

and pharisees could not keep away from him. SOME IDOL WORSHIPPERS were once disputing with a Christian Missionary, when one of them charged the Christian religion with the fault of rot being able to see or show its God. The Missionary beckoned the man to follow open air and sunlight; then, pointing to the sun shining overhead in mid-day splendor, he told the unbeliever to look at it. The man did so for a second time, then hastily turned

Doyleys, he has been photographed and worshipped as the water God, the Neptune of the Chinese.

"HOW MUCH OWEST THOU?"

This is the only way to be in the world, and not of it. Be there to bless. Be dis-by throwing off the second. But Nicanor, joy all over. A true Christian life would make tinctly known on the side of God. Take your the maker, bound himself to his work, and de- even a child love to be a Christian. One who In our State jail a man was confined on the stand lovingly but lion-like, not to be stirred clared that he would be thrown in with it. Not has the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ will be charge of murder. For many months a law- a hair. Give nobody a chance to question only did his persistence prevail, but the first as he was; and wherever he came everybody yer of our city, had sought to secure his re- your attitude. Show a decision that is seen leaf was thrown up upon the shore in answer flocked to him. Even the old, sturdy priests 'An unusual halo hovers over the relies of Mothers with their children came to him. the gate Nicanor, from the fact that it is one Children themselves ran to him. And the of the two spots within the walls of Jerusalem wicked-those who are not accounted to be that were, beyond any manner of doubt, light worthy of standing in society free-they ened by the presence of the Infant Christ. thronged his footsteps. Wherever the Master There His mother, like all Jewish matrons, came there were sympathy and attractivepresented himself for her purification, before ness; and wherever there is a true piety, it she might pass in the court beyond. At this should be sweet; it should be fragrant; it gate, we learn from the Talmud, the ordeal of should draw the bees, the very insects to it .-the water of jealousy was administered. Here Beecher. too, the leper who was being cleansed was allowed to thrust his thumbs and great toes into the Sanctuary. This gate is exactly central to the sunrise of the Temple. 'To the south, and a little to the west, of Nicanor, exist the steps of the Water Gate. him out of the tent where they were, into the Through it, at the ceremony of waterdrawing, during the Feast of Tabernacles, water from Siloe was borne in a golden vessel to be poured out in a silver basin in the Sanctuary. This was the most joyful of the Jewish festivals, "What is the matter ?" asked the Mission-

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Once a year it is said that the crabs, turtles, snails, and fish, come to his temple to compete a high wall; and as the turtles cannot perform this ceremony alone, they make an alliance, and get over by clinging to the tails of the flying fish.

Many Christians are trying to get along in just this way, by clinging to some one else, and speaking and living according to what somebody thinks, or according to what everybody says. Instead of taking Christ as our to die for you send for me."

example, and growing up toward His manselves," and hide behind each other. In cei society this yielding to the current of opinion is seen by a few straws on the surface of popular talk. How often we hear the expression

"It dont show," oftener than we hear, "Is it right?" The little girl pins up a rent in her dress,

and hurries on to school, humming a song, and himself that "It don't show !" The Christian covers his sin from all but God, and goes upon them. And that was for me. on his way, saying, "It don't show."

On the other hand, the rich man refuses a poor woman a penny because "it don't show," and gives \$10,000 to some institution that will your sakes and mine. adopt his name. The philanthropist refuses aid to "one of the least of the brethren" because "it don't show," and founds an asylum, and they whipped him on. where he can win hero-worship and immortality of fame. The Christian neglects some and then the groans, and then the death. little duty to God that only God reminds him of, and says to himself, "It don't show." We watch the many-eyed monster, the mass, and forget the all-seeing Eye from above.

Another straw to show how individuals ed universe. drift with the tide, is that common measure of every proposition, "What will people think ?" The politician makes up his platform, or his speech, and then puts on the green glasses of the people to read it in the light of " what the people think." The belle fits every MILLER & EDGECOMBE, MILLER & EDGECOMBE, people think." Even the preacher-for a preacher is only a man, sometimes hardly that-even the preacher often writes his ser-

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lease. At last after many discouragements to be final, and you will not be much troubled to his prayers. he succeeded, and as they stood together at by men or devils.

our railroad station, the deliverer and the delivered, the man grasped the hand of his benefactor, while tears rolled down the cheeks of both and exclaimed, " If you ever want a man

But look ! there was One who spent thirty- Church as it is for the army. But what is hood, we "compare ourselves among our-selves," and hide behind each other. In cell.

