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plains that she was not able to do it, and finds union meetings, and she retorted rather sharply, locked conference-room.

At Any Price ing sometimes, when strangers are present. I believe the Lord loves a cheerful worker as well they were held down here?" I told her to try "Our minister's wife," said Mrs. Guy, "does the experiment of having one appointed there and have her query decided, but she did not not hesitate to say that her husband is hired, take at all kindly to my suggestion." and not her, and she will not profess an interest

"If people will not seek the gospel light, it is about the salvation of his soul, and to ask for "She is honest, at least," said Prudence Weasaid Prudence. "Shall our next Wendnesday to become a Christian." Now just what that ver. "Our minister is fond of saying that it is evening meeting be held at the Widow Hart's?" worse than useless to appoint devotional meetings where there is no interest taken in them. It isn't for me to say whether he is to blame for

the present indifference here, but I do know that at our last covenant meeting there was no one present but the minister and myself, and he was so taken up with the Democratic caucus in all knelt upon the conference room door-stone dition, is being decided. ogress across the way that he seemed to grudge the confidential interview of the formed and the second during the confidential interview of the formed that you are trying to do On Sunday, as usual, the three pastors announ-all you can to be with the trying to do the time taken for the meeting. The read the Bible lesson with one eye on the nois book and

on Wednesday evening at the Methodist church. rather would I help you, so that your sincere the other cast out of the window, and prayed The sexton pleading the example of his Con- attempts toward an end so infinitely desireable exactly as if my covenant was of no manner of consequence, and I could not help thinking that Mrs. Guy laughed softly. "I ought not to praise, did think of the meeting and go out and would not go out and hang a few blossoms in foster your irreverent spirit," she said, " but

that caucus, and had a good deal to say about ance he strolled over and joined the group in You would select a young tree, however small, the attitude of the three ministers. In fact, he front of the store. talked about it all tea time. He said it did seem strange that this old town should fall into the hands of the Philistines at this late day, and and drumming up recruits they went in on the and rain and air could give it. In good time when I asked him what he meant by that he re- Widow Hart, a company of fifteen that the that living tree would unfold its blossoms, and plied, "Why, into the hands of three lay, gos- household increased to twenty. siping, trading, story-telling ministers, who back each other up in their inefficiency, who gossip to each other about their own people, and

meeting was, of itself, akin to a wholesome en-thusiasm. It turned out to be a social informal Now, my friend, you may fall into the lamentso make mischiet instead of spending their time in their study, who preach old sermons, who listen to and laugh at questionable stories, and meeting. A good deal of freedom of spirit was able mistake of trying to bear fruit without allow the profane swearers to stand before them manifest, several gave expression to their hopes and fears, and as the three women walked slowly the Bible definition, is a person in whom Jesus unrebuked. Such men are not exemplary in the community. The example of any minister back and parted on the hill-top each to go to Christ lives. The foremost Christian this world that is not pronounced enough to be aspiring is her own dwelling, Prudence said : demoralizing, and so I say we have fallen into

Mrs. Lee shook her head. "We ought not to encourage such expressions of opinion," she we but prove faithful.' said. "The apostles spoke of their brethern as " helpers," and Christians now are under no less agreement proclaimed that during the hot Herbert Spencer admits that life can never bligation to be helpers than they were of old.

The members of the church are bound to respect, dropped. There was no further necessity, there- only be generated by some other living organguard and defend the character of the pastor. fore, of any one unlocking the conference rooms ism. This is even more true in the spiritual That is what I was brought up to believe, and it is the ground I have always stood upon "The pastor has himself to thank if his peo-

ple slip away from that commendable standing," dignity of his position, that he was not to stand meeting.

that he was not to sit upon the counters of the general stores, dressed like a stable man indulg-ing in all the idle gossip afloat, but that when out of his study he should employ his leisure in such intercourse with the people as will tend to out through a rain storm." ecure that respect and esteem, promote their

times takes part, and she does a good many calling at the Widow Hart's yesterday I re- Guy at the wedding of Prudence and John at his servant, and do his will. magnifies everything, however triffing, com-see the people from the Four Corners out to the calling to mind that talk on the steps of the ing your religion a burden, what you need is to within the reach of our powers should remain

FRUIT WITHOUT ANY TREE.

