RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

Cast Thy Bread Upon The Water !

'Twas only a crumb, last evening, In the form of a kindly word, That I spoke to a weary compation-Only he and the dear Lord heard.

"Twas only a pleasant "Good morning," To a man whose life is drear, But he understood its meaning, And knew that I meant to cheer.

'Twas only a crumb at noonday, In the coin I gave the child; But I gave for the sake of Jesus, And He understood and smiled.

'Twas only a crumb at evening. When after a tiresome day I gave up my seat in the street-car To a woman old and gray.

'Twas only a crumb at nightfall, When instead of a concert hall I went to the house of mourning To comfort and help them all.

They're only crumbs, but without them There could not be any bread, And the bread shall be returned to us, For so the dear Lord hath said.

The Young Christian's Reading.

he has taken only the first step. death at Waterloo. He may be conversant with the The Christian has a high motive and a huge serpent is seen winding breeze."

the reading of D'AUBIGNE'S or FISHER'S History of the Reformation. The Lite of Thomas Arnold, by bouse-wife to spend money in those were trying to see how much you old-fashioned times." Dean STANLEY, is very inspiring,

and furnishes a good picture of the time when ARNOLD taught at Rugby, and trained for eminence many of England's great leaders. The careers of great missionaries, such as MARTYN, CAREY, JUDSON, PATIson, HANNINGTON, and many others in hand through fifty-five years of years, Ogilvy commencing classical can all be found in fascinating bio- married life, with a "pay-as-you-go" studies when past fifty ! Gladstone graphies, which reveal to us the principle, which walked while others is as much the student to-day as labors of men who counted it the rode, to the sure end of comfort in when the bloom of youth mantled highest joy of their lives to part old age. They had met many riders his cheek. with home and friends, in order to coming back on foot, as far as the

heathen. No department of religious literature is richer in suggestion the favors of friends. and inspiration, or has been culti-

in style, than biography. The history of one's denomination is a special department for the

young Christian's study. He has his attachment to a confession and Church. He should learn its history,

become familiar with its heroes, and absorb their spirit. If he is a memwith his pets in one of the leading ber of the Protestant Episcopal, the Presbyterian, the Baptist, the congregational, the Methodist Episco- tigers, leopards and hyenas through pal, or any other Church, he should their part of the entertainment, early possess himself of a history of awing the audience by his wonderhis Church, and become acquainted | ful nerve and his control over them. Much depends on the first stages with its genesis and development. As a closing act to the performance characteristic anecdote of his first of the Christian life. The wise pas- Every Church has its heroes and he was to introduce an enormous trip to China in a sailing vessel : tor looks carefully after the mental its victories, as well as its failures boa constrictor, 35 feet long. He food which those who are young in in men and deeds. Every soldier had bought it when it was only two out to China it was in a sailing SAL SODA, BISCUIT SODA

maturity. The young believer, be fighting with, what battles it has he had handled it daily, so that it ligious matters. He has everything it is no wonder that under the in- his bosom, into a fearful monster. all the paths of science but in should perform prodigies of valor wood and scene. The weird strains for help of God. the highest science of the soul many a time before it rushed to of an Oriental band steal through

"Well, husband, perhaps there what you read. Don't use your were not as many temptations for a mind as if it were a sieve and you could pour through it. There is be-"Perhaps not, Jane. But new- lief extant that knowledge, if gained fashioned times make long faces and at all, must be acquired in youth.

long bills and short lives, I notice." Fallacious theory ! Behold Galileo Now, this picture ought to be at three score and ten pursuing his etched upon young lives-love and studies with unflagging zeal, Cato confidence which had walked hand beginning Greek when advanced in

give the Gospel to millions of poor-house or some condition of fancies of youth. If they prove homelessness and dependence upon perernial, so much the better. Dou't forbid yourself glad, recreative This is a prime maxim of Bible thought and action. Don't be

vated with greater ability and skill lore: "Owe no man anything, but ashamed to make yourself as pretty to love one another"; and it should as you can. A sensible woman be accepted as one of the keys to may feel a thrill of pleasure inno-"good housekeeping."-The Pacific | cent as a maiden's when receiving a

Deadly Nature of Drink.

silly-in short, be young as long as A few days ago a noted wildbeast trainer gave a performance you can.

