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BY RMMA RAYMOND.

Then, it meant something more than donning | British princess, Sunday manners and Sunday clothes, and joining in the great congregation; something more than tion burst forth against the Christians. Rome so renowned for faith and good works. FOR THE FALL AND WINTER TRADE, Prayer-books, or demure at chapel, with Bibles generally supposed to have been the Emperor bim- Lion," before whom Paul and so many other co-It meant persecution, social oppression, depriva- tures, and vast numbers entered the ranks of mar- spoke for the rest : tion of all family and social rights, excommanica- tyrdom. One favourite method of putting them

> Rome-we notice two persons passing quickly by, it, and adhered to it through evil and good report. own, even in Rome." -passing along too, as if they feared molestation Paul-at that time, "Paul the aged," as he so "Dost thou dare me !" should Nero. "Dost

youth's doom.

be awaiting us!"

tone, "the flesh seems to shrink,"

evangelists who visited Britain. Paul could not it again, like chaff before the wind. Such peace- our earthly ties will be sundered, and we shall no last change take place, as it will require no more himself go thither, being chiefly occupied with the ful, easy-going times are not favourable to the de- longer have a common home. oversight of the Eastern churches; but Aristobulus velopment of Christian character. We are too But if we can only hope to be reunited in former changes ?" and his fellow-labourers were all disciples of Paul, apt--all of us-to float lazily down the stream of heaven, we may comfort ourselves under bereaveand thus it came to pass that our forefathers public opinion, thinking more of what the world ment, and we shall be able, though sorrowing first received the truth from the once persecuting cares and says about us, than of our personal still, to rejoice in prospect of joining the dear Jew of Tarsus

In writing to the Philippians, we find Paul say- were times of persecution, the earnest, single- land before us. And so, belonging to one family, ing, "All the saints salute you, chiefly those that minded, fearless spirit of old would live again in and having one Father, we shall, by and by, have prayer-consecrated household, incapable of analy-And witnessing for Christ at Rome in A. D. 68 are of Cæsar's household." The number of these our midst. When a Christian knows that he one eternal home. meant something more than it does in A.D. 1865. saints so mentioned included Claudia, the young must either resign religion or life, it makes him

boasts !"

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and Psalm-books. It meant something more than self,-and it suited his purpose to cast the blame workers had stood. The aged and infirm Aristar- light. This would sometimes seem to be God's knelt at family altars where it seemed as if God the respectable, sleepy, formal, matter of-custom on this new seet that had arisen. The Christians chus said but little. He could not argue, -- that sort of thing so many of us term " a profession." were consequently subjected to the cruellest tor- he left to Pudens; but he could die. Pudens Alpine flocks are attracted upward, so the great stone in the night's resting-place, where he so

"We cannot recant, most noble Emperor, betion, hardship, torture by wild beasts, burning and to death was by burning. The poor sufferers were cause we believe that the faith of Jesus Christ is imprisonment. All this, and much more, was in- enveloped in a canvas covering, smeared with the only true faith. Therefore we embraced it, cluded in the lot of those who dared in that day pitch, tar, and sulphur, and then, being fastened and therefore we can die for it, if so it must be." by the chin to sharp-pointed stakes driven into the "Vile wretch !" said Nero, " art thou, too, one Let us glance back in thought to this period, ground, were set fire to, after dusk, to illuminate of these fanaties ? I tell thee, that in six months just after the death of Paul. It is night in Rome the city. These spectacles drove terror into peo- my dominions shall not know a single Christian." -" The Eternal City." As we stand by the cele- ple's minds, and prevented many, doubtless, from "As far as thou know, Nero; but even then brated Arch of Titus-even yet an ornament to espousing the new faith, but many more embraced the Lord Jeans will be able to reekon many as His

of some kind, or discovery of their destination. affectingly styles himself-was drawing nigh his thou know that one word of mine can send thee They possessed that careful, anxious look, indica- end. Soon after writing his last epistle to Timo- into the arena, there to be torn to pieces by wild

martyrs which so roused Nero's indignation ? I

duties and responsibilities; whereas, if our times company of kindred that have gone to the spirit

