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THE POWER AND TRIUMPH OF FAITH. BY JOHN NEWTON.

Supported by the Word, Though in himself a worm, The servant of the Lord Can wondrous acts perform ; Without dismay he boldly treads Where'er the path of duty leads.

The haughty king in vain, With fury on his brow, Believers would constrain To golden gods to bow. The furnace could not make them fear, Because they knew the Lord was near.

As vain was the decree Which charged them not to pray; Daniel still bowed his knee, And worshipped thrice a day. Trusting in God, he feared not men, Though threatened with the lion's den.

Secure they might refuse Compliance with such laws; For what had they to lose, When God espoused their cause? He made the hungry lions crouch ; Nor durst the fire His children touch.

The Lord is still the same-A mighty shield and tower ; And they who trust His name Are guarded by His power. He can the rage of lions tame And bear them harmless through the flame. Yet we too often shrink

When trials are in view, Expecting we must sink And never can get through ; But could we once believe indeed, From all these fears we should be freed.

THE FOUR ANCHORS.

Book on the Acts of the Apostles." Modern nautical surveys and soundings establish every word that Luke has written. But the narrative is susceptible of rich spiritual instruction. The perils of the voyage of life and the divinely appointed methods of deliverance are strikingly

and wished for the day." Some shallow critics have jeered at the idea ninth chapter of "The Acts." Certainly the friends shudder to behold. the breakers! Paul, the prisoner, is the real grief in long, passionate weeping. master of the situation and the coolest head on An hour passed. Ruth's sobs and moans DRY GOODS

is finished." I was reminded of this truth lay perfectly motionless, seeking rest. lately, when my Brother Moody told me how Soon the door opened softly, and a young wo-Carpeting lighty mission was accomplished.

> Enroclydons of temptation and trial? The first garments were of pure white. and foremost one is Faith. This is the soul's "You are surprised," said the beautiful unanchor which, many fathoms down, is grappling hopelessly. "I am hideous. I have lost my the surface of an angry sea. And this is the life has gone out forever." does not anchor to his own good resolution nor gain an imperishable beauty, such as will make to the support of other men. He takes strong the plainest face indescribably levely?" everlasting strength. Other people see and ad- Ruth. the forty-sixth psalm. The eleventh chapter of low me."

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that "long mindedness" (as Paul called it, in joy."

sins" and sorrows upon Calvary's Cross! "There is no pain that I can bear, But thou, my Lord, hast borne it; No robe of scorn that I can wear, But Thou, my Lord, hast worn it."

(4.) The twin sister of Patience is Hope. The never blight. sorely tried patience of the tempest-tossed company would have given out, except for the expectation of the morning light. We are saved by hope saved from utter recklessness and despair. The Christian's hope is founded on the sure, unwavering promise that, though weeping may

will Christ's fleet of triumphant souls lie in the desired haven, upon the sea of crystal, and in to announce that in answer to prayer, the Lord "Looking toward the Hill' over there—then boots, and in their hair, anyhow.

It's Paul's voyage to Rome is one of those graphic episodes in the Word of God which never loses will be proclaimed these glorious words: "Here will be proclaimed these glorious words: "Here are they had sent her the shoes.

The young school-master, who, I suspect, was they will be proclaimed the spints of the spi

> AFTER THE TRIAL. BY SARAH P. BRIGHAM.

The choicest of earth's gifts were the inheritance of Ruth Preston. She possessed a large illustrated. Especially is there a wealth of fortune, rare beauty, and fine mental powers. practical teaching in the twenty-ninth verse, Her childhood had been bright and fleeting as the which tells us how the mariners in the tempest gay, transient fowers of summer, and her dawntossed ship "cast four anchors out of the stern ing womanhood was full of brilliancy and pro-

