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ADMIRAL HOPE AND THE SWEARER.

A PECULIARITY OF DR. CHALMERS.

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The Intelligencer.

THE HIGHEST AIM.

BY THE REV. J. W. MORTON. The character of a nation is known and determined by the highest aim of the masses of to your little flocks"—bellwethers ever tinklits people. If that aim is of the earth, earthy, the nation is, of necessity, groveling and sensual; if the aim is intellectual, the nation will take a high stand on the intellectual between children and teachers; for light, plane, and when the leading aim of the people shall become spiritual and heavenly, then, in them that learn. Cultivate the blessed in them that learn.

It certainly would not be unprofitable for among teachers, one with another, in honor us Americans to inquire in all seriousness. preferring one another, and entertaining a What is to-day our highest aim? What do our people, and especially our young men, who are at once our glory and our strength, set before their minds as the goal of their highest ambition? What does the average by the average of what he has been enjoying all that time, and the wonderful progress he has made, we feel that it is blessedness for him, however tain, rather than invade their office or embartiant for us, that he was called away.

Pray that, whether your children become of what he has been enjoying all that time, and the wonderful progress he has made, we feel that it is blessedness for him, however that it is blessedness for him, however hard for us, that he was called away.

Three years with the angels! They have and defied him, when the admiral stopped the amplifus and content the other watching him. who are at once our glory and our strength, set before their minds as the goal of their highest ambition? What does the average American boy, as he leaves home for college, look upon the greatest and best thing he may hope to achieve? Is it an honorable position in the ministry of reconciliation? Is it as at the capacity to acquire. Make Christ Jis it a place on the Bench, whence he may, in the fear of God, dispense impartial justice?

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ticular college' in preference to others, be-GOOD FAST COLOR PRINTS, for 8 and 9c. cause that college had for years been blessed with a gracious outpouring of the Lord's ing Christian; "for I am sadly afraid I shall the saved. NEW GOODS received from the AMERICAN Spirit, and scores of young men had been never get there. My sins are a heavy burden

> your darling son is or is not skilled in translating Latin and Greek, if he can beat the
> crowd at base ball? What if he is a trifle
>
> Courage, and quicken thy step. Canaan is not
> as he into his arms and blessed them. I know,
> for he said so, that of such is the kingdom of
> the angry man looked puzzled, then
> heaven Blessed Jesus! blessed children! crowd at base ball? What if he is a trifle of sinners is to receive thee it would shed a heaven. Blessed child! thoughtful, and at last cried out, "God for blossed child! dull in mathematics, provided he can hit the bull's eve four times out of five? Is there sunbeam on thy dejected countenance. I have blessed child! bull's eye four times out of five? Is there any special honor awaiting the champion "I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy bull's eye four times out of five? Is there a word of comfort for thee:
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> "I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy his anguish. Our hearts ached for him while seek his faithful reprover, adding that he seek his faithful reprover, adding that he ALPACAS, meet him in a body, and welcome him to the hospitalities of the city? Does the Lord Mayor invite him to dinner? Verily, no! Our Longfellows, our Whittiers, our Motleys, our Halls and McCoshes, might make many a milgrimage to Great Britain, and it is safe.
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> \*\*How far is it to Canaan?" inquires the afflicted Christian; "for I have laid a long time upon the bed of suffering. "Wearisome a fear. Happy, oh how happy he! Here he was pleased with a rattle, and now he smiles as he takes his harp and sings and plays with name which he had so blasphemed and lightly once since he went from us. He has not wept once since he went from us. He has not shed a tear in heaven. Not a pain, not a cry, not a fear. Happy, oh how happy he! Here he was pleased with a rattle, and now he smiles follower of the Lord Jesus, but who has since gone to his rest, trusting only in that blessed as he takes his harp and sings and plays with a pilgrimage to Great Britain, and it is safe to say that they would not receive a tithe of the attention that has been lavished upon our that I had wings like a dove, for then would be on anything except sharp distinguished for anything except sharp distinguished for anything except sharp and some at rest.
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> I am full of the same appointed to me.' I am full of the same appointed to me.' I am full of as he takes his harp and sings and plays with a same appointed to me.' I am full of the same appointed to me.' I am full of distinguished for anything except sharpheavier the cross the more pleasant will be the
> where he is, though the chair is empty, and shooting, have recently become almost as tamous as the winning horse on "Derby Day." leaves a word to re-And would the President of a modern fresh thy fainting soul. University think it worth while to rush to the hell-tower with his own hand to ring out the The sufferings of this present time are not been to him in heaven. Even so, Father. Speaking he habitually lifted his gold specbell-tower, with his own hand to ring out the worthy to be compared with the glory which Not our will, but thine, be done.—Irenœus in tacles first from his nose to his brow: then joyful news that a company of his scholars shall be revealed to us." Rom. viii., 18. had been born into the Kingdom of Christ? "How far is it to Canaan?" sighs the be-

> > CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE.

