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GREAT EFFECTS FROM LITTLE CAUSES. BY REV. EBENEZER PORTER. D. D.

(Concluded) Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth .- Jas. iii, 5.

Great effects may result from little causes. I have drawn out the illustration of this truth

the principles of anarchy in the heart of Europe, Christian mother. boiling furnaces, it ponred out its rivers of flame, good. o mar all that was fair, and consume all that was flourishing around it. Every monarchy in

I grant that efforts to do mischief are wont to be attended with fatal success, because they cooperate with the strong, downward course of human depravtain's summit by a single hand, rushes downward by its own weight, but a thousand hands could not roll it back. The mischief which Jeroboam did in Israel lasted through twenty generations.

On the contrary, it is easy to name those who have been illustrious benefactors of the world. Who can estimate the amount of good accomplished by Moses, by Nehemiah, by Paul, by Juther? Who can pretend to determine, till it is revealed in eternity, the extent of good produced by the preaching of Whitefield; or the number strumentality of Baxter's Saints' Rest! In this view every preacher of the Gospel may well tremble whose doctrine or life is habitually corrupt, "Good had it been for that man, if he had not been

But admitting that it is a solemn thing to live as the ruler of a nation, or the pastor of a church, does the subject apply to persons in common life! It does. What though you occupy a humble station: only remember that you are immortal, and that others around you are immortal, and Britain the same spirit has been kindled in various what importance does this single thought attach to every thing you say or do! You take a walk; you read a book; you spend an hour in a social will soon unite in this concert; and that the spirits c.rele. The thing is done and forgotten. But, of Luther, and Baxter, and Edwards, will look being converted. The conversation turned on a will serve the Lord."—Monthly Messenger. pressions on your own mind, or have given church, resting from her long conflict and agony, been more than ordinarily useful. The younger ever. Every man and every woman is connected with God's world by a thousand ties, and cannot live, no, not for a single day, without doing good first Missionary Society in modern times. With

leemer. Did you ever soberly look at consequences duence a thousand miles distant, or a thousand years to come? A mortal pestilence spread In twenty years from its establishment, it distriover a city; that pestilence was introduced by a buted more than four millions of Bibles and Testaa small defect in their ship; and that defect was occasioned by the gnawing of a worm in an oak, that grew on another continent, a century

You are a father. Do you say, how can I, an obscure man, who have no influence on the great world, do mischief by my example? What was that unguarded word which you spoke this go to the judgment; and every whisper of your nie will be exhibited before an assembled universe! Secluded! What if the eye of the world does not follow you into the domestic circle! Is it not restraint enough that your child is there? That child has a soul, worth more than a million globes of gold. That child, too, may become a legislator, a judge, or a pastor in the church. Take care, parent! You act under a dreadful responsibility. You cannot stir, without touching some string that will vibrate after your head is laid in the dust. One word of pious counsel, or one word of sinful levity or passion, uttered in the hearing tion, and other charitable Associations, which have children's children. Nay, its influence may be felt on the other side of the globe, and may extend into eternity.

You are a mother. Excluded from any share tant? By no means. The wife of a humble tradesman in London had a son, who at his birth, was apparently destitute of life, and was laid aside as dead. By the assiduities of a faithful nurse, the expiring flame of life in the infant was happily preserved. His Christian mother dedicated his to God, " and before he could read, taught him the history of the Old and New Testaments, by the assistance of some Dutch tiles in the chimney of the room where they usually sat." That child was PHILIP DODDRIDGE; afterwards, as you know,

By whose instrumentality was the prophet

grandmother Lois, and his mother Ennice. Where-ever the writings of the late venerable John New-and the salvation of the world. It is not improba-Father which is in heaven" (Mat.x.32, 33). John, subsequent licentiousness, till he became an em- waiting for the consolation of Israel." inent believer and preacher of that Gospel which he had despised. In connection with this, take work, and go forward. God is with you. The than the praise of God" (John xii. 42, 43). Nor character, however apparently indifferent, becomes when the hand of death should have extinguished Allelujah! Amen." absolutely important. If the history of our race, it in his own! How many thousands are every in past ages, proves this, no less does the course day instructed and comforted by reading the of events within our own observation. We have Family Bible of Scott, another man to whom said, resulted from the amusement of a spectaclebut lately witnessed the winding up of a drama, Newton was a spiritual father! Look now at this maker's boy. On the same optical principles was in which all the world have been actors. Little immense sum of good, and remember that, so far constructed the microscope, by which we perceive did its first authors anticipate the awful lesson of as human agency deserves to be mentioned in any that a drop of stagnant water is a world teeming instruction to mankind, which its progress has case, all this is to be ascribed, under God, to the with inhabitants. By one of these instruments exhibited. A few licentions men, having organized instructions which a little child received from his the experimental philosoper measures the ponder-