Suddenly there came a change. That dreaded, of anchoring a vessel from the stern. But an loathsome disease, small-pox, seized her for its ancient painting on the walls of Herculaneum victim, and though she escaped with her life, the depicts a galley anchored in that manner. Mod- marvelous beauty which had made her a star in ern mariners in the Mediterranean pursue the society, had received a lasting blight. Her face same practice. It is said that Lord Nelson got was horribly disfigured, and even the effacing the idea of anchoring his fleet from the stern in fingers of time could never fully obliterate the battle of Copenhagen from reading the twenty- deep, ugly sears which made even her dearest

endangered crew had a better chance of safety "Oh, how frightful I am!" cried Ruth in as the dawning of the day found them already agony, as she gazed upon her reflected image in "headed" toward the shore. What a long night the mirror. "My face is hideous. No one can must that have been to the drenched and weary love me now. I wish I had died;" and she sank veyagers, while they listened to the thunder of upon a sofa and gave vent to her despairing

board. His precious life is insured from heaven gradually ceased, and her mind grew tranquil. for every good man "is immortal until his work Her physical frame, too, was exhausted, and she

fall down the stairway of a mission house in the the room and approached her. She was surcity of New York It was a part of the provi- passingly lovely, far transcending even Ruth's dential plan that those anchors should preserve matchless beauty before the terrible disease had the most valuable life on the globe until Paul's blighted it. Ruth cast an eager, searching glance upon her visitor. Who could she be? Her agers to eternity must use when overtaken by was of flesh and blood like herself, though her

teeth of the gale; for we do not see the stubborn "Oh, I am wretched, wretched!" cried Ruth

with its flukes into the solid earth. That secure richest possession-my beauty. I can never Staple & Fancy vessel is an "evidence of things not seen" below win love and admiration again. The light of my Bible definition of faith. The assailed believer "My beloved, may I instruct you how to

> hold on the precious promises of God and the "Oh, tell me! tell me!" eagerly returned mire his fortitude, his constancy, his composure; "The transcendent beauty of which I speak,"

but God alone beholds the "anchor of the soul, solemnly continued her visitor, "has its birthboth sure and steadfast, which enteroth in to place in the soul. God's all-searching eye can that which is within the vail." With a genuine alone divine its perfection. It bears the fruit Christian the sorer the trial the stronger is the of pure and noble deeds, and it stamps the most trust. When Martin Luther was struck by a uncomely face with its gorgeous brightness. If heavy head sea, he used to let slip the cable of you wish to witness the truth of my words, fol-

line of spiritual navigators whose anchor of faith They passed through several densely-populated wisdom, sees that it is best that our prayer The sign read like this should be greated about the sign read like the sign read like this should be greated about the sign read like this should be greated about the sign read like th In Great Britain no shipmaster is permitted a room crowded with men and women whom asked and been answered once according to our desire, we are not to lose faith or to disparage.

That was a queer sign, wasn't it?

Why, papa, do you really mean to use an anchor which has not been tested and sorrow and poverty had caused to find refuge stamped with a government mark. If we wish there, they saw an aged woman, palsied, sightto know whether our faith has the King's mark less and helpless; but the infirmities of the body again the answer does not come as before, or as to know whether our faith has the King's mark on it, we must examine His word. A spurious faith, full of flaws, cannot be relied on in a hurricane. The metal of our faith, so to speak, must be from God's Scripture-foundry. It must be lowered with entire trust upon God, and not be lowered with entire trust upon God, and not be lowered with entire trust upon God, and not be lowered with entire trust upon God, and not be shown whether our faith has the King's mark loss and helpless; but the infirmities of the body had no power to dim the brightness and peace of the soul. She was speaking to the unfortunates around her, of heaven. She told them of God and Christ, and of life beyond the grave, where sickness and poverty and parting never be lowered with entire trust upon God, and not be seen to ask in faith, but we are also to learn to wait. Were our prayers inches. It was Pythagoras who discovered that the vibrations of a string would be doubled if the streets. Men make a business of taming the streets was about fifty cents are very hard to tame.

