former life.2

lady, "and much truth is in them. Much, however, is exaggerated and contorted." "Was not her father an innkeeper in the me-

tropolis?" asked Mrs. B----. "Yes, he was; and I first became acquainted with her when she was in her father's house. But let me shortly tell you her story, which everybody should know, to learn the important lessons it presents to the converted as well as to the uncon- greater anxiety about being tastefully dressed than have many an opport inity, of speaking a good word verted. It reminds the one of that warning of the apostle-' Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall;' and the other, of that blessed promise of the Lord, 'Him that cometh unto me.

I will in no wise cast out.' "Miss R-, as you know from report, was, when young, considered one of the beauties of the metropolis. Her father's trade, which was conducted in one of the gayest hotels of the town, brought her already in the prime of life into companies, which were too surely fitted to poison her soul, and to flatter her idleness to the utmost. Her young life was exclusively spent in singing, dancing, playing, theatre-going, and the like; and, being as fickle as she was beautiful, she nearly every month had a fresh sweetheart. This state of things continued till she was about twenty, when she took seriously ill. Finding herself on a sudden at the brink of the grave, and in the sight of eternity, she cried to God for mercy, and desired to see a minister. Fortunately the clergyman who was sent for was a true servant of God. He spoke in the right way to her, and earnestly sought the Lord's face on her behalf. His prayers were heard. She recovered; and such was the impression which his words left behind on her heart, that she entirely abandoned the way of the

world, and became a converted child of God. "Such, at least, she was considered by the Christian friends with whom she now became ac- again quainted. Her father was not at all pleased with her change. It made his tavern less attractive what your are seeing just now is only dust and for the young people. He would rather have her ashes. leave his house altogether, than stand behind the bar with the countenance of a judge, and looking at his customers as if they were culprits. Nor had she any desire to continue in that temple of like a weeping willow.' intemperance and temptation. Now, her deceased mother had left her a small sum, which he administered till she came of age. He agreed to pay her the interest every quarter, which would be sufficient to support her decently, if she took up her residence with some friend. Thus she quitted

resolved to live was myself.

Christian friends, to whom the minister, who had a large property, and was famous for his high been the instrument in the Lord's hand for her parts as well as for his wealth. He was generally conversion, had introduced her. Moreover, she found that I could be useful to her in more than | conduct, though it was known that be frequented one respect. I was not only her superior in years and experience, but also in the accomplishments of education. Hers, of course, had been thorough-ly neglected. I was a private teacher of French, drawing, and music. Now that her mind was dedrawing, and music. Now that her mind was delivered from the fascinating spell in which a life of occasions he never neglected the opportunity of idleness and frivolity had kept her from her childhood, she found herself destitute of all solid and useful knowledge. An insatiable thirst after knowledge awoke in her, and she besought me to take her into my house and to train her as if she were my child. No proposal could be more and what he had said to her. And I found that, agreeable to me. I had observed that by nature she was endowed with uncommon intellectual gifts, which only wanted development to produce admirable results. With her entering my house the three most happy years of my life commenced. I found in her a pupil who soon outstripped her teacher. But what above all formed the crown of our happiness, and rendered my dwelling a little were knit together in Him, at whose feet both pupil and teacher were sitting to receive a better instruction than all human teaching can impart.

"Still, there was something in Miss R-s character which often caused me some anxiety about her. I found that she never forgot that her face was as beautiful as her figure was handsome. Indeed, I often could not help in secret admiring her elegant form. There was something majestic in her gait, something royal in the look of her eyes. It seemed as if a thing said by her were sou. She never goes to church, and she has a ten times more interesting than the same thing private box at the theatre.' when said by others. You could not help applauding, even though keeping silent. And she told me that she often reads the Bible at home.' could not help observing the impression she made upon you, though trying to ignore it. Evidently,

