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desires to receive his gospel. Whether the doctrines of Jesus are of God or of man, the world cares not. It is enough that they oppose its spirit, and are hostile to the motives, which control its character and actions. Therefore the effort to proclaim Jesus, Lord, and to set up his standard among men, is the beginning of a campaign of severe fighting. "The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence." It extends its territory and sway against the wishes of a world that perishes without it, and advances only as it conquers and subdues.

one courageous heart, accepting the challenge of now menaces us. We must pray eatnestly, for the Philistines and in the name of the Lord of the danger is great; and we must pray till we are Hosts, going fearlessly out to match strength with heard, for otherwise we are undone. If we return their Goliath, has often converted an army of from these gates without deliverance, in vain shall frightened disciples, hiding in holes and dens away we seek it elsewhere. "Our help is in the name from the war of some dreadful giant, into brave of Jchovah, who made the heavens and the earth." defenders of the cause of Christ and led them out And not only does the Bible enjoin this duty by to chase their enemies until from amid the spoils way of command, but it encourages us to it by its of their camps, the shouts of victory were sent up many examples. It shows us guilty cities and to God. By hearts and deeds heroic Christ cou- nations rescued and brought back from the brink quers in this world. Timidity among his follow- of ruin by prayer. It specially points us to Niners, to whom Omnipotence lends its aid and pledge eveh, whose doom was already pronounced, and success, was never more needless. We may there- above which were gathered the lightnings of ford boldly say, " The Lord is my helper, of whom | wrath ; and yet when she humbled herself and sat shall I be afrail;" and go confidently to do the in ashes, the great Ruler listened to her cry, and bidding of him who says, for our assurance, "Fear | turned away her doom. From the grave, into which she has long since gone down, Nineveh not; I have overcome the world."-in Star.

PRAYER-THE BEST RESOURCE OF EN- ate and ready to deliver is the King of Heaven, DANGERED NATIONS.

There are times in the life of the individual when the ordering of his affairs seem to pass en- who have access to the public ear, call earnestly The opposition to Christ is not nominal. He tirely out of his own hands, and when, in the on the nation to pray. Let it lie low before the meets with foes that do not surrender at sight, feeling of utter helplessness, he can only bow the throne of the Eternal, and cry mightily for His nor fight with tin swords and quaker guns, but knee and supplicate the aid of a superior Power. help. Have not the tokens of His anger gone toes entrenched behind depraved customs, in the It is not religion only, but nature also, which forth against us? Is not our sky da: k with gatherstrong castles of depraved hearts. Fiercely, in teaches him, at such critical and solemn moments, ing tempest! Let us humble ourselves before other ages, the world which Christians are now to look outside of himself for help. Then he will Him who holds the lightnings in His hands, and seeking to convert to their Master, has fought lift his eye to heaven, unless indeed scepticism has without whose permission they cannot smite. against him, calling to their aid the sword and the plunged him in a darkness so thick, that not only Help is not on earth. Distraction reigns in our stake, the jailor, the crecifier and gladiator. Has has it quenched the lights above him, but extin- counsels, disunion among our statesmen; the the temper of the nations changed? The gospel guished the voice of nature and conscience with- hands of our strong men have grown teelde, and

