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"THAT COD IN ALL THINGS MAY BE CLORIFIED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST."-Peter.

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The Intelligencer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON. - June 4. (For Questions see Star Quarterly and Lesson Papers.) THE TRANSFIGURATION.

DAILY READINGS. The transfiguration. Mark 9:2-13. Matthew's account. Matt. 17:1-12, Moses' transfiguration. Exod. 34:29-35. Christ on Patmos. Rev. 1:10-18, Isaiah's vision. Isa. 6:1-13. Luke's account. Luke 9:28-37. Peter's testimony. 2 Peter 1:15-21.

MARK 9: 2-13.

(Revised Version.)

And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter and James, and John, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart by themselves; and he was transfigured before themselves; and he was transfigured before
3 them; and his garments became glistering,
exceeding white; so as no fuller on earth
4 can whiten them. And there appeared
unto them Elijah with Moses; and they
5 were talking with Jesus. And Peter
answereth and said to Jesus, Rabbi, it is
good for us to be here and leave the

good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for 6 Moses, and one for Elijah. For he wist no what to answer; for they became sore afraid. 7 And there came a cloud overshadowing them: and there came a voice out of the 8 cloud, This is my beloved Son: hear ye him. And suddenly looking round about, they

saw no one any more, save Jesus only with 9 And as they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, save when the Sou of Man should have risen 10 again from the dead. And they kept the

saying questioning among themselves what the rising again from the dead should mean. 11 And they asked him, saying, The scribes 12 say that Elijah must first come. And he said unto them, Elijah indeed cometh first, and restoretb all things: and how is it written of the Son of Man, that he should suffer many things and be set at nought? 13 But I say unto you, that Elijah is come, and they have also done unto him whatsoever

they listed, even as it is written of him. Topics—The transfiguration. A heavenly voice. Rising from the dead. A question and an auswer. NOTES AND HINTS.

Parallel passages, Matt. 17: 1-13; Luke 9

the world's history. Nothing like it ever tran- throne of grace? spired elsewhere. It stands alone, unique and As Government officers going about with cease." Manufacturers' Agents
Fredericton, N. B. | Ciples about himself, the current opinions of men | Spirits and such things, these scientific folk of the dear old body sitting in her kitchen before Peter forgetting, if he had ever understood, the and nerve, the whole being bent and breathing From the indelible nature of these holy memtrue mission of Jesus to this world, and forget- from every angle and point of expression, make ories, may we not learn the danger of placing 'tabernacles" that they might remain there, will the Lord!

that, rather than not answer us according to a may be expected to possess more power, "to sublime and soaring and sanctified faith, God his ecstatic condition, they were wrapped about would to day as quick as ever he did fill the this ecstatic condition, they were wrapped about would to-day, as quick as ever he did, fill the may have only holy remembrances of our lives? with a cloud, perhaps that they might not wit- earth with miracles before the eyes of all obness the leave-taking of the visitors from another servers. How can there come a revival of reliworld. But in the midst of the cloud they gion until there has first fallen on the people of heard a voice, saying, "This is my beloved Son, God a revival of faith in the efficacy of prayer? A young woman of unusual strength of charhear him." It was a repetition of the testimony until pulpits and pews shall cease enlarging on acter—especially strength of will—desired to be given years before, at the Jordan side, by the divine Father to his only-begotten Son. There ought to be no more doubt among men as to who ought to be no more d given years before, at the Jordan side, by the soulless evolution, to turn expectingly to him received as a candidate for baptism. She frankly given to them is good for all the church which they represented; the true disciples of the Lord Jesus "Hear him." He spoke for ages. He

IV. A question and an answer. In their church," as his eternal heritage. Malachi, and had, no doubt, many times denied will be glorious in its moral excellence, and glo- erness, and not a little success.

11. The Law and the Prophets harmonize with the Gospel.

TOPICS FOR FURTHER STUDY. I. The glorification of Christ's body. II. The relation of spiritual ecstasy to prac- hearts and tries the reins? tical Christian work.

