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### FRANK FOSTER'S SLIP,

AND HOW HE WAS WON BACK AGAIN.

BY EMMA RAYMOND.

"Then gently scan thy brother man, Still gentler sister-woman, For, if they gang a little wrang, To step aside is human. One point must still be greatly dark-The moving why they do it; And just as lamely can ye mark How far, perhaps, they rue it." BURNS.

"Considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."-Gal. vi. 1.

It was evening in the great City. The lamps were lighted, and the great tide of human life, with its roar, and its bustle, and its restlessness, "Then why did you not enter it in the books to still rolled on. A youth, with downcast eyes, and his credit? Where is the money ?" he demandhaggard appearance, passed quickly by, as if anxi- ed, coming up to Frank. ous to avoid attention. It seemed as if his "Gone, sir, I am sorry to tell you?" and he thoughts were absorbed in some matter intimately buried his face in his hands to hide his emotion. connected with himself, for you could see at a "Gone, ch? Then we'll see if you can't go too. glance that he had that unquiet, suspicious air of Here, Harris," said he, calling to the messenger, concealment about him which usually charac- " bring a police:nan at once.' terises those who have taken a questionable step. Mr. Williams was a peremptory, hot-blooded You felt sure that there was something behind the sort of a man. You might as well attempt to scene not quite right with him, something con- stay the progress of a tornado as endeavour to cerning him that would not bear inspection. And check him when in a passion. His clerks knew yet he had that fair Saxon look, -that open, noble this, and said nothing. Not but what they pitied

face generally betokening candour and fair deal- Harry in their hearts, and would have been glad ing. So he may; but Frank Foster-that was to see him get out of it; but before their employer his name-had, a little while before, done what they, with the amiability of the world generally, was wrong. We must go back a little and ex- gave him, in eloquent silence, "the cold shoulder." plain. The officer came. Little time was lost in pre-Two years before Frank Foster had come up ferring the charge, and Frank was marched off in from the country, bearing recommendations from custody. Embezzlement was a serious charge, the pastor under whose ministrations he had and it seemed likely that it would go hard with grown up, to Mr. Walker, his present pastor. him. A situation had been obtained for him in | When in the police-station, the officer asked a mercantile house of high standing, and he Frank if he could do anything for him,---if he was engaged as clerk. He had good business could be the bearer of any message for him, there qualities, and seemed to bid fair to win the esteem | being something about his manner which touched and confidence of Messrs. Morris and Co. He even the heart of the man of the law. had been a professor and a Sabbath-school teacher "No, no; 1 have no friends in London." previous to leaving his country home, and it was "But perhaps you know some one who will pay not without some few misgivings that his pastor the money for you. In that case you may get and friends bade him farewell on his departure for off. But I wouldn't linger over it. You've only London. Mr. Walker instantly conceived a high till to-morrow morning you know." regard for him, and took him under his especial Frank thought again. Where could he seud ? charge. He introduced him to a vaeant class in Who would help him? All at once he rememhis Sabbath-school, and in other ways enlisted his bered his pastor, Mr. Walker.

our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass uncongenial world? Such are the sad sugges- constant aid and direction? Do we fully realize nouncing the whole discourse a parable. The tions of the text.

"Yes, Mr. Walker, but when a man's in busi-"I ask again,-who settled Morgan's account? position."

The gentleman was evidently giving way. The clerks looked at each other with a puzzled "That may be, my dear sir, but it it a fine him in his speech, that they might be healed of Lord. expression, all but Frank. He looked down on opportunity of displaying the Christian grace of their diseases, for he had power over unclean his books pale as a ghost. His appearance caught charity,"

Mr. Williams considered again. Now, it so that they might be fed by him-many followed "Foster, do you know anything of this? It happened that, at his family devotions that morn- him for the loaves and the fishes; and others, seems that Morgan's bill was delivered him this ing, he had read the thirteenth chapter of the though few, comparatively, that they might be week, when he paid it last month. He encloses first epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, and some fed upon the pure milk of the Word, for he had the receipt, proving that it was paid. Did you of the Apostle's words were dreamily floating the words of eternal life. These last were his trace through his brain.

