A Little Word Lost.

I lost a very little word Only the other day : A very naughty little word I had not meant to say. If only it were really lost, I should not mind a bit ; I think I should deserve a prize For really losing it.

For if no one could ever find Again that little word, Eo that no more from any lips Could it be ever heard. I'm sure we all of us would say That it was something fine With such completeness to have lost That naughty word of mine.

But then it wasn't really lost When from my lips it flew; My little brother picked it up, And now he says it too. Mamma said that the worst would be I could not get it back: But the worst of it now seems to me I'm always on its track.

Mamma is sad; papa looks grieved; Johnnie has said it twice ; Of course it is no use for me To tell him it's not nice. When you lose other things they're lost; But lose a naughty word, And for every time 'twas heard before, Now twenty times 'tis heard.

If it were only really lost ! Oh, then I should be glad I let it fall so carelessly The day that I got mad. Lose other things, you never seem To come upon their track : But lose a naughty little word, It's always coming back.

A Misdirected Letter.

The wind was blowing through th streets with the fierceness of March. though the calendar said it was April. A timid, uncertain ring brought a member of the household to the door, who found standing on the stoop an old woman. Her dress gave every evidence of self-respecting poverty. Her face was wrinkled, but as though kindly smiles and sympathetic tears had been the tools used by Father Time to etch her life-history thereon. "Duze a lady named --- live here ?" The name was so mispronounced that it was asked again, and then harriedly followed the reason of the call : "She did not send this letther to the right place, to be sure ! This place is coal-yard; shure, nobody lives at a coal-yard," she interjected, seemingly astonished that the location of the coal yard was not known. "This letther," Chimes. she continued, holding out a letter the listener recognized as having mailed (The Universality of God's the evening before, "the posthman gave me to-day. Sometimes I resave a letther-not often, sure-and he knew this was me name, though I live at 52, and this is 122; and I tore it open, never looking, and when I read it, and it was to a milliner to come and make a hat, sez I to meself, ' Shure, this is Friday, now, and the lady will be disappointed, she wantin' her hat for Sunday; and I'll just go over and tell her as she didn't know how to direct the letther, and then I thought maybe"-and here an appealing lock came into the kindly face, and an entreating tone into the voice-"I will afeared that some gurl, who would be glad of the work, would lose it, bekase the lady thought as how she didn't attend to her business; and ye know she couldn't, shure, if she didn't git yer letther."

who recently attended a fashionable long-suffering love, to awaken in them church. The choir started with a rethe warmest response of the affections, ference to the lilies of the field, and and inspire the most earnest devotion after singing the changes on the word of the life. Christ as revealed in the "consider" until all idea of its connecgospels gives us such a representation nection was lost, they began to tell the of the Father ; and to Christ our hearts congregation through the mouth of the should go out with all the love and desoprano, that "Solomon in all his glory votion of beneficiaries who are also was not arrayed." Straightway the united to Him by the most sacred ties soprano was reinforced by the basso of spiritual kinship.-Zion's Herald who declared that Solomon was most

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Barmitzvah.

-was not arrayed. Then the alto The Jewish law commands th ventured it as her opinion that Solofather of a child to take the responsimon was not arrayed, when the tenor bility for every sin of the child from without a moment's hesitation sang as his birthday to the close of his thirif it had been officially announced, that teenth year. With the entrance of his fourteenth year his boy becomes bar Then when the feelings of the conmitzvah, a man of commandment, bar gregation had been harrowed up suffimeaning son, and mitzvah man. He ciently, and our sympathies all aroused takes upon himself the responsibility for poor Solomon, whose numerous to fulfil the whole duty of the Jewish wives allowed him to go about in such law, to be a religious man or a sinner, a fashion, the choir at length, in a most to be rewarded or punished by God. cool and composed manner, informed happy or unhappy, and being from us that Solomon in all his glory was this day barmitzvah, the father is renot arrayed "like one of these"-these deemed from all the responsibility, what? So long a time had elapsed and by its celebration he thanks God since they sang of the lilies, that the that He has redeemed him from ac thread was entirely lost, and by "these countability of sindoing by his son. one raturally concluded that the choir On such occasions the boys make was designated. Arrayed like one of little speech. Many of them are inthese? We should think not, indeed telligent enough to do this without Solomon in a Prince Albert or a cutahelp. Here is one that was made by a way coat? No, most decidedly. Sololittle boy in Paterson, N. J., not long mon in the very zenith of his glory ago :