Conversation with a Clergyman. BY J. L. WINTHROW, D. D.

We come to him without heart, and go away his own glory, without fault, before the throne without hope. We do not half ask for any fa- of God.

higher wisdom to stand in the way of an answer and with exceeding joy .- The Christian. just as we ask! It takes no more notice of the fixedness of natural laws as preventative of a response, than a child does of anything being too strong for his father to overcome. The little and ousiness embarrassments. Liberated from as to our words and deeds. minds me of a horse tramping all day in a tread- of unconscious influence.

take no for an answer." not whisper, nor merely recite the matter to and folded handkerchief in her hand.

about a week after the events of the last lesson. as my neighbor; for all achievements and en-We are not told where Jesus and his disciples spent the time, but probably near Cæsarea Philippi.

as my neighbor; for all achievements and endeavors of the higher sort, who does not lack the time, but probably near Cæsarea Philippi.

as my neighbor; for all achievements and endeavors of the higher sort, who does not lack the time, but probably near Cæsarea Philippi.

The sense of the sin of wandering thoughts the property of the higher sort, who does not lack the probably near Cæsarea Philippi. I. The transfiguration. The event which'is adversary so succeeded of late times as in forg- more deeply than by any admonitions since rehere described is one of the most remarkable in ing fetters on our freedom of approach to the ceived. Betsey's example has been "always in

concerning him, his approaching death and our time want to subject our faith in prayer to a table scoured as white as strength and skill resurrection, and the conditions of discipleship a gauge. And when done they say it is vapid | could make it, on which stood her lighted lamp, to be met by those who would be numbered and valueless, and how much too hasty we are her little work-box, and her Bible or prayeramong his followers. After this he and the to admit their conclusions! Think how the he- book. The floor had been likewise scoured, three who were admitted to his most sacred ex- roes of the Hebrew time shame our stammering and, as was her custom, ornamented with divers, periences withdrew to a neighboring mountain supplication and limping assurance! Was not and both to her eyes and mine, beautiful figures engaged, as Luke tells us, there came over him law? But how little that hampered his faith still damp. such a change as no human being experienced. when he spread abroad his hand toward heaven I had been intrusted with a small pitcher to POCKET BIBLES, His body became as it were, a luminous center; asking God to stay a plague; or when he fetch water to my mother. Oh, what a sense he seemed to lay aside for a time the material stretched it over the Red Sea to have it roll of importance swelled my childish bosom! body which he had worn among men, and to back into heaps. As Peter displays such knowenjoy for a time the freedom and glavy of his believed to the premises."

Watch for experimental the premises "Watch for experiments to do the premises " enjoy for a time the freedom and glory of his ledge of astronomy in his epistles, we fairly supown spiritual body. This marvelous sight the ledge of astronomy in his epistles, we fairly supledge of astronom own spiritual body. This marvelous sight the pose he understood the laws of gravitation. The wide pasture is but separate spears three chosen witnesses were permitted to see But he did not begin in hereble developed. The wide pasture is but separate spears the feet of Jesus in hereble developed the laws of gravitation. three chosen witnesses were permitted to see. But he did not hesitate to believe that Christ stroying those wonderful figures in its track. It ought to have settled forever all question in could save when he cried, "Lord, save, or I be in the vine; the labor of the let the Martha side of your piety be ever abounding in the work of the Lord. Let us not the first of the Lord. their minds as to the personality and character perish." We suppose they who often heard your pretty floor!" But little cared she for because for prayer our even for watchfulness our their minds as to the personality and character perish." We suppose they who often heard of Jesus. Nor was this all that they saw. There stood, also, with their Master, two whom they stood, also, with their Master, two whom they stood, also, with their Master, two whom they stood and there shall be no purses for liberal giving, our tongues for confession distress. It stood, also, with their Master, two whom they from his naturally eloquent tongue. Dull, hurt, and soothed my alarm and distress. It somehow came to know as Moses and Elias, the prosy, nor pretty prayers effect any thing. seemed to me then wonderful kindness, and I will joy in the God of my salvation." Learn law-giver and the prophet of the old dispensation. Starving people do not spend strength to frame got another lesson, still remembered. How to live by faith; no class of people need the got another lesson, still remembered. How Books of Devotion, Prayer and Praise. In rapt astonishment they listened while these support of faith and hope more than the aged.