"What is the age of your eldest boy, Mr. Wil- holiest motives, and would cleave to him, though The hot blood rose to Mr. William's temples. liams ?" "Something like seventeen, I believe. A man with the alabaster box of precious ointment, noble fellow he is, too ;" and the Father's eyes which she wished to present to the Saviour, who

glistened. "About a year younger than Frank Foster," with her hair. And there were the Marys, faithreplied Mr. Walker. "Now tell me, sir, would ful and true when the multitude would have pro-

you not feel afraid to send your son, a mere youth claimed Jesus king, and none the less constant as he is ignorant of the temptations which beset when the multitude clamored for his crucifixion, youth, two or three hundred miles away, among and all men forsook him. Loving and constant stangers, to shift for himself?"

"Yes; decidedly. I should like him here, tomb." But there were the Apostles and other under my own eye, so that I may be able to watch brethren, too, who suffered martyrdom for him over his character, his morals, and so on. He is and the doctrines of the cross. too young to be sent adrift yet."

This earnest and plaintive inquiry was addres-This was what Mr. Walker aimed at. sed to the twelve, when Jesus saw many who had "Did you ever think of the meaning of those been with him going away, to follow him no more. words, Mr. Williams-' Considering thyself, lest Such were not his true friends-were not born thou also be tempted ?' Apply them to your son's again-and they could not receive his doctrines. case. What if he had been sent into the world, When he preached the plain gospel to them, deyoung and inexperienced as he is, and had beer. claring himself the bread of heaven and the word tempted ? What if he had fallen, and no mercy of life, sent by the Father to give eternal life to as had been shown him, so that he was left to face many as believed in him-that it was the will of the world again with ruined character and blighted | the Father that they should thus receive him, the prospects? Just think of your son in the situa- Jews murmured, and many of his disciples said tion of Frank Foster, and think too, what a little "This is a hard saying : who can receive it?" forbearance-a little forgiveness, might do with Such went away-backslid-and the Apostle Paul says, "They went out from among us, that it

The fame of the blessed Jesus attracted great 3. If we can depart from Him under any cir- language upon the condition of men after death ness, surrounded by those who are watching multitudes to his ministry. Some came merely cumstances, however trying they may be, and

spirits, and healed all manner of diseases; others,

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him discourse his own gospel; "for he spake as friends. Be careful and watchful. never man spake;" some that they might entangle

that he is our Saviour?

every action, you need to be strict to prevent im- through curiosity ; others, that they might hear deny him before men, it is because we are not his

4. Let us all, with one accord, cleave unto the

## THE RESCUE.

Several years ago a ship was burned near the month of the English Channel. Among the passengers were a father, mother, and their little child, a daughter not many months old. When the discovery was made that the ship was on fire, and the alarm was given, there was great confusion, and this family became separated. The father was rescued and taken to Liverpool, but the mother and her infant were crowded overboard, and unnoticed by those who were doing all in their power to save the sufferers still on the ship. They drifted out of the Channel with the tide, the mother clinging to a fragment of the wreck with her little one clasped to her breast.

Late in the afternoon of that day a vessel bound from Newport, Wales, to America, was moving women-" last at the cross, and the first at the slowly along in her course. There was only a light breeze, and the captain was impatiently walking the deck, when his attention was called to an object some distance off which looked like a person in the water. The officers and crew watched it for a time, and as no vessel was near from which any one could have fallen overboard, they thought it impossible that this could be a human being. But, as their vessel was scarcely moving, it was thought best to get out a boat and row to the object. The boat was accordingly owered and manned. It was watched with considerable interest by those who remained on board, and they noticed that, as it drew near to the drifting speck, the rowers rested on their oars two or three minutes, then moved forward, took in the object or thing, they knew not which, and returned to the ship. When the boat's crew came on board they brought with them this mother They savored not the things that be of men. Such and her child, alive and well; and the sailors said that, as they drew near, they heard a female voice sweetly singing. As with a common impulse the men ceased rowing and listened, and then the You will observe that the Saviour makes it a words of the beautiful hymn, sung by this trusting Christian, all unconscious that deliverance was so near, came over the waves to their ears : " Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly, his service, continue with him, obeying his com-While the waters near me roll. While the temptest still is high ; Hide me, O my Saviour, hide, Till the storn of life is past; Safe into the haven guide, Oh ! receive my soul at last. " Other refuge have I none, Hangs my helpless soul on Thee : Leave, Oh ! leave me not alone ; Still support and comfort me. All my trust on Thee is stayed

attempt is vain; for the bearing of our Saviour's is not affected by calling it parabolical.

