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ON QUOTATION, BAD AND GOOD. BY JOSEPH PARKER, D. D.

HATS, FLOWERS, FEATHERS, the Irish Church, after which the choir sang, air, and who preached so pointedly as to incur rolled on, and as the first transient impression

ases hardly less grotesque. Within the circle it is!

to preach from to-morrow?" Whereupon I inpreached much, and done much service for his There must be soul culture. Tongues of angels, was made, has been hardened into planets, set stantly replied, "And Susanna said unto Tobit, Master, a woman called out to him "Bunyan, without love to inspire their eloquent strains, in motion and filled with life, to go on for untold Meet me once again." "Not really?" said where is now thy God?" The woman's tone are but as sounding brass. Life is infinitely ages, and then to come to an end—possibly to she, "Do you not remember the text?" I in- was sharp and bitter, and the answer of the more potent than speech. quired. "Yes, I know it is a text, but I did mocking populace was cruelly contemptuous. And let not those of slow or stammering is to be saved out of the common fund of matter not think you would preach from it," was the Turning round with high natural dignity, John tongue repine, and say that because they cannot and force that can go on in an independent ingenuous reply. What a sweet text it would Bunyan replied, "Read the seventh chapter speak well, they can be of no use. The immortal life. Man is simply a higher form of make! How naturally it divides itself into of Micah, from the eighth verse to the tenth, and eloquence of noble life is richer and more imanimal. God as a personality does not exist. three heads, and how many nice anecdotes, al- thou wilt know." Truly no retort could have pressive, far, than the most brilliant arts of Immortality is a dream, and the Christian ternately humorous and heart-breaking, could been more timely and complete. The passage is oratory. Let your soul be filled with God's religion, of course is a delusion. be related under each division? Unfortunately this: "Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: spirit; let your heart be fragrant with God's for bankrupt preachers, it is not available for when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, love; let your life be emptied out in self-sacriscience can give us. Science believes nothing oulpit purposes, still it supplies an anecdote the Lord shall be a light unto me. fice, as Christ may give you opportunity; then, that it cannot prove. There may be a personal greatly to the disadvantage of some "beloved Then she that is mine enemy shall see it, and though no eloquent tongue be yours, though God, who takes cognizance of the personal hearers," and that is a comfort to preachers who shame shall cover her which said unto me, multitudes be not thrilled, or moved, or swayed affairs of men, but science cannot prove it; are blamed for having "no food for the soul." Where is the Lord thy God? Mine eyes shall by your burning tones, yet your work will be therefore a belief in a personal God is "unscien-

contrariwise, but merely to round off anything | prophet.

and he stands in history a warning to all fana- breathes eternal life into the choicest of human He will never force us to serve Him, nor will tics who light their candles at the very fires | words! When preachers preach not themselves, | He always strive.

mistaken quotation, and she so boldly insisted Verily it is as if flippant and noisy Time sought to fill remain forever vacant. that the saying is in the Bible as to shake my to compare itself with solemn and quiet Eternity; We can only make our lives successful by to give their whole life to the unrestrained

Many of us are very clever at remembering feebleness of human imagination. odds and ends of passages; we are sure of "unto" and "saith" and "howbeit," but how to put them

so familiar to us all—(doubt grows into agony) stowed those talents which have a tendency to the chief among the publicans sitting on the sins, and clothes her idols with celestial charms. "that wonderful passage, 'Lift up, ye heads, erect the spirit of downward age; and Vagelas branches of a sycamore tree, and waiting She never feels that she is ruining her own ye gates—ye doors, ye heads, ye gates lift up.' I left his body to the surgeons to pay his debts as far as the money would go; Bacon lived a life of meanness and distress; Sir Walter Raleigh Boston says, "It is good to be in Christ's way, mands. If anyone ventures to him that so loud applause, amidst which the speaker retired died on the scaffold; Spencer, the charming, died for He loves to surprise sinners with a cast of much indulgence is injurious, and will not add into oblivion. Sometimes, too, we unfortunately catch a passign and looked up. And what a look! how the mother resents it. We have heard Hieropolis, in Phrygia. sage by the wrong end, and so imperil the effect sold his copyright of "Paradise Lost" for fifteen Whatever it may have been to others, Zaccheus misguided parents say: even of the most ardent rhetoric. Sweltering rhetoricians under the age of twenty-one should in obscurity; Dryden lived in poverty and distindness in it, and inexpressible tenderness. beware of this calamitous possibility. A young tress; Otway died prematurely, and through What the look of Jesus in the hall did for Peter, gence or pleasure that I can provide at any