Baptist Hymn and Tune! Church Hymns, Presby-Baptist Hymn and Tune Church Hymns. Presby- men and their Master talked together of his The eye asks before the tongue utters the ach- and minds of children in their necessary contact. Work while Church Services. Prayer decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem. ing need. Posture of body, rigidity of muscle with servants!

A GLORIOUS CHURCH.

of Christ to "present it to himself, a glorious the theatre.

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III. It is enough for us to have communion of the ungodly; there are spots which the I never mean to go again." sight of him whose eyes are as a flame of fire; to all Sabbath school teachers. There are indulwho reads every thought, and who searches the gences which might not, perhaps, be perilous to There is a past which has gone forever, but

and a substitute of the substi

may be vile in the eyes of the all-seeing Lord. Such was the church of Laodicea, rich, prosperous, and contented, but in the sight of the

Who does not confess to himself that someLord loathsome and defiled. But Christ is to day to pass without speaking to some one on hear a short story about some of the little folks flictions of the Lord. When I went in she was making any about some one on hear a short story about some of the little folks flictions of the Lord. When I went in she was making any about some one on hear a short story about some one on hear a short story about some of the little folks flictions of the Lord. times he cannot take a matter with an earnest- present unto himself a glorious church. He ness of request to the Giver of all good? A will at last be satisfied with his redeemed peomention may be made of it. A half-formed pe- ple. The last spot removed, the last stain tition may be presented. But, possibly because purged, the church redeemed, purified, glorified. we are not certain whether it were good to have to stand faultless in the presence of her King, him grant it, we are restrained in supplication. robed in his own righteousness, crowned with

vor when our request has in it no groanings, Are we included in that spotless church? Or The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and are we so spotted and defiled that we should be the violent take it by force." The good singer rejected and cast out from that glorious fellow-Golden Text.—"And lo, a voice from heaven, saying This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."—

Matt. 3: 17.

My voice!" Not the noise, but the eloquence of his need, is the key-note that we catch.

Ship! Let us lay our hearts bare before the Lord, and so seek to know his mind and do his stranger, and said.

"May I ask if Liberty in prayer admits of nothing but God's accepted in the prosence of his glory, faultless,

OLD BETSEY.

one teases you for money. You show it a pock- As I sat listening to an impressive sermon book with but a penny or two in the bottom. based on the text (2 Peter I: 15), "I will en- hope of entering heaven. After a few more "Why, that is easy enough to tell," said No such device satisfies it for proof of a parent's deavor that ye may be able after my decease to words had passed between then' they parted, Charlie. I took that pole for my mark and penury. What child but thinks you are the have these things always in remembrance," my the Christian fearing that he had given offence, kept my eyes on it, and never looked down once." looking at the wrong side of God's workings with strongest man and the richest man, as well as mind went back over many years, and recalled out carrying the matter to the closet for earnest the kindest man in town? All because you are the memory of Old Betsey. The preacher's ap- prayer. the child's father! The best faith in God soars | plication of the words of his text was, that as

in manner. She was a member of the Episco- saved?" age, and instead of worrying your invention out can distinctly recall her image, as each Sunday days the stranger was rejoicing in hope of parin getting invitations to vacant Churches, you she started to church in her simple black dress don. He became an earnest and devoted Chrisand your wife unite to 'cry unto the Lord.' Do and close-fitting bonnet, with her prayer-book tian.

