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

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.-May 14.

(For Questions see Star Quarterly and Lesson Papers.)

THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES. DAILY READINGS. Leaven of the Pharisees. Mark 8: 1-21.
Christ feeds five thousand. Matt. 14: 14-21.
Pharisees ask for a sign. Matt. 16: 1-12.
A sign given to Ahaz. Isa. 7: 10-25.
Old leaven put away. 1 Cor. 5: 6-13.
Pharisees denounced. Matt. 23: 13-39.
Hypocrisy rebuked. Isa. 58: 1-7; Ezek. 33: 30-33.

GOLDEN TEXT.—" Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy."—Luke 12: 1.

MARK 8: 1-21.

(Revised Version.) In those days when there was again a great multitude, and they had nothing to eat, he called unto him his disciples, and 2 saith unto them, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat;

and if I send them away fasting to their home, they will faint in the way; and some of them are come from far. And his disciples answered him, Whence shall one be able to fill these men with bread here in a desert place? And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven. And he commandeth the multitude to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven. down on the ground : and he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he brake, and gave to his disciples, to set before them: and they set them before the multitude.

And they had a few small fishes: and having blessed them, he commanded to set these 8 also before them. And they did eat, and were filled: and they took up, of broken pieces that remained over, seven baskets.

9 And they were about four thousand: and he 10 sent them away. And straightway he entered into a boat with his disciples, and came into the parts of Delays the sent set.

came into the parts of Dalmanutha.

11 And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign 12 from heaven, tempting him. And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth to you, There shall no sign be given unto 13 this generation. And he left them, and

14 And they forgot to take bread; and they had not in the boat with them more than 15 one loaf. And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the 16 Pharisees and the leaven of Herod. And they reasoned one with another, saying,

We have no bread. And Jesus perceiving it
saith unto them, Why reason ye, because
ye have no bread? do ye not yet perceive,

again entering into the boat departed to the

neither understand? have ye your heart
18 hardened? Having eyes, see ye not?
and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye
19 not remember? When I brake the five loaves among the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces took ye 20 up? They say unto him, twelve. And when the seven among the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces took ye

21 up? And they say unto him, Seven. And he said unto them, Do ye not yet under-Topics-A multitude fed. A sign asked.

> A caution given. NOTES AND HINTS.

Parallel passage, Matt. 15: 29-39; 16: 1-12. side. Here he seems to have remained a few days, girls who have not yet finished their course in a brother, that one the husband, still another attracting large numbers from the surrounding school whose health is permanently impaired by holds in fond remembrance a sainted wife. Many

As we keep the only Railway Ticket Office in the City, parties going West will find it to their advantage to give earthly ministry, eager to hear his wonderful us a call before purchasing elsewhere. discourses and to receive the gracious blessings he had to bestow on the sick and suffering ones who had been mocked and cheated by the pretending helpers about them. On this occasion many of them came from places far distant, and No one would think of "putting old heads on the came from places far distant, and some should be invocent on the came from places far distant, and some should be invocent on the came from places far distant, and some should be invocent on the came from places far distant, and some should be invocent on the came from places far distant, and some should be invocent on the came from places far distant, and some should be invocent on the came from places far distant, and some should be invocent on the came from places far distant, and some should be invocent on the came from places far distant, and some should be invocent on the came from places far distant, and some should be invocent on the came from places far distant, and some should be invocent on the came from places far distant, and some should be invocent on the came from places far distant, and some should be invocent on the came from places far distant, and some should be invocent on the came from places far distant, and some should be invocent on the came from places far distant, and some should be invocent on the came from places far distant, and some should be invocent on the came from places far distant, and some should be invocent on the came from places far distant. had been already in attendance for three days. Sole Agents for Wilcox & White's celebrated Organs, and reaching What a delightful and refreshing occasion it of the young be abridged. But, when forth unto those things which are before, I press the beautiful and refreshing occasion it of the young be abridged. But, when forth unto those things which are before, I press the beautiful and refreshing occasion it of the young be abridged. must have been! Their minds had been stimulated by the quickening thought and incisive young ladies, and to remain at dancing parties of God in Christ Jesus." speech of the Master's familiar discourse, and until late at night, or early in the morning, the We have not yet apprehended. That we may, their souls had been fed with the bread of eternal question is raised as to whether the enjoyments in due season, grasp the prize, it becomes us life. They seem to have taken little note of the on such occasions are innocent. All the leading practically to adopt Paul's plan of action. We flight of time and less concerning their own churches of Christendom have taken strong should permit nothing in the past to impede us. needs, until they found themselves without food grounds against such entertainments, and the If successes gained are retarding us, let us pray and at a distance from all sources of supply. most pious and consistent members of all the earnestly for the spirit of humility; if failures in Jesus knew it all, and, as on a former occasion, had compassion on them. His disciples seem to had compassion on them. His disciples seem to have forgotten all about the astonishing miracle wrought in similar circumstances, a few weeks before, and probably not very far from the same before, and probably not very far from the same sant evening together which in the first tor partition partition if we have been hindered by brooding over before our children? A children's party is given simply to meet other children and spend a pleasure our care upon the infinitely wise and loving place. As before, so now, he commands the sant evening together, which is turned into "a Deity, who so tenderly careth for all the mempeople to be seated in an orderly manner upon the ground, and blessing the few loaves and fishes brought to him, he breaks them and gives to his disciples to set before the people. Again the multiple rose fully fed and thoroughly as possible. And multitude was fully fed, and a large quantity remained, proving the genuineness of the mirremained, proving the genuineness of the miracle. So in the feeding of our souls Jesus gives richly and abundantly, and they who are most to be dressed in better and handsomer style to be dressed in helpful in ministering to others, are best fed than the rest, or one has come not having on 2. A sign asked. Immediately after this