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For, in the first place, the parables of Christ never violate the orde, and course of naturenever introduce foreign elements into any sphere of life. If, then, we call our Saviour's account of the rich man and Lazarus a parable the lesson of it is this: that God will treat certain parties, not expressly named, as he treats the prosperous unbeliever and the afflicted believer, when they are removed from the present world. The normal conditions of good and bad men after death are used by him to shadow forth the relation of certain classes in this life to the kingdom of God. In the second place, the parables of Christ always employ well-known characters, customs, and operations, to illustrate spiritual things. They were always made up of elements familiar to his hearers. If, then, the account of the rich man and Lazarus is a parable, Christ deviated, in this instance, most strangely from his otherwise uniform, natural, and perfect method of constructing parables, or else the consciousness of souls after death was a familiar truth to the Pharisees. We do not say a familiar opinion ; for to suppose that Christ honored the erroneous opinions of his hearers by giving them a place in the warp and woof of his discourse, is to make we know not how serious a charge against his integrity. And, in the third place, the parables of Christ are constructed of such elements as not only suggest, but also commend the lessons contained in them. They are so fit, appropriate, natural in their own sphere, as to render probable certain parallel facts in a different sphere. That is to say, Christ was wont to give the truths pertaining to his kingdom the benefit and support of analogy, of a similar process in some other part of God's administration. Hence the doctrine of consciousness after death must be reasonable and probable. For otherwise without any conceivable necessity, Christ has put his own doctrine under a disadvantage, has clothed it in a suspicious garb, fitted to secure its rejection. To suppose that he has gone beyond this life for the chief lines of his picture, has made the picture untrue to the actual condition of things in that region beyond, and has thereby laid his own doctrine under a positive disadvantage, is surely too monstrous a hypothesis for any thoughtful believer. And if, as some assert, the infliction of misery upon the impenitent dead is unworthy of God and foreign to his nature, then has our blessed Lord woven this solemn and ominous parable out. of events which do not so much slight as fearfully misrepresent the divine government; which do not so much forego the advantage of analogy as contemn reason itself. This view is utterly incredible; and, therefore, whether the discourse of Jesus respecting the rich man and Lazarus, is or is not a parable, it teaches with perfect clearness and with absolute authority, the doctrine of human consciousness in the middle state .- National Baptist.

friends, who tollowed him from the purest and all others might forsake him. There was the wo-

bathed his feet with her tears, and wiped them

youthful affections. It was no matter for wonder "Yes; I have one friend, and only one. If he then, that, before a twelvemonth had passed away, fails me-" and he scribbled a short note, which faithful minister and the young clerk.

a strong attachment existed between the earnest, the policeman departed to deliver. Mr. Walker was in his study when the note But London is a place abounding with tempta- came, busily preparing for the coming Sabbath.

one from the debtor of the firm, telling of his late

Suddenly Mr. Williams turned round.

"Who settled Morgan's account?"

"I did, sir," Frank stammered out.

Some of you must know about it."

payment.

No one answered.

Mr. Williams' eye.

tions. If ever a young person needs the prayer, He started as he read it, as if some deadly serpent "Hold up my goings that my footsteps slip not," had stung him. Was this Frank Foster? Had it is there, and so Frank found it. Thrown as he he done this? How came it about? Surely was into the society of fellow-clerks,-careless, some enemy must have been sowing tares, and godless, and extravagant, he found the principles thus have choked the good seed.

imbibed at his early home weakening day by day. None but a pastor or a teacher can ever know He was not strong in himself to resist temptation, the bitter pain, the deep auguish, of seeing one and he forgot the source of true strength. True, who has given bright promise going astray. It he retained his Sunday-school class and his pro- comes next to the parents' sorrow. It must be fession too after a fashion: but he did many experienced to be known.

things against which his conscience made loud There was no time to be lost, so, taking his hat outcries, so that by the time he had been and stick, he went forth to find Frank. He was eighteen months in the city, he was on the inclined at once admitted into the prison, and drew from plane, and when a youth gets there it is not long him a full confession of his guilt, and of his manbefore the Enemy gives him a push. Well, about ner of life for the past few months. As he heard, a month previous to this time, the Derby came off. he ceased to wonder at his fall. It only seemed Large sums,-large for his companions' means- to him a natural consequence of his companionhad been staked in the office on the result of this ships and habits.

race, and, to avoid the charges of singularity and On leaving the cell, he went straight to Mr. Pharisceism, Frank had betted too. How he was Williams. He found him in his private room, to pay the money in case of loss, never entered his fretting and fuming terribly over the matter, mind at the time. Bat he betted and lost. and declaring that Frank should smart for his Twenty pounds was the amount of the bet, and to | frand.

pay this "debt of honour," he had retained the Now, Mr. Williams was a member in the very amount received as payment of a bill, and instead church over which Mr. Walker was pastor, a felof entering it to the account of the debtor as paid, low-member with his young erring clerk ; but, so had appropriated it to his own use.