sisted by cutward adornment. And then, I ob- the Vatican." served that, however simple the dress she would "Dear, dear! take care,' said I." 'Let not the when he willingly says unto God, "Not my will, religion has made in her character since his youthchoose, she would give to that simple dress more | devil catch you in his snare.' attention and time than I thought was consistent "'Pray with me,' said she, 'that I may prove with the simplicity of a truly guileless spirit. an instrument for good to the countess. We do quarrel about. You know, however, madam, that low up this call." each time adding one, they compel you to acknow. cially since you-forgive me this remark-by Are around and above, if thy footing should fail, ledge the flock. Well then, that last sheep forms nature are so accessible to the beguilements of If thine eye should grow dim and thy cautior dethat lost one was added? Of course you cannot dear, and rather look for a situation in which it Look aloft, and be firm and be fearless of leart claimed: assert it, and thus you are compelled to acknow- will be less exposed to the darts of the enemy.' " I only mean to say,' I then would observe, perhaps getting a governess's place with a minis-

little in this matter than too much.' really argue that this simple piece of blue silk rib- of earnest prayer. How eagerly did I pray that Should the visions which hope spreads in light to bon is too much? Only think of Mrs. So and So, the minister's letter might come speedily! But whom everybody respects as a truly Christian no letter came. On the other hand, the countess Like tints of the rainbow, but frighten to fly, "Of course I know those reports," said the woman. What a crown of ribbons she had on insisted upon an immediate decision. The Chris-

> you are a young girl. Now, don't think that I God's providential care over her, now that she only want to wage war against that piece of rib- was so unexpectedly deprived of the means of sup- The wife of thy bosom, -in sorrow depart, or fell with its absence. Only permit me frankly to you to her soirces, balls, and theatres; but you tell you, that it appears to me that you show | will be with her when she is alone, and you will | To that soil where affection is ever in blocm. is required for a simple decent appearance. It is to her, which otherwise she never would hear.' And oh! when death comes, in terrors to cast not so much your dress itself, nor this ribbon, or You perceive, madam, that my poor advice must His fear on the future, his pall on the past, that piece of lace, I find fault with, as the extraor- prove too light in that scale." dinary and anxious attention you pay to it. I guess from this circumstance that your outward form and appearance is a matter of great importance to you, occupying greater place in your heart than it should in the heart of a girl who desires to please the Lord and not man. I know that you underwent a great change in this respect since you became His, and I am glad to see that you try to avoid everything that may cause you to recur to the vain and worldly apparel which you wore formerly. But, dear, mind that your fault then lay not with your dress, but with your heart; and if you should find that something of that old evil that has kept lurking at the bottom of your heart, I only beseech you to double your watchfulness against it, and to make it a matter of constant prayer before the Lord.'

"In this way I sometimes would speak to my friend, and she always would receive my warnings with gratitude. Still, I was sorry to find that every now and then, a new bright piece of dress, or a gay little flower, or a nice brooch was bought, which I am sure she could do without very well. I also would sometimes find her looking with an air of self-satisfaction in the mirror, dressing her after 50,000 dollars." hair, or changing a loop ten times over and over

"'Dear, dear !' I then would cry, 'Mind that

"' Nonsense!' she would answer, hurrying away, with a blush. 'I suppose you would like to see me running about with my hair hanging down "I became the more alarmed at this feature of

her character upon observing that her love of finery had evidently increased since, through the minister's introduction, she had become acquainted with one or two Christian families of high standing. I knew that there were some nice unfortunate. her father's house; and the friend with whom she young men connected with those families, and I "Our friendship had originated in a circle of One of them, young Mr. S-, had just come to esteemed as a pleasant person of irreproachable the theatre as well as the church. At least, we did not know him as a man who had given his taking his seat as near to Miss R --- as he could, and often he would say a few pleasant words to her. Miss R---, of course, when relating to me what she had enjoyed at those meetings, never forgot to mention that Mr. S --- was present, since her acquaintance with that gentleman, her mirror had become more precious to her, and her

dress more cared for. "Meanwhile, at the end of three years, Miss R-'s father died in delirium tremens; and it daughter's property. My dear friend became not only poor, but pennyless. She could not longer paradise, was the cordial love with which our hearts pay me her board, and I was not able to support her. In this predicament, one of the members of the wealthy families which she was acquainted with offered her a situation as lady companion to travelled abroad the greater part of the year. the wicked. The terms were more than handsome, and Italy,

countess was to visit within a month. "But, my dear,' I said to my friend, you know the countess is a very worldly-minded per-

" True, answered she, But Mr. S " Mr. S ! Does he know her?"