There is no other consideration that has power change of temperature. We have been in homes wonderfully in carnest ; and thus it came to pass like this to assuage our grief, and to reconcile the where the incense of that morning sacrifice seemed When Nero succeeded to the throne, persecu- that the Christians in the primitive charches were anguished spirit to the trial of bereavement. It to diffuse itself through the entire day, and where is this, doubtless, that contributes very much to the odor of countless offerings appeared to linger looking devout at church, with richly-bound had been set ou fire by some malicious hand-now "Well, at last they too stood before Nero," The heaven's attractions-the prospect of again join- in every chamber, and to have been breathed into ing the dear objects of our love in the world of every department of household daty. We have gracious design in bereaving us, and just as the had come down to witness the setting up of the Shepherd makes the instincts of nature subser. filled the place with his presence that every heart vient to the triumphs of faith :

They in the valley's sheltering care Soon crop the meadow's tender prime ; And when the sod grows brown and bare, The shepherd strives to make them climb To airy shelves of pasture green, That hang along the mountain's side ; Where grass and flowers together lean, And,down through mists the aunbeams glide.

But nought can tempt the timid things. That steep and rugged path to try Though awoot the ahepherd calls and singa And seared below the pastures he, Till in his arms their lambs he takes, Along the dissy verge to go ----

power or wisdom to accomplish it, than any of the

THE FAMILY ALTAR. FAMILY WORSHIP,

There is something in the atmosphere of a sis or defluition, but as clearly appreciable as a realized it to be the house of God and the gate of heaven.

Tell me not that such impressions begun in those days when the heart like a delicate instrument responds to the slightest touch, and continued through the years of childhood and youth, will lose their power at the first plunge into business. and pleasure. The emotions stirred by the old tunes that rise each day from the fireside, the manifest inspiration resting upon the family priest, the daily inculcated reverence for the word of God, the interest inspired by its narratives, the sense of reality attaching to communion with the unseen, the souse of real presence invoked daily as Nor is this an unusual experience. There are the protector and guide of the household-these mestic affection mutually assist each other; and the deep emotion with which the mind in after years will recur to the family group and call up the dead faces, and the now silent voices that were wont to join in paalm or praver or evangel, will invest one phase of roligion at least with a sanotity from which evil will recoil, and which will often move the most world-worn heart to If the family consists of little children only, it would be well to conduct the devotions chiefly with a reference to them. Instead of reading a chaptor simply because it is in course, select for the little ones the more picturesque portions of the Scriptures, Tell them some Bible story, Have some picture at hand to illustrate it. Always try to draw some simple moral lesson from the story, respecting those great elementary truths which even very young children can understand, the greatness of God, how he sees and knows all things, how he loves us, and loves little children, is pleased when we do right, and displeased when we sin ; the wickedness of disobedience and falsewhat rapturous delight shall we experience ! children to give each merning some account of the previous lesson. Sometimes the Scripture lesson united and hearty thanks shall we render to God | may be applied to some fault recently committed. for his loving conduct through a land of toil and by the child. God's displeasure at a falschood may be illustrated by the story of Ananias ; the terrible But how sad is the thought that some may consequences of anger, by the story of Cain and has taken from them. Clothed in white robes, rile; and yet they may be used with wenderful they are now before the throne, rejoicing in the effect. We have seen them tried. We have been such a state of honour, only the boly can ever | would come bringing the Bible in its arms, and hope to be advanced ; for none shall be admitted | begging to hear something from it, and when it was to that blessed society but such as have " washed one of the greatest of the day's disappointments to their robes and made them white in the blood of be refused. And the story of the morning has lodged in the little heart, and been carried into its Reader, have you this preparation for a reunion plays, and made the subject of its talk, showing that with loved ones removed by death ? If not, be the blessed seed of the Word was resting in the alarmed lest the separation over which you now | tender furrows, giving hope of a precious harvest in the future, -- Rev. M. R. Vincent.

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tribulation. They are two Christians, bearing, as a Shortly after his death, Pudens and Claudia so far as my body is concerned. My soul you can times. They are going to attend a secret meeting them marked attention as dangerous persons. wore the crown of martyrdom before him. of the Christians,-secret, because imprisonment Almost their very uprisings and downsittings were and death await all who are suspected of attending | watched by minions in the employ of the Government, and a sword hung daily over their heads. cannot tell ; but he invariably got angry with them.