over all issues, agencies, and events, that I esteemed it a special privilege when she a little christian boldness be of service in reach cry to him to interfere in this event; to employ came into the sitting-room to join in family ing the hearts of others?—Watchman, suitable agents in your behalf, and to bring in worship, modestly sitting down close to the the best issue. Pray as if you had no other door, to be occasionally permitted to leave my helper. Think not of this or that influential little chair at my mother's side, and take a seat friend. Put far from you the vision of big men on Betsey's lap. When the family knelt she and bureaus until something more important is would place me on her chair, and kneel before me. As my father's voice led in prayer, she, in He said he would, and we hope he will. But a whisper, low and devout, would repeat each His mercy and faithfulness. Your afflictions the truth is, I needed the counsel for myself; word. Her manner impressed me, and I felt, Connecting Link.—The transfiguration occurred and every reader of this may need it as much almost babe as I was, that I ought in like man-

liberty in prayer? In nothing I know has the in prayer was thus early impressed on my mind

ting all others, said, "It is good to be here," it absolutely sure that if you have bread to give even very little children under the care of which was true enough, and proposed building you will supply at once this starving man. So Romanists, and still more of those who are rude, aged persons to relinquish their usual pursuits harsh, or vulgar? If a poor servant can deeply which, however pleasant it might have been for In a large sense the days of miracles are over. engrave the heart of a child, does it not behoove them, would have been selfish and unhelpful to But it belongs to a disciple of Christ to believe us, who by superior education and assoications being accustomed to activity is miserable in a constant of the selfish and unhelpful to be used to

DOUBTFUL INDULGENCES.

to interdict, that she did not propose in the future to abandon. One of these was attendance accomplished hypocrites of ourselves but not fruit." So he held out his hand and received the scientification of these was attendance accomplished hypocrites of ourselves but not fruit." So he held out his hand and received the scientification of these was attendance of life can excuse

A church that is glorious in her own eyes, to others. For God's sake, let them alone. Robertson

A GOOD DAYS WORK.

the subject of personal salvation. He felt that who live on the prairies of Western Iowa. his purpose had not been kept. The day had was early in the winter, and cold weather had gaged at?"

felt that here was the last opportunity of reling snow balls or snow men, and were all having a Christmas gift." trieving the failure of the day. He stopped, a very good time when Johnnie cried out. of the psalm said, "I cried unto the Lord with ship? Let us lay our hearts bare before the put his hand gently on the shoulder of the "Let's make a wheel!

But the Christian replied, kindly, that they track. could not be indifferent whether others had a good keep your tracks so straight?"

Three months after, he had just retired for yours. Why was that?" clear out of hearing of these chattering doubts, each individual must leave an influence behind the night, at his boarding house, when a knock "Because you kept looking at us," said the and in the end a beautiful work. Be not afraid: terfere in our family affairs and Church affairs we should take heed to our manner of life, both wanted and a gentleman, replied, he would like mark. to see him. He dressed rapidly, and on opening So remember this, boys and girls too. You walketh in the darkness and seeth not the light, the bondage and repetition of debate about phy
My simple story will, I think, illustrate not the door, recognized the stranger met at the all have a path to make, and the steps are your yet trust in the Lord God.—Dr. Pentecost. sical laws—which, for the dreariness of it, re- only the preacher's theme, but also another, that lamp post. The latter grasped him convulsively actions. They will show more plainly than you by the hand, and said: "The question you think. Better begin right then, and make a mill, and landing at night just where he started Betsey was cook in our family when I was put to me, 'Do you love the Lord Jesus Christ?' determination to live a Christian life, asking help in the morning—there is a better freedom for between three and five years of age. She was has been ringing ever since in my ear, and I from the Lord, and doing all the good you can.

