

GIVING.

Give, as the waves when their channel is riven :

Not the faint sparks of thy hearth ever glowing,

Give as He gave thee who gave thee to live.

Through the burnt sands that reward not the

Scatter thy life as the summer's shower pouring !

What if no bird through the pearl-rain is soaring,

Look to the life that was lavished for thee !

Give, though thy heart may be wasted and weary,

Beats to thy soul the sad presage of fate ;

Bind it with cords of unshrinking devotion,

Smile at the song of its restless emotion,

'Tis the stern hymn of eternity's ocean;

Hear, and in silence thy future await.

Evil and thankless the desert it blesses :

Bitter the wave that its soft pinion presses;

Never it ceaseth to whisper and sing.

Sweeter is music with minor-keyed closes.

Almost the day of thy giving is over;

lover:

gave.

quarters of the current year.

much more time for mission labor.

So the wild wind throws its perfumed caresses,

What if the hard heart give thorns for the roses

What if on rocks thy tired bosom resposes;

Fairest the vines that on ruin will cling.

Ere from the grass dies the bee-haunted clover,

What shall thy longing avail in the grave;

Life, love and hope, all thy dreams and thy waking;

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Mission have directed me to draw up for publica-

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Soon heaven's river thy soul-fever slaking,

Give, as the morning that flows out of heaven;

Give, as the free air and sunshine are given;

Not the waste drops of any cup overflowing.

Not a pale bud from the June roses blowing ;

Pour out thy love like the rush of a river,

Silent or songful, thou nearest the sea.

What if no blossom looks upward adoring !

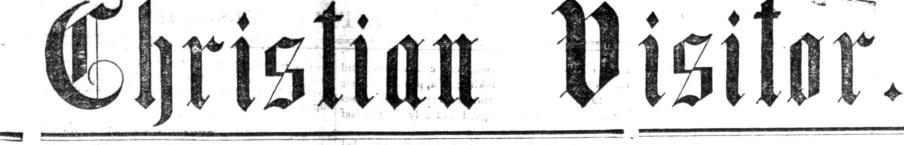
Laid on an altar all ashen and dreary ;

Though from its pulses a faint miserere

Wasting its waters, forever and ever,

giver;

Lavishly, utterly, joyfully give.



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thirteenth day of April I received a note from a remarks, in all ages there have been great hearts merchant at Windsor who had a small bill against that have throbbed under rags, tender sympathies me requesting payment if possible by the fifteenth under rough exteriors, gold in the quartz, Parian I had no money and concluded in a case like that marble yet in the quarry, and in very stables of I would be justified in borrowing five pounds for privation, wonders of excellence that have been the a few days. The bill was about seven. I made joy of the heavenly host. several attempts to borrow and failed. Felt ra-

Let no one, then, despise the poor ; nor be ashamed, ther pleased than otherwise, as it seemed clear to nor sorry, that he himself is poor.' Jesus was a poor me that this not the method in which help was child

to come. I called on the merchant and stated Perhaps you wish to be rich, to do the more good. the case, and he kindly consented to wait five This is a proper wish, But you may do good days. I promised to pay him a part of it on the twentieth if possible. So every day I asked the without much money. Do you remember the story Lord for money, and every day expected to re- of Lizze Scott, the little Sunday school girl ? She ceive it. Day after day however passed and no was poor but wanted to benefit our brave and noble money came. So I set apart the forenoon of the soldiers. And so she bought a New Testament, and nineteenth for special prayer with fasting, enders wrote a letter, and wrapped it up with the Testament, voring to humble myself before God and implore and sent it off, to fall into the hands of some sick his help. At twelve o'clock on that day I made soldier. Here is the letter : "MY DEAR SOLDIER -- I send you a little Testament.