On this night he was going home downcast and religious life which prevails in a large city, that despairing, for on the morrow he feared the fraud that gentleman was totally unacquainted with the would be discovered. As he passed along the circumstance. Perhaps you wonder how it was street in gloomy abstraction, he thought of scheme that this could be, but he was one of that large after scheme by which to ward off the conse- class of persons with whom business reigns suquences of his guilt. But none feasible enough to preme in the counting-house, while religion is rebe put into execution presented itself to his ima- served for the closet and the Sabbath-day.

gination. He had no friends able to supply him "Glad to see you, Mr. Walker, very glad; but with the money, and if they had been, his is it not vexing? One of my clerks, Frank Fosmisdeed would still have been found out. He was ter, has cheated me out of more than twenty thoroughly wretched, for companionship with these pounds. I have only just discovered it, but he is giddy youths had not yet seared his conscience. safe in custody now. Just as if a man had not What would he not have done to have been as he enough other things to worry him without being was twelve or even six months before! As he worried by dishonest clerks. I'm determined he threw himself on his bed that night he would have shall be made an example of; I fancy some of the given worlds to have been once more back in his others have not been so steady as they should have native village,-the light-hearted, innocent lad. been, but I'll give them a lesson.'

In very truth he was little more than a boy now, The good old man sat still, and listened to all but sin will make a man feel old before his time, | this very patiently.

"Mr. Walker had found the key to Mr. Wil- might be manifest that they were not of us." liam's heart.

"Well, I don't know, I'll let him off, I think. persons will always backslide; sooner or later they But, in order to save appearances, it is necessary will depart from Christ and I is friends, and walk that the money should be paid over, so as to set | in his ways no more. the books right.'

"I will see to that,"-and he laid the money matter of choice with those who were with him, to on the table. "I know Frank will repay me as stay or go away. " Will ye also go away?" soon as he is in a position to do so. I do not fear Christians, the true friends of Christ, persevere in to risk it."

Mr. Williams considered a moment, and then mandments, because they will to do so. Being said, "I will take the money, Mr. Walker, upon his true friends, it is their pleasure to do his will. condition that if Frank Foster does not repay you, They love him; therefore do they delight in his will. You shall not lose it." service. His yoke to them is easy, and his burden

"All right, Mr. Williams. You need not trou- light. It all hinges upon this : Do we love Christ? ble about that. I will take all risk upon myself. Are we willing that he shall save us? Are we And now, may he consider himself at liberty?" | ready to submit ourselves, unreservedly, to his "Yes; perfectly so. I shall not appear against pleasure-allowing him to do all the saving, and him. But as it is not expedient that he should we all the serving? If so, his people are our peoreenter my office, I will get him another situation." ple, and we will join them in a united effort "Thanks, thanks, Mr. Williams. Some day against all the enemies of his holy and blessed

you will see your reward;" and the old man was cause. We will seek to know and do his will.

Next day, Frank Foster was safely housed in willing and cheerful obedience to all his command-Mr. Walker's little study. What a change a few ments. hours had made in him ! Yesterday morning he As Christians, we must ever remember we are was the despairing, fearing culprit ; now, he was not our own, but are bought with a price-a precithe weeping, rejoicing penitent.

"Oh, Mr. Waiker, I cannot thank you enough! ought to glorify in our bodies and spirits, which -indeed, I cannot. But I shall never forget this. are his. The Apostle Paul says, "Be not con-I never can. God helping me, I will keep out of firmed to this world; but be yo transformed by temptation's way for the future."

"May God help you, Frank! This escape what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will will be a life-lessson to you. Don't be too pre- of God." In this, as in all matters of religion, let sumptuous-too sure of your own strength, but us take Christ as our pattern, and let us do as He fear. You know where it is said, 'Hold Thou me did. How perfectly He obeyed the will of the up, and I shall be safe; and you know, too, that Father! "My meat and my drink is to do the a young man can only cleanse his way by taking will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." heed thereto, according to God's Word."