Years ago, when I was young, I taught death, neither sorrow or crying." chool, and I've wished many a time I had Pass on, bereaved Christian; the more

instant's pause, when the hand of Charles

- was slowly raised. I was surprised,

FALL AND WINTER. His home was among the hills of New York, and the school-house was an old-fashioned of the Lord shall return, and come with singone of brick, with board windows, one blind ing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be to a window, so that when it was closed that window was as good for light as the side of the house. That was a pleasant school to me, for though the scholars were no more perfect then than now—good, bad and indifferent—liking study and play too sold a light as the side of the house. That was a pleasant school to me, for though the scholars were no more perfect then than now—good, bad and indifferent—liking study and play too sold liking study and sold liking study sold liking study and sold liking study and sold liking study sold liking s liking study and play, too, as all children risen about my soul. Fearfulness and trembl-

should, I remember there was no rod neces- ing are come upon me, and the terrors of which represented Death. This had a skull pairs of spectacles on the book was thus consary there for five months; so you see there could have been no extremely bad pupils.

The scholars were all out on the play flows with milk and honey."

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my meat day and night, and my soul yearns

for the land where there shall be no more

an open window, I heard some boy using is the bright and morning star; thy night is TS DAILY RECIEVING NEW GOODS from England profane language. This was forbidden, and far spent, and the day is at hand; and the United States for the FALL TRADE. He has now opened—

"When thou passeth through the country of the coun nothing could excuse it. After recess was over and every one in order in his seat ready will be with thee; and through the rivers. for study, I said, "The boy who was using they shall not overflow thee: when thou walk-profane language at recess may raise his est through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; and." There was perfect silence, but no neither shall the flame kindle upon the. For hand made its appearance. I said again: I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour. Isa. xiii., 5. 3.

WHAT A FALL.

guage again?" He hesitated and I repeated the question. With his eyes full of tears, he said, "I'll promise, but I'm afraid I'll forget," and he was quite overcome with grief. "Will and he was quite overcome with grief. "Will the hall. That minister said to me (I) the hall the his his they will under their tongues. You know the liquor you sell shortens the ping his hands and exclaiming, "Papa has sin as a sweet morsel under their tongues."

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THREE YEARS IN HEAVEN.

ance," is the war-cry of the devout teacher,

which makes him a young Samuel to his

class, for "the Lord letteth none of his words

HOW FAR IS IT TO CANAAN?

fall to the ground.'

Three years ago he went to heaven. With us they have been long, long years; it is so buking swearing and improper language when long since we heard the sound of his sweet uttered in his presence is familiar to many. Pray, then, for a daily supply of fresh and ever-increasing and accumulating grace in his glad heart. voice, and the merry laugh that burst from Not many years back a gentleman in a Lon-

He was the youngest of our flock. Three swearing and taking the name of the Lord summers he had been with us, and he was Jesus Christ in vain, when he was quietly rebrighter and sunnier than any summer day buked and requested to desist by an elderly of them all. But he died as the third year of his life was closing. Our hearts have been yearning for the child that is gone.

Three years in heaven! They do not measure time in that world. There are no weeks, months years in heaven. But all the time process name which I heaven and I

months, years, in heaven. But all the time we have been mourning his absence here, he has been happy there. And when we think elements of unity, peace and brotherhood

wrong, yes, very wrong to call him back to marked that he was mistaken, for there had

Three years with the Redeemer in heaven! monstrance; that the man was a most kind and benevolent man and a gallant officer, who ly do aspire to these things; but we fear the average student has something before his mental vision that seems higher, or, if not actually higher, at least more to be desired than all these.

What are these superior attractions?

They have told him of the Saviour, in whose blood they have washed their robes, and whose righteousness is their salvation. The dear child, while with us here, knew little of the saviour, the Lamb that was slain from the lins of Apostles and the harps.

They have told him of the Saviour, in whose blood they have washed their robes, and whose righteousness is their salvation. The dear child, while with us here, knew little of Jesus and his dying love. But he has heard the story of the Saviour, the Lamb that was slain from the lins of Apostles and the harps. What are these superior attractions?