My dear parents and friends : To-Despite the experience of the mornday I have arrived at that important ing the hope still remained that in the station of my life when, becoming evening a sacred song might be sung barmitzvah, "a son of the commandin a manner that would not excite our ment," I take upon myself the oblirisibilities or leave the impresion that gations of the Mosaic law. To day I we had been listening to a case of proclaim with heart and soul in this blackmail. But again off went the holy place and in presence of this connimble soprano with the very laudable gregation the unity of God. "Hear though startling announcement, "I O Israel, the Lord is our God, the will wash.' Straightway the alto, not Lord is One." To-day I feel happy to be outdone, declared that she to acknowledge myself as one of the "would wash." And the tenor finding community of Israel. To-day I turn and fit only for servitude will fail of it to be the thing, warbled forth that over an entirely new leaf in the history of my life. But believe me that it is my earnest desire to remain always a faithful son of Israel, and that, as I enter to-day into the congregation of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I will try to prove by my good deeds that I truly deserve to claim fellowship with the house of Israel. O dear parents, can I ever forget all you have done for me ? May God bless you, my relatives and friends and this entire congrega tion, now and forever. Amen. Many Christians might learn much about honoring their parents and being true to their faith from the spirit of Judaism. The disrespect to parents painfully prevalent among Christians is seldom seen among Jews.-Chris, Advocate.

"Ge Ye Therefore." The Lord's last command before Ris scension is not simply a word for foreign missionaries. It belongs to every servant who obeys Christ. He bids us go ; it may be far away ; but more frequently we have only a step to take to fulfill our commission. But as we go let us take all the sweetness and strength implied in that "therefore." Therefore, because "all power is given unto Me in heaven and in

earth ;" to Him there is no foreign, but all within His realm. And all power is His; so should those fear who go upon Hiserrands. We talk of obstacles, of insuperable difficulties; did He so speak when on earth ? Can we so speak without disloyalty to Him ? It is natural enough for men tramping silently sround their Jerichos to look at the frowning walls and the multitudes upon the defenses; but a Joshua-like spirit marches on unquestioningly, every footfall firm on the command of the Almighty. "All power is given unto Me ; go ye therefore." Nor does he promise to transfer His power to us. He may permit us to fail, as to all human judgment Himself seemed to have failed even when he uttered these words. Yet in our failures may be the beginnings of victory, or better, what men count failure God marks as genuine success.

IF A MAN is shiftless or improvident be he farmer, mechanic, or professional man, no power under the sun can make him prosperous or contented, or keep him so. The reform we want all along the line is a reform of character. We want men. The man who by character, by force of mind and energy of action is fit to grasp circumstances and bend them to his purpose is succeeding in business be he on the farm or elsewhere. The person who is shiftless

Random Readings

Our bad tempers punish us. Cheerfulness is an excellent wearing quality of the heart.-Samuel Smiles. True love to Christ would rather die than wound him.-Spurgeon.

You will never "find time for anything. If you want time, you must make it. - Charles Buxton.

He is best served who has no occasion to put the hand of others at the end of his arms.

If we only understood thoroughly that the good God loves us more than we love him, more than we love ourselves.-Roux.

God's answers to our prayers are like multiplying glass, which renders the request much greater in the answer than it was in the prayer.

When a man is no longer afraid, but is prepared to welcome whatever comes, because he sees in it the appointment of a loving Father, then he is in a happy state.—Spurgeon.

The law, as we see it in the hands of Christ, gives cause for joy; and when it is written in our hearts it lays a foundation for lasting joy, by restoring to us our right mind.—Henry.

To him that knoweth not the port to All Rail Line to Besten. &c. The which he is bound, no wind can be favorable; neither can he who has not yet determined at what mark he is to ARRANGEMENT OF TRAINS shoot direct his arrow aright.-Leigh-

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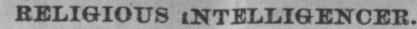
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"You are very kind"-began the listener.

