#### The Sweet Old Story.

Tell me about the Master! I am weary and worn to-night, The day lies behind me in shadow, And only the evening is light! Light with radiant glory That lingers about the West. My poor heart is aweary, aweary, And longs, like a child, for rest.

Tell me about the Master! Of the hills he in loneliness trod, When the tears and blood of his anguish Dropped down on Judea's sod. For to me life's seventy mile-stones But a sorrowful journey mark; Rough lies the hill country before me, The mountains behind me are dark.

Tell me about the Master! Of the wrongs he freely forgave; Of his love and tender compassion, Of his love that is mighty to save; For my heart is aweary, aweary Of the woes and temptations of life, Of the error that stalks in the noonday, Of falsehood and malice and strife.

Yet I know that whatever the sorrow Or pain or temptation befall, The infinite Master hath suffered, And knoweth and pitieth all. So tell me the sweet old story,

That falls on each wound like a palm, And my heart that was bruised and broken Shall grow patient and strong and calm.

#### Give Me Back My Boy.

tipped back in his chair against the wall. Two or three stupid customstart for home. Upon a bench over It was a shameless act, and you'will old, old teaching, which is the great in a dark corner, lies one dead not be greatly shocked when I tell est and best gift ever given to mandrunk. The tallow candles sputter you he was known in after years as kind."-Address to Working men. and burn up suddenly as the outer a drunkard, and thoroughly worthdoor is slowly pushed open. A pale less. Once again, the writer was and sad-faced woman steps in associated in Christian labor with a furrows down her cheeks and wash- credited much of his Christian effishawl falls back from her head, we reading The Standard, since he had see dishevelled and gray locks of begun to live the Christian life. what was once beautiful hair. She steps slowly up to the bar-tender and asks in a dazed and bewildered way, "Where is my boy?" He stolidly points to the bench over in the dark corner. She approaches it. every vein. Joy and happiness sparkled in his eye. He was singing and laughing all the day long. Dear boy! how innocent he was! How he used to smile as he bounded pretty impulsive way would say, 'I give me back my boy?"

land pleading with all the agony of irreverently, but in a grave and a mother's love, "Give me back my seemly manner." If there be a place boy!" See this pleasant home. under the sun where men may be To make it attractive nothing that indulged with proud looks and a nights and aching limbs must money could buy has been spared. lofty mien, that place is not the There, before the fire, surrounded house of God. by everything pleasant and beautiful, sits a mother. Tears, tears, in among the improprieties. It is tears! They blind her to every- due to ourselves, to the audience, to tion, and her baby fingers stretch thing but her heart sorrow. She the minister, and, most of all, to the towards mamma's plate, deny your has done what she could to save and Lord of the house, that on entering self the pleasure of giving her the keep her boy, and tried to lead him the sanctuary we put ourselves in whole, or a portion of what belongs aright, but the tempter was stronger the posture of hearers, if not of wor- to you. than she. Where is her boy to shippers. How far from that posnight? You will find him in some ture are they who are inattentive to saloon, listening to the language he the exercises, and receive no benefit the family purse reminds you that would blush for his pure mother to therefrom while indulging in vain you cannot purchase that without hear. He is ashamed himself, but looks and in carnal imaginations. it is so much easier to go astray than Perhaps it has not occurred to it is to turn back. What silent our readers as falling in the category the hat wait. It may be there is plea do we read in the mother's of improprieties, the practice of our tears? Only this, "Give me back referring with some frequency to my boy!

or this back alley. See this poor sion on his mind that we are tired of hovel. Rags take the place of glass | the sermon, and would be pleased to in the windows. It looks gloomy have it brought to an end. Let us and dreary! Sitting alone in the not in apparently so small a matter about going. Do not say, "Anydarkness and the cold is another as that of looking at our timepieces thing will do for me." Have a propmother. She has nothing beautiful during sermon, offend against a rule could buy; but she would be willing power to do good. to endure poverty, and cold and hunger, if she had her boy, her once noble boy, by her side. He would They seem to be restless. "Irenæus," ceased praying. God seems to have overcoats while the minister product, while Isabel does the dishes, Asthma, and all throat and Lung forgotten, and her lonely heart-cry nounced the benediction. We have and by and by instruct them both Affections, also a positive and radical mute appeal is, "Give me back my boy !"-The Morning Star.

