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eity, with a good share of the Spirit, and there were indications of a revival for a time. But all that has passed by, and church and minister seem to have gone in a body to 'Egypt.' It is a most deplorable state of things. I wish the brethren and sisters might see it in this light and betake themselves to prayer and heart searchings that the causes of our spiritual barrenness might be ferreted out, and, through repentance, the Lord's anger appeased, so that his hand might be stretched forth toward us in pardon and mercy.'

Brown listened to the sneaker with at-

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sheet, and will be sold at 90 per cent, less the

I wat ev at The Love of Godeds son al

Thy feeble powers. Thy capabilities
Are helpless to perform thy weighty task.
How canst thou think to grasp the love of God.
The smallest thimble worn ou lady's hand
Would lodge the ocean in its tiny space;
Or this stupendous globe of ours be lost
Within the compass of a nutshell, ere
Thy narrow limits could find room to hold
The soul of Himself fills infinite.

The soul of Him who fills infinity.

Dost thou forget the story of the child,
Which on the sea-shore dag a little hole,
And, with a shell, thought to remove the waves
Of the tremendous depths out of that bed
In which they long had restlessly reposed,
And fix their habitation in the sand?

My mind I an awful subject occupies

BY THE REV. TIMOTHY HARLEY.

are to cast the mote out of the brother's ere.

Hold fast the form of sound words."-2d Timothy, i, 13

Visitor.

Old Series, Vol. XXII., No. 31.

It is related of Horshead, professor of medicine,

Dr. Watts says that "God expects to be known

that he joined devotion with the knowledge and

in the common affairs of life, and he does as cer-

tainly expect it in the superior operations of the

mind and in the search of knowledge and truth." Bishop Sanderson says, "That study without

prayer is atheism, as well as that prayer without

It has been said by students that they have

gotten more knowledge sometimes upon their

of authors, and they declare that "pruying is the"

There is a remarkable instance of prayer in the

ife of Christmas Evans. He received an insulting

letter, threatening him with a civil prosecution.

He said, " They talk of casting me into a court

of law, where I have never been, and hope I shall

never go; but I will cast them first into the court

pray again and again, until " At the seventh

time," says he, " I came down in full confidence

that Christ had taken my cause into his own

hands and would be my Saviour." It is useless

Sir Matthew Hale also bears his testimony to

ing, and reading God's word in the morning,

Luther, in his busiest hours, felt that the time

spent in prayer was never lost. When remark-

ably pressed with labors he would say, "I have

so much to do that I cannot get on without three

Dignity of the Ministry.

often received at the hands of men, for the pe-

rows and acquainted with grief, and the disciple

being no better than his Lord, they have shared

in his sufferings. But, if fellow-sufferers, they

are fellow-laborers, with Christ-his associates in

the noblest work beneath the sun. Despised as

the teacher of the gospel may be, the apostle

raises him to an eminence from which he may

and glory, rolling away into dark oblivion.

Viewed in the light of eternity, the church stands

on a loftier elevation than the palace; and the

pulpit offers man a grander position than the

such an associate, in such lofty company, devoting

his life to such a cause, no wonder that Paul con-

fronted a sceptic, sneering, scoffing world, and

Temperance and Politics.

The temperance men of the United Sates have

sent out a circular calling upon all the friends of

general mass convention to be held at Chicago on

the 1st of September next, for the purpose of or-

ganizing a distinct political party, having as its

fundamental object, the prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating drinks. The distinctive political

issues that have for years interested the Ameri-

gitimate efforts for advancing the objects they have at heart. That there is little force in this

objection is evident from the success which has

attended the Prohibitory Liquor Law movement

wherever it has been taken up by individual States. And why should not a similar movement

for the whole Union be equally successful? The abolition of slavery in the States was for a long time agitated without practical results, until

it was made the distinctive feature of the great

Republican party and thus brought at once be-fore the people as a direct political issue. The election of President Lincoln on this definite issue

can people are now comparatively unimportant or

Christ." - Guthrie.

thus spent is not lost.—A. Van Hoose,

nothing goes well all day."

hours a day praying."

of Jesus Christ, the source of law and authority."

study is presumption."

best studyiny."

