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long and dreary night, dim morning light. In the moonlight cold and sparkling gleamed have been ringing round the world ever since, the white and drifted snow. But the morning sunlight blended with the day that marks the advent of our Lord, we canhearth-fire's cheery glow. Chime, chime ; merrily chime, Bells of the holy Christmas time; Wake with your music the echces that sleep When the gray mountains their solemn watch past and for the future. keep; Ring out your gladness o'er hill-side and main ; Ring till the New-year bells echo the strain ; GOLDEN TEXT. - And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up. Acts 1: 9. Toll for the old year's record of wrong, Wail for its losses in aconized song : Wail for its losses in agonized song ; Chant a glad pæin for victories won, And an anthem of hope for the days that will beavenly host, had not the Gift thus heralded come. Flash, ruddy fires, in your roseate light, Weave us tair pictures of memories bright ; Golden and warm let the embers burn, Connecting Link -- In the Acts we have an ac-

A CHRISTMAS IDYL.

Oh, the winter winds blew chilly through the

Religious

count of the work of the apostles in planting the As the pages of memory's tablets we turn. Christian Church in many localities. Several les- Some of the pages are blotted with sin, sons are introductory in their character, but help Wrong has been wrought since the old year us to understand the rise and progress of the miscame in. Evil been done since the last Christmas time, I. The appearings of Jesus. After his Hands then unspotted are crimsoned with crime, esurrection, our Saviour appeared to his dis- Hearts have grown colder to truth and to loveciples not less than ten or twelve times. These Bartered for trifles their birthright above.

appearings were at times, in places, and under Tear-sprinkled pages, that whisper of losscircumstances which, taken together, form a Of wearing the thorn-crown, and bearing the mass of evidence so strong and convincing in its amount and character that no same man ought Pages o'er which bitter tears have been wept; ever to question its validity. Candid men can Pages on which the glad sunshine has sleptnot fail to see that the chain of proofs of the Pages so precious, the wealth of the seas, actual rising of Christ from the dead, and of his Never would tempt us to parting with these.

Deck the walls with green and holly ! Heap still more the Christmas fires ! Build your castles in the embers, Giowing turrets, flaming spires !

Bring the gifts of love and friendship, True heart-tokens let them be, One and all, with joyous faces,

Gather round our Christmas-tree.

GOOD WILL TOWARDS MEN. THE STARS AND THE BELL. On that Christmas night long ago, when the It was dark and cold at the midnight hour,

heavenly singers broke the stillness of Bethle-For Christmas Day was about to begin, But the Christmas bells rang gaily in the gray, hem, one strain in their song was the sweet The old church-bell hung high in the tower, words, "Good will towards men." Its glad notes And the stars came peeping in.

> The old church-bell hung high in the tower, and in this month of the year, in which is the And the shining stars, above in the sky. Laughed to themselves, as he changed the hour, not do better than tune our hearts afresh to the And winked with each golden eye. melody of the song. It is the expression of the

Father's feeling towards his lost and sinful race ; "Pray, what do you know about time?" they the key-note of all his dealings with them in the cried. "We were old when your earth was young, In all the discord, and strife, and discipline

And you could not number us if you tried !" of life, the One who knows it all and controls But the old bell held his tongue. it all, is neither cold, nor harsh, nor unmindful,

though perhaps in our pain and bitterness of Then the sexton toiled up the tower-stair. And his head was bowed and gray; spirit we may sometimes for a minute think so. We would perhaps dispute the matter with the But he cheerily called, "Old bell, up there, Ring out ! it is Christmas Day !"

furnished the highest proof. That Christmas Gift He seized the rope in each wrinkled hand, to us was dearer to the Giver, than to have pour. And pulled with a youthful might ; ed into our hands the wealth and abundance of

And the glad sound pealed o'er the sleeping his kingdom. In all the shining annals of human self-denial and love, nothing compares with And soared to the stars so bright. t; and in the face of such a sacrifice, that

" Ho, ho !" laughed the scornful stars again. "What know you of Christmas-tide ? filled with every supply and blessing men can We shone on that far-off Eastern plain Where a star was the Wise Man's guide.

