The stream is calmest when it nears the tide, The flowers are sweetest at the even-tide,

The birds most musical at the close of day, The saints divinest when they pass away

Morning is holy, but a holier charm Lies folded in evening's robe of balm; And weary men must ever love her best, For morning calls to toil, but night to rest.

She comes from heaven, and on her wings doth bear A holy fragrance, like the breath of prayer Footsteps of angels follow in her trace, To shut the weary eyes of Day in peace.

All things are hushed before her, as she

O'er earth and sky her mantle of repose; There is a calmer beauty and a power

Until the evening we must weep and toil-Plow life's stern furrow and dig the woody

Tread with sad feet the rough and thorny And bear the heat and burden of the day.

O! when the sun is setting, may we glide Like summer evening down the golden tide, And leave behind us, as we pass away, Sweet starry twilight round our sleeping

- Exchange.

## "Give him a Cheer."

words came from the lips of some one in the crowd gathered around a buildprompted by the momentary falterweeping friends below.

the audience, as the young aspirant | ingly. for academical honors began to hesitate in the midst of his well-prepared oraappreciated huzza was raised the heart Orders; to expose the indifference or of the youth gathered new sourage, so opposition to Christian Missions yet that he succeeded in winning the lingering in the hearts of some who scholarship, which to him meant much | nominally are followers of Christ. I more than empty honors. In this very am not arguing the obligation, so Mr. Gladstone once said : "A speaker gets from his hearers in vapor that which he gives back to them in flood," it to him with interest.

of temptation is trying to live a consecrated life. He needs more than an interest in your prayers. Give him a trials and temptations.

"Give him a cheer"-the stranger | which it has been delivered. within your gates. No matter how welfare.

went through life under a cloud. She difference of a professed believer to had many things to discourage her. this privilege of co-operating with She was misrepresented and misunder- | Christ, shows either an ignorant or an stood. No one spoke a cheering word unconverted heart. "If ye love me, to her, or offered to lend a hand when keep my commandments." The retroubles thickened about her. Pec- sponse of gratitude is immediate, inevple did not understand her shrinking | itable, "I delight to do thy will," nature. They mistook her seclusive- result as direct and sure as that which ation she took away the life God had steel. given her. A little note among her Again, humanity as well as grati pity over my hard fate." Then over relief. her icy form the neighbors lamented death?

day calling loudly for cheering words | Alcibiades, "Here's gold, go on !"

their tombs when they are dead. it is a superlatively rich personal bene-Bring the flowers that you are keeping | fit to curselves. Our highest motive | for their coffins and strew along their should be to honor God, who has done paths to-day while they are alive to so much for us. This is piety. Our inhale their sweet fragrance.

to hear you say so. If some one's self-interest. It is rarely urged, and you en to a better life, would it not be tention. happier to know of the unconscious influencing he is exerting?

That Morning knows not in the Evening's ter, nobler lives. - Christian Weekly.

## Marching Orders

The Duke of Wellington was once confronted by a minister of the Established Church, who was unfriendly to the prosecution of foreign missions. The usual objections were presented, the work to be done at home, the expense and the unproductiveness of the labor. He declared in substance that it did not pay to attempt the world's evangelization.

The Iron Duke fastened his eyes on the shallow-minded quibbler, and repeated the words, "Go ye into all "Give him a cheer." The hearty the world and preach the gospel to every creature," adding, with an accentuation we cannot reproduce, ing enveloped in flames, and were "There sir, are your MARCHING ORDERS!" This old soldier had learn. ing of a brave fireman at the final ed the lesson, that it was not the proveffort that was needed to save a human | ince of the subaltern to question the | such as spring from the exercise of exlife. Instantly hats were waving in wisdom of the superior; it was not pectation, or else of memory, which is the air, and, above the crackling and the business of the leader of the for- a kind of reflex hope. But this is a roaring of the fire, the cheering of the lorn hope, even, to argue with the mistaken supposition. Old age has multitude below fell upon the ears of commander-in-chief as to the continities positive satisfactions. It is not allers. It is not allers. It is not allers. the wavering fireman. Electrified by gencies of defeat, or the possible ad- together a dream-life-a living over the applause he renewed his efforts, vantages of victory. It was simply to what has been, and a reaching out beat back the flames that scorched his receive commands and to obey them. toward what shall be. There are cerface, burst in the window that would He would have this lily-handed knight tain positive advantages which come to cut off from all other books and studied not yield to the young girl's strength, understand, that the Captain of salva- us with the period of waning energies the Bible with great avidity and singand through a cloud of smoke and fire tion having formed the plan of the of mind and body, things to be looked leness of heart, the effect of preaching bore his unconscious burden to her world's redemption without his advice, forward to, not as solaces merely for "Give him a cheer," said a voice in commanded his obedience, unquestion- but distinct and independent blessings