"'Of course; he is her nephew. And he said it. She dressed herself as simply as she could, not a very extraordinary saint myself," he said; to give repentance." her conspicuous. But hers was a beauty which perform miracles with my aunt. You will make ought always to talk religiously. I mother placed on his head, while she pours out glory."-1 Tim. iii. 16.

came out all the more strikingly the less it was as- her a thorough Protestant, even in the shadow of

no matters are so unfit for discussion as those of taste. Between Christians the question turns up, be for good. But I am not quite convinced that Christian graces flourish.

"If it is from the Lord, said I, 'it surely will be for good. But I am not quite convinced that Christian graces flourish." where the gospel line runs that severs the mere this situation is offered you by him. You will be human from the worldly. It becomes a discussion thrown into the midst of the world again, and you pendent of their worldly circumstances. about the definition of the terminus where the see its allurements in a much brighter light than spirit ends and the flesh begins. One, before he is you ever saw them before. The countess, of aware, gets into a confusion of sophistical distinctious, will move in the highest circles, and introtions. Certainly you both agree that you gorge- duce you to all the pleasures which her nobility will it not? No; I think not. Well then, tell me | you will find that ungodliness, clothed in a garni- saved only by the mate's impressive exclamation: asking, How many sheep form a flock? Two? will find it a hard struggle to withstand the ame. No. Three? No. Four? No. At length, power of those idolatrous enchantments, espe- in the tempest of life, when the wave and the gale the flock. But was there really no flock before pride and ostentation. Know your weak side,

willingness to take my advice into serious con-"'I agree,' she would answer. 'But, can you | sideration, and I am sure that she made it a matter her bonnet last night at the prayer-meeting.' tian friends of whom the countess was a relative, 'Look aloft' to the sun that is never to set. "'I did not observe it; but let it be so. But strongly advised Miss R- to accept the call.

THE BENEVOLENT MERCHANT.

Nathaniel Cobb, of Boston, displayed the charmen of wealth whose affluence is constantly proved | well-known hymn, "Rock of Ages, cleft for me !" by their munificence.

Yet it was not always from what is strictly de- During his last illness he seemed to lie in the

more than 50,000 dollars.

To which he added a clause, to the effect that, if he failed in carrying out this resolve, he desired that his property might be taken from him, and given to a more faithful steward.

He adhered to this covenant with strict fidelity: and their imitative powers, can fail to be impressed At one time, finding his property bad increased with the mighty influence the elder branches of beyond the prescribed sum of 50,000 dollars, he at the family exert over the younger. How often

THE SAYINGS OF THE WISE.

engaged to fulfil them.

mands there is great reward. ance will never atone for a single sin.

we pursue! morrow, others will visit ours.

He who talks much cannot always talk wisely. her soul to God for him, without breaking the VAST ARMIES AND THEIR MOVEMENTS The highest exercise of a man's free will is

This was the only point we sometimes had a little not know for what purpose the Lord bids me fol- what have I received that I have not abused?" is pious, his conscience will, in all probability, warn the anguage of Christian men.

The joys of God's servants are often very inde-

LOOK ALOFT.