than that, it is the open door into our Father's We saw the Child in His manger-bed, And the gifts that the Magi gave; We need to form the habit of thinking more And we shall shine when your voice is fledabout Jesus and leas about self. Self brings We shall shine on the sexton's grave !" neither rest nor strength, but it does bring

weakness and discouragement. More and worse "Glory to God !" pealed the bell, "for aye ! than that, it sometimes, with the most earnest Peace, peace to all human strife ! Christians, perverts necessary and holy exercises The Saviour comes with a gift to-dayof heart into a subtle and unsuspected form of And the gift is eternal life.

self-righteousness. It works perhaps under this O shining stars! unto you 'twas given guise in the Christian : "Oh. my wicked heart, To herald the Saviour's birth : my sin, my pride, my self-seeking, my worldli-And the praise and the glory belong to heaven, ness! would that I could be freed from them" But the joy belongs to earth." -a longing desire in every child of God; and

-Christian Union.

"THE MAN CHRIST JESUS.

"I have a friend, I cannot tell just where, For out of sight and hearing he has gone ; Yet now, as once, I breathe for him a prayer, Although his name is carved upon a stone. "O blessed habit of the lips and heart!

Not to be broken by the might of death. A soul beyond seems so less far apart If daily named to Heaven with fervid breath. 'Is one at rest with God, we well may think He overhears the prayer we pray for him ; Our father lets us keep the sacred link ;

The hand of Prayer, Love's holy lamp can trim.' the child say, "I am going to, some day."-A. accept the burden. B. B., in Youth's Companion.

SPEAK TO INDIVIDUALS SINGLY.

Disappointment is the teacher that has edu-In an address recently given by H. L. Hast- cated us in God's school. If no disappointments ings of Boston, he says : "It will be well for us colored our lives, they would wear an earthly to learn to speak to individuals singly. 'A con- tint. The man whose life is a stairway of trigregation of one' may be large enough to call umphs, upon each step of which he easily rises forth all our powers in proclaiming the great to a higher, knows little of his own strength or news of salvation. Often we may save sinners of the comforts of God. But he who, still lying one by one. If you had a bushel of bottles, and at the foot bruised and sore with the falls from wanted to fill them with water, you would not his struggles to do something grand, still feels think the quickest way would be to get a fire. that he has himseli pure and strong, and that engine and hose to play over the heap-especi- God is round about him, is being trained for a ally if the corks were all in-but you would be nobler life and a better world. The vine unlikely to take a single bottle by the neck, extract pruned grows no sweet grapes. He who is not the cork, and then by means of a funnel turn in cut by the knife of disappointments cannot have a little water at a time until it was filled ; then the most useful life. The statue lies hidden in take another and repeat the process. You would the block of marble ; the sculptor sees it there get more bottles filled that way than with a hose before the steel touches its whiteness; and his and fire-engine playing upon them. So you work is to release it from its stony fetters, and may be able to accomplish more by working let it stand forth beautiful and true and inspirsingle-handed than in crowds. You may preach ing. So in each little life as it comes into the the word by the wayside or by the fireside, for world God sees hidden a perfect character. He people need the same gospel in doors as out." strikes it with the blow of some great sorrow We need to have the peace of God in our own that would seem to shiver it into a thousand hearts before we can do much good to other peo- fragments ; he carves it with dissatisfaction ; he ple's heart; and unless we can rule our own smooths it into symmetry with the noble disconspirits, we shall not accomplish much in molding tent of each day, and he sets before us in love, the spirit of others. We noticed a blacksmith beauty and strength the character he has so uses a cold hammer to bend a hot iron ; and long been chiseling into freedom .- S. S. Times. plunges them into cold water. So, if you are Our Christmas celebration must keep in to influence others, you must keep cool yourself; ORIENTAL CITY GATES. and his work for us, can any rest or satisfaction joyful remembrance the divine nature of our if you get your hammer hot you will not be able In 1834, Dr. Thomson resided for several be found, and 1 d the man astray with the Lord. We must not suffer that view of him to to bend the iron. It is useless to undertake to months in Jaffa, and, to pass away the time, assumption that he must look for them in his be eclipsed; no, not even to be shadowed. fight the devil with fire; but if you have the frequently came out in the afternoon "to the own condition and exercises of heart; he will "Christ is God," must be the theme of our glad joy of God in your hearts you can smile at gate through the city, and prepared his seat in have peace and rest, he thinks, when he can look on himself as pure and holy; it is a most skil. to save. "Christ is God," and so he can save ful and unsuspected wresting of truth by the even unto the uttermost. "Christ is God," and king to spare the Christians from persecution, void place," and held an extemporaneous divan, adversary, but none the less fatal to peace. so, though your sins are as scarlet, they may be and was refused, said : "Sire, God's Church is at which affairs of every kind were discussed Christ is the "end of the law," "our righteous- as wool; though red like crimson, they may be is an anvil that has worn out a great many ham- and settled with the least possible ceremony. ness and sanctification," our only ground of ac- whiter than snow. "Christ is God," and hence mers." Now, if you are filled with the Holy But recently from America, Dr. Thomson was ceptance with the Father; and under no guise his power among men through all the long cen- Spirit, you can stand a great deal of hammering, greatly amused with this novel open-air court, must self be allowed to come between the soul turies, hence the "multitude which no man can and the world will mock and sneer at you in conducted amidst the din, confusion, and uproar number" gathered at the last "faultless in the vain; if you keep near the Lord you will ever of a thronged gateway-men, women, and chiltriumph in his grace. dren jostling each other, horses prancing, cameis growling, donkeys braving, as they passed in and out of the gate ; but nothing could inter-PERSONAL TESTIMONY. rupt the proceedings, or disturb the judicial gravity of the court. The scene, with all the sir.-but not by looking at itself; it "looks to the Easter morning, unite to proclaim the God, a commercial room one night, where, the party surroundings, was wholly oriental, and withal tikely they did not then understand what this Anna, the representatives in those dark days of lesus," and thus "lays aside the sin that so the manger-cradle at Bethlehem proclaims the being large and merry, it was proposed that had about it an air of remote scriptural antieasily besets it." The very process of the Chris- Man. Our Christmas festival may well be the each gentleman present should give a song. quity which rendered it doubly interesting.tian life, sustained by this faith, like that of the commemoration of the humanity of the Saviour. Many of the usual character on such occasions Harper's Magazine.

