

#### Unawares.

They said: "The Master is coming To honor the town to-day, And none can tell at what house or home The Master will choose to stay." And I thought, while my heart beat wildly, What if He should come to mine ? How would I strive to entertain And honor the Guest divine !

d straight I turned to toiling To make my home more neat; I swept and polished and garnished, And decked it with blossoms sweet ; I was troubled for fear the Master Might come ere my task was done, And I hastened and worked the faster, And watched the hurrying sun.

But right in the midst of my duties A woman came to my door ; She had come to tell me her sorrows, And my comfort and aid implore. And I said : "I cannot listen. Nor help you any to-day ; I have greater things to attend to," And the pleader turned away.

But soon there came another-A cripple, thin, pale, and gray-And said: " O, let me stop and rest Awhile in your home, I pray ! I have traveled far since morning, 'I am hungry and faint and weak. My heart is full of misery. And comfort and help I seek."

And I said: "I am grieved and sorry, But I cannot he!p you to-day; I look for a great and noble Guest," And the cripple went away. And the day wore onward swiftly, And my task was rearly done, And a prayer was ever in my heart That the Master to me might come.

And I thought I would spring to meet Him And serve Him with utmost care, When a little child stood by me, With a face so sweet and fair ; Sweet, but with marks of teardrops, And his clothes were tattered and old; A finger was bruised and bleeding, And his little bare feet were cold.

And I said : "I am sorry for you ;

difference between men who accom plish astonishing tasks and those who do nothing, is that one uses the time at his command, while the other wastes it. Mr. Wesley travelled almost constantly, preached almost every day, organized and superintended societies throughout Great Britain, and found time to write and publish over one hundred volumes. He wasted little time.

The Youth's Companion gives an account of a young lady who aided her father in cultivating a garden and carrying produce to the market, and kept her Greek and Latin grammars in hand, studying as she drove along the road, improving every fragment of time in the pursuit of knowledge. At her father's death she was compelled to support herself by market gardening. She toiled with her own hands, but applied herself conscientiously to study while resting from labor. Her industry and thirst for knowledge attracted attention and secured for her a better situation. Now she occupies a position of honor and profit as instructor in a flourishing school in New England. Many young people under similar circumstances would have felt themselves justified in begging bread. They would have considered education utterly beyond their reach. They would have wasted their resources, not knowing that they possessed any. If the money wasted by Christian

people could be employed in the service of the Gospel, the world would be moved to its remotest bound in a

short time. Some lay up wealth for their children, and it is worse than wasted. It prevents the children from becoming strong and useful, and often

leads them into vice and ruin. Some spend large sums on luxury, which A heart, the fountain of sweet tears, And love and thought and joy."

So subtle a thing as influence is not cruth. Personal ease and comfort, highly prized by the average man. He popularity, material and social advant- gationalist. has not learned that the mightiest age?, weighed nothing with him. If forces and most valuable treasures are the word was a word which ought to be the invisible, intangible, indescrib spoken, if the position was a position able things about us and within us which ought to be taken, the question Hence he wastes them recklessly.

An intelligent man, lying on a sick Paul. bed, said to himself: "Has any good Just as soon as he got hold of these come out of my life? Whose hear three working principles, added Mr. have I made lighter? Whose sorrow Beecher, the principle of freshening have I relieved ? Whose home have I and vitalizing truth just as much as blessed? What good have I done? Is possible, and of getting into closest the world any better for my living ir sympathy with the hearts and minds t?" Momentous questions ! Al and needs of people, and of being bold

have come in contact with homes; all and outspoken on all matters of mo have touched tender hearts; all have ment, he felt that he had discovered moved among swarms of young life : the secret of interesting and effective all have communed with broken spirits. preaching. Hence he went to work And we all have the means by which on those lines, and continued on them, good thoughts and floods of joy may so he said, until the moment of our be awakened, unless we have wasted conversation. It was his opinion that these resources. How small a share any man of average ability, and in of the influence of Christians is used love with his calling, who should adopt for good, how large a share is wasted! these principles and adhere to them Were it carefully gathered up each through a course of years, would be day, and sent out in right channels, sure to win a good degree of success hearts now broken would sing for joy, in the ministry. homes now shrouded in darkness would glow with light, souls now sit Was it too Much?

ting in the shadows of death would leap into life, and, above all, those who should thus cease to waste their resources would cease to be useles members of the church and becom ministering angels.-Chris. Advocate

How H. W. Beecher Learned to Preach.