I do not remember anything which has proously red colour becomes no modest Christian and wealth bring within her reach. You will duced so pleasing an impression on my mind as hadst been here my brother had not died!woman. But here is one of a fainter tint. What do you think of that? It is too gorgeous still. wicked as the light-mindedness and intemperance the late Dr. Goodman to his friends, of the boy Well then, here is one fainter still; that will do, of which your father's house was the scene; but who was about to fall from the rigging, and was how many tints are Christian, and where does the ture of refined manners and tastefully arranged "Look aloft, you lubber." The story and the apworldly tint begin? Now, of course, this is just the forms, will make a fascinating impression upon plication were somewhat in the style of Dr. question which the old sophists used to put when your senses. I am afraid, dearest friend, that you Franklin, and would not have been unworthy of his

ledge that you cannot precisely tell where the "I offered her a home with myself till some If the friend, who embraced in prosperity's glow, flock begins. In this way we often had a little more humble engagement would turn up. In- With a smile for each joy and a tear for each Should betray thee when sorrows like clouds are

> arrayed, Look aloft' to the friendship which nevershall

thine eye,

he is an elderly, old fashioned lady, my dear, and They remarked that it was such an evidence of Should they who are dearest,—the son of thy bon of yours, as if your Christian character stood port. 'The countess,' they said, 'will not take 'Look aloft,' from the darkness and dust of the

In that moment of darkness, with hope in thy

And a smile in thine eye, 'Look aloft,' and de--N. Y. Observer.

excellence. He was one of the few noble-minded of the Rev. Augustus Toplady, the author of the

are thus described: nominated affluence that he was so benevolent, very vestibule of glory. To a friend's inquiry he he would never become rich; and he redeemed I cannot tell the comforts I feel in my soul: they the holy pledge which he had given, by consecrat- are past expression. The consolations of God are ing his gains to the Lord. In November, 1821, so abundant that he leaves me nothing to pray for. he drew up the following remarkable document :- My prayers are all converted into praise. I enjoy "By the grace of God, I will never be worth a heaven already in my soul." And within an hour of dying he called his friends, and asked if "By the grace of God, I will give one-fourth of they could give him up; and when they said they the net profits of my business to charitable and could, tears of joy ran down his cheeks as he added, "Oh, what a blessing that you are made "If I am ever worth 20,000 dollars, I will give willing to give me over into the hands of my one-half of my net profits; and if I am ever worth Redeemer, and part with me; for no mortal can 30,000, I will give three-fourths; and the whole, live after the glories which God has manifested to

THE ELDER CHILDREN. None who have observed the habits of children

once devoted the surplus, 7,500, as a foundation | do we hear, while we are sitting by the little group, for a professorship in the Newton Institution for "I will do so-anc-so, for sister did it." And it the education of Christian ministers, to which, on | you are in the habit of observing the rising famivarious occasions during his short life, he gave at lies around, you must have seen that the elder last twice that amount. He was a generous friend | children are almost sure to form the model for the to many young men, whom he assisted in establish- younger ones. We have often observed the eldest ing themselves in business, and to many who were son, for instance, go far astray into the paths of vice, while the others were too young to accompany May we not say that men of business who, from him, and we have hoped that they might never knew also that not all of them feared the Lord. pious motives, thus consecrate their gains to God, walk with him; but, alas! in a very short time he do, in the noblest manner, make unto themselves has led the young ones into all his haunts of sin friends of that which, to an ungodly man, is "the and, one after another, we have seen them walking with the multitude in the broad road. We heard a gentleman ask once after the family of an old friend. He was told she had six children. He replied, "Then I think I can tell their charac-The highest honour on earth is to be the servant | ters, for the eldest was spoiled, and a little tyrant, of God, and the highest wisdom is to know by so that I have no doubt she has six incorrigible experience that his service is perfect freedom. young ones, for what the eldest is the others are Good works are highly to be prized, when sure to be." How much pain and bitterness would rendered by a subject and not a rebel; when mothers spare themselves if they would begin springing from right motives, when valued at a aright, and begin early to train the first and eldest orrect estimate, and when holding their proper child. How often do we hear a mother deploring the example set by her elder children before the The promises of God are of no value until they young ones, and her utter inability to stem the are accepted by us, then the honour of God is torrent of bitter waters flowing downwards through all the circle. It sometimes happens, indeed, that God is no man's debtor, and in keeping the com- when the elder children are within her power to train in the right way she is careless and indifferent Let this solemn truth never be forgotten that about her maternal duties, until her eyes are without repentance man must perish; but repent- opened, and she finds that while she has failed to sow good seed the enemy has sown tares; and It surpasses the power of the mind to estimate now, with all her anxious labour and solicitude, turned out that he had squandered all his and his the height and depth of that folly which makes a she cannot destroy these weeds. They have taken man neglect the things of eternity for the things root, and covered the whole ground; with what bitter anguish she then reviews her past miscon-Alas, what shadows we are, and what shadows | duct! But we do not believe even then that a favourable change in the character of a mother can To-day, we visit the tomb of our friends; to- be without its effect upon her children, if she acts honestly, firmly and affectionately towards them. a wealthy countess, who was a widow, and usually God sometimes employs wicked men to afflict We have known, indeed, some painful instances where the mother has become pious late in life, The book of creation, the book of providence, but, unwilling to frown upon the sins of her elder with its ravishing scenery, was the country the and the book of redemption, are works that reflect children, her rainous indulgence has concealed light upon each other, and are all by the same their evil ways from their good father, who world marvellous mystery! oh, inexplicable conjunc-No man can praise God for the blessings of his family. The consequence has been that the ever to be loved! We were not worthy to be creation and of providence who has not learned young ones, whom she might have !ed into the called thy servants; and thou hast made us sons to praise him, above all, for the blesssings of renarrow road, have all followed the bad example
of the elder children, who were all trained before