the following entry in my diary. "I now feel my hope confirmed. Still my I am a little girl, seven years old. I want to do faith is feeble. How justly might the blessing be something for the soldiers who do so much for us; withheld on account of my unbelief! Still I hope so I have saved my pocket-money to send you this. for more grace, and expect pecuniary aid, and that for the following reasons. First, I need it. Although I have never seen you, I intend to begin to Secondly, I have asked for it, with some fervor, pray that God make and keep you good. O, how and some faith, greatly desiring that these may sorry I am that you have to leave your dear mother. be increased. Thirdly, I can look to no one else. Did she cry when you bade her good by? Don't These are calls for money in an emergency. [And you often think of her at night when you are going I had no other means of raising five pounds withto bed? Do you kneel down and say your prayers? out very serious inconvenience or distress to my If I were you I wouldn't care if the other soldiers did family]. Fourthly, I have sought the temporal laugh. God will smile on you. I am sorry, very blessing secondarily and subordinately to spiritual sorry, that you are sick. I wish that I could go to blessings, and in order that the Son of God may nurse you. I could bathe your head and read to be glorified. So I will trust and not be afraid. you. Do you know where there is a happy land? Fifthly, I have been enabled to mingle thanks-I hope you will go to that land when you die. But giving with supplication (Phil. iv. 6). Sixthly. The Lord has not yet failed me in the hour of remember, I will pray that you may get well again. need, and surely he will not now." When you are able to sit up, I wish you to write to me, and tell me all your troubles. Inclosed you will

Thou wilt have vanished from friend and from Such were my hopes, my fears, and my tremblings at the time. The sum was small, the affair find a postage stamp. I live at 254 North Ninth triffing, but it would test the scheme. May the Give as the heart gives whose fetters are breaking. minister of Christ cast all his care on Him, now as formerly, and can we get money by praving for it when we really need it? This was the point to be tested. It must come by the next Thou shalt know God, and the gift that He mail or the scheme fails. I did not send to the Post Office that evening. I harnessed my horse next morning to drive to Windsor, to pay Mr. in my pocket. I called at the Post Office as I went. A letter was handed me. But I could MR. EDITOR.-The Committee of the Micmac not muster courage to open it for some time. But at length I opened it. There lay a twenty tion a condensed account of our operations, as dollar bill, sent from a neighboring Province for given in the quarterly Report for the first two inv especial use. The letter was dated April 13th-the very day on which I had received the 1. Missionary labor has been continued as note asking for payment. Can the reader imagine how I felt? I could sympathise with Elea- war having slain the fathers, and sorrow, want, and usual; with this difference, that, being freed from the drudgery of collecting funds, I have had

zer when he bowed down his head, and worship- disease, the mothers. John Falk was the first to ped the Lord at the well. Gen. xxiv. 26. I felt found an asylum for these children, many of whom as David did when he exclaimed at the close of had become vagrants, and some criminals. Gathered the eighteenth Psalm-" The Lord liveth."

light of your humble home has gone out, and the one joy of your dreary life is lost, remember the blessed change for your darling. The want and labor which crush your heart can never reach him. He will never be tired or hungry. And when a few more years of toil shall be passed, you may rest from your labors, and have your darling back again.

"They will hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them. not any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of water, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."-British Workman.

IS GOD INFLUENCED BY PRAYER ?

Yes. If anything is certain, that is certain. Hear his own words: 'Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and "thou shalt glorify me.' 'Ask and 'ye shall receive.' 'Whatsoever ve shall ask in my name, that will I do. 'The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.' ' Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.'

These declarations are entirely explicit; and they admit of but one interpretation. They show not only a command for prayer, but also a promise for prayer. Our blessed Lord 'spake a parable to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.' He spake another parable to the end that men should persist in prayer ; and that persistency in prayer shall be rewarded.

"But your trouble arises from God's immutabi lity.' No, it does not; it arises from your fail-ing to distinguish between the image ability of God and the immutability of a mountain. You first assume, or permit your pupils to assume, what God has nowhere affirmed, and then gravely inquire, how this impediment is to be surmountd. There is no impediment: none whatever. God is immutably determined to hear and to reward prayer. He is unalterably pledged to bestow blessings on those who fervently pray for Perhaps you think you are in such humble life, them, which he will not give to those who do not Gouge five pounds. I had comparatively nothing and so obscure, that Jesus takes no notice of you. ask. If you believe this, stick to your belief, But is not Jesus the more ready to visit and bless and act upon it.- Congregationalist.

----TWO KINDS OF PLEASURE. BY SYLVANUS COBB, JR.

'He's a mean, niggardly fellow, and you can't nake anything else of it,' said James Black, ad dressing half-a-dozen companions, and speaking ery emphatically.

'So he is,' echoed another.

'Ay, a regular skinflint,' added a third. 'I wouldn't ask such a fellow to go anywhere,' chimed in a fourth. 'I would'nt have him at his wife had saluted the company.

