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EXPERIENCE OF A CONVERTED ROB

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RELATED BY HIMSELF.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1885.

the amount of the Lord's money I had received. the capture of Khiva and Merv, and the demou- not a praver-meeting. It rap over the hour and The wise man says, " Honor the Lord with the stration at Penjdeh, are simply a breaking out the only prayer was the opening prayer. first-fruits of all thine increase," and Paul says at different points and in different ways of the 6 The fault-finding member killed one pre-

cious meeting. His prayer was a real lecture to be requests that they might be made famous. it on the first day of the week, and 1 Russian fever for India. heard the Lord saying, "Bring all the tithes From this brief history of Russia's Central God, reminding him of the failings and wickedinto my tr-asury." Then a tenth of the first Asia diplomacy any one can judge how much ness of the church. When Christ said to his week's receipts is \$57.65. Just here this thought dependance is to be placed on the Czar's decla- disciples, "Give ye them to eat," did he mean I was born in New England. My father was goods, and the bills are coming Jue in a few only claims what belongs to him. - New York Would not one earnest prayer at home before

the meeting have brought as its answer a sweeter back water which runsnot toward God but toward How many ways there are of killing the

prayer-meeting ? How many a church has, this year, lost its Week of Prayer through thoughtess, indifferent, careless members? Do we 1. Many lack love and zeal. O, lokewarm err by too brief prayers?

D ar reader don't kill any more prayer-meet-

THE DEAD-PRAYER OFFICE.

Thousands of them find their way to the dead- boy whose song ran thus: letter office. Some never reach the person for whom they are intended, because the postage is not paid; some fail because they are directed to the wrong office ; some cannot be sent because the address is illegible; and some because the matter inclosed is unmailable. These float through the mails, are examined at different into the dead-letter office. There they are the accuracy and skill of the postal officials that child of God thou must be lowly in thine own

very few valuable letters ever fail of reaching Some prayers never reach God, because they

are not addressed to God's office. They are directed to the audience. Here one prays a Son's sake, hear thou the voice of my prayer." "sharp cut" to some stubborn brother, or re- This is the proper gospel spirit; but if we plead bukes some error in theology to another, or in any other fashion, we shall be sent empty

ual power, not extraordinary mental power that we need. Mental power may fill a chapel, Some men's prayers, if they were to pray but spiritual power fills the church. Mental power them as their foolish heart really desires, would may gather a congregation ; spiritual power will save souls. We want spiritual power. Oh ! we Startle not when I say it-I fear that many know some before whom we shrink into nothmen proudly ask to be humble ; they desire to be humble in order that they may be admired ing as to talent, but who have no spiritual power ; but when they speak, they have not the for it. Have we not all found that in the rush-Holy Spirit with then, ; but we know others, ing stream of our earnest zeal there will be some simple-hearted, worthy men, who speak their country dialect, and who stand up to preach in curselves? Have we not even striven to win their country-place, and the spirit of God clothes souls that we might be notable as soul-winners? "Come with me, and see my zeal for the Lord," every word with power. Hearts are broken, has been the language of many a Jehu. O, it is Spirit of the living God I we want Thee. Thou have enough of praying? Do good people ever us humble if we are so, and make us humble if art the life, the soul, the source of Thy people's we are not so. I believe every Christian man success. Without Thee, they can do nothing, has a choice between being humble and being with Thee, they can do everything. -C. H. humbled. Now, to be humble is a sweet thing; Spurgeon.

WHOLE No. 1633.

tial city than the Valley of Humiliation; be JOINING THE CHURCH .--- How soon should I that lives in it dwells among flowers and birds, join the Church? The best answer we can give What becomes of all the unanswered letters? and may sing all day long, like the shepherd- to that question is, Just as soon as your heart

has joined the Saviour. When God gives con-version he demands confession. Make the most of your early love. If your heart goes out to Jesus in loving trust, then stand up for him, and with him joining your hands to his, take the blessed "The desire of the humble " is saturated with vow of spiritual we llock. The whole drift of

RANDOM READINGS.

