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Exod. 35: 25-35. Topics.—Giving with zeal; Giving according to ability; Special skill given.

NOTES AND HINTS.

Connecting Link. - After the people had worshipped the golden calf, God withdrew the manifestation Tickets to all points in the United States into which he and Joshua might enter to receive his messages to the people. Moses went again into the mountain and received a new copy of the Com- man and the nation unto God.

received God's commandment to build a taber- been sunk out of sight under the weight of it the aspect of an inspired action. Then came that earth cannot destroy, and that grow more the other. In any circumstances, it may be nacle, with full directions for its construction, sympathy and of need. All who believe in a the illness of his wife, and we were permitted vigorous and wholesome even unto the perfect hoped that this revision, conducted, as it has convinced that whatever might be the case in and also for the ordination of Aaron and his Divine Father—Protestant, Catholic, Greek, to know the grief of the husband, and almost to day. Looking unto him who is both our been, with such singular harmony by the varisons to the priesthood, and the establishment of and Mohammedan, over the sea and over the here him say to his bosom friend: "I would Saviour and teacher, we learn that "whom the ous bodies of Christians in these kingdoms and all the religious services connected with the land—have sent to the bed of the President the give up all my honors, cheerfully, to save her Lord loveth he chasteneth." He does not under-New Brunswick Paper Company's well-known make of Wrapping Paper always on hand; in all sizes at mill worship of God. The people having been re- assurance of prayerful interest. Britain's Queen, whole weary day the nation knows that the proper company's well-known make all the religious services connected with the land—have sent to the bed of the President the land—have sent to the land—have sent t

out from Egypt, or made from the fleeces and Republic to make this possible. lars and cents, whether we give willingly or un- has become a household word.

Making it one of the most desirable stocks to select hearts will be greatly affected thereby. At the word of the Lord, spoken by Moses, to is master. That these teachings have had their precious stones. The choice treasures of every household were freely and cheerfully given.

There was above and through their prominence was assured before the awful of braided straw.

There was above and through their prominence was assured before the awful of braided straw. Moses' heart was made glad as he saw their in daily thought of him. enthusiasm in the good cause. Would that It must be that some of these petitions have the idea and beauty of our family life? What Two generations went from that church to make Christ's ministers might have like occasion for been faulty in spirit. The value of a chief other facts about General Garfield will survive the world better. joy now-a-days! Not that costly churches magistrate's life to a nation is very great. The so long as these family incidents? And the The other son also became a minister, and

so it is now. It is required "according to that to believe in the rule of a God.

leel was "filled with the spirit of God, and in by fear.

PREMISES AND PURCHASE YOUR GOODS controlled the children of Israel at this time, how prayers of God's people.—Ch. Adv. grandly the cause of God would move on in the world! What abundant resources would be

TOPICS FOR THOUGHT AND STUDY.

should give to God's service of such things as

they have. II. Willingness of heart makes the gift acceptable to God and a blessing to the giver. o be found in answer to God's call. THOUGHTS AND APPLICATIONS.

Arts and trades in ancient Egypt. countries.

THE NATIONS AT PRAYER.

tom had no experience of its benefit. No sympathy. As we keep the only Railway Ticket Office in the City, parties going West will find it to their advantage to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere.

As we keep the only Railway Ticket Office in the City, of his presence from them to be penitent, he directed lic meetings were needed to stimulate a waver.

Look at a series of events. On Inauguration magistrate called them to this exercise; no public meetings were needed to stimulate a waver.

Day, after taking the oath of office, in the presmourn. Seeing them to be penitent, he directed lic meetings were needed to stimulate a waver- Day, after taking the oath of office, in the pres-Moses to pitch a tent "afar off" from the camp, ing impulse. At once and instinctively every ence of a great multitude, the President reverinto which he and Joshua might enter to receive one who had a generous heart commended the ently kissed the Bible; then turning about he only

During his first visit to the mountain Moses signified its presence. Differences of faith have ous act of General Garfield, but events have given Then is the soul rich in the fruitage of blessings worship of God. The people having been restored to divine favor through penitence for their grievous sin, he now begins preparing for the work as directed. Being, apparently, desirous of proving their loyalty to Jehovah, they respond heartily, and we have in this lesson an account of their contributions for the work.