and courage, not of despondency. The first ques- the transient amusement of a child. cussion, and fell among the mighty ruins at this tion is, in every such case, Is this a good object? The Tract called the Great Question Answered, told, of tricks they never played, of vices they were

The disciples of Christ were once a feeble, despised sect at Jerusalem. The Jewish senate deliberated whether to crush this sect at a stroke, of immortal souls that will be found at last to fishermen of Galilee, without learning, without inquired the price of it. He was told it was sixdespondence in doing good.

> The flame spread from minister to minister, and adequate conception. from church to church, till it reached the extremities of the empire in which it began. From parts of Europe, Asia, Africa, and America.

It is no enthusiasm to hope that all Christendom and her prayers, from every part of the globe,

You are a professed Christian. Perhaps you their undertaking, they assumed a motto worthy your actions, as to wound the cause of the Re- labors and successes demonstrates, that no obs-

the fruits of its beneficence, and its annual expenditures for this sacred object amounted to little less than five hundred thousand dollars.

teenth anniversary, one of its founders said, "I have followed this Society from its birth: at first, we could not number more friends than would surround this table. But this infant has become preached the Gospel in the splendid mansion and in the humble cottage. They have carried instruction "to the child in the school, to the traveller on the road, to the soldier in the camp, to disease in the hospital, and to the debtor, the captive, and the criminal, within the walls of the

Look at the wonderful efforts to do good, which our own country exhibits. Time would fail to mention the Societies for promoting Domestic and Foreign Missions,* Bible Societies, Tract, Educarecently sprung up without number, and some of which are among the noblest institutions of the age.

I ask you now, brethren, to review this subject. Survey the world in motion: the wonderful charin the splendid achievements of the world; is dear, immortal children, in your families and schools: then look forward into future generations, and into eternity, and say, have you not a great work to accomplish? Every man, woman, and child, can do something-can do much. Who cannot spare one cent, to buy a small Tract? That Tract, dropped on the high roat, or given to a stranger, may carry comfort to some desponding, or conviction to some careless heart; may reclaim some proffigate, awaken some drunkard to sobriety, some Sabbath breaker or swearer to saving reformation.

one of the most useful ministers that has lived in tomed to reckon the establishment of a Tract or Moral Society, or a prayer-meeting, among the in-

ton shall be read, it will be known that the instruc- ble that eternity will disclose to us, how the as- the beloved disciple does not seem to condemn a tions which his pious mother gave him before he was tonishing events of this age sprung at first from profession of religion when there is the possession four years old, fastened an impression, on his the old closet of some obscure saint, like Simeon of it, for he writes, "Nevertheless among the chief conscience, which cleaved to him through all his and Anna of old, "praying to God alway, and rulers also many believed on him; but because of

another fact, which spreads out our subject before struggle between sin and righteousness is drawing Paul either, when he wrote, "If thou shalt confess I have drawn out the illustration of this truth in so many particulars, because I wish to impress it on every individual, with reference to the practical instruction which results from it. This intical instruction which has agitated the church ha First. It is a solemn thing to live in this world. know, when he took his pen to write on that angel shall sound, and great voices be heard in hast professed a good profession before many wit-