Never go where Christ cannot go with you

a gospel spirit, and therefore is acceptable with the Bible is in favor of prompt trust in Christ, the God of all grace. Pride seems born of the prompt confession of Christ and prompt obedience offices, marked "mis-sent," and finally they fall law, though I scarce know why it should be; to his every call of duty. The teaching of the for the law censures and condemns. Humility word is, " whatsoever he saith to you, do it." opened and read, and, if valuable, are forwarded; is the child of the gosp 1, and is brought up But the devil's version reads, "whatsoever he it not, they are given to the flames. Such is upon the knees of grace. If thou wouldst be a saith to you, delay it."-T. L. Cuyler.

> esteem. If thou wouldst be heard in prayer thou must come to God as needy and empty. Let us have done with merits and deserts, and

let this be our cry, "For thy mercy and for thy to approve and encourage you. The eye of God always beholds us, but not always approvingly.

GENIUS NO EXCUSE FOR WRONG-

DOING.

THE DESIRE OF THE HUMBLE.

there is no lovelier spot on the road to the celes-

He that is down need fear no fall,

He that is low no pride ;

He that is humble ever shall

Have God to be his guide.

Corruption in politics may win a little victory

times (shame on us) the very supplication, which contract our desires to the measure of our Young people should never forget how much deserts, they will shrivel into nothing. It is ill the choice of associates has to do with success or failure in life.

member of the Church in the village. He was a days ;" and then, "You must look out to supply Advocate. man who believed in looking out for number one. your family's needs. Then a terrible fight oc-He owned a farm which had become one of the curred. God's word arrayed against my own best in the State. Father was never absent from selfishness and pride ! I knew not what to do. pray-r-meeting, and was considered one of the After a long struggle I said. " Lord my obliga-OVERCOATS. substantial members of the Church. He gave tions to thee are far above what they can pos-\$25 tor the support of the Gospel every year. sibly be to men, and I bring thy thithe first." day All his children were given a fair education. I then opened an account in my ledger, headed, -BUYS'-ULSTERS & REEFERS. Tremendously Cheap, Call and See. possible income. Everybody said I was "a chip off the old Tract. LINDERS, DRAWEES, AND READY-MADE block," and with these qualities I left my Eastern CLOTHING FOR BOTH MEN AND home twenty years ago to come to the West. I BOYS. VERY CHEAP. succeeded in getting a farm very reasonably. Crops were excellent the first year, and 1 was MENS' OVERSHIRTS, TRUNKS AND VALISES. The Cheapest in the Market. FUR AND CLOTH CAPS. Will be sold Regardless of Cost LADIES' SACQUE CLOTHS, At a Great Sacrifice. OVERCOATING IN EVERY STYLE. Exceedingly Cheap. BOOTS, SHOES, RUBBERS year, and we taised in cash and donations about AND OVERSHOES, At Any Price

The above goods, with a variety too numerous to men-tion, must be sold to make room for Spring Importations Be sure to call and examine stock. talked with a few of us, and said he would be retively opposing the Shah's designs through its

sure their investment would yield the largest begun to do what ought to have been done by me during the past thirty years .- Methodist

little to spare, which I invested in farming im- England and English interests gives, indepenplements. The second year's crops were even dently of the recent Central Asia campaigns, better than the first. I was comfortably situated. the clearest evidence as to Russia's designs in As the years passed by children came to gladden Southern Asia. When, as long ago as 1834, our hearts and home. No man and wife had the Shah fell ill, the question of the succession more reason for thankfulness than we. As set- gave uneasiness to both the English and Russian

nerd of Church privileges, and soon a missionary triumph of diplomacy when an agreement was language ; backbiting, slandering, white lying, from our Missionary Society located near us. reached which was mutually satisfactory. But etc., are commonly heard on the lips of profes-Mertings were held in the old school-house, and two years later the British Minister, Sir John sing Christians. A person guilty of using his it was the place where many were born again. M'Neill, discovered that the new Shah was con- tongue in either of the above ways, need ponder Ot course we ought to do something for the templating an expedition against Herat, and he well the mighty words : "I say unto you, that support of the Gospel. I pledged \$10 the first called the attention of his Government to the every idle word that men shall speak, they shall