A friend has just been in to talk with me somebody's manifest duty to take it to them," counsel. He said, "I am trying to do all I can grace until the answer comes. man said may be about the same thing that "By all means !" assented the two faithful many of the readers of this journal are saying more sensible than a surprise party as a mani- may be of service to them as well as to him. It is a great crisis with an immortal soul when After a short prayer for God's blessing upon the divine Spirit is moving that soul, and the their humble efforts by each of the three as they vital question of life or death, salvation or per-

ced that the union prayer-meeting would be held doubt your sincerity nor condemn you for trying ; sit tor awhile in the chapel door-way, but Sisters the air in the month of May, and then expect my Uncle Holbrook, from Flagg's Hill, was at Guy, Lee and Weaver not making their appear- that they would turn into ripe cherries in July. The three good women meanwhile walked and set it in the ground. The life in that tree would begin to work; it would pump sustenance eisurely down the hill and calling at every house out of the soil, and draw in all that sunshine the delicious cherries would develop and ripen. The surprise and pleasure of these people that | The principle of life in that tree would work itthe children of God," these three pious women cared enough for their self out in the normal way, in leaves, flowers souls to walk all the way down there to hold a and fruits. A dead stick would bear no cherries

has ever seen once said, " I live ; yet not I but "I have faith to believe that a spark has Christ that liveth in me." Jesus dwelt in the been uncovered to-night that will increase to a heart of Paul precisely as the vital principle flame powerful enough to carry all before it if dwelt in the heart of that cherry-tree; as a consequence, Paul brought forth the fruits of the sage from God. To every one so listening it The next Sanday the three ministers by Spirit-love, joy, courage, long-suffering, etc. come to us .- The Rev. Phillips Brooks.

weather the union prayer-meetings would be spring up of itself in the natural world, and can

spiritual interests, and aid in rendering its put, lic ministrations more direct and salutary." Miss Prudence spoke with spirit, and Mrs. Lee shoo's her head again as she said sorrowfully: "I often wish that our three ministers would hear in mind that in the township, insisted on taking the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, insisted on taking the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the township, the servently ask him to enter you hear in mind that in the with joy by all who were present. Many dead knocks and bids you open to him. Not to his shall I believe in what my mother has taught Greig, "See, sir, I have brought all these." That

fault that she had it to do. It is very mortify-is should be glad to know how many of you "Verily, better is the end of a thing than the spring up from your lethargy to higher things, to tend to foster unholy desires should remain or else rush back into the field of unbelief and unknown. The desire for knowledge should self-reliance. You must desire greater and not be unlawfully gratified. greater things, and be filled also with a sense of

your own weakness, So, and so only, can you come by and by,

SIGNIFICANT INSTANCES. with eager prayer, to knock at the door of A returned female missionary was anxious to thought what a poor master the devil's servants

form a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in have got. Why, when he came up to tempt If the little amateur work which you are a certain church, and was for a time opposed, our Mother Eve is paradise he hadn't got any doing for the Master, done in your leisure mo- on the plea that the church had too many home bit o' a little thing for to bribe her with, and all "By all means !" assented the two faithful sisters. "A surprise prayer-meeting is much more sensible than a surprise prayer-meeting is much of his word which you believe frets, dis- however, and a flourishing society was formed, didn't say, "I'll try to do all the good I can," tresses, and wearies you, then you must send and during the same year the church paid a and then do nothing," because he couldn't find your faith and hopes until you come to wonder heavy debt. Another instance has come under any to do ; but he says; "There's Simon, I'll go at the completeness of the knowledge of our own eye. In a church whose finances were and catch him." That's the way; pick out one

and are never quite fire the "by whit not this attenning vie ware forend used bergen with ne and they try for another ... We might dry good back and leave all behind ! Some day or other same time a Young Ladies' Band was formed, so much. I've heard folk a singin', and meanin' the great Spirit of Christ will take hold of them and also a Children's Band. None of the it, too,

A FRENCH CHILD'S FAITH.

gregational brother the week previous did not ring the bell. The pastor, be it said to his a crop of cherries in your garden, surely you a man will still live on in sin and not give it up, During the last year over \$500 have been raised An' because realm o' nature wasn't theirs, they then, of course, it is all woe and punishment for by these little organizations, and meanwhile the didn't give anything at all.-Daniel Quorms church has doubled the amount paid for the pas-

Christ glorifies our human nature until it at- tor's salary. If any pastors are afraid to entains the completeness of the Divine nature ; courage woman's work, such instances, of and he attempts to till the soul with Divine which scores might be given, ought to dissipate life. Whoever, therefore, comes into the service the fear. of Christ at all, if he is trying to do Christ's

What the church needs is the awakening of a will in the spirit of bondage and foar, has still benevolent, Christ-like interest, the turning to get into the liberty -- the " glorious liberty of away of the thoughts of Christians from the ten

Move on, then, however great your discour-This is not the real life of faith and to anare. This is not the real life of faith and to anare. agements. This is not the real life of faith and and to spare.

knowledge you are living now, but it is close upon its borders; it is still of God, however weakly; it is labor and pain until you have found its sweetness ; when you have found this, then your whole life is changed ; your heart is Sunday-school Association : always open to the voice of God, and you are ever eager to enquire : "What hath the Lord answered and what hath the Lord spoken ?" You go on asking of neighbor and brother, and hire a suitable place at a moderate price. He you are quick to hear of any one some new meshad looked in vain for some months. At last, surely comes, and may we so listen that it shall

THE DYING DAUGHTER.