Let us see. Snakes are very handy things to had no power to dim the brightness and peace of the body had no power to dim the brightness and peace of the body had no power to dim the brightness and peace of the body had no power to dim the brightness and peace of the body had no power to dim the brightness and peace of the body had no power to dim the brightness and peace of the body had no power to dim the brightness and peace of the body had no power to dim the brightness and peace of the body had no power to dim the brightness and peace of the body had no power to dim the brightness and peace of the body had no power to dim the brightness and peace of the body had no power to dim the brightness and peace of the body had no power to dim the brightness and peace of the body had no power to dim the brightness and peace of the body had no power to dim the brightness and peace of the body had no power to ask in faith, but we also to learn to ask in faith, but we also to lear

honesty and right which has, in these late years, The invalid smiled. It was free from all

hideous rent is discovered in his character. The "Yes, the riches within have garnished every It cost something for Ruth to cleave unto on it, and he knew it wasn't against the law for undercurrent of worldliness is powerful in these feature. Did I not tell you, Ruth Preston, Naomi. We always feel glad that she could him to sell as many snakes, or as big ones, as he

gloom which laid upon Paul and his shipmates; feed the hungry, clothe the naked, lift up the confession of faith. The beauty of it hay in the the snake business. So what do yo think they but they held out and waited for the day. Me- fallen. The good you do will change your face. fact that she carried it out, and took the decisive did? thinks one of their four anchors might well have been named Patience. We, too, have need of will vanish from it and the perfection of loving in what she said. The glowing excitements of dangerous thing, and the snakes were biting so

on God." In the New Testament the word is A life-lesson had been received, and the holy then comes the test of performance. Revivals strictor on the head, and another stamped with be saved. In this Jesus Christ is our illustrious forgotten.

> mercy made her heart full of light and joy, creases so slowly .- T. L. Cuyler. which shone out in her pure, noble face, giving it a deep beauty which time nor sickness could

WAS IT NOT AN ANSWER TO PRAYER? BY REV. R. H. HOWARD.

A poor woman-a widow with an invalid son last through the night, joy cometh in the morning. Brother believer! let the storm howlings, for the want of shoes. She asked the Lord its worst and our canvass snap to ribbons. If we have committed everything to Jesus, we shall master called in to see her son. Meanwhile he all reach land. "This hope we have as an noticed that the boy's mother had very poor anchor, sure and steadfast." But God pity the shoes. He said nothing, but felt impressed, and soul that is risking its eternity upon the broken inwardly resolved to purchase the poor woman A grand sight is an old weather-beaten and a pair of shoes forthwith. He accordingly hired a horse, rode two miles on horseback to a shoe-

light upon ancient navigation, but it affords a who keep the commandments of God and the haired man, heard the poor woman's testimony; and his pillow that night was wet with tears of

I do not know that the foregoing needs any omment. The simple narrative itself conveys its own moral—that it is more blessed to give than to receive; that God uses means to answer the prayers of His saints, and that no matter that concerns us is too trivial or too insignifiever, suggested in this connection, I am inclined to call special attention to.

1. The foregoing need be regarded none the mere coincidence," says the materialist, "that the school-master visited the widow at that time, drawn there by his very natural interest in the welfare of her son. And once there, and witessing her destitution, it was but natural that he, being a benevolent man, should desire to relieve her distress." All this is very plausible indeed. But how does our materialistic friend know that all this was a mere coincidence? Who can ever tell who, or what, put it into the schoolmaster's mind to visit the poor saint just at that time?

2. Observe that the supernatural by no means involves the miraculous. All the incidents in narrowly he had escaped from fatal injury by a man whom she had never before seen entered perfectly natural in their occurrence and sequence, The grouping and timing of them, however, were doubtless providential.

3. One can hardly wonder that the schoolthat night; not merely that he had made that something of a snake-story.

that a hasty prayer, now and then, will make to see what was inside.

poral mercies, as in the foregoing instance, un- a crowd of boys standing before the window to line. When the distance between the bridges Investigator. less one is possessed with a special persuasion look at the things. the Hebrews is the thrilling record of a whole Ruth followed wonderingly her new friend. On the sole condition that God, in His infinite and put up a showy gilt sign over the door. The sign word like this.