"They say, Claudia, that young Marcus is to Two or three years, however, passed by, and noth- Perhaps it was the inherent viciousness of his own "Is he! Oh, may, Jesus of Nazareth strengthen happy Christian home. They were discreet, base mind at the thought he had poor defenceless the young man! But dying by wild beasts is a though firm, and conciliated all who knew them Christian captives at his own mercy; perhaps, terrible fate, Pudens," And the lady seemed to by their noble-heartedness and upright bearing. too, it was because he felt how great the contrast shudder in her compassionate horror of the poor Possibly also, their high birth and distinguished was between his Christian prisoners and himself, position secured them somewhat from the annoy- Emperor through he was,-for the more he reviled

"It is," returned the man thoughtfully, as he ances of common informers. At any rate, they them, the more this nobleness shone forth. I say sustained the form of his timid and shrinking were still at large, and still at liberty to prosecute 1 cannot tell, but certain it is that that eruel companion, "It is ! but if I know anything of the worship of God. But at the time at which tyrant never condemned any to death without first Marcus, I know that he fears death far less than our story opens, a small cloud was gathering over showering violent invective upon the heads of these apostacy. I am told that he bore faithful witness the peacefuld household of Pudens and Claudia. unfortunate enough to stand before him. The for his Master, when before the Emperor. He is Though only as big as a man's hand, it was daily present occasion was no exception to the rule. not the brave Christian heart I take him to be, if growing blacker and bigger, and threatened soon

But we need not stain our page with the recital to burst over their heads. Emissaries of Nero's of this bad man's passion. Suffice it to say that "But it seems that persecution and suffering were dogging their every footstep, and watching Nero could-and did-set fire to Rome, and must be the chosen lot of all who adopt the Chris- them every time they left their home. Wicked played the violin as it was burning ; he couldtian faith," returned Claudia. "There seems no and heartless courtiers were also plotting their and did-order his own mother to be killed, and alternative. May God strengthen us for what may destruction, and although unknown to, or unsus- then brutally ill-treated her lifeless body. You pected by them, that destruction was come nigh can imagine then what such a monster would do are over, we meet at last in the world of bliss, hood and the like. It will be well to require the

Claudia, did persecution await you for attachment tion to which we have listened was also overheard The little group was driven back to prison, conby other ears, and their steps traced to the place demned to die; some in one way, and some in "No, Pudens!" returned the lady firmly, of assembly, It was in the house of Aristarchus, another, Claudia and Aristarchus were to be be-" Has my Lord sought after me, poor lost sheep an aged disciple, who had long known and loved headed; the others were to be burnt; but Pudena that I was, wandering in the darkness of heathen- Jesus. The spy who had watched them enter was to be torn to pieces by lions.

ism, and done so much for me, and can I dony Aristarchus' house, suspecting for what purpose The news spread through Rome, and before the Near Phonix Square. Him after all? Yet," she added in a musing they had gone there, remained just long enough to day arrived, there were not many, noble or simple, see other suspected persons enter, and then sped but had heard of the coming spectacle, and the "And shrink it will, dear Claudia," returned away to his employers with the information. vast majority of those who heard, would aim to be Pudens; "we must expect it; but the spirit may Very quickly, and in silence, a band of soldiers there. And the assembly would not be entirely become strong in the face of suffering. And I surrounded the house, and summoned all within composed of the sterner sex. Roman matrons and think it does. I shall never forget Paul,-your to surrender themselves prisoners, Fudens stepped Roman maidens would be there also, to gloat over teacher, and mine too, Claudia. When he stood out among the foremost and demanded what the the scene, and to testify their bitter hatred to the before Nero, he was quite alone. His friends had soldiers wanted. doctrines and disciples of the Nagarone. But

all forsaken him, and I could not help pitying him "We are come for you," was the answer. little recked he who had to suffer. He knew he as I watched him. You know my duties com- "We have the command of the Emperor to arrest was only following in the track of His Master. pelled me to be about the palace then. I could and imprison all those who follow the new religion.

The morning came, clear and bright, on which not help thinking that, had I been a Christian, I You are one of the suspected ones, and have been Pudens had to suffer. The spectators crowded would have stood by him at such a terrible time so for some time; so also is your wife. In the the amphitheatre, and waited impatiently for the as that. But it seemed to me that he needed no Emperor's name then, we command all assembled prisoner to be brought forth. He was calmly earthly interference on his behalf. I don't think at this secret meeting to give themselves up," waiting the call. At last it came.