I. Giving with zeal. Without doubt God might have provided the materials for the taber- God's hands the life that has so long halted at she keeps a firm grasp upon her mighty hope. to know him and his truth by the doing of his nacle in some miraculous manner, as he sent the gates of death. No such spectacle was ever If we turn to the aged mother of the President, will-Illustrated Christian Weekly. food to the hungry people, but knowing that seen before. It remained for the age of tele- there is the same remarkable thrusting of her they had an abundant supply with them, brought grams and of wide admiration for a much-tried into the focus of general attention. We are

skins of their flocks, and that many of them | When all allowance is made for formal and have gathered the courage to tell her of the that it was better for them to bring forward authority have in making the assassination of so wicked and cruel as to kill my baby?' And their husbands said : these things and give them for his sanctuary. rulers detestable, there is still an immense bal- we are compelled to take this pathetic ery into It is no part of his plan to do for us what we ance of real religious devotion. Humanity is our hearts and keep it there—the great Presican do for ourselves. He gives us opportunities broader than nationality. Grand character re- dent figuring in thought and affection as his the influence of mothers upon their sons would Supreme Court, and the State Governments, and nence man, and shall continue to be so. All to use for him the powers bestowed upon us and ceives the plaudits of all peoples. The stalwart the substance gained by our labors. It is for soul belongs to universal humanity. President this reason we ought to seek to accumulate pro- Garfield's career has become known through his Nor are we permitted to forget her. There great." perty, namely, that we may be able to do more sufferings in every land where the press in its country the book that makes ENGLISH, SCOTCH, AND CANADIAN TWEEDS for him. Whatever we give to the Lord's cause sleepless energy is at work; and wherever there illustrious patient to write with his own hands, and two sons—dwelt in a small house, situated the difference between the United States and will be worth to that cause its full value in dol- is found capacity to feel and to admire, his name and the strength is used to pen a brief note to in the roughest locality of the rocky town of the kingdom of Dahomey, between American

> the spiritual influence of this exercise on our more remarkable when they remember the recent example of such giving in our lesson to-day. nature, prayer lingers only where superstition nation. such as were of a "willing heart," the people effect is proven in the literature of the time, on began to bring in their offerings for the taber- the lecture platform, and at the altarless fireside. purple and scarlet and fine linen, skins of ani- presence of a sorrow not to be comforted by It is true that the crime which prostrated him the half-grown fleece from the sheep, and in one were bought at too dear a price, and defended mals, choice woods, fragrant oils and spices, or human help, the soul rises above and through has brought out these relations suddenly, but week the suit was on the boy. The shorn sheep at too great a sacrifice to be so cheaply surrend-

such unmitigated blessings as to make he The "twin relic of barbarism" menaces it in by him. Baptist Hymn and Tune Book.

Book.

Service of Song.

Church Hymns.

Church Services.

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Church Hy ability. Men and women brought jewelry and doubt that some have felt the influence of seem to be a work of Providence that the family ornaments; women brought the products of the anxiety for national interests as well as sympathy life should be set on high, illuminated with distaff and loom; the rulers brought precious for a suffering man. It may, then, have been great lights, and burnished into glory at the stones; and so every one contributed of such the case that the prayer of some has been withthings as he had. Everything was acceptable; out submission. If at last the President should or the usefulness of these illuminations of our than one who has it not, or having, refuses to no one was deprived of the privilege of giving because he had nothing suitable to bring. And through the faultiness of their own spirit cease our strength and our joy. We are recalled to