KISSING AND CLEAVING.

taught of God and held of God, or we drift upon cend to the Throne of grace. I entreat the good her to the land of God's people. One could give corner, for exercise. If anybody complained Hours for May. taught of God and held of God, or we drift upon the lee shore. No one is safe in business, or safe in public life, or safe in public morality safe in public life, or safe in public morality safe in public morality safe in public life, or safe in public morality safe in public morality safe in public life, or safe in public morality safe in pathetic little touch of human history, pictured they were his snakes, and he would do exactly upon the flower that sweetens the air, upon the harvest." ments. God never insures a man, even in the "Oh, no! no!" cried Ruth. "It is a heaven- to us in the matchless story of the Moabitish what he pleased with them. Church, except while his anchor is fastened to giving calling, and an earth-born angel performs woman, we see a parable that illustrates thouhe divine principles of right, with the cable of ractical obedience.

Still farther they went. They saw a boy of It is not the gale which carries so many on It is not the gale which carries so many on It is not the gale which carries so many on It is not the gale which carries so many on It is not the gale which carries so many on It is not the gale which carries so many on It is not the gale which carries so many on It is not the gale which carries so many on It is not the gale which carries so many on It is not the gale which carries so many on the description of the neighbors went to the shake store and take his sands of experiences in our own days. To "salite of the rain-drops that swell the mighty river, upon the dew-drops that refresh the smallest sprig of moss that refresh the smallest sprig of moss that rears its head in the desert, upon the ocean that rears its head in the desert, upon the ocean that rears its head in the desert, upon the ocean that rears its head in the desert, upon the ocean that rears its head in the desert, upon the ocean that rears its head in the desert, upon the ocean that rears its head in the desert, upon the ocean that rears its head in the desert, upon the ocean that rears its head in the desert, upon the ocean that rears its head in the desert, upon the ocean that rears its head in the desert, upon the ocean that rears its head in the desert that rears its head in the desert.

undercurrent of worldliness is powerful in these times, and productive of no little backsliding. The world gets strong hold upon the Christian professor's keel, and his conscience loses its hold on Christ, Silently and surely he swims, as over a sea of glass, until he—strikes! The over a sea of glass, until he—strikes! The friendship of the world is the enmity of God.

(3.) That was a tedious night of peril and gloom which laid upon Paul and his shipmates:

[Feature. Did I not tell you, Ruth Preston, there external there is a deeper beauty than mere external rot have foreseen the handsome estate and the rich kinsman that was waiting for her at Beth-lehem—for that would have subjected her to the suspicion of selfish motives in her choice. She acted from principle, and with no hope of earthly reward. "Thy people shall be my god," was a noble carthly reward. "The beauty of it hy in the state out of the subjected his money in the sake business, and it would ruin the suspicion of selfish motives in her choice. She acted from principle, and with no hope of earthly reward. "Thy people shall be my god," was a noble carthly reward. "Well, the neighbors talked with him awhile, and found they could not induce him to give up the space. The professor's keel, and his conscience loses its hold in the seal as many snakes, or as big ones, as he chose to. Besides that, he had invested his money in the suspicion of selfish motives in her choice. She acted from principle, and with no hope of earthly reward. "Thy people shall be my god," was a noble carthly reward. "The beauty of it hy in the space." patience. It is that staying power in the soul, will crown your life with beauty and supreme a revival commonly fill up our church member many folks, that, if he wouldn't stop it himself, his Epistle to Colosse) which endures a continued strain without flinching. Mark how much the Old Testament makes of "waiting patiently" was only a dream.