> ment of our peace was upon him; and with it says, "Having then gifts differing accordhis stripes we are healed."

ment at the sight.

tis little I can do for thee; but may I never | self-examination, that God has not called him hesitate to to tell what thou hast done for me. to the pulpit, what then ! Must he be silent ?

" Ashamed to be a Christian Afraid the world should know I'm on my way to Zion Where joys eternal flow Forbid it Oh ! my Saviour That I should ever be Ashamed to wear thy color, Or blush to follow Thee.

BAD COMPANY.

BY REV. JAMES MUDGE.

Young convert, above all things beware of schools. God is opening a wide field for laymons with an eye over his shoulder to "what the people think." The Christian, when he should ask, "What will God think?" Young convert, above all things beware of bad company. It was not without a hard struggle that you separated from your old ers and sharp-shooters in the spiritual waror "What do I think ?" is often guided in associates, and came out on the side of Christ. fare.

"What will they think," steps into the path, and crowds out "What is right." Men who They let "I dare not" wait on I "would." influence, evil communication, gets a quicker, -all in a single week.

WHERE IS YOUR PLACE?

A place for every man, and every man in his place! This motto is as good for Christ's Oh! how he toiled. Oh! how he suffered. Was ever sorrow "like unto his sorrow?" To mistake it is a sad blunder; to desert it is a "He was wounded for our transgressions; disgrace. The Bible acknowledges that God he was bruised for our iniquities ; the chastise made His servants for some especial niche ; for

ing to the grace that is given us, let us wait How many nights of praying and of weep- on our ministering; or he that teacheth on saying to herself, "It don't show." The poor ing did he spend upon the cold mountain tops teaching; or he that exhorteth on exhortaand proud man covers his poverty with dis- for me? Oh! that anguish when he lay pros- tion; he that giveth, let him do it with simplay, and luxuries unpaid for, and consoles trate in Gethsemane, and the very leaves plicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he blushed crimson when his bloody sweat fell that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness." The principle here laid down is, that every man or And then that mob in Jerusalem ! How woman who loves Jesus should select and they hooted him! but he who might have should fill that post of duty for which his or summoned ten legions of angels, bore it for her gifts have fitted them. But "let no man neglect the gift that is in him."

all Jerusalem shone. And then that cruel march to Golgotha! Some men-like Spurgeon, and Newman How he fell beneath the weight of his cross, Hall, and Bishop Simpson-were created for the pulpit. God gave them clear heads, warm And then the spikes, and then the spear, hearts, strong lungs, and eloquent tongues, and a hunger for saving souls. To possess No wonder the rocks trembled with amaze- such gifts is a clear call to the ministry. And thousands of humbler preachers who cannot No wonder God threw the veil of black- attract Spurgeon's crowd are as clearly called ness over that scene to hide it from an astonish- to the ministry of the Word as the London

Boanerges was himself. And all for us, FOR US, FOR US. Oh Christ ! Suppose a man feels, after deep prayer and Are all the speaking gifts of the pious lawyer,

or doctor, or merchant, or mechanic to run to waste? No, verily ! Let such proclaim the glad tidings of Christ, and the story of their own Christian experience in the prayer-meeting, or the mission school, or the cottage conference meeting, or wherever they can find souls to plead with. Christian lawyers ought

to do more of this tongue-work. As a class, they are too silent in our meetings and Sunday

in this country :

his doings and sayings, by this same challenge, They were the chief obstacle to your entrance What our churches most need (next to the It is said that the two great baits by which on the Christian life. They will be the chief baptism of the Holy Ghost) is the develop- the devil allures men to wickeness are profit ment of all the members. So much is thrown and pleasure. But is there any profit in men's father of Bishop Pierce. of the Methodist looks around for another to lead the way. we are largely by those with whom we are. catch a spare hour for our own fireside. The or the souls of their companious; or in utter-

nessed it knew what rejoicing was. At night ary, "why not keep looking at it ?" and it was said that no one who had not wit-

"Because no man can do so," was the the broad court below was so illuminated that answer.