Not the first honors of his class in scholarship or oratory; but the championship in the boat, rifle, or base-ball club, or in some equally important and elevating institution.

ence. "Is it not a little one?"

Pray for the unknown blessings which you can not call by their names. "Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it," is a promise as fully applicable to prayer for success in pious teaching, as for any other edifying gift.

slain, from the lips of Apostles and the harps of nartyrs, and perhaps the blessed Lord him he would be obliged to do."

And what was that?" asked the angry children to come unto me." And among the redeemed in glory are some who would have loved him here had they been living, and infirmities would hardly allow him to do, for loved him here had they been living, and infirmities would hardly allow him to do, for now they take him into their arms, make him he spends a great part of his income in succortheir own, and thus our broken families be- ing the afflicted and the destitute, and he

come reunited households in the mansions of would not like to throw away even a sixconverted while there; but does this consideration have weight, either with parents or

to me, and I long to be rid of them, if indeed this child has been all this time with the Savionr in his presence at his name?" asked the angry man, "What is "I've been in Ireland, Rome, and Spain, I've traveled some you know What matters it now, fond parent, whether courage, and quicken thy step. Canaan is not praise. On earth the dear Saviour took such replied the other; "and his name is Admiral Hope a true hearted. Christian man." Go on, poor doubting Christian; take fresh his feet, learning of him, and singing his sweet "I am quite positive it was all he meant,"

glorified with Christ. I have a word to re- was to us. Long and weary are the years without him; but blessed years have they me at the time, and, as it was Dr. Chalmers,

Alas! we fear most of them would turn over reaved Christian; "for I am a lonely and de- THE CRUELTIES OF HEATHENISM IN THE of his head he laid them down on the Bible. earth are taken away. My tears have been

On Good Friday, April 14, three of us drove and replaced them on his nose, from which, to Plaza Alcade, thirty-two miles from Santa in the same way, they successively reached Fe, to witness the self-afflictions of the "Pen- his brow and head again; this circular process itentes," a secret order of Roman Catholies. went on continuously as described, during school, and I've wished many a time I had kept a list of the names of all the boys and girls that had ever come to school to me. But the time is past now, and I shall nevea know the histories of many of the scholars who were very dear to me.

I am thinking of one Charles —— just now, a boy of thirteen or fourteen years. His home was among the hills of New York.

Pass on, bereaved Christian; the more pleasant will shall more pleasant will be the company of the "shining ones" that take its course across the plain toward the told me a story of a wag, an intimate friend foot-hills. Far away a solitary man was seen thou seekest hath a special care and pity for his desolate ones. Take these words with thee, and may they refresh thy spirit. For even though they be desolate "the redeemer is a secret order of Roman Catholies. As the sunset turned the snowy mountaintous we saw a band take its course across the plain toward the violage. One leg was doubled and tied. He walked on one foot and one knee. A third party of these enthusiasts, nearer to where we stood, was setting field, only they were white instead of green. doing penance wore nothing more than mus-lin drawers: back and feet were bare. The blood coursed their backs, and stained and on the open Bible before him, which fresh Though soaked their drawers. Later, we saw a man pair was duly taken up by the Doctor, placed

bodies or limbs, or whip themselves with it ton's Personal Recollections. until they are lacerated by its thorns and Jacket and Mantle Cloths, and said, "Can it be possible, Charles, it was you?" He said "Yes, ma'am," while his large, honest eyes filled with tears. "Will you promise me that you will not use such land his boy met him upon the door step and his boy met him upon the door step and his boy met him upon the door step and his boy met him upon the door step and suffer, continuing meanwhile to "roll".

A minister of the Gospel told me one of the most thrilling incidents I have heard in my life. A member of his congregation came home for the first time in his life intoxicated, and his boy met him upon the door step along the most thrilling incidents I have heard in my life. A member of his congregation came home for the first time in his life intoxicated, and his boy met him upon the door step along the most thrilling incidents I have heard in my life. A member of his congregation came home for the first time in his life intoxicated, and his boy met him upon the door step along the most thrilling incidents I have heard in my life. A member of his congregation came home for the first time in his life intoxicated, and his boy met him upon the door step along the most thrilling incidents I have heard in my life. A member of his congregation came home for the first time in his life intoxicated, and his boy met him upon the door step along the most thrilling incidents I have heard in my life. A member of his congregation came home for the first time in his life intoxicated, and his boy met him upon the door step along the most thrilling incidents I have heard in my life. A member of his congregation came home for the first time in his life intoxicated, and his boy met him upon the door step along the most thrilling incidents I have heard in my life. A member of his congregation came home for the first time in his life intoxicated, and his boy met him upon the door step along the most thrilling incidents I have heard in my life. A member of his congregation came have a life in the most thrilling incidents I have heard in my

BROTHER JONATHAN TO THE POPE.