She opened by an enemy to the neighborhood so long as he pahs are back in the world again, to their own sin and the Church's sorrow. Profession is easy; endurance. He that endureth to the end shall teachings of that unconscious hour were never cover the threshing-floor with sheaves. The the heel of his boot on the head of a venomous duller and more monotonous seasons that come little copperhead snake, and flattened it out so example. How steadily he bore everything The scars were never effaced fully from her afterwards winnow out the wheat from the chaff. that he never could bite again. Another took until he reached that supreme "bearing our face, but she ceased to deplore them. She de- In this solemn and significant fact lies the real a hatchet and cut off a rattlesnake's tail, just voted her means and energies to the service of son why, with all the occasional large ingather. behind his ears, and some of the rest made short God and humanity, and her deeds of love and ings, the actual working force of Christians in. work of the other snakes.

> THE TURNING-POINT OF A LIFE-BATTLE.

years ago while passing through Charles street, Boston, in company with a friend, a thriving was the only way to do it—and they recommendmerchant, who, though young, was famous for edthe snake-man to go into some decent business his success and liberality. At a certain point where he wouldn't be a nuisance and a terror to near the church, where Dr. Sharp was then the all his neighbors. preacher, he paused suddenly, and exclaimed : my soul's life, and, by the grace of God, got it." bit us.

"Pray tell me about it," I replied. "It happened at the time of my clerkship,"

battle-bruised ship—like "Old Ironsides" or Lord Nelson's "Victory"—which has ended its to the widow's cottage without delay. They amount allowed a perfect fit; and that very night the land often met in Kilby street. He was two more and swung its anchors at the bow. So stroll by this Back Bay. While standing here snakes at these stores, they sell something as

light upon ancient payigntion but it offends a strong who keep the commandments of God and the light upon ancient payigntion but it offends a strong who keep the commandments of God and the light upon ancient payigntion but it offends a strong who keep the commandments of God and the light upon ancient payigntion but it offends a strong who keep the commandments of God and the light upon ancient payigntion but it offends a strong who keep the commandments of God and the light upon ancient payigntion but it offends a strong who keep the commandments of God and the light upon a strong who keep the commandments of God and the light upon a strong who keep the commandments of God and the light upon a strong who keep the commandments of God and the light upon a strong who keep the commandments of God and the light upon a strong who keep the commandments of God and the light upon a strong who keep the commandments of God and the light upon a strong who keep the commandments of God and the light upon a strong who keep the commandments of God and the light upon a strong who keep the commandments of God and the light upon a strong who keep the commandments of God and the light upon a strong who keep the commandments of God and the light upon a strong who keep the commandments of God and the light upon a strong who keep the commandments of God and the light upon a strong who keep the commandment who is a strong who keep the commandment who is a strong who a strong who keep the commandment who is a strong who is a strong who is a strong who notorious for its haunts of illicit pleasure—he O! I know what papa means now. It's

me of an indefinite promise I had made to an But, papa, can't they be stopped? I think old friend, that I would join him 'some time' on it's a shame. a Friday evening at the weekly meeting there. That's the question the temperance people are But I was moving 'the other way.' It seemed trying to answer. now as if I heard his voice of warning. 'If you cant to pray about. One or two thoughts, how- go yonder to-night, you will never again feel like going to the chapel. Which party will you join ? Answer.'

"It was the crisis of my life. Here I stood 1. The foregoing need be regarded none the less a direct answer to prayer because all the less a direct answer to prayer because all the I prayed inwardly. Power came. I stopped short, mentioned the pledge given to my older friend, bowed off and hastened to the chapel.

"What a welcome I had there! I soon felt myself at home, and am at home there yet, in ompanionship with a band of young men, true ellow-workers, who are trying, under the leadership of Christ, 'to make the world better for being in it."

The epitaph of this "good soldier" may be found at Forest Hill Cemetery : TO NATHANIEL RIPLEY COBB: died May 22, 1834, aged 36, and during a mercantile career of twelve years dispensed upward of forty thousand dollars.