> a man hath, and not according to what he hath But no such result will happen to those who tacle of happy families all over the land, where not." "Silver and gold have I none," said have learned how God hears and answers the in strong men and true women are growing up Peter to the cripple at the temple gate, "but prayers of his children. All of every faith who out of childhood. This one family set on high such as I have give I thee." And that is all have learned the way of true prayer pray in for a sign and a lesson represents faithfully a the gospel requires. "Such as I have," just submission to his will. They believe that if in vast multitude of families which are our best that and no more. How simple! Nor, indeed, our imperfect comprehension of what is best we security for permanence as a nation—our most need it be material substance at all. "Every pray faultily as to the burden of our prayer, he becoming boast—when we mention our claims wise-hearted man, in whom the Lord put wis- will grant the spirit of the petition in such way to the respect of the rest of mankind. - Methodist. dom and understanding to know how to work as to secure larger blessing to the suppliant than all manner of work for the service of the sanc- if the letter of the prayer had been granted. tuary," found something to do there, found that | And they believe further, that without this his skill was acceptable offering. And so it is prayer and submission the event would be withto-day. All the gifts and graces bestowed upon out light and without benefit. There can be no

AND CANADIAN MARKETS, If he is willing to give of such as he has, accord- prayer, and again hope came to all. Whether fruits of righteousness.

I. Men and women, subjects and rulers, Christian life.

THE FAMILY OF THE PRESIDENT.

Philosophers who try to explain everything in the growth of human society, adjusting their III. The men for the times are pretty sure may learn modesty from events that are trantheories to the unknown facts of remote ages, spiring around us and commanding the attention of the world. Why has the family of President Garfield become so conspicuous a feature of his II. The resources of Arabia and adjacent life in the presidency? The fact is unquestioned and very striking. And it had become such III. Divine inspiration in mechanical labor. before Guiteau fired that terrible shot. So far as we can see nothing had led up to it. General Garfield had been in public life for twenty or No one accustomed to observe the movements | more years, and it was scarcely known to the of the time has failed to notice, as the most public that he had a family. President Hayes striking incident connected with the illness of had a noble wife and interesting children; but President Garfield, the great outpouring of the as a family they did not concentrate the public spirit of prayer. The shock which the civilized gaze. Mrs. Hayes stood upon ther personal world received when the telegraph bore the merits in a remarkable degree, and was not so news of his wounding to all lands found instant conspicuously present to the mind as a wife and relief in supplication to Almighty God. And a mother. Suddenly as though an invisible this was true, not only of those who by habit scene-shifter had moved the curtains of the public had knowledge of its blessings, but of those who stage and readjusted its lights, a family in the through imperfect education and irreligious cus- White House becomes the centre of interest and

kissed first his mother and then his wife. We mandments, after which he called on the people for This circle of prayer has been constantly believe there was no precedent for this recogniwidening, until all but barbarous nations have tion of his family; it was apparently a spontanecompelled to hear her cry out, when at last they mother's "baby," the emotion enriched by the justify the remark : happy vernacular of a plain woman's language. cheer the distressed motherly heart yonder in Ashford, Conn. The family was very poor. | civilization and Bornesian cannibalism. If inwillingly; but our own enjoyment in giving and The thoughtful will consider this to be the Ohio. The President's children are scarcely A few acres of stony land, a dozen sheep and fidelity could destroy the Scriptures, it would in less prominently before the people; nor is there one cow, supported them. The sheep clothed two hundred years turn the civilized nation into

the contemplation and enjoyment of the spec-

THE FRUITS OF CHASTISEMENT.

