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PEACE OF THE POOR.

REV. GEORGE R. KRAMER. peace I give unto you; not as the giveth give I unto you.

that rocks upon the flower, er's golden day; ud that floats in sunset hour, glows with crimson ray; e that rolls with gentle swell ening on the sea, ak of peace and rest that dwell rts from care set free.

can tell the sacred hush e, nor strife, foul tramp, nor rush e rests the Holy Dove. evil cannot tread; solemn Mercy Seat, herub wings o'er spread.

that hour in ocean's night. Pharos shines on wave, er the rock there flames the ligh llage bells ring on the shore, storm winds cease to wail; eams after tempest roar, n returning sail.

when sin and self depart ward wars all cease aps of darkness leave the heart ho can sing the peace?

hrist comes in to dwell with thee

assions wild are still:

great waves of Galilee, to his mighty will.

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CORRESPONDENCE

OUR DEAD PRESIDENT.

eleven weeks of severe suffer-Abram Garfield, the twenesident of the United States, netly away on the evening of 1881, at ten minutes before ed with sorrow is to convey ate idea of the profound and g of anguish which poshearts of men, women, and over the land. Every face every head is bowed, and art is saddened by the terri-

whole country has put on the nts of mourning: all the and City Government build-Everywhere the pictures of American manhood, both of will be forever enshrined in nily from all sides, but of ign despatches none seem s sympathetic as the ten-ds of England's Queen who d as follows:

ARFIELD-LONG BRANCH.

cannot express the deep I feel with you at this ter at. May God support and ou, as he alone can.

E QUEEN, Balmoral Court.

nd South, East and West, and Democrat are all one and energy of the man we committed in a civ. by friend and opponent.

lized nation. God grant that it may be the means of entirely crushing out that hateful spirit of office-seeking, to must be attributed.

The body was this day removed from whence it will be taken to family plot.

view the remains and the funeral cere-

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

James Abram Garfield was born

November 19, 1831 in the township of Orange, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio. His parents were both of New England stock and possessed those sterling Puritan qualities which have had such a tremendous influence upon the farm of some eighty acres. In an attempt to save his wheat field from the ravishes of a forest fire he confour little children, the youngest being James, the subject of this sketch, who was then two years old, the oldest child, Thomas, being but ten years weary winter had passed they found there would not be enough, this woto rule 50,000,000 freman? No won-der that James A. Garfield upon taking the oath of his high office, should mother to his heart and emplant a

kiss upon her aged brow. Garfield attended the district school till twelve years old, but poverty early compelled this lad to look for something to do, and he obtained work from a salter near Cleveland, but being referred to as a "Servant," the high-spirited New England have their hope set on the uncertainboy demanded his wages and started ty of riches, but on God who giveth for home. He next had an idea of go. us richly all things to enjoy; that for home. He next had an idea of going to sea but the simple inquiry for place dispelled the idea. He now became "tow-boy" on the canal, where he remained for four months, returning home with an attack of ague. His thoughts now turned in another direction. He had saved seventeen dollars and with this amount of capital he entered Geanga Seminary as a student. He was a upon "the eternal tabernacles." rapid student and soon acquired a Not all who will read this paper thorough knowledge of Latin, Greek, are poor. Some are, and it comes to Mathematics, and during vacations them, the friend of the poor, to tell

clock. To say that his death religious conviction and joined the will read this article are rich. We Cam pbellites, or Disciples, and to his ask you to be up and doing good honor be it said, Mr. Garfield at all "Make friends by the mammon of times and at all places, manfully stood unrighteousness." "It shall fail for the religion of our Lord.

> of the "Disciples" at Hiram, Ohio, wealthy merchant, "He has failed." and from there to Williams College, Has he anything to fall back upon?" Massachusetts, graduated in 1856, "It is possible for him to commence and went back to Hiram Seminary as business again?" The time is coming things which are God's." If we bear professor of ancient languages and when all shall fail. "The fashion of

Eastern Kentucky, where in Jan. which shall perish in the last days. 1862 he forced Humphrey Marshall "It shall fail." Some have brains, to evacuate, for which service he was and are ready to use them, but have crane appointed him his chief of staff keep men preaching and spreading

the sad fate awaiting him.

New York, Sept. 21st, 1881.

THE ETERNAL TABERNACLES.

REV. GEORGE R. KRAMER.

We open the revised version of the New Testament and read, "Make life of this nation. His father went to yourselves friends by means of the to Ohio and after working some time mammon of unrighteousness; that upon the Ohio Canal purchased a when it shall fail, they may receive you into the eternal tabernacles." King James' verson the text is. "Make to yourselves friends of the tracted disease which caused his mammon of unrighteousness; that death. The wife was now left with when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations."