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good a fellow to sneak away from us in this fashion. You love fun as well as any of us, only-I speak plainly-

'Certainly; go on.

'You're too miserly to pay for it; and that don't look well for one who has so much money as you have.'

For some moments Thornley was silent. A single instant there appeared a flush upon his cheek, but a meaning smile soon took its place. 'Boys,' he said, at length, 'you do not understand me. But come with me to my home, and I will explain. Come, I cannot offer you wine, but you shall have some as nice fruit as this section can afford ; and if I do not satisfy you that I am right, I will give you a hundred dollars for your club. Come. I will not detain you long. As the young man spoke, he turned back to-

wards the point whence he had come, and the others tollowed him. The walk was not long. for at a short distance from the street they came to a cottage-like mansion, before which spread a wide park, with neatly gravelled foot and carriage paths, along the borders of which grew all sorts of flowers and evergreens. Thomas led the way up to the verandah, and under the shade of the trellised walk he stopped and pointed to some marble statues that had been recently set up near an artificial fountain.

'How do you like those,' he asked.

'Splendid,' answered several.

'I take a great deal of pleasure in having them there; and though they cost me quite a sum, yet I do not regret it."

Next he led them into the house, and conducted them to a room which he informed them was his own place of resort. This apartment was spacious and airy, and the ceiling high and richly frescoed. Around the halls were hung several splendid paintings, together with quite a number of very richly framed engravings. At the angles of the wall were niches in which stood chaste and elegant statues and busts. One side of the apartment was wholly occupied by a library, within which were over a thousand volumes of good, substantial works. On a wide table were drawing, painting, and writing materials, while in a recess constructed on purpose, stood a beautiful house organ. Thomas was now upon the point of speaking, when one of the doors was opened, and a female entered. She started back on seeing such a party, and would have instantly withdrawn had not the host called her back. 'Here, Susan,' he said, 'some of my friends

have come to see our little cage-my wife, gentlemen.

The young lady turned back into the room. and with a sweet smile welcomed her husband's guests. She was a lovely, beautiful woman, and seemed just the companion for a man with such tastes as young Thornley displayed.

'Can we have some fruit?' the host asked, after

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87.752 6 On Monday morning ensuing a letter from the all day, I think we have some right to a bit of mestic arrangements, opened their eyes. Never of the last four etary brought me seven dollars, five of which had been contributed by a naval officer, of which up to that moment, I had known nothing. 8. One case of "help in the time of need," was so striking, that I should feel guilty were I no less than £2 per cent. per and averaged 80 per cent. upon vanted, mark you : Columbus was a weaver : Johns recreation for the evening. And once in a while, again did they ask Thomas Thornley to accom-Weeping mother, when you think of all you of a pleasant day, we'll trot a horse, or sail a pany them upon any of their scrapes, but they a barber ; Elibu Burritt, a blacksmith ; Bunyan, a meant to do for your baby-of all the riches he was heir to-remember that your child has en-tered on a richer inheritance -has a more glorious did often visit him, and they were not long in boat, and hurt nobody.' tinker, and William Carey a cobbler. And Moses, Manager and Actuary. ION, Secretary to the London Board. roperty taken at fair rates, and Fire in reasonable proof of loss-without M DOVE Man 'And you do so, do you not.' finding that an evening spent beneath his roof, with music and sensible conversation, and a simyou remember came out of the bulrushes; and Ainos was so striking, that I should feel guilty were I not to give it, as an encouragement to others to trust in the Lord at all times, and to make their requests known to him, with prayer and suppli-cention and thanksgiving, in everything. On the And there are but examples. As some one And there are but examples. As some one And you poor mother, when you fuel that the 'Of course we do.' "Then why find fault with me !" ple collation of fruits and nuts, was better by far "Because you keep from us that companion-than a wine'supper, with its boisterous laugh and "Then why find fault with me !" KAVE A ent for New Brunswich ship we have a right to expect. If you were a jest, and consequent depression and headache of regular Jack, we shouldn't care; but you're too he morning following. opposite Judge Ritchie's Huild Feb: 15

provement is the attention naid by the Indians to the word of God. One case of decided conversion, so far as I can judge, has occurred. The subject is an aged man, for whose salvation I have long labored, prayed and waited. Other cases of deep interest in personal religion have come to light. One man who had learned to read. who had received our books, but who had been induced to return them, has asked to have them restored to him again, and new cases are continually beautiful hymn, coming to light of Indians who have learned, and