are held in high esteem among men have an exceptional influence, and so are weighted with an exceptional responsibility. It is probable that no other of the discipleship could have accomplished what Joseph effected. Mary Magdalene would have been turned away from the door of Pilate's palace ; Peter and John would have been answered with a curt rebuff even if they gained a scant hearing from the Roman governor. But Joseph's social standing was such that he could not be dismissed with a sneer and a frown. Men When the desire to meet the departed grows owe more to God than the great multitude. It in authority, by reason of their opportunities,

apon us, let us uplift our eye in faith, and like is well for them when they recognize the fact and

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lence it shows no flaw or sign of weakness.

Jesus rose from the dead, came forth from

Joseph's tomb, showed himself again and again

to his friends, sometimes to one alone, some-

"Tis the birthday of the Christ-child. For his sake we keep our feast, They that seek shall surely find him, Lo ! his star is in the East ! -Alice M. Guernsey.

> Barrow and the second second states which the second states are seen as a second state of the second s CHRIST'S BIRTH.

On the night of the birth of Christ a group soon after he rose from the grave Jesus appear. of shepherds lay out, with their flocks, on the ed to the eleven as they were gathered together hill-side. Some of them were keeping their and commanded them to remain in Jerusalem turn of watching while the others slept. St. until the Holy Spirit should come and impart | Luke expressly tells us they were "watching to them a high degree of spiritual power; when the watches of the night." To have received this should be experienced they would be quali- such surpassing honor from above they must hed to go forth into the world as the apostles of have been members, though poor and humble, the new dispensation and then they should be of that true Israel which included Mary and witnesses to him in all parts of the world. Very Joseph, Zacharias and Elizabeth, Simeon and greater blessing could have been granted to They must have been men looking out in their them. By it they were enabled to preach the simple way toward the invisible and eternal, truth with power sufficient to produce convic- and seeking that kingdom of God for themselves