the madress of sceptics and infidels, at this day, There are times when the affairs of the world pass maketh the seven stars and Orion; and turneth children to come unto me, and forbid them not, in array against the truth, disciplined and bold, beyond the direction of man's wisdom and con- the shadow of death into morning; and maketh for of such is the kingdom of God.' either to withstand or attack the army of the trol. There are times when nations feel that all the day dark with night; and calleth for the waters Lord. Men will do heroic deeds to save their the esources of their wealth and skill avail them of the sea and poureth them out upon the face of ter preaching.'- Evangelist, not ing, and that they nave no more power to the earth. The Lord is His name."-London Whoever carries the gospel to mankind, per- guide the great movements before which they Christian Times. forms no easy task. A missionary of Christ must | stand then they have power to guide the motions | be courageous, resolute, persistent and patient. of the spheres. They are advancing, they feel. GEORGE MULLER'S WORK AT BRISTOL. The pioneers of the gospel, hewing down the faise | upon so.ce awful catastrophe, hastening to some gods among the nations and cleating away the solemn crisis, but they are just as powerless The work of faith and prayer that has been carrubbish for the foundation of Christian temples, to arrest it as they are to stop the rising tide, ried forward for so many years by George Muller, have a work on their hands which the timid can- or the blowing of the tempest. What is left the of Bristol, Eugland, in connection with the Orphan He talks so much that he has no time for deep leet with such curses as he visited on Eh. not proscente. The cowards of the brotherhood action at such a moment? Just what is left the Hooses and the other objects of the Scriptural thought, even were he capable of deep thinking. Episcopalian. individual in similar circumstances. It must own Knowledge Institution established by him in His preaching goes by the bushel rather than by Nor are they missionaries at home. For every the supremacy of a higher Power than itself. 1834, is well known. It is a signal illustration of weight. Should any one take pains to search, he development of an aggressive Christian spirit is Putting off the crown, and all the insignia of the truth that God honors those who bonor him ; compelled to be fearless. How can a disciple greatness, the nation must bow lowly down, and and the wide-spread results accomplished through speak of Jesus to a world that does not love the cast itself in conscious dependency upon that om his constant adherence to his purpose of waiting rule of Jesus; how go among the vicious fordly nipotent Arm, which made and still governs the on God in believing prayer for every needed thing, from gospel, or chaff from wheat. It is a great wedded to their degradation, with persuasions to universe. Such is the crisis which has come upon Great same confidence in Him who has the treasures of ter; for it costs as much to sustain him as it meet and overcome, in hearts now hating Christ, Britain. There has been no such critical period the world at his command. their dislike, and win over to his side his bitter in our own, or in our fathers' days, at least since The last Annual Report, recently issued, con- deach, enemics, unless he goes about this work with an the last of the Stuarts fled from the realm, and tains many striking facts of the providential hisundaunted faith, and a spirit willing to "endure William came across the seas to raise from the tory of the thirty-fourth year of his institution, hardness as a good soldier of Christ." The spread dust the throne and honour of England. The his expenses amounting to over £41,000, which of the gospel, either at home or abroad, an effemi- curtain is about to rise, and disclose to us a future were greater than in any previous year, having nate church can never effect. Corwardly souls which it is no more possible for the clearest eye been liberally met. "To the simple-minded to regard himself as a 'hon of a wit,' and he has "It is to preach Christ and him erneitfod." This that dread sacrifices and shrink from heroic deeds to read than for the stoutest heart, without dread, christian," he says, " it is interesting that each docannot propagate the truth. A hostile world will to anticipate. Who can tell what awaits us in ation, without a single exception, as all the tens only yield to a Christianity that exhibits a bravery this new era on which, as a people we are enter- of thousands received before was obtained withsuperior to its own, a will more resolute, and a ing? One thing is certain, we cannot be as we out applying to any one for help, but the living have b cu. The future will differ from the past : God." In this way alone, he says the Lord has Their heroism in devotion to Christ, in itself, is in what things, and to what extent, is at this hour been pleased to send into his treasury about four a power for good, and one of the instrumentalities a mystery. It may raise our empire higher, or hundred thousand pounds sterling. of the gospel. Courage is a virtue that expects sink it lower. It may encircle it with new colon. This large sum, being about two million dollars the hat to be raised and the knee to bow on its ies, cr strip it of those it already possesses. It in gold, has been devoted to the various benevo- all such religious occasions, he is in his glory, and but gospel work will survive the wreck of matter appearance. It is natural to honor it. Every war may draw closer, and kuit in firmer bonds, the lent objects under his administration. He has of the nations is revolting. There is horror various classes and interests of our home popula- had 2,412 orphans under his care, and has erectenough in any combat for liberty, or for the de- tion, or more fatally divide and alienate them. ed five large houses to accommodate 2,050 orphans darling of a minister,' though he is one