vessel and crossed the lake again to Dalmanutha, fnrnish fruitful themes of remark for days and ter on the western shore. Here, or not far from weeks to come. Thus the minds of the children this place, certain Pharisees came to question and entrap him; with them came, for the first time, some of the Sadducees, a sect of the Jews weeks to come. Thus the minds of the children are filled with unprofitable subjects, and their attention is so diverted as to preclude the possition. time, some of the Sadducees, a sect of the Jews, bility of continuous application to study, which "It is useless to waste your time in trying to in no way friendly to the Pharisees but willing is so absolutely essential to their proper training teach those girls to cook, if they have not instinct RULED, PRINTED AND BOUND TO ANY and history were before them and they might easily see, if they would, how clearly and fully they corresponded with what had been foretold of the Messiah by their own prophets. His miracles had been of many kinds and wrought has been said for this time. in various circumstances, where deception was

3. A caution given. It so happened that the disciples had taken no bread with them when the whole the world, and it is certain we can carry ously. Its presence can no more be concealed A man had a valuable jewel, a precious heirthey entered their boat. As they were crossing nothing out."—Journal and Messenger Jesus took occasion to caution them against the influence of the Pharisees and of Herod, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of Herod." They at first undertook to interpret his advice literally, as if he had warned rupt persons, or something of that kind. Jesus by words and deeds of times gone by, they are well-being. bodies; that they had greater need to be anxious that are behind," allowing nothing to interfere susceptible nervous system. Every human being sea. The last venture! nied that the Scriptures were sufficient and made and individuals. Past achievements have en- health."

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who seek his instruction.

TOPICS FOR FURTHER STUDY.

What false doctrines are at work now? 3. How may they best be counteracted?

THOUGHTS AND APPLICATIONS.

IT IS ALL WRONG.

inequal struggle of too many people to follow he continued to press toward the mark. do like the rich and powerful; and this natur- of Grace. destruction and perdition."

Connecting Link .- Our Lord in the last lesson, fashionable society? A sensible business man "Who hath not lost a friend?" One mourns

think of the character of the children's parties gether. hop," and thus are young children in some in- bers of his household.—S. S. Times.