"Shure, what else are we here fo but kindness ? 'Deed, it might make a great difference all round; for if the gurl got this work, she might git more, and ye might not be so happy if ye did not have yer hat . I've seen a time I cared; it don't matter now I'm old I've got nothin' to do now but little things; me stren'th is gone, but not me heart, thank God ! That's where it ever was. D'ye think ye can find th gurl, and give her the work ? Shure I d be glad to hunt fer her; l've live on that street thirty years. Could I find her fer ye, d'ye think ? Sh'd have time to make it to-morry, Saturday,

he would wash. Then the deep-chested basso, as though calling up his fortitude for the plunge, bellowed forth the stern resolve that he also would wash.' Next a short interlude on the organ, strongly suggestive of the escaping steam or the splash of the waves, after which the choir individually and collectively assorted the firm, unshaken resolve that they would wash. At last they solved the problem by stating that they proposed to "wash their hands in innocency."- Cathedral

was not arrayed like one of these.

Blessings.

How many of God's blessings, when we come to enumerate them, are universal in their bestowment-blessings conferred upon all men alike, and so distinct from the special and various gifts conferred upon individuals. This world abounds in good things which are God's free benefits to humanity as a whole. First, there are those great natural blessings-the light which overspreads the sky, the air we breathe, the water we drink, food, health, animal spirits and vigor, rest and sleep. Then there are those material blessings which nearly all men fall heir to, or readily acquire, viz., raiment and shelter. Outside these is another circle of blessings, represented by the human affections, and visibly expressed by homes and friends. Beyond is a still larger group-the blessings of freedom, of righteous government, social rights and privileges, education, arts, refinements, useful inventions; above all, religion, without which life, no matter how advanced in cul-

ture and material prosperity, would be but a hollow, hopeless mockery. Wherever we look, life abounds with the gifts of God. His blessings run from high to low, and from low to high, intermingling, yet continuous, like

Andrew-Philip Societies.

What are the Andrew-Philip societies ?

On May 4, 1888, fifteen young men of the Second Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., met and organized themselves into the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip. Though it was several months later that the object and methods of the organization were made known to the ministers, the first convention, which was held at Read ing, had fifteen chapters with nearly 500 members. The Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip then became an institution of the Reformed Church. The third convention was held recently in Baltimore. There are at present about fifty chapters. Says a newspapercorrespondent : " Andrew-Philip society ! Appropriate name ! Andrew, when he became a follower of Christ, first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias,' When Christ found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me, 'Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him of whom

independence even under the splendid opportunities for individual effort that American agriculture affords. The principles of character which make

success in life possible are born in men. The education of the home, the school and the business world develope inherited traits. This fact leads to the one practical remark that while is our duty to make our homes and the most reliable remedy. school and the methods of the business

world such that character may find a fair and open field for development, there is a higher duty. This duty is to see as far as possible, that our children make marriages that will promote their own welfare and give some assurance that the next generation will inherit characteristics which may make success in life possible.



A Russian officer in command of company of athletes. numbering sixtyseven men, ordered them to swim across the Volga in a place where the river is over one and a half versts wide with two officers at the head and one In the rear. The whole company ac quitted themselves creditably. The feat was performed toward the evening. When the swimmers had made a third of the distance a steamer was noticed coming on them at full speed. The officer at the head of the company ordered, "Halt, with faces upward !' the parade grounds. The company waited till the steamer passed, and then proceeded till they reached the opposite shore. Their swim back was performed without interruption. - Ex.

GREATEST MANY SHRINK from entering upon the service of God and making an open confession of Christ because they are staggered by the difficulty of the undertaking. They think of the narrow way, the perfect uprightness of a true

only remedy I could find to help me. MISS JULIA VIGER, Trenton, Ont.