2. There has been a marked and increasing

who are diligently learning to read than one say rection there is a "clamoring" for books and for instruction. My visits are welcomed; I am urged to repeat them ; they thank me, [and yesterday heard the expression, " It is not every day that one comes to talk with us of these things."] The fields are whitening unto the harvest. The laborers are few. " Pray ve the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest !" 3. And this prayer is being heard. In various quarters God is stirring the hearts of our youth. particularly of our young sisters in the Lord, to commence the study of the Micmac language, to read the scriptures to the Indians, and to teach

them to read. 4. The new scheme for raising funds works well. It is now more than a year since I adopted the plan of asking no one for aid, but my Father in heaven, and He who hears the ravens when they cry, and the young lions when "they roar and seek their meat from God," has never failed to hear me. We have suffered some privations as usual; we have not been able yet to pay all old standing bills, resulting from the deficiencies of former years; we have not been able exactly to carry out the desire of our hearts to buy po thing upon credit. But all our real wapts have been supplied. Our little ones have neither suffered from hunger or cold; and bills have been largely reduced, and new ones only to a trifling extent incurred.

5. Help has often come from unlooked-for quarters, and in a way that has manifested the hand of our Heavenly Father so strikingly that I would be unworthy the name of a christian not to recognise and acknowledge it. Again and again we have wanted money on a certain day, have asked for it, and have received it on that very day. Money has been sent us from friends known and unknown-in large sums and small, from various parts of Nova Scotia, from New Brunswick, from P. E. Island, and from England. And valuable presents in articles of clothing and other things, have been sent us, often just what was needed and just at the right time.

6. The exact allowance, almost, of former years has been sent in. The salary allowed me formerly was two hundred pounds per year, or two hundred dollars per quarter, with an allowance for travelling expenses. Until recently it was only two hundred pounds in all. Fifty pounds was voted two years ago for the erection of a building for Missionary purposes. But at the close of each of the two last years there was a deficiency of about that amount. It is but proper and fair to state, that the "old bills" referred to, resulted mainly from our being obliged to pay for this building out of our yearly allowance. When I state therefore that at the close of the first quarter of the current year, the amount received was two hundred dollars, and at the close of the second, two hundred and one dollars, eighty-three cents and a half, the reader who believes in the christian's God, -the Lord God of Israel-will not fail to perceive something striking

7. This could not have arisen from any concert among contributors. No one but myself and He "whose I am and whom I serve," had the means of knowing what amount had been sent in until the quarter closed. On the last Saturday in June there lacked seven dollars of the two hundred.

under his Christian influence some one of them was horah is alive-" and blessed be my Rock." accustomed to ask a blessing at their meals. On one

by his refusing ten dollars for it.

street. Good-bye. Your friend, LIZZIE SCOTT."

Wasn't that a pretty letter ? But what became of

it? Why a sick soldier received the Testament and

the inclosed letter. They had a wonderful influence

upon him. His appreciation of the letter was shown

children of poor parents, because his parents were

poor ? Are not poor children if good, especially his?

During the war in Germany which succeeded the

French revolution, great numbers of children were

made orphans, In the village of Weimar were sixty

children who mourned the loss of both parents,-

After all, I must confess the weakness of my occasion, when one of the boys had said the pious faith. Once since that memorable day I was grace, "Come Lord Jesus, be our guest, and bless sorely pressed. I was 'alone' and it was 'dark.' what Thou hast provided," a little fellow looked up But there was one in the darkness who 'wrestled and said with me till the breaking of the day,' and He

"Do tell me why the Lord Jesus never comes ? 'blessed me there.' The first day of June found We ask him every day to sit with us, and he never me tranquil and happy. I could sing Newton's comes." "Dear child, only believe, and you may be sure

" Nay. I will not let thee go,

tions towards you the almoners of His bounty.

much more diligent and happy in my work. They

bring more glory to God, and a much larger

hear from time to time what the Lord has done.