moment, was once brought low by this very save him from the grip of the law; Fielding In dealing with him, the Lord was lovingly This is the way some mothers manifest their danger. I may even say that he was brought lies in the burying ground of the English facvery low, even to the door of rhetorical death. tory at Lisbon, without a stone to mark the and come down; for to-day I must abide at thy children be when they pass out from their CARPETINGS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. He was in his finest passage: the sentences fell spot; Savage died in prison at Bristol, where he house." And not without reason, for as our parent's care? How can they bear life's burdens glibly from his fervent fips. Away he hurried ler lived a life of penury and died poor: Chatto the impressive end, and brought his climax ler lived a life of penury and died poor; Chatwas never again to pass that way. He was until, without warning, they find themselves to a thrilling pitch by exclaiming, "And Peter crowed and the cock wept bitterly." His hear-stroyed himself.

own observation it is quite true, that few books are both better known and worse known than the Bible. Everybody knows a little of it, and

This festive season of mottoes and messages, boldly to assume the blankest Biblical ignorance intense practicalness. quoting authors, sacred and secular, with literal London, where some point of debate arose. It not a man of words, and Aaron became his God and an heir of glory. deed, they do not nin the make Shakspeare argument is upset by Zephaniah xxviii. 15." to the people, and performed the signs and as he came, and trust as he trusted. a Biblical authority, and to charge upon an inferior prophet something that was written by ferior prophet something that was written by foreign influences, never as a possessor that fell on that the same and trust as ne trusted.

And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me the same that fell on that the same and a blessing to none. Though the inheritor when Thou comest into Thy kingdom. And of millions, children spoiled by over-indulgence was possessor to the prophet, and performed the same and trust as ne trusted.

And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me the same of mappiness to its possessor that and a blessing to none. Though the inheritor when Thou comest into Thy kingdom. And of millions, children spoiled by over-indulgence was prophet. Che are defrauded of their rights. some people find in putting facts in their right I should have referred him to Habakkuk iv. conspicuously before the people as their leader of attraction, so the sensitive soul of the Christian, order was supplied in Yorkshire a few years 9, and that would have shut him up. Not a and teacher. And yet Moses, the silent man, Luke xxiii. 42, 43.

> er of one of the local papers gave an account of done by the correct and timely quotation of piece. Aaron received the praise, while Moses the proceedings, wherein he made it appear that holy words. I knew a venerable minister who was forgotten. Dr. Vaughan deplored the disestablishment of was much in love with preaching in the open But he could well afford to wait. As time 'Who killed Cock Robin ?" and Dr. Vaughan the hostility of those of his hearers, whose special wore away and the real work began to take its proceeded to remark upon "the brevity and un- sins he denounced. Once he mounted the abiding shape, the mere speaker dropped out of certainty of human life." I have no doubt that preaching chair close to a show or caravan in view; his eloquence died away; and "Moses, the honored vicar referred to the disestablish- the public market place and was challenged to a the dumb, backward, disinterested prophet," ment of the Irish Church, very probably the wordy combat by the painted clown. The clown was seen in his true place, clad in his true choir might sing some dolefully cheerful song, lavished upon the preacher all his coarse wit power, estimated at his true worth, as the real and not unlikely the reverend president made and vulgar humour, the preacher, meanwhile, leader of the people, the founder of the people ome observations upon the brevity and uncer- waiting patiently. At the right moment, in a nation.

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Surpasseth all human understanding, which is pose of increasing its beauty. How noble the one expression! How dying feeble the other!

