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It was a wreck. The storm was spent.
The passion of the waves was o'er. Dawn stole from out her shadow-tent, To light the watchers on the shore. Upon the rocks it lay—a gap
Deep dented in its lifted side;
A noble ship—what dreary hap
Had lured it from the ocean wide?

They saw the wreckage fall and lift, On waves that hurried to the sands, They waited till the dead should drift, Dumb-lipped, for burial at their hands: One came at noontide, fair and chill, "Hope" broidered on her clinging robe, Hope lingered in her beauty still, And wonder might no deeper probe.

At sunset through the whisp'ring sea Another drifted to the shore, What meed of living misery The dead upon his features bore!
And duty's oft mistaken chart,
That wrecketh two in ev'ry three. They found on his resistless heart And gave to mystery a key.

They watched it from the starlight shore, That lonely wreck upon the rock— The parting strain at last was o'er, It shivered in the close death-lock : Then silence fell; a deep, green grave Was hallowed in the ocean's side, The jagged rock, uprising gave Sad monument to perished pride.

The voices of the wind were dumb— The dead had burial in the sands, Their yearning hearts and lips were numb, Yet rev'rent watchers joined their hands, 'Twas after many tides there came Last token of the tempest strife— A broken spar with gilded name; The wreck had been the barque of Life.

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[FROM PELOUBET'S NOTES.]

JESUS COMFORTING HIS DISCIP-LES.—JOHN XIV. 1. FOLDEN TEXT. - Let not your heart be

in me. - John xiv. 1. COMFORT THROUGH FAITH IN THE Son of God.-Ver. 1. Let not your heart be troubled. Jesus saw that

his disciples were troubled (1) by the treachery of one of their num-ber; (2) by the foretold fall of an-his disciples than he did when on ber; (2) by the foretold fall of another; (3) by the number and intense hatred of their enemies; (4) by the knowledge that soon their kingdom of God was not set up in done in Palestine. The kindly feelunknown future. This shows, then, how they can keep their hearts from being troubled. Ye believe in God, believe also in me. As the disciples than those he wrought on earth. exercise of that faith.

COMFORT THROUGH FAITH IN A HEAVENLY HOME.—Vers. 2, 3, 2. Heaven, his home, where he specially dwells. Heaven is not only a state, but a place. Many mansions. Room enough for all. Various prowere not so, I would have told you. If our separation was to be an eternal one, I would have forewarned you. I go to prepare a place for you. There is prepared a place not merely for all, but for you, a personas by grace in each child.

And if, or since. "If" does not here imply doubt. I will come again, and (the effect will be to) receive of the Lord is not one single act,the Spirit, or his second personal advent, or the final coming in judgment,-but the combination of all these, the result of which shall be his taking his people to himself to be where he is.

COMFORT IN CHRIST AS THE WAY. -Vers. 4-11. 4. Whither I go ye and the goal, if they would but recall what they had heard their Master say both in public and in pri- comfort, and security, where he can

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not, etc. The truth was not clear and definite to him. He did not see how the kingdom of God was

Christ is more than the great expounder of truth, he is the complete revelation of God, and hence the verts at Pentecost, than in all sum and substance of all truth.

Father, but by me. He now says, " to the Father," not to the Father's "It is not in heaven that we are to tian government." find God, but in God that we are to find heaven." But by me. No way 000; doubled in 500 years. of knowing the Father except

If ye had known me, ye should of known my Father also. Hitherto 000,000; doubled in 80 years, or the disciples had not understood the more gain in the last 80 years than full and true nature of Jesus. But in the previous 1800 years. from the time of his death, and the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, He was no longer limited in his they had a new comprehension of work to time and place, but was

his nature and his work. Philip saith unto him. Even yet world. His disciples were better they did not understand. He wants fitted for their work, more comfident to see him with his bodily eyes, or and manly, better trained in every as Moses saw him on Horeb.

Have I been so long time with you, present Lord.

the Father. He that hath seen Christ's motives, love, feelings, dethese same respects.

He that believeth on me. This is the condition and limit to the promise that follows. The works that I do. Works of healing, of teaching, of turning men from sin, of bringing in the kingdom of God. Shall ye do also; and greater works than these shall he do. This has been fulfilled, not in greater miracles of healing, but in the spiritual works, marvels of conversion, which are greater than any physical miracles. In the wondrous progress of the Gospel among men. More were converted in one day at Pentecost than during all Christ's ministry of three years; and nation after nation has since been converted to God. Christianity has done more for the healing of the sick, and giving sight to the blind, and for the physical comfort and relief of men, than all the miracles Jesus did when on earth. Under troubled; ye believe in God, believe also his divine power new skill has come. A new benevolence has ariser, that builds hospitals and asylums, and dom. invents means and methods for the help of men. Thus Jesus is every our prayers.

Illustration of the Greater Works. (1) The miracles of Christ are the Master would be taken away: (5) types of what Christianity is doing by their disappointment that the on a far larger scale than could be the open and glorious way they ex- ing, the desire to help, the increased pected; (6) by their dread of the skill which springs up under Christianity as flowers and fruits grow in the sunshine, has made Christ's works through his people greater already believed, the exhortation They are not miracles, but are betmust have reference to the constant | ter than the power of miracles, as the prolonged sunshine is better than a flash of lightning. Blind asylums visions for various natures. If it to life, but the average length of what had really happened to the al preparation in glory for each child that 500 charitable societies in Lon- the elephant, and some to himself. don expend \$5,000,000 annually; and in New York City, \$4,000,000 | a dozen or two sympathizers of both annually are expended. In the United States, 43 institutions care you unto myself. The coming again for 5743 deaf and dumb, annually 30 for the blind, with 2178 pupils as his resurrection or the descent of and 11 for 1781 idiots. The philanthropies sum up the result of their wont, and shining with a Christian care for the poor-the orphans, little wanderers, insane, sick, foundlings, cripples, drunken outcasts, children-in the United States as amounting to at least \$120,000,-000 a year. (2) James Russell Lowell, in a recent banquet at Lonknow. "They knew both the way don, challenged skeptics to find a place ten miles square on this globe where a man can live in decency, find education for his children, reverence for infancy and old age, honor for womanhood, or any sacred long. regard for human life, and assured them that when they have found coming through the death of his such a spot, where the Gospel of Christ has not gone and cleared the Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, laying the foundation, for such way. To the Father, as explained a condition of affairs, it will then be in the last clause. And the truth. in order for them to move thither, and advocate their unfaith. (3) Conversions. There were more conspiritual. No man cometh unto the strong men. See how Christianity

