Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you." 1 Peter V, 7. If I could only surely know That all these things that tire me so Were noticed by my Lord! The pang that cuts me like a knife, The noise, the weariness, the strife--What peace it would afford!

I wonder if he really shares In all these little human cares, This mighty king of kings! If he who guides through boundless space Each blazing planet in its place, Can have the condescending grace To mind these pretty things.

It seems to me, if sure of this, Blent with each ill would come such bli That I might covet pain, And deem whatever brought to me The loving thought of Deity. And sense of Christ's sweet sympathy, Not loss, but richest gain.

Dear Lord, my heart shall no more doubt That Thou dost compass me about With sympathy divine; The love for me once crucified Is not the love to leave my side, But waiteth ever to divide Each smallest care of mine. Select d.

A Cheerful Giver.

Closefist and his family were getting ready for church. Mrs. Closefist, who is really a good woman, and would give liberally and gladly if she kept the purse, said to her husband: "You remember, Christian, that this is the day for the missionary collection."

afford it."

their liberality."

I made my deposit in the bank yesterspecket a five-dollar bill, though the operation seemed as painful as if somebody were drawing one of his teeth.

Mrs. Closefist looked sad. She knew that her husband's income was darge-that he could give ten times hat amount and not feel it. He was not an outsider either, but a member of the church. He professed to have given himself and all his property to the Lord. And yet, to this great and needy cause of the Master he proposed to give a mere pittance, and he gave it grudgingly-gave it not because he loved Christ, but because he wanted to appear well before his fel-Tow-men. After sending up a silent prayer from the depths of her loving selves hungry to sleep. She was heart, she said : " Husband, how much would the new carpet cost that you said you would buy as soon as your January rents were collected?"

"About a hundred dollars, I reckon, But what has that to do with missions?'

rest of the members in our circumstan- | senger.

"Yes, but you know that when you

Prayer Answered.

Will God still answer prayer? Can any one tell us of instances occurring in real life now which are as remarkable and unmistakable as those which we read in books of earlier times? 1 propose, by way of answering these questions, to tell of an answer to prayer which was narrated to me by were in a position satisfactorily to guarantee the correctness of the facts. The friend who related to me the

incident had for some years belonged to a congregation which was blessed with office-bearers who were accustomed to visit among the poor, working and praying with them. Two deacons having received a sum of money for distribution, went out totheir doles to the poor people in whom they were interested, having been permitted to do so very much at their discretion. They had nearly finished their round, and it was growing late; all their intended visits had been made, with but one exception. A widow whom they desired to help had lately changed her residence without giving notice, and no one could give It was Sunday morning. Christian her new address, so that the sum they meant to give her was still unspent. What were they to do with it?

Turning their faces homeward, the

two friends began to think it a pity to carry home any part of the sum which was meant for distribution that evening and one of them, suggested that it "Yes, and I suppose that we shall should be given to another poor wohave to give something, though the man, the mother of a large family, in times are so hard that I can not well whom he had taken an interest. Her house was not in the neighborhood "If the times are hard for us, they which they had been visiting, but it are a great deal harder for the mis- was not very far from the road by lum once complained bitterly of a very courage. People like him for it; sionaries. They are dependent on which they were to return home. minister who had visited an inmate of where one fool (we use the term in the these collections for their bread and Accordingly the suggestion was agreed butter, and sometimes I am afraid to on condition that, as it was late, that it is bread without butter, and they should not go in to pay a visit, not enough of that. We have plenty but should hand the money in at the of everything, and surely we ought to door and pass on. The house was in give to them of our abundance. You a very poor locality, up two or three know Paul commended the Chris- stairs which were very dark, and it tians of Macedonia, because their deep | was now after ten o'clock. At length poverty abounded to the riches of they stood at what was thought to be the door and knocked. They heard Well, well, I told you that we footsteps, and the door was opened, a would have to give something, female voice asking what they wanted. whether we want to and can afford They asked where Mrs. -lived, to, or not. If we did not everybody found it was the right house, and in swould be tattling about us. So, when the dark handed to her, wrapped up in paper, the sum which they intendaday, I saved out this greenback for ed to leave. When asked from whom the collection," and he took from his it came, they answered, "From the Lord," and left. The friend who spoke was the treasurer of this fund, and unknown to the woman. A fortnight afterward there was