Rev. Dr. Noble, in the Advance reports a conversation he had with the preacher of Plymouth Church. Dr. destroys their physical health and Noble asked him, "How did you learn comfort, and sometimes conducts them to preach ?" He replied, "I'll tell

It was in the opening months of his

training, if he expected to reach the

ear of the people and do effective work

with the gospel. He recalled what

had been said to him in lectures and

sermon-making; he read such dis

courses of eminent divines as he could

lay his hand on ; he talked with minis-

ters as he met them ; he brooded over

al methods and moving along in the

old ruts, and that what he was doing

was only commonplace. This is not

the testimony of others, but it is the

Finally, after much pondering, it

occurred to him to turn to the book of

Acts and make a study of it, with

view to finding out just how Peter and

Paul and the rest of them managed to

get at men and make the truth they

way his own mind was impressed.

"She gave me eyes, she gave me ears, right on at his bidding. Paul, for in- Girls of the present generation re-And humble cares, and delicate fears, stance, was shrewd, considerate, court- pudiate the attitude of young men toyous ; but he never hesitated to speak

was no longer open to debate with

ward themselves, and have far more but and tell the truth, and the whole respect for one who shows a capacity, at least for serious thought .- Congre-

# Honest John.

There was a boy who "lived out," named John. Every week he wrote home to his mother, who lived on a small farm way up among the hills. One day John picked up an old envelope from the kitchen wood-box, and saw that the postage stamp on it was not touched by the postmaster's stamp to show that it had done it's duty, and henceforth was useless.

"The postmaster missed his aim then," said John, "and left the stamp as good as new. I'll use it my. self."

He moistened it at the nose of the tea-kettle, and very carefully pulled the stamp off.

"No," said John's conscience, "for that would be cheating. The stamp has been on one letter; it ought not to carly another."

"It can carry another," said John, 'because, you see, there's no mark to pr ove it worthless. The postoffice wil not know."

"But you know," said conscience, "and that is enough. It is not honest

to use it a second time. It is a little matter, to be sure, but it is cheating. and work of God. The writer declined God looks for principle. It is the to answer that question, as the Lord quality of every action that he judges

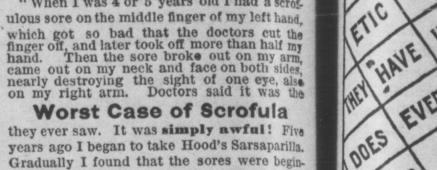
"But no one will know it," said

"No one?" cried conscience. "God will know it, and that is enough: ings, were to be given to the service and he, you know, desires the truth in

"Yes," cried all the best part of willing to-day to give even a tithe, a tenth, to say nothing about the free- John's character ; "yes, it is cheatwill offerings, thank offerings, peace ing to use the postage stamp a second offerings, sin offerings, which were time, and I will not do it." offered day by day by the sons of John tore it in two and gave it to Israel? The Pharisee when he prayed the winds. And so John won a vicsaid: "I fast twice in the week, I give tory. Wasn't it worth winning ?-Sel.

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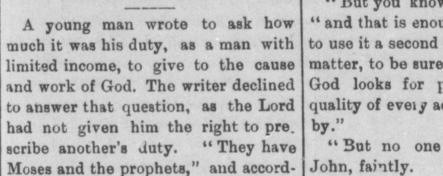
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they ever saw. It was simply awful! Five years ago I began to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. Gradually I found that the sores were begin-

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ing to their standard the "tithes," or tenths, and numerous other offerof the Lord. How many are there the inward parts."

You are sorely in need of care, But I cannot stop to give it, You must hasten otherwhere And at the words a shadow Swept o'er his blue-veined brow; "Some one will feed and clothe you, dear, But I am too busy now."

At last the day was ended, And my toil was over and done; My house was swept and garnished, And I watched in the dusk alone; Watched, but no footfall sounded, No one paused at my gate, No one entered my cottage door; I could only pray and wait.

I waited till night had deepened, And the Master had not come. "He has entered some other door," I cried "And gladdened some other home !" My labor had been for nothing, And I bowed my head and wept; My heart was sore with longing, Yet, spite of it all, I slept.

Then the Master stood before me, And His face was grave and fair ; "Three times to-day I came to your door And craved your pity and care ; Three times you sent Me onward Unhelped and uncomforted, And the blessing you might have had wa lost, And your chance to serve has fled."

"O Lord, dear Lord, forgive me ! How could I know it was Thee ?" My very soul was shamed and bowed In the depths of humility. And He said: "The sin is pardoned, But the blessing is lost to thee : For comforting not the least of Mine, Ye have failed to comfort Me." N. Y. Advocate.

### Wasted Resources.

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One bushel of coal yields consideraable heat, but we are only able to use a small portion of it. With the best appliances men have yet invented more heat is wasted than utilized. If we could invent some means of capturing every particle of caloric in a bushel of coal, and using it in heating rooms, cooking, food, and driving engines, we should consume less fuel, and be more comfortable, and accomplish more work. When natural gas began to be used in large quantities for manufacturing purposes in Pittsburg about ten years ago, no means could be found for storing and saving it.

into worldly entanglements which you. destroy their souls.