The invention of the telescope, it has been ous globes that the Omnipotent Hand has ranged every communicant. But it is quite as true of blew the fire in secret for half a century when My second general remark is, that we should in majestic order through the skies; by the other, every man who acknowledges that he is not reliit berst into a tremendous explosion. Like Etna's never yeald to discouragement in our efforts to do he sees the same hand employed in rounding and gious. Some, indeed, make a great profession of polishing five thousand minute, transparent irreligion. They are what Lord Chesterfield called Though the results of these efforts in, any globes, in the eye of a fly. Yet all these dis- "the devil's hypocrites"-pretending to be worse case, should not be so immediate as we could wish, coveries of modern science, exhbiting the intelli- than they really are, as ordinary hypocrites pre-Europe was shaken. Political and religious sys- we are called to the exercise of faith, and patience, gence, dominion, and agency of God, we owe to tend to be better than they are. They astonish

The second is, By what means shall it be accom- was one day presented by Rev. Dr. Henderson, at never guilty of. Oh, of all wretches, surely these plished? Settle these, and there is no third ques- the gate of the royal gardens in Copenagen, to a are the worst, gloating in heart over their sins, and tion. To deliberate whether such an object shall young physician who passed by. He read it, and sorry they are not half as bad as they desire! not be given over, is beneath the dignity and it made such an impression onlis mind that he The Lord have mercy on them! But there are ity. The river forms a broader and deeper current energy of Christian principles. I know the cause applied to a patient, one of the Moravian brethren, many others who perhaps could not be called. of piety and good morals has stubborn obstacles to assist him in finding the donor. This pious "the devil's hypocrites," who nevertheless pride to encounter. The majority of the world is against man rested not till he had found him, and in- themselves that, whatever they are, they are at it. Still, the friend of this cause may say, with formed him of the deplorable destitution of the least not hypocrites; that they never made a profearless confidence, like the encircled prophet, Scriptures in Iceland. This laid the foundation fession of religion, and then went and cheated "They that be with us, are more than they that for Dr. Heuderson and Dr. Paterson being en- their neighbours. What a curious fact that men be with them." Here again let facts speak for gaged in the service of the Bible Society: and who have no religion are found boasting that they and, though human hope may fail, let us go in all flowed from Bible Societies in Iceland, Denmark, shame, and making a merit of their open ungodli-Sweden, and Russia!

GREAT PROFESSIONS.

down from their abodes of light, to witness the person who was changed in 1859, and has since brother said, "I hope he will continue steadfast, A PRAYING MOTHER MAY SAVE A WHOLE ascending in one great cloud of incense to heaven. for he makes great professions." "He makes no Look at the little band of men who formed the greater professions than you do yourself," said the elder. "Oh, he does," replied the vounger. means utterly incompetent to the magnitude of "No, he does not," said his brother gently. the very soul! Like an electric shock it vibrates on

The elder brother was right. For what does the Lord's Supper mean? The bread means the seaman on the mighty waters, to the victim of in the presence of the crowd, lifted up your voice and said, "I declare that I take Jesus as my Saviour, and am resolved, seeing he has loved me and died for me, henceforth, by his grace, to love him," you would not have made a greater prodid at the Lord's table. And yet how often does trying to live up to the profession that they have made. O, communicant! however others may speak, you will never talk in such a manner, unless you are ignorant of what you did when you reached forth your hand for the bread and the

It is very true that, if men do not accept Christ, they should not profess they do. Paul speaks of still profess it, and not be ashamed of Christ, whatever may be said of him by a scotting world. or your brother, or your child! And why should Samuel educated for an exalted station in the enterest in the American churchs than the proposed and the spirit of Foreign Missions, which has since excited a deeper interest in the American churches than any other subject ever did, was confined to the bosom of two or three pious young men, with whom it originated.

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* In 1808, the spirit of Foreign Missions, which has since he has said, "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny leave their home to be launched forth into life's busy

the Pharisees they should be put out of the

struction may be included under two genera! good has been done by the indefatigable efforts ble hope and joy, we hail the approaching consum- him, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on and enteprise of Buchanan! How little did he mation of the prophetic word, when the seventh eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and We are a part of a complex system. Connected text, "We have seen his star in the east, and are heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world are nesses" (1 Tim. vi. 12). Believer, never be ashamed as we are with our fellow-beings and with eternity, come to worship him, "that he was kindling a fire become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his to confess Christ when called on, no matter in every action, every circumstance pertaining to our to burn with unabated fervor in millions of bosoms | Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.' what company, else you grieve God's Holy Spirit, and tempt him to leave you.