district meeting, at which my informart was present, and several people gave their testimony to the goodness of the Lord, and the blessings they had received. Among others a very poor woman rose and said that she had a little story to tell that was almost like a miracle. She and her children had failed to get work, and had been a week or two ago in starvation. One day it had come to a crisis with them. They had no food. The children had been put to bed and had cried themheart-broken and in despair. There was no fire in the house, and she was on her knees before the Lord, telling Him she was willing to die if He wished it, but asking Him to spare the children and pleading that they had "I have been thinking that a good had nothing to eat. While she was on many poor ministers, whom the Lord her knees a knock at the door startled loves better than he loves us, because her, coming as it did at so unusual a they serve him better, have no carlime. On opening, she could just see pets at all, and would it not be right in the darkness that two men were for us to get along with our old one standing there. One of them, in a awhile, and give that hundred dollars voice which she did not know, asked to missions? If you consent I will her if she were Mrs. ---, and put the turn this carpet, and clean it, and fix sum of four, shillings, wrapped up in it up myself, so that it will be very paper, in her hand. She asked what jurious literature. respectable for a year or two longer." | it was and who it came from, but for "Why, Emily, are you crazy? A answer got just this, "It is from the hundred dollars to missions—such Lord!" "And to this day," she ad- problem. extravagance would break me up. I ded, "I know no more where the have never given but five dollars a money came from, or whether it were year. I began with that when I join- two of the Lord's angels whom He closly to their own church. sed the church, and it is as much as the sent to my door."-The British Mes-

THE BENEVOLENCE OF THE POOR. began giving five dollars a year, you The word charity usually suggests to were comparatively poor. Now you us kindness shown by the rich to the arc worth twenty times as much as poor; but the noblest deeds of charyou were then, and should you not ity are performed by the poor to each philanthropic and missionary entershow your appreciation of the Lord's other. Suffering establishes a kinship, prises of the day, and by giving them goodness to you, by increasing your and the poor will often divide their information respecting churches near contribution as your means have in- last crust with those who are even and far. - The Watchman. worse off. A little girl was once At this point the little bird that walking with her brother across brought me so much of this domestic Boston Common, on a cold winter two characters will be exactly alike, colloquy flew away, and I don't know morring. The two were very thinly any more than two faces, yet it is what was the result of Emily's sug- dressed. The little girl had on a coat right to expect that Christian characgestion. But I could not help think- which was hardly large enough for ters will manifest the same essential ing of the close-fists in our churches. herself. But she said to her little virtues. The traits of honesty, truth-Why, if the prosperous men who call brother: "Come under my coat, fulness, kindliness, and self-control themselves Christians would remem- Johnny." "It is not enough for should be seen alike in all the followber that the Lord loveth a cheerful both," he replied. "Oh," she said, ers of Jesus. That is a poor kind of giver, and that he expects us all to lay "I can stretch it a little.' Matthew character for whose defects somebody by in store for him as he has prosper- Arnold in one of his beautiful lyrics, has to be constantly apologizing. To ed us (1 Cor. xvi. 2), how speedily our describes a wretched beggar woman call it Christian requires a stretch of missionary treasuries would be full, who asks no alms of the rich who pass conscience. And the impression it to a group of poor working-men.

Visiting the Sick.

The Minister encounters many hinmembers of my congregation who sicians object to the pastor's visits to lack of what is commonly understood one on whom he has called. Prudence ability. must be exercised, and if he is not admitted for any cause, let him be patient and call again. It is well to find the hour of the day when the patient is gether one winter evening to carry most at ease and appropriate that hour. It is a sad thing when a minister's

> visits become a torment to the sick inrender the sick uncomfortable by rea-Christian minister on his death-bed. He stayed long, talked long, and prayed long. After a little the old man aroused himself and said to his son, "Is the doctor gone?" When told he had left he said, "I am so thankful. I choke me." The senses of some sick victions, he will have to stay away the good influence of a well-meant call and a devout prayer and a spiritual

Prayers and religious conversations need to be conducted with prudence. he institution when sick, because he vociferated and wept, and wrought the feelings of the patient into a violent frenzy. A quiet prayer and gentle and profited him greatly, beside bringing a special blessing from heaven. An Charles Elliot used to visit at the bebest. The nervous condition of the sufferer would have rendered conversation an intolerable burden. The short, quiet, earnest prayer morning by morning saved that soul, and made her a burning and shining light in the com-

imparts. A well known Presbyterian pastor in Philadelphia one day entered the sick-room of one of his members who was noted for piety and spiritual gifts, and stating that he had but little time to spare, said: "I have just come in for a moment that I might receive your blessing." The blessing of a saint who is walking along the brink of the river of death is like "ointment poured forth." Every faithful pastor understands what it is to leave the sick-room with stronger faith, brighter hope, firmer courage, and a more spiritual mind than he had when he entered. - Chris.