--sons of God!—not only his sons, but heirs, too,
--wheirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ."—

man. In spiritual troubles, remember David; in temporal troubles, remember Lot; in personal troubles, sorrows are such mothers treasuring up for themremember Abraham; in family troubles, remember selves! But suppose the mother is pious consis- qualify us to receive the fulness of this mercy. if she had a besetting sin, it was pride, self-complacency, love of praise. She knew it lerself. good. He believed that I might bring her to the walk worthy of this "mystery of godliness;" this fied as if I could see ten thousand. God's will

heart of adamant; if he has seen the change true ful days, and has heard her deplore her lost time It is the sunny day that calls forth the adder. in training up her children for God, having nothing "What have I that I have not received? and now to remember against her since she became him to seek his mother's God. How delightful is monitor to the younger, and the elder brother a kind friend to the whole faily. How interesting the account of the brother and sisters composing the little family at Bethany! What a touching appeal did one of them make to the Lord of life, when she fell at his feet exclaiming, "Lord, if thou Mother's Friend.

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES.

When Mr. Whitefield was preaching in New England, a lady became the subject of divine grace, and her spirit was peculiarly drawn out in prayer for others. She could persuade no one to pray with her but her little daughter, about ten years of age. After a time it pleased God to touch the heart of the child, and give her the hope of salvation. In a transport of holy joy she then ex-

I could tell everybody. Pray, mother, let me run buried up in the desert sands of Africa by the may be happy and love my Saviour."

"Ah, my child," said the mother, "that would be useless, for I suppose that were you to tell your who would not laugh at you, and say it was all a

"O, mother," replied the little girl, "I think they would believe me. I must go over to the shoemaker and tell him; he will believe me." She ran over, and found him at work in his

shop. She began by telling him that he must die, and he was a sinner, and that she was a sinner, perished in various ways. but that her blessed Saviour had heard her mother's prayers, and had forgiven all her sins; and that ed to 1,600,000, and that of his antagonist, Bajanow she was so happy she did not know how to zet, 1,400,000.

The shoemaker was struck with surprise, and his tears flowed down like rain; he threw aside his work, and by prayer and supplication sought mercy. The neighborhood was awakened, and brought to the knowledge of Jesus and rejoiced in the power of his grace.

EPHESUS:

says: "The candlestick is out of its place. How you do, you will be sorry for it." with grass or grain. The church of St. John box his father had given him to keep his play-

BECAUSE HE LOVED ME.

