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(From the Examiner and Chronicle.) BROTHER CLOSE.

Brother Close was one of our church-members, and "in good standing." He always paid some part of the minister's salary, and of the other current expenses of the church, but the sum was very small compared with that which he was able to give, and if the salary of the pastor ever so much needed increasing, it was useless to try to persuade him to add to this sum. He thought the preacher well enough supported, and inclined to the opinion that all he received was " really almost a gift," and that he led a very easy and pleasant life altogether. He was one of that still marvellously large class, who think no intellectual work so hard as manual labor for a man's soul or body. One afternoon he met the minister in the churchyard, whither he had gone to erect a stone at the grave of his son, John Close. After some conversation which naturally led to it, the pastor remarked, as they left the place, "Yes, there is no doubt that if

better acquainted with each other's individual trials, we should have much stronger sympathy for them.

lieve, were I to tell you the amount of time some-

with their hands, and those who work exclusively with their brains are apt to misunderstand and perhaps to undervalue each other. But the fact is that each fills an indispensable office, that each labors for the same Master, and can gain his approval as well in one position as another, if it is of

ter, saying: "Ah, if you could but use your talents as other men do, you too would have for yourself and family the comforts and ability to bless

which others enjoy." By the time brother Close was ready to turn homeward, he had heard many things of which he had not before thought seriously, and when he bade the minister "good-day" there was real sympathy, almost tenderness, in the tone of his voice and the grasp of his hand. A month passed. Brother Close was ill, For two days and nights he had suffered much, and now on the third day he sent for the pastor. As the latter entered the room, the sick man put out an eager hand, saying, "I am glad to see you. I've suffered on your account, and I've got to confess to you." Taken by surprise, the pastor had not time to reply, when he added, "Sit down, and I'll tell you. I can't rest till it's off my mind.

"I dreamed last night that you and I had changed places; that I was the minister, and that you were Aaron Close; and of all the nightmares I ever had, that was the toughest. It was the preacher's troubles, you see, that set the heaviest. went through them all, but you know every one, and I haven't breath to tell them over, either.

"Indeed, I think those who work altogether But I must tell you of the last, and of the dream. I was 'most heart-broken because the brethren didn't stand by me, as they ought to have done, in anything, and at last I got into terrible anxiety about my two boys, your Albert and William. said to myself, 'these two boys must be educated, and yet I baven't a cent to do it with. There's his appointing. The work of the faithful servant nothing left of my last year's salary, and this s perhaps as hard, too, in one place as another. year the church decide that they can't give me 'I don't think so," returned brother Close. any more, and so, though they've all prospered. I " I can't see, for instance, how a man who sits in his study all day reading and writing, cr rides I thought, 'there's brother Close, with all his proand mine must pinch along the old way. 'Now,' perty, and not a child in the world, and yet see hard a time as I do, out in sub and rain, working how little he does for me or the church.' Brother like an ox in a yoke from subrise to dark.' Close looked the meanest of any man in the "You don't understand it because you have not church to me, and I said, too, 'the Lord took tried mental work for any length of time. You away his boy last year, so that he hasn't anything had one short experience of it, however, it I remem to work for but the Lord, and yet he's as greedy ber rightly. Don't you remember how nearly as ever. Oh, if he only would open his heart, and worn out you were after your son's death, with the help me do for my boys!" " settling of his estate? That was wholly mental Here the sufferer wiped his eyes with a tremlabor; you didn't use for it active bodily strength, bling hand, and went on. and yet at the end of a fortnight-----' " But no help came, and I waked up saying "I "I was perfectly used up, root and branch ;" am alone, and may God help me, for brother put in the brother; and forgetting for the moment Close won't." I tell you it was a new chapter to the drift of the illustration, he went on to amplify me. I could see a hundred ways for the salary to go that I never thought of before, and I told the "That was a dreadful time. Everything was good Lord who had not called me to be a preacher, left to me to settle, and being not at all used to when I woke, that I would be glad to help his ledgers-well, I'd rather work through having and servants carry their burdens hereafter, and that I harvesting twice over, than to go through such a would never forget that for their mental work and job again. I tried to take it easy; but sitting in their time we owe them an easy support-owe it, the office all day, ciphering, and going up and not give it-and that Aaron Close would try to do down page after page of figures, I tell you 'twas his full share after this, too. And now if you can warmer than standing under a July sun. Somecarry the preacher's load, "I'll thank Him if he'll times I got so confused, that I could't think of any. let me dig for your bread." "Wife," he conthing; then when night came I couldn't sleep for tinued, "hand me my old wallet." "There," he fighting figures all night. I couldn't eat anything, either, all that time, with such a responsibility on lars. I put it away for John's birthday present. but he's where he don't need it now. Use it for and I had my own affairs to look after, too. On your boys, and"----- he could add no more. Here the whole, I never did have such a worry. Why, the donor, and he who silently received the gift, I lost seven pounds of flesh in those two weeks." lost voice and sight together. Here, seeing the minister smile, brother Close sud-There is no need for comment on the scene. denly remembered that he had helped the argu-Brother Close recovered his health, and kept all ment against himself, for he added quickly, and his promises. The pastor had confided the trials with a troubled expression, " But you see I wasn't of his heart and life to him tenderly, and without used to it, and that makes all the odds." proud reserves; he had made him feel a sympathy "Not all the difference," rejoined his companion with him by his trustful confidences, and there gently, " for though I have long been used to this thought-work, there are many times, when, if my dream did the rest. Let pastor and people confide was a good result. A month's thought, and one Master were willing, I should be glad to lie down in each other more. "Love as brethern." to my last sleep. I suppose you could hardly be-