SAINT JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1869.

we have wandered .- what can we do to improve our spiritual health and vigor ? 'I have thought upon this point considerable, gardly, and prayed in his little closet that the said Bro. Brown, and have about come to the conclusion that we shall never accomplish much in spiritual things with our present minister. He seemed to run well for a season but now, all is at a stand still—nay, even going backwards. Our

Christian

converts of a year ago, where are they! You can't lay your finger on one out of three of them. One of the regular prayer meetings has completely died out, the other is just ready to expire, and here we two sit to represent the monthly conference. The minister is not in his place, the church members are engaged in their worldly affairs. We need a man who shall be able to get up a great

'But whom can we get?' asked Bro. Smith. With our means we can't command the first talent, you know. Our minister is a pretty fair sort of a man if he had more of the Spirit, though meeting. How can we expect the members will blessing be otherwise than backward if the minister sets midst! the example?

'I never knew him absent before,' said Bro. Brown, and think he must be unexpectedly called away, or something unusual detains him at

'I should have thought he would have sent word to the brethren then,' said Bro. Smith, rising and consulting his watch .- It is an hour past time for service to commence, so there will not be any body else here to-day, and we may as well go home.' Bro. Brown arose, and while the two were closing the stove and preparing to leave, some light feet were heard ascending the vestry stairs, and a lady stood before them.
Oh, she said, 'you are about leaving. I have

hurried as fast as I could to get down here and ligion. let the people know, if any were gathered for monthly conference, the reason of the minister's in monthly concert that they believed covetousabsence. His wife is sick, and he got out of dry wood yesterday. This morning he expected a load, but it didn't come, so he had to hire a team and go after it. He said he should try hard to get back by half past two, but if he failed I must fires. endeavor to leave his wife long enough to let the people who might gather at the vestry know the cause of his absence. Mrs. Denbam is so sick, and I have had such a struggle to keep her room comfortable with the green wood, that I have not been able to get down here till now.'

I am sorry there is sickness in Mr. Denham's family,' said Bro. Smith. 'Ministers are very apt to have sickly wives I believe.' 'You are right, and no wonder,' replied the

lady.
'I don't know why you say that,' remarked

'It would require an unusually strong constitution to endure the anxiety to which ministers' wives are ordinarly subjected,' said the lady. 'Anxieties!' repeated Bro. Smith. ' What

anxieties have they beyond women in general? 'Most women when they eat one meal have some tolerable definite idea as to where the next is to come from,' was the response, 'but minis-ters' wives don't always have this comfortable assurance. I know Mrs. Denham don't.'

'Are the minister's family complaining of their fare among us? asked Bro. Smith, rather sensi-

No,-at least I never heard them complain of anything, though how a woman can get along as Mrs. Denham does is surprising to me. In feeble health, with two small children, company at a moment's warning, and often the slenderest stock out of which to prepare acceptable food to set before guests; a poor inconvenient house, scanty furniture, and never a month's wood in the shed, even in the dead of winter."

'You are making out quite a case,' interrupted Bro. Brown, "but I don't know who is to blame for this state of things. When Mr. Decham came among us, we subscribed certain sums for his Christian men. He knew about the sum we would be able to raise. Had he deemed it insufficient to meet the wants of his family, he was at liberty to say as much, and seek some other field of labor.

"How many came in to attend monthly meeting this afternoon? she inquired.
Only myself and Bro. Brown, was Bro.

Smith's reply. Religion is at a low ebb with us. We had been deploring the lukewarm state of our church when you entered. What did you conclude was the cause of it?

asked the lady, resting against a slip and putting her feet to the warm stove. We think there are more causes than one,

Bro. Smith replied. 'I suppose some of us may have neglected duties and thus displeased our Master. Then we are all apt more or less to lean on the minister, and ours doesn't seem to be in the place he was some months ago. Bro. Brown and I have been considering whether or no when the year is up it will not be as well to let him go, and try another one.'

'Then you have become dissatisfied with Mr. Denham,' said the lady.

Well, we should not like to say that exact ly, was the reply. Perhaps the man does as well as he can, though he has not the life and power of some ministers. I have not been as blessed under his preaching as I expected to be at the outset, and Bro. Brown's experience cor-

responds with my own.'
'Yes,' said Bro. Brown, approaching, 'I com

Her words were electric. The two men looked nickly at each other, and turned their steps to-

Bro. Smith and Bro. Brown communed with themselves that night. They were both worth their thousands. The little woman at the vestry was dependent on her own exertions for support. Yet on the minister's subscription list her name was down for an equal sum with Bro. Smith and Bro. Brown, and she had found no dearth of the best walls around my house."