Those few words spoken at the lamp post him, but in the largest liberty of belief in his Her uniform kindness won my little heart, so were the means, of saving his soul. Might not It is not sufficient answer to this question to

may have been many and sore, and your present circumstances may be embarrassing and your may seem to have set you up as a mark for the arrows of adversity. Stroke upon stroke has in the same condition with the housekeeper who snatched from you or have proved unfaithful— stopped." Alss for the Christian who has broken on their neighbors less, and on their knees more, though children once your hope and joy, are his connection with Christ, numbered among the dead, or what is far worse, profligate or ungrateful, though your property has wasted away or your riches suddenly taken wings and flown like the eagle to heaven, though bodily diseases and pain distress you; still trust open palm of your hand, you would understand Bayley. top for a special season of prayer. While thus Moses well schooled in the science of natural made by scattering white sand over it while in the divine promise, "I will never leave thee, diligence." You must not take off the spiritual definition of the sp

forever liveth. it is called to-day." "To do good and commun icate, forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." Your work is never ended while you are in the body. It is a sad mistake for and resign everything into the hands of their children. Many have dated their distressing Lighten your burdens, but do not give up business or study, or whatever you have been accustomed to pursue, -Dr. Archibald Alexander.

THE KEEPING OF THE HEART.

on the theatre, when dramas of undoubted merit more perfect Christians. We pray that we may six of the apples. The owner had kept one for BlankBook Manufacturers. speaks to-day. The wise will take heed how Christ gave himself for his church, "that he were produced upon the stage. She could not not speak uncharitably; but oh! let us pray himself. they hear, remembering the account they must might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing see the sin of gratifying, in this way, a cultivated by that we think not uncharitably; that the law of Do you think the poor man was grateful for of water by the word, that he might present it taste, and, ministering, as she believed, also, to love may not be on our lips only, but in our his kindness? No, indeed. He wanted the III. Rising from the dead. After the de- to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or her higher intellectual and moral nature. The hearts. There are some cautious persons who seven pippins all to himself, and at last he made parture of the heavenly guests. there remained nothing for the disciples but to return to the work and weariness of their daily lives in which work and weariness of the live daily lives in which work and weariness of the live daily lives in which work and weariness of the live daily lives in which work and weariness of the live daily lives in which work and weariness of the live daily lives in which work and weariness of the live daily lives in which work and wearing the li RULED, PRINTED AND BOUND TO ANY they were continually going about doing good. has bought it, and inhabits it. He felt that he could trust the Lord, in his own trian reputation; but they make up for it by nantly. "He ought to have been ashamed of As they went Jesus charged them to tell no one what they had seen until the Son of Man should what the should be should be should be should be should be should be sho As they went Jesus charged them to tell no one has given himself for it, and he has designated good time, to give her all the light she needed hard, cruel, uncharitable thoughts, which they himself, and I hope that he got well punished them. They could not even guess what Jesus of men; it is not to be controlled by ecclesias. She became a verry earnest and efficient with our lips; but if we confine ourselves to lie?" said his friend. meant by the "rising from the dead." It all tics or ruled by magistrates; there are no lords the major that we may seem to any open shame, lowering to give. If their love does not reach as far age meant by the "rising from the dead." It all tics or ruled by magistrates; there are no lords came plain enough afterward, but then they over God's heritage; one Lord alone claims the began to understand the parable, and he felt an uneasy sensation at his heart. Conscience the estimation of others. But he who is rightly began to whisper to him, "And ought not a boy In the course of time, the Lord was pleased praying to be delivered from the lips of pride, to be ashamed of himself who is unwilling on Do not pity yourself. Self-compassion is a NEW TYPES & PRESSES, perplexity as to what he meant by his remark, the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the heart of the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the heart of the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the heart of the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the heart of the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the beart of the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the beart of the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the beart of the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the beart of the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the beart of the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the beart of the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the beart of the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the beart of the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the beart of the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the beart of the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the beart of the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the seventh day to lay aside his prayer to be delivered from the seventh day to lay aside his pra scribes that Elias must come?" This the scribes the moon; but there are moral glories which into the very class of which this young woman which is only a subtler pride but to be hum. had been repeating, referring to the prophecy of eclipse all material splendors. Christ's church was a teacher. She labored with great tend- which is only a subtler pride, but to be humble; to be a man of humble speech because Jesus' claims to be the Messiah, because, as they rious in its visible and physical manifestations. One day she came to her pastor, and said, he is first a man of humble thoughts: to be believed, Elias had not come. He now assures But it must be purged from every spot and while the tears sprang to her eyes: "Pastor, I clothed with the garment of humility within as One of our Scottish martyrs, standing on the them the prophecy was a true one, and that it stain. He gave himself for the church that he never will go to the theatre again." And upon well as without. So, again, every Christian well ladder from which they were to throw him off, had already been fulfilled, though they and the might wash it and cleanse it. His people are his expression his gratification and surprise, she needs hate impure lips; he will pray that at assured the weeping spectators that he never scribes had failed to recognize, in John the Bap- washed from their sins in his own blood; and by explained the circumstances connected with this no unguarded moment of his life any word had gone up to his pulpit with so little fear as Love Him that first loved you, and while you tist, the re-appearing prophet of whom Malachi his Spirit and his word they are sanctified, sudden change of attitude. Profoundly solicitous will escape him, growing out of the corrup- he had mounted that ladder to die. To him it sink into his arms, and surrender all to him had spoken. The prophecy had been fulfilled in purged, fitted for his service and his presence. as she was for the salvation of her scholars, and with a joyful, absolute self-renunciation, let this spirit by the coming of John. Jesus now sends back a question to the scribes who claim to be how different from those bodies which call back a question to the scribes who claim to be how different from those bodies which call joyful wings for the flight to heaven.