In the text in which occurs the exexpression "the eternal tabernacles" there is much thought-much practiold. It was a very dreary prospect cal thought for those who are "heapfor the poor woman. After the long ing up treasurers for the last days. Let us read this text again, and make themselves not only poor, but in debt. it throw a flood of light on the words They disposed of fifty acres of the of Paul-"The things which are seen land, and with the help the chil- are temporal, but the things which are dren could give, this noble woman not seen are eternal." "And, I say went to work to cultivate the re- unto you, Make to yourselves friends mainder. But it was a long time till by means of the mammon of unharvest and the mother soon realized righteousness; that when it shall fail, that the corn was getting low, and they may receive you into the etersomething must be done, so for weeks | nal tabernacles." If you are rich, she went to bed supperless, and when make haste, do good with it, for it it seemed even with this denial that shall fail, it surely will; your wealth man omitted to eat her dinner also! ral. Make friends with it; give it Is it any wonder that from such de- where it is needed. You cannot fail votion as this should come a man fit to find a place for it. Hug it, cherish it as you will, it must fail. "Heap up treasure for the last days," the "last day" will take it from you; it at once descend and enfold that must fail. Give it to the cause of God. "Get rid of your Confederate money," said one to another during the war, "for Confederacy is doom-ed." "The world passeth away." "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever." "Charge them that are rich in this present world that they be not high-minded, nor they do good; that they be rich in good works; that they be ready to distribute, willing to communicate, lying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on the life that is life indeed." "A good foundation against the time to come." This is the time when we shall enter

taught school and assisted at farming. them of the kingdom for "the poor of While here he was brought under this world, rich in faith," Some who "It shall fail," " It shall fail."

He entered the academical school How often we hear it said of and City Government build lic places, and private houses lege.

It is a year became President of the lege, when of respect for our dead lege.

Yes, thank God, if we have lege, the now identified himself with the friends with this wealth; for we shall be received by these friends into the received by the received b promoted to be brigadier general of no money. Give to the cause of volunteers, and in 1862 Gen. Rose Christ what you have in order to and on Sept. 19, 1868 (just eighteen the good news. What a glory to be years before his death) was promoted received by those who are thus helpmajor-general of volunteers for gal- ed in the great resurrection day into

On Nov. 2, 1880, he was elected glory must pass away. "But the natural; indeed, it would be almost his power the wildest heart of alarm. President, and on March 4, 1881, he things which are not seen are eter-inconceivable that he should do er- He will. It required no more power was inaugurated and assumed the nal." Like the tints of the Summer wise. which influence this awful murder duties of his office, little dreaming of rainbow, the bloom of the flower, and the resplendence of the sunset, fades matter, which demands perhaps more He who guides the lightning shaft in General Garfield was considered by the grandeur of earth. The foam attention than it has received. While its fiery path can as well guide the from Long Branch to Washington, the people as a thoroughly American sparkles a moment on the billow of doctrine has an influense on charac- untamed spirit in its mental and outproduct, and the grief for his death is ocean and is gone; the black charter, it is also true that character has ward manifestations. God rules. Cleveland, Ohio, and deposited in the especially profound among the work- liot of Apollyon rolls on, crushing be- a strong influence upon doctrine. In His vast dominion of control extends ing people, and no house is to poor neaths its cruel wheels the splendor a majority of instances it will be over every thought, emotion and At the express request of Mrs. to-day to display some signs of feel- of man; and the gloomy banner of found that a man conforms his belief agitation of the mind, as well as every Garfield the body will not be taken to ing, and hundreds of laboring men hades waves in triumph over the to his character and life. any of the cities for the people to may be seen wearing a little badge shattered domes of empire. Columns with the picture of the dead President come rushing downward as Time often referred to the fact that the table life. Take a glass of water! monies will be as unostentations as and the words, "We mourn our loss." flings from his blade the full bloom French Assembly declared that: The powerful microscope reveals princes; but there is a glory which "there is no God," and that there multitudes of animalcules, each pershall never fade, an empire on the upon the whole nation plunged into fect in its organization and adapta-Rock of Ages, which, when all the all manner of unblushing vice. But tion. And think you that the God evil shall have been entombed, shall these writers have not adequately who created and controls myriads of be seen towering in sublimity and considered the fact that the French minute animalcules, so small you can eternal tabernacles."

WE GIVE WHAT WE HAVE.

HOPE HAZEL.

Then cried Peter, silver and gold have none, but such as I have, Give I thee. Acts iii. 6.)

There are some things in this world better than silver or gold, some gifts, that in the eyes of the recipient, outshine the lustre of the costliest diamond. Such a gift was the one bestowed by Peter upon the cripple who asked alms of him at the gate of he temple.