men and women, all their talents, and all the question that in the flood of sympathy for the lightning-stroke out of the heavens, or as the and poor, and blind, and naked," though just acquirements they are enabled to make, are of suffering President many have felt that he must fading of a day of beauty into the evening now he is utterly unconscious of his sad state? value to the Master's cause; all can be used by recover. Those who believed him to be the shadows; but our hearts alike feel the chill and But, in general, the inebriate is only too conhim; all will be accepted by him, and he will herald and source of political purification have gloom of night. Those who have been through scious of his misery, and so also is the lukewarm feared the failure of this much-desired end. the severest trials are the ones who appreciate III. Special skill given. It is a peculiar feature of God's dealings with men and of his method of using them in his service, that he method of using them in his service, that he method of using them in his service, that he method of using them in his service, that he method of using them in his service, that he method of using them in his service, that he method of using them in his service, that he most fully the words of the inspired writer, where the mean in the most fully the words of the inspired writer, where the mean in the most fully the words of the inspired writer, where the mean in the most fully the words of the inspired writer, where the mean in the most fully the words of the inspired writer, where the most fully the words of the inspired writer, where the mean in the most fully the words of the inspired writer, where the mean in the discovery that the golden decade was between forty and fifty, the brazen between twenty and thirty, and the iron between fifty and sixty. The superiority of youth and middle life over often quickens their native powers and brings into action unsuspected resources, and perhaps, has helped to make the prayer for his recovery will spew thee out of my mouth!" This is then SINCE REMOVING WE HAVE OPENED OVER in some cases bestows new powers upon men called to new and great responsibilities. Beza- cause of this he still lingers where hope is chased we are told the chastening of the Lord may pro- cause of this he still lingers where hope is chased will spew thee out of my mouth:

Into action unsuspected resources, and perhaps, in some cases bestows new powers upon men imperious in its demands. It may be that because of this he still lingers where hope is chased excite the utmost alarm and urge to the greatest due to the still lingers where hope is chased excite the utmost alarm and urge to the greatest due to the still lingers where hope is chased excite the utmost alarm and urge to the greatest due to the still lingers where hope is chased excite the utmost alarm and urge to the greatest due to the still lingers where hope is chased due to the still ling duce the "peaceable fruit of righteousness." wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship," in order that he might take charge of the cation work as a charge of the cat that he might take charge of the entire work of building and furnishing the tabernacle according building according building according to the word of the Lord. With him worked On that dreadful Sunday when he lay without harden the will and close the fountains of symto the word of the Lord. With him worked the word of the Lord. With him worked the work of the word of the Lord. With him worked the work of the word of the Lord. With him worked the work of the word of the Lord. With him worked the work of the word of the Lord. With him worked the work of the word of the Lord. With him worked the will and close the fountains of symplest the will and close the will and close the will and close the fountains of symplest the will and close the fountains of symplest the will and close the fountains of symplest the will and close the fountains of symples are will and close the fountains of symplest the will and close the will and calls a man to a special work he will stand by of the surgeons, prayed with strong cries and the soul out upon the tempestuous ocean of him in doing that work; will, if need be, quicken his wits and stimulate his faculties, so that
he may successfully accomplish what he has
given him to do. So none need be discouraged.

If he is willing to give form the tempestatus ocean of
him in doing that work; will, if need be, quicktears. He passed that crisis in safety. A little
upon the surgeons, prayed with strong cries and
to a special work he will stand by
him in doing that work; will, if need be, quicktears. He passed that crisis in safety. A little
upon the shores of a fearful judgment to come.

Are there any considerable numbers in the
above condition? Are they rarely or often met
death. The religious world again turned to
learn the soul out upon the tempestatous ocean of
tion, even though fallen so low as to have become very loathsome.

Are there any considerable numbers in the
above condition? Are they rarely or often met
death. The religious world again turned to
fruits of righteousness.

Christ took your passure and come into the source of the surgeons, prayed with strong cries and
to a surgeons and the surgeons are surgeons.