But what is this unless he is also asking for a full of sin and sorrows, was spreading out its confiding love swell and abound till every figure to the scribes who claim to be how different from those bodies which call joyful wings for the flight to heaven. so wise at interpreting the prophecies. "How themselves churches in this world. How many had said to her: "Teacher, do you think it is should at the same time entertain over invited against every challenge, in time or eternity, this is it," said he, "that the Son of Man must suffer of them are spotted by worldliness and stained right for one to go to the theatre?" Realizing, should at the same time entertain, even invite sisters, who had entered his cell for a last visit may be your rejoinder: "He that spared not many things and be set at naught?" If they could explain one prophecy, why not another. So of them are spotted by worldliness and stained right for one to go to the theater? Realizing, thoughts and imaginations of impurity or uncould explain one prophecy, why not another. What, indeed, but a whited sepulcial without his could explain one prophecy, why not another. What, indeed and fair without but full of is come and His wife both. could explain one prophecy, why not another.

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Thoughts and applications.

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The question was a pertinent one, and received no answer, among them; wicked men creep in unawares, she stammeringly replied; "My dear, if I were themselves without fear; dishonesty, fraud, in your place, I think I would not go." After a all filth and rottenness within? Seek, then, frivolity, vanity and pride, luxury, idleness, and death could be so taken from me. Lord!" The mysteries of sorrow, deep and long, and a grievous discomposer; and the teacher, upon hours of eternity, and this is no matter of terror.

The question was a pertinent one, and rejoice, for the marriage of the Lamb she stammeringly replied; "My dear, if I were themselves without, but full of in your place, I think I would not go." After a all filth and rottenness within? Seek, then, for all things?"—J. W. Alexander.

The ills we see, the exclaimed, "thou has brought me within two hours of eternity, and this is no matter of terror."