The great Dr. Boarhaave acknowledged that an hour spent every morning in private prayer and meditation gave him a spirit and vigor for the business of the day, and kept his temper active, Bro. Brown, and she had found no dearth of spirituality in Mr. Denham's sermons. On the contrary, they fed her soul from Sabbath to Sabbath. She saw the minister's family were pinched in every way. The very small salary was small and irregular about coming in, and they often lacked for the comforts, if not for the necessaries of life. These things depressed Mr. Denham. He was comparatively young, and peculiarly diffident,—greatly lacking in self-assertion. He could not go to men of wealth, years his senior, and ask for the pittance they had sabscribed towards his se-He says he can't find wood for the meeting house, and pay a money tax to the minister, too,—it is too heavy a draft upon him,—so he sells his best wood to get money to meet the tax,' remarked Bro. Brown.

'This is but a subterfuge to hide his narrowness,' said Bro. Smith. Bro. Dix is able to do ch more than he does for the support of the pel. I wish I had the money at interest that has, But to return to the point from which

lary. But he felt that God would withhold his blessing from those who treated his cause so nig-

But "a word spoken in season how good it is!" and the little woman who visited the vestry on monthly meeting day had spoken this word. "If you have got a ten dollar blessing I don't know what more you could expect."

What more, truly ! They were amply able to pay fifty; such a sum would be no more for them than was five for the little vestry woman. They had raised five hundred dollars for their minister, he needed one thousand. It was only a reasonable compensation for his services and support. He did not ask it, -the agreement had been that he should accept what they could raise. Yet it I regret to say he is becoming rather cold and was a mean thing to half support a servant of lifeless. Think of his neglecting the monthly God. How could they, as a church, expect God's He then retired and prayed, and continued to blessing, till they righted this wrong in their

> Bro. Brown and Bro. Smith sent their boys next day with a load of dry wood and kindlings to the minister. Then Bro. Smith who held the to add that the threat was never executed. subscription list drew it forth, and placed a figure 5 in place of the 1 which stood in the \$10 against the efficacy of prayer. He said, " If I omit prayhis name, so now it read :

' Alpheus Smith-\$50.' He thought it was an improvement, and con-luded to go round the parish and see how many others would be of like opinion. He found several, and quite a little purse of ready money was made up for the minister. Bro. Smith and Bro. Brown found the sermons more spiritual at once. The praver meetings put on new life, and ere long there were indications of a genuine revival of re-

Bro. Smith and Bro. Brown openly declared ness was the great sin in their midst at which God was angry. Bro. Dix felt the force of the declaration, and hauled two cords of his best marketable wood into the church sheds for winter

When Mr. Denham's year came round, instead of seeking out a new field with a heart depressed by manifold temporal trials, he was laboring in the midst of a protracted meeting, where crowds of anxious souls flocked to the altar seeking salvation through Jesus.

Bro. Smith liked his fifty dollar blessing so well, that he thought he must make it \$100 the next year, so he did, -also Bro. Brown, and a good many others doubled their first subscription.

How strong that once weak church now grew! What a power for good it became in the commumity! What happy converts went down beneath | through the camp of the Philistines, and cleaving its baptismal waters! How strong were its laymen in the spirit and power of the truth ! What of Bethlehem for their king ; yet, rather than be a goodly pride that pastor felt in his people! Yes and even the wicked and carcless said :

'There is a set of men and women who practice as they preach; they honor their profession; they give without stint for the support of their cause ;-there must be something in a gospel for which men will sacrifice worldly gain.'

Oh! professed Christians, are you starving your soul on a \$10 blessing, and wondering at your hunger ? 'Go ye and do likewise.'—Star.

His Way of Putting It.

Now, this woman that lost her piece of silver. wasn't it natural that she should think more of that one than of the other nine she had got safe in her purse? And wasn't it just natural that the man should care more about his one lost sheep than about the ninety-nine that hadn't strayed away ! Here's a farmer owns a hundred sheep. Well,

at night he counts 'em, and he makes one short. He goes over them again : perhaps he's reckoned wrong. No, it's only ninety-nane again. He among us, we subscribed certain sums for his goes into his wife, who is sitting by the kitchen support, and expect to meet our obligations like lire, waiting till he comes to supper. 'Why, lass, there's one gone. Poor thing, he must have got over the wall.' (Ah! the devil's always afficient to meet the wants of his family, he was t liberty to say as much, and seek some other eld of labor.

The lady bowed, and glanced about the vestry.