to repentance. To this work they gave them- vealed in their nation at large. Only that mind plete in him"-not in ourselves; he meets and to take from it the comfort it is meant to bring knew no songs they would care to hear. In selves with an earnestness and fidelity that which has sympathy with external nature can supplies all our lack, and how great that is, only to us. Remembering always that our Saviour derision a gentleman present asked if he could made them exemplars for Christian preachers of receive in their true significance the impres-Il ages ; and this promise given by the Saviour sions it is fitted to convey, and only the heart to his first apostles is good for all their succes- which has sympathy with spiritual things can ors, that is, for all whom he has called into his recognize their full meaning. Poetic sensibility ervice since that day, and for all whom he may is required in the one case, and religions in the nereafter so call. This promise he has honored other. In each it is the condition of sincere nany times in the history of his ministry and emotion. The stillness over hill and valley, s ready to honor in its behalf while the world broken only by the bleating of the sheep, the year to come new and larger conceptions of the among men-Immanuel, Gcd with us ! stands. Nothing is more needed by the minis- unclouded brightness of the Syrian sky with its grace and blessedness of which the celestial ry of to-day and by all who desire to do service innumerable stars, and the associations of these choir sung : n Christ's cause ; nor will he refuse to grant it mountain pastures, dear to every Jew as the

o those who come unto him aright, humbly and scene of David's youth, were over and around III. The witnesses for Jesus. "Ye shall be With the ever-memorable anthem-the first witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all and last melody of heaven ever heard by mortal Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost | ears-the light faded from the hills as the angels parts of the earth," said Jesus to his disciples. went away into heaven, and left earth once own personal knowledge, about the case on thinking nothing of that which so supremely iness; "the truth, the whole truth and nothing vision, and full of simple trust, the shepherds

lisciple can do. For this work the Holy Spirit mother for themselves. will qualify them by giving them power to Climbing the hill, therefore, with eager haste, clearly discern and plainly state the truth. He they hurried to Bethlehem, and there found ever it may be necessary for them to do it, and ger, as had been told them.

picture of this first act of reverence to the new-IV. The ascension of Jesus. "While they born Saviour. Nor are they needed. The beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received lowliness of the visitors, the pure image of the story of his ascension as Mark tel's it to us. It their own simplicity.

Infancy is forever dignified by the manger of Bethlehem ; womanhood is ennobled to its puring honor in the earliest accepted homage to her Son being that of the simplest poor. A great teacher has pointed some striking lessons on the way in which the whole incident

hat it was he who had come forth from the was received, as St Luke relates, by those immediately concerned. The shepherds spread tions as to the method of that work. They also alroad the story with hearts full of grateful had time to prepare for the baptism of the Holy adoration ; the hearers wonder at it, but Mary ponders in her heart all that had been told her. There were more virgins in Israel, more even that he had with the Father. The world was of the tribe of David, than she," says the great ready in its spiritual experience for the coming preacher; "but she was the chosen of God. It

found a foothold, and the tempter has turned the mind away from the fact that only in Christ

then the feeling is : " Until I am free from this

sin I can have no peace or satisfaction." That

is true in every case ; but right there self has

good will" so sweetly sung, is the window

brough which we look into a divine storehouse,

under any circumstances need ; aye, far more

very heart and embrace !

and its Saviour.

The holiest believers, growing in parity daily, presence of his glory with exceeding joy." find no increasing satisfaction or pleasure in But there is also the human side of the naself, but rather more and more distrust. A ture of our Lord. The manhood is as truly his holy heart hates and departs from evil, and stead. as the Godhead. If the portents of nature, as As another Christmas comes to remind us of human. the love that brought Jesus from heaven to unite himself with our race as its Saviour, let mightiest among the mighty, "higher than the and choosing one of the well-known hymns, with this world's goods, but is addicted to strong drink, us dwell on how he feels toward us, rather than kings of the earth," exalted above the angelic its simple gospel teaching, and with a silent but says he will abstain from it after marriage, on how we feel toward him; and it may be hosts to the very throne of God-he also is hu- prayer that God would use it for his glory, he when he has sown his wild oats? I am an that in so doing, he will vouchsafe to us for the man! The Image of the invisible God is a man sang, as perhaps he never sang before. All orphan, and write you this for advice." Pome-

peace, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN."-Ex.