BY REV. ALFRED TAYLOR.

ends. What a privilege! Why are we not hotel, where people were taken in to lodge. It Divide this distance with cross lines into sec- a barn, when they are many, make great waste. oftener ready to run on these divine errands, was in the best part of the city, where many tions of twenty inches, eighteen inches, sixteen Hair by hair heads get bald; straw by straw the and foremost one is Faith. This is the soul's sure trust in an unseen God. Looking at a vessel around whose hows the billows are forming with anguish. I have come to bring you com-4. The only condition of such answers to Everybody who passed by stopped to look at it, a quarter inches. Now take a violin, guitar, or empty if the top leaks but a drop a minute; when prayers as the foregoing is, on the one hand, a as the floor was being laid, and the counters harp string, or even a piece of wire, fasten it at you mean to save, begin with your mouth; many sense of our extremity, and on the other a sense put in, and the rich mirrors fastened in their one end of the board, and draw it tight over the things pass down the red lane. In all other things of utter, childlike trust in God. The Lord never places. As it was more and more nearly finishboard along the line, winding the other end keep within compass. Never stretch your legs puts any premium on either laziness or neglect. ed, at last they put the large panes of plate glass either around a violin key, a nail, or a wooden farther than the blankets will stretch, or you will

amends for their culpable deficiencies. There are those, however, and concerning some of them shades were put against the lower part of the enough at its base to stand firmly, and taper make money but it needs a wise many to another than the lower part of the main thing, never mind the looks. A fool may make money but it needs a wise many to another than the lower part of the main thing, never mind the looks. it may be said, "of whom the world is not wor- glass panes, so that people could not see through. evenly to the top, so that when it is placed over make money, but it needs a wise man to spend it. thy," who, through no fault of their own, are at This looked as if the people who were going to one of the cross lines it will divide the string at Remember it is easier to build two chimneys than times hard pressed. Of all such it is the pri- keep the store wanted to keep the passers-by the same distance from the other bridge that the to keep one going. If you give all to back and vilege to pray at all times, and with the fullest from seeing their goods. Perhaps they were cross line is from the first. The bridge at the board there is nothing left for the savings bank. assurance that their prayers will be heard.

I close with a caution. In praying for tem
light would spoil; or perhaps they did not want stationary; the other can be moved along the will have a chance to rest when you are old.—Temp.

blessing be bestowed, we should ask humbly, and last, and the man who was to keep it moved in, bing it with a violin bow, will be do; twenty

Why, papa, do you really mean that the man sold snakes?

The snake-store man was howling all the time about their destroying his property, and breaking up his business, and killing his poor snakes that hadn't done any harm. But they said that, even if the snakes hadn't bit them, they had bit There is such a thing. I was reminded of it somebody in nearly every family in the neighbor-

But, papa, was there any such store, really? "Stop a minute! Just here I once fought for We never saw a snake store, and no snakes ever

My dear children, let me tell you there are eight or ten thousand snake-stores in New York said he," soon after coming from my country city and Brooklyn, and about as many in proportion to the population in every one of our "I left my room one Friday evening for a cities and towns; or, at least, if they don't sell cruise and swung its anchors at the bow. So proved a perfect fit; and that very night the proved a perfect fit; and that very night the years older than myself, smart, clever, with an get into the habit of using it, get into an ugly way of dreaming that there are snakes in their

gratitude and joy because God had used him thus ble to resist. How could I staving taken a we become so used to these ten thousand we become so used to these ten thousand faith? I have tried and tried, and I cannot. I am

AMONG THE CHURCHES. If you cannot in the harvest

Garner up the richest sheaf. Many a grain both ripe and golden Will the careless reapers leave. Go and gleam among the briars, Growing rank against the wall, For it may be that the shadow Hides the heaviest wheat of all.

THE MONOCHORD.