The lady bowed, and glanced about the vestry. make a spring now and then over some boggy place, and the land is all sopping wet. But he sees the track of the wanderer, and now he hears Ba-a, and the great soft eyes of the creature stare up at him from a quagmire, as if to say, O, master, help me out. He takes him up and puts him over his shoulders, and the black mud drips down his jacket; but he doesn't mind that. At last he comes to the brook that skirts his orchard, and then he washes all the filth away and the poor thing trots into the fold with such a happy bleat, as if to say, 'Thank you, sir.'
Now, that's how Jesus fetches back his wan-

derer. Only he doesn't put him across his shoul ders; he puts him into his bosom, and then he takes and washes him in the fountain filled with his own precious blood. That's what he did for me eight years ago.

When Jesus washed my sine away." And that's what he is ready to do for you Hallelujah! He can save to-night.-Richard

Prayer.

Christ said, "Men ought always to pray : Paul said, " Pray without censing." Yea,' said Bro. Brown, approaching, 'I confess Mr. Denham has not come up to my expectations. When he first came among us, I thought he was going to be an instrument in the hands of God of accomplishing much good in our church and community, but these prospects are now quite overcast. It looks gloomy ahead. Mr. Denham has lost much of his spirituality, or I am no judge of such matters. The blessing I obtain from his ministration is very small.'

If you have got a ten dollar blessing, I don't know what more you can expect,' said the lady, know what more you can expect, said the lady, his crucifixion. These are examples left on record for our encouragement in prayer.

We have also many statements of what distin-

guished men thought of the duty and benefit of

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sprung up in Canada. The temperance men of Toronto, stimulated with the success of their opposition to the measure introduced by the licensed victuallers in the Provincial Legislature during its late session, have been emboldened to assume a wider field of action, and now propose no ess an undertaking than the formation of an independent political party, with the view of securing a prohibitory liquor law for the Dominion. They have organized themselves into an Association, known as the 'Canada Temperance Union,' and have sent out agents to lecture throughout knees than by their labors in pursuing a variety the country, and excite an interest in their proposed scheme. One of these, Mr. Hammond, is now in Montreal, laboring zealously for the furtherance of this object. A general Convention of the friends of the movement is to be held shortly

in Toronto, and delegates from the temperance organizations of all parts of the Dominion are requested to attend. The simultaneous agitation of this question both in the States and Canada, is one of the remarkable and encouraging signs of the times. Let the friends of the movement remember that earnestness, perseverance, and zeal, in the promotion of any good cause, are the best auguries of its success. Through a proper exercise of these qualities, the battle for temperance. like the battle for freedom, when once begun cannot fail, whatever casual difficulties or disappointments may intervene, to be crowned with ultimate and complete triumph.

London and the Crties of the World. We have referred to the area of Babylon as about double that of London. Our ideas of the