year, and we faised in cash and donations about two hund ed dollars for our minister. The fol-louing minter there for our minister. The fol-louing minter there is a special danger of such an approach to the "frontiers of India." The Russian Minister was the chief For by thy words (good) thou shalt be justified, lowing winter there was a powerful revival, and instigator of the scheme, using all his influence and by thy words (evil) thou shalt be con-

"FOUND WANTING." These words were originally written of King Belshazzar : but they are true of many in our

> you tastel at conversion-and now you feel lukewarm, lazy, indifferent. Your spiritual ap-

petites are no longer keen and strong, so that the means of grace are dry and insipid. You no longer teel that deep anxiety to grow in

grace, and become more heavenly-minded. Your The history of the intrigues of the various service to God is precise; but, alas, there is able to build me a comfortable house and have a Russian Ministers at the Persian court against only the form ! Hear what God says : "1 know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot. I would thou west cold or hot. So, then, because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot [will spue thee out of my mouth," "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion."

2. Others lack a bridled tongue. Light, tlers came into the arighborhood we felt the Governments, and it was thought a great frothy, toulish, gossiping, joking, exaggerating

our Church membership was doubled. About this time a minister from New Eng-land located a claim in our neighborhood. He talked with a few of us, and said he would be

They inherited from their father a good degree "The Lord's Treasury," and immediately pas- soul! you have lost that warmth of feeling in of selfishness. He had taught them to be very sed to the credit side of it \$57.65. There came your bears towards God-that burning zeal, inge -Rev. S. W. Adviance in the Congregationcareful how they spent any money, and to be into my mind a restful sense that at last I had those strong desires, that joy and blessed relief alist

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willing to preach for us if we would raise him Minister in Teheran. Herat was besieged, \$50 a year. He was very generous hearted, and however, and was defended by a British officer, vival, and the young people assembled two or church, and in less than a year our noighborhood was a Sabbath breaking and pleasure seckng community

We sold our farm, for we did not wish to What we realized from our sale enabled us to buy a good corner lot, on which we built a store. The Lord prospered us, and soon we were able to buy another lot and build us a house. My

in real estate in our rapidly-growing town, and

decided we could give \$50 a year to the Lord. dissipate, in this respect, all prejudice, and to Father, but of the world." ever. As I have been balancing the accounts in direct the policy of our Cabinet in Asia." and wrote along the top :

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compelled to dimit that the amounts placed to of Candabar. This is only an average specimen my credit and not balance any one of the debits. of Russian diplomacy. The question flashed into my mind, "How much owest thou unto the Lord?" of Russian diplomacy. The question flashed into my mind, "How much owest thou unto the Lord?" of Russian diplomacy. much owest thou unto the Lord ?"

I took my Bible and learned that Paul says, another Russian movement aroused the suscepti- great success, as a prayer-meeting it was a la- seen its hand drop and its frame recoil as the lite to be for the susception of a warm, heating, invisione Hand that made the crooked straight and rough Upon the first day of the werk let every one bility of the British public, and a correspond- mentable failure. After the learned man had mother's glance of mild repoof burnt away its of you lay by him in store as God hath pros-pered him." Then I said, "It is my business resulted in the agreement to recognize "some felt that whatever he might say would seem "our God" to a loving child of God. As his As we keep the only Railway Ticket Office in the City parties going West will find it to their advantage to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere. As we keep the only Railway Ticket Office in the City parties going West will find it to their advantage to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere. As we keep the only Railway Ticket Office in the City parties going West will find it to their advantage to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere. As we keep the only Railway Ticket Office in the City parties going West will find it to their advantage to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere. As we keep the only Railway Ticket Office in the City treasury. The wise man says, 'Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first.