"Jesus! and shall it ever be,
A mortal man ashamed of thee?
No; when I blush—be this my shame
That I no more revere his name.

"Ashamed of Jesus! -yes, I may, When I've no guilt to wash away, No tear to wipe, no good to crave, No fears to quell, no soul to save."

"He makes great professions." This is true of

A New England clergyman, in 1813, on enter- O, man : you make great professions too. You or to let it die of itself. But behold, "the weak- ing a bookstore in his own neighborhood, observed profess that you do not love that God who has ness of God is stronger than men." Twelve a small religious pamphlet, recently published, and watched over you all your life-long; that you do power, without friends, erected the standard of the pence. His mind instantly reverted to the cheap- fling him back in the face of his Father, and trample eross. Hosts of opposition gave way before the ness with which such publications were issued by his offers of mercy beneath your feet. You prolabors; nay, at the consequences which may result the world, could not resist its progress. But we labors the world, could not resist its progress. But we labor the world not resist its progress of Golfs world. from a single word or action. With awful cuineed not survey past centuries. The astonishing and it must be!" He consulted with a few friends. that you are an outcast from heaven, a rebel on influences of God's word. events which we have recently witnessed, rebuke A Tract Seciety was formed, which issued, in a earth, an heir of hell, a servant of the devil, whose A Christian lady, Mrs. Ranyard, found her heart few months, more Tracts than had before been you are, and whom you serve. Such is your deeply impressed with the benighted condition of About five months afterwards, the merchant

brothers, both of whom give every evidence of choice be yours, "As for me and my house, we scenes of this locality.

"Home!" Oh! how that word thrills through sometimes forget the vows of God which are upon of the apostolic age: "Expect great things, there declare that you take Jesus as your Saviour, have sung of its happiness; poets have descanted on "Don't you go forward to the Lord's table, and the system of the strong and of the weak. Bards you, and give such license to your tongue, or to arrempt great things." The history of their and that you are resolved, by God's grace, to serve its sacredness; the warrior on the battle-field, who him? He makes no greater professions than that. could face the cannon's roar, has thought of home, tacles are too great to be surmounted, no enterprise I cannot see how any man can make greater pro- and brushed away the tear that would well up at its in this case ! Did you ever reflect that what of Christian benevolence is too arduous to be fessions, or make them more solemnly, than just remembrance. The rough sailor's son who can sit on the maintop watching, with dauntless spirit, the rising storm, and smile at the crested deep feaming Christ's broken body. You, communicant, have around him, and sing to the wild winds, as they utter ments, filled the world with kindred societies and not to make the bread; it is ready-made for you. their plaintive moan, thinks of home, and his eye What you have to do is to take it -- Take, cat." moistens, his heart throbs, he is unnerved -- he weeps ! This means that you have not to make a Christ A Christian home! Oh! what a sacred thing it isfor yourself by any tears, or prayers, or good a type of a heavenly one! What peace, what love Look at the British Tract Society. At its four- works, or good feelings; his righteousness is prevails! the godly father gathers his household ready made, finished, 1800 years ago. What you around him, and exclaims with the Patriarch of old, have to do is to take him. Now, when you "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." reached forth your hand and took the bread, and The pious mother! The golden cement of the whole! again the cup that meant, "With my heart I take Her influence, calm, quiet, gentle, creeps into everymorning in your family? You have torgotten; but your child will remember it, prehaps, to his a Samson in strength." Twenty-six years from the Lord Jesus as my Saviour." By your so doing, you declare solemnly before God, and thousand dollars; and had distributed more than the Lord Jesus as my Saviour." By your so doing, you declare solemnly before God, and her children, growing up around her, "call her blessed;" her prayers, like incense, mingle with may act without restraint, especially when seelnded from the world in the retirement of my