In His retort, Christ showed that even Scriptural quotation is not to be limited to single texts and detached expressions. He said, "It is written AGAIN;" showing that passage must this wonderful history. It is this, that the life surpasseth all human understanding," which is in His retort, Christ showed that even Scrip- shrivel into emptiness and nothingness. like a wax figure in fine rags. Let us keep to consent of Scripture must be ascertained by the a long course of training, extending over four lame or impotent? We should think that every derness, our very breath may disenchant its reveals the mind of God in the words of God. after plea, and at the last almost positively would seem like a tomb! Who can forget the Scotch divine who adjured of sacred terms, all mere cleverness in the way in a napkin to hide it away. As it was, he

His Word, rather than trust to the poverty and | Times.

together baffles us sometimes. A good many The Sorrows of Genius.—Homer was a begyears ago I preached in the north of Ireland, at |gar; Plautus turned a mill; Terence was a the inauguration of Dr. Adam Clarke's memorial. | slave; Bothius died in jail; Paul Borgheze had At the luncheon, an ardent admirer of the illus- fourteen trades, and yet starved with them all; trious commentator made a speech, in which he Tasso was often distressed for five shillings said: "I remember a sermon of the Doctor's Bentivoglio was refused admittance into an hossaving change recorded in Scripture are of this expires, and she is free from the "little imp's" well. I remember his text as if it was only yespital he had himself erected; Cervantes died of nature. In these cases the suddenness of the exactions. That will be the term by which terday. That text I can never forget." (At hunger; the celebrated writer of the "Lusiad' this moment my doubt arose.) "That text is ended his days, it is said, in an almshouse, and, ness of it, only brings out more expressively the mother's love sees only a "cherub;" "an stamped upon my mind and time can never efface it." (Doubt growing stronger rapidly.) "It servant, who begged in the streets of Lisbon for We see this strikingly exemplified in was-let me see-it was that wonderful passage | the only man in Portugal on whom God had be-

BY THE REV. J. R. MILLER.

ago. Dr. Vaughan, now the distinguished and soul in the company knew what I was alluding to rest but in God. If for a moment the justly honored Master of the Temple, was then Vicar of Doncaster. Something of the nature of Doncaster. Something of the nature of Doncaster of Donc was doubtless overshadowed many a time by and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in shadow and burdened with daily repining and and peace. In weakness it turns to Him for held, and a public meeting followed. A report- On the other hand, incalculable good has been the popular gift of him who was only his mouth- prayers.—Acts ii. 41, 42.

ainty of human life, but that the programme most solemn tone, the preacher sonorously said, The lesson I get from all this is, that somewas followed in this exact order I will not be "A companion of fools shall be destroyed." thing more is required to influence men and rash enough to affirm. I should, indeed, have The bow was drawn at a venture. The arrow mould their lives : to make deep and permanent the more difficulty in believing such a story if I was directed by the hand of the Lord. The impressions on their hearts; to leave great and again, in other forms and phenomena. There is had not personally known things quite as in- clown was converted, and for many years he lasting blessings in the world; something more a body, but there is no such thing as mind indecredible. Especially in matters relating to the was a most acceptable and useful minister of the speech. There pendent of body. The dualism of constitucorrect quotation of the Scriptures have I known Gospel. A word spoken in season, how good must be a soul behind the musical voice, touched tion in which we have believed, and which lies and quickened by the very life of God. There at the basis of all our religion and philosophy, of this very Christmas a circumstance occurred A very striking instance of good quotation is must be great thoughts as well as fluent utterise a delusion. Out of the enormous expenditure which will show my meaning. A young girl, given in the life of John Bunyan. When he ance. In the preparation, therefore, for usefulwell schooled and of sprightly mind, said to me was pressed into military service, and taken ness in this world there is more requisite than like ingenuity, nothing is saved. The great on a Wednesday evening, "What are you going through the streets of the town where he had vocal culture. Our hearts must be trained. field of star-mist out of which our solar system