of the de- be poor and retiring, but O! the riches of their fence of national life, to excite a shudder in the It may bring new strength to our institutions, or at an expense of \$110,000. Over 16,500 chi'dren strovers of the heritage of God. humane. But when we read the history of our throw them down and break them in pieces. It have been taught in the various schools entirely own, or of other days, we gloat upon the descriptionary make our isle the seat of Wisdom, under supported by the institution; more than 44,500 tion of great battles, and skip pages of matter re- whose calm guidance our throne will acquire a copies of the Bible, over 40,600 of the New Testa- greatest concern is to get a place to preach where lating to the benefits and pursuits of peace, to fol- aigher glory, and the Christian Church a new ment. and over 20,000 smaller portions of the new ill be sure of a hving. He never in his life low the career of some leader gaining splendid purity and strength, and efficiency, and draw yet Scriptures in various languages, and about 31,000triumphs by the slaughter of thousands. Lost in more powerfully the wondering gaze of the na- 000 tracts and books in several languages have salvation of sinners, and should he happen to have visited by a neighboring minister who said to him, admiration for our hero, we forget the wounds and tions towards our realm ; or it may make our coun- been circulated, and more than 220 missionaries such a feeling, he would undoubtedly ascribe it to ry the theatre on which fierce passions shall strug. have been assisted by funds in their work, £73,- indigestion, and apply to the doctor for medical When men engaged in the cause of Christ show gle, and hostile factions fight, and on which anar- 137 having been expended in this direction. a similar heroism, charmed by their exploits and thy shall make its hoarse voice to be heard, filling Mr. Muller has received no salary in connection character, we overlook the denials and sacr fices with darkness and blood that wide space which with his work since 1830, when he relinquished incident to their piety, covet their religion and are erewhile was filled with the serene splendour of it while settled as a minister; but has always sympathetically orawn to embrace their cause. British majesty and power. Which of these two found that his temporal necessities have been fortunately for such, no law compels our churches walls. Shall we hear our master say, Well done The gravitation of their faith, zeal and power con- pictures the future will realise no man can at this supplied. He says that he refrains from personal to support them, and they are obliged to shift hour say. One thing is certain, great changes solicitations for carrying on his extensive enter- from place to place until God in his mercy favors more than crowns and empires, or millions of sor-Besides the cowardice and desertions of the ir- await us. We are made to feel our powerlessness. prises, " not as if it were sinful to ask Christian the church by taking them away. resolute in the army of the Lord, on which the We stand awed and paralysed in the presence of friends for help in the Lord's work; but because jaundiced eye of the irreligious so fondly gloats, vast, though dimity seen, uncertainties, perils and one of the especial and primary objects of this institution is, to bring before the world and the by the lustre of a devotion to Christ that is pro- changes. minently heroic, are hidden from sight. The Shall we then stand mute and paralysed till the church at large, a tangible proof, of how much, timid are in every church. Many of Christ's fol- curtain rise and the future overtake us? The even in this nineteenth certury, can be accomplishlowers love the post of safety, but not of danger, power of our armies, the wisdom of our senators, ed simply through the agency of prayer and faith ; frequently give well ; that is, they give in proporlove to telegraph over the country accounts of can little avail. But have we no resource ? Have and to give a clear demonstration that the living tion to their means, which cannot be said of some of the gospel often furnish the answer to this quesvictories not won by their valor, and to rejuice we no power by which we can move that Arm God is now as much the living God as he was English congregations. over the spoils of an enemy whom they did not that moves the universe ? We have. Let us then four thousand years ago. To this object I have At a particular church in that part of the world, help subdue. Often as the sacramental host is baste to use it. What arms, and council, and joyfully denoted my whole life and energy; and it is the custom to go round with a basket instead pressed severely in the fight, some are found ready foresight cannot do, prayer can. to leave the ranks, consult for personal safety, If ever there was an hour to pray, it is now. If difficulties that have befallen me in this service. ney. What do they give then? Eggs. and expose the cause of Jesus to needless disaster. ever a call was addressed to a nation to humble 1 am not tired of this way; nay, though the work The poor people all keep poultry, which is done At such times, what shall atone for the defection itself in the presence of the Great Ruler, such a increases more and more and though the difficulof these weak ones, connteract the effect of their call is addressed at this crises to our nation. No ties multiply instead of decreasing, I joyfully con- store of eggs by them. As they cannot give what timidity, conceal from the foe the damage done, voice it is true, has spoken from heaven ; no pro- fess, to the glory of God, that I find him a present they have not, they take their eggs to church and and carry the standard of victory over all obsta- phet has come to us in the name of the Eternal helper in difficulties and trials, and am not allow- put them in the basket, as their offering to God. cles into the very midst of his camps? Only acts King; but events speak to us as plainly as a pro- ed to call upon Him in vain, though sometimes I These eggs are sent to the market to be sold, and for Jesus bravely done, a fight resolutely maintain- phet could, and as plainly tell us what shall be our have to wait long for the answer."