seventy millions of religious Tracts, in various

cants, that you took Jesus as your only hope; and blessed; her prayers, like incense, mingle with family. Obscure! You are immortal. You must languages, which have gone as winged messengers of salvation to the corts. They have to the Almighty. You were professing to love thoughts are uttered in prayer; in the noon-day Christ when in your heart you hated him. Like Ju- hour prayer is her joy, and her strength; as the das, you were betraving the Son of man with a kiss. shades of evening fall, she teaches her little ones the Had you gone out to the market-square nearest sweet accents of prayer, and often, when sleep has to your dwelling, and there, on the market day, closed their infant eyes, she kneels beside them pouring out her heart in earnest supplication for a blessing on them. The influence of a pious mother is felt. not only in the heart of a Christian happy home, but where infidelity and error prevail, where the noxious fession of religion, nor made it as solemnly, as you roots of scepticis:n have imbedded themselves, and their bitter fruits are shedding poison around. A one hear communicants talking about others most striking and happy illustration of this was remaking a great profession, when they are only lated to me not long ago. There lived a pious praying mother, with two loved sons growing up into manhoed. For many a long year had she prayed, and wept in secret, and poured out her sorrowful soul to the Lord, for her husband was an apowed infidel ! The world called him upright; man deemed him happy, wise in his generation, moral, prosperous; but of him would the inspired penman of Israel have such when he says, "They profess that they know written, "This fool hath said in his heart there is God, but in works they deny him" (Titus i. 16). no God." " As the earth drinketh in the rain that But if a man does really with his heart receive falleth oft upon it," so did the younger son receive Christ, and rest on him alone, it is right that he the lessons of a mother's teaching-lessons of a should profess it, not loudly or ostentationsly, but Saviour's love. He learnt to adore that God whom his father despised, and to hold communion with that Would you be ashamed, reader, to confess you follower of the Prince of Peace, a believer in the pre-Saviour whom his father rejected; he was a meek cious truths of God's Holy Word. The pious mother you be ashamed to confess that you know Christ? rejoiced over her younger, while she still wrestled Is he not as kind a friend as any of these f and has with God in secret for her elder son, who had imbi-

tion. She then rose, and softly dropping the kiss of love on the cheek of her precious son, departed. are yet speaking I will hear." Listen to the sequel. -had felt her warm kiss of love. His soul was mel- darkness, and truth to error. - Am. Mess. ted within him; he yearned throw his arms round his mother's neck, and tell her he would worship her Saviour; but, to quote his own words, "My father stood between me and my God." Strong was the inward conflict, deep the exercises of his soul, but grace triumphed; and, before the morrow's arrived on Saturday evening, at a public-house to holiness; and when conscience occasionally dis-

let us bear with them on our hearts, hour after hour, gaged in the service of the Bible Society: and consequently for all the blessings which have never pretended to have any, thus glorying in their shame, and making a merit of their open ungodli-king," and the souls of our beloved children will can, and then, on Monday morning, provide a sup-

It is considered essential that the Bible woman and prayers !" should reside in the midst of her district, where "Well," said the merchant, "if you have kept by the poor mother whom she seeks to elevate. money. How much am I to pay?" "O nothing, Daily she goes out with her bag of Bibles to visit sir," replied the other; "I never prospered so as homes darkened by the years of sin. Her woman- I have since I observed the Sabbath to keep it ly ways, and best of all her womanly sympathy, boly. When I saw you before, I had no cowso new and strange, yet so sweet to the fallen, now we have a cow, and all our wants are comdegraded beings upon whom she calls, win atten- fortably supplied. We were never so happy betion to the heavenly message; then follows an in- fore; and never can be thankful enough for what vitation to the mothers' meeting in her own room, you have done for us." where new hopes and new wants soon spring up, The landlord assured the merchant that he never intoxicating drink.

England and Scotland, but also in this country. other amusements; but now, they were seriously Brooklyn, the employment of Bible women has Sabbath for the worship of God. been attended with marked success. Most of these women have themselves been poor and That BEAM .- The worst man we know declares wretched. They can therefore from experience that he does not believe there is an honest man or speak feelingly when they declare that religion is a virtuous woman in the world. He has no faith profitable, both for the life that now is, and also in God, how can be have in man? His own heart for that which is to come. Their one great ob- is base, and mean and wicked, and he judges all ject is to get the Bible read and understood, so that other hearts by it. The beam in his eye distorts its savor may be felt throughout every home of his vision, and he fancies that he sees beams in their appointed district. Of course there will be every man's eyes. Aye, his own vileness edges found much suffering to relieve. Bread and him on to decry other men that he may divert clothes and fuel must be often sought for at the attention from himself. He is like the flying thief, hands of the rich for those whose bodies are who, to elude his pursuers, shouts after some one perishing from want, but personal relief is not the else, "Stop, thief!" Bible woman's chief work. It comes in only as a The Great Teacher's advice to persons of this means to an end ever to be kept uppermost, class is excellent, although a little severe : "Thou

