Treasure in Heaven.

Every coin of earthly treasure We have lavished upon earth For our simple worldly pleasure, May be reckoned something worth : For the spending was not losing, Though the purchase was but small It has perished with the using, We have had it-that is all !

All the gold we leave behind us When we turn to dust again-Though our avarice may blind us-We have gathered quite in vain ; Since we neither can direct it, By the winds of fortune tossed, Nor in other words expect it, What we hoarded we have lost.

But each merciful oblation-Seed of pity wisely sown-What we gave in self-negation We may safely call our own; For the treasure freely given Is the treasure that we hoard, Since the angels keep in heaven What was lent unto the Lord ! -JOHN G. SAXE.

Forcing Children Into Sin.

ill-timed and injudicious severity to telegraphy, stenography. engraving, force his child into the commission dentistry, medicine, nursing, and a of sin. What every child needs to dozen other occupations might be learn is to hate evil for its own sake mentioned. Then, too, industrial no less than for the sake of its schools might be established, where consequences. If the child simply the daughters of wealthy parents fears the immediate results of could be trained in the practical wrong-doing, the hope that he may details of any particular industry evade these consequences will often for which they displayed a special stimulate him to ignore them and aptitude. If it is not beneath the do as he lists. But when he is sons and daughters of a monarch to made to feel that sooner or later learn a trade, it ought not to be his sin will find him out, and visit beneath the sons and daughters of on him its terrible retributive republican America to emulate their power, he will be careful how he good example, provided they posenters upon wrong courses.

introduction at that sewing society. It warns against trying to cover up and deny facts. It warns against driving children into sin for fear of punishment, and because of the terrible retribution that will seek out and find in him who takes a lie into his life .-Advocate.

Make your Daughters Independent.

From an "Open Letter" in the Century for May, we quote as follows : "Would it not be wiser far to induce young girls in thousands of happy, prosperous homes to make ample provision for any and all emergencies that the future may have in store for them ? Could a better use be found for some of the years that intervene between the time a girl leaves school and the time she may reasonably hope to marry ? The field for woman's work has been opened up of late years in so many different directions that a vocation can easily be found outside the profession of teaching, that will be quite as congenial to refined

tastes and considerably more lucra-It is quite easy for a parent by tive. Book-keeping, type-writing, sess the requisite ability to do so.

Years ago, in one of our New "Two years will suffice to make England cities, lived an itinerant any bright, quick girl conversant with a large family, and a house with all the mysteries of the art of always thronged with ministerial housekeeping, especially if she be and other company. As the best wise enough to study the art pracchina, after long service, had tically as well as theoretically. The gradually disappeared, a new set management of servants and the was purchused, and at a sewing care of the sick and children will society at the minister's house it be incidentally learned in most made its first social appearance. homes, and can be supplemented by After supper was served, the eldest a more extended study of physiology, daughter, a very careful, consci- hygiene, etc., than was possible at entious, and capable girl, her school. Sewing need not be negmother's chief reliance in household lected either, wh.le leisure will offices, was intrusted with the readily be found for reading or any responsible task of "clearing away" other recreation that may suit individual tastes. Another year, or mother that she didn't know how "If the tide of public opinion they came into that sad condition. favoring such a course would but There were so many round, passing set in, many a one would be spared effaced. Even in his old age he back and forth about the table, it untold suffering and misery in lowers his voice and assumes a was an easy thing for a bit of frail after life. Let the rich set the respectful tone whenever he speaks china to be broken. The mother, example in this matter. They can of his sovereign. If a message is although grieving over the accident, afford to do whatever pleases them, brought to him from the palace. never once thought of questioning and, therefore, have it in their either verbal or written, he always the truth of her daughter's state- power to mould public opinion. Be stands to receive it. ment. Mary had been a church not afraid, girls, that you will find member for four years. She habi- your self-imposed task irksome. tually spoke the truth; she Remember that occupation is neceshad done so from childhood. The sary to happiness, and that there is the name of the King of kings ! mother little knew how her severity no reason why you should not "The cry will be raised that We have only to speak of it habithere is danger that such a plan as tually in a light way. There is For two months Mary kept this the one advocated here will tend to nothing like it to take the life out dreadful lie in her heart. At first give girls a distaste for the quiet re- of the most precious texts of Scripher relief in finding her statement lirement of home, but there is little ture. We may repent of such sin credited so readily smothered the cause for fear. Not one girl in with bitter weeping, but those upbraiding of her conscience. But thenty will voluntarily choose a words can never be to us again these soon became louder and loud- business life in preference to do- what they were before. We may er, until she was compelled to listen mestic happiness. Indeed, it is have cut down a bridge we shall to them. All her religious enjoy- absolutely certain that happy mar ment vanished. Class-meeting was riages would be promoted by this a terror to her, prayer-meeting an very independence among women. exquisite pain, the Lord's Supper Not being at leisure to nurse every some apt quotations from the Bible. impossible. At last, satisfied that passing fancy, girls would elect to A friend, who greatly admired him, no punishment her mother could wait patiently until the light of

An Absent And a Present Saviour. BY H.S.