Pythagoras, the Greek philosopher, who flourished in the sixth century before Christ, had happy. earned all the wisdom of the Greeks, Egyptians, a monochord after these instructions : Take a Zion's Advocate. smooth board a little over two feet long and a Come, youngsters, let us have a little story! few inches wide. In the middle, lengthwise of master's pillow was wet with tears of gratitude As this is about a snake-store, perhaps it will be the board, draw a straight line, which divide

is twenty-two and a half inches, the sound, which and so on through the scale, the half of the string, miles or eleven and a quarter inches of its length, giving you the octave do. When you have divided your string in the middle, it vibrates just twice as rapidly as it did when it was

be lowered with entire trust upon God, and not upon corasting vereacity and power and love of the everlasting vereacity and power and love of the leaven-destined spirit, and her words fell upon anxious, waiting every link in the chain cable is a divine promise. When in the darkest night we he cau this anchor we may wait confidently of the dawning of the day.

(2.) But no faith can avail us if it be not accompanied with golliness of practice. We require, therefore, the second anchor of a godly companied with golliness of practice. We require, therefore, the second anchor of a godly of the day. Word, loyalty to the everlasting right must be leaven-destined, had lain in features, hollow-eyed and emaciated, had lain five long years upon her bed, the victim of an incurable disease. But the soul was clear and the words fell upon anxious, waiting never come; and her words fell upon anxious, waiting experience. Neither would the mercies received be appreciated. Like petted children, we should soon spoil. We should grow selfish and exacting. We should grow selfish and exacting. We should grow selfish and exacting the fourth or had an assortment of all kinds of makes. He had some sharp-looking fellows, with glistening eyes, and fangs in their trust upon crows were lessened from beholding her.

This man had an assortment of all kinds of makes. He had some sharp-looking fellows, with glistening eyes, and fangs in their trust upon crows with glistening eyes, and fangs in their mouths, with the midel and exacting. We should grow selfish and the scale or should grow selfish and the scale or should grow selfish and the scale or should grow selfish and exacting. We should grow selfish and the scale or quire, therefore, the second anchor of a godly conscience. Loyalty to the principles of God's five long years upon her bed, the victim of an incurable disease. But the soul was clear and incurable disease. But the soul was clear and calm, and advancing by slow marches toward duct, or else we drift upon the rocks. Faith duct, or else w

> It is not the gale which carries so many on the rocks of the quicksands. It is the silent undercurrent. One person drifts into dishonest practices, sanctioned by "the trade;" another into neglect of secret prayer; another feels the clutch of sensual temptations on the keel, but takes no alarm until he strikes the rock and a larm until he strikes the rock of the quicksands. It is the silent to that the desert, upon the ocean stake and in the desert, upon the ocean stake and in the desert, upon the ocean stake away. One man said a big snake had in the desert, upon the ocean stake away. One man said a big snake had in the desert, upon the ocean stakes away. One man said a big snake had in the desert, upon the ocean stakes away. One man said a big snake had these times its requires no great self-denial to frightened his wife, and another man said a practices, sanctioned by "the trade;" another feels the clutch of sensual temptations on the keel, but takes no alarm until he strikes the rock and a larm until he strikes the rock and a larm until he strikes the rock and a larm until he strikes the definial to frightened his wife, and another man said a big snake had that rocks every swimmer in its channel, upon the cear that rocks every swimmer in its channel, upon the desert, upon the ocean stakes, and the lesses times it requires no great self-denial to frightened his wife, and another man said a big snake away. One man said a bright man another man said a bright man and the court of the strikes the solution to our conduct, and prove the deepth of our retained his wife, and another man said a bright man another man said takes no alarm until he strikes the rock and a "Oh, what a beautiful boy!" cried Ruth. as it once did in Asia Minor and in Rome. snakes, and the license had a Government stamp liveth to himself."

THE PARTING HOUR

There's something in "the parting hour."

Will still the warmest heart-Yet kindred, comrades, lovers, friends, Are fated all to part.

But this I've seen-and many a pang Has pressed it on my mind. The one who goes is happier

Than those who stay behind. No matter what the journey be-

Adventurous, dangerous far, To the wild deep, or bleak frontier, To solitude of war. Still something cheers the heart that dares

In all of human kind ; And they that go are happier .Than those they leave behind. The bride goes to the bridegroom's home

With doubting and with tears, But does not hope her rainbow spread Across her cloudy tears ?_ Alas! the mother who remains,

What comfort can she find But this—the gone is happier Than the one she leaves behind ! Have you a trusty comrade dear-

An old and valued friend ! Be sure your term of sweet concourse At length will have an end, And when you part—as part you will—

O, take it not unkind, If he who-goes is happier Than the one she leaves behind.