A friend of mine modestly amends apostolic behold her; now shall she be trodden down as true, deep, and abiding. And when the accents tific." There may be such a thing as the expressions under the slightest provocation, not the mire of the streets." The tradition is that of silvery speech shall have died away in the human soul—a spirit that has a life, or the that he wishes to appear clever at the expense of the woman was overborne by an immense crowd, air, your influence will still remain, a living possibilities of a life, independent of the body; INSPECTION SOLICITED AT WILMOT'S BUILD. the apostles—far from it, indeed !—and utterly and that she literally fulfilled the words of the light in the world. When the transfer of the power in the hearts of men, and an unfading but it cannot be proved. Indeed, it seems to be that may appear to be curt and abrupt in apos- The most striking instance of effective quota- life comes to be read, in the final and universal tolic forms. When he comes to the massive and tion is of course that of our blessed and glorious disclosure, many a noiseless, silent, unapprecinoble prayer, "Now may the peace of God, Lord. When He was tempted of the devil, He ated ministry will appear to be radiant and

All text-catching, all adroitness in the twisting refused to go. He almost folded up his talent

tors of divinity (how some of them dare use a emotions of thankfulness and love. I must not almost detached and ready for transportation. looking-glass I do not know), yet it is true that be understood as disapproving the quotation and And in the ruined Temple of the Sun, near by,

felt that if he did not say so he omitted an op- lines—they are summaries and epitomes of Di- Like failures are many human lives. Who portunity of saying something at once good and vine revelation. Go through any cemetery, read can tell how many men lie among the waste and memorable. Cruden failed to find the passage, all the epitaphs, and say whether even the best ruins of life, whom God designed to fill grand TICKING and TABLE LINEN, yet still something whispered in the doctorial of them is not small and poor compared with places, but who, when called, refused to go? mind that if Paul did not say that "cleanliness one line from the Bible. Look at the mottoes They folded their talents away and buried them, s next to godliness" Calvin must have said so, upon Christmas cards, and see how all other and forever they will lie in the quarries, pale or Wesley, at any rate. How difficult to cir- words hide themselves as if in shame when con- ghosts of glorious " might-have-beens," while the cumcise the theologic ear! I told a lady of the trasted with the hymns and ancient prophecies, niches in God's temple which they were meant!

confidence in my own recollection; she thought or as if some sparklet of earthly light attempted promptly and joyfully accepting every call of indulgence of all their whims and fancies. I it was either in Hosea or in James, and the the orbit of a star. When God speaks let all the our Master to His service, by putting ourselves does not take long for a new-born infant to learn moment she gave me so wide an alternative I earth be silent before Him; and when it becomes utterly into His hands, to be used anywhere, in that it is to be the chief ruler in the house. To esumed my confidence, and carried the battle to our turn to reply, let us quote our answer from any way, for any end, as He may direct.—S. S. be sure, it will be years before the babe can

We see this strikingly exemplified in the con- ing in the world." version of Zaccheus. It was a strange sight, Truly, a mother's love covers a multitude of

it was now or never with Zaccheus. Assuredly, tence, what strength of purpose can they be ers all felt that, whatever excuse Peter might have for acting in that unusual manner, the have for acting in the said, "it is all rest; for the have for acting in the have for a the have for a the have for a the have for a the have

RELIGION IN THESE DAYS.

BY J. G. HOLLAND.

Man's place in nature has never been so man shall at last all be refunded into the say his catechism, as found in the Book of Com- Is thy burden hard and heavy? do thy steps common stock, to be used over and over become a field of star-mist again; and nothing

course, if there is no human soul, their is Christ was, consciously or unconsciously, and pose of increasing its beauty. How noble the texts and detached expressions. He said, "It me with startling distinctness as I have pondered Christendom are vain. And this is the highest The one is like "the solemn temple," the other be compared with passage, and that the general of Moses, was, after all, almost a failure. After lead us. Can anything be imagined to be more