The passed that crisis in safety. A little carry passions, whose waters of Lethe break
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ing to his ability; if he is willing to use the this be wholly in answer to prayer we cannot The product of this soul-harvest is called gifts God has given him, with a loyal spirit, tell, we may believe. It is of faith to use every "peaceable" because it springs out of an experi-God will bless him in so doing, and will multiply material help, while prayer goes on. But those ence of trust that is the constant shelter of a the value of the offering manifold, making it of every faith who know the way of prayer have love that is all-powerful and all-wise. The rich in blessing to all who may enjoy its bene- a right to believe, whatever be the event, that storm, however wrathfully it may beat, is but tion that we may satisfactorily know our accept-God has heard, and that the highest good will the agitation of a brief earthly day that is per-If, now, the whole Church of Christ were come-to the nation, and to the man and the mitted, we cannot always tell why, but it may possessed of, and animated by the spirit that family so long and faithfully remembered in the be to drive us out of chosen courses and eagerlysought-for harbors that would have been full of A great many mistake religious sentiment for in the peace that always abides in the upper after him; and the latter is as good an evidence P. S.—HOMESPUN CLOTH of all kinds wanted. laid at the Master's feet! What rich and varied a religious life. Because they are touched by skies, above the clouds and storms. It is this of religion as the former; for delight is not only like and two nne lads as ever the sun shown on. We had a comfortable home, and lived happily laid at the Master's feet! What rich and varied talents would be brought into his service! How speedily would the gospel be proclaimed in the speedily would the gospel be proclaimed in the speedily would be brought into his service! But we used to drink to make us under the rod to say, "Thy will, not mine, be complaint, desire—fear of losing the object; the speedily would be brought into his service! But we used to drink to make us under the rod to say, "Thy will, not mine, be complaint, desire—fear of losing the object; the speedily would be brought into his service! But we used to drink to make us under the rod to say, "Thy will, not mine, be complaint, desire—fear of losing the object; the speedily work. Those two lads I have laid in drunkards' sink into His arms, and surrender all to Him, every part of the world, the Bible be carried to think they have it. An impression is to them done." It is this that strengthens and develops complaint of our enjoying so little of it; desire every human dwelling, and the "good news" the same as if they obeyed it. To appreciate the spiritual nature, and gives the outlook of to attain and feel more. - Henry. told to every creature! Shall it not be ! It right is the same as though they did the right. immortal hope and promise. It is the root of

none more beautiful or more to be desired than Haeftenus.

that of humility. It is, indeed, a crowning vir- DEAN STANLEY ON THE REVISION, tue of life hid in Christ. As the inner glory that shines through and permeates the character of Jesus, it is both a proof of his divinity and the expression of gentleness in strength that brings his humanity close to our life of want. But how true it is that the things that pertain

to the earthly side of our nature are apt, by the

heavenward light, and the moisture of spiritual this translation rises to a level much above the harms one. The curse of Heaven rests on lazi-God humbles his children, but not to destroy them. The storm that beats down the rank growth of things that have their roots in selfishness and pride of strength, gives room for those of immortal worth. Who shall say that the hand but something may be augured from the history of disease. On the other hand, ingularly are among the most common causes that chastens is not a hand of love when it leads of that previous version itself. We have already and enthusiasm help digestion and respiration, out of the conceit and danger of self-pride and trength, and the inordinate exaltation of worldly planning and sufficiency, into the experience the Sovereign; it came in use, and by use it vigorate the whole system, and lift one into a and those kindred virtues that have their source

A heart resigned, submissive, meek, My dear Redeemer's throne; Where only Christ is heard to speak,

in the divine comfort and peace! When all our

hope is in God through Christ, how clear it

shines. When pride and self-dependence give

WHAT A MOTHER DID.

were "wise-hearted" and full of skill, he saw official sympathy, for the interest which all in murderous shooting of her son, "Asleep in change at the executive mansion soon satisfied

scientific challenge as to the efficacy of prayer. any better reading than the reports of inter-To give willingly, counting it a privilege to It has been proclaimed that the age of prayer is views between this father and his daughter and of a horse in ploughing and harrowing. Corn- right direction that the world has ever had, has be able to give something, is a means of grace past. It has been said that in the presence of this sons. Mollie has become a familiar figure, bread milk, and bean-porridge was their fare.