NOAH'S RAVEN AND DOVE-A LEGEND.

with a shrill cry, thrust himself forward before the fullness of God."

im out of their sight." This is the simple virgin mother and her child, are better left in his face, and blackened his feathers; and as a Christ's atoning work is not only for us, but in punishment for his forgetfulness, his memory as us. It has its result, not only on condition, but

aot easily conceive of any thing more natural. est ideal in Mary; man, as such, receives abidno father's pleasure in them. Frightened at ance of the saints in light. And this, in large common sense. The closer and more compactly

of their children.

offered herself as messenger. weight upon his conscience.

truly be to me a messenger of good tidings, but understands our wants, and enters into our feel- few moments of social converse when the meet- in the dark. The stars shine all day long, but QUEEN STREET, - - - FREDERICTON. of the Holy Spirit and he could abide in it for-when a second appearance of angels like that how wilt thou be able to perform thy journey, ings. We may be sure that we may take to him ing is over, and nothing helps the family feeling we cannot see them until night comes on ; and ever. It was right, it was fitting, it was neces-sary that Jesus should return to the presence of which she had already herself experienced, was

ily weakens the power and presence of inbred he hung on Calvary, if the open, empty tomb on A young Christian traveller found himself in natural life, is to throw out and off the disease Nor need we fear because some abuse this truth were sung. It came to the turn of our young tion of sin in the minds of men and lead them which was one day, as they believed, to be re- and corruption in the system. "We are com by holding it to the exclusion of its counterpart, friend who excused himself on the plea that he utter poverty and utter helplessness can express. is divine, we may also remember that he is not give them one of Sankey's hymns, and sev- follows: "Would I be safe in marrying a young

Now what does this mean? Is it not, first of there were moist eyes and troubled hearts. The ter get into your coffin, pull the lid down yourall, that we can understand godliness, even if spirit of jellity and fun was gone, but the Spirit self, and be consecrated to your mother earth, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth our human limitations prevent us from under- of God was there. Several gathered around our than marry the man who drinks. There are standing God? God, as pure spirit, dazzles and friend and thanked him for his song. He re- thousands of poor women made wretched by blinds our eyes with his ineffable brightness, tired to rest, grateful for grace given.

God in Christ is level to our comprehension. He had not been long in his bed-room when marriage. If you do not want to get into your What Christ was in those human years-obedi- he heard a knock at the door, It was opened coffin, take the worst obnoxious piece of old ent to the will of God, diligent about his Father's by a young traveller who requested permission meat that you can find, take it to your bosom From his floating ark, Noah anxiously looked business, submissive under trial, sympathetic to come in. He was in deep trouble. The for a husband rather than marry a man who is out, and waited till the waters of the deluge with sorrow, wrapt in holv communion, trustful song had brought back to his memory the debauched, degraded, and debased by strong A witness is to tell just what he knows, of his more in the shadow of night, knowing and fell. Scarcely were the tops of the mountains in all circumstances, faithful unto death-is the strains he had heard a deceased mother sing. He drink." which he is called to testify, neither more nor terested distant worlds. Wondering at such a forther of all binds of all b feathered fowls of all kinds. 'Who,' said he, that we should follow in his steps. Christ, as had been upon his lips, "What must I do to be 'among you all will be the messenger, to see if a man, shows us what our manhood may be, saved?" He was pointed to Christ, and retired but the truth." This they could do; this every had only one thought-to see the babe and its our deliverance is near? Thereupon the raven, shows us as well how we may " be filled with all with a brighter hope. Scarcely had this inquirer

left, than another knock was heard at bed-room all others, for he scented in the air his favorite And, then, is not Christ as a man a sympa- door. This time it was an elderly traveller. The food. No sooner was the window opened, than thizing Saviour ? God is sovereign, and we how song reminded him of lost peace and joy. He

will give them courage to do this work where- Mary and Joseph. and the babe lying in a man-he flew away and returned again no more. The in reverent but wondering awe before him. was a backslider, and the singer had the joy of ung a eful bird forgot, while feeding on carcasses, Christ is our brother, and takes us into his pointing another sinner back to a loving Sav. both his deliverer and his errand. But revenge heart of hearts. The work of God's redeeming iour. It was nearly two o'clock before he could was not long in overtaking him. The air love does not mean simply the entrance at the lie down, but it was with heart-felt joy and was still full of poisonous vapors, and dense last into heavenly beatitudes. This is its con- gratitude to him who had thus honored his per- not think that he could oreak off if he wanted mists hung around the corpses, which clouded summation, but there is much that precedes it. sonal testimony for Christ .- Selected.