On a certain night seven of the disciples went a-fishing. They were Simon Peter and Thomas and Nathaniel and James and John and two others, whose names are not mentioned. They were all expert fisherman, having followed that occupation before the Saviour called them from their nets to become fishers of men. But that night they caught nothing. Though they toiled all its long and weary hours it was all in vain. Not a fish came to their net. To a stranger who stood upon the shore when morning dawned, and cried unto them, "Children, have ye any meat?" their discouraged answer was, "No." Thus was it when the Saviour was absent.

But the stranger kindly says unto them, "Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find." "They cast therefore, and now they were unable to draw it for the multitude of fishes." There were a hundred fifty and three great fishes.

And so is it as regards spiritual toiling of the fishers of men. When a lively prayer-meeting. the Saviour is absent they labor in vain, and spend their strength for naught and in vain. It matters not spond, and show how highly you who the fishermen may be. It makes no difference. They may be prayers of the c'arch. Paul or Whitefield or Spurgeon, be absent, the gospel net will be ing. cast all in vain. Though cast on the right side or on the left side of to God for every token of blessing But if the master be present, it Sabbath-school. matters not who may cast the

ing him at his own estimate. He is a sorry and troublesome character that there are so many like him, and for gladness there are no more. It is useless to try to improve him by arguing with him. The most rates. and best that can be done is to bear with him-it will develop your patience-and pray for him. But how much better it would be if all such persons cultivated a humble spirit, and were willing to occupy any place and do anything they can to promote the cause of Master approves, and that which will, with his blessing, build up his cause and kingdom. How To Improve The Prayer-Meeting.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

and anticipate it with pleasure. 2. Be sure to be in time, if at all 3. Sing cheerfully ; bright, joyous things. So is it as regards the singing wonderfully helps to make 4. If the meeting is left open for DEAR SIR : any brother to pray, quickly revalue the privilege of joining in the

5. When you lead in prayer be or Moody, if the great Master only sure to be brief, burning and believ-6. When you pray be thankful

the ship, it will be without success. He has given to the church and 7. When the meeting closes, give

net nor where, some fish, more or a hearty shake of the hand to the less will be taken. The increase stranger, and speak a kind'y word depends on the presence of the to your brethren. Try and make Saviour in the person of the Holy the prayer-meeting as much like a family gathering as possible. 8. When you mention the prayer-Thy ministers are sent in vain meeting during the week, tell how good and pleasant you found it to



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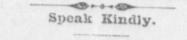
and washing the dishes.

By some mishap she broke one of onger, may be added to the time the new cups, and her soul was devoted to these pursuits, if desired. filled with consternation. "What But, above all, let two or three would mother say? How should years be conscientiously set apart she ever be told of the dreadful for the express purpose of acquiring of the Emperor as "Fritz." He breakage? That new set used for a thorough experimental knowledge reproved him for the familiarity, the first time, and one of the cups of some art or vocation which and added, "Learn to speak smashed !" Tearfully Mary, the would render its possessor self-supdaughter, picked up the pieces and porting and, consequently, indedecided that she would tell her pendent.

when dishes had been broken had dream while you work. driven Mary into telling an un. truth.

inflict was so severe and terrible true love came into their lives." as that she had already endured, and feeling that her very soul was in danger, she made a full confession of every thing to her mother, easily and quickly spoken; they and besought her forgiveness.

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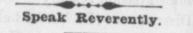
Kind words, says Pascal, are neither burn nor blast, and we have The mother listened in astonish never heard of any mental trouble

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To prohesy upon the slain; In vain they call, in vain they cry, Till thy almighty aid is nigh, But is thy Spirit deign to breathe, Life spreads through all the realms of

death. Dry bones obey thy powerful voice,

They move, they waken, they rejoice. -American Messenger



When Prince Bismarck, the great German statesman, was a lad, his father once overheard him speaking reverently of his majesty, and you will grow accustomed to think of him with veneration."