"It sometimes happens, too, that the current supplies get very low. My potato-barrel has more than once been empty ; and then comes the tempfrom "Billy Monk," as he called himself. He of hell, and all the assaults of sin. said his mother had been a good woman and had The work proved to be of God; it withstood loved her Bible. He had been sixteen years given all temptations. The subject of it abandoned old

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things, they must just go on.

"Why not sign the pledge, Billy ?" "Well, what's the use? 1 shall break it again." " Perhaps not. Will you try ?" "I don't know ; I'll think of it."

"Wait for me after the service, will you?"

mocked. Before the service began, Mr. S- as I believed, it was God's own hand, it would had drawn much of his history, with his name, prove its Divine origin by resisting all the snares Thousands probably could match it in every lead- 5. A steady, earnest desire to be engaged in

to drinking. His occupation was that of a comic habits, associates, and means of living; and, aided singer of immoral songs, at a nightly concert and by Christian friends, pursued the honest trade he dancing-room. He earned two guineas a week, had been taught, with more comfort, if with less but had no good from his wages. His wife was profit, than the sinful course ever yielded. His almost starved, and, he was afraid, not too well wife looked a new cleature, and his home a new used. He was not happy-no, he knew that : but place. Billy Monk had a pious mother : her what was the use of caring? he could not alter prayers and his salvation may be seen hereafter to

have been bound together in a holy alliance, and graciously linked as cause and effect.

KEEP A GOOD CONSCIENCE.