Poor in this world's goods was the Spirit, and so he bestowed upon the all the wealth of the Indias; for it that was bad; and then they framed was the gift of healing. What was their doctrine so that their creed true of Peter is true of us all as should not rebuke them. individuals, we give such as we have; prophets? are all teachers? are all were thrown down; the world swer tongues? do all interpret? Certain an unregenerate church-memb er the gift be good or bad, great or

I have learned to believe that one fruitful source of uncharitableness is, that in our intercourse with those servers. How often are we fascinated by a pleasant address, or a beautiful face, or an engaging manner, and then turn in contempt, when we find a barren soul hid beneath the fair ex- belief? terior. Yet whose was the blame? Are all bright flowers fragrant? do all birds of splendid plumage thrill us with their songs? yet each gives such as it has. But if there is one thing above another that is reprehensible it is for an individual to endeavor to palm himself or herself off for what they are not. And how miser-ably vain, in the end, will prove the our most valuable lessons through imposition, for no one can truly give what he does not possess; he may give fair words, and enchain vast crowds by his eloquence, but how fleeting their influence unless those words are the outgrowth of the heart; he may bestow all his goods to feed the poor, and yet it will profit him nothing nnless he possesses charity in its broadest sense. He may profess Christ, yet if he is at heart a hypocrite he can never influence one soul to embrace him. Jesus said, " Render to Casar the things which are Cæsar's, and to God the the image and superscription of English Literature, and at the end of this world passeth away." Will Christ, let us work the works of a year became President of the coler. Let us forgive one another; let Everywhere the pictures of and Garfield are placed side terest in public affairs, and was elect-two representatives of the American manhood, both of will be forever enshrined in Garfield entered the service as Colonel of sympathy come to the family from all for the pictures of the American Freeman.

He now identified himself with the Republican party and took great induced by these friends into the sake of the blessed Master. Let us all be what we seem. Let us, like money sufficient in the ranks of believers to keep poor but intelligent men preaching the truth; money to build chapels and churches; money to feel concerning us that they have the family from all for the sake of the blessed Master. Let us all be what we seem. Let us, like money sufficient in the ranks of believers to keep poor but intelligent men preaching the truth; money to build chapels and churches; money to feel concerning us that they have us love one another; doing all for feel concerning us that they have looked for figs on a thistle, or for grapes on a bramble bush.

DOCTRINE AND CHARACTER.

major-general of volunteers for gallantry at the battle of Chickamanga, when he resigned to occupy his seat in Congress to which he had been elected, and to which he has been received each succeding term. His record in Congress is of the flattering kind, his speeches are voted for their conservative spirit, and the wisdom and average of the many were admired. The Apostle did lighten it, and, the lamp thereof should be taught by the did lighten it abernacles. The Apostle did he the character. The Apostle did speaks. Eighty-seven times in the Bible I read "fear not." He bible I read "fear not." He commands only what we can obey. Again and again he repeats, "I will he says to his brethren: But ye, be commands only what we can obey. Again and again he repeats, "I will he he as a nothing for the loved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith," etc.; that is, building up or forming your character on the basis of the truth which has been made known to you, and which you have received as true. That a man should habitally act according to any were admired.

the infamous conspiracy between con- is your friend! It is he who says, " I fessors and mistresses to urge weak, will help thee." The ceaseless vigils superstitious, sensual kings to acts of of his gracious watch-care notice the monarch each upholding the other impulse of your heart. Therefore in all that was dishonest, cruel, selfish, | fear not. centuries of the confessional betraying the people to the king, and of the king enforcing the most despotic demands of the mitre: all this had debased the national character, had burned into the nation a conviction undulate and heave with terrific of the hollowness of ecclesiastics, agitation in the heart of the earth ac and of the falseness of all religious the bidding of his word; therefore professions. The declaration that apostle, but bountifully rich in the there was no God, was but a taking form of that which was already deeplame man a gift that must have been ly graven on the minds of men. The infinitely more procious to him, than people abandoned themselves to all

In New England, the practice of but as we are not all Peters, there is Infant-baptism, along with the union | well "from the fowler's snare;" theretruly a great diversity in the gifts. of church and state, lowered the tone fore fear not Satan. He who con-Paul asks, Are all Apostles? are all of piety in the churches; the dykes demned our sins in his own body on workers of miracles? Have all the unrebuked into the church; devotion from them by the washing of his gift of healing? do all speak with died; morality sunk to a low ebb; it is that no one of us possesses all prepared the way for an unregenerate these powers, and perhaps some of ministry. All this led; then followed us not even one of them; neverthe- the Unitarian defection, the denial of less, we give such as we have, wheth- the Atonement, the denial of the Deity of Christ, the dethronement of the Bible, the obliteration of the Holy Spirit. But the character went first; the doctrine followed.

Who has not had the unhappiness around us we are such superficial ob- to know young men brought up under religious influences, who have refused to yield to the commands of God, who have led careless or vicious lives, and who have taken refuge in un-

When a Christian finds his belief n the doctrines of the gospel growing weak, his doubts arising, it is well for him to look within, and to see whether it is not the fact that coldness of heart has given rise to wandering of the head. We need a sympathetic spirit, in order to receive experience. When experience ceases, our apprehension of the truth often

A man might easily speculate as to whether there is any such emotion as patriotism. It is a doubtful usefulness to argue with him. scrubs the head of an ass wastes his soap," said that great philosopher, the Dobbs of fiction, Dr. Riccabocca And equally he who reasons on a matter that is to be known only by ex perience, wastes his reasons.

In the