you know me then,-I was almost a stranger to So saying, the officers seized hold of Pudens. He went forth and entered the arena. Then, you; but that was the time of my first inquiry Clardia saw the action, and flew towards her hus- for the first time, as he lifed his eyes to the thou-Feels it a pleasing daty to present his grateful thanks to into the grounds and reasons of this new religion. band, while the other Christians stood with pale sands who bent their eager gaze upon him, his his friends and the public generally, for the increased I considered that it must be an extraordinary faces and palpitating hearts, awaiting their arrest. spirit seemed to quail, and his step to falter. But power which would enable a little weak man like Not one of them but what had anticipated this, it was only for a moment ; breathing a prayer for ting personal attention in every department will insure a Paul, somewhat in years too, to stand undaunted- and tried to fortify his mind for the time ; but, strength, he quickly recovered himself, and calinly skeptic, "I do believe many things," "Will you continuance of that confidence it is his desire to merit and |y before such a tyrant. I do Nero no wrong to what is anticipation compared with the stunning waited. call him a tyrant; for if ever a man deserved to be | reality !

In another minute a loud roar resounded "Take heart, Claudia," said Pudens, "If it is through the place. The door of a den opening "Was that the commencement of your attach- our turn to suffer also for the faith, we can do it ; into the amphitheatre was drawn up, and with a can we not ?" "Yes, Claudia, I do not mean to say that I be: "Yes, yes, we can suffer, but, oh ! it seems

dens. A very few minntes sufficed for the unequal contest, and then the mangled remains of Pudens me to think and examine for myself. Then I "It does to the flesh, but Claudia, do you forget lay strewing the ground, while his spirit returned believe." The skeptic rallied and said, "Well, I stamp, instead of the drawling, prosy, lifeless visited Paul in prison, secretly, which I could do, the crown of glory laid up for us ? and if so be to Him who gave it, there to rejoin the others of will tell you, I don't believe the account given by preachers that abound ! Thirty-three hundred as you know without discovery, by bribing the that we ascend to it in a chariot of fire, our spirits that brave martyr-band who had gone before him. Moses, that God commanded the Midianites to be members, he told me, belonged to his flock, and gaolers, and thus it was that I learnt more per- | will be untouched by the flames,"

Then, heedless of the rifts and breaks, They follow on o'er rock and snow.

"I know," replied Pudens, calmly and solemnly, that you can order me to a cruel death, but only very few who have not had their warmest and | will survive all the vagaries of skepticism and the best affections thus drawn heavenward, and who fitful fever of dissipation. Worship blends so title of honour, that name which cast the greatest married, making at the same time a more public never injure," and the captive's face shone with do not feel more or less quickened, as well as beautifully with the tender relationships of the famreproach and bore the greatest danger of those profession of their faith. This, of course, drew on anticipation of eternity, as did that of one who | comforted, by the assurance that heaven holds ily, that the two sentiments of devotion and dotheir best treasures, and that What was it in the looks and bearing of these

"-death-divided friends at last Shall meet to part no more."

Yes, we rejoice to believe it, they are " not suffer in the arena when the Emperor returns." ing of any note occurred to bring grief to their bad evil nature; perhaps it was the triumph of a the kingdom of God; and bound to them, as we are, by the cords of deathless love, we feel that we have a sure pledge that they are waiting for us on the opposite shore, and that it will be our yearnings for God. joy there to greet them, and their happiness to welcome us to our eternal home :

> " But O, how dark, how drear, how lone, Would soom the brightest world of bliss, If, wandering through each radiant one, We fail to find the loved of this !

" It cannot be I each hope, each fear, That lights the eye or clouds the brow, Proclaims there is a happier sphere Than this block world that holds us now. Thore is a voice which sorrow hears When heaviest weighs life's galling chain, "Tis heaven that whispers : " Dry thy tears, The pure in heart shall meet again.""

If, then, after all the trials and sorrows of life What glad songs shall we sing! And what sin, to the world of holiness and rest!

never again behold the faces of those whom death Abel. These things seem familiar, almost puepresence of God, and basking in his smiles. To in families where the little child of four years the Lamb."

mourn, prove to be a source of eternal sorrow. ------

SHREWD RETORTS.

A preacher of the Gospel, on being introduced to a skeptic, with the explanation that the man Jacobus gives the outline of a sermon which he was a skeptic, in the midst of an extended circle of friends, said to him, "I suppose, then you do not believe anything," "O yes," replied the were five thousand listeners, and then adds ; then," said the preacher, " he so good as to tell a proof of his power. Seeing that he is no sensaus what you believe ?" The skeptic replied, "I tion preacher, the query is, what is the secret of do not believe that old story of the Bible about his power? I judge that it lies in his carnestness ; Cain obtaining a wife in the land of Nod, where in his plainness of speech ; in his simplicity and leap and a bound, the savage animal was on Pu- there was nobody living." "Never mind what naturalness of matter and manner ; in his fulness you don't believe," said the preacher, " no doubt of Scripture, and in his richness of gospel truth. there is much of that; but tell us what you do O that we had a host of preachers of the same

MR. SPURGEON.