"I will;" and he did : he stayed to the prayer- other punishment than the stings of conscience meeting; and in the conversation which followed which follow evil actions, it would be reason he promised to sign the temperance pledge; not, enough to lead you to avoid that which causes however, with any apparent sense of its possible much pain. No misery of the mind is so great benefit, or even, the least evidence of serious feel- as remorse of conscience. And it is liable to be ing. A vein of mockery seemed to pervade his renewed as often as the guilty action is brought They all said it was one of the darkest providences its preciousness? whole character. He left the chapel, and the next to memory. It is true, the conscience, by means they ever witnessed. day he kept his word and signed the pledge; but of error and repeated resistance to its warnings, he did not come to the week evening service, as may become "seared as with a hot iron;" but he promised. His friend sought him again. The this apparent death is no more than a sleep. At What a wreck life seemed, dating from her bright confident dependence on Christ's mediation ? sabbath returned. He was in his place; and this an unexpected time, and in circumstances the most school days! What a mystery that she must be 3. Have I been sensible of any holy motion of went on for two or three weeks, during which he inconvenient, conscience may be aroused, and so helpless and such a sufferer, while her school God's Spirit in my soul? or have I encouraged or never once broke his pledge, but gave no other may exert a more tremendous power than was companions could walk, and move, and act, and discouraged his gracious visits? hopeful sign-and so time passed on. Many ever before experienced. Joseph's brethren seem enjoy life! What was the object of her Heavenly 4. Have I longed after God, panted after his hearts were praying earnestly for poor Billy, the to have almost forgot their unnatural and cruel Father in putting her into this slow, hot, long- manifestations to my soul, and felt that in his ballad-singer; his attendance at the meeting was conduct in selling him as a slave into a foreign continued furnace? As she lay there thus com- favor and love alone could I be happy ?

other, according to his own subsequent statement, stand 1.0 such tests as time would give it; but if, he rejected ! What sad responsibilities he assum- for the advancement and prosperity of the Reed! And yet there was little peculiar in his case. deemer's kingdom in the world at large.

Sate Migencer.

ful self-reproach to their unnecessary rebellion. assistance.

GRINDING THE DIAMOND.

The poor sufferer lay in severe pain on her bed. examination. It had been near twenty years since she saw a 7. The approbation of pious and judicious back had deep sores on it from lying so long; of experienced ministers-Can. Bap. and whenever one was relieved by a new position Keep a good conscience. If wickedness had no of the body, another would be made. She never complained; and the cheerfulness with which she endured all this from day to day, and year to year, was a matter of amazement to all.

closely observed. Sometimes he was so attentive country; but when many years had elapsed, and municating with herself, the room seemed sudden- 5. Have I studiously repressed evil thoughts, as to kindle hope, and then irregularity damped they found themselves with difficulties and dangers | y to fill with light, and a beautiful form seemed and desired to be delivered from their intrusion ? expectation. But he was never lost sight of, and in that very land, the remembrance of their crime to bend over her. His face was calm and gentle, and have I made any successful assaults on my they who "continued in prayer" believed in its rushed upon their minds, and led to the con- but full of pity. She was not at all frightened, easily besetting sins ? fession of their guilt. "God," said they, "hath nor deemed it strange that he was there, though 6. Have I been guilty to-day of envy, jealonsy, One sabbath evening Billy staved to the meet- found out the iniquity of thy servants." And she was aware that she never saw him before. pride, evil-speaking, or unkind feelings? Have I ing for prayer after the service. He had been out they said one to another, "We are verily guilty "Daughter of sorrow !" said he in a voice soft returned good for evil ? Has sin overcome me, both morning and evening, and was a very atten- concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish as zephyr that rocks the rose on its stem, "art or have I overcome sin ? way for having, in answer to prayer, purged from Men often try to escape from the stings of a have so long been a sufferer that I see no end to preparation for death, judgment, and the coming his memory the words of the wicked songs he used guilty conscience by a change of place; but the it, nor can I see why I must suffer thus. I know of my Lord? to sing. Presently Billy was missed from the transgressor may range the wildest ocean, and that I am a sinner ; but I hoped that Christ's suf- 8. Have I met crosses and disappointments, meeting; no one knew when he had left. He climb the loftiest mountains, or may bury himselt ferings, and not mine, would save me. O, why wrong, or slandering, with meekness and patience ?

ing particular; thousands look back upon a similar the Christian ministry, in preference to every starting-point over a similar career. And the other employment, accompanied with a deep sense blessings of the father's house forsaken, add of unworthiness of the honor, and inability for condemnation to their conscious guilt, and fear- the discharge of the duties of it, without Divine

6. A sincere endeavor to know the will of God respecting it, making it the matter of earnest prayer, and practising close and repeated self-

well day-more than half that time since she had friends, who are competent judges of ministerial. walked a step, and nearly two years since she had talents, and who encourage the person to devote sat up. Her limbs were jerked by spasms, her himself to the work-especially the countenance

EVENING QUESTIONS FOR SELF-EXAMIN-ATION.