Lord with thy substance, and with the first- of those possessions, and be scrupulously re- satisfied his hungry soul, and then utter a Father's presence, he finds there is salvation and

right, for all the money in the world belongs to interfere, with unmingled reliance upon God to interfere. the Lord, (but what a sight of it is stolen.) I've been thinking lately whether I haven't been upon to exercise her influence." An "indepen-robbing Gud. What Maleobi sure in his book and pray with a dying youth, and several upon to exercise her influence." An "indepen-ticked so loudly. And the pastor killed it.

of the Persian monarch he had no thought of

robbing God. What Malachi says in his bock, dent zone," he argued, "would prevent imme- 2. The deacon killed it. It was the next salted with fire," and of the unboly, "The tares others in the house heard him speaking of God. in the third chapter, from the eighth to the diate contast, and would leave each power free week. This time the pastor went in with a shall be burned in the fire." Well for those who

3. Some lack love to their neighbor. Large we offer in tenderest tones, in behalf of the

numbers persuade themselves they are Chris- weeping widow and helpless orphans, is intended to pray according to your sense of what you said, while we were getting our farms into shape, and the Russian Minister had the mortification tians, while they cherish resentment and ill-will. more for those who kneel in mourning before have a right to ask. You have a legal right to it would help us not to have to pay out so much for preaching. We talked it over, and finally dec.ded to let our Home Mission man go, and employ our New E wland ureacher. Liell von employ our New Eigland preacher. I tell you on a mission to Cabool, the Afghan capital, the give them cold looks, and talk of them in a sour, certainly go to the "dead prayer office." we did miss the pastoral visits of Mr. Williams, but thought we make the pastoral visits of Mr. Williams, hut thought we make the pastoral visits of Mr. Williams, hut thought we make the pastoral visits of Mr. Williams, hut thought we make the pastoral visits of Mr. Williams, hut thought we make the pastoral visits of Mr. Williams, hut thought we make the pastoral visits of Mr. Williams, hut thought we make the pastoral visits of Mr. Williams, hut thought we make the pastoral visits of Mr. Williams, hut thought we make the pastoral visits of Mr. Williams, hut thought we make the pastoral visits of Mr. Williams, hut thought we make the pastoral visits of Mr. Williams, hut thought we make the pastoral visits of Mr. Williams, hut the pastoral visits of Mr. Will the pa but thought we could do without pastoral visita-tion nutil we had all got our farms mid for and i will fill it." Forget tion until we had all got our farms , aid for and assurances of "imperial protection" to Afghan- are Christians! All such are accounted by God "hand-write;" these can always be deciphered, well improved. That winter there was no re- istan. Another intrigue was begun for the as murderers. "He that loveth not his brother but because it has so many extra flourishes. possession of Candahar, and the Governor-Gen- abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his bio- This prayer is uttered in a pompous, grandilo- prayer.-Spurgeon. three times a week for a dance, but did not care eral of India became alarmed, and called the ther is a murderer; and ye know that no mur- quent style. It is full of long words, scientific anything for the worship of the Lond. A spir- attention of the Home Government to the "part derer hath eternal life abiding in him." "If a terms and classical quotations. The writing on itual coldness came over the members of the taken by Russia and her agents in these trans. man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he the envelope is very much in keeping with the actions," menacing the "security of India." is a liar." style upon the inside. The ink was fancy, and

These intrigues and the duplicity of Russian 4. Many lack the witness of the Spirit. it soon faded ; the pen was the tongue, and it Diplomacy was made the subject of a very sharp When asked, "Do you now enjoy the assurance did not set the color in the prayer. How differnote by Lord Palmerston to the Government of of sins forgiven ? Have you peace with God ? ent when indited by the hear?! It is no the immorality of excusing wrong doing on acbring up our children with such surroundings, St. Petersburg. In the correspondence which Are you ready to die ?" They falter out a wonder that this prayer gets lost, and finds its and moved into a growing rail oad town a few miles away. We took our chirch letters and miles away. We took our chirch letters and miles away. The last prayer we notice is the unavailable ions dangerous to the security of the British possessions in Asia." It is worth while to quote He abideth in us, by the spirit which he hath prayer. There is a great latitude allowed us in bed, egotistical, bad-tempered man, who had the reasons accompanying the declarations : | given us." "If any man nath not the Spirit of the postal matter of our Government, but there ruined his constitution by his persistent breakare a few things which cannot even get into the ing of every law of health." Goethe, stripped of "The idea of assailing the security and the | Christ, he is none of his."