" Learn then," replied the Missionary, "that 'To the west of the Water Gate exists the traces of the Gate of Firstlings, one of the If then, you cannot look upon the servant, System. It lies directly between the adit of How can you expect to look upon the Master? the double Huldah Gate and Great Altar. Its begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the No man hath seen God at any time; the only position is distinctly identified by the Tal-Father, He hath revealed him." mud. On its fifteen steps the Levites chanted

"I AM thankful for the telegraph," said a the fifteen psalms of degrees. It was ascended by the priests in a ceremonial which was friend the other day. No wonder: A meminstituted to commemorate the denunciation, ber of his family was sick, and, though many by the prophet Ezekiel, of the worship of the miles sway, he was as promptly posted resun by bowing toward the east. At this gate specting her condition as if he had stood by or in its close vicinity, was breathed to God her bedside. It is a wonderful invention,that song of the aged Simeon (the father of this ability to communicate with distant sec-Paul's teacher, Gamaliel,) which yet preserves, tions in a moment's time.

in the even song of English churches and ca- We are grateful for that other line of comthedrals, au echo of the music of the Temple. munication which brings man so near the For here it was that the parents of the Child throne of God. With an the inventions of Jesus brought Him, as a first-born son, to an age, we are helpless still. Science moves within limitations, and with all its faci ties at our command, sickness will invade our homeor misfortunes may blast our future. What a wonderful privilege to be permitted to come The following which has been extensively | near God in prayer, and be assured that the circulated in England, may be read with profit operations of the telegraph are not more certain than the promise of Him who said : Ask and it shall be given you !"

A PIOUS UTTERANCE.-Rev. Lovick Pierce,

would feel the hot breath of the cannon's have said or will say, what they think and pastor is often expected to prepare three ser- jects? Who ever gained anything in purse, My experience is, that age in a religious life we are now outching a very large stock of HOUSEHOLD AND STAPLE GOODS mouth, and never flinch, tremble, and hold back when moral courage and manly indepen-hours. And the sad thing about it is, that sick, to bury the dead, and to act on a dozen in the use of bad language? And is there religious truths. My conviction, from exdence would make them stand for Christ. the bad affect us more than the good. Evil committees, and to make two or three speeches any pleasure in profanity? Which of the perience, is, that he who has most religion senses does it gratify? How does it look in feels most the need of more. As to myself, There is not independence enough to let "the surer hold upon us than the righteous. Is the Now, I love to work 'exceedingly, but not print? Hew does it sound upon the ear? I think I now understand what Job meant best we are," blossom into "the best we can reason sought? As well ask why it is easier one whit more than I love to see my congre do." The will refuses the heart freedom of to row a boat down stream than up, why gation work; and no man in my flock has assertion or denial confirms no man's word. It easier to set a house on fire than to put a fire more right to turn his spiritual work over upon does not pertain to politeness, nor good man- eye seeth Thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, In coming to Jesus, many are like that out, why easier to get pitch on the hands than me than he has a right to send me to market ners, to take God's name in vain. It is a vul- and repent in dust and ashes." I am trying Pilate found no fault in Christ, nevertheless know from experience. And this is why the Whoever has the gift of song should join hardening of the heart. It blunts the sensiind ridicule. In our dealings with heaven we need to fix dealings with heaven we need to fix dealing with which we began. dealing with which we began with which we began. dealing with which we began with which we beg lead to eternal death. It is a sin against the his speech, just as is ordinarily done in sing-It seems very hard to articulate this little days of Adam and Eve until now, it has been Tract distribution is going too much out of express law of God. The profane swearer can- ing. He is at first to beat on every syllable word. Instead of it we say, "I'll think of it," the tempting word of a companion that has fashion. It is a blessed and heaven-honoured not dwell where God is. God would teach while reading some simple composition. One when to deliberate is to yield; instead of it led men astray. If we seek for present illus- agency for doing good. Every one who has him to pray to Him. In His love He would can beat time by striking the finger on the SAINT JOHN COTTON WARPS, we say, "It will depend upon circumstances," trations, we find them in sad abundance in book when conscience speaks "No," emphatically every large town and school. We buy our goods direct from the European Markets, and clearly; or, we say "No" to temptation, What then is to be done? We cannot to the abodes of ignorance and irreligion. That the Some such method as this would, doubtless, as men sometimes say "whoa" to their oxen, wholly withdraw from evil companions. That Those who cannot exhort or teach in a Sun- service of Christ, who offers to save him from be beneficial in all cases where there is no when the oxen know it isn't meant and keep were to go out of the world. It is not to be day school, or distribute tracts, can at least his sins and from the penalty, he is daily sink- natural stricture or imperfections in the organs right on. Only a firm "Whoa" stops the thought of. Nor is it necessary. He that is live for Jesus at home, and come and join in ing into the pit which ends in eternal death. of speech, which could only be removed by a surgical operation. Ordinary stammering