The mysteries of sorrow, deep and long, be exclaimed, "thou has brought me within two hours of eternity, and this is no matter of terror." contempt of the poor, love ef human praise and and a grievous discomposer; and the teacher, upon else, the root of the matter may be in you. If hours of eternity, and this is no matter of terror worldly pomp and show—all these things are whose quickened conscience God flashed the whose quickened conscience God flashed the you pray, "Set a watch, O Lord, at the door of to me more than if I rose to go to lie down on a line whose quickened conscience God flashed the you pray, "Set a watch, O Lord, at the door of to me more than if I rose to go to lie down on a line whose quickened conscience God flashed the you pray, "Set a watch, O Lord, at the door of to me more than if I rose to go to lie down on a line whose quickened conscience God flashed the you pray, "Set a watch, O Lord, at the door of the proposer, and the teacher, upon to me more than if I rose to go to lie down on a line whose quickened conscience God flashed the you pray, "Set a watch, O Lord, at the door of the proposer, and the teacher, upon to me more than if I rose to go to lie down on a line whose quickened conscience God flashed the you pray, "Set a watch, O Lord, at the door of the proposer, and the teacher, upon the proposer is a set of the proposer. The strange, sad world is but our Fathers's line whose quickened conscience God flashed the spots and stains upon the church. There are light of a clear conviction and a resolute purpose, my lips," or, "Deliver me, O God, from lying bed of roses; now I am so near the end of my spots and stains upon the church. There are light of a clear conviction and a resolute purpose, spots which are visible to the outside world, promptly answered: "My dear, I have been lips and a deceitful tongue," remember that believe time, I desire to bless thee, Lord: death is to all chance and change His love shall grandly spots which are visible to the outside world, promptly answered: "Bly dear, I have deen and which make the church the scoff and scorn a good deal, in my time; but, God helping me hind each and every such prayer there should me as a bed to the weary. Yonder," he relie another prayer, which is this, "Make me a marked on hearing the drums beat for his execuchurch herself beholds with tearful eyes;—but Very noble and heroic was this, and wise and clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit tion, "yonder is my welcome call to the marwithin me " French

Thou canst not trace at all the hidden reason

us, and yet might be fraught with innnite peril there is a future which is still our own. - F. W.

STRAIGHT PATHS.

A Christian man in a western city resolved Some of my readers, no doubt, never lived

He was returning home late one evening, and were always busy; in fact I never knew one of thing seemed to be out of order. is mind was burdened with the thought that them to be idle. The time of which I speak "Well," said I, "What is this you are engone by, and no one had been invited to Christ. just begun. One evening a light snow-fell, and "O," she replied, "it is a pillow for a lounge.

"May I ask if you love the Lord Jesus as the centre, they all started out in different the whole bit of handiwork; and belittling the directions, each taking twenty steps from the combination of colors, and so on. The stranger resented the freedom, and replied, bush. This being done, they looked behind to "Why, Mr. Pentecost," she said, surprised curtly, that that was a personal matter, in which see their paths, which were to be spokes of the at the sudden and abrupt change of the subject

were fellow-travelers to another world, and one "Charlie," said the others, "how did you work, "why, Mr. Pentecost, you are looking at "But," said Joe, "I took that bush for my you. Down here we are looking at the tangled

which question whether he can if he would in- him, which would not only endure, but widen, was heard at the door. He inquired what was others, " instead of keeping your eyes on the only be believing. Believe him in the darkness,

the child of God to press a plea with, "I cannot a light mulatto, tidy in appearance, and gentle have come to ask you what I must do to be Then you will make straight paths in life, as Charlie did in the snow. Instead of looking at And so I said to my friend, "Pluck up courpal Church, and after the lapse of fifty years I They prayed and talked together and in a few others' imperfections, keep your eyes on your

AM I ALIVE?

say, "I was once converted." Thousands were born ten years ago that are now in their coffins. Granting you were once made alive, are you alive to-day? If so, how shall you keep alive? First of all comes prayer, the daily and hourly intercourse of the soul with God. Prayer is just as vital to my spiritual life as water is to the repining at the course of past events. Trust in the Lord and encourage your hearts to hope in the Lord and encourage your hearts to hope in the lord and hourly intercourse it those kind words. I am an orphan, and no one has spoken to me like th say, "I was once converted." Thousands were those kind words. I am an orphan, and no one between my soul and heaven. It is the outlet upward for gratitude, and yearning desires for future?—The Word of Life. When the channel is allowed to freeze up, I am been experienced. Billow after billow has gone inquires, "I wonder why the water does not remembrance" both before and "after her dethe time has come when you can say, "My joys soon explains the difficulty: "Your pipes are importance to be attended to. peculiar. Jesus had been speaking to his dis- their measuring stick, gauging the strength of Another picture in "memory's cabinet" is of stopped "Alas for the Christian who has broken stopped "Alas for the Christian stopped