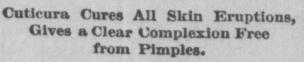
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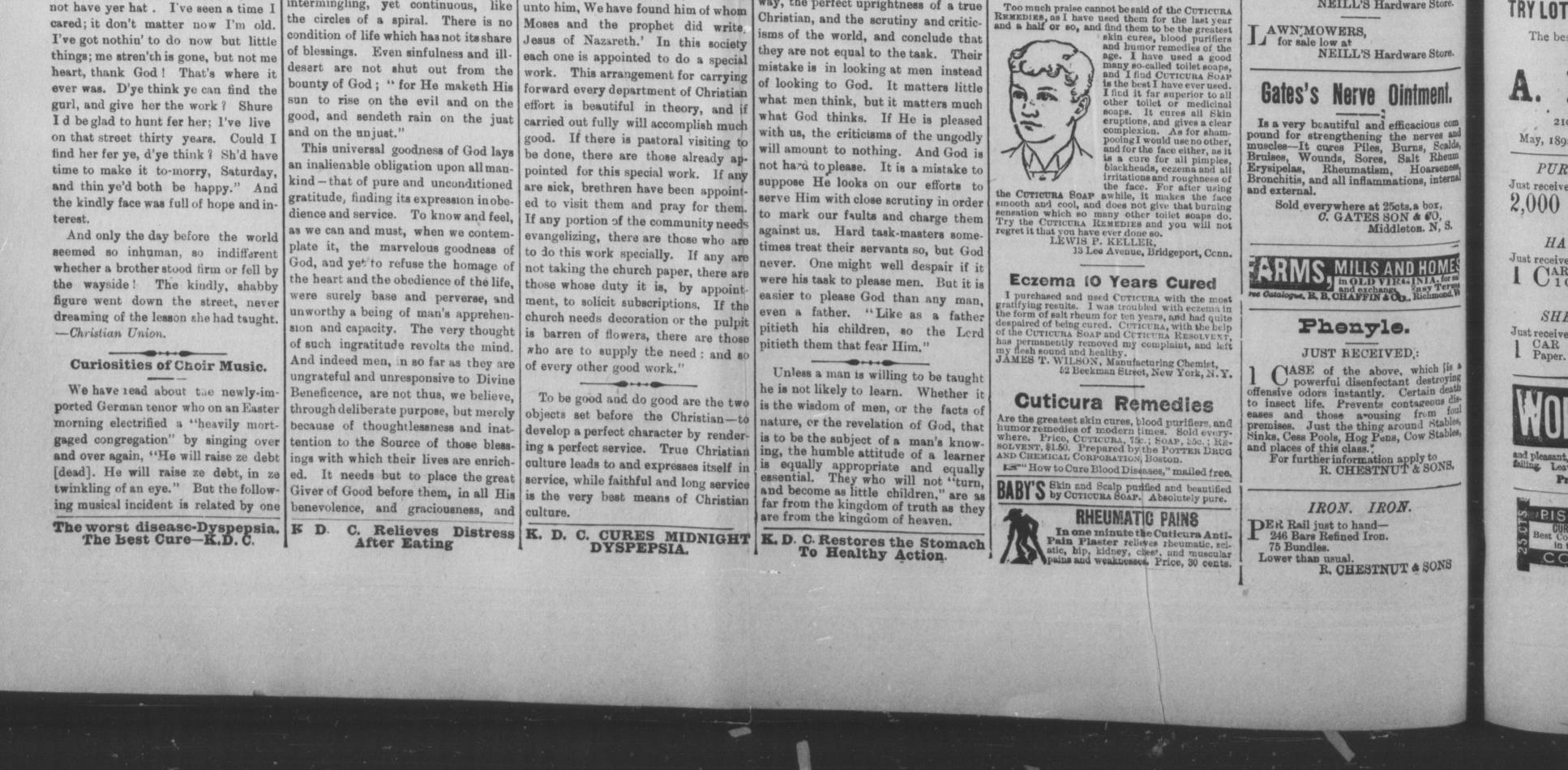
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EVERY CHRISTIAN A MISSIONARY .-If any one is much of a man-if there be in him much fire and force, much energy of conviction-it will be impossible for him to pass through so great goods. an experience as the reception of Christianity without making it known ; and if he be much of a Christian-if there be in him much of the spirit of Christ, which is the spirit of self-sacrifice and and was obeyed as promptly as if on benevolence-it will be impossible for him to refrain from approaching men in their sin and misery and endeavoring to communicate to them the secret of blessedness.-Rev. James Stalker, D. D.



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