#### ----What Should Young Converts Read?

Many years ago there was in a New England town a young lady under deep conviction, seeking to become a Christian. She wept and prayed, and asked for prayer, but saw no light for long weeks. At length the good pastor thought he saw light where the poor seeker saw none. He began to ask her about her Bible, and found she now dearly loved it; about her general reading, and found that she had banished anal sympathies.

for God's word.

our Lord Jesus Christ.

pocket Bible or a quarto Bible. He exclusion of religious principle."will seek the best way to study it | Farewell Address. for edification. He will make earnest use of the Sunday-school, but will not neglect secret reading

any more than secret prayer. "How is Sandy doing with his reading; can he read his Bible yet?" eagerly inquired a good minister who had been teaching a Scotchman

to read. "Oh, splendid!" was the reply "He's out of the Bible and into the newspaper long ago!"

Western Baptist.

#### Improprieties of Church-Goers.

in from school or play, and in his that indicate an ignorance or disregard of the sacredness of the place. not tried to do it. Hove you, mother,' and then he which is dissimilar to Moses putting would kiss me. He never slept like off his shoes before the burning this when I called him. He never bush at Horeb the Mount of God, breathed so: like one poisoned! for the place whereon he stood was Rumseller! what have you done to holy ground. Our Directory for him? Undo your horrid spell, and Public Worship, chap. iii., sec. 2 says: "Let all enter the assembly To-day there are thousands in the and take their seats or places, not all this, neglect not to cultivate re-

Let us go down this narrow street which practice produces the impresturn with the others. You will be about her, no luxury that money affecting our minister's comfort and

What puts our church-goers in such haste to get out of the church? be sunshine enough. She would be of the New York Observer, on one the richest woman in the land if occasion in a certain church counted she had him. Now she has almost fourteen men who drew on their Tears! She has no tears now. She churches equivalent to this: men, bread-making. Be sure that the Nervous Complaints, after having wept them all away long ago. Her women and children making haste to boys chop the wood and bring the tested its wonderful curative powers in get out of the house, as though the house were on fire, and when they are out and have gotten into their vehicles their driving is scarcely in place where they have been, or of the sacredness of the day which they have been attempting to observe,-Associate Reformed Presbyterian.

### Great Men and the Bible.

WASHINGTON.

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and mortality are indispenlight trash and was feeding on noble sable supports. In vain would that sickly attempts at art, and fewer Christian books. A few more such man claim the tribute of patriotism, questions and he was able to prove who should labor to subvert these to her that she had passed from great pillars of human happiness, fewer poor, tired women longing for est infant and is also the only food hand and sold at the lowest prices for cash. darkness to light, by her new spirit- these firmest props of the duties of rest, but mother, instead of being which will furnish a full meal for a men and citizens. The mere polit i the slave and drudge, to be thrust growing child.

and satisfied by the hearty way ought to respect and cherish them. company comes, will become what young converts have testified, when A volume could not trace all their God designed her to be, the queen examined by the church of their love | connections with public and private | of the home. felicity. Let it be simply asked, Now this feature is not some sign | where is the security for property, of conversion only, but it means for reputation, for life, if the sense that a spiritual appetite has been of religious obligation desert the created, that the young convert's oaths which are the instruments of soul is hungry for true food We investigation in courts of justice? hope that such will grow fat on And let us with caution indulge the God's good food. They will grow supposition, that morality can be in grace and in the knowledge of maintained without religion. What ever may be conceded to the influence So above all things, the young of refined education on minds of convert will read the Bible. If peculiar structure, reason and experiwise, he will get a good copy of God's ence both forbid us to except that word, large, clear type, avoiding a national morality can prevail in

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our guide for the future.'

#### GLADSTONE.

"If I am asked, what is the Ah, yes, that newspaper! It remedy for the deeper sorrows of the takes many a young convert away human heart-what a man should from the Bible he once dearly loved. | chiefly look to in his progress through But let us be wise as serpents. Here life, as the power that is to sustain The bar-tender sits half asleep are papers and there are papers. him under trials and enable him Here are two incidents: Once the | manfully to confront his afflictions, writer of this was in a little Sunday- I most point him to something ers are waiting for the effects of school. A deacon of the church which, in a well-known hymn, is their drinking to subside sufficiently came in and spent the entire session called 'The old, old story,' told of in to give them strength or courage to in reading the New York Ledger. an old, old book, and taught with an STANLEY (THE AFRICAN EXPLORER).

"What I wanted, and what have been endeavoring to ask for There are traces of beauty upon her strong, earnest Sunday-school super- the poor African, has been the good face, but tears have worn great intendent of two county schools, who offices of Christians, ever since and character—something yet undised away their bloom. As the thin ciency to help he had gained from four months I was with him. In Happy will he be who acts as his the biggest atheist in London. I his own soul. was there away from a worldly world. I saw this solitary old man there, and asked myself: 'Why on One of these is that of converting earth does he stop here?' For the churchyard into an arena for months after we met I found myself political and railroad discussions and listening to him and wondering at

#### The Mother's Place.

Teach the children to respect you. Perhaps you smile at this. Love seems so far above and beyond re- for him. spect! The children love you with all their hearts. Granted. But for spect in them. A devoted mother is willing to forego comfort for the sake of her loved ones. Sleepless somethings be; but there is another kind of self-denial for mothers. Listlessness or inattention comes When Marion has devoured her own portion of the choice fruit or confec- all virtues.