Children often put their olders to the blush by the simplicity of their faith, and their quick in- floor, there were marks of little feet leading to an sight into the pith of great Christian doctrines. outer door, where stood a little boy holding a nest

It happened to me, in the good providence of God, years ago-but I shall never forget it-to birdies. have under my ministry in the Gospel, a child whose heart was won by the Saviour's love. her darling, but the moment she saw what he held, After a while, with becoming diffidence, she her countenance fell. "Why, Willie, how could made known her desire to profess her faith in you take that away from the old birds; how sad Christ, and join herself to His people. But her they will feel when they come home by and by, parents thought she was too young, and wished and find their nest and little birdies all gone." to hold her back for a time. Finally they allowed "It was so pretty," said the child in a subher to meet the session, with some other persons dued voice, "but I am sorry I took it, if it was who just then desired to take the same step. naughty." When the hour came we sat all together in the "It was very wrong, although perhaps you did house of God, a grave but tender-hearted company. not think how sad the old birds would feel. See As the religious experience of one and another of the applicants for church membership was stated, she has missed her darlings, and how distressed it came to the turn of this child to relate hers,

"My child," said I, "how old are you?" "Thirteen," she answered.

" to be bound to love the Saviour ?" "Yes, sir," she said, "I think I am." "And do you love Him, then?" I asked her.

"Yes, sir," she answered, "I do love Him." "Why do you love Him, my dear child?" once more I asked her. She started, as if surprised at the question, and

bathed in tears, but radiant with joy and peace, and especially to all weak and unprotected things she quickly answered, "Why I love Him, be- in his little heart; and the nest was soon resting

I thought within myself, if all the saints on had torn it. earth, and the general assembly and church of the first-born that are written in heaven were asked that question, not one of them could give a plainer robin, and the triumphant song which the parent-

St. AUGUSTINE ON THE LOVE OF GOD .-- Oh, have done all in his power to counteract the sin in tion! oh, mercy most adorable, ever to be admired, In the beginning she would faithfully strive against true point, if managing matters prudently. "I am should there be a profligate son in that family, we should there be a profligate son in that family, we should there be a profligate son in that family, we should there be a profligate son in that family, we should there be a profligate son in that family, we should there be a profligate son in that family, we should there be a profligate son in that family, we should there be a profligate son in that family and so should there be a profligate son in that family and so should there be a profligate son in that family and so should there be a profligate son in that family and so should there be a profligate son in that family and so should there be a profligate son in that family are should there be a profligate son in that family are should there be a profligate son in that family are should there be a profligate son in that family are should there be a profligate son in that family are should there be a profligate son in that family are should there be a profligate son in that family are should there be a profligate son in that family are should there be a profligate son in that family are should there be a profligate son in that family are should there be a profligate son in that family are should the should should there be a profligate son in that family, we the Spirit, seen of augels, preached unto the Genavoiding everything of finery or that could make world, received up into

There have been vast armies and grand movements in ancient times. Here is a record of some

Sennacherib the Bible tells as, lost in a single night 185,000 men by the destroying angel. The city of Thebes had a hundred gates, and could send out at each gate 10,000 fighting men and 200 chariots, in all 1,000,000 men and 20,-

The army of Trerah, King of Ethiopia, consisted of 1,000,000 men and 300 chariots of war. Sesostris, King of Egypt, led against his ene-

mies 600,000 men, 24,000 cavalry and 27 scythearmed chariots-1491 years before Christ. Hamlicar went from Carthage and landed near Palermo. He had a fleet of 2,000 ships and 3,000 small vessels, and a land force of 200,900 men. At the battle in which he was defeated 150,000

were slain. Ninus, the Assyrian King, about 2,200 years before Christ, led against the Bactrians an army of 1,700,000 horses and 16,000 chariots armed

with scythes. Semiramis employed 2,000,000 men in building Babylon. She took 105,000 prisoners at the Indus, and sank 1,000 boats.

. A short time after the taking of Babylon, the forces of Cyrus consisted of 600,000 foot, 12,000 "O, mother, if all the world knew this! I wish horses and 2,000 chariots armed with seythes.

south wind. When Xerxes arrived at Thermopylæ, his land and sea forces amounted 2,614,610, exclusive of experience, there is not one within many miles servants, eunuchs, women, sutlers, &c., in all numbering 5,229,220. So say Herodotus, Plu-

tarch and Isocrates. The army of Artaxerxes, before the battle of Cunaxa, amounted to 1,200,000. Ten thousand horses and 100,000 foot fell on

the fatal field of Issus. When Jerusalem was taken by Titus, 1,100,000 The army of Tamerlane is said to have amount-

THE TWO NESTS.