That this attitude of prominent men of science his hearers to refrain from reading Shakespeare? of verbal surprise, it holds in utter detestation. probably lost part of the blessing and glory that immortality, the nature of the human soul, and of a universe, he implored them to renounce their skill in making the Bible say exactly the It startles us to think that with another word faith of a great multitude, there is no doubt. ramatic reading. It would enfeeble the mind, contrary of what it does say. They are feeble of hesitation from his lips, the Lord might have Society is honey-combed with infidelity. Men t would corrupt the morals, it would inflame punsters by choice, or they are afflicted with that turned away and left him in the wilderness, stagger in their pulpits with their burden of the fancy; then, waxing eloquent, and heightenpeculiar obliqueness of mind which twists everysending some other one on the great mission for difficulties and doubts. The theological semining in sacred passion, he said—"If you read thing into the attitude of its own inferiority; which he had been trained, and that over that aries have become shaky places, and faith has hamatic writers, what will become of you when but true, massive, inspiring preachers of the great life would have been written, failure. taken its flight from an uncounted number of you reach 'that bourne from whence no travel- Word they can never be. On the other hand, And myriads of lives, with glorious possibilities, souls, leaving them in a darkness and sadness er returns?'" Thus he quoted Shakespeare to where the Sacred Word is quoted in its fulness, have been utter failures, because men and that no words can describe. All this is true. lissuade from Shakespeare; he called in Hamlet and according to the purpose of the Spirit, how women have not gone promptly to duty at the It is so true that tears may well mingle in one's to supply the lightning to his Scotch thunder; it ennobles the best of human discourses, and Divine call. God has made us all sovereigns. It is so true that tears may well mingle in one s ink as he writes it; but, after all, we have everything left that we have ever possessed but the very Truth of God, the waiting heart an- At Baalbec, in a quarry, lies a magnificent has never proved that there is no personal Far be it from me to say one word against docswers the mighty and tender appeal in great column, the largest worked stone in the world, God, no soul, no immortality, no Christ, and these are matters that we have always taken on even some of them have gone so far as to conpersonal enjoyment of single texts; on the consome of them have gone so far as to conpersonal enjoyment of single texts; on the consome of them have gone so far as to conpersonal enjoyment of single texts; on the consome of them have gone so far as to conpersonal enjoyment of single texts; on the consome of them have gone so far as to conpersonal enjoyment of single texts; on the consome of them have gone so far as to consome of them have gone so far as to conpersonal enjoyment of single texts; on the consome of them have gone so far as to consome of them have gone so far as to consome of them have gone so far as to consome of them have gone so far as to consome of them have gone so far as to consome of them have gone so far as to consome of them have gone so far as to consome of them have gone so far as to consome of them have gone so far as to consome of them have gone so far as to consome of them have gone so far as to consome of them have gone so far as to consome of them have gone so far as to consome of them have gone so far as to consome of them have gone so far as to consome of them have gone so far as to consome of them have gone so far as to consome of the gone of the g EVERY DEPARTMENT COMPLETE AT LOWEST tend (almost with querulousness) that the apostel tend (almost with all the fulness of God's light and love, in a contract of the place for which it was quarried to be filled to be place for which it was quarried to be filled to be place for which it was quarried to be filled to be place for which it was quarried to be filled to be place for which it was quarried to be filled to be place for which it was quarried to be filled to be place for which it was quarried to be filled to be place for which it was quarried to be filled to be place for which it was quarried to be filled to be place for which it was quarried to be filled to be place for which it was quarried to be filled to be place for which it was quarried to be filled to be place for which it was quarried to be filled to be place for which it was quarried to be filled to be place for which it was quarried to be filled to be place for which it was quarried to be filled to be place for which it was quarried to be filled to be place for which it was quarried to be filled to be place for which it was quarried to be placed to be touch anything that it confesses to be "unknowable." - Scribner for January.

OVER-INDULGENCE IS NOT TRUE BY MRS. HENRY WARD BEECHER.

Many parents imagine they are model guar-

dians of their little ones because they are willing reason about it, but instinct, if nothing strenger will soon teach it that crying is all-powerful.