There has been frequent occasion, good things are compensations. since the day of Wellington, to rebuke tion. "Give him a cheer," and as the this reluctance to obey Marching way the applause of a sympathetic and | much as the privilege of missionary responsive audience bears up the service. The normal instinct of a respeaker, who otherwise would fail newed soul is that of active gratitude buffeting, test and trial of every sort. to God. To enforce obedience there is no need of argument, still less of menace. It is the natural impulse of and when they have got it they return a converted soul. The new life is a life of love. "Lord, what wilt thou "Give him a cheer." Who? Why, have me to do? is the first, irrepressthat young Christian who has come lible outgoing of the soul. We love out from the world," and in the midst | Him because He first loved us. What can we do for Him?

Paul packs his logic into a paragraph. "If Christ died for all, then were all warm hand-shake, a word of praise, or | dead, and that He died for all that a smile of recognition when he begins | they who live should not henceforth to faint or falter by the way. Let him live unto themselves, but unto Him know that you appreciate his efforts, who died for them." As the rescued and will be disappointed if he fails. sailor, snatched from the sinking wreck, If he does a noble thing give him a whispered "There's one more man cheer by telling him he has done well. | left!" so the saved soul instinctively It will give him strength to meet new longs to go forth into the world to save other souls from the death from

Thus our Marching Orders are but brief a tarrying he may make, bid him | an answer and a guide to the natural welcome. Do not let him go away feel- instincts of a converted heart. As the ing that no one feels an interest in his disloyalty of the soldier is shown by questionings and quibblings about the I have in mind a young girl who commands of his superior, so the inness for pride, until in a fit of desper- follows the touch of the magnet to the

effects explained the seemingly rash tude inspires the missionary spirit. act. It ran thus: "I can endure this The soul that is saved cries out, strain no longer. If I only had help | "What wilt thou have me to do?" the to carry my burden I would try to be impulse of gratitude. The soul that brave and stand up under its weight, wants salvation, cries in agony, "What but in all this wide world I have not a shall I do to be saved?" the impulse of friend. No one has ever given me a self-preservation. \* \* \* Our cheering word, or dropped a tear of humane instincts urge us to carry

their lack of sympathy, and tears of one believe on Him of whom he has regret in plenty fell upon the still not heard? and how can he hear withwhite face now mute in death. Enough out a preacher? and how can one appreciative, tender words to have preach except he be sent? "Here am gladdened her whole life were wasted I, send me," says one; "I am debtor," around her coffin and over her open says another magnanimous spirit, almost lovable in the gray head of the grave. But what good did they do "both to the Greeks and to the bar- aged offender. The passions are burned front of the preacher. He could not when they fell upon ears hushed in barians, to wise and unwise, so as much out, earthly ambitions and desires hear or speak a word. On being asked the source of wisdom, and righteousness "Give them a cheer." A host of whose duty clearly enough is to stay urally turns to God, as it approaches the slate with the words written on it: weary, toiling men and women are to- by the staff, exclaims as did Timon to the mysterious gulf of death; and "If I did not come who would fill my and sinners, are completely and etern-

and helpful ministers. Do not keep Once more the great command be- it finds its highest, purest satisfaction. the cheer that would bless them lying fore us suggests not only a great op- So it may truly be said that the older der who takes your place and mine idly in your hearts or trembling un- portunity to show our gratitude to we grow, if we have lived rightly, the before God when we are not at our doubt, and serve him with a loyalty said upon your lips to scatter around God and our humanity to others, but happier we are. - Z. Herald.

second motive, to do good to man. "Give them a cheer." Words of This is benevolence. The third, honest praise will spoil no man. If though lower, is a lawful one. We you gain a blessing from a sermon or have a right to look at this privilege a prayer, it will encourage the preacher of being missionaries, in the light of holy living strengthens you and helps so its rarity ought to secure our at-

Pyrrhus, a Greek merchant, once compassionately bought an old man "Give him a cheer." No matter enslaved by pirates. Having freed where, or when, or how you come into him from slavery, he next pitied his less love and his over-ruling hand and comfort, for our faith is founded not contact with poor, struggling human poverty, and so bought his little all, a wonder working providence. Early upon feeling, but upon the promise of souls, lend them a hand—give them a few barrels of pitch. Touched by teach your children that simple and God. cheer that will help them to live bet- this double act of disinterestedness, inimitable "Now I lay me." I once the redeemed captive revealed to Pyrrhus the secret that an immense treasure was hidden in the apparently worthless mass. There proved to be enough and more than enough to make them both exceedingly rich. "It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Self-interest as well as humanity and piety makes the privilege of our Marching Orders a most precious and remunerative one.