The Religious Paper.

1. It helps to expel from the homes of his parishioners worthless and in-

2. The religious newspaper in the home aids in solving the Sabbath

3. The religious denominational newspaper attaches the people more

4. The religious newspaper strengthens the people in the fundamental

doctrines of the Scriptures. The religious newspaper makes the pastor's work more effective by increasing the intelligence of his hearers. by making them acquainted with the

and overflowing. - Senex in Journal by, but turns for relief in her misery makes upon the world is usually more injurious than downright infidelity.

Courage in the Fulpit.

One of the most imperial and indisderances in visiting the sick. It is not pensable qualities for a Christian pulpit always easy to find out when one of his is courage. The preacher should be Chancer. parishioners is sick. Instead of send- quick to see the right, should be in ing for him they often hide it from him, ardent sympathy with it, and should apparently to see how long it will be dare to proclaim it. We do not hesi- to language at all. before the pastor shall miss them and tate to declare that it is far less deplormake inquiries. Sometimes also phy- able for a preacher to be suspected of the sick-room. But he has an equal as "ability," than to be suspected of a right there with the physician, and is lack of courage. But courage is one not more likely to abuse his privilege form of ability. He who has "the by indiscreet words. It may not al- courage of his convictions" is, so far at ways be best for him to see the sick least, a man of real and effective

Just what do we mean by courage Some time ago we heard Dr. Lorimer, of Chicago, tell us about his preaching a sermon against card-playing in the homes of Christians. The next Sunday he noticed that a leading member | pany of the beloved, sweet memories of his congregation was absent from stead of a comfort. Some pastors his accustomed place. But his wife ment of their lightest wish, a quick rewas present. "Where's the Colonel sponse to the most slender association son of unbecoming habits. A prominent to-day?" inquired Dr. Lorimer, after recalling them to their thoughts. Have clergyman in Ohio, a leading man in the services. "Oh," said the lady, "he we these signs to God?—Maclaren. his Denomination, visited an aged didn't like what you said last Sunday, and thinks that if you have got so notional that you can't allow a man to play cards, he doesn't want to hear you preach any more!" "Well, said Dr. Lorimer, "I guess you may tell him that if he has got so notional that he which turns winter into summer. thought the fumes of his tobacco would can't allow a preacher to speak his conpersons are exceedingly delicate, and but tell him I'm sorry-for him; he offensive odors of tobacco neutralize all will lose a good many things that he ought to hear ?"

But, says some one, Dr. Lorimer is a very able man, and can do such things, when a young man, for instance, cannot. But a good part of The superintendent of an insane asy- the young preacher's ability lies in this scriptural sense) will flare up and run because hit, scores will applaud, and take, with more or less gratitude, the raps which their sins and follies invite. tones and appropriate words would There is nothing in the pulpit to-day, have soothed the unfortunate sufferer or in any day, that the people can more admire and "run after," than courage, combined with good hard sense. invalid is still living in Ohio whom Dr. | General Clinton B. Fiske tells of a young preacher, who had just been ginning of her illness, the dispensation sent to a new charge, and was warned which laid her aside from pleasure in that a wine merchant, who occupied a her youth, and doomed her to a life of chief seat in the synagogue, contributpain and infirmity. She was in no ed \$50 to the stipend, so he was to condition of mind to receive spiritual deal gently with the drink question. instruction with meekness. The wise "No, sir," was the reply, "let's begin pastor entered the room quietly every fair. Take \$50 off my salary; I want morning, speaking a few kind words of to take a shot at that pew." He got sympathy, and, kneeling, offered a his shot at the pew, and it is said he short, appropriate prayer, and depart- got his \$50 too. Assuming that good ed. In this case the morning hour was sense characterizes his conduct and speech, as it evidently did, he presented an example of the courage that is desirable in the pulpit.