not already given them signs enough to satisfy any reasonable inquirers. His life, character and history were before them and history were before them and they might and frivolous which enervates the rising generation, and unfits them for the grave on entering a room full of busy little girls, of the way stations, was accustomed to leap from you, overlook the special peculiarities of your responsibilities which must soon devolve upon that we may have grace to use it, as truly as it on entering a room full of busy little girls, of the way stations, was accustomed to leap from you, overlook the special peculiarities of your responsibilities which must soon devolve upon that we may have grace to use it, as truly as it of the way stations, was accustomed to leap from you, overlook the special peculiarities of your responsibilities which must soon devolve upon that we may have grace to use it, as truly as it of the way stations, was accustomed to leap from you, overlook the special peculiarities of your responsibilities which must soon devolve upon that we may have grace to use it, as truly as it of the way stations, was accustomed to leap from you, overlook the special peculiarities of your responsibilities which must soon devolve upon the condition? Or had be, when he cried, "It is to bear it.—Cumming." The theme grows as it is contemplated and dence of the signs already given no others would not receive the evidence of the signs already given, no others would avail to prove to them his divine character and the best interests of their children, both for time to the best interests of their children, both for time to the body; it is not death, it is a parting of soul to be best interests.

I believe, says another, that Christ, has pro-

of divine inspiration: "Godlessness with con- wherever she went. tentment is great gain. For we brought nothing

THE DUTY OF FORGETTING.

BY H. T. SCHOLL.

1. Jesus regards the physical needs of those to forget the things behind. Because we read the low and vulgar. In speaking of the help ing into temptation? Are you trifling with the give," is the rule which Christ gave to his disci-2. A little with God's blessing will go a slight it now. Because we communed earnestly the reply: "Oh, that is the false flattery of on "short-cuts" in the way of life—turning cause in the world. Look the world over, and the closet now. The fact that we once attended This is a half truth, which may do as much Do it not! For God's sake stop it! Once too "There is that withholdeth more than is meet,

the fashions set by their neighbors. If fortune We have not reached the goal. We have, It seems the height of uncharitableness to smile upon a few persons (not many are thus perhaps, run nobly hitherto; but, till the race is think all kindly words flattery.

few persons gain recognition as leaders, and some demon with hands upon his shoulders held agreeable word." whatever they may do or say, whether right or him down. On one occasion he gained his feet, wrong, becomes the topic of remark and the but forthwith tremor seized him, and he was criterion. for their neighbors. This may be re- powerless to collect his thoughts or speak gramrecognized leader, and the same law obtains in seemed intractable. The seed has been care- ment. alas! how lightly is this great responsibility appears hard, like the beaten footpath. Even and help they meet from those around them. regarded! and how few persons seem to care the tiny shoot, to say nothing of fruit, has been what kind of an example they set! Favorable looked for in vain. Mark how sorrow broods ities of the weak .- Illustrated Christian. circumstances or doubtful means may have over the furrowed features of that mother in brought the few into power, and it too often hap- Israel! Her husband is out of Christ, and pens that they have influence only because they prayers, tears, words of warning or exhortation have money. Brains or moral worth enter but have failed to save the loved one. The daughslightly into the account. A handsome house, ter of that godly elder made a confession of beautiful and elegant surroundings—finery, Christ, and for a while ran well. She has, of careful wear, and her bonnet was very old-

ally enough leads to extravagance in dress, in Oh yes: there are discouragements, there the style of living, in everything, so that have been failures, but we are not to let these of the fame of the preacher, of his learning, his fore." those who undertake to live like the rich and falls, he does not rise to a sitting posfashionable without the means to support such ture, and idly rock to and fro, bemoaning his

the presumption of the poor old woman. She have such a care of her, if you do not know weary way. style. The strong language of "Sacred Writ" mishap. Nay! he regains his feet with the ut-

toolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in bereavements. What reader of this article has not stood by an open grave while the body of How often is the remark heard, "One had a loved one was being lowered into the ground? just as will be out of the world as out of We strain our ears in vain to catch the patter fortable." the fashion." And how much better off are of tiny feet. The lips which were often parted those who entertain such sentiments than the by the words "papa, mamma," have for months Chinese ? In that vast empire, hoary with age | been silent. The plump little arms which twined and full of worldly pride, the feet of tender in loving embrace about the parents' neck have babes must be bandaged and kept bound so ere this become a prey to corruption. Then have a seat." closely that they cannot grow, or the hapless there is the youth upon whose assistance the children will be looked upon as barbarians. The father counted, and about whom the tendrils of children must be deformed and crippled for life, the mother's heart twined so closely. We seek just to be in the fashion! And are not many him but he is not to be found; we call him by of the children here in our great nation, in this name, but he does not answer. He has gone,