Few rich men's beneficence keeps first pastorate at Lawrenceburg, so he pace with their luxury. Men of the continued, that he found out he need world think that money contributed ed to come into possession of some for Foreign Missions is wasted. Their secret which had not been disclosed idea is that money is made useful only to him in the course of his theological when it is invested in farms, or man 1facturing establishments, or commercial enterprises. They can sometimes see the wisdom of spending large sums in educational institutions and churches; but as a rule they ciy, "To what purpose is this waste ?" when they see money devoted to benevolent and missionary work. We cannot the matter; still, it seemed to him wonder that worldly men squander that he was following the old traditionmoney on mere worldly good, but Christians should know better. The money expended in baseball, theaters, strong drink, and other sensual sports and gratifications, is the measure of the devotion of worldly

people to their idols, These are wasted resources at which we cannot greatly wonder. These be their Gods. What progress will the kingdom of God make when these streams of power are all turned into the right uttered so telling. The result of the channel !

But money should not be wasted by practical conclusions :-Christians. Dr. Josiah Strong tells of 1. The men whose discourses are

an Ohio church treasurer who, when given in the book of Acts always made his pastor brought his annual contri- the truths they handled fresh and bution to Missions, said, "You ought living and forceful. If they were old not to do it. I don't think it right. truths, dead or half dead in the esti-You ought to stop giving to Missions, mation of the masses, they put a new and preach to us on a smaller salary. pulse into them, breathed into them We are heathen. This is an extreme the breath of a new vitality, and case, but a significant one. Even clothed them with the attractiveness that the Gospel of Christ would have some Christians think money invested of a bright, dewy morning. If they to us a new value, and that we would in the kingdom of God is almost wasted were new truths, and sure as new and should be put in as sparingly as truths, almost always are to expossible. A millionaire who belonged cite prejudice and opposition, to the church lay on his dying bed, they saw to it that they were and saw at that late hour the mistake clearly and fully stated. In fine, they should not think it too much to give of his life. "O, if I could only be had something to say which they spared a few years," he exclaimed, "I thought was worth saying, and they would give all the wealth I have said it as best they could.

amassed in a lifetime. It is a life de- 2. These men whose discourses are voted to money-getting that I regret. given in the book of Acts met people It is this which weighs me down, and on the basis of their own every day makes me despair of the life hereafter. thoughts and struggles and tempta-Many a life which men think well tions and cares. They were not deal- enjoy sensible and even serious talk spent has been wasted. When we ing with imaginary people, nor with more than an incessant flow of light shall see this world and this life in the people of other times and climes and conversation. Not long ago a highly light of eterpity, we shall understand habits, but with the flesh-and-blood educated girl said in substance, speak-

tithes of all I possess;" and the Saviour testified that the Pharisees up on a golden ground of immortal paid "tithes of mint and anise and hope.-Hill urd. cummin ;" but he also tells us that

"except your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees ye shall in no case enter the kingdom of heaven !"

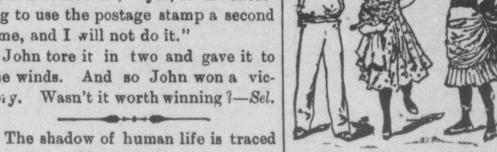
fect little pill. They please those who How many are there to-day whose use them. Carter's Little Liver Pille righteousness does not only not exmay well be termed "Perfection." ceed, but does not at all equal the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees? They have never even paid TS at Sambro, N. S., whence Mr. R. their tithes to God in any shape, and as to offerings they hardly know what an offering is.

A story is told of an Indian who one B. B. made me feel smart and strong. day asked Bishop Whipple to give him two one dollar bills for a two-dollar note. The bishop asked, "Why?" He said, "One dollar for me to give Jesus, and one for my wife to give." The bishop asked him if it was all the money he had. He said, "Yes." investigation led him to these three The bishop was about to tell him, "It is too much," when an Indian clergyman who was standing by whispered, "It might be too much for a white man to give, but not too much for an Indian who has this year heard for the first time of the love of Jesus."

> It is possible if some of us could for a single day be put back into the dark. ness of heathenish doubt and unbelief, be ready to devote our time, our talents, and our money to diffuse in all the world the glad tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. And we ourselves to live for Him who gave himself to die for us. - The Christian. -----

### Talk Sense.

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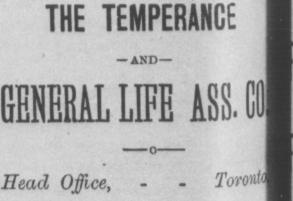
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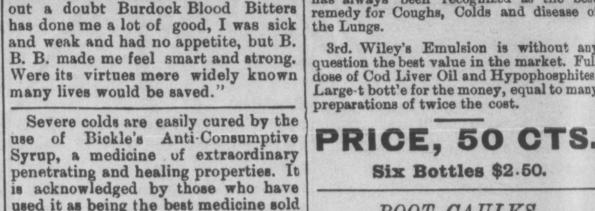
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