The words made a deep impression on the boy, which was never

What a lesson is the custom of this great statesman to boys who speak so lightly, if not profanely, It is very easy to lower our

standard of reverence for anything. some day vainly long to cross. A gentleman of keen wit used

often to point his remarks with was present in his last hours, and then we separare. Sam and Ella was the future outlook.

response.

Surprised, and deeply pained, he I are the two young folks of the astened to quote some precious house. Nell "can't bear" Miss Smith, Tho promises suited to the solemn hour. the dress-maker, and Aunt Maria "I have speiled them all for my- "sets her all on edge.' But I am

be. 9. If this does not improve the prayer-meeting, then be more earnest in private prayer on behalf of the church, and resolve, whoever else may be absent, you will not forsake the opportunity of assembling yourself together with brethren, in earnest waiting on God, until he is pleased to command the blessing. -British Workman.

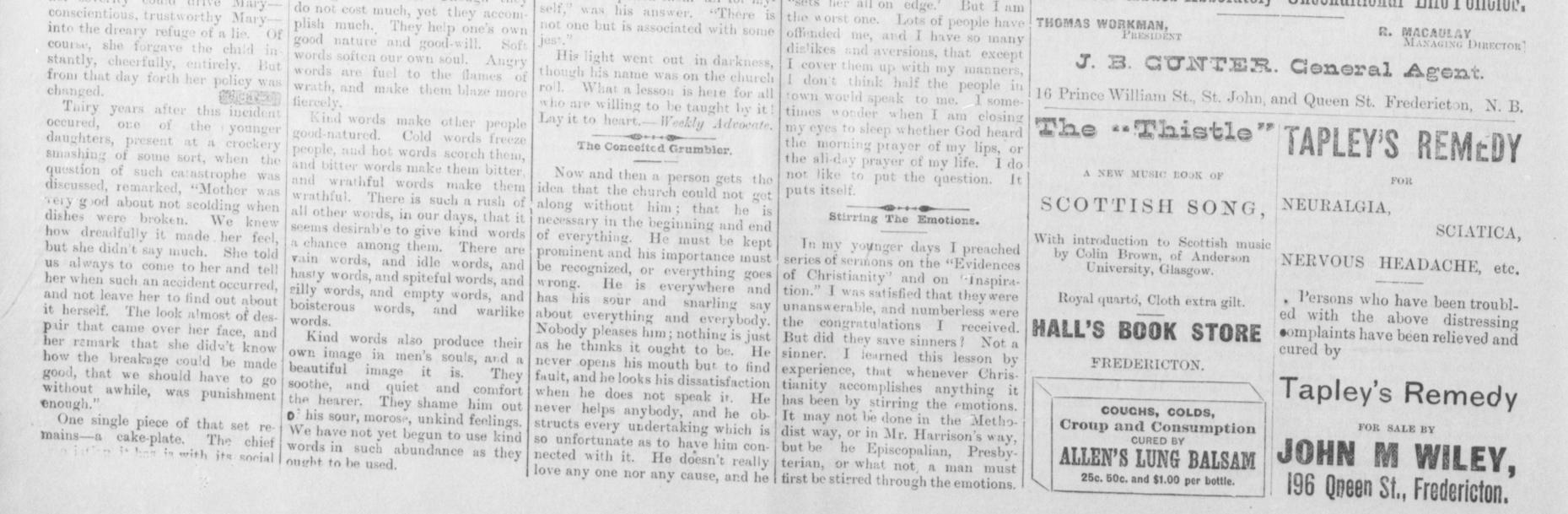
-----Epigrams by a Popular Preacher People have to pay for being stupid. Money cannot make brains, but

brains can make money. Whether in a mill-pond or in the swim of life, it is the man's head that must be kept above water if his whole body will be saved from drowning. Industrial ignorance is the mother

of idleness, the grandmother of destitution and the great-grandmother of socialism and nihilistic discontent.

A good deal of what we are pleased to call our goodness is only another name for methods of behaving that we have had drilled into us till they have become habits. Furthermore, honesty and its associate virtues are no more hereditary than arithmetic and spelling, but have to be acquired by something the same tuitional progress, which must begin with the boy's beginning and grow with his integral element. - C. H. Parkhurst, D. D.

"And forgive us our debts as we 1872. forgive our debtors." We all say | 1874. it together at morning prayer, and 1876. asked, with deep sympathy, what go to school. Sam often quarrels 1882. with the boys, and Eila whispers a 1884. "Very gloomy, indeed;" was the little to her dearest friend about 1885. some of the other girls. Nell and 1886.



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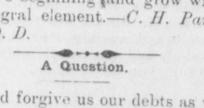
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