came again to the Sea of Galilee, on the eastern remarked the other day that he knew young the child, another the daughter grown; this one the style of dressing for fashionable parties. are the mutes about the house which, though 1. A multitude fed. There is something touching, almost pathetic, in the accounts given us of the multitudes that thronged during his and sober-minded portion of the community will so patiently and neatly, the cage in which the pet canary hung, the books she read, and those And what do Christian fathers and mothers over which she and her husband worked to-

which are becoming so common in our country? "Brethren, I count not myself to have appreyoung shoulders;" nor should the innocent en- those things which are behind, and reaching children are encouraged to dress like fashionable toward the mark for the prize of the high calling

churches condemn them. Are there not pitfalls our conflict with sin are causing us to lag, let us

A JOB'S COMFORTER,

miracle, Jesus and his disciples took their little ousy, and the other calling forth hurtful criticism. And then the happenings of the occasion herself with the hope that she was growing bet-

"What made you get a gray dress? It is

minds, bright eyes, and wistful faces.

spirit helps by its mere presence.

Individually, as well as collectively, we are finement, but unfortunately it is not confined to you running any moral risks? Are you enter- "GIVING."--" Freely ye have received, freely the Bible faithfully in the past, it will not do to appreciative words had afforded, one was met by jewel of conscience? Are you experimenting ples for their guidance in serving him and his

No man had better reasons for resting satis- words are spoken, and pleasant things referred is a highway cast up for the ransomed of the withholding more than is meet from the Lord's fied with past achievements than Paul; but to; but do we not in the effort of trying to Lord to walk in—the way of holiness—the way treasury, and he frowns upon it. They rob God with the past he was not satisfied. When writ- make amiable remarks become more observant of peace—the way of safety. One with pierced in thithes and offerings, and they are cursed ing to the Philippians, he had not grasped the of what is beautiful and lovely, and so grow more hands and feet will walk with you there. No with a curse. And then they wonder why they What is all wrong? Why, the constant and prize. Forgetting, therefore, the things behind, kindly in our feelings towards others, and more lion nor ravenous beast shall be found there. are not prospered as others around them are lenient to their short comings ?

blessed), and they have an abundance of worldly won, there is a possibility of failure. We can- In a late editorial upon the best beloved of our goods, which they have honestly obtained—let not afford to pause in our onward flight, and poets occurs the remark; "No man ever diffused them enjoy their plenty as seems to them best, waste time, strength, and breath, by leaping round him a more radiant influence of life, cheer- new settlement to address a Sabbath-school. the wants of others, thrift and vigor come as from putting stumbling-stones in the way of their While some are hindered by success, others He knew by intuition the ways of true grace, wearied and felt unfit for the task, but reluctions wearied and felt unfit for the task, but reluctions were discussed in the way of their ways of true grace, wearied and felt unfit for the task, but reluctions were discussed in the way of their ways of true grace, wearied and felt unfit for the task, but reluctions were discussed in the way of their ways of true grace, wearied and felt unfit for the task, but reluctions were discussed in the way of their ways of true grace, wearied and felt unfit for the task, but reluctions were discussed in the way of their ways of true grace, wearied and felt unfit for the task, but reluctions were discussed in the way of their ways of true grace, we want to the way of their ways of true grace, we want to the way of their ways of true grace, we want to the way of the way less fortunate neighbors. By some law or other, are retarded by broading over failure. This which flow from true kindness. He preferred antly consented to go. When he found himit happens that in almost every community a man tried to take part in a social meeting, but always to see the agreeable side, to say the self at the spot, he looked around on the assem-

us all for nearly two generations.

THERE'LL BE ROOM IN HEAVEN."

She was a little old woman, very plainly securing one of the best seats, for a great man haps? must have been in her dotage, for she picked out her?" may be applied to such as have an unholy ambimost dispatch, and devotes all his energies to the church, and took a seat. The three ladies all alone, and needed somebody to be kind to the church, and took a seat. The three ladies into temptations and a snare, and into many Among the past things to be forgotten are who were seated there occasion to the seated, who bent over the intruder and whispered somewho were seated there beckoned to the sexton, her." thing, but she was hard of hearing, and smiled is a text for me to preach from : 'Because she the cause. - Canon Dale. a little withered smile, as she said, gently :