- Ex. ed, headway made by persistency, and triumphs doon if we neglect the duty to which we are now gained because neither will defeat be admitted nor summoned. Are we not a Christian nation, and THE LIVING LOST .- Seldom in public prayer, efforts for the grand result be relaxed, can then shall we belie our Christianity by refusing its first or private, in preaching or conversation, is allusion gregation in the West Indies, all black, but some arrest the eye and melt the heart of God' oppos- and plainest dietate - which is prayer. We pos- made to the greatest trial, the saddest work of of them better off than others, met together to ers, make the church effective and give success to sess the Bible, we make it our boast that we do sin. The strokes of death, the disappointments decide on the best means of raising a good collecher work. When spectators of the conflict wag- so; but what good will the Book do us, if we see in business, the ceaseless change of human life, tion the following Sunday. They adopted three ing ever between Caristians and the world see not to the God of the Book, and make Him our are the common topics of remark upon the mourn- resolutions ; disciples brave and steadfast; shedding the splen- refuge and help in the hour of our nation's dan- ful realities of human life, and are mentioned in dor of their fidelity and the glory of their heroic ger? "Call upon me in the day of trouble, I the prayers of the Sabbath assembly. But there deeds, like the light of a dazzling cloud, over the will deliver thee." Do we know who it is who is an affliction, not rare, which puts all of those defects of their brethren, unfavorable criticism of thus speaka to us? Is not this a day of trouble? under its awful eclipse. Is there not help in the throug above? Are not We recollect, several years ago, spending a they passed out of church laid their several con-Christianity gives way to admiration for it. It should be remembered, also, that heroism its gates open? And what sight would be more night during an ecclesiastical meeting, under the tributions upon a table, the secretary sitting by to inspirits disciples who eschew the tone of those subhine than the spectacle of Britain putting on hospitable roof of a wealthy layman in the church. take account. The pence and silver made a goodabout them, and saves for true work in Christian sackeloth and ashes, and doing obeisance before The conversation turned upon wayward children ly pile life many that otherwise would fall away and perish the King of all kings, and with contrite heart con- of pious parents. Suddenly the mother present, in sin. It is easy to create a panie in the church, fessing its many offences, and with earnest sup- Mrs. L. rose, and with a groan that haunts us still, and paralyze the Lord's army with feebleness. plication be eeching His gracious pardon and all- left the room for her own. We learned afterwards came-approached the table and put down a shill clear the rocks without making another tack ; One croaker tunes shrill voices all along the shore powerful protection. Is not the King of heaven the cause. Her only and petted son had forsaken, ling of the pond. On the other hand, and by the same a merciful King? Is He not as ready to pardon years before, his home, and the solitary hint of him principle, it is easy to scatter that assurance of the penitent nation as to pardon the penitent in- that had come to his home, was of death in a according to the second resolution. You well able 'I am rejoiced to think that we have so careful success through the church, which makes the dividual? Has He not himself assured us, "At prison. corps of disciples in view of any work to be done what instant 1 shall speak concerning a nation, Said another mother of her loving, beautiful This happening before the whole people, made The captain replied : 'It is necessary that I for Jesus, as confident of the issue, as the old and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to daughter, "She went to New York with her in- the giver get out of temper, and he cast down should be careful, because I have souls on board. guard of Napoleon when ordered into battle. Let pull down, and to destroy it; if that nation, tended, and I have not heard from her since.' me hear of the triumphs of your faith, and mine against whom I have pronounced, turn from their The living lost-let prayer bo offered continual you want them. ceases its combting. Let me hear of your unfal- evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do Iv for them, for they are many ; and for the praytering purpose, and my determination grows unto them." The first step in repentance is con- ing hearts, whatever may have been their want strong. Let me see your persistence in efforts for fession. And what duty so well becomes Britain of faith, or with good old Eli, the defect in disa holy life, your endurance of hardness as a good as confession? For where among the nations is cipline, that can truly exclaim amid the mour-up his money, he declared he would give nothing tion, who were upon the deck with him, observed : soldier of Jesus Christ, and I who was thinking of there one who has been more signally blessed and ners and weepers around them, ' There is no grief at all. deservice, will rally to your support, who has oftener offended? We must pray unitedly, like our griet? A peaceful death is the light of 'You must. Dat not according to the first I hope I shall never forget, when I an addressing and by helping you in your brave resistance to for unitedly we have transgressed. We must any dwelling in comparison with it--it is sorrow resolution.' the world, save myself from destruction. Thus pray in common, for it is a common danger that Heaven alone can heal. - Advance.