> well as his eyes failed him, so that he did not on character. It not only lifts up the everlast- FRONT SEATS IN PRAYER-MEETING. their ugliness, he flew away and, for ook them. measure, is wrought through the sympathy of people are seated in a meeting the quicker and ings of great joy ... Unto you is born this day in The ungrateful beget an ungrateful race ; Jesus with us. He was a "man of sorrows, more potential is their sympathy. It is easier they are deprived of the best reward, the thanks and acquainted with grief." He was "tempted for the leader to get the meeting fairly started the Lord."

> in all points like as we are, yet without sin." when there is not a wide intervening vacancy Things which never could have made a man For eight days the father of the new world Physical infirmity he understands-hunger and between himself and others. The very fact of happy, develop a power to make him strong. waited for the return of the tardy raven, before thirst and weariness and pain. Human emo- walking well toward the front gives an emphasis Strength and not happiness, or rather only that he again summoned around him his featherd tions he has felt-did he not weep at the grave to the individual presence. Your being there happiness which comes by strength, is the end host, to select among their tribes another messen- of Lazarus ? Satan has assailed him as he assails signifies that you have come with a real pur- of human living. And with that test and standger. Timidly the dove flew upon his arm, and us. The burden of work to be done has laid its pose to be and to do what you can to further and the best order and beauty reappear .- Philthe interests of the meeting. They who occupy lips Brooks. 'Daughter of faith,' said Noah, 'thou shouldst Ah, we may be sure that the Man of Nazareth front seats will be more likely to linger for a There are many things we cannot see-save

thy wings become weary, and the storm over- every doubt and difficulty and fear, in the fullest formal meetings and conversation of those who need the dark to see them, and Gol kindly lets takes thee, and casts thee into the dark river of confidence that he can enter into our experience. exchange words of greeting and inquiry, after some shadow fall upon us, and we grumble at him for his thoughtful goodness ! It is hard for us to comprehend the indiffer-It is generally asserted that our custom of ence and apathy with which some regard the weekly prayer-meeting. Into the midst of our Christians gift-giving had its origin among the FAITH IN THE HEREAFTER. Of the widow of Charles Kingsley, a friend Use of the secular affairs and thronging cares, it lets itself like a Bethel opportunity. We have often gone to it feeling dull, disheartened, and ill at case custom is a beautiful one, and we hope will be followed .- Church and Home.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

A young lady writes to " Brick" Pomeroy as eral others cried out that they would join in the man whom I love, and who professes to love me, Blessed be God, while our Saviour is divine _____ chorus. He decided to take them at their word, and ishandsome, well educated, and has plenty of present joined in the chorus. Before its close roy answers about as follows : "You had bet-

RANDOM READINGS.

Discretion in speech is more than eloquence. -Lord Bacon.

He who waits to do a great deal of good at once will never do any.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men !'

Never was there a moderate drinker who did

He that can not forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must himself pass.-George Herbert.

"Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidthe city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ

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human history and experience until it should be which concerned her so nearly. But if we ask time for him to come again for a different pur. ourselves, was this pondering the words in her terfeit or imitation Hop BITTERS, especially Bit pose. The cloud that received him still veils heart already the true taith that carries the ters or preparations with the word Hop or Hops him from our sight, but by and by he will come blessing, the fruitful seed of a personal relation the weary, and supported the feeble? Let me in their name or connected therewith, that is in- again in power and glory and manifest himself to the Saviour ? did Mary already believe, firm-

His mission to earth was accomplished ; he died.

he rose from the dead, he remained on earth

long enough to satisfy those who were to take

up the work he had begun and carry it forward,

grave, and, also, to give them all needful instruc-

Spirit. There was no longer any necessity for

his remaining on earth, away from the glory

THOUGHTS AND APPLICATIONS.

I. The resurrection of Christ proves the truth of the Gospel.

II. The gift of the Holy Spirit confers power

III. We may be witnesses for Christ.

TOPICS FOR FURTHER STUDY.

I. The proofs of Christ's resurrection. 11. His appearings after the resurrection. III. The conditions on which we may receive the Holy Spirit.

OHRISTMAS BELLS.

Ring, sweet bells of Christendom, Far and near the tidings tell, How the Lord to earth did come, Ring, and tell !

Still the Christmas angels sing " Glory be to God Most High !" The eternal echoes ring, " God Most High !"