"But you are not wanted here," said the sexton, pompously; "there is not room. Come the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it state, and heart, from relatives and all the world. with me, my good woman; I will see that you unto me."

young, growing practical country of ours, being and the place that once knew him knows him no and then she took to hint. Her faded old eyes God had put a good word in his mouth. filled with tears, her chin quivered; but she arose meekly and left the pew. Turning quietly to the ladies, who were spreading their rich dresses over the space she had left vacant, she

said, gently, for us all.

was seated between a thread-bare girl and a do more mischief than those who intentionally shabby old man.

out of the vestry. Isn't he grand !"

church, he seemed to scan every face. His hand pre-eminent duty.

sermon that struck fire from every heart.

functionary in an injured tone. "Why didn't she look like a Christian, if she | cle.

The spirit that is in a man escapes unconsci- to death under the wheels. The last leap!

An uncomfortable person, like an east wind, the bright sunlight, on the deck of a ship. He you, but proffered it to you upon conditions interesting painting; it is more a daub than a penetrates to the very bones, while a cheery tossed it up and caught it over again. with which you cannot comply. Why let un- painting, and the keenest observer cannot dis-Then he leaned over the bulwarks of the vessel, belief thus fasten a millstone about that death. cover any mark on it of genius or of skill. By It is in our power to create much happiness in a spirit of daring and foolhardiness, and con- less soul of yours !- Asa Mahan. by making agreeable impressions. A kind word | tinued to toss up his shining gem and catch it them to beware of some attempt to poison their Too many professing Christians are handicaptitly spoken makes the heart glad. Physicians again. "How dare you risk it?" said a byfood, or against procuring any food of such corped by the past. With memories burdened recognize this in its effect upon the physical stander. "What has been done can be done again," was the answer. "I've done it often." meeting, many newly converted persons, both tervene between the two paintings. "It doth gently rebuked their dullness, reminding them retarded in the heavenly race. To secure the that he could warr again, was the answer. The done it often. To quote from a medical work, "We are Hardly was the boast uttered when he missed old and young, arose to tell what God had done it often. To quote from a medical work, "We are Hardly was the boast uttered when he missed old and young, arose to tell what God had done it often. that he could very easily furnish food for their prize they must henceforth forget "those things endowed with a beautiful, intricate, and highly his aim and the precious jewel dropped into the love toil on—we can make daubs—and the touch of their souls, and their determination to love toil on—we can make daubs—and the touch of their souls, and their determination to love toil on—we can make daubs—and the touch of their souls, and their determination to love toil on—we can make daubs—and the touch of their souls, and their determination to love toil on—we can make daubs—and the touch of their souls, and their determination to love toil on—we can make daubs—and the touch of their souls, and their determination to love toil on—we can make daubs—and the touch of their souls, and their determination to love toil on—we can make daubs—and the touch of their souls, and their determination to love toil on—we can make daubs—and the touch of the touch

painful, from a thousand sources. Agreeable jewels, or even the loss of a precious human life, ing with happiness, and straining her childish A life of fits and starts.—up to-day and down Pharisees and Sadducees. The former class de- Success has proved a hindrance to churches sensations exhilarate the spirits and add to the to which men and women are daily exposed. They voice to speak as loud as she could, she said, "I to-morrow; now making a little struggle toward are tossing up jewels of faith, of hope, of character have given my heart to Jesus, every bit of it." God, and then sinking back again into selfgreat account of the traditions of the fathers; grossed the attention, and the duty of the prethey were excessively formal and hypocritical in the bulwarks of time, and one by one the precious of the fathers; grossed the attention, and the duty of the prethe chances of eternal life, while leaning over the bulwarks of time, and one by one the precious of the fathers; grossed the attention, and the duty of the prethe chances of eternal life, while leaning over the bulwarks of time, and one by one the precious of the fathers; grossed the attention, and the duty of the prethe chances of eternal life, while leaning over the bulwarks of time, and one by one the precious of the fathers; grossed the attention, and the duty of the prethe chances of eternal life, while leaning over the bulwarks of time, and one by one the precious of the fathers; grossed the attention, and the duty of the prethe chances of eternal life, while leaning over the bulwarks of time, and one by one the precious a believer. No man is right in his spiritual their professions. The latter class were the reblessed with a great revival. For weeks the there are ills enough we all must bear, and untreasures are slipping out of their grasp, and could say what she did, "I have given my heart feeling unless he is in a frame to take a profound fined liberalists of the age, denying many fundamental truths of religion. Herod was one of this sect. Against the almost dear age, denying many fundamental truths of religion. Herod was one of this sect. Against the almost dear age, denying many fundamental truths of religion. Herod was one of the point of the poin this sect. Against the sly and often unsuspected effort is discontinued. Erelong the church comes so sharply for faults and defects that we tread stop not until the last fatal throw ends it all. influence of the dangerous teachings of these to a standstill, and eventually drifts backwards. classes Jesus warns his followers in the figure of the leaven which works are standard throw ends it and the leaven which works are standard throw ends it and the leaven which works are standard throw ends it and the leaven which works are standard throw ends it and the leaven which works are standard throw ends it and the leaven which works are standard throw ends it and the leaven which works are standard throw ends it and the leaven which works are standard throw ends it and the leaven which works are standard throw ends it and the leaven which works are standard throw ends it and the leaven which works are standard throw ends it and the leaven which works are standard throw ends it and the leaven which works are standard throw ends it and throw ends it and throw ends it and throw ends it and the leaven which works are standard throw ends it and throw end BEATTY'S ORGANS 27 stops, \$90. Pianos, \$125 up. Factory running day and night. Papers free. Address, Daniel F. Beatty, Washington, N. J. dec 9-1y