trang vility of the possessions of Great Britian 5. Thousands lack hearts weaned from the mail bags. Sharp-edged tools and corroding the glamour which enthusiastic admirers of his in India has never presented itself, and will world. Love of the world is manifested in acids, no matter how securely wrapped, will not great powers have thrown over him, is a "Sybusiness increased; I gave \$25 a year for the never present itself, to the mind of our august eagerly seeking its wealth, "laying up treasures be transported through the mails; they are put barite, whose god was himself, and who did not Parish. support of the Gospel, and telt good over being able to give as much as my father used to in Nor Enclored Linear real character is possible. For this twofold reason he cannot AT HALL'S BOOK STORE, FREDERICTON. New Eugland. I saw good chances for investment entertain any combination whatever directed who are living thus are not on the way to heaagainst the British power in India. It would ven. "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye prayers, if answered, might be a blessing to us, exercising the prerogative of all men of genius ; flattered myself that my New Eugland shrewd-not be just, because nothing would have given not that the friendship of the world is enmity out they would fall like a shower of daggers "who learn in suffering" (generally the suffering ness, inherited from my father, was placing me cause for it. It would not be possible, by reason with G d? Whosoever, therefore, will be the upon our neighbors. Sometimes in our prayers of others) " what they teach in song." in very comfortable circumstances. Our children of the immense distance which separates us, the friend of the world is the enemy of God." "Love we half-way complain of the strange providence Decident and Richard must take the pain." were converted and united with our Church. sacrifices which must be made, the difficulties not the world, neither the things that are in the which has befallen us, and argue the case with Brinsley Sheridan the world excuses them We all had good health, and no family had more which must be overcome, and all this to realize world. If any man love the world, the love of God; then the prayer is full of starp-pointed everything, deciaring that cause for real gratitude than we, and we were an adventurous scheme which could never be in the Father is not in him. For all that is in arrows. Is it at all strange that kind answers thankful to our kind heavenly Father for giving accordance with sound and reasonable policy. the world-the lust of the flesh, and the lust of are not returned? The corroding acid of selfishus such prosperity. I was a little proud when I A glance at the map ought to be sufficient to the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the ness or sensuality or pride is sometimes in our an impudent and blasphemous falsehood; as if the read and for allocation on

I am now entering upon the year 1882; my convince every impartial and colightened man 6. Many professing Christians lack the reli- is poured out in mid-air. It is never answered, heaven. business Last year was more prosperous than that no hostile design against England can gion that saves from committing sin. Day by and well for us that it is not. MY NAME, In account with the Lord, Dr. is now seen to be not only possible, but pro and passions. All this shows that they do not Advance.

bable, so successful has Russia been in over- enjoy justifying grace. "Whosoever is born of coming the impossible. A glance at the map God doth not commit sin ; whosever abideth of to-day can scarcely be said to be reassuring in him sinneth not." Many of these, to justify to the "impartial and enlightened man." In the same correspondence, Russia, after passages of scripture that speak of the inability of a sate shelter in the blazing throne itself. brow, making the life a consecration of the prejudice overcome, every truth more clearly having positively denied that her Minister to of the natural man to live without sin. But the The whole thought is tinged by to denominat- books. not the books an apology for the life ? perceived, every difficulty subdued, every sin Persia had connived with the Shah, concerning same book says : "He that committeeth sin is ing word of sympathy and affection, our. It We cannot exaggerate the danger it is to left behind, every temptation trampled under-Herat and Candahar in Afghanistan, declared of the devil." that in the part he assumed as a friendly adviser

menacing the interests of neighboring countries. WHO KILLED THE PRAYER-MEETING?