In a letter to the Presbyterian Banner, Rev. Dr. heard from this eminent preacher, to which there

This immense audience he retains ; and here is destroyed." "I am not inquiring for what you it was no easy matter, he said, even to know so don't believe, but what you do believe. Tell us many. Besides, he has ninety three young men what you do believe." Recovering himself a little, in training with a view to the gospel ministry. and clearing up his voice, he made a desperate He has the Lord's Suppor administered every effort, saying, " I don't believe that old fable of Sabbath evening ; and in inviting members of sister the Bible, that God commanded the Canaanites churches to commune with them yesterday, he to be destroyed." His belief was all dishelief, said they were in communion with all Evangelical It commenced all the time with "I don't believe," Christians, and would invite all denominations to A Romanist once said to a Christian, "You join with them in celebrating Christ's love -" al-Protestants could not prove your Bible, if it were ways remembering," said he, " that we are, not the service, speaking of this with reference to the After hearing a discourse, in which much was " elese communion" doctrine and practice of his nineteen, he tells me, as did Dr. till and Dr.

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feetly of this Jesus of Nazareth. Paul was my "Yes, Pudens, I remember now ; I was weak ; father in the faith,-yes, he was; and I could but now I am strong. I can do all things, even have died for him when he died," "He was also my teacher, Pudens, When I as she repeated the words of her first Christian was in Casar's household, I learnt the new faith | teacher, the soldiers bound her hands, and led the from his lips. Then, but not till then, did I feel thankful that I was brought to Rome. It seemed so hard at first to leave my British home, that I fear I rebelled against it too much, and too long, was supposed that his absence would extend over WOOL SHAWLS-ALARGE VARIETY, But now I know that I came here to learn the way some weeks, and meanwhile the poor Christian to a better home."

"Yes; it is too often the case that we replace at palace, God's doings, and deem them hartful to us, when

But see, we are at Aristarchus' house,"

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tians, we will go a little into detail,

Nero was away, seeking that voluptuous pleasure which constituted his chief earthly good. It captives lay immured in dungcons beneath the Time, however, sped on, and, in due course, the

in truth He is leading us in the only right way. Emperor returned. One of his first acts was to order the sentence of death to be carried out upon They stopped and entered, little dreaming that Marcus, who, our readers will remember, was then their steps were watched and their liberty threat- lying in prison, awaiting his fate. Nobly he met Of these we have received 75 pieces, bought at last year's ened by an emissary of the Government. But that fate, too, and the spectacle served to convince the objects of our love will be taken away, and while they enter, and join in the worship of their some unbelievers that there was a reality in reli-DOMESTIC GOODS - a large Stock. newly-found Lord, along with their fellow-Chris- gion, commending itself even to their consciences,

little group away, " prisoners for Jesus Christ."

Then came the turn of Pudens, Claudia, and If our readers will turn to 2 Tim, iv, 21, they their companions. Their case excited no common will there find these words ; " Eubulus greateth | interest, belonging, as they both did, to the nobility. thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all | Many wished and desired their destruction, but the brethren," These words were sent to Timothy | many others pitied them, and would have averted by Paul, when the aged Apostle was brought be- their cruel fate, had it been possible. Others, too all of whom have been torn from you by the refore the Nero the second time, and immediately visited them while in prison, and vainly tried to before his death. Eubulus, Pudens, and Linus, shake their faith, -- to prevail upon them to forsake away to sleep in the grave. Ab, yes, with an were Roman nobles, and among the earliest con- and deny it. It was all in vain, however, they verts to the Christian faith in the household of the knew in whom they had believed; and, if His We purchase all Goods for Cash, in the best markets, Emperor, Claudia was a British lady, daughter Providence did not see fit to deliver them, could get of Caractaeus the British general whom Publius die for their faith. How many, I wonder, of our had taken prisoner and sent to Rome as hostage, ninetsenth-century professors would see their way In time the whole family of Caractaeus removed to | to the stake? How many of us would deem it our Rome, and occupied positions partly of honour, | duty and privilege to seal our faith with our blood ? and partly of subjection, in the household of the | I have sometimes thought that at the present day Emperor, Claudius Casar, It was while here religion walks too much in silver slippers,-it enthat Claudia, with her ardent, inquiring young dows us with too much comfortable, easy-going mind, learnt about Jesus and His Gospel. As she respectability. In consequence, we never need listened, she believed, and speedily accepted the fear that there will be many, who, Nicodemus-like, truth. She endeavoured to send the Gospel to are disciples in secret. On the contrary, too many Britain, her native home. Aristobulus, whom get into the church, who, if a winnowing-time of And in the same way, even those who remain one more change, in death, and the resurrection, bereave it of all happiness, since it Faul mentions in Rom, xvi. 10, was one of the first persecution were to come, would quickly be out of will soon be taken, so that, in a fittle while, all and not lose his identity, and why may not this the prosperity of others.