Robby Rover rushed into his mother's presence one afternoon, his bright eyes sparkling with delight, and shouted, -as only little boys can, within a few months more than 50 persons were "Look here mother, see what I've found; a bird's nest,-a real, live bird's nest!" (Robby had found discarded nests before, in the currant bushes, so he called this a live one, in contradiction to them.)

"Well, child, you need not scream loud enough acter of a Christian merchant in all its varieties of TRIUMPHING IN DEATH.—The dying moments or the Candlestick removed out of its place. said, in a tone of vexation, "von have tracked "I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy clear across the floor with your dirty wet feet. You just be off with yourself and see that you A late missionary traveller, speaking of Ephesus, don't break those nasty eggs on your clothes; if

doth the city sit solitary that was full of people! Robby, somewhat abashed, retreated out of doors inasmuch as the vows of God were upon him that answered with sparkling eye, "Oh, my dear sir, The site of this once famous city is now covered with his prize, which he carefully placed in an old stands deserted and in ruins, having been occupied things in. There was a curious medley of things as a mosque, after the country fell into the hands in it-balls, tops, marbles, sticks, twine, a button of the Mohammedans. In this church are some "buzz," and countless other things very precious immensely large pillars of granite, said to have to the eyes of little boys. But Robby thought been taken from the temple of Diana; having there was nothing there so beautiful as that little, served successively as a Pagan, a Christian, and a round nest, with those four pale blue eggs in it, Mohammedan place of worship. No human being so he viewed it o'er and o'er, with a confused now lives in Ephesus; a few miserable Turkish notion in his head that little boys should never huts are alone seen in this desolate spot. The 'bawl;' never have wet feet, and never soil their streets are obscured and overgrown; and a noisy clothes with broken bird's eggs, but without one flight of crows seemed to insult its silence. The thought of the cruel wrong he had thoughtlessly call of the partridge is heard in the area of the done, in taking that pretty nest from the bush theatre and the stadium. The pomp of its heathen where the cunning architects had with such deliworship is no longer remembered : and Christianity, cate skill woven it. Ah! who can tell what farwhich was planted and nursed by the apostles, no extending waves of desolation may circle from longer lingers in this once favored church. - Ladies' that one childish act of wrong, which that mother "careful in many things," had suffered to pass unrebuked.

> Robby grew up a careless, cruel man, giving the deepest sorrow to his parents. Turn we now to another home. Across that

Dr. W. L. Breckenridge, gives a beautiful illus- in his hand-his rosy face all glowing with excitement. "See here, mother he cried, "what I found in the hazel bushes; one, two, three little The mother turned with a smile at the call of

she continued, "there is the mother-bird now;

"Willie's lips quivered, and the tears sprang to "Do you think you are old enough," I asked, cried, "put it back mother. I don't want it any his eyes, and handing the nest to his mother he

"Can you show me where you found it ?" "Yes, I know the very bush."

"Then come, and we wil try and restore it." Taking the nest in one hand, and her little one's chubby fingers in the other, she walked slowly turning her beautiful and happy face upon me, to plant the priceless germ of kindness to allaway, talking in a low, sweet tone to him, striving in the same bush whence those eager little fingers

The lesson that noble mother thus instilled was never forgotten. The terror of the bereaved bird poured forth that evening, as he found his treasures all restored, combined to make an unfading impression on his tender mind. Impulses were checked thus early, which might otherwise have led to much evil in after years; and kindly feelings were fostered which never ceased to operate, and which to day form the ero wning graces of his noble and manly character. - British Work-

RESIGNATION .- A suffering but godly man was once asked if he could see any reason for the dispensation which had caused him so much agony.

A friend that you buy with presents, will be