CONVERSION MAY BE SUDDEN, YET Before one short month passes over its head, the perfectly drilled to instant and unhesitating their blood, and nobly did they bear the trial. Many look on all sudden conversions with obedience. Every one understands that there such suspiciousness that they will scarcely admit | will be no peace unless the little tyrant is rocked their genuineness in any case, not remembering to sleep, or constantly in the arms when awake. that some of the most remarkable instances of The hired nurse rejoices when her time of service change, so far from interfering with the genuines she will designate her late charge; but the classic land of Greece

in want; the death of Collins was through ne- free grace." When He came to the place, to the comfort or happiness of the recipient,

lay preacher of more than ordinary promise, who had a fine knack of delivering prepared discourses as if they had just occurred to him at the courses as if they had just occurred to him at the courses as if they had just occurred to him at the courses as if they had just occurred to him at the courses as if they had just occurred to him at the course that I can provide at any this look apparently, with the words accompanying it, did for Zaccheus; it imbittered sin to him, and endeared the Saviour.

What the look of Jesus in the half did for Peter, gence or pleasure that I can provide at any this look apparently, with the words accompanying it, did for Zaccheus; it imbittered sin to him, and endeared the Saviour.

It seems to be a centradiction, yet within my LEAVES FROM AN OLD BIOGRAPHY, fore gave instant obedience to the Redeemer's The teachings of childhood are the corner Falsehood.—It should be pointed out with stones on which to build the foundations of continual earnestness that the essence of lying is Doubtless that day of his meeting with Christ character. If these are laid in wisdom and in deception, not in words; a lie may be told In recent studies on the life of Moses there was the brightest and happiest of his life, and faithfulness we may look to see the superstructure by silence, by equivocation, by the accent on a hardly anybody knows it all. I have found it were many lessons that impressed me deeply. would ever be cherished as its very sunniest ture rounded and beautified by the lessons of syllable, by a glance of the eye attaching a a great convenience in religious controversy One or two of these I may note here for their memory; and reasonably so for while on the life's experience. But the mother who fosters peculiar significance to a sentence; and all morning of that day he awoke an alien and childish vanity and aids to develop the chrysalis these kinds of lies are worse and baser by many salutations and benedictions, reminds me of the superiority of great moral outcast, without help or hope, yet ere the sun into a butterfly of fashion fails no more signally degrees than a lie plainly worded; so that no sortment for the varioes departments. Our cussortment for the varioes departments. Our cussortment for the varioes departments. Our cuslead of the varioes departments and deficiently of lasmon lains no more signally degrees than a he plainly worded; so that no
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lead of the various degrees than a he plainly worded in form of blinded conscience is so far sunk as that accuracy. Nothing can be further from their seemed as if twenty voices were all directed towind and secular, with interal rondon, where some point of debate arose. It is a seemed as if twenty voices were all directed towind and an near of glory.

Why should not this, in large measure, be hood and youth from every duty and exertion cause the deception was by gesture or silence minds than to do injustice to any writer, yet wards me at once, and as if I must certainly go set somewhat in the background by his eloquent our experience also? The door of mercy is as as well as from all self-denial and care. Such instead of utterance, and finally, according to they put in and leave out words in the oddest to the wall. The moment was critical. Sudopen now to us as it was then to Zaccheus; and
over-indulgence will surely result in dwindled Tennyson's trenchant line, "A lie which is half I most come and read a most come asses, in- denly plucking up my courage, I said, "Your words of God, and Aaron spoke to Pharoah, and the welcome will be as warm, if we only come faculties, buried talents, and a disfigured a truth is ever the worst of lies.—Ruskin.

CONSCIENCE AGAINST CATECHISM.

Rev. Dr. Armitage, the distinguished Baptist divine of New York, was reared in the sharply and profoundly questioned as it has been | Church of England. Of course he was " made during the past ten years. The answer science a child of God, a member of Christ's church, and presumes to give, when it presumes to give any, an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven," by his the shop of one of his parishioners, asked abruptis not one which pleases or in any way satisfies so-called baptism, when an infant. He was ly, without even waiting for a salutation, "Did itself. "Dust thou art and unto dust shalt taught by the catechism and ritual of that church you expect me?" "No!" was the reply. themselves in man, in form and phenomena, of salvation. When he was about ten years of stepping out, was gone as suddenly as he came and the matter and force which have made age, he was called upon one day by his rector to in

"What is your name?" the minister asked.