1. Have I read a portion of God's word to day, Her friends who saw the Bible always lying near and if so, was it burriedly and without meditation, her, knew well from what springs she drew water. or reverently and with a sincere appreciation of

2. How did I pray to-day? Was it formally, One night, as the sufferer lay sleepless from ter- without realizing thoughts of God, without sensible rible pain, she began to look back upon the past. nearness to God, or with affection, fervor and

7. Have I realized my nearness to eternity, and "No; but I am full of pain and disease, and I encouraged myself to meditate on, and to seek 9. Have I been covetous ? or have I resisted sleep visited his eyes, as he tossed wearily upon so far, nor conceal himself, as to escape from "Come with me, daughter, and I will show the tendency of my heart to avarice by the performance of behevolent and charitable deeds ? Have I given any thing to the poor, or purposed to do good to all men as 1 have opportunity? He tenderly took her in his arms, and carried 10. Have my secular avocations absorbed too

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times needed for a single sermon. Only yesterday I had to look over nearly a dozen volumes in It was a wretched home; dirt and poverty were studying a single point, to which, in speaking, I everywhere. In the grate were a few smouldering should give not more than five minutes, yet it was embers, and hovering over the unswept hearth sat "Yes, yes, I know sinners; but not my sort, an important thing; one that could not be passed a forlorn woman, bent double, her eye wild, and not me. I can see my sins, but no Saviour. I over, indeed, for I have promised you and the her cheek haggard, while her attitude had the have been sixteen years a druckard; I have half Great Shepherd to make a faithful use of my crouching look so often seen in the wives of poor killed my poor wife; I have sold myself to evil powers, and of all the means within reach for the and depraved husbands. She seemed thinking men and my soul to the devil. Not for me! not for good of this people. Sometimes I search for a moodily, and was evidently in fear-for a sound me ! Christ will spurn me, such a poor outcast York, in one of his inimitable letters, furnishes the text in vain; I can't think; nothing seems clear, as of a door opening behind her made her start as I am." Or after long trying, just as I get one train of once or twice. "How much longer can this last, "Not so, Billy; his ways are not our ways, and thought in my mind and am ready to make the I wonder?" she presently muttered, "I'd rather we never show how little we understand the gospel outline of a sermon, some poor brother in trouble die than five in this misery." All at once the plan so clearly as when we reason like that. Jesus godly parentage :--calls, and I must see, and try to comfort him; and door was flung violently open, and a miserable, sees the worst : he delights in saving freely ; he so upon reaching the study again the whole plan bloated-looking man entered the room : he was came on purpose. He will in no wise cast out, endless wandering from God, one rises before me

"Or I am suddenly called to visit a dying man, me some supper," was his greeting. to try and lift the heavenly light before his closing "What is the use to ask me for supper? We all your soul's weight, with all your sins, upon more lovely scenes of domestic piety. Dignity eyes; or to sympathize with those left alone; or, have no food, no fire, and no money, and none we hims" perhaps, to sit beside the sick bed of one of my are likely to have while you spend everything you "I cannot trust, I cannot hope; it seems too attributes of his parental home. Everything was own family. At other times I must hear and set- get in drink."