That great Roman multitude returned to their homes, some to scorn, some to pity, some to admire, and some to wonder at the fearless young die, through Christ which strengthened me," and Christian who had so nobly dared and met death. Such scenes only served to strengthen the cause, and, though persecution continued almost unceasingly through the next three centuries, God gathered a church for Himself, of faithful martyrservants, who are " now before the throne, and

serve Him day and night in His temple," -----

A WHOLE FAMILY IN HEAVEN.

There is coming a time when the family relation will be entirely broken up. In a little while our days of home comfort will end, Unmindful of the tender ties that now bind us to our kinwe shall be left to finish our course alone. Perhaps the eye now resting on these lines is

dimmed with tears, which start instantly at the recollection of many sad bereavements. Pausing just here, you are made to think of a father, of a mother, of a brother, of a sister, of a husband, sistless hand of death, and who have been laid sching heart you lament, at times, the loss of your loved ones; and in glad, festive seasons, when you especially miss them, then, in the bit-

terness of your grief, you are forced to say : "We are not all here !

Some are away the dead ones dear, Who thronged with us the ancient bearth, And gave the hour to guiltless mirth. fate, with a storn, relentless hand, Looked in, and thinned our little band Some like a night flash passed away, And some same ingering day by day ; The quiet graveyard some lie there, And ernel Ocean has his share ; We are not all here."

not for the Holy Catholic Church, and her great in communion with Pasevites. They must commea," "True," said the Christian, "for the Bible mune with the Romish Church, where they bepredicted that there would be just such an apostate long. And we cannot recognize as belonging to church and priesthood, and here you are, just as Christ those who belong to Anti-christ." After the Hible said."

said by the preacher about God, a skeptic said to Baptist brethren, he said to me that, even for him, "What is this God about whom you have policy, he would invite others in, that they might been saying so much ?" The preacher replied, see their ways, rather than exclude them beyond " God is a spirit." The skeptic flereely followed the reach of being won. He carries on the eduup ; "What is a spirit ?" The preacher quickly cation of young men in what he calls a People's turned on him, and inquired, "What is a corn- College, by means of voluntary offerings in the stalk ?" "Why-why-why it is a cornstalk." church, the amount of which is posted every "Yes, sir," replied the preacher, " a spirit, and if Sabbath after. The amount of last Sabbath's you cannot tell what a cornstalk is, which you offerings for the object was one hundred and fifty. I ave seen thousands of times, and know has an dollars. Sometimes it exceeds five hundred dollars. existence, why do you ask me to tell you what He commenced preaching at the early age of the Infinite Spirit is, or doubt his existence ?"

A skeptic once said to a preacher, " if the Ripon, his predecessors, human body, after death, decomposes and returns to its original elements, how is it raised from the dead and identified ?" The preacher replied, "And if the child seven years old has not one particle of the matter in it that was in it when it was born, and if there is not one particle of the matter in it when it is fourteen years old that was in it when it was seven, and if all the old matter is superseded by new once every seven years till the person is seventy years old, or if all the old matter has been superseded by new matter ten times, as scientific mon maintain, and the identity is not lost, why may not the person go through let the world frown as it will, it cane

A CHILD'S RELIGION .- The gospel involves no conditions that a child cannot fulfil; it imposes no requirements that a child cannot meet. A child may trust its promises, realize its blessings, and anticipate its rewards. The death of Jesus is the child's plea; the grace of Jesus is the child's strength ; pleasing Jesus is the child's ensiest rule of right, and going to be with Jesus is the child's best thought of fieaven .- Rev. M. Coley.

Such is the blessing of a benevalent heat