The leaven which works so secretly and yet so the leaven which works so secretly and yet so therefore that they rest satisfied with their then contributions, and proudly refer to them as but of pride.

The end is a fatal leap, and death.

Discouragement is not but of pride.

Dear reader, are you courting danger? Are but of pride.

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with God while the Ho!y Spirit hovered over the society. Real friends speak the unvarnished from the good, old way in which the saints of a cheerful conformity to this rule brings spiritual all the ages have gone up to everlasting honor? prosperity to individuals, and to churches. 1. The food preparations of our Saviour's all the church service regularly, is no excuse for harm as a whole lie, which can be "met and often, and it will be too late for ever! Your but it tendeth to poverty," says the proverb. True, in highly civilized society only kindly take risks. You cannot afford it. Behold there this law and its working. They are given to

"SHE WAS A STRANGER."

fulness, and vigorous hope than Longfellow. He had preached in the morning, and was the ordained result. This is the Master's probly with some great misgivings, not knowing His bright spirit has furnished inspiration for what to say to them. He noticed a little girl, garded as natural enough, as in every flock of matically. Have you noticed the sad expression travellers through the world, let us at least hands, and tears trickling between her small, birds, or sheep, or herd of animals, there is a of that Sunday-school teacher? Her class has give the kindly word of cheer and encourage brown fingers, and sobbing as if her heart would approving, cheering words while their ears can communities and nations; and how fearfully fully selected; with prayer and tears it has been | Some can meet rebuff and grow stronger under | eleven years old got up and went to her, led her | and made happier by them; the kind things responsible is the leadership of the people! But, softened, but the soil upon which it was sown it, but most depend much upon the sympathy toward a brook, then seated her on a log, and they are gone, say before kneeling beside her, she took off her ragged sun-We that are strong ought to bear the infirm- bonnet, and dipped her hand in the water, bathed coffins, send to brighten and sweeten their homes her hot eyes and tear stained face, and smoothed before they leave them. If my friends have her tangled hair, talking in a cheery manner all alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perthe while.

The missionary stepped forward and said : "Is that your sister, dear ?"

"No, sir," the child answered, with tender,

troubles untold follow hard upon the track of retard us in our race. When the runner stumthose who undertake to live like the rich and bles and falls he does not rise to a sitting nosintellect and goodness, and they wondered at weary way.

was a stranger and seemed all alone, and needed "Oh, I'm quite comfortable here-quite com- some body to be kind to her." The words came Reserve the privacy of your house, marriage

So, taking the little girl by the hand, he went " Not room," said the old woman, looking at back to the school-room, and told the people the her old sunken proportions, and then at the fine simple story,—then spoke of the great love that the persecuted. ladies. "Why, I'm not crowded a bit. I rode all should bear to one another, even as our Sav- Good taste rejects excessive nicety; it treats ten miles to hear the sermon to-day, because." ious sought out those who were humble and of little things as little things, and is not hurt by But here the sexton took her by the arm and low estate, making them his peculiar case. The them. - Fenelon. shook her roughly in a polite, underhand way, missionary forgot his weariness, and felt that