tle a difficulty between brethien. Last week I High words followed, blows succeeded, and at ted out. Not for me! The biasphemous words, provisions of active love, which can make an had one or more of these interruptions every day, length the cowardly fellow slunk away, and the the wicked life, the drunkard's memory. Oh, no ! earthly home to recall man's Eden to his mind and on Saturday morning, sad and disheartened, braised, hall starved wife threw herself, heartbroken weary from watching with my sick child, and and stupefied, upon her uneasy bed. What wou- Poor Billy Monk! Despair seemed to have was utknown around him in this calm home from trembling at the awful responsibility of speaking der if life's burden did seem too heavy to poor taken hold upon him, and he saw no way. Used which he went. unless his providences hinder me, He generally of heaven. "I know, brother Close, that merely temporal one sabbath, evening just before service time. "Jesus, my Lord, I know thy name; things, though they seem so weighty that nearly Something in his abject look aroused pity in the all labor for them untiringly, are of no real conse- heart of the observer, and turning suddenly round quence compared with the saving of sonls; and upon him, he asked him to go to chapel with him. these are in one sense committed to my keeping. Perhaps it was the novelty of the request, perhaps And then he told how he had signed the pledge his mind. In vain I tried to use his memory as a may be considered as satisfactory evidences : Who shall answer for me here"-the speaker's the pleasant manner of the stranger, or higher voice was very tremulous-" what infinite interests than any second cause, a gentle drawing of the are at stake ?. You felt that your were in a way good Spirit from above, that made him comply. responsible for the earthly all of your son's family, At any rate he did comply; and in a few minutes and it gave you sleepless and weary days. But they together entered the mission chapel, where be to God." what were the loss of all earth, compared with the Mr. S---- conducted evening worship. The loss of an endless life ? This is the care that room was not lighted; and uttering a profane at once that he must give up his calling. makes the minister's burden, and beside which comparison between its darkness and that of the such as yours of last year are only trifling. But pit of perdition, William Monk followed Mr. S-- again if I starve," was his reply. of the merely earthly ones I have also a large into the little vestry beyond. "Beware how you make rash assertions," said call to me! Restless and uneasy, he would travel; their danger, and dire "Wait a minute," said Mr. S____; "you little know the strength of sin for he could not bear to be still. And when at Saviour of sinners! share. All I have of this world is a small stock of "Wait a minute," said Mr. S—, solemnly, books and household goods, with the food and his spirit awed by the language of his companion; or the power of temptation. You must watch and last he was carried into a public conveyance for a 3. Great delight in reading and studying the that it should be silent while the Jeacon was raiment of the year. For future use I have an "I will soon get light, and I trust we may yet, earthly pledge of -- nothing; nothing with which have it in more senses than one." "I was not afraid to say this," said Mr. S---, feetly unable, in that very conveyance he breathed diligently to those pursuits which tend to qualify of others. On being asked why he paid this mark to educate my sons; nothing with which, when "Now let us pray," he added, as the last lamp when "narrating this story of graze; "I knew if his last, without a sign of penitence or peace. Ab, for the arduous engagement of instructing others. of respect to the deacon, he replied, "The deacon

tive hearer. One of the simple but devout men of his soul, when he besought us, and we would thou impatient?" who prayed gave God thanks in a most affecting not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us." went home miserable, smitten to the heart. No in the dark parts of the desert, but he cannot fly does God deal thus with me ?" his bed. He wandered about in mental anguish conscience. When I counsel you, my young thee." all Monday, avoiding every one he knew; but at friends, to keep a good conscience, I mean that night he tried to drown conscience by following you should, in the first place, endeavor to obtain his exciting vocation. He took his place as usual this blessing by an application to "the blood of the platform, and out into the lonely and deserted conform to God's law with holy diligence. a diamond, in a pair of strong iron pincers. He 14. Have I spoken unadvisedly, or rashly He soon sought his friend Mr. S ------, and poured concerns may seem to have no moral discernment. examine it carefully.

out his troubles. believe in him for salvation," was Mr. S-----

counsel. "I can't pray, I can't believe ; oh ! my sins, my do not venture upon it. Be fully persuaded in in it." sins! That prayer! that prayer !"