nagnitude of the great Assyrian cities have been Bro. Editors, I leave your readers to make their stimulated by the researches of recent explorers, own comments on these quotations, hoping that and the spoils collected at the British Museum God will encourage some pious heart to spend enable us to give precision and reality to the pictures drawn from the description of Herodotus, or more time in prayer, with the thought that time from the still earlier references to the "exceeding great city" on the Tigris. But in density of population it is certain that Nineveh or Babyion could not be compared with London. These aucient cities were rather walled provinces than Did Moses occupy a noble position when he stood aloft on a rock amid the dying Israelites, overgrown towns, and must have resembled the and there the central figure of the camp, on whom thickly grouped gardens of the plain of Sorrento far more closely than the acres of chimney-pots all eyes were turned, raised that serpent, to look on which was life? Nobler still his attitude and that greet the eyes of the traveler arriving from Dover at London-bridge. In the case of hostile office who, with his foot on this dying world, lifts attack these cities were self-supporting. Closed up the cross-" Jesus Christ and him crucified" -that whosoever looketh and believeth on him by inaccessible walls, and containing and produmight not perish, but have everlasting life. Give cing within themselves all that was necessary for the support of their population, they could afford me the bleeding Saviour, make me the instrument to laugh at a besieger. If an impregnable wall of converting a single soul, and I grudge not Moses his "piece of brass;" nor euvy him the were built round our metropolis at a radius of seven miles and a half from the Bank of England. honor of saving a thousand lives, that are now all quenched in death. Great honor to the memory its shelter would be useless to the population the of the mighty men who swept like a hurricane | moment the lines of communication were interrupted. London could not hold out three days against such a leaguer as Cyrus or as Darius their way through opposing foes, drew the water drew against Babylon. The atmost density of the population of Jerusalem during the siege, taone of David's mighty men, it would content me to be one of Christ's humblest, and hold the cup king those numbers given by Josephus, which of life to a panper's lips. All honor to the prosome writers have called fabulous, was considerably less than the density of the East London disphet who went up to heaven in a chariot of fire; but nobler still his departure, who as he ascends trict in 1851. Euphrates bore no commerce such as that of the Thames. The facilities afforded by to glory, leaves spiritual sons behind him to werp the ancient river for the supplies of the great city by the cast off mantle of his flesh, and cry, " My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and the that she watered can only be compared to to that which we have now entirely abandoned-the horsemen thereof!" What honors does this world offer ! what stars, what jewelled honors water carriage of the Upper Thames. Tyre must be joined to afford any parallel to the commerce flash on her swelling breast, to be for one moof London. The Cloaca Maxima of Rome is a ment compared with those which they win on earth, and wear in heaven, who have turned souls trifle in comparison with our underground railways. The river wall that after so many centufrom darkness to light-from the cursed power of Satan to the living God ! Each soul a gem in ries of neglect is now replacing the mnd banks from Blackfriars to Westminster may compare. their crown, they that have turned many to rightwithout disadvantage, with the works of Nebn eousness shall shine with the brightness of the firchadnezzar the Great. The Victoria Tower yields mament, as the stars forever and ever. How has the hope of this touched as with fire the preachin magnitude to that crowned by the temple of er's lips, sustained his heart, held up prayer's Belus: but the amount of skilled labor bestowed weary hands, and proved an ample recompense on the stonework of the Palace of Westminster. on the iron bridges that span street and river, on for those scanty rewards which God's servants too dome, and spire, and tower, and steep-gabled pannry which has embittered, and the hardships latial hotels now rising in every quarter of the which have pressed on their lot! Their Master metropolis, exceeds in magnitude almost as much as in excellence the efforts of the " naked human was rejected and despised of men-a man of sorstrength" that faced the mounds of the Assyrian capitol with sun-dried bricks .- Builder.

The Examiner and Chronicle thinks that Bantists are sometimes negligent in giving their children the advantages of education in those institucontemplate this world, with all its grandeur | tions that have been founded by Baptists. It says:

How many parents have aided to found a colege, to which no son of theirs was sent? How many have contributed to endow a female seminary, and yet have denied to their own daughters throne of empires. To ministers of the gospel belongs the high pre-eminence of being able to say, "We are fellow laborers with God;" and with while their own children are hurried to the farm or the counting house, without the least encouragement to aim at that culture which would at once invigorate and adorn their industrial purbravely said, " I am not ashamed of the gospel of suits, and would give them a manhood expanded beyond the narrowness of a sordid ambition! If we have not greatly mistaken the facts, our peonle have been too generally acting on a very mis-

But, one may say, I don't want my son to be a lawver or doctor, and I don't see that he is the cause throughout the country to meet at a, called to be a minister, if indeed he is a Christian. Why should be be educated ! Why should he not be! God has given him a mind to be made the most of. It is true that the best culture of his intellect will be of little worth, if his intellect is the servant of a bad heart. But ignorance and narrow-mindedness will do nothing to renew his heart, while a liberal education under Christian influences has often been blessed to that end. And that man, whatever his calling, whether agricultural, or mechanical, or mercantile, or professional, who brings to it the most well developed manhood, will be at once most successful and the most useful; while whether he succeed or not in money making, he will be

gislation of the country, while the attempt to create it, might have the effect of diverting the prayer meeting," writes an evangelist in his quar-terly report. How it sounds! The words fall like leaden buliets into the heart. A church without a prayer meeting! What then does a church possess? Suppose the inventory should be attempted; it would run thus: An occasional supply from travelling preachers; a dozen worn out books belonging to a defunct Sunday school; a surviving deacon, mourning over the desolations in Zion (otherwise a good liver); a church book with an hundred names without the appropriate marks against them—dead, excommunicated, marks against them-dead, excor moved away, wounded, retired, etc.; a meeting-house needing whitening but deferred on account of doubtful title of lot. But enough; we write more in sadness than in humor. The words ring in our ears—" No prayer meeting"—the altar fires gone out—no light on the hill—none at home. Alas, alas! May God help that poor church—may the Gospel find its way to that dark neighborhood. moved away, wounded, retired, etc.; a meeting-

thost
itself in its darkest days.
Simultaneously with this movement in the
States, a similar one we are happy to observe, has Mystery magnifies danger as a fog the sun: the hand that warped Belshazzar derived its borrifying influence from the want of a body.—Colton.