"If I had remembered that, sir, I should never is none of his." If we really have his spirit, his have entered into all this trouble. But I have disposition, it will be evinced in our love for God's learnt to feel thankfal for it. I know I shall people, and our delight in his service. Our love never forget the lesson."

"God grant that you never may, Frank." Then the two knelt side by side,—the grey-haired old minister, and the erring member of his people, and thy God my God." "By this shall all flock. Such a prayer, too! Frank never forgot men know that ye are my disciples, because ye it to his dying day. How the old man pleaded love one another." Such are the true friends of for him that he might be strong to resist all evil Christ; and they will never leave him. Because -strong in the hour of temptation-strong, not he lives they shall live also. And they are kept only to keep from what was wrong, but also to do by his power to the day of Jesus Christ. But do and dare what was right! Nothing was forgot- they desire to depart from Christ and his service ? ten in that prayer-nothnig left out.

comparable, comprehensive prayer at the Dedication of the Temple. They contain some petition suited to every phase of Christian experience, and

" Jesus, I my cross have taken,

" Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,

Prone to leave the God I love,"

All to leave and follow thee :

Naked, poor, despised. forsaken, Thou from hence my all shalt be."

With the shadow of Thy wing," In due time the vessel arrived in America. The His will has become our will; therefore, we render mother wrote to her friends in England, and thus the father learned of the safety of his wife and child, and in about four months from the time of their separation they were happily reunited.

All my help from Thee I bring; Cover my defenceless head

What a beautiful illustration this incident affords ous price-even the blood of Christ ; whom we of the truth that God never forsakes those that love him. A child of his may be placed in circumstances of great trial, suffering with pain, sickness, lost in the desert, in peril at sea, drifting the renewing of your minds, that ye may prove away as it may seem from all earthly help, as were this mother and her babe out upon the deep; but who has trusted in him is never out of his sight, never where he canot hear their cry for help. And, although deliverance does not always come in the way hoped for or expected, yet of this we are assured, that in some way every trial and " Now, if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he sorrow shall be made a blessing to those who love God.

Can you repeat those two verses of that sweet hymn, and feel their meaning in your heart ?--for them will be as the attachment of Ruth to Many a Christian, old and young, has sung them Naomi, and we can adopt her language : "Where while their eyes have grown dim with joyful tears. -Parish Visitor.

## CONSCIOUSNESS AFTER DEATH.

### BY REV. ALVAH HOVEY, D. D.

If there is any fact of the New Testament which reveals with special clearness the state of man between the day of his natural death and the day of his resurrection, it is the discourse of Christ preserved in the sixteenth chapter of Luke, respecting the rich man and Lazarus. The particular period after death which is referred to in this discourse, may be learned from two instances.

First, the word Hades is used elsewhere in the New Testament to denote the abode of the wicked after death, but not after the final judgment; and it should, therefore, be explained in the same way

INFLUENCE OF EXAMPLE. - A God-fearing youth occupies the same room with several giddy scoffers--his fellow-clerks or fellow-students. Night and morning he bends the knee of prayer before them. They scoff at first, but he prays on. The daily reminder of that fearless act of devotion. awakens presently in the minds of his companions. the memory that they had once been taught to pray, but now have learned to scoff. Example is an arrow of conviction; they too "remember their God and are troubled."

John Angell James, of Birmingham, says, in one of his lectures :

" If I have a right to consider myself a Christian, if I have attained to any usefulness in the church of Christ, I owe it, in the way of means and instrumentality, to the sight of a companion, who slept in the same room with me, bending his knees in prayer on retiring to rest. That scene aroused my slumbering conscience, and sent an arrow to my heart; for though I had been religiously educated, I had neglected prayer and cast off the fear of God. My conversion to God followed, and my preparation for the ministry. Nearly half a century has rolled away since then, but that little chamber and that praying youth are still present to my imagination, and never will be forgotten, even amid the splendor of heaven, and through the ages of eternity."