" O God, bless my dear minister."

speaks to Britain, and tells her how compassionand that if she will but pray, she shall not pray Let ministers, let editors of newspapers, let all

feligions Intelligencer,

of Jesus finds the venom of idolatry, the bigotry in him. the eve of our seers have waxed dim. Let us of the Mohammedan, the rancor of the Jew, and There are such periods in the Fife of nations. obey the words of inspiration - "Seek Him that the faith of a child. Well did he say, 'Suffer little

HOW TO HAVE BETTER PREACHERS. The Rev. Dr. Eddy, in addressing the Sabbath school of the Rev. Dr. Elmendorf's church 1 Albany recently, alluded to a touching inciden in his own ministry at Canandaigua. Being the house of one of his members, he was preser at that affecting moment when two little boy knelt at their mother's feet for their evenin, devotions. Their prayer was as follows:

Dr. Eddy described the emotions of his own soul at that time, which forty years have no: erased from his memory, nor the sense of assurance he then received, that his ministry would be blessed to his church and people. After giving the history of these little boys, one of whom is now in heaven, he said to the Sunday-school : . Next to your father, mother and brother, pray for your minister. You will love him more, and he will love you more; you will encourage him in his ministry; he will feel the influence of your prayers pervading his inmost soul, and he will preach better to you.'

On Monday morning a little girl eame running to her mother, saving :

"We are going to have better preaching next Sabbath.

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creaking louder than ever, and wait there until his bad temper had cooled down, when he once more approached the table and put down the five shillings, which were now accepted .- Children's Prize.

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WHAT FAMILY GOVERNMENT IS.

It is not to watch children with a suspicious eve, to frown at the merry outbursts of innocent hilarity, to suppress their joyous laughter, and to mould them into melancholy little models of octogenarian gravity. And, when they have been in fault, it is not to simply punish them on account of the personal injury that you have chanced to suffer in consequence of their fault, while disobedience, unattended by inconvenience to yourself, passes without rebuke.

Nor is it to overwhelm the little culprit with angry words; to stun him with a deatening noise; to call him by hard names, which do not express his misdeeds; to load him with epithets which would be extravagant if applied to a fault of tenfold enormity ; or to declare, with passionate vehemence, that he is the worst child in the world, and destined for the gallows.

But it is to watch anxiously for the first risings of sin, and to repress them ; to counteract the earliest workings of selfishness ; to repress thefirst beginnings of rebeliion against rightful authority; to teach an implicit and unquestioning and cheerful obedience to the will of the parent, as the best preparation for a future allegiance to the requirements of the civil magistrate, and the laws of the

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would find one grain of wheat to the bushel, and this somewhat defective. He became a minister because his examiners could not distinguish gab should encourage all Christians to exercise the misfortune to the church that he became a miniswould a useful man, while he sows chaff and reaps

THE FUNNY MINISTER

by having his superficial wit encouraged by the their sans? No, no. The solemn calling of the laughter of simpletons, until, growing up, he came gospel minster is infinitely higher than all this. never outgrown the defect. When he became a is a great work ; the greatest ever intensted to minister he supposed that he had found just the man. To be an ambassador for Christ What position for displaying his brilliancy. When he human being is adequate to such a work ! What makes pastoral calls he is ever straining to get gigantic intellect can say, I am sufficient for it ! something witty, and thus instead of sowing the Christ's ministers all have to say with the Apostle, good seed of the kingdom, he is sowing the tares " By the grace of God I am what I am."

of the wicked one. Jesting and joking are the But for this infinite grace, no man could perform forte of this apostle. At circles, fairs, picnics and this work with success. Works of art will decay, represents the Lord of glory not half as well as by and the crash of w rds. It contains within it its does a circus jester. But 'he is so funny, he a own reward. Christ's ministers in this life' may

THE LAZY MINISTER'S

knew what it meant by 'travail of soul' for the the pious Randall was on his dying bed, he was assistance. He would never stay in the same place and preach forever, whether he might do | will be a free gift." good or not, if he but got his living. Give him plenty to eat and he needs nothing else. But nu- done. We shall all soon come down from the

WEST INDIAN OFFERINGS.