meetings," and "praying circles," are the almost Telescope. necessary outgrowth of this work, and these furnish a field for Christian work among the ladies of

world, their pious mother stole silently into the room and break down the sanctity and peace of "home," of her eider boy, and, after gazing at him with that to blacken and deface the fair name of "woman," exquisite love which a mother's heart alone can un- there is a work begotten in Christian love through derstand, she knelt by his bedside, and earnestly which many sad homes and hearts have been lit and audibly supplicated the Lord for his soul's salva- up with the light of God's word, until they have become bright with hope and love.

The experience of each month adds certainty to Before they will call I will answer, and while they there lies a power long needed in the Christian church, and which is as far superior to the systems The son had heard that prayer his mother's prayer of the Romish " sisterhood," as light is superior to

THE SAFE CONTRACT.

A respectable merchant of one of our principal

sun had set, that youth had declared himself a Chris- where he had been accustomed to lodge in traveltian. His confession was a most striking one. He ling that way. After having taken some refreshsaid, "I have had many a mental struggle between reli- ment, in connection with a number of travellers, gion and infidelity. My dear mother's life has been a he began the distribution, in a respectful manner. continual plea for religion. When away from her of a Tract to each individual present. Before he truth, and patience, and purity, I grew indifferent had completed the circle of his distributions, be offered a Tract to a poor man, who declined, returbed me, I threw over it the petrifying waters of infidelity and cought to feetify mealf by using infidelity and cought to feetify mealf by using infidelity and cought to feetify mealf by using infidelity. infidelity, and sought to fortify myself by using infidel "It is probable you are a married man, and if so, arguments, and referring to my father's character of perhaps your wife can read it to you." "Yes," morality and uprightness. But my father no longer said he, "my wife can read, but I have no time to stands between me and heaven. Mother, pray for hear it read." "You certainly can hear it read." me, I would be a true Christian." to-morrow," said the merchant, "which is the Ere many weeks had passed the infidel father - Sabbath." "Sir," said he, "I have no more time softened, humbled, penitent, praying, and converted, on the Sabbath than on any other day; I am so was seen kneeling beside his pious wife and his two poor I am obliged to work on the Sabbath. It beloved sons. Together they were devoting their takes me the six days to provide for my family, beloved sons. Together they were devoting their hearts to the Lord, and offering up their praises to "If you are so poor as that," said the merchant, Him; and that late infidel, but now Christian father, "you must be very poor." "I am," said he; and was heard to exclaim, "One praying mother has sa- he proceeded to mention that he had no cow, and his family was very destitute. "It is no wonder Believing, praying, sorrowing mothers, faint not, you are poor," replied the merchant, " if you " Carry him to his mother," were words dictated by work on the Sabbath. God will not prosper those the heart's instinct of the Shunamitish father. Our who thus profane his day. And now," said he, loved ones may be brought to us sick, fainting, and "my friend, I have a proposition to make to you. weary with the world's rough ways of sin and folly; You, landlord, will be my surety that my part of the contract shall be fulfilled. From this time, be given to us from His hands, and, in God's good ply for the week; and hereafter, leave off your time, we shall be able joyfully to exclaim, "It is other labors, every week, early enough to provide A MOTHER. | a full week's store of wood on Saturday. Quit all your work on the Sabbath; reverence that day; and, at the end of six months, whatever you triumphs of truth; and all the wealth and wisdom, the Religious Tract Society of London. "That fess that you disregard his commandments; that of Christian female activity, was first used in lars." The poor man solemnly confirmed the This distinctive title, as applied to one branch will pay you, to the amount of one hundred dolat the consequences which must result from his the pride and prejudice, the power and policy of book," he replied, "should be afforded to all who you do not intend to obey them; and that you disregard his contract, and the landlord engaged to be responsi-

THE SECOND MEETING.