TEMPTATION AND SUFFERING .- Temptation, according to Luther, is one of the ingredients. which goes to make a minister. I have before me two stones, which are an imitation of precious stones. They are perfectly alike in color; they are both of the same water, clear, pure, and clean. Yet there is a marked difference between them as to their lustre and brilliancy. One has a dazzling brightness, while the other is dull, so that the eve passes over it and derives no pleasure from the sight. What can be the reason for such a difference? It is this : the one is cut in a few facets, the other has ten times as many. These facets are produced by a violent operation; it is required to cut, smooth, and polish. Had the stones been endued with life, so as to have been capable of feeling what they underwent, the one which had received eighty facets would have thought itself very unhappy, and would have envied the other, which having but eight, had undergone but a tenth part of its sufferings. Nevertheless, the operation being over, it is done forever. The difference between the two stones always remains strongly marked. That which has suffered but little is entirely celipsed by the other, which alone is held in estimation and attracts attention .- Oberlin's Memoirs. But in times like these, many who profess But not so with the souls of the ungodly. A CONFESSIONS OF INFIDELITY .-- " I seen," says

great is the isolation and ignorance of each other's

almost carry you above earth. Soon afterward, Frank obtained another situa- And though they sometimes may sing-"I am very sorry for you, Mr. Williams, tion. Here his strict integrity and attention to business won for him a superior position among the employees of the firm. We need scarcely say they soon break forth in those soft, gentle, subthat the twenty pounds was refunded to Mr. missive strains : Walker shortly after.

Ah, no; the language of their heart is, "How

Have you not heard such prayers as these? I can we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therehave. They seem to remind one of Solomon's in- in?" This the sentiment they delight to sing :

and Frank Foster felt prematurely old in anxiety, guilt, and sin.

his tempter all along.

a ghost !"

" Do I ?"

very sorry; but it is for this very clerk I am Frank Foster passed the night very restlessly, come to plead."

-tossing, dreaming, starting, and fearing. If, as "You come to plead for him! Do you know it sometimes happened, he dropped asleep for a him, then ?"

few minutes, it was only to dream that he was in "Yes, I do, and have loved him as my own son. the grasp of a policeman, or confronting his em. He is a member of our church -- a fellow-member ployers and confessing his crime: Well, morning | with yourself, Mr. Williams.'

dawned, and he rose haggard and worn. He "Humph! A pretty sort of church-member. would fain have fled, but something within, whis- I must say," ejaculated Mr. Williams.

pered, "Stay; face it out;" and so he staid. He | "But he is, and has been, moreover, a most was first at the office that morning, and according- exemplary Sabbath-school teacher until within the ly took his place at the desk. In ten minutes last lew months. Lately, I grieve to say, he has Jones Harvey came in,- the one who had been met with companions-tempters, who have led him astray. 1 wonder, indeed, that he did not

"Why, Frank, what's the matter !" was his fall before. He is a mere boy in years, as you first salutation. "You look as if you had seen know. When he came from the country, he came bearing a high character for religion and honesty, but it seems the vices of this great city "Yes, positively. What's up. Anything wrong have corrupted him."

with the governor ?" "Well ! what is all this to me, Mr. Walker ?" "Not that I am aware of," replied Frank, de-

voutly wishing there were no chance of anything vou this before I urge you to forgive him." "I cannot forgive him. He must be punished Me." turning up wrong."

"Well, if you hadn't told me, I should have for the sake of example." thought you had some ugly secret in your heart; "You cannot forgive him, sir! Think again. you looked so thoroughly wretched. By the Our Bible says, you know that not once, but way, how came you to give us the slip last night? seventy times seven you are to forgive an erring Where did you go?" brother; and Frank Foster, although your clerk,

The entrance of the messenger with the letters has been, if not now, your brother in the faith." letters. easily overlook it."

He opened one after another in silence. As he "I acknowledge that fully. But have you the fruitful sources of sadness and tears. To be we are the true friends of Jesus: did so, Frank Foster bent over his desk, scarcely never erred in God's sight? have you been per- forsaken by one's friends, inflicts the keenest of all 1. Can we receive His doctrines? Do we re- this flame." Christ does not make him say, ness than in all other animals put together." How knowing what he was about. Everything about fect? Although, as far as man can see, your life pains. When friends prove false, and the world ceive them willingly? And have we dispositions "this place of annihilation," or "this Lethean did he judge of it? By his own heart. He adds: him seemed to be in a maze. He did not know has been irreproachable, vet God has seen faults; frowns upon us, how fondly the heart clings to to obey them. by experience what fainting was, but he thought and, if you are judged with the same measure that those who remain true to us! And how natural 2. Can we endure trials and persecutions for But some are not willing to accept the obvious his existence in diffusing the miseries he has suf-