The negro congregations in the West Indies are very poor, but when a collection is made, they

by God's grace have gladly passed through the of a plate, as it is known the people have no mo-

without expense, and they have always a good they frequently realize as much as three or four pounds. A few years ago, the members of a certain con

great Rul r and Father in heaven

It is to reprove with calmness and composure, w and not with angry irritation -- in a few words, fitly chosen, and not with a torrent of abuse; to punish as often as you threaten, and threaten only when you intend and can remember to perform; to say what you mean, and infailibly do as you

It is to govern your family as in the sight of Him who gave you authority, and who will reward is a distant relative of Bunyan's Talkative. He your strict fidehty with such blessings as He beabounds in words and glories in his volubility. stowed on Abraham, or punish your eriminal neg-

THE MINISTER'S WORK.

What is it ? Is it to found empires, chisel out monuments, and build a world's co-mmerce? Is it to plough through the mountains, level up the valleys, and drive the mighty train with its human freight? Is it to play t c orator, show one's self and court a grin ? . Is it to defend the vain; sickly philosophy of this age, whose object is to undermine the Bibie ? Is it to play with the speculative is a droll compound. He was spoited in childhood theories of the day, while souls are perishing in

crown! Earthly thornes, crowns and scepters will crumble into dust, but God's ministers will have a crown of g ory that fadeth not away. The Fathers ! where are they ? They have finished their work and gone to their reward. When . Bro. Randall, you are going to your reward." . Reward ?' said he, 'that Lawe had all the way along and what I receive at the enl of my journey

Our work as ministers of Christ will soon be good and faithful servant? This will be worth did gold. - Dr. Jackson in Star.

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FINE SPEECHES FOR BREAD. - The Saviour askd: 'What man is there, who, if his sen shall ask for bread, will give him a stone ?' Ministers tion. With too much truth the Watchman and Reflector says the following :

Sometimes we hear sermons where the preacher's aim seems to be to make a fine impression ; to present a discourse faultless in structure and lelivery ; and this main idea crowds out the gospel--not intentionally, but none the less really. We listened, a Sabbath ago, to two sermons from the lips of one of our able evangelical minsters, which, as addresses, were admirable, but as sermons, were failures; that is, if the object of preaching is to turn sinners unto Christ. Had there been in the congregation a person anxious to know the way of salvation, he could not have learned it from the preacher. There was nothing of Christ, nothing of sin or a Saviour. The real bread of life is what the famishing world wants. " Christ and him crucified" in the great central theme of the gospel, and no sermon is a true gospel sermon that has not this for its warp and woof.

1. That all should give something. 2. That all should give according to their means. 3. That all should give willingly. When the Sunday came the congregation as

and a vain man-his shoes creaking loudly as he ors, an inquiry whether they should be able to

"Take it back !' said the secretary. ' Dat not off, to avoid all risk, the minister observed : " to give five shillings.'

four shillings, crying, 'take five shillings, then, if I think of my responsibility; and should any-

according to the third resolution.' The man was now quite euraged, and taking

SEEK TO SAVE SOULS .- During a recent voyage. sailing in a heavy sea near a reef of rocks, a minister on board the vessel remarked, in a conversa-One of the leading men, the richest present, tion between the man and the helm and the sailwhen the captain gave orders that they should put

a commander.'

thing happen through carel s-ness, I should have Berry sorry. Can't take dem now. Dat not a great deal to answer for; I wish never to forget sir, that souls are very vuluable."

The minister turning to some of his congrega-* The captain has preached me a powerful sermon : my follow creatures on the oncerns of cternity, So he had to go back to his seat, his shoes that I have souls on board .