London theatres. He took his lions, Hudson Taylor is a man of great faith in God as well as a great missionary. An exchange relates a

When Hudson Taylor first went faith need for growing into spiritual ought to know what regiment he is or three days old, and for 25 years vessel. Very close to the shores of a canhe as wise as Solomon, knowing won, what leaders it has had. The was considered perfectly harmless nibal island, the ship was becalmed, everything, from the "cedar in Le- Old Guard of NAPOLEON BONAPARTE and completely under his control. and it was slowly drifting shorebanon to the hyssop that springeth was bound together by the charm of He had seen it grow from a tiny ward, unable to tack about, and the out of the wall," is a blank in re- victory on many a battlefield, and reptile, which he often carried in savages were eagerly anticipating a feast. The captain came to Mr. to learn. He may have traveled spiration of its marvelous history it The curtain rose on an Indian Taylor and besought him to pray

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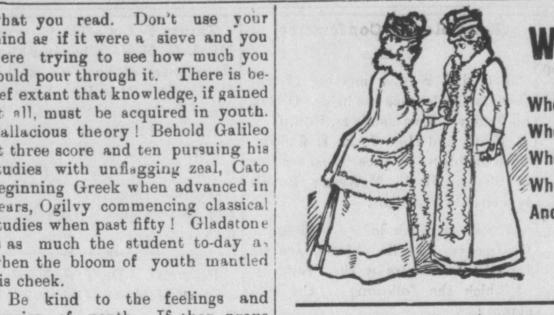
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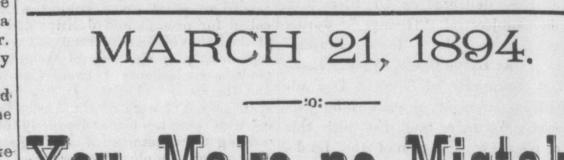
Keep Young.

"I will," said Taylor, "provided the trees. A rustling nosie is heard, you set your sails to catch the

great thoughts of the thinkers of to read his denominational history. its way through the undergrowth. The captain declined to make all ages, but in the thoughts con- All the great religious bodies arose It stops. Its head erect. Its bright himself a laughing stock by unfur 14 nected with the heart he is a child, out of the supreme needs of the eyes sparkle. Its whole body seems ing sails in a dead calm. Taylor said, "I will not undermay be an adept in statecraft, and saved the nation in a supreme crisis. the heavy foliage, and their eyes take to pray for the vessel unless the things which belong to the pros- They came to these shores and built meet. The serpent quails before you will prepare the sails." And it was done.



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or, as Paul says, "a babe." He time. The Puritans of England animated. A man emerges from perity of nations, but in the "things up our own great New England the man,-man is victor. The serthat accompany salvation" he is takinghis first steps.

Happily the new believer is receptive. He knows that he knows but little, and is ready to learn. for the defense of great principles. approaches him, and begins to coil He is easy to guide, for he knows GOD gave them success and a promi- its heavy folds around him. Higher full well that he has just emerged nent place in the great religious life and higher do they rise until man from the darkness of a lifetime. of the world. Their deeds should and serpent seem blended into one. He is observant, and is looking on be known. He who follows in these Its bideous head is reared aloft more wind than we can well manall sides for lessons which will help later days in the footprints of such above the mass. The man gives a age.' him in the new life.

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Of the greatest importance, there fore, are these first steps. The words of confirmed Christians, the experience of older examples, the deeds of those who have tested the by the spirit which has made it guiding hand of Christ, are all forces which can help to form the new character. One good word of advice today will go farther and produce a profounder impression than an hour's conversation a twelve month hence. The coming career is to be something. The great question is, What is it to be? Is it to be a crooked and shaky experience, or a steady, straightforward, and aggressive Christian life ? One of the greatest factors toward the formation of a strong religious character is a good class of books. We are in a reading age. Each profession has its literature. Every class of society can find books suited to its wants. Even the most vicious have to go but a few rods in order to find books and periodicals which can still further deprave. Many of the great crimes of society are the direct result of reading immoral hood, mother." pages.

But, happily, there is a reverse picture. Many of the noblest lives have taken their shape from reading pure books. The literature and down past the house where we even color, and enables women to put which the young Christian reads lived so long, where Anne was marduring the early stages of his career ried, and where so many things can give a direction, to his whole happened. Then I went into Pemlater experience. The first of all books should be the Bible. It is a marvel of harmonies. Its composition covers many centuries, while history, biography, poetry, prophecy, and matchless parables. The whole book is "apples of gold in pictures "Oh, something about the days mid-day of life; the time for the

commonwealths. The same may be pent is under control of a master. said of all the evangelical Churches Under his guidance and direction -their first leaders engaged in a it performs a series of frightful feats. room. "Who is there?" great cause. They stood manfully At a signal from the man it slowly

little scream, and the audience unite men should know what they did, and catch their spirit. He is none in a thunderous burst of applause,

embraced him for the last time. pure and strong. -Ch. Advocate.

A Reflection.

I saw a pretty bit of conjugal his master. His slave for 25 years felicity recently. Possibly some had now enslaved him. other people may share my enjoyment of it, if I reproduce it as well trayed the whole story of intemper as may be in black and white.