"Who gave you that name?" "My godfather and godmother, in my baptism "-the child stopped.

"Well, go on, child." "Mr. Wilson," he said, "there is nothing

"Why, do you not know your catechism?"

"Repeat it, then." "I cannot."

"Why ?" "Because it is not true."

"What do you mean?" asked the astonished to bear it

"Precisely what I say." "Cannot you repeat it?" "Yes: 'wherein I was made a member of upon which he made use of the following bon Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of the mot :kingdom of heaven.' Sir, I was made nothing "Man was born into the world poor, naked and of the kind. Only yesterday my grandmother whipped me for being wicked. I am not a 'mem- And his progress all through it is trouble and ber of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of

the kingdom of heaven." "Where have you got these views, sir?" "Mr. Wilson, from hearing your sermon last Sunday week, on the text, 'Ye must be born And no more could I tell you by preaching a again," and you showed me that unless my heart light in the world. When the true history of proved that all the phenomena of what we call is renewed, and I am made a new creature in mind are attributed to changes that take place Christ Jesus, I cannot enter into the Kingdom among the molecules of the brain. Therefore, a of God. I am not a new creature; my baptism fo hath Christ left us, with the sacred charge belief in the human soul is unscientific. Of did not make me anything like a new creature." "Watch, watch, and pray!"

THE REVIVAL THAT IS NEEDED.

What the church needs is a deep and genuine evival of religion; not the presence of special religious interest in many localities, nor even in the sacred Word just as it is written. We can careful study of the whole. This is the secret laboratory and every scientific school, and than these, the church needs a revival epoch, a laboratory and saves from danger those that on Him call. spiritual awakening, that, like a tide-wave, shall When next Christ comes, in all His glorious roll over all church life, so broad, so powerful, toward the great questions that relate to God, alone can bring new life to a dead and formal "What! could ye not watch with Me one as to form an area in church history. This With a ponderous solemnity equal to the burial There are preachers whose celebrity rests upon the Christian religion, has sadly shaken the lite startles us to think that with another word to the control of the churchism, and quicken it with a power that the Christian religion, has sadly shaken the will save it from reproach. This alone can stem the tide of worldliness and skepticism May witness that return! Then "watch and spreading over the land.

And in this view of the case the outlook is after all, not so discouraging. God is neither reluctant or powerless to bless His church. That it is a time of serious moral defection and and rebellious liquors in my blood; nor did not of great wickedness is not a hindrance. A re- with unbashful forehead woo the means of weak vival is not a human agency. It is not stopped, therefore, by the barriers which would interpose power. If it be true that this is a time of un- through all our dictionaries, and can find nothusual immorality, of doubt and questioning, these ing of it. We have printed it 'the sound of a facts, sad and dreary as they are, may be but gong in the mulberry-tree,' and that must have

And as to the church itself. Neither its | Short as life is, it is the seed time for eternity. weakness as to numbers or influence is a hin- Whatsovera man sows here, he shall be reaping weakness as to numbers or influence is a find-drance to revival. It is a difficult thing to make spiritual work a matter of faith in God and not of confidence in human resources. Here again the history of God's dealings teaches us the lesson of Scripture, "When ye are weak, then are ye strong." The little gathering in the whole was a poor basis for the day of grace, the season of mercy, when endaring riches may be secured. Many have apper room at Jerusalem was a poor basis for during riches may be secured. Many have calculation of probabilities as to success from an earthly point of view; and yet they turned the came immensely rich in faith, in good works, world upside down, and by the spiritual power in bright hopes, and in a blessed inheritance granted to them planted the Christian church throughout the borders of the then known world. In bright hopes, and in a biessed inher throughout the borders of the then known world. -Illustrated Christian Weekly.

were assaulted by the enemies of the Master. but he who abounds in virtue They were called to seal their doctrines with

Matthew suffered martyrdom by being slain doing well, but is worth asking the Lord's blesswith the sword at a distant city of Ethiopia. Mark expired at Alexandria, after having been cruelly dragged through the streets of that It simply consists in treating others as you love

Luke was hung upon an olive tree, in the

John was put into a caldron of boiling oil, angel;" "the sweetest, most perfect little bless- but escaped death in a miraculous manner, and to earth, is only a stone. was afterwards banished to Patmos. downward.