But with prayer the Master also coupled watchfulness: "I say unto all, Watch." The oversight must be close, constant and wakeful, is only experienced when religion has become a If you were set to keep a canary bird on the living, hourly series of virtues with us. - Dr. nor forsake thee." Though friends die, God diligence." You must not take off the spiritual definition of a happy lite. The easiest labor is eye for one instant. Watch the stealthy ap- a burden to him who has no motives for per-Though your earthly comforts and supports proaches of the tempter. Watch for the old forming it. are gone, you are an heir to an inheritance "in- habits of sin that will steal back again though the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit ever at the feet of Jesus in humble devotion; of grass; the sheeted bloom of the prairies but sing Jesus, and both our hands in hard work to could accomplish, passes on like Samson, and tells

A PARABLE.

"O dear, I am so tired of Sunday!" So said Willie, a playful little boy, who was longing for the Sabbath to be over, that he might return to his amusements.

friend who was present. "I, sir," "and I," "and I," said the children, fellow-creatures may, by divine grace, be transas they gathered around him. Then he told formed into those whom the Most High calls them a parable. Our Saviour, when he was on " My jewels."

earth, often taught the people by parables. The parable told the little boys was of a kind sermons on his knees. For the sake of defining man, who had some very rich apples hanging on to his own mind more clearly the precise oba tree. A poor man was passing by the house ject of his prayer, he would place his finger on of the owner, and stopped to admire this beauti- the word of which he wanted a clearer notion, ful apple-tree. He counted these rich golden or a deeper sense, and would pray.

MARTYRS' TRIUMPHS.

as healthy weather .- Franklin.

HOW TO LOOK AT THINGS.

working on a bit of embroidery, and as I talked this could be easily done, and it would bring When I commenced teaching, my school con- with her she dropped the wrong side of it, and him in direct contact with many hundred souls. sisted of quite a number of boys and girls who there it lay, a mass of crude work, tangled, every

He saw a man leaning against a lamp post, and next morning the children were very busy mak. I'm making it for a lounge. I'm making it for

"I should not think you would waste your ime on that," I said. "It looks tangled, with-So at it they went. Selecting a hazle bush out design and meaning;" and I went on abusing

wheel. But alas! there was only one straight on which we had before been talking, and on the persistency with which I had opposed her the wrong side. Turn it over."

Then I said : mark, and I didn't get my path as straight as side of God's providence; but he has a planbelieve him in the mysteries. Let him that

> SEIZING OPPORTUNITIES .- A lady once writng to a young man in the navy, who was almost a stranger, thought, "Shall I close this as any body would, or shall I say a word for my Master?" and, lifting up her heart for a moment, she wrote, telling him that his constant change of scene and place was an apt illustration of the words, "Here we have no continuing city," and asked if he could say, "I seek one to come?" Tremblingly she folded it, and sent it off. Back

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

The greatest evils in life have had their rise

the world would be better off. The sweetest of the knowledge of the Lord

See that the feelings, thoughts, actions of each

Speaking of greatness, Lavater says :-- " He

Joy is like restless day; but peace divine Like quiet night.

Lead me, O Lord, till perfect day shall shine, Through peace to light! -A. B. Proctor.

According to Mr. Ruskin, "a handful of mud "Who wants to hear a story?" said a kind contains all the elements of a crystal," and, in like manner, the most unclean, degraded of our

Richard Baxter used to study the texts of his

Thou canst not change one little drop That heaven hath mixed for thee; However bitter be the cup,

It may thy healing be;

And in its dregs thy sweetest hope, Thy soul at last may see. It is as obligatory on Christians to give for the support of the gospel as it is to pray and talk. Indeed, we look with suspicion on those Christians who are loud-voiced in declaring their

feed it with thought till it grows big. Forget yourself. Think of the world with its want and wee. Think of God and his help. Fling yourself, sorrow and all upon the distress of man, and you shall find how God comforts those that

riage. The Bridegroom is coming; I am ready!" For His strange dealings through the trial

season, Trust and obey; A cheerful face is nearly as good for an invalid In after life and light all shall be plain and

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