HABIT OF UNTRUTH.

ability to tell the simple truth. They may not ation followed repentance. "I hope, my dears, there'll be room in heaven | mean to lie, or to tell an untruth, but they are | Not so much brilliant sermons, but the tellcareless -careless in hearing, careless in under- ing of the story of what great things Christ has Then she followed the pompous sexton to the standing, careless in repeating what is said to done for us, is what is needed. rear of the church, where in the last pew she them. These well-meaning out reckless people foment strife by deliberate falsehood. There is "She must be crazy," said one of the ladies no firebrand like your well-meaning busy-body, in the pew which she had first occupied. "What who is continually in search of scandal, and can an ignorant old woman like her want to by sheer habit misquotes everybody's state- looks black to you, you ought to be hospitable

"Those people are so persistent! The idea A man's duty to God and his fellows requires if I love him, I shall keep his commandments; of her forcing herself into our pew. Isn't that him to be careful; for what else were brains if I do not keep his commandments, I do not voluntary lovely! There's Dr. - coming and common sense given him? Of course that love him, I do not believe in him. - Thomas other class, the malignant scandal-mongers who Adam. "Splendid! What a stately man. You take a fiendish pleasure in promoting strife, know he has promised to dine with us while he | who deliberately garble men's words and twist | their sentiments, is in the minority, and people have a very decided opinion regarding them.

The was a commanding looking man, and as have a very decided opinion regarding them.

The prethe organ voluntary stopped, and he looked over Most men misrepresent because they don't seem sence of one member of a family upon another. the crowd of worshipers gathered in the vast to think that care in speaking the truth is a It is in vain for any one to speak of divine

was on the Bible when suddenly he leaned over The effects of this careless misrepresenting of He has not been able to prevail upon himself to the reading-desk and beckoned to the sexton, others are seen everywhere. Its effect upon the be holy, and no marvel if he fail of prevailing who obsequiously mounted the steps to receive individual is to confirm him in a habit of loose, on others. a mysterious message. And then the three distorted, and exaggerated statement, until tellladies in the grand pew were electrified to see ing the truth becomes a moral impossibility. No out Christ are an impossibility—with Christ him retrace his way the whole length of the other thing causes so many long-standing friend- they have been made a reality, before which church to return with the old woman, whom he ships to be broken, so many dissensions in the world has offered the homage of its admiraplaced in the front pew of all, its other occupants | churches, so much bitterness in communities, making willing room for her. The great preach- and so much evil everywhere. It is an abuse er looked at her with a smile of recognition, and | that calls for the rebuke of every honorable then the service proceeded, and he preached a man-a rebuke that should be given not only divine, Christ-like, he passes out of the religion in words whenever occasion demands, but by of theorizing, of system building, and hireling "Who was she?" asked the ladies who could example. The Persians were said to teach their service into the religion of beneficent activities. tashionable party attire, the one exciting jeal- to a young friend who, under treatment for a not make room for her, as they passed the sex- boys three things,—to ride, to draw the bow, and It is well to think well; it is divine to act well. to speak the truth. A little more instruction | The prevalent sentimentalism that ignors all "The preacher's mother," answered that on this latter head would do no harm to our the more awful attributes of the Almighty and

COMMON INDICATIONS OF UNBELIEF. The Advocaie. impression which individuals have, that there are peculiar difficulties in their case. The reto join with them in persecuting Christ. They asked him for a sign from heaven, or as some would say, a sign in the heavens, as if he had not already given them signs enough to satisfy not already given them signs enough to satisfy not already given them signs enough to satisfy not already given them signs enough to pray that he may for the light and frivolous which enervates the not already given them signs enough to satisfy not already given them signs enough to pray that he may for the light and frivolous which enervates the selves.

It is so absolutely essential to their proper training for the realities oi life. It may be justly said, and common sense enough to try to learn them selves.