The father heiner laid wide by ill health the laids being and of Christian growth. We have a fine knowledge as to the inexorable character of and the lads have the sympathy of a whole The father being laid aside by ill-health, the attempt burden of supporting the family rested on the to destroy this book, yet infidelity, the loath-Here, then, is a President whom we have mother. She did her work in the house and some, leprous, pestiferous, rotten monster, and morose solitude; for a peevish, fault-findthought of as powerful in brain, rich in experi- helped the boys do things on the tarm. Once, stretches out its hand, ichorous with the second ence and consumate in statesmanship. But we in the dead of the winter, one of the boys re- death, to take the hand of this republic. Shall nacle. They brought of such things as they But it is also true that in the sense of the need are driven by events to think of him and feel quired a new suit of clothes. There was neither the bans of that marriage be proclaimed? It is like the hand of Ishmael, and receives an Ish had, whether it was silver or gold, or blue and of divine assistance which comes to men in the about him as a son, a husband and a father. money nor wool on hand. The mother sheared "No," say all patriotic voices, "our institutions

There was a holy zeal in the work. It must men have prayed who never prayed before. On eye. Is it not all new proof that "there's a of converting honey into gall. They are wellhave been an animating sight to look upon, as every hand it has been said, "If the President living room think with all not be known in every community, and should be treatthe people came from all parts of that vast en- is raised up, God must do it :" and those to ligious men think with all sobriety that God two sons walked to church. One of these sons married." - Dr. Tulmage. campment bringing their gifts and offerings. whom God has been as if he were not, now live raised up this man to embody in his career as a became the pastor of the church in Franklin, President—even though the career be cut short | Conn., to whom he preached for sixteen years.

II. Giving according to ability. This seems nation indifferent as to the occupant. The the West; the multiplication of divorces in the The heroic Christian woman's name was Deto have been the principle by which they were President may by his own will affect the gre test | East threatens its foundations; much in our borah Nott. She was the mother of Rev. governed, unless every one strove to see how interests of the country, and still keep w thin social habits tends to impair this foundation Samuel Nott, D. D., and of Eliphalet Nott, D.

But when a man who has and accepts his mo-

"Honor and shame from no condition rise. Act well your part—there all honor lies."

POOR, AND BLIND, AND NAKED," BY S. M. PALMER.

quences of the condition, in which we may be nor be fooled by shams. -N. Y. Tribune. Sorrow may come with the swiftness of a sleeping drunkard be "wretched, and miserable, resting comfortably. May not the soundly

diligence to recover lost ground; for, even to tion, like money and position, is mainly confined

the sight of God ? In this day who will ques-

A Christian is always on the perch, or on the danger. Blessed are they who know and rest wing; he is always reposing in God, or in flight

strength of their growth, to overshadow and older version, in all probability, after a faint sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise." struggle. In the Church it will exist side by side with the earlier translation, in the same way as the Psalms already are dear to Church men in two versions, neither of which excludes

A DANGEROUS SUITOR FOR THE UNITED STATES.

"A man must ask his wife's leave to be rich." -Annihilation." Infidelity proposes to swear "A man must ask his mother's leave to be hand on Paine's "Age of Reason," or Voltaire's untrue and without foundation." "Philosophy of History." It proposes to take

THE LAD AND THE MAN.

lad who speaks with affectation, and minces might be built, but that the gospel might be changes brought about by death in the occu- devout man has the surer ground that this then one of the most successful of College Presipreached everywhere, and all men might hear pancy of the Presidential Chair have not been apotheosis of our family life is very timely. dents. Hundreds of young men were moulded school, will be a weak chromo in character all his life; the boy who cheats his teacher into thinking him devout at chapel will be a man who will make religion a trade, and bring Christianity into contempt; and the boy who wins the highest average by stealing his examination papers will figure some day asa tricky politician. The lad who, whether rich or poor, dull or clever,

> Then get to the bottom of things. You see WRETCHED, AND MISERABLE, AND how it is already as to that. It was the student who was grounded in the grammer that took the practised firing every day last winter that bagged Very many who would admit that they were the most game in the mountains; it is the clerk omewhat lukewarm, will hardly be ready to ac- who studies the specialty of the house in off hours cept the consequence of such lukewarmness, who is to be promoted. Your brilliant, happywhich, with only a sentence between, is declar- go-lucky, hit-or-miss fellow usually turns out ed to be "wretched, and miserable, and poor, the dead weight of the family by forty-five. and blind, and naked !" We are not by any Don't take anything for granted : get to the means always alive to the condition, and conse- bottom of things. Neither be a sham yourself,

WHEN MEN ARE AT THEIR BEST.