Dr. Elliott, who was well acquainted with I was sorry to leave it, but my parents left Paris steep hill, he said : world. You are spiritually dead, dead in sin until the celebrated Colonel Ethan Allen, visited him to come here, and I had to come with them." The three women, however, continued their Christ enters your soul by His quickening at a time when his daughter was sick and near "My little girl, there is not a place to be had me, and hung on like a beaver." walks to the Four Corners and, as the interest grew, two meetings a week were held, and after _____ he that hath the Son of God hath life, and when the colonel read to him some of his writ-when the colonel read to him some of his writ-ing for one without success." "O, but you will he has brought up on said Miss Prudence. "I was brought up on the same religious pabulum, but I was also the same religious pabulum, but I was also taught that the minister was to maintain the dignite of his position, that he was not to stand dignity of his position, that he was not to stand around among the loafers at every place where men do congregate, like a gentleman at large, that he was not to sit upon the counters of the that he was not to sit upon the counters of the

but through a rain storm." It was a wonderful meeting, remembered still It was a wonderful meeting, remembered still Ware doubt Ware d

tors. All the churches received additions to is awful for you; but if you cannot escape, you cannot by searching find out God to perfection, thy people may grow in grace and in knowledge, "I know how that is," put in Mrs. Guy. "In their membership, and Mrs. Lee said to Mrs. Lee said to Mrs. Lee said to Mrs. Lee said to Mrs. and do his will times takes part, and she does a good many things, but nothing is done cheerfully. She marked that I hoped during this moon we should marked that I hoped during this moon we should marked that I hoped during this moon we should the close of an especially blessed prayer-meeting, If you are trying to be religious, and are find-cannot know anything. Some things which are

LOOKING AFTER ONE SOUL .- "He first findeth his own brother Simon." Now I am sure that 'tis a good plan to go looking after one soul. Every soul in the world belongs to our Lord, He made 'em every one, and he bought 'em every one with his precious blood. They're his every way ; and the devil is a thief. I've very often

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small.

MONEY .--- Money was in use to facilitate exchanges of property as early as Abrahata's day. Hence his proposition to the sons of Heth to obtain for him the cave of Machpelah "for as much money as it is worth" for a buryingplace (Gen. xxiii. 9). The proper use of it is thousand forms of self-gratification to the wants right. Indeed, to have it and be able to use it

10). We commend to our readers John Wesley's advice on this matter : "Get all you can, save all you can, and give all you can." God's Mr. Greig, of the M'All Mission in Paris, plan. requiring his people to give a proportion of states the following fact at a meeting of the their money to carry on his cause, is a safety valve provision to prevent wealth absorbing

Having heard of the Petit Montrouge as one their affections; and those who follow Ged's of the suburbs most in need of the Gospel, he re- plan will find the largest enjoyment out of the solved to open a Sunday-school there if he could money they possess.

FAITH AND WORKS .- Faith and works were discouraged, he was about to give up all hope, well illustrated by a venturesome six-year-old when on his way homeward he was stopped by boy who ran into the forest after a team and a poor little hump-backed girl, who said to him, "O, Mr. Greig, have a Sunday-school here ! We When asked by his mother

When asked by his mother if he was not had such a nice one in Faubourg St. Antoine! frightened when the team came down a very

"Yes, a little ; but I asked the Lord to help

RANDOM READINGS.

Devotion sweetens all that courage must ndure .- Madame Swetchine.

It is vanity to desire to live long, and not care o live well .- Thomas a Kempis.

He who can take advice is sometimes superior o him who can give it .- Von Knebel.

There is no Christian duty that is not to be easoned and set off with cheerfulness. - Milton.

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heart."

and observed as the minister. I sometimes think make a pastoral call or hold a prayer-meeting in

piritual interests, and aid in rendering his pub-

he was judging me by himself."

the hands of the Philistines.'

some isolated school house for the love of the ed placidly away.

Tickets to all Points in the United States Miss Prudence. "They seem to have fallen that I never saw a Christian, but these three pendent on Christ for the opening of his blind into line with all the rest of the men here, 'poor critters.' Just hear them laugh, over in front of the store. There were no less than six schelor John next day. "I'll rig out as many life. When you get Christ you get everything. It need not be urged upon you to read the church members leaning on the fence as I came teams and carry as many as I can. There are From the dead stick, however polished, no bud Scriptures and engage in private prayer daily; Sole Agent for Wilcox & White's celebrated Organs, acknowledged to be the cheapest in the market. War-ranted for Siz Years.