When Isabel longs for a new hat enough to enforce his convictions. which she does not really need, and | Gathe wearing your old cloak another an instructive course of lectures in progress. For some reason all the our watches in sight of the minister, family cannot attend. Take your surprised to see how willingly the girls or husband will remain at shine. home when they find "mother" cares er care for your person and apparel.

Encourage the children to work. Something more than encouragement may sometimes be necessary. In most cases, however, a judicious mother can so interest the boys and girls that work will not be a heavy burden. Marion wants to wash and labor.

on the part of the loving mother, who would gladly give herself and her possessions for the dear ones; still, in kindness to them, as well as to herself, these simply rules should followed. When each child has his or her allotted portion of work and hereditary disease has been present mother is treated with the respect and the child has grown up hearty that is her due, there may be fewer and strong. It is neutral in its action wishy-washy stories and poems Directions around each can; will written. There certainly would be prove the disideratum for the weak-

#### Begin at Home.

In our work of saving souls, God means that we shall begin with those nearest to us by the ties of kindred. Grace works from the centre outward. So we are constrained to this, not only by Christly love, but by that peculiar love which binds together the family. God implanted in the breast of the mother, mother-love, not alone for temporal uses, but that it might constrain her to teach her boy the way of life. It is your duty to look after the salvation of your family. You have more influence over them "Hold fast to the Bible as the than others have. They hear from sheet anchor of our liberties; write the pulpit and read in the Bible its precepts on your hearts, and threatenings of coming danger, but practice them in your lives. To the they naturally think that those who lization, and to this we must look as note of alarm is sounded, and they sleep on in the bosom of the family. There is no time to be lost. How THOMAS WORKMAN, soon may joy be turned into grief, songs be changed for sorrows! It is sad enough to lose our friends, if we know we shall meet them in heaven; but to have them, on the dying bed, turn toward us a look of reproach, that we have spoken no word of warning, would give a pang from which I pray Ged you and I may be spared .- Dr. Henson.

#### Random Readings.

Any coward can fight a battle when he is sure of winning; but give me the man who has pluck to fight when he is sure of losing.

There is something like an undiscovered continent in every human heart Livingstone taught me during those covered and of course unexplored. 1871 I went to him as prejudiced as own Columbus and clearly discovers

> God's laws were never designed to be like cobwebs, which catch the little flies, but suffer the large ones to break through.

Many a man put in the seed who "My boy! No; my boy was fair other secular subjects, which are so the old man carrying out all that never saw the harvest, just as many and beautiful. Health glowed in unbecoming the place and time, that was said in the Bible. Little by another brought home ripe sheaves we deem the simply mention of them little his sympathy for others became on which he bestowed no labor save as being all that is necessary for the contagious. Mine was aroused. that of the sickle. The worker for Seeing his piety, his gentleness, his | Christ, therefore, is expecting the Irreverence is another, being zeal, his earnestness, and how quiet- divine hand to secure the result. manifested by words and actions ly he went about his business, I was He has abundant reason to believe converted by him, although he had that good is done of which he has no knowledge, and will have none till that great day.

> He who does no good gets none. He who cares not for others will soon find that others will not care

> Those who excel in strength are not most likely to show contempt of weakness. A man does not despise the weakness of a child

thing in this world who has not at some time or other fought a battle. Moderation is the silken string running through the pearl chain of

No person ever amounts to any-

The world may make a man unfortunate, but not miserable; that

is for himself. Even the weakest man is strong

Be not diverted from your duty by any reflections the silly world may make upon you.

Who is the most miserable, daily He who makes more of his troubles than he might do of his joys.

It is better to have wisdom than gold, as gold can only shine of itself, but wisdom makes its possessor to

They who have experienced sorrow are the most capable of appreciating joy; so that those only who have been sick feel the full value of health.

CONSUMPTION CURED. An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of dishes, but is to small. Let her Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, seen something in our Southern in the mysteries of bed-making and cure for Nervous Debility and all water. No doubt it would be easier to make it known to his suffering thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to do all this work yourself, there's fellows. Actuated by this motive and so much "bother" about teaching a desire to relieve human suffering, I children, but for their sakes, if not will send free of charge, to all who dekeeping with the sacredness of the for your own, give the extra time sire it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for All this may require self-denial preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. Noves, 149 Power's Block, Rochester, N. Y.

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