## Advantages of Old Age.

It would be difficult to find any con dition of life, however hard, which did not have some compensations-either good to come.

Old age is a state which is commonly thought to offer but little present sat\_ isfaction, its compensations being only did not now ask his criticism, but the loss of physical and mental powers -compensations only in so far as all

Let us look briefly at two or three of these positive advantages of old age. And note, first, that old age marks the completion of that process of discipline and trial which life seems intended to levy upon every human soul. The period has arrived when character is fixed. There is no further need of fierce temptation, hard denial, sorrow The stress of life is over. Peace becomes a permanent condition of the mind and heart. Even if trouble falls, it is not felt as keenly as in earlier days. Like a river, which grows broad and calm and deep as it nears its outlet, so the life of man draws toward its close in unruffled peace. One never sees an aged person struggling, agonizing, tempest-tossed under the stress of some terrible soul-experience. The great battles of life come on the threshold, and just over the threshold, of

manhood and womanhood. Wherever there is strength, you will find suffering. It is thus that God equalizes the allotments of life. He gives power and the exultation of power to manhood, but he also gives a burden. He gives weakness and the sense of weakness to old age, but at he same time he removes every hard

Secondly, observe that old age is a period of accumulated reward. It is then that a man tastes the full fruit of | in your mind. -Dr. D. G. Watson. his life's labor. If he has spent his threescore and ten years in accumulating money, he probably enjoys the undisputed use of great wealth. If he has toiled in the higher fields of knowious fulfilment.

and confirmed; faith approaches sight | with His Son Jesus Christ." in its calm intensity; holiness is the natural atmosphere of the soul. Even in the ungodly life there is something that partakes of saintliness-something as in me is I am ready." A third, quenched or satisfied. The soul nat- why he went to church, he returned and sanctification, and redemption, drawing nearer and ever nearer to Him, place ?" That man's faithfulness did ally met in Christ. His work and

## Advice to Young Mothers.

Mothers, tell Bible stories to your them more. In the dear, old homeark! Her vivid imagination furnish- ment that he may be healed. ed the many "perhaps" and "it may

est. Bible stories, more than any tongue is nevertheless a tongue. And other instruction, impress the young even then we may believe when we mind with the lessons of God's bound- are without the smallest portion of heard a little girl of twenty months Jesus. A lame foot is still a foot. He lisp this verse after her mother. She who comes slowly nevertheless comes. was robed for the night; her little hands were clasped together. Even though she understood not the meaning, it was a beginning in the right direction. God listens and hears : "Prayer is the simplest form of speech

That infant lips can try."

As your children grow older, teach them hymns suited to their ages. The Lord's Prayer should daily be repeated | whole property be conveyed over to by them; the Ten Commandments the government. "But," said the exshould early be committed to memory, smuggler, "what will become of my as well as the wonderful Sermon on the Mount and the twenty-third Psalm. But all this instruction, exactual present satisfactions, or hope of cellent as it is, will surely fail in pro- the deed of conveyance was made out. ducing the best results unless your A female saloon-keeper in San Franchildren see in your daily lives a cisco said to Mr. Moody: "I know Christ-like, patient, loving spirit .-The Presbyterian.

## One Book.

If we loved the Bible more, studied it more, we would be powerful preachwe would be skilful in it, we must | \_Bacon. practise the use of it more. We do not hesitate to say if preachers were would be augmented a thousand-fold. To many preachers the Bible is the strangest book in their library. William Jones, the great Weish preacher, when asked by Dr. Bunting what books he had read, replied, "I have read the Bible." "But," said Dr. Bunting, "have you read nothing else?" "Oh, yes," he said, "the Bible dictionary," meaning the concordance. He had read the Bible and concordance, and I presume he knew them from cover to cover. But what a preacher this man was! His sermons glowed with poetic imagery, kindled at the altar of prayer, and the learned and ignorant crowded to hear

## Look Long to Jesus.

him by thousands. -Sel.

Take a good look at Jesus as often as you can. You expect soon to behold Him in open vision, but they who look most to Him here will see most glory in Him hereafter. In heaven some will see far deeper into Christ than others. The deeper you see into His grace now, the deeper will you see into His glory then, for glory is measured by grace.