what his people are doing, what our particular

necessities are. And when the generous impulse

comes over you, and you have the means, send

essing to your own souls than if drawn from

he will come, for he does not despise our invitation." Then came the gold and silver in abundance. On "I shall set him a seat." said a little fellow, and that very day a friend from Chester handed me just then there was a knock at the door. A poor, a sovereign; another from Truro reached me on frozen apprentice entered, begging a night's lodging. the 4th. And during the month eighty three He was made welcome; the chair stood empty for dollars were sent in.

him, every child wanted him to have his plate ; and 9. Christian friends, I like this way of being one was lamenting that his bed was too small for the supported. Those free spontaneous donations, stranger, who was quite touched by such uncommon given because you love the Saviour, because you desire the salvation of the Indians, because you attentions. The little one had been thinking hard have christian fellowship with the unworthy ser- all the time :-vant of the Lord, fill my soul with kindly emo-

"Jesus could not come, and so he sent this poor man in his place; is that it?" Their value is greatly increased. They make me

"Yes, dear child, that is just it. Every piece of bread and every drink of water that we give to the poor, or sick, or the prisoners, for Jesus' sake, we give to him. ' Inasmuch as ye have done it unto you by any other process. I am quite willing to one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it use means' as well as to ' pray' for the continued unto me." success of the plan. It does seem to me to be

scriptural and apostolic. You shall therefore Surely, it is honor enough, if Christ Jesus allows you to be his representative on earth !

DISCIPLE.

THE TWO HOMES.

Two houses stood within sight of one another: but they were so different that you might think it strange to hear them spoken of together. One is a large, beautiful house with marble pillars. round which twine rare vincs. Statues and vases of flowers adorn the grounds, mingled with dark evergreens; and winding paths stretch far away through a beautiful park. Within, all is splendor and luxury; and the one little child who gladdens the house is clothed in costly garments. There, but just outsde the edge of these

grounds, stands the other house-a small, low cottage. There is no garden around it, no shading trees, no lovely flowers-nothing to attract the eve except its great neatness. Within, bare walls, and only clothing and food enough to sus-

tain life, and that earned by hard lalor. But here, too, is a baby, only the more loved and rejoiced in that the mother must deny herself to make even the plain dresses it wears. So different can life be within the circuit of a

few rods !

In one day a messenger came to both houses. a messenger from the Great King, who cares not for the distinctions of rich and poor; and he was commissioned to take the babes from their mothers' arms and carry them to a better home. So in hall and cottage there was weeping, and in each the darling of the household lay pale and still in its little coffin.

In the finest linen one little child was dressed. and rare flowers filled the small rosewood coffin. heard of: I never heard of poverty spoiling any A long train of carriages followed it to the grave, body. It is sometimes inconvenient and uncomfort- where a marble monument was raised over the little form.

In the other home, with much effort and sacri-And now I will tell you what I have heard of, and fice, a plain coffin, a white dress, and a few sweet seen, too : and that is, a great many children spoiled litics were given as an offering of affection to by having plenty of money. Do you think I would their darling, and a small band of friends followbe glad it somebody would give a boy of mine all the ed the little coffin on foot to the quiet graveyard, where no stone will ever mark the spot.

now in one home, the exceeding glory of which sinks to nothing in comparison.

have convinced them; but one good look at their books, you will find that almost all great men were of Christ's righteousness, and together sing before once poor boys,--not having all the money they His throne, "Glory, glory, glory be to God on . Well, tisn't mine. After sticking to business friend's home, and an understanding of his do-12.854 8 4

any rate.

'It's a pity that such a good-hearted fellow should be so mean,' resumed Black, 'I suppose he would be on hand for any kind of fun.'

These were young men, ranging from twenty to thirty years in age, all fond of what they denominated life. They lived in a large suburban the money to spare, and I laid it out after my village, where sport was plenty, and the means of carrying it on abundant. They were none of the mantle. I bought it of a gentleman who atthem really bad youths, but they lived fast.

"What's all this ?" asked a young man, who came up just as the last remarks were made, and site touches?' vhose name was Landon Merritt.

'We are talking about Tom Thornley,' replied James Black.

'And what about him.'

coolly he couldn't afford it. Now what do you seats, while flowers and grapes hung overhead. think of that ?'

'Well, I don't know.' answered Merritt. 'I think he could afford it if he wished.'

besides the splendid house his father left him. He's a mean chap, any way.'

