If we Knew.

If we knew the cares and crosses, Crowding round onr neighbor's way, If we knew the little losses Sorely grievous, day by day, Would we then so often chide him For his lack of thrift and gain, Leaving on his heart a shadow, Leaving on our life a stain?

If we knew the clouds above us Held but gentle blessings there, Would we turn away all trembling In our blind and weak despair? Would we shrink from little shadows Lying on the dewy grass, While 'tis only birds of Eden Just in mercy flying past.

If we knew the silent story, Quivering through the heart of pain, Would our manhood dare to doom them Back to haunts of guilt again? Life hath made a tangled crossing, Joy hath many a break of woe. And the cheeks tear-stained and whitest, This the blessed angels know.

Let us reach into our bosoms For the key to other lives, And with love toward erring nature Cherish good that still survives. So that, when our disrobed spirits Soar to realms of light again, We may say "Dear Father judge us As we judge our fellow-men." -Our Own Fireside.

A Working-Man's Tin Box.

One of the most touching incidents in ministry occurred the other

I was visiting a poor man who

which became a kind of inward de shine. mand upon him, to do something for any special duty.

mise in the tenth verse, and the con- me! save me! save me! dition attached to it:"Bring yeall the tithes into the storehouse . . .

pour you out a blessing."

from week to week. He bought a could make him. little "tin box," and week by week he put into it what he could, some George, 'Did you think the ship expectation of those that offer them but destruction, never. times more, sometimes less, but always something; and he testifies that any Saturday evening it was omitted, he was sure the week following to be "pulled up" by his conscience, and to get no rest till he had given the Lord his portion. He had much illness during the year, and receiving no regular pay; but even "out of his poverty" he

take it, and apply its contents forecastle spinning yarns in safety.'

nine-pence halfpenny!

That was what a poor man had very truly, "It would take the bloom off the whole thing." He felt it to tion which they could not answer .be his duty to tell me, for he wished H. L. Hasting. me to apply his "givings" to some purpose; and he thought that perhaps the story of what he had been able to do might lead other working men to "o and do likewise." He the Gospel would go on apace. He can not help it."

ways made the sacrifice of a portion world;" that means everywhere.

when we think how small have been | the first night, and toward morning our sacrifices for the Master. I was sleeping quietly, with her trust that many who may read this windows open for sea air, when she incident will feel their hearts touch was awakened by the rough sweared by what he himself desired me ing of men under her window. She to call "the story of a workingman's | could not bear it, and hastily dresstin box''-Free Church Monthly.

Man Overboard.

There is plenty hypocrisy in the Church, but there is a good deal more outside of it; and many an infidel when denouncing the hypocrisy of his neighbors, is himself the biggest hypocrite of the whole. Many a man curses God in health, and prays to him in sickness; swears like a pirate in fair weather, and bellows like a calf in a storm. There is plenty of sham religion in the world, and a good deal of sham infidelity, too.

One evening, after the writer had spoken to some sailors about this here. matter, Captain Nickerson arose and told a little of his experience, as follows:

"About the year 1861, I was a rough men gathered around. She sailor on board the Heroine, of touched the keys and began to sing, was also sick. He has a wife and Darien, Georgia, bound for Monteseveral children: and owing to the video, south America. We were Jesus." Before she had finished, ters, a request made by the man for part of the ship. I was talking with in Service for Jesus. baptism enabled me quite naturally him of my early life, and of the lesto do so. It elicited a most affecting sons of piety which I had learned at home. He rediculed the whole, The man told me how, more than and declared that there was no God, a year ago, he felt a strong desire, and that all this talk was mere moon

"Eight bells rang, the watch was | Christ. He set himself to try and changed, and the men called away erless prayers." Such are all those at the same time invigorate and read the New Testament twice over, ket to get some water to fetch to the the vessel it caught in the water, and | tain what is asked for. There is a | benefit. Then he read the Old Testament as we were going quite fast, George need of blessing sought. There is three times, with the light as he was drawn overboard. Instantly something of the earnestness of himself expressed it, cast on it by the cry was heard, 'Man overboard!' Jacob when he said, "I will not let Jesus Christ; and the third time he We were on the larboard tack; the thee go unless thou bless me." Often was arrested at Malachi iii. 8. "Will mate shouted, 'Hard-a-starboard is God mocked in prayer by "a a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed the wheel!' and the vessel came solemn sound from a thoughtless me. But ye say, Wherein have we round, and stood on the starboard tongue." There are the words of robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." tack, and we could hear George cry- prayer, but the thoughts are wan-He was specally arrested by the pro- ing in the darkness, 'Save me! save

