Search thou my heart! if in its secret place, Unholy aims or thoughts are thy dis-

covery, Go pluck them by the roots; leave thou

"Help me to tread" them down beyond recovery.

If, with my zealors deeds in some good Too much self-love is m'xed for my se

curity, Then let me see it so; reveal the flaws Before they mar my thoughtless soul's futurity.

Whene'er I cry out, o'er some sweet hope wrecked. When I complain of life that pain should

sadden it, Teach me to study causes and effect, And all the part my own weak conduct had in it.

Behind my motives, let Thine eyes explore; Lay bare my heart's waste place and sterility;

"O thou great Spirit Guide, whom I adore,

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Show me myself, and thus teach me humility.

-ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

Worship In Russia.

Throughout Russia the devotion of the men is noticeable. Everywhere else in Europe, in Papal and Protestant churches alike, the women are in a large majority, but in Russia this is not so. I do not know the real reason for this peculiarity of Russian religious life. It cannot be due alone to that ignorance which is the mother of devotion, for the high as well as the low are constant in attendance on religious services. The extreme devotion of the Czar may doubtless have some influence upon those who live but to obey him, and training the fact is everywhere evident.

On coming to the door of a Russian church one is confronted with a line of greasy and dirty old men and women in dingy black, with Russian buys a candle, large or senting his faith in the Trinity). He things, what a world this would be home? Just across the street is a allow his children to starve."—God continues to bow and cross till he before you are fifty ! reaches the shrine at which his prayers and off-rings are to be pr sented. There he lights his candle from the holy fire and puts it in a silver stand which has manifold sockets full of similar candles. This done, be retires a little way, and there stands and kneels and prostrates himself to the floor for a longer or shorter time.

Irreverent foreigners who attend the services of the Greek Church in | will make the best of everything | Russia are likely to be taught good | you do. manners. If they do not remove their hats promptly on entering the without ceremony; if they talk and leniency will be shown them as in it up in heaven with His Father. Roman Catholic countries. There is no distinction of rank or place in the churches, no entrance fees, no pews, not a seat, and no reserved

and short prayers. Augustus, in N. Y. Observer.

Before You Are Fifteen.

you have to do is to take it and have | said Mr. S., and at once he coma good time with it.

But that is not making the best | Emmons, this is your wife sitting by of it; it is only taking the good of it. | your side?" Now, how can you make a good thing better or best?

If I should ask twenty-five of you not have twenty-five good things in | years.' reply?

that serving was among your good | could not reply. good things. When He came down ! fireside, is it?" to earth would not God give Him good things — the best He had? Before He was fifteen do you know killed in battle. This is your tors in the temple, but He was eyes feeling that I was a man deeply so away, is a light-house, and from a questions.)

serving--prompt, cheerful obedience, prompt, cheerful serving.

Would twenty five of you give pathize with you.' twenty-nve different answers to the

thing?" hard thing before He was fifteen? No doubt He had to work hard

and live simply for boys and girls now-a days-per- exterior many a man bears heavy costly light-house, with lamp, service-

days in which He lived. of the work He did? Do you not waves and billows are gone over reck. believe it was perfectly done-that | them, can look up with loving trust He made the very best thing He and confidence through the c'ouds, could of the work that was put into and rest in Him who doeth all His hands?

learn obedience by the things that leave thee nor forsake thee.' He suffered, by the things that happened to Him. If you make the best of your hard-hips before you are fifteen, you will have something play cards?" Such was the ques Saviour, and that he was ready to from early childhood is also a potent to work with all your life—not only tion that was earnestly propounded cast his all upon Christ, and left the

> About things indifferent—things not worth while. Ah, now you have something to make the best of!

when somebody snubs you, or speaks brass money-boxes in their hands, unkindly. You can make the best which they jingle at the visitor, at of it by being as sweet as though it the same time courtesying and bow- had not happened. And a disaping like jumping-jacks. Having pointment: forget it; act as though passed this barrier, there is next a you had had the very thing you candle-stand, where every devout wanted. Forgetting some unpleasant things is a lovely way to make small, according to their piety or the best of them. Do you know purse. Bearing this in one hand, what Christ did before He was the worshipper goes up to one of the fifteen? He grew, not only in shrines, drops on his knees, bows till favour with God, but with men. It his head touches the floor, and is worth while to make people love trosses his breast with the thumb | you; when peop'e love you you can and two forefingers of his right hand serve them. If every boy and girl (the three fingers thus joined repre | under fifteen would do only two

> St. John tel's us what these two things are :-

"This is His commandment, That e should believe on the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another.

Do you wish to be a strong man Do those two things. Do you wish to be a lovely woman?