Admiral Hope's Christian firmness in re-BY ISAAC F. EATON. I'm out to-day a makin' calls, And, no offence, I hope, I thought I'd drop around and ask, don omnibus was using very violent language, How are ye, neighbor Pope? I've heard your health was gettin' low. But then you're well along; And time will get the best of us-

We can't be allers strong. I'm feelin' young and hale myself, Although my youngsters boast That well as I do bear my age I've reached a hundred most.

But what I've called about to-day, To settle 'fore I go,
Is 'pon this trouble' 'twixt our boys That's lately riz, you know. It's made hard talk atween them now; And 'fore it further goes,

We'd better have it understood,

Or else they'll come to blows. You know the school house that I built (I know I'm strong on schools), The teacher tells me that you boys Have disobeyed the rools.

He keeps the Bible on his desk For all the boys to read, But some of yourn refused, because been no threat, but a meek and courteous re-It was agin the creed.

This kind o' s'p rised me when I heered; I own I never thought That enny boy was made the wus By what the Bible taught.

My father val'ed it the most Of enny book he had, And helped me read it every day When I was but a lad. "He claimed it made him what he was,

He closed his eyes in peace with all, A Bible by his side. He bought this farm and cleared it up, Gave up his own instead.

And when the old man died

I've traveled some, you know, I couldn't find a Bible there, No matter where I'd go.

They laid around in rags and dirt, Their farms all run to weeds, And all they seemed to know were prayers And 'Paternoster' creeds, 'They begged, but t'wan't the wust they did; I found them thienes and liars;

And all the ones that wa'n't half starved Was thieves and monks and friars. Now there's a rule.I allers use When creeds are in dispute; I don't waste time on misty pints, But judge 'em by their fruit.

But mine have thriftier ways. And all the reason I can give Is, Bible readin' pays. One little peculiarity in his manner struck

So as my father brought me up I want my children brought; No matter how much else they larn, I want the Bible taught.

And on this question, neighor Pope, I teel to speak out plain; I've put the Bible in my school, And there it must remain!"

HOME COURTESIES.

"Will you?" asked a pleasant voice. And the husband answered, "Yes, my dear, with

It was quietly but heartily said; the tone, ever since. The wrath of men is a crooked the manner, the look, were perfectly natural stick, but God will make it to praise him. and very affectionate. We thought, how And he will do the same with the folly and pleasant that courteous reply. How gratifyrashness and recklessness of men. they droned a sad dirge, and scourged them- watched the Doctor's hand, and whenever his of their acquaintance, while they speak with selves with whips made of horse hair. Those pair of spectacles had made its third move abruptness to the wife, and do many rude little things without considering them worth

Though words seem little things, and slight bearing a ponderous cross. Others drew a on his nose, and then on his brow, and from it, they keep the flame bright, especially if and arrows. By night, as well as during the day, did these deluded people continue to had accumulated on Dr. Chalmer's head. At this stage utterly unconscious of what he perform these acts of atonement. The surgeon this stage, utterly unconscious of what he rudeness of his father. Insensibly he gathers of Fort Lyon gives it as his opinion that, in had been doing, he leant forward, when their to his bosom the same habits, and the thoughts Southern Colorado and in New Mexico, not own weight caused the whole lot to fall down and feelings they engender, and in his turn less than one hundred persons die annually in a shower on his book to his own utter becomes the petty tyrant. Only his mother! from the effects of these self-tortures. Some amazement and manifest bewilderment, and Why should be thank her? Father never of the crosses we saw were from twelve to also to the great amusement of the friend, does. Thus the home becomes a seat of disfourteen feet in length, and the principal who had taken the liberty of thus testing the order and unhappiness. Only for strangers Doctor's well-known absence of mind when are kindly words expressed, and hypocrites Often these men bind the cactus about their engrossed with any subject.—A. J. Syming go out from the hearthstone fully prepared to render justice, benevolence and politeness filled with them as a cushion is with pins. A WORD TO THOSE WHO SELL LIQUOR the justest claims, Ah! give us the kind glance, the happy homestead, the smiling You know every glass of liquor you sell to wife and courteous children of the friend who said so pleasantly, "Yes, my dear, with You know the liquor you sell shortens the pleasure.'