It was a childish thought, a childlike act : But O, mind ! what foolish arrogance, What vain presumption 'twere in thee, if thou Shouldst think within thy bounded faculties To fold this dread infinitude of love. Thou'rt but an infant dabbling on the beach; Beware I the waters which engorge the huge Leviathan that gambols in their depths. Like to an insect dancing through the breeze, Will, if thou venturest far, thy requiem roll. Pause, and if thy ambition still be set On making new discoveries in this, The noblest, purest of all sciences, Take to the gospel ship and navigate. All human boats would sink, or thee mislead. Thy own imagination's yawl would leak, Philosophy's frail skiff would overturn, And Reason's bark would reel with wild dismay. The Bible vessel has triumphantly Weathered the roughest storms full many a year.

Though many others have been swept away,

She still remains. The hurricane of time

Of sinful mortals in its mystic rooms;

Has only proved her. Ararat's tall peaks Might stop the motion of the wooden world Which held the nucleus of a second race

But nought shall check the progress of that ark Which rides upon the bosom of the waves Of everlasting love; unlike the flood,

These living waters never shall abate. The over-arching heaven, the rounded earth,

Shall pass away and in oblivion die; But thou, O transcript of the eternal mind! Shalt still survive; for like the unseen hand

That wrote thy dark, mysterious page in lines Indelible, thou shalt for ever live.

Bright star of Bethlehem ! be thou my guide :

Be thou propitious; open all your wealth; And while my thoughts explore this subject deep, Lend me your aid. Of this be well-assured,

That while the breath of life my bosom warms

My tongue shall never cease to speak for thee.
Still, lest I worship thee, I'll not forget
Thou'rt but a book; only an instrument,
Designed to teach the God-inquiring mind.

Then ere I ask thy help I pray thee lead My spirit to the fountain whence flow forth

Thy crystal streams. O heavenly kilus! tell

To gild the darkness of this lower world, Which, having turned its back upon the Sun,

O planet of no mean refulgence ! sent

Nay ! 'tis so clear that he's a wilful fool

Who cannot see God's stamp on every page

The Pilot of this ship to guide my course. My soul cast anchor here; and ere thy keel

Thy pow'rs, -or more correctly, -weaknesses.

His presence and protection on thy way.

Depend not on the bruised and broken reed
Of thine own understanding; he who trusts
His faise delilah heart is played the fool.

If thou "in all thy ways acknowledge God, He will direct thy paths!" then bow at once, And by the mighty force of urgent prayer Constrain thy God thy voyage to attend. And if He hear thee—which He surely will, We augur for thee rich prosperity.

A Ten Dollar Blessing.

Smith to Bro. Brown, as the two sat by the stove in the vestry on a Thursday P. M., waiting for people to gather to the monthly conference.—

How the church is falling into an unseemly dis-regard of its ordinances; they are neglectful of social meetings, of the communion table, and Sab-bath preaching! I am quite disappointed in the results of the labors of our new minister. He

seemed when he came among us a man of capacity, with a good share of the Spirit, and there

Bro. Brown listened to the speaker with at-tention, and made answer in a similar strain, be-wailing the lowness of Zion and wishing for 'bet-

· What can we do to bring about these better

aticks of soggy wood into the stove; - this is very poor fuel, he added. 'I'll warrant you,

Bro. Dix don't burn any such in his own house.'

'He sells his marketable wood at six dollars the cord,' said Bro. Brown, 'burns tree limbs at

ome, and picks up wet stuff for the church.'

'That is not treating God's house with proper respect,' said Bro. Smith.—'No wonder Bro. Dix is in a low state of mind, a backslidden, lukewarm state. He should supply the church with as good fires as he has at home, to say the

How low folks are in their minds,' said Bro.

And seek of Him, apart from whom thou'rt

Is left in night till He arise again.

Of this great volume of divinity.

The Bible is the body, God the soul.

Then ere I farther steer, let me invoke

Shall plough another furrow, or behind

A silver stream of recollection lead ;

solemnly adjure thee to conjoin

My anxious mind, where dwells thy sacred source!

I charge thee say, whence doth thy light proceed ! But stop ! need I investigate this fact !

Direct my steps to Him who personates In human flesh the matchless love of God.

This awful mount, nor let me dizzy grow.

Profuse museum of the richest lore !