That blunt exhorter and straight-out hitter of hard blows, Sam Jones, speaks the truth in the following: "The greatest blessing God ever bestowed on The minister often receives a richer a church is a good preacher, that is olessing in the sick room than afraid of neither man nor devil. The greatest blessing God ever bestowed upon a preacher is a membership that will stand up to his side when the blasts of the months of a thousand cannon are belching in their faces." From Sam Jones to John G. Whittier may be a long stride in some respects-for instance, as to form of utterance but we take it, and quotethe following from the Quaker poet:

"God's true priest is always free, Free the needed truth to speak, Right the wrong, and raise the weak. -Morning Star.

A Grievance Against the Pastor.

My pastor, I have somewhat against

Ah? what is it?

I was sick, and you did not visit

Did you desire me to visit you? Why, certainly. The presence, sympathy and prayers of the pastor are naturally expected by the sick of his own people.

As a rule, I suppose so; but your case, it seems, was exceptional. What do you mean?

I mean that you did not desire any thing I might have done for you in your sickness; so far from it, you did not wish me to know that you were

How can you say that? Well, let us see. Did a physician isit you.

How did he know you needed him? Why, I sent for him, of course. Exactly; but you treated me differ-

ently; the physician would not know you were sick unless you informed him, and you did inform him, because you desired his presence; but the pastor, by some sort of clairvoyance peculiar to himself, was to know what the physician could not know, and so you took no pains to give him a needess message! Is that it, brother? Now, be candid. Am I not to understand that, as you did not send for me. my presence was not desired? Pardon | the concentrated extract of the best my plainness; I think, in comparative treatment of your physician and your pastor, your complaint is both unrea-

RANDOM READINGS.

It is a great shame to a man to have poor heart and a rich purse.-

We are taught, and we teach by something about us that nevergoes in-

Whatsoever the Christian prays for he obtains, if the spirit of Christ be in him. -Tholuck.

There are two things which grow stronger in the breast of man in proportion as he advances in years-the love of country and religion.

Thou hast asked a hard thing; nevertheless. Oh, bless God for the nevertheless of scripture, for those rugged turnings on the road, behind which you shall find all you want .-- Joseph Parker.

The signs of love are joy in the comand longings, if departed, eager fulfill-

He who climbs above the cares of he world and turns his face to his God has found the sunny side of life. The world's side of the hill is chill and freezing to a spiritual mind; but the Lord's presence gives warmth of joy

Dignity may become a disease. When it does it is fatal. It kills spirituality and activity. There are many churches and Christians who are passing by "a certain man," because they can not touch him consistently with traditional or personal ideas of propriety. -Selected.

Separation from the World.

"They are dead fish which are carried down the stream," says Manton. Living fish may go with the stream at | ing English and American papers. Previtimes, but dead fish must always do so. There are plenty of such in all waters: dead souls, so far as the truest life is concerned, and these are always drifting, drifting as the current takes them. There first inquiry is-what is customary? God's law is of small account to them, but the unwritten rules of society have a power over them which they never think of resisting. They stand in awe of a fool's banter, and ask of their neighbor leave to breathe.

Good men have generally been called ARRANGEMENT OF TRAINS upon to walk by themselves. We can sin abundantly by passively yielding to the course of this world; but to be holy and gracious needs many a struggle, many a tear.

Come, my heart, canst thou go against stream? It is the way of life. The opposing waters will but wash and cleanse thee, and thou shalt ascend to the eternal river-head, and be near and like thy God. O thou who art Lord of the strait and narrow way, aid me to force a passage to glory and immortality !- Spurgeon .

THE BIBLE IN THE HEART.—The Bible may be in the hand or house and not be in the heart. Physiologists say that food is never really in the body until it is in the blood, and to put it there requires the process of digestion. The living bread of Christ must pass through the head and heart into the life-blood of character before the tissues of the soul can receive spiritual life and growth. When the celebrated Grimshaw first found Christ, he told a friend that "if God had drawn up His Bible to heaven and sent him down another, it could not have been newer to him." Yet the only difference was that between the word in the hand and the word in the heart: but how vast that difference!-New York Evangelist

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