Dr. Beard states that from an analysis of the lives of a thousand representative men in all the great branches of the human family, he made the discovery that the golden decade was be-The Lord's people are declared to be his por- tween forty and fifty, the brazen between twenty Are there any considerable numbers in the annihilated, they would be reduced to barbarism. little. The services in which a man engages do Has it always been as it is now-the tares and This period, on the average, is from thirty-eight the wheat growing together more or less ? More to forty. After this the law is that experience place, to justify you; he took possession of your pertinent than any of these questions is this one increases, but enthusiasm decreases. Of course heart, to sanctify you; he advocates your cause -just where am I myself as to my standing in there are exceptions .- Christian Intelligencer.

BAD WORK .- "I drink to make me work," again, to judge you. said a young man. To which an old man replied : "That's right; thee drink and it will make thee bidding you to go to God for strength. The work! Hearken to me a moment, and I'll tell greater your wants, the greater your encouragement thee something that may do thee good. I was ment to go to God for supply; for the greater once a prosperous farmer. I had a good, loving will be His glory in supplying them. He says, wife and two fine lads as ever the sun shown on. "Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it." graves. My wife died broken-hearted, and she with a joyful, absolute self-renunciation, let this now lies by her two sons. I am seventy-two confiding love swell and abound, till every figyears of age. Had it not been for drink, I might ment of distrust shall be swept away. For will be, if only every one will cherish a "willing heart" and obey its instincts.

Weeping over a book of martyrs, they almost the "peaceable fruit of righteousness."

What is a consecrated heart? It is a heart think as heroic as though they died at the stake which in every respect rests entirely content used to drink to make me work, and mark me it may be your rejoinder: "He that spared not themselves. They come to take what God has draw their sustenance from soil broken by trial with God alone, which finds no relish, nor tastes makes me work now. At seventy years of age I His own son, but delivered Him up for us all; planted in them as a substitute for a practical and enriched with the tears of sorrow, there is any delight in any thing in which he is not. — am obliged to work for my daily bread. Drink! how shall He not, with Him also, freely give us drink! and it will make you work!"

LAZINESS.

The London Times contains a long article on In the school, as in the world, far more rust the revised edition of the New Testament from out than wear out. Study is most tedious and the pen of the late Dean Stanley-his last con- wearisome to those who study least. Drones tribution to literature. The article concludes as always have the hardest time. Grumblers make follows:—"The general flow of the Sacred Nar-poor scholars, and their lessons are uniformly rative escapes any change which, except by "hard" and "too long." The time and thought microscopic survey could affect a cursory per- expended in shirking would be ample to master usal. Many of the changes are only expressed their tasks. Sloth, gormandizing, and shirking, destroy those spiritual blossoms that need a by the margin, but the margin, it is evident, in worry and kill thousands where over-study place assigned to it in the time of James I., and ness and gluttony. By the very constitution of not improbably often represents the impression our being they are fitted to beget that torpor of a strong and intelligent minority. It may be and despondency which chill the blood, deaden asked what are the prospects of this new version | the nerves, enfeeble the muscles, and derange taking the place of that which already exists. the whole vital machinery. Fretting, fidgeting, seen that the translation of 1611 never received and send an increased supply of vital energy to the sanction of Parliament, Convocation, or all parts of the body. Courage and work inwhere life is enriched with the fruit of humility still holds its ground. There is no reason to purer atmosphere, above the reach of contagion. doubt that, if the present version should win The lazy groan most over their "arduous a general acceptance it will in its turn supercede | duties," while earnest workers talk little about the old; first in private houses, and then by the exhausting labors of their profession. Of public reading in church. By the Non-conform- all creatures, the sloth would seem to be the ists it will be accepted as the substitute of the most worried and worn. "Go to the ant, thou