" What prayer ?

" I am glad you feel lost."

"Oh, sir! why glad ?"

know who Jesus came to save ?"

to the souls of my people with so little preparation Mary Monk? She was without God, and had no as Mr. S --- had been to lead inquirers to the But he went abroad from his father's house, in prayer and study, I fell upon my knees, and hope; her husband was a drunkard, her children cross, he felt unwilling to trust hunself in this unchanged in heart, and unimpressed tor an active. with sobs and groans besought the Lord to put his were in the grave, her spirit crushed, and her case, and sent for a Christian brother to help him choice of virtue. He renounced his venerable arm about me and his thoughts into my heart. home, unhallowed either by God's fear or man's in encouraging this poor sinner to simple faith. father's faith, and became an infidel. He laughed He did, and gave without effort of mine, what, love, was little more than a shelter from the winds Hours of prayer and instruction followed, and at at the anxiety of his mother's heart in the coldest longth William became more tranquil. Hope ingratitude. He wandered off in a life of selfishlets me search for. But sometimes I find no Her husband went staggering on in his maun- was dawning and gradually came the precious as- ness and hatred. His awakened conscience made help; my heart is cold, I cannot pray, and though dering state, and was presently engaged in his surance that salvation was a free gift, offered to him miserable. His unhappiness made him hostile I delve with pick and spade among the deep usual calling—singing comie songs at a public sinners, not merely "although" they were guilty, to all. things of God, I am too blind to see the precious house, till the night was far advanced; for he rare- but just "because" they were so. Finally he was Wearied of his native land, he rushed abroad. and first preachers of the gospel; yet, doubtless, but just "because" they were so. Finally he was ore, and I feel that to the hundreds of souls in my ly began till an hour when thoughtful men are able to say, "He loved me and gave himself for In one of the West India Islands he was secretly up and qualified, still furnishes chosen vessels, with "It is this, above all the other legion of cares, duties. Some weeks after the commencement of ger the song of this world's revelry, but in one of covered, and returned to his own land in a linger- desire this sacred office. As, however, they who that makes my heart heavy, that keeps sleep from my story he was observed by a man devoted to the the songs of Zion his tuneful voice gave utterance ing consumption. Then surely, I thought a saving are thus designated by the Spirit of God, are not WHY THE MILL WAS STOPPED .- In one of the salvation of perishing souls, strolling idly along, to his trust :-- out of haladas and does not does and

"But I cannot walk."

"True, true! There, gently, gently !" on the platform ; he tried to sing, but the prayer sprinkling." Until the soul is justified and sin her away, far away, over land and water, till he much of my time and attention to-day ? haunted him -" the memory of wicked songs and pardoned, there can be no true peace of conscience. sat her down in a far-off city, and in the midst of 11. Have I lived to God's glory, or for my own their bad words." He sat down without uttering While the law remains unsatisfied for us, and a large work-shop; the room was full of windows; selfish ends to-day? a sound. He was called upon again. Again he denounces justice against us for our sins, what can and the work-men seemed to be near the light, 12. Is it a matter of consciousness with me that rose; but the effort was fruitless. Conscience and give us peace? The only way to attain peace is and each with his own tools, and all seemed to be religion is my chief concern and the source of my fear choked his utterance. He was determined to faith in the blood of Christ. But if you would so intent upon their work, that they neither no- greatest pleasure? be a man and conquersuch nonsense, as he called it. preserve your conscience pure and enjoy peace, ticed the new comers, nor spoke to one another. 13. Have I been gentle and courteous toward He stood boldly forward and began singing. It you must not only obtain forgiveness for the past, They seemed to have small, brown pebbles, which my inferiors and dependents, kindly affectionate was no use; and after utterly failing in several but must be very careful to sin no more in future. they were grinding, and shaping, and polishing. toward my equals, and respectful toward my successive attempts, he took up his hat, rushed off If we would preserve peace of conscience, we must Her guide pointed her to one who seemed to be superiors ?