EVILS OF GOSSIP

Defiguration with his syst fill of clarks he shall, "His promise, but That are full to easy the shall," His promise, but That are full to easy the shall be shall be

TIMIDITY IN GREAT MEN

Turenne, being asked whether he was frightened at the beginning of a battle said, "Yes, I sometimes feel great nervous excitement, but there are many subaltern officers and soldiers who feel none whatever!" Conde was much agitated in his first campaign. "My body trembles," he said, "with the actions my soul meditates." Frederick the Great, at Molwitz, gave but little promise of ever becoming a soldier. It is reported of ever becoming a soldier. It is reported of one of the ablest friends of Washington that, in his first battle, his nerves quite gave way, and that he had to be held to his post by two soldiers; it was as if the hero's legs tried to carry him off in spite of himself. It is obvious to remark that distinguished men, whose nerves are thus completely broken down, may thank their stars for being distinguished. Much is forgiven them for they did much Much is forgiven them, for they did much service. Had they been common soldiers they would have received as little indulgence for the automatic action of their feet as the poor receive for the malady of kleptomania. There is, however, a special reason why allowance should be made for generals whose presence of mind has failed them. A private has only to shut his eyes to danger, and to confront it with that chien de courage, of which a great commander spoke with envious disparagement. But the skilled courage of a general is a virtue of a very different order. He must, as it were, have two selves. In deliberation he must calculate the exact amount of danger to which he exposes his troops; and then, in action, the calculation must be erased from his mind. He must often say to himself, "Peace, peace," when he feels that there is no peace; and, by a sort of military faith, he must fight as seeing a safety which is invisible. It is true that Nelson exclaimed "What is fear. I never saw fear." But, at the time, Nelson was young; and against his remark may be set the saying of Charles V. when he saw written on a tombstone, "Here lies a man who never knew fear!" "Then," observed the Emperor, "he can never have spuffed the candle with his fingers," or, as we should say, such a man can never have felt the first touch of the forceps of a dentist. Charles V., no doubt, spoke from a commander's point of view, and he may, like other commanders, have felt the difficulty of emulating the happy fearlessness of his soldiers,-Fortnightly Review.

CROOKED STICKS.

It is a quaint but wise remark of an old colored minister of Louisiana: "God Almighty can strike a straight blow with a crooked stick." He meant to say that God could work by means of uneducated ministers, which is true, though no argument for ignorance. In a wider sense than he intended, God can effect his purposes by what seems to us not only very impertect, but inappropriate, and even impossible, agencies. It is not for us to limit the Almighty. He can make mon when amproked providences, or crocked

They make the very impression that he intended. They strike a straight blow. Jonah was a crooked stick, and not only crooked but gnarled; but when God used him he struck a straight blow-a blow that went straight to the conscience of the Ninevites, and bowed them in penitence and submission. The Pharisees of Christ's day were crooked sticks, but when they struck at the Son of God, heaven and earth proclaimed from the cross that they had struck a straight blow. Satan is a crooked stick, but, when he tempted Jesus in the widerness, he struck a straight blow. He did the same when he tempted Peter to deny his Master. He has repeated the same performance over and over again,

> ----LET IT DRY.

Mr. Spurgeon once went to preach in a church a little outside of London. The day was wet and muddy, and the pants of Mr. Spurgeon were plentifully covered with dirt. A good deacon in the vestry said, "Brother Spurgeon, let me get'a brush and take off some of that mud, you can't go into the pul-pit in that state." "Don't be foolish, deacon," said Mr. Spurgeon, in his usual good-humored way, "don't you see the mud is wet, and if you try to brush it off now, you will rub the stain into the cloth? Let it dry, and then it will come off easy enough, and leave no mark." There is an admirable hint here for every one. When evil spoken against, as we may be for the sake of the truth, and men throw mud at us, don't be in a hurry about brushing it off. Too great eagerness in this respect is apt to rub the stain into the cloth. Let it dry, and then, by and by, if need be, it can be removed by a little effort. If there is a little trouble in the church,

don't foster it by haste and hurry in doing something. Let it alone, let it dry, and it will be more easily settled than you think now. Time has a wonderful power in such matters, and it is surprising how many things in this world would be far better arranged, and how many difficulties easily got over by adiciously letting them dry .- Baptist Stand

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