been set at rest by British energy and vigilance, when the evening came. As a lecture it was a forth its hand to a forbidden thing. We have comes direct from Him ' with whom is no dark-

Tickets to all Points in the United States in the United States in the United States in the Lord." Then it is my busi-and Canada.

can stand?" You had better pray according to

It is not wise to get angry while arguing in favor of Christianity. If a man really loves it enough to defend it, he ought to have enough not this first truth-that what seems to be the of it to keep him sweet-tempered. lowest form of prayer is, nevertheless, true

> Our lives should be like the days, more beautiful in the evening; or like the spring, aglow with promise, and like the autumn, rich with golden sheaves, where good works and deeds have ipened in the field.

In Good Words for April, Mrs. Craik has a The present moment may be a season of darkvery courageous paper in which she denounces mestic life of Thomas Carlyle sprang, not from nigh " for "God is light, and in him is on darkness at all."

> Instruction sounds to the proud man like reproof; illumination comes on the vain man like scorn; the manitestation of a higher condition of motive and action than his own, falls on the selfesteeming like condemnation.-A Seaboard

The tongue which speaketh no evil is as lovely as the hand which giveth alms. Conscience is the voice of the soul; the passions are the voice of the body. "He who would eat the kernel must crack the nut; he who would have the gain

God's presence is enough for toil and enough for rest. If he journey with us by the way, he will abide with us when night-fall comes, and his prayer. Such a prayer is lost on the way. It any light which led astray could come from the road, and for solace and safety in the evening camp.-Maclaren.

But if it is a pitiful thing when a man of We never know through what divine mysteries day they break the plainest commands of God, No legally "stamped," sincerely directed, and go itus has to entrench himself behind his works, of compensation the great Father of the universe my ledger recently, I took a piece of blank paper The aspect has changed greatly since 1838, refuse to walk in the light of the Spirit, ouit well-meaning prayer is ever lost. The answer as being so much better than himself, in a may be carrying out his sublime plan; but the and what was regarded then as not "possible" known duty, and give way to unholy tempers may be delayed, but the prayer is "on file."- woman of genius it is even worse. "Can any words, "God is love," ought to contain to every writings of the two greatest female novelists of doubting soul the solution of all things, -- Miss

Every kindness done to others in our daily

It is told of a Christian mother that she had a little room of her own where, on a stand, the great family Bible always stood open ; and when work passed hard and children were untoward. or when sickness threatened-when the skeins of life were all crossways and tangled, she went quietly to that room, and through faith and places plain.

Mark how yon heavens stands, without a pillar ! See how the round world floats in space. without a stay ! What more does the universe require than the power of the Eternal ? O believer ! get thee into these deep waters, where A Bible colporteur travelling in Germany, and there is sea-room for faith, and no weak creature

Every solitary kind action that is done, the

C. N. N. W.

1. The pastor killed it. Although he gave spoken out of a heart in which is now progres-notice from the pulpit on Sanday that there sing that purifying work of the spirit of Jesus. a genius. Satan would probably be to such

Euglish woman full of the most noble qualities, The saying, "Our God is a consuming fire," atome for the lack of that crown of stainless themselves in wrong-doing, apply to themselves inexpressibly solemn as it is, speaks as from out matronhood, which should have adorned either walk, every attempt to make others happy, every comes from a heart which is at one with God the young to teach them that genius is an ex- foot, every step forward in the cause of good, is in the peace of filial endeavor to imitate the cuse for an error; that an author's books are a step nearer to the life of Christ .-- Dean Stanley heavenly Father, a heart that has no dread of the condonation of his life; that what is moral the fire of God, because no evil which belongs turpitude in a small man is in a great man only to that fire is quietly held back from it. It is a venial error; nay, perhaps, that if he had been

" The light which led astray

Was light from heaven,"

AFTER SEVEN YEARS.

the age, French and English, and one the Mulock. THE FIRE OF GOD.