"How much did you ask him to put down." 'I didn't name any sum, but I told him I had put down fifty collars for the year, and most of the others had done the same. But he couldn't

afford it! Bah! he's a miscr-a regular young skinflint. Why, I supposed as soon as he got back from college, he'd make a glorious companion for us. I meant he should go to our races, join our boat club, put a shilling at poker once in a while, and make himself happy generally. But, now look at him. There he is at home every pleasure. Every industrious man with fair forevening, and afraid to come out lest he should tune may have the same, though many may not lose a cent.'

'Who's that, James ?' asked a voice close at hand

The party turned and saw Thomas Thornley himself, who had just come round the corner of vour disapproval?'

All hands were silent for a few moments, but Black saw that his companions expected him to speak, and he did so.

ing about you. I wont say a thing behind a dollars to the new Athenaeum in the city, and man's back that I wouldn't say to his face. I was saying that I was disappointed in you.' 'Ah, how so?' asked Tom Thornley with a will give you a pass.' smile.

'Why, in your not joining with us in our sports, and bearing your share of the tax. But mind, we aren't anxious for you to do so, if you don't wish it.'

• And I suppose it is my wish not to do so that von condemn

'Yes. I thought, for a chap who had as much money as you have, it looked rather small to be hoarding it away like an old miser.'

"But my dear friend, you forget that every man naturally follows that which he thinks yields him the most pleasure. If you find the most boating, horse racing, card playing, and in wine

'I think I can find some,' replied the wife, and thus speaking she left the room.

'Now, boys,' said Thomas, ' you see here some of my sources of pleasure. I suppose the articles in this room have cost me not less than five thousand dollars. It is quite a sum, but I had own tastes. You see that painting there over tended the sale of an estate in Seville, and this he obtained there. Did you ever see such exqui-

All admired the picture, and while they were looking around upon the others, the young hostess returned, accompanied by a servant bearing trays of fruit. There were peaches, pears, grapes, 'What do you find mean in Tom Thornley ?' and some beautiful plums. The repast was lus-"Why-everything. Here he is, right among | cious, and when it was finished. Thornley arose as, just in the prime of youth, money enough, and asked his friends to follow him into the garand yet he wont pay a cent toward any of our den. Here they found about an acre of ground fun. Only this morning I went to him and asked laid out into orchard, vineyard and tillage, and him to subscribe towards our club, and what do looking neat and tidy. Here and there were you suppose he said? He just told me very little trellised arbors, within which were mossy

'Here,' said Thornley, after they had walked through the garden, 'I spend some of my leisure time, and I assure you 1 find much pleasure in "Of course he could. Afford it? Why, he the cultivation of my fruit. My wife attends to not only has a salary of a clear thousand a year. the flowers, while I see to the trees and vines. but I know that he has ten thousand at interest, While the sun shines, we find comfort here; and when the night comes we repair to our library. when reading and music gives us pleasure and profit. Then again, I sometimes have leisure hours from my business when the weather will not permit us to work in our garden. We then write, and draw and paint. But come, let us go once more, and you shall examine my library.

The party again repaired to the house, but they could not remain long, for some of them had engagements.

'And now,' said Thornley, after his friends were ready to retire, 'you have seen my sources of go quite so far as I have gone; but I only speak in general terms. If I could find pleasure in the sports you have tried to urge upon me, you may be assured I should not only join in them, but I should cheerfully pay my share of the expenses. the building before which they stood. He was But such things have no real pleasure for mea young man not over five and twenty, and wear- not generally. Once in a while I love to sail, ing the appearance of a true and intelligent man. and I love social gatherings; but my fullest joy "What is it? Who is it that has thus merited our disapproval?" is here, with my wife, my books, my music, my pictures, and my garden. My home is open to you whenever you may wish to join me in my kind of pleasure, and you may be sure you will ever be warmly received. And one other thing 'I'll tell you, Tom,' he said. ' We were talk- I will tell you. I have subscribed a thousand when any of you may wish to visit there and see the splendid specimens of art there collected, I

The party had reached the verandah on their way, but they hesitated, as though something should yet be said. At length James Black spoke :

"As I commenced the discussion which has led to this pleasant visit, I ought to speak what 1 think to be the truth now. Tom, you are right. Your pleasure is surely better than ours, for it has more wear to it. and-and-well, I may as well tell the truth-it's got more sense to it. I'll never find fault with you again ; but one thing I will do-I shall accept your invitation to spend an occasional evening here.'

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