streets. It was very late; yet it was long before The correct knowledge of truth lies at the foun- seemed to grasp the little thing as if he would judged others ? the poor conscience-stricken sufferer sought his dation of a good conscience. Nothing is more im- crush it to hold on to the rough stone without 15. Has the world been in any way benefited home. When there, he could find no rest for portant to man than the truth ; therefore "buy the mercy. The stone whirled, and the dust flew, and by my living to-day ? body or mind. Mental distress banished sleep, truth, and sell it not." Some persons try to have the jewel grew smaller and lighter. Ever and 16. Have I had opportunities for doing any and the morning found him worn out with misery. a good conscience in great matters, who in small anon he would stop, hold it up to the light, and thing for Jesus, and have they been embraced ?

Before you act, consider ; and beware of the false "Workman," said the sufferer, "will you please sinner? Have I given away a religious tract, "Pray, William, pray. Look to Christ for help, coloring which passion and self-interest throw to tell me why you bear on, and grind the jewel magazine, or book to any one, with prayer for the s around the subjects of duty. Lean to the safe so hard ?" side. Where an action is of doubtful character,

"I want to grind off every flaw and crack your own mind ; " for whatsoever is not of faith is

"But don't you waste it ?"

"About the wicked songs : my head is full of I would counsel you to cherish the motions of more. The fact is, this diamond, if it will bear the 18. Have I felt with increased intensity that them, and their words are stings. I am lost, lost; the Holy Comforter. By his Divine influences wheel long enough, is to occupy a very important my only hope is in Christ? alone a good conscience can be maintained. And place in the crown we are making up for our 19. Have I avoided all appearance of evil, and Spirit, so that you are left comfortless, never rest have to grind and polish them a great while ; but have come in contact, fearing not men, but God ?

> with our work, but wanted this jewel, in particu- in the immediate presence of thy God. lar, should be ground and polished a great deal. So you see how hard I hold it down on this stone. And, see! there is not a crack nor flaw in it. What a beauty it will be !"

Gently, gently, the guide lifted up the poor sufferer, and again laid her down on her own bed of pain. "Daughter of sorrow! dost thou understand the vision ?"

"O, yes! but may I ask you one question ?" " Certainly."

"Were you sent to me to show me all this ?" " Assuredly.'

"O! may I take to myself the consolation that I am a diamond, and am now in the hands of the strong man, who is polishing it for the crown of the Great King ?"

"Daughter of sorrow ! thou mayest have that consolation; and every pang of suffering shall be like a flash of lightening in a dark night, revealing eternity to thee; and hereafter thoy shalt

Have I spoken well of him to any perishing

Spirit's blessing ?

17. Have I prayed for the prosperity of the church, and the conversion of sinners, and considered all I have as given to me for the promotion "Yes; but what is left is worth so much the of the Lord's kingdom among men ?

king. We take much more pains with such. We set a holy example before those with whom I king was here yesterday, and was much pleased divine life to-day? Ponder this, O, my soul! as

FAITH AND OBEDIENCE. - Those who profess to beheve in Christ must not live as they list, but as he pleases. Though redeemed from the curse of the law, and from the rites and ceremonics of the Jewish Church, they are under the law of Christ, and must walk before him, must be in all things obedient to that moral law which is an emanation from the righteousness of God, and of eternal obligation; and let it be remembered that Christ is the author of eternal salvation to all that obey him." Without faith and obedience there can be no holiness, and without holiness none can see the Lord. Be all that God would have thee to be, and God will be to thee all that thou canst possibly require. He never gives a precept, but he offers sufficient grace to enable thee to perform it. Be-

lieve as he would have thee, and act as he shall strengthen thee, and thou wilt believe all things savingly, and do all things well. Go FORWARD .- The steamboat going up against immediately begin to retrograde-the current will bear it back-so will its own gravitation, until it becomes unmanageable, and drifts against the rocks or ledges on a bar. The Christian life, like this, is all the way up stream against powerful oposing forces-the world, the flesh and the devil. No one can make headway without constant, persevering personal effort, and the assistance of the Holy Spirit. This, like the steam that moves the boat, is the motive power. With this alone can we make advance in the divine life.