" Here's my heart. O take and seal it ; Mr. Walker and Frank continued fast friends till Seal it from thy courts above." the good old man entered into his rest. This was Why, then, the question, "Will ye go away?" not long afterwards; and if ever a sincere mourner Many who professed to be his friends, his disciples followed a friend to the silent tomb, it was Frank. or followers, had gone away; and now our Lord And well he might, for had he not been, humanly puts the faith of those who remained with him to speaking, the means of his salvation from entire emporal ruin? Mr. Walker was the good Satrust in him might be made. You will observe, maritan to him, and he could not forget it. Had he fallen into the hands of those who make long that when the Saviour asked this most solemnly- language of Christ in this passage should be comprayers, and wrap the garments of a self-righteous pride about them, while they shrug their shoulders for the disciples present, said, "To whom shall we 11) "And I say unto you, that many shall come at the erring, and deal them out a large measure go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." Eternal from the east and west, and shall recline at table of contempt, the result would have been far differ- life is what they wanted, and they could obtain it with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob." The spirits

condemn thee; go and sin no more," recompense Christ. "What is it all to you, Mr. Williams! I tell think He will, for "Inasmuch as ye have done it those who seek to reclaim His erring ones? We unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto

> AN EARNEST INQUIRY. "Will ye also go away."-JOHN vi. 7.

junior partner, whose duty it was to open the dence in a person whom you trusted, you cannot indeed! The breaking up of kindly associations, back, my soul hath no pleasure in him."

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he felt something very much like it, as he sat there listening to the rustle of the letters. He looked thoughtful. "If we will not forgive others, ye also go away?" Or, will you turn against me, istent with other declarations of the inspired for pay—cheating and being cheated. The bulk knew that among that batch of letters would be how can we dare present the prayer, 'Forgive us and leave me friendless and alone in this co'd and do we fully realize our dependence upon Him for volume; and they attempt to set it aside by pro- of mankind are nothing more than a crowd of

Secondly, the brothers of the rich man are represented as being still alive on the earth.

Lazarus, it will be observed, is not said to be in Hades, but in Abraham's bosom; and this expression probably contains a reference to the oriental custom of reclining at table. The poor beggar, no longer dependent on the crumbs of human charity for daily food, is represented as the test, that a profession of their undeviating | enjoying a celestial repast at the side of the father of the faithful, and reclining upon his bosom. The important question, the Apostle Peter, answering pared with his words to the centurion (Matt. 8: ent. Will not He who said of old, "Neither do I only in Christ. This is receiving and professing of the just are not therefore, after death, in Hades, but in Paradise. (Luke 23: 43).

Christianity and are members of the church are great gulf separates them from the righteous, and Hume, "affrighted and confounded with the solimaking shipwreck of their profession, denying the they behold the shining countenances of patriarchs tude in which I am placed by my philosophy. faith, and refusing to submit to the requirements and prophets afar off. As to their consciousness, When I look abroad, on every side I see dispute, of our holy religion. The souls of men are being however, no one can be in doubt, who is willing contradiction and distraction. When I turn my tried. God has a controversy with the people. to accept the obvious meaning of Christ's language; eye inward, I find nothing but doubt and ignor-Sore judgments have befallen us. There is a for the rich man complains of suffering, and plays ance. Where am I? or what am I? From what great falling off among professors of religion. for even a slight alleviation. Though expressing cause do I derive my existence? To what condi-And the question becomes highly practical and im- no sorrow for sin nor reverence for God, he yet tion shall I return? I am confounded with ques-These are sad words! And the emotions portant, "Will ye also go away?" God's true intercedes for his kindred in the flesh, that they tions. I begin to fancy myself in a very deploraprevented a rejoinder. At his heels came in the "I cannot own him, sir. When you lose confi- which prompted them must have been saddening people will not go away. "If any man draweth may be warned, and not come to this place of tor- ble condition, environed with darkness on every ment. And this last expression is worthy of side." and the sundering of friendship's sacred ties, are Now let us examine ourselves, to see whether special remark. He calls his abode "this place Voltaire says : "The world abounds with wonof torment," and speaks of being "tormented in ders, also with victims. In man is more wretched-

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