and prove me now herewith, saith and began to fill with water. The peated by a parrot would be just as are shut; they may be acutely conthe Lord of hosts, if I will not open steward came to our assistance with pleasing to God, and even more so; scious of all that is passing in the you the windows of heaven, and some blankets, which we stuffed for in such a case there would be room, though unable or unwilling into the hole to stop the water, and no mockery. And those prayers to make any sign; and nothing can Here he felt was the call of duty we hastened to the rescue. The are prayerless in which nothing is be more nerve-provoking than hushclear at last. Poor man though he night was dark and the sea was asked for. Such was the prayer of ing and whispering around and D. F. MERRIT, was he had kept back what was due rough. We pulled out into the dark. the Pharisee in the temple. His creaking about on the tips of their to God, and therefore he could not ness and followed the sound as well whole prayer was taken up in toes. claim the blessing. It sent him, he as we could, until we came to the thanking God that he was not as said, back to Jacob's dream, in which place where poor George was strug. other men were, and in boasting of brushed and carefully looked over Jacob proposes to give a tenth to gling with the waves. Being a his good deeds. There was not a to see that moths have not found a God, if Jehovah will give him food good swimmer he had kept himself single petition in the prayer. He home in it. If traces of these are to est and raiment to put on, and from sinking, and we found him had no felt need, and he desired no found, go all over it with a sponge will bring him again to his father's about a quarter of a mile from the supply. God was displeased with wet in pure benzine. When this is house in peace And he reasoned vessel, drew him on board, and pull- him, while he looked with favor up- done do not have a fire or lamp in not bad reasoning either-"if God ed back to the ship with our boat on the humble publican, whose the room, nor for some days afteraccepted what Jacob proposed to half full of water. In thirty minu- prayer, though more brief, was ward. Leave the windows open that give-for the tenth was his own tes from the time he fell overboard, hearty and sincere. It is not surproposal-he will accept what I, a we had him safe in his bunk in the prising that so many prayers are unpoor man, may be able to lay by forcastle' and as comfortable as we

were lost?"

" 'Yes, I did,' said he. did you do then?" "'I prayed to God.'

"'But I thought you did not believe there was a God,' said I. "George, replied, When a man is

overboard, in a dark night, and the when they prayed. Their words have us thus test him in faith. found some "mite" for the Lord's ship going away from him, were but a "chattering noise." Their and he expects to die, a man prayers were prayerless prayers. With tears in his eyes he took thinks different and feels different out the box-which, of course, had and talks different from what he never been opened—and begged me does when he is on the topgallant

to Christ's cause in any way I chose. We heard no more infidelity or for an egg, returned with two, and When I got home and broke open the little tin box, I found—in all blasphemy from George, but he did not recover from his terrible experiher take both. "I would have kinds of coins from half-pence up to ence in the water. We left him at thrown the egg at him," said the he afterwards died."

coast there are a good many rough praiseworthy manner, ran home to spoke most earnestly about this. fishermen. There are a good num- tell of her exploit. What the mo-He said truly that if every working ber of churches and ministers there, ther said, and what the grocer man were to set aside a portion of and they have tried to do something said, is not recorded in the hishis wages in that way-and, of for these men in their way; but find- tory, but we have a forcible illustra-

Will working-men hear this ap- but her physician said: "If you go mains in the mind unsuspected, to peal from one of themselves? It to such a village on our coast, per- work unhappiness and, perhaps, sad may well come home to all of us. haps the air may prolong your life; mischief long after the adult has When we see what a poor man can but it is an awfully wicked place." forgotten the unwise words. Speak do for Christ out of his poverty, we That pale woman arrived there, and the truth in love .- Sunday School may well take shame to ourselves took a room. She slept but little World. ing, went down to the door and

"O men, I am a poor, sick dying woman. I have come from the hills to prolong my life but you are going to drive me away."

One wicked man said: "Who is going to drive you away you pale woman?"

"You are; you have been swear ing about my Saviour." The man trembled, and said:

"I will knock down the man that swears. Nobody shall swear while you are here.