Among the many illustrations of a strange and and beauty, personal and moral, were the ruling

much to think all my sins can be forgiven-blot- there, in holiness, in happiness, in kindness, in

it you are sensible that you have grieved the

is the fruit of his indwelling.

THE FEARFULNESS OF REJECTING THE

Rev. Dr. Tyng, an eminent minister of New

FAITH OF A PIOUS HOME.

quences of rejecting the pions instructions of a

evidently intoxicated. "Get up, idler, and give will save to the uttermost, and will rejoice over as I write. I knew him from his earliest childhood. even you. Just come to him as you are, and lean Never was youth nursed and taught in purer or

again. Sir, in its more painful manifestations,

"Because for such there is good news. Do you until you again experience the peace and joy which when they are done, they are very beautiful. The 20. In a word, have I made any advance in the

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Thy name is all my trust; Nor wilt thou put my soul to shame, Nor let my hope be lost."

with no intention of keeping it, yet he had never instrument of blessing. He would hear nothing 1. True devotedness of heart to God-a desire on that holy day as any other. Before long it broken it. "It seemed," he said, "as if there was of the world to come; nothing of the Divine to live, not for the purpose of self-gratification, was observed, however, that a certain time before a restraint upon me all the time, as if I was held salvation for his soul; nothing of the religious but of honoring and glorifying God in every service the mill would stop, remain silent, and by a hand I could not see; and so I was, thanks teachings with which we were together familiar possible way.

"I will never enter a theatre or concert room unjust as to reject him." of any so reject him."

"Beware how you make rash assertions," said call to me ! Restless and uneasy, he would travel ; their danger, and directing them to Christ, the interval ; and so punctual was he to the hour, that

run without weariness and walk without faint-

ness,' and sing with those who have ' come out of great tribulation."-Rev. John Todd, D. D., in a powerful current will, if the steam be shut off,

A CALL TO THE MINISTRY.

It cannot be expected that any person, in the present day, should receive so remarkable a call influence might be found and felt. But nothing usually certified of it by any extraordinary dis- older States once resided an infidel, the owner of ever appeared of encouragement or hopefulness in covery of the Divine will, and may, for a time, a saw-mill, situated by the side of the highway, his mind. His whole feeling was bitterness and remain in much perplexity as to their call-it over which a large portion of a Christian congrehostility. His early home awakened the saddest becomes an interesting inquiry, How may such a gation passed every Sabbath to and from the associations, as in solitude its scenes occurred to call be known to the subject of it? The following church. This infidel, having no regard for the

His advisers were faithful men : they told him no hope, save in the constant assertion that "he of men ; heartfelt grief on observing the indiffer- tinue till about the close of service, when for a never injured any one, and God could not be so ence of the greater part of mankind, with respect short time it again ceased. It was soon noticed to their eternal interests; and an earnest desire that one of the deacons of the church passed the Ah ! what sad recollections does the story re- to be instrumental in rousing them to a sense of mill to the place of worship during the silent

ready, they can begin business. I was lit. The men knelt. One prayed. The the change were man's bungling work it would from what a home he wandered ! What privileges 4. A public spirit in religion ; a lively concern professes just what the rest of you do ; but he wa name. What is the consequences? The people [Carlettan name or foreign, who can read and induce or breign, who can read and induce or breign, who can read and in the doioganes report favorably. Surfate to be hoped or searching

Sabbath, was as busy, and his mill was as noisy, in his youth. Memory was misery ; and he had 2. A deep concern for the immortal interests noise and clatter would recommence, and con-