WHAT EX-PRESIDENT HAYES SAYS,

In a recent private letter ex-President Hayes says, "When I became President I was fully other countries and with other people, in our climate, and with the excitable nervous temperament of our people, the habitual use of intoxicating drinks is not safe. I regarded the danger of the habit as especially great in political and official life. It seems to me that to exclude liquors from the White House would be wise and useful as an example, and would be approved by good people generally. The suggestion was particularly agreeable to Mrs. Hayes. She had been a total abstinence woman from childhood We had never used liquor in our own house and it was determined to continue our home-Another suitor for the hand of this nation is custom in this respect in our official residence infidelity. It proposes the robbing of all the in Washington, as we had done at Columbus. graves of christendom of a hope of resurrection. I was not a total abstainer when I became Pre-Some one who has noticed the influence of It proposes to chisel out from the tombstones of sident; but the discussion which arose over the Jesus," and substitute the words "Obliteration | me that there was no half-way house in this matter. During the last three years I have been, We doubt not that a similar observation of in the President of the United States, and the in practice as in theory, a consistent total-abstithe witnesses in the court-room, with their right statements inconsistent with the foregoing are

THE HABIT OF MURMURING

It is an exceedingly sore and evil thing in itself. Like other habits, it grows by exercise and when it is once fixed, it leaves nothing to enjoy. Murmuring hushes the music of nature and like to march into the temple of a large and cate, all capability of distinguished things that ing temper has no place in those associations maelitish reward. There is no other disposition of mind so inimical to comfort, to usefulness, to piety and to God himself, as that which proand Independence Hall, "I did not start the who delight in railing, and make it a business duces a generation of croakers and complainers ed to "rosemary" or "rue," or some very bitter herb; for they do not care to be cured by the grace and tenderness and love, and patience and As the boy begins, so the man will end. The courtesy and cheerfulness of Him who delighted to do the will of God.

THE BIBLE THE BASIS

The Bible is the basis of the truest and best civilization. One of the reasons why is because it includes all ranks and conditions of society, from the highest down to the lowest of the low. No wonder the Lord Jesus should send back to John the Baptist in prison the following messlooks you straight in the eyes and keeps his "And the poor are having the Gospel preached age as the climax of his answer to all his queries ther's aid is more likely to "act well" his part who will last all his life, and holds a capital has simply guilded the upper crust, but carried which will bring him in a surer interest than heathenism and barbarism in its heart. The old philosophers of Greece and Rome fawned around the rich and powerful, but despised the poor and would have felt insulted at any suggestion to use their wisdom and talents to teach and in-Latin prize; it was that slow steady drudge who struct them. But Christ came to "seek and to save that which was lost." It is impossible to present to the world the spectacle of a redeemed restored, and refined humanity without due attention to its less favored and less hopeful class -the "pieces that are lost." This is just what Christianity is doing. It lays the right foundation for a stately and permanent edifice. It aims at cultivating the whole field without leaving any dangerous jungle in which beasts of prey may lodge, and from which they may sally forth to prowl and destroy .- Christian States-

RANDOM READINGS.

No child is safe so long as any child is neglected.—Oliver Dyer.

The qualities we possess never make us so ridiculous as those we pretend to have. La

What man loves he will pay attention to; what he does not love he will give little heed

Conscience and self-love, if we understand our

true happiness, always lead us the same way .--Religion that ends in itself is worth very

Christ took your nature, and came into your

before God the Father, to comfort you; he reigns on the throne, to command you; he will come Do you feel you are weak? this is the Spirit

all things !"-F. W. Alexander.