A young employe on the train of the North-for the light and frivolous which enervates the one entering a room full of busy little girls, of the way stations, was accustomed to leap from peeds prayer in poverty, that we may have grace not a grave-yard would have seen only active oppssite his home, rather than wait till it stop- finished," failed to make full provision for those to bear it. — Cumming ped at the station. He had done this scores of peculiarities! Why, then, permit your unbelief When they rebuilt the second temple in Jerusuggestions come crowding into the mind, which It is like walking through a field of nettles to times, and never thought of danger after the to put far from you all the endless provisions of salem, we are told that they took down no part it might be well to present; but enough perhaps has been said for this time.

try to recall the irritating suggestions this short first few experiments. When some one sughas been said for this time.

Christ's redemption? If you withhold confidence from Christ as an ever-present Saviour, was completed, and, bit by bit, as the new was Will the leaders of society think of these really unkind. None would have rallied to your answered confidently, 'Oh, I've done it often, able and willing to meet all the peculiarities of finished, the old was removed, so that it was the avail to prove to them his divine character and mission.

I believe, says another, that Christ has pro- and body, and it may be a trying one, but death vided full redemption for me a redemption for me a redemption it is not; it is really life. "Whoseever be-

-leaped from a train at—and was crushed vided full redemption for me, a redemption it is not; it is really life. "Whosoever bewhich perfectly covers all my necessities; out I lieveth in Me shall never die." than that of a fragrant flower or a noisome weed. loom. He was toying and playing with it in has purchased full and special redemption for

and serve him. Among the rest, a little girl Jesus' hand will transform our daubs into and careful about spiritual food, and to be on with their whole-souled pressing toward the is daily receiving impressions, pleasurable or There are greater disasters than the loss of about seven years old jumped up, her face beam-

next false step may be your last! Let fools Some churches furnish striking verifications of The end thereof is the city of the great King. prospered. One prominent reason in such cases is, that others around them scatter and so increase. When this selfish, self-seeking, self-A missionary was requested to go out to a gratifying spirit is once thoroughly slain by a generous activity in discovering and supplying

ALABASTER BOXES OF HUMAN SYMPATHY .-If we can do nothing more for our fellow shabbily dressed and barefooted, shrinking in a corner, her little sunburnt face buried in her dead. Fill their lives with sweatness. Speak Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love fumes of sympathy and affection, which they intend to break over my dead body, I would rather they would bring them out in my weary and troubled hours, and open them, that I may be refreshed and cheered by them while I need finery, finery—set the admiring multitude in a flutter, and there is an unquenchable thirst, and eternal longing, to be like, to look like, and to eternal longing, to be like, to look like, and to earnest eyes, "I have no sister, sir."

[ate, discarded the Bible for novels, closet prayer fashioned, and people stared at her tottering up the missionary. "A little schoolmate, per life without an eulogy, than a securing one of the best seats, for a great man life without the sweetness of love and sympathy. preached on that day, and the house was filled "No, sir, she is a stranger. I do not know Let us learn to anoint our friends beforehand with splendidly dressed people who had heard where she came from. I never saw her be- for their burial. Post-mortem kindness does not cheer the burdened spirit. Flowers on the

RANDOM READINGS.

"Ah!" said the missionary to himself, "here It is not death that makes the martyr, but

It is not enough to avoid what the divine law condemns, we must practice what it commands.

Whenever you see persecutions there is more than a probability that truth lies on the side of

It is a great virtue to restrain the tongue, to know how to be silent even though we know

Christ took the penitent thief with him to Some men seem to have a constitutional in- Paradise, showing that forgiveness and associ-

If Divine love ever seems partial, it is when it redeems with so many yearnings the life of one who has so shamefully slighted it. When you are down-hearted and the world

enough to entertain a hope of better days. This carlessness is a sin of no small magnitude. If I have faith in Christ, I shall love him;

It is ill-bred in the highest degree to insult the

things without something of divine affections.

tion and respect. Just in proportion as a man becomes good,

"advanced civilization."-Examiner and Chronieternal God is filling the churches with religious nambypambyism, and the outside world with flippancy and irreverence. - National Christian

In the museum at Rotterdam is a rough, units side hangs a master-piece whose value is almost beyond calculation. The artist of the two is the same—the renowned Rembrandt; EVERY BIT of IT. One evening, at a prayer and years of patient, earnest study and toil in-

ment of His righteousness, is the ideal for indi-Discouragement is not a frait of humility, vidual believers and associated bodies of believ-

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