Look at the Concert of Prayer. A few British printed in the United States. That Society, with profession. Oh it is an awful one—enough to the poor in the district of St. Giles, a portion of put up again at the same public-house for the Christians, in a private chamber, resolved to set others, constituted the American Tract Society; make any of God's people weep tears of blood. the city in which at that time, ten years ago, there night; and before he retired to rest, began, as apart an hour, on the first Monday evening of of the final extent of the operations or usefulness But tell me, proud boaster, "how wilt thou do in were whole streets where scarce a family could be before, to distribute to each person present a Tract. every month, to pray for the revival of religion. of which, the Omniscient Mind alone can form an the swelling of Jordan?" and how wilt thou stand found in which the wife and mother was not a He observed a plain but well-dressed man who at the judgment-seat without Christ? "Then drunkard. The misery of these homes and neigh- seemed to be eyeing him with especial interest, shall you say to the mountains, fail on us; and to borhoods was very great. Cannot something be and who, when he approached him, said, "Did you done? was the question which pressed heavily never distribute Tracts here before, sir?" "Pro-Dear reader! since you cannot but make some upon her heart. Ordinary means uttery failed as bably I have; I am not unfrequently distributing profession, which kind will you make? "Choose city missionaries, tract visitors, and Bible sellers them." "Did you not, four or five months ago, Some months ago I was in company with two you this day whom ye will serve;" and let Joshua's could not and dared not venture into the fearful give a Tract to a man here who said he worked on the Sabbath!" The merchant, who, as the The idea occurred of employing some Christian time for fulfilling his engagement had not woman, if one could be found familiar with such arrived, had not before thought of it during life, who might freely visit the poor women, and the evening, then replied that he recollected the seek to induce them to hear the Bible read, and circumstance very well. "Well, sir," continued by small payments become possessors of it. Such the other, "I am that man. I carried home the a woman was found, who by reading God's word Tract you gave me"-it was the Tract entitled, had through a train of interesting circumstances Subjects for Consideration-" and told my wife been truly born into his kingdom. Her heart every word of our conversation. She said you yearning to do good, she was employed, Mrs. were right; and we sat down together, and she Ranyard herself engaging to superintend and read the Tract aloud. So much affected were we direct the benevolent work. A short experiment with the Tract, and with what you had said, that we proved that a "missing link" in the chain of scarcely sleptany all night. In the morning we arose, evangelical action had been discovered. By kind I went and procured a handful of wood, with which words and deeds, by loving attention in sickness toget our breakfast, and after breakfast was over we and trouble, many a hard heart was subdued and sat down and read the Tract again. By and by one many a wretched home was transformed, while of our neighbours came in, as was usual, to loiter every advantage gained by the humble visitor was away the day in conversation. We told him made to serve as a wedge for the speedy entrance what had happened; he said you were right; and my wife then read the Tract again to him and From this small beginning, as from a seed, myself. Other neighbours came in, and we did sprang the goodly tree which now overhangs the the same by them. They came again the next whole vast city of London. In every needy dis- Sabbath, and we again read the Tract to them; trict humble women are employed as working and now, sir, we have at my hoose, every Sabbath, agents or "Bible Women" while ladies of refine- a religious meeting; that Tract has been read ment and culture act as superintendents and coun- every Sabbath since I saw you, and the reading of it is now accompanied with religious conversation

her neat and cheerful room may easily be found your promise, you perhaps would be glad of your

calling for a change of life and abstinence from had known such an alteration in a neighborhood as had taken place in that, since he was last there. Such is but a brief outline of the work of Bible Before, the whole neighborhood spent their Sabwomen in London. The work spread not only in baths at work, or in visiting, fishing, hunting, and In our large cities, particularly in New York and attentive to the subject of religion, and met every

namely, the entrance of that word which con- hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out "Bible-classes for poor mothers," "mothers' the mote out of thy brother's eye."-Religious

The natural tendency of our hearts is ever to concity churches which for interest and success can found the Church and the world, and to make the lines between the two indistinct. One great purpose It is refreshing to know that, while so much of the Scripture, that we may be guarded against so is done by the servants of sin and Setan to destroy fatal a mistake, is to make the distinction manifest.