> James the less was thrown from a lofty pinnacle of the temple, and then he was beaten to death with a fuller's club. Phillip was hanged up against a pillar at

Bartholomew was flayed alive. Andrew was bound to the cross, whence he He that is much in prayer shall grow rich in reached to his persecutors until he died. Thomas was run through the body with lance, in the East Indies.

Jude was shot to death with arrows.

Matthias was first stoned and then beheaded. Barnabas of the Gentiles, was stoned to death by the Jews at Salonica.

"IT IS ALL REST."-An old man was dying as by hostility; by wanting oil to our lamps, as everlasting arms are underneath me." - the soul!

sorrow, if to such cruelly-indulged children there too easily disturbed by external forces, finds sorrow for a misspent youth.—Christian Union. strength; in darkness, for light; in trials, for direction. Under all circumstances, it never fails to find in God an all-sufficient and sustain-

GEMS OF RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

drag wearily? Help to bear thy brother's burden; God will bear both it and thee.

Art thou stricken in life's battle? Many wounded round thee moan; Lavish on their wounds thy balsams, and that balm shall heal thine own.

-Mrs. Chalmers. "The man that has an empty cup may pray and should pray that it may be filled; but he that has a full cup ought to pray that he might hold it firmly. It needs prayer in prosperity that we may have grace to use it, as truly as it needs prayer in poverty that we may have grace

A minister of the Church of England, on rising in the pulpit on Sunday morning to preach, discovered that he had forgotten his manuscript,

And his exit from out it is no one knows where; But if well he does here, 'twill be well with him

WATCH AND PRAY.

In life's great garden we can roam at large, But still we may

Not lie at ease, but work while it is day Yes! we must watch, and while we watch must

Perchance this day pray!'--Churchman. Though I look old, yet I am strong and lusty; for in my youth I never did apply hot

ness and debility; therefore my age is a lusty winter, frosty, but kindly .- Shakespeare. successful obstacles in the path of merely human | An author having quoted 1 Chron. xiv. 15, wisdom or power. It is not a question of relin his manuscript, his publisher wrote to him in form dependent on human methods. A revival this wise: "We have been obliged to correct s the work of God. Omnipotence finds no bar- your manuscript. Did you ever hear of such an rier in anything that it makes the object of its instrument as a 'going?' We have looked

been what you meant."

RANDOM READINGS

FATE OF THE APOSTLES. — All the apostles who is wanting in goodness; and no man rich Whatever is worth doing is not only worth

True politeness is perfect ease and freedom.

to be treated yourself. Men of genius are often dull and inert in society; the blazing meteor, when it descends

The highest honor that can be conferred on Peter was crucified at Rome, with his head any man is to say that Jesus loved him. Yet this is an honor that all may possess, but which James the greater was beheaded at Jerusa- none can inherit without His spirit, and without

loving Him .- Albert Barnes. HEAVEN BETTER THAN EARTH. - John Newton once said to a lady with ideas of a pure Church: "Well, madam, if there were a perfect Church on earth, it would cease to be so

the moment you and I entered it." grace. He shall thrive and increase most that is busiest in this, which is our very traffic with Heaven, and fetches the most precious commodities thence. - Leighton.

Here we walk with God as a Saviour, and if we walk humbly we shall not go about to establish our own righteousness, but submit ourselves Paul, after various tortures and persecutions, unto the righteousness which is of God, and was at length beheaded at Rome by the Em- acknowledge that we have nothing to glory in before Him .- Jay. We may lose Heaven by neutrality, as well

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