A man came along swearing, and "You stop that; there is an angel

In a few days she took a little cabinet organ, hired a hall, opened the doors and windows, and the

"What a Friend we have in state of his health his wages, during east of the Bermudas, running un- tears were in eyes unaccustomed to the last year or two, have been most der single-reefed topsails. It was weep. In a little while she had a irregular. After speaking of their the dog watch, in the evening, and church, and had need for a minister, temporal affairs, and promising to do a sailor named George and myself and they are doing great things there something for them, I led the con- were on the watch on the fortop- that would never have been done versation into more spiritual mat- gallant forecastle, in the forward but for that pale woman.—Dr Bates, to cleanse the accumulations of dust

Prayerless Prayers.

Though this may be a contradicdering, like the fool's eyes, to the ends of the earth. There is no sense "We immediately launched a boat, of God, to whom the prayer is proanswered. It is not at all surprising that they do not come up for a "The next morning I said to memorial before God. It is not the was going to leave you and that you that they will. When they offer them, it is with no expectation that they shall receive an answer, and "'Now, George, be honest; what they looked for none, nor are they disappointed that it does not come. They would be surprised were they to receive an answer. They did not mean what they said. They had no thought of what they were saying try his faithfulness. He delights to

A little girl, sent to the grocer's shillings—fourteen shillings and the hospital in Montevideo, where mother, as she turned to the work fresh eyes; indeed they demand it, with which she was busy. The especially of every new age .-Multitudes of infidels have found | child was not wise enough to know | Richard Rothe. been able to give out of his poverty their unbelief has failed them in that her mother, though exasperatto the Lord! I should mention that the trying hour. "Hold on," said ed, had only made the remark only the rock that nothing moves, but he asked me to make any use I some infidels who had gathered in jest. What should the girl do also to be gentle, humble and like to the incident provided I would around the sick-bed of one of their but to return to the store, take de- lowly, like the vine that grows out comrades. "But will you tell me liberate aim while the grocer's back of its crevice and trails about its what to hold on to?" was the ques- was turned, and throw the egg at surfaces. Nature is full of tapeshim with all her little force. It tries. struck him just below the coat collar, and to add to the mess, it proved to be an addled egg. The little thing, feeling that she had carried At one of the villages on our out her mother's suggestion in a course, those who receive regular ing they could not, they have given tion of the manner in which childwages could do it much more easily it up. The Church said: "We have ren are often misled by the half- and then believed; supernatural 38 than he—the cause of Christ would rung our bell, engaged our quartett petulant and half-sportive remarks mysteries must first be believed, required. never be in want, and the spread of choir, and if you do not come we of those older. Teasing and baffl and then they will be better undering the little people is a favorite stood.—Burkitt.

also said he felt it was the most There is no command for the peo- amusement of too many. Children practical way in which a working- ple to go and get the Gospel; the need straightforward dealing. Someman, or any man could test his love command is to carry the Gospel to times they take in all seriousness a to Christ, and that his love had al- the people-"Go ye into all the remark made only in jest, and it leads them into serious errors of Miss Phelps was given up to die, conduct; or, worse yet, the idea re-

Honest Work.

We are all workers in one way and another; but how many of us are possessed of an earnest desire that the work which we put from our hands shall be a thorough, honest, faithful performance that shall fulfil its purposes and withstand the ravages of time? The great differ ence in labour is not in what has teen done-not in the kind of work we perform—but in the spirit which we put into it. From the cleansing of a room to the purification of a government, from the clearing of a forest to the chiselling of a statue, from the humblest work of the heart and brain, it is the determination to make it of the best possible quality that places it in the front rank. The work that is performed only for the sake of what it will bring, not for what it will carry forth, is like the cloth of shoddy, which may please the eye, but will not wear. It is cheap, flimsy stuff, woven to no nobler purpose than to hold togethpaid for.

Useful Hints.

A sponge is excellent for washing windows; and newspapers will polish them without leaving dust from the corners of the sash. Ammonia will give the glass a clearer look than soap.

A teaspoorful or more of powdertion in terms, it is not so in fact. ed borax thrown into the bath-tub There are millions of what may while bathing will communicate a properly be characterized as "pray- velvety softness to the water, and find out what he was to do. He to pump ship. George took a buc- prayers that are mere form. All rest the bather. Persons troubled genuine prayers proceed from the with nervousness or wakeful nights but could not feel a distinct call to pump. As he flung it over the side of heart. These is a real desire to ob- will find this kind of a bath of great

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RANDOM READINGS.

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Predestination is but the fact that God is wiser and more powerful than we are, aud therefore does with us according to his will .-

God keeps his word, even in the smallest particulars. Trust him and

It never yet happened to any man since the beginning of the world, nor ever will, to have all things ac- THOMAS WORKMAN, cording to his desire, or to whom fortune was never opposite or ad-

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