An old gentleman who had long first glass of intoxicating liquor has retired from a business which had the boa of intemperance in his bosom. fairly "feathered the nest" for old If he throttles the monster now, it age, came from his morning walk. is easily done. But if he premits He wife met him at the door-her it to live, feeds nourishes it, he may custom for more than fifty years--and soon they were seated in their is continually growing. And some respective easy chairs.

"Where do you think I went this circle his soul, and bear it to those morning, mother ?" "As far as any youth of your dieth not and the fire is not quench-

time, I dare say," she said, proudly. ed." The unchangeable decree of "I went up to the old neighbor- Almighty God is "No drunkard shall

They looked straight into each Sunday School Times. other's eyes in sympathy, and for a little while were silently thinking.

"Yes," he resumed, "I walked up hair lustrous and silken, gives it an berton's grocery to rest."

"That was a taste of old times, to be sure," said mother.

"Pemberton was there himself. they are old. Alva Rosse says in its writers are from all classes, from Dear, dear, how old he looks! He Kate Field's Washington : shepherds up to kings. It comprises introduced me to a fine-looking customer, and what do you think he shelve themselves and claim the imsaid about us?"

of silver." Its books should be 'when we first acquaint,' I presume." exercise of knowledge, power, grace

While engaged in prayer there was a knock at the door of his state-

a manly man. Smile without affec-

Saved By Prayer.

The captain's voice responded, Are you still praying for wind? "Yes.'

"Well," said the captain, you'd better stop praying, for we have

And sure enough, when but a hundred yards from shore, a strong. the less a devout Christian because but it freezes upon their lips. The wind had struct the sails of the he studies the life of his own de- trainer's scream was a wail of death boat, so that the cannibals were nomination and becomes animated agony. Those cold slimy filds had cheated out of their human prey.

"Like As A Father."

A king is sitting with his council, delaberating on high affairs of state involving the destiny of nations, when suddenly he hears the sorrowful cry of his little child, who had fallen down or been frightened by a wasp. He rises and runs to his reance. The man who has taken the lief, assuages his sorrows, and relieves his fears. Is there anything unkingly here? Is it not most natural? Does it not even elevate the monarch in your esteem ? Why, then, do we think it dishonorable control it for even 25 years, but it to the King of kings, our heavenly Father, to consider the small matday its soul-destroying fold will enters of His children. It is infinite. ly condescending, but is it not also regions of woe "where the worm superlatively natural that, being a Father, He should act as such.

> Well, He has given us the promise; "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him." And, despite the cavilings of unbelievers, it is true that He numbers the very hairs of our head, and while not a sparrow falleth to the ground without Him, yet in His sight His children are "of more value than many spanrows.

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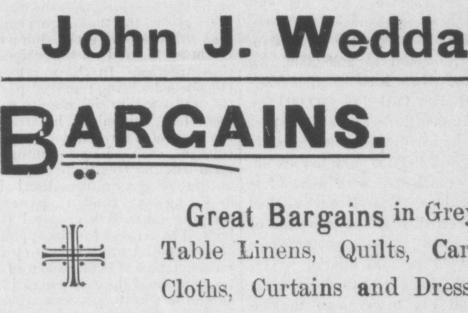
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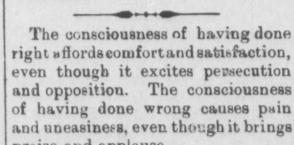
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flow directly from the Bible, the the year's house money." lives of good Christians, their labors "Well, you had not missed it less toil. Effective work requires in missionary fields, their services from the table, or anywhere else." in times of great reform. The life "No, no; always enough to eat, useful toward preparing "te way for keeper."

served us with goods for forty years, humanit. These gifts may be entimes in which they lived examined, and never had a chance to send us a hanced by dress and manner. The

> "That was a blessed truth." "And I told the gentleman that

"Yes, dear."

of biblical introduction, a Bible his- when you surprised me with the ed if it kills you." The advice is tory, and similar works. Care must bead purse you had knit for me- not so bad as it looks. Contentbe taken that the first books which seems as if I could see you now, ment and stagnation are not neceswe call "biblical helps" are not too knitting every evening and trying sarily synonymous. One may be large and heavy. What is small to turn the beads outside, just as free from worry while striving for

Unequalled. -- Mr. Thos. Burnt. "He told the gentleman that he and beauty, for the uplifting of influence of the attractive, self-re specting wife, mother, sister or friend is more potent for good than hear or think of. Some of them would that of the one with neglected person and unlovely mind.

Discontent invites age. Indulgdestructive to looks and temper.

In his "Story of a Coventry Town," I told him about the Christmas Mr. E. W. Howe says. "Be content-

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