present Him to the Lord.' SWEARING.

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other disciple who went into the tomb because to get it off. Just as there is an affinity, as for him, or to cook or eat his dinner for him. gar sin. It lowers every man who is guilty to get to heaven, but I cherish all the time Peter led the way; example draws them more we say, between the pitch and the skin, some- He needs his work as much as I need mine. of it. He loses his self-respect, and he loses this wholescme opinion, that it will never be than principle. And after coming they follow thing that makes them stick together, just as A Christian who is keen for work will soon the respect of other men. It is related of too late to be lost until I am actually saved. Jesus with one eye over the shoulder to what the people think, and one hand to the ear for it quickly respond to the application of heat or she will soon gather the Sabbath-school eating-house in London, annoyed by the oaths There is one thing which sadly troubles my what the people say. Peter loved as much without, just as there is a current in the stream class, and will be there, Bible in hand, every of an officer of the guards in another part of spirit. I see so many who seem to be perfectwhen he swore he never knew Christ, as when against which it is hard to move the boat; so Sunday, even though the rain is spattering the room, he called a waiter, and ordering him ly satisfied with their religious state, and he protested "though all should forsake Thee, our nature has affinity with evil, there is that on the pavements. Commend me to the to bring a glass of water, said in a loud voice : who seem to cherish confident anticipations of yet will not I;" but the company in each case within us which responds to the outward teacher who wears a "waterproof," and always "Carry this water to yon gentleman in the a home in heaven, without any earnest crying modified his sentiments. Many like him to-day profess everything among the scoffers. It is difficult to stem. These facts we all meter! day profess everything among the scoffers. it is difficult to stem. These facts we all meter!

will not defend Him in the midst of outcry bad element of society warps us more thickly God's great choir, and sing at every religious bilities. Words are the signs of things. Good paid large sums of money to be cured of and ridicule.

our gaze on Christ alone. Trying to look It is applicable to every one. For evil, like judgment. We never shall have genuine con- to button up his coat as he passed a shoe-shop. culty can be relieved, we think in the cause of down at our friends, and upward to Christ at an atmosphere, is about us all, and all about gregational singing until every redeemed On being asked why he did it, his answer was humanity it should be widely known. An exthe same time, makes us cross-eyed in faith. us. There is no more prolific source of child of Christ sings from duty, and consecra-Another indication that individuality is bend- danger than bad company; none at whose tes the gift of music to the Lord. Those who who was bad enough to take God's name in ful in a majority of cases. The secret is siming like a reed in the current of public senti- door may justly be laid a larger percertage expect to sing in heaven had better practise vain would steal also. If not abandoned it will ply this: The stammerer is to mark the time in ment, is the general inability to say "No." of blasted hopes and ruined lives, From the here.

oxen; only a firm "No" checks the tempter. for us is more than all that can be against us, the prayers of the prayer-meeting. The old-We think so much of others that we are un- and wherever it is our duty to be, He will est, the timidest, the least gifted, can do surely FORBEARANCE is a domestic jewel, not to would be cured by reading aloud an hour a

decided when God claims decision; we shirk keep us safe. But we, on our part, must re- as much as this. Every one, too, can give be worn for state or show, but for daily and day, observing the above mentioned method, responsibility with a "We," when a bold member that we are soldiers, and that the something when the contribution box is pass- unostentatious ornament,

and also practising it in conversation.