Linger at the place of secret prayer. If you do not know just what to pray about, look to Jesus for Him to give you a prayer, Look to Him for your prayer and your faith. After you have opened all your heart to Him, greatly, as an unblemished conscience should He choose not to speak, trust | tide of blood. - Pope Him just the same, and take time to adore Him. Go away from your closet with the clear image of Jesus hanging

In those sweet seasons of spiritual | thee together - Cecil refreshing which come to individual believers, and at times to an entire church, one is in danger of trusting ledge, he possesses that wisdom which rather in God's blessings than in God is more precious than rubies. If he himself-of depending rather on the has devoted his life to the service of refreshing than on the Holy Spirit others, his gray hairs will be crowned from whom it proceeds. The result, with reverence and honor. Whatso- if this failure to discriminate between filled. ever he has done, the culminating re- the gift and the Giver continues, is to sults of his efforts fall within the per- the believer what an unnoticed current iod of old age. It is then that the is to a ship. It causes him to drift world begins to understand him; it is unconsciously away from God, because for despair. As he knows his own, so then that endeavors long-thwarted his faith fails to lay hold upon Him begin to tell, and all the orderly proc- To prevent this misfortune, the believesses of life come together to harmon- er must be sure to touch the hem of attainable by those ignorant of sorrow. the Master's garment-to enter into Lastly, old age brings one nearer to such conscious fellowship with Him as God. It is the saintly time of life. to be able to say with St. John, "Truly, "Believe, believe!" But how can The virtues then are all established our fellowship is with the Father and

## Faithfulness to Duty.

An old deaf and dumb man in a meeting and took his place directly in Independent. posts of duty?

Faith is the eye by which we look little ones as they gather around you to Jesus. A weeping eye is still an in the early evening; nothing interests | eye; a dim-sighted eye is still an eye. Faith is the hand by which we lay stead of my childhood, how well I re- hold on Jesus. A trembling hand is member our pleasure in listening to still a hand; and he is a believer whose our mother when she told us of Moses heart within him trembles when he and Joseph and Noah, and about the touches the hem of his Saviour's gar-

Faith is the tongue by which we be," which added greatly to the inter- taste how good the Lord is. A feverish follows:-

Faith is the foot by which we go to -H. Miller.

## Conversion Tested.

At Portland Mr. Moody was the means of converting a smuggler, who confessed that he had bought ground, built a house, and furnished it with the | F proceeds of his illicit transactions. The evangelist at once demanded that the poor wife and children?" Mr. Moody insisted that, come what might, the amount stolen must be restored; and the business is wrong, but if I give it Railway Office, Moneton, N. B. up my children will starve." "Then let them starve !" he exclaimed. 0---

## Random Readings.

I have often thought upon death,

Do not seek for things to happen as thou wishest; but wish for things to happen as they do happen. — Epictetus. A thing which does not appear

wrong by itself shows its true character when brought to the judgment of God and the knowledge of Jesus Christ.—Bengel. No man has come to true greatness

who has not felt in some degree that his life belongs to his race, and that what God gives him he gives him for mankind.—Phillips Brooks. Christ is not a created angel, not merely a perfect man, but our divine

weight of the world upon Him, rich enough to free from sin. - Brooks No soul can preserve the bloom and delicacy of its existence without lonely musings and silent prayer, and the

greatness of this necessity is in proportion to the greatness of the soul. There is a threefold submission to God-first, of our carnal hearts to His | Extracts Jamaica Ginger, holiness; secondly, of our proud hearts to His mercy; thirdly, of our revolt-

ing hearts to His sovereignty. -Dr.

The sense of equality which home blesses is most perfect, not when we make the claim to perceive the payment of a debt owed, but when we feel the power to pay a debt acknow!edged.—Canon Westcott.

The noble power of suffering bravely, is as far above that of enterprising take time to linger for His answer; and inflexible resolution are above an to listen to marching orders: and accidental flow of spirits, or a sudden

In studying the Word of God, digest it under these heads: either as removing some obstructions that keep God and thee asunder, or as supplying some uniting power to bring God and

The high mountains are barren, but the low valleys are covered with corn and accordingly, the showers of God's grace fall into lowly hearts and humble souls. The more poor in spirit, the more earnestly we are desirous of spiritual things; and such shall be

Where Christ brings his cross he brings his presence; and where he is, none are desolate and there is no room he knows how to comfort them, using sometimes the very grief itself, and straining it to a sweetness of peace un--E.B. Browning.

The celestial immortality of the of the mills will sell for to-day. Christian has its germ within him as he exists in this world. The faith and love which here unite him to Christ, and which through Christ secures to him eternal life, are now spiritual rewestern town went to church every kind be just what they were here .- | low, at

Christ Jesus is made unto his people is so made "of God." (1 Cor. i. Chilled and Common Shot; great good in the community. I won- power are equal to every necessity and every exigency. They should trust nim with a confidence that knows no that never wavers .- The Independent.

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