Lift your songs in unison, " Peace on earth, good-will to men !" Mingle song and lite in one Wide " Amen !" -The Appeal.

his Father, there to await the development of seen, she should ponder in her heart their words,

ly and immovably, that the Saviour of the go: I will assuredly be a messenger of good

world should see the light of life through her? tidings to thee." -the Gospels leave us too clearly to think the

inner personal nearness to the Saviour; and it was so with Mary. She reached it only, like us all, through manifold doubts and struggles of heart, by that grace from above which roused in the scented the odor of Paradise. heart by that grace from above which roused in the scented the odor of Paradise.

satchelite to satchelite, and from seraphene to seraphene, and from cherrybeam to cherrybeam, "It is most certain that ill tongues would be They pass out of our sight for a little time, heaven."

and a consider the state of the state

death? Also thy feet shrink from mud and and do for us just what we need .-- Illustrate ! the hour of prayer. dirt and thy tongue loathes unclean food.'

'Who,' replied the dove, ' giveth strength to

She flew away, and wandered about hither wavered between him and his brethren, who did arose to view the mountain of Paradise with its perfect faith in the hereafter often appears when strengthened. The Master is there, and gives wavered between him and his brethren, who did not believe in him; when she went out with them to draw him away from his course and deluge had no power to come, and this refuge them to draw him away from his course and deluge had no power to come, and this refuge them to draw him away from his course, and delage had no power to come, and this thing. The other day, a fittle baby went out of this sciousness in a prayer-meeting, we cannot exbring him ack to her narrower circle of home life, as one who was hardly in his right mind. Firm, unwavering trust, that knows no passing cloud is a work of time with all who have an cloud, is a work of time with all who have an leaf from the tree, and hastened back strength-Two or three days after the little one had tian can afford to be intermittent in attendance.

heart, by that grace from above which roused Then his heart was revived within him, and the "O Emily, I do want to see dear little Lottie her, ever anew, and led her on from step to green leaf of peace refreshed his spirit until his so much! How glad I shall be when I can,

Saviour hin.self app-ared to him, confirming the for I am going to some day." good tidings of the dove.

took his audience on this wonderful flight of of love and peace. Her wings shine like silver, vast heaven into which our loved ones pass out life has its irresistible influence for good in Once more, has the year rolled

pansive that it can soar from star to star, from | -From the German of Herder.

and from thence to the center of the doom of silent it ill ears were not open, and hence it was but remember the eternal reunion !

an apposite saying of the ancients that the teller A friend says that those she loved and lost The young man's mind was considered too and hearer of slander should both be hanged - seem nearer to to her if she daily names them expansive for the practical work of the min- the one by the tongue and the other by the in her prayers. Heaven may be nearer than ears."-Southey. we think.

Christian Weekly.

says, " Her faith in a reunion with her lost one to it feeling dull, disheartened, and ill at ease

William Taylor tells of a young preacher who Since then the dove has been the messenger and around us, lie the clouds, beyond them the men of high station. The humblest Christian says the Psalm-a glimmer still of the glory of of our sight. Yet, if we hope to meet and be some measure and in certain directions. A man "Yes, my friends, the mind of man is so ex- Paradise which revived her in her wanderings. reunited once more, we shall; if by patient need not be nobly born, or distinguished for

GLEANINGS.

And who can doubt it ! Everywhere, above emphasized the power of a religious character in As we look at Joseph of Arimathea we see

waiting and long serving we fit ourselves for talent and wealth in order to do brave work for Once more, once more, comes the heavenly God. *

> "The coarsest reed that trembles in the marsh. If heaven select it for its instrument, May shed celestial music on the breeze As clearly as the pipe whose golden tip Batits the lip of Phoebus."

Let sinned against and sinning Forget their strife's beginning, And join in friendship now ; Be links no longer broken, Be sweet forgiveness spoken Under the holly bough. Let not the useless sorrow Pursue you night and morrow, If e'er you hoped, hope now ! Take heart, uncloud your faces, And join in our embraces. Under the holly bough. -- Charles Mackay.

round

To the Saviour's sacrifice ;

sound From the walls of Paradise : Glory to God !" sing the choir above, And earth rolls out her "Amea"___ "Glory to God in the highest love ! On earth peace ! Good-will to men !"

And yet it remains ever true that those who | ' Christmas is here ! Christmas is here !"