Do those two things. Believe and love, and then you

Make the best of the day that comes to you after you read this. churches, it will be done for them You do not know what is the best. Keep on doing and you will know; disturb the worshippers, no such | that is Christ's rule, and He learned

A Gilded Tomb.

Mr. S., a wealthy gentleman of places. All the congregation stand | the old school, lived near Boston or kneel or lie prostrate. The forty years since, and was widely Church service is in the Slavonic know and respected as a publictongue, but the people can usually spirited, benevolent man. He was follow it, and some times join fervent- of commanding-presence, and his ly in the choral parts, the responses, dignified but genial appearance upon our streets always attracted atten-The regular service begins with | tion and respect. He once told the a call to worship, then hymns and writer that his housekeeper came to psalms are sung, then prayers are him one day and said: "Mr. S., I cold and distant toward the young intoned for the Church and its think it would be well for you to call stranger. But they were. He priests, for peace and union of Chris- at the Emmons's. They have lost a came to church several times firmly tian Churches, and for every mem. child and are in sorrow.' (Mr. resolved that he would make himber of the Imperial family separate- Emmons was a tenant of Mr. S., self at home. Then he concluded it who hath his system strengthened with ly. The Gospel is explained by a living in a little cottage near his was no use, and came not again. Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and he but naked, priest, there are more prayers, the mansion.) Mr. S., at once resolved He is now an active member of a though arrayed in furs, whose blood is communion is celebrated, after to go, and the next day called at sister church a few blocks away. A poor or with disease corrupted. which come thanksgivings and a the cottage. He was politely usher dozen people shook his hand the incomparable medicine! benediction. At the evening service ed in, and made an effort to assure first time he strayed into that the Old Testament is read, and this the parents of his kindest sympathy. church, and something in their warm service is generally regarded as a For some unaccountable reason, grip said: "Glad to see you, young preparation for the more important however, it was received in silence. fellow; don't know just who you and principal service of the day. The stricken father and mother sat are, but come again, come again, to say that it has greatly benefited those who have used it. One man in 16 Prince William St., St. John, and Queen St. Fredericton, N. B a congregation some times join in the but with a reserve and reticence for the pastor, and two or three digni- man, and he cannot say too much for choral parts, they are not expected which he could not account, especi fied "elders," and a lot of young to make any responses, and the ally as until this time their relations folks, and the big rich man who usual custom is for the priest, a had been pleasant. The three chil- sits down near the front had swarmdeacon, a reader and a double choir dren, also, sat motionless and silent ed about him, and found out al to perform the whole service - about the fire, without any attempt about who he was, where he had I am nearly fifty, and if I could to have. As he was gathering his of a church our young man was her more good than any other medilive backward and get back to the hat gloves, the father, for the longing for, and he "joined," of cine she ever tried. years before I was tifteen, oh how first time, spoke: "O well, Mr. S.," course. That is a piece of history. many things I would do! There is said no, "it is very kind of you to It occurred not a thousand-not a one thing I would do: I would make come and see us in our time of hundred miles away. The people the best of things. A girl's life or trouble, but it isn't possible for a in the first church mentioned were boy's life is fell of things (life has to weal a man like you, living in your kind-hearted people. They would be full of things that it may get full elegan, house, to understand the have been pleased had the oung of thought,)-things good, things sorrows of people situated as we man concluded to cart in his let hard, things indifferent. If a thing are." The mystery was at last with them. But how did he know is good that is the end of it, and all solved. "Oh, that's it," mentally that ?- Epworth Herald.

menced to turn the tables. "Mr.

with surprise.

what your good thing is, would I insane asylum for more than twenty summit a lantern is fixed, from

Would any one of you tell me ed instantly a deep red, but they far and wide. Yet there is no

"Yes, sir, it is." " My son, my first-born son was no oil well to replenish.

question: "What is your hard parents with tears. "We are sorry that we were so blind and so incor- intents and purposes a light-house Did Christ have to endure any siderate," said the mother. "Yes, exists which has neither lamp nor

indeed we are," said the father. "The heart knoweth its own bitter- into uccount the requirements of These two hardships are very hard ness." Behind a pleasant and serene this locality—as if an elaborate and haps, you think, harder than in the trials and sorrows unsuspected by room, bedroom, living-room, storethe thoughtless world, but blessed room, oil-room, and water-tanks Would you not love to see a piece | ind ed are those who, when all His | were erected on the summit of the things well, and who in love and And He had to learn; He had to kindness has said, "I will never

Do You Think It's Any Harm?

force in securing such observance. finished work, but you will become to me by a young wife and mother hall rejoicing. A day or two afterwas the reply. "But why do you same place, I came across him again ask me such a question?"