ister failed to put in an appearance, went home think if those three women care enough about Christ will enter your heart by his blessed 1. Never, in any society, be reluctant to con- quarrelling nearly all the morning, but that, if image is sufficient evidence that he had some

more impressed at the work done by women own neighborhood and Mrs. Lee led the one at randering pride, or self-righteousness, or any -everything. (Phil. iv. 8.) in cur New England churches. Everyone hears the Four Corners. He was an attentive listener pet sin-Jesus must come in or you are lost. 3. Never allow a day to pass without doing the same story of the non-interest of men in but took no part in the experiences, but it was Jesus enters the soul in many different something for your Master. Endeavor to bring church work. In our church now, out of forty noticeable that after the meeting was dismissed methods-no two precisely alike, any more to Christ at least one soul each year. John ix. resident male members, there is not one whom he held conference with the farmers. than any two countenances. He entered the 4.)

we can call active, not one whom we can depend This talk bore truit on the Sunday following, heart of Saul amid the convulsions of that mi- 4. Except on rare occasions forget your past "Fruit unto holiness"-growth and maturity the Lord was not in the midst. They were not upon to lead or even so be present at a devo- for never excepting at a general muster or at raculous scene on the road to Damascus. sins. Progress in the Christian life may best be therein-is always preceded by deliverance from men without him. The church lives, moves,

They declined with firmness. "The village that sin must give way. When the divine while in health and strength, loudly boast of a good old Baptist brother, who had been our what has passed in company, to distrust one's and observed as the minister. I solution out to carry you people never turn out to car that this very point teaches the root of the so people never turn out to carry you people home Spirit kindles a spark in your heart, whether their skeptical principles, and ridicule religion, They do what they are paid to do and will not in comparison to what is being done by Christian Lord Jesus beginning to work in your soul; it awake in great terror if his candle went out durmissionaries all over the world," and they walk- is the beginning of life; for Christ enters you ing the night. He never could endure any dis-

by the spirit. The new birth that Jesus spoke course about death ! Infidelity has no consola-"I never thought much of Christians before," of to Nicodemus is a divine work, not your tion for its unhappy followers in the testing The argument was continued with warmth, and "I wonder if they ever thought of that," said said Bachelor John. "In fact I have often said work. Bartimeus was not more completely de- hour. - Leslie's Sunday Magazine.

would ever get to heaven, as it appeared, by his own showing, that he and his wife had been

Wrapping Paper = without having a meeting because there was no meeting because there was no meeting us in heaven to turn out in all weathers converting, quickening Spirit, just as soon as you one to pray."

one to pray." "Deplorable," said Mrs. Lee. "I suppose the sisters disliked to lead off when there were so many of the lords of creation. present. I wonder they did not remain and have a meeting by themselves. Wherever I go I am more and construction and the same night in his by themselves. Wherever I go I am more and Mrs. Guy led one the same night in his construction present. I by themselves. Wherever I go I am more and Mrs. Guy led one the same night in his construction present. I by themselves. Wherever I go I am more and Mrs. Guy led one the same night in his construction present. I by themselves. Wherever I go I am more and Mrs. Guy led one the same night in his construction present. I by themselves. Wherever I go I am more and Mrs. Guy led one the same night in his construction present. I by themselves. Wherever I go I am more and Mrs. Guy led one the same night in his construction present. I by themselves. Wherever I go I am more and Mrs. Guy led one the same night in his construction present. I by themselves. Wherever I go I am more and Mrs. Guy led one the same night in his construction present. I construct

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FRUIT UNTO HOLINESS.

GENTS On new war book, DEEDS OF is and created or even so be present at a devo in interest in church in and there ever in the interest in church is and there ever in the church committee are old Elder Heminway's funeral had there ever interest in church is and there ever interest is church held service in the pocket than to the interest in the plain which are before." (Phil. iii. 18.) the forenoon, the Congregationalist in the efter -obliging this last week " (He had hitherto 5. Never doubt. Never judge of your Chris- rupt, there will be comparative barrenness, on this or existence outside God.

his wife and himself had engaged in an argument before rising from their bed, whether they should vice surely it would alter the whole ensure of know each other when they reached heaven. the church.-A Seaboard Parish. vice, surely it would alter the whole aspect of

some anger, until breakfast was announced, when Duty is a power which rises with us in the it was agreed as a settlement of the question, morning, and goes to rest with us at night. It that he should ride to town and submit the con- is co-extensive with the action of our intellitroversy to our decision, and both will abide by gence. It is the shadow which cleaves to us, it. We at once said to the good brother that go where we will, and which only leaves us the main question was whether either of them when we leave the light of life .-- Gladstone.

The fact that God created man in his own

helpless weakness. Israel was the church in the wilderness, and Israel was nothing without its God. The number might be six hundred "FRUIT UNTO HOLINESS. thousand fighting men, and they would go down "Fruit unto holiness." (Romans vi. 22.) like a dry wooden fence before a raging fire, if