Christ's three years, and they with | wrought gaze. And the life. The source of life the disciples developed rapidly into What appeared?

At the era of 1000 years there house, because, as Godet well says, were 50,000,000 people under Chris-In A. D. 1500 there were 100,000,-

has increased.

In A. D. 1800 there were 200, through the new life Jesus imparts. | 000,000; doubled in 300 years. In A. D. 1880 there were 400,

> Because I go unto my Father. present with his disciples all over the good work, by an invisible but ever-

should be in the closest apparent give an unconditional promise of are like fetters to bind the soul.

nearness to Christ, and yet have affirmative answer to every prayer. never learned the purpose of Christ's This would be to place omnipotence life. He that hath seen me hath seen at the command of ignorance and selfishness. The condition here is embodied in the words, in my name. sire for the salvation of men, his To ask in the name of Christ is not character, his hatred of sin, his love to introduce his name into the petiof goodness, had seen the Father in | tion as in the familiar phrase, " For Christ's sake;" nor is it merely to Believest thou not that I am in the approach the Father through the Father, and the Father in me? The mediatorship of Jesus; this, but relation existing between the Father | much more than this, is included. and the Son was so close and vital "In the name" of any one, as used that the Father could not be re- in the New Testament, generally vealed apart from the Son. Words | signifies representing him, standing works. The words and the in his stead, fulfilling his purposes, works of Christ are pointed out as manifesting his will, and imbued the two proofs of his union with the | with and showing forth his life and Father. The former were a revela- | glory. Here, then, the declaration tion of character, the latter of power. is that whatsoever we ask, speaking Believe me. He was his own best for Christ, seeking his will, represwitness. Or else believe me for the enting him and his interests, and very works' sake. All he had done his kingdom, not merely our own special and personal interests (Phil. 2:21), will be granted.

That the Father may be glorified in the Son. He would answer these prayers in the name of Christ and for the coming of his kingdom.

If ye shall ask anything in my name. This is an emphatic repetition of the width of the promise and of its condition, so that there

need be no mistake. Sources of Comfort. Faith in God as good, wise, loving and true. Faith in Christ as the Son of God, the anointing Saviour, our Teacher, our ever-present Friend. The assurance of a home in heaven. heaven large enough for all. A Saviour who will come for us when it is time for us to go home. A vision of God, his goodness, his love, his works, in the life of Jesus Christ, An ever-present Saviour working in and through us, to do the great and blessed works needed by men, and for the up-building of God's king-

The assurance of the answer to

Conditions. If we would have omfort, we must believe. If we would dwell in Christ's heaven, we must belong to him here. If we would go to God and his home, we must go in Jesus Christ. If we would know the Father, we must know Jesus. If we would do great works for Jesus, we must be joined to him by faith. If we would receive answers to our prayers, we must pray in the name of Jesus.

IMAGINATION.

An English writer, giving an account of his adventures hunting igers in India, relates the following to show the power of imagination. have opened many eyes, and caused Word was brought him upon the New Types hunt that his servant had been out sight. Hospitals have cured and attacked by a tiger, and severely cared for multitudes of sick and wounded. He says: "I galloped insane. We cannot raise the dead to the camp as fast as I could, to see life has been greatly increased. The man. There he was, laid on a charday-laborer has more of the best poy (beadstead) under the shadow things in the world, -- books, libra- of the elephant. Notwithstanding ries, churches, railroads, telegraphs, the intense heat of the weather, he newspapers,-than kings have in was buried, head and all, under a heathen lands. Dr. Dorchester states pile of clothing, some belonging to Around his funeral couch squatted

> "Dear me!" I said. "What is the matter? Speak to me!" Thus exhorted he displayed a pale countenance, with eyes larger than

glassy stare. I said-"What is the matter? Did the tiger get hold of you?" "Certainly," he answered. "What else could have happened?"

"Show me," I said. Hereupon one of the assistants raised one of his arms, swathed in cloths till it was the size of an ordinary person's body. The patient groaned so dismally that I said that I would not look at it, for we had a dcctor with us who must be in before

I turned to go, out before I had gone six steps I said to myself-"Suppose he should be slowly bleeding to death? He looks as though he were, and his voice is so

I turned and ordered that wounded limb to be exposed to view. As the last cloth was removed, I was really staring with a highly-

Nothing, absolutely nothing.-Youth's Companion.

to obey God will not lack for divine aid. - Henderson. Remember that servants are made of the same material as you are; a little coarser grained, perhaps, but the

Those who are firm in their purpose

the same in essentials. This hint to the ladies is furnished by a correspondent of the Rockville, Conn., Journal, "If there were more praying for good husbands before marriage, there would be less praying for bad ones afterward."

The threads of a spider's web are very fine, but the spider by weaving them around and around its victim, often captures and destroys insects larger than itself. It is so and yet hast thou not known me. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my with little sins; if repeated again There is a possibility that men name, that will I do. God does not and again, they become a habit, and

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