> It is not worth while to notice play cards with him in the evening weifare was that he had been obliged after my little boy has gone to bed, to leave his employment. He coland I dou't see any harm in it." "Do you play alone?"

> > another young man come in some | could not have any connection with times, and we have a four-handed a theater and be a Christian. 'But,

"Are you very fond of it?"

it. but the young men do." to play oftener than he can in your God who feeds his birds will not saloon, and young men are found in | in Business. there every night playing cards and drinking. This young fell w goes in to play, drinks a little, becomes passionately fond of playing, then begins to bet money on his game. He goes on little by little, till ha becomes a professional gambler, and finally dies a gambler, and fills a drunkard's grave, as many of our young men do. Would there be any responsibility resting upon you, Mrs.

E-, for that young man's career?" But I had scarcely finished the last sentence when she raised her hand and exclaimed: "Stop! you need say no more. I see it! I will never play cards again; never! that settles it!

I earnestly wish that all people who play cards were as easily con vinced of its harmful tendency, and would as readily make the sensible resolve that Mrs. E- did. Could we but realize that God holds us accountable for the influences we set in motion, we would not dare to start any young person on such a downward career. - Epworth Herald.

The Young Stranger.

The people did not intend to be at rep y. Mr. S., having exhausted come from, what he was going to his resourses, and finding upon the do, and assured him that they had

人民主义的是是国际的特殊的,并且不是一种的特殊的。

A Light-House Without a Lamp or

The New Haven Morning News tells of a wonderful beacon which s "Why, yes, sir," said the man, on Arnish Rock, Stornoway Bay, in Hebrides, Scotland. On this rock a "Well, my wife has been in an conical beacon is erected, and on its which, night after night, shines a The faces of the two parents turn- light which is seen by the fishermen burning lamp in the lantern, and no things? It was among Christ's 1 "This is your son sitting by your attendant ever goes to it, for he simple reason that there is no lamp to attend to, no wick to trim, and

The way in which this peculiar anything that He did beside obey daughter, I believe; mine died of light-house is illuminated is this; and serve? (He was with the doc- lingering disease; and I closed her On the island of Lewis, 500 feet (r hearing them as well as asking them and sorrowfully afflicted; my wife window in the tower a stream of and children are gone, and I am a light is projected on a mirror in the Now, to be like Him, make the sorrow-stricken old man, living, Mr. lantern on the summit of Arnish best of your obedience and your Emmons, in what you call an elegant Rock. These rays are reflected on home, but it is only a gilded tomb, an arrangement of prisms, and by -and so-you think I cannot sym- their action are converged to a focus outside the lantern, from which they "Do forgive us, Mr. S., said both diverge in the necessary direction.

The consequence is that to all light-house keeper, and yet which How true the words of Holy Writ, gives as serviceable a light-taking

A Convert's Courage.

At a gospel meeting Mr. James B. Forbes observed: "When Mr. Moody was here last, at one of his meetings in the circus, after a most affecting address, I spoke to a man in the audience about his soul. He "Do you think it's any harm to confessed that he saw his need of a one day. "Most certainly I do," ward, at a similar meeting in the and about the first thing he told me "Well, my husband wants me to when I asked after his spiritual lected the tickets at the door of a theater at a salary of eighteen shil-"No, my husband's brother and lings a week, but he felt that he I said, 'what are you going to do? I You have a wife and family, and they must be fed.' His answer was. "No, we don't care much about | Can I not trust the Lord to pay eighteen shillings a week?' That "Well now, Mrs. E-, suppose very day he got a situation at a the young man who is learning to better salary, where he could serve play cards in your home becomes God and his employer at the same fascinated with the game, and wants | time. Depend upon it, the kind

Wendell Phillips.

A personal friend asked him, not long before his death: "Mr. Phillips, did you ever consecrate yourself to God?" "Yes," he answered, "when I was a boy fourteen years of age, in the old church at the North End, I heard Lyman Beecher preach on the theme, 'You belong to God; and I went home after that service, threw myself on the floor in my room, with locked doors, and prayed, O God! I belong to thee; take what is thine own. I ask this, that whenever a thing be wrong it may have no power of temptation over me; whenever a thing be right, it may take no courage to do it.' From that day to this it has been so. Whenever I have known a thing to be right, it has taken no courage to do it." The event here referred to occurred in 1826, a year previous to his matriculation. With this seriousness upon h.m, like the halo around a saint's head on the canvas of the old painters, he went to college.

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Shakespeare will please excuse us if we modify him thus: Thrice is he clad

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