God wills it so, and so it is! The pilgrims on the way, Though weak and worn more cheerful are. Than all the rest who stay. And when at last, poor man subdued,

May he not still be happier far, Than those he leaves behind?

TAKING THINGS FOR GRANTED

A young lady friend who was earnestly seeking her soul's salvation, came to me in great distress come up the hill with me; we'll have such a nice Now you have it. If we had a real snake one day, and said: "You tell me I must have store down here at the corner, we would break faith in God, I must believe in Christ in order to few steps toward the 'Hill,' all at once the sight whiskey-shops, that we let them go on and do all groping in the dark. Now you seem to take things for granted, and rest on that. I cannot do so. I must know I am saved in order to believe it; tell

me once more what it is to have faith in God." And I replied, "You have just given a better explanation of faith than any I can think of. You must take things for granted. When you came to me this afternoon, you took it for granted I would listen, and help you if I could; just so when you go to God, take it for granted he hears, and when you confess your sins and ask forgiveness, rememberhis promise, 'Ask and ye shall receive,' and take it

for grantod that he forgives you." " Is that all?" she inquired; "and is that faith?" "That is all," I replied; and just then some friends called for her, and she went away with a promise to try again, and the next time I met her these were her first words :-

"I am taking things for granted, and am very

Is there not some soul seeking God to-day who and Chaldeans when he devoted himself to the finds the question of faith a perplexing one ? To study of music and musical tones. It was Py-1 such a one I would say, Put aside all your questionthagoras who first established, by means of the ing-stop trying to understand what perplexes you, nonochord, the relation between the notes of the come to God confessing your sin, pledging your life this little bit of history seem to be, and are, PAPA'S STORY ABOUT THE SNAKE- scale, and you can test his doctrines and learn a to his service, and take it for granted that he hears, great deal about how music is made by making forgives, and accepts. This is faith in God. -

A LESSON FOR ALL. - Look most to your spending. No matter what comes in, if more goes out you But what are the four anchors which we voy- face and form were perfect as an angel's, but she leaving the distance along the line, between the line, between the God had used him to answer His own beneficent finished at a street corner. It was part of a cross lines, exactly twenty-two and a half inches. new but in keeping it; little expenses, like mice in Slipshod, spendthrift Christians need not think in the windows, and the passers looked through peg. At each end of the twenty-two and a half soon be cold. In clothes, choose suitable and lastinches raise the string with a bridge made of hard ing stuff, and not tawdry fineries. To be warm is

> DEFINITION OF BIBLE TERMS A day's journey was thirty-three and one-fifth

A Sabbath-day's journey was about an English

Ezekiel's reed was eleven feet nearly. A hand's-breadth is equal to three and five-eighth

A shekel of silver was about fifty cents. A talent of gold was \$13,809,00. A piece of silver, or a penny, was thirteen cents. A mite was less than a quarter of a cent. A geraph was one cent. An epha, or bath, contains seven gallons and five

A bin was one gallon and two pints. A firkin was seven pints. An omer was six pints. A cab was three pints.

FREQUENT PRAYER.—Bishop Taylor beautifully and took the snakes home with them under can, by a very simple rule, figure how many the bolt to shut in the night. But as the clouds honesty and right which has, in these late years, strewed the beach with the pitiable wrecks of disgraced church members. It is not strength of intellect that saves a man, or the surrounding society, or even orthodoxy of belief. All these have proved but cables of straw attached to anchors of clay. We must have a conscience anchors of clay. We must have a conscience my soul is active. My petitions constantly as not enough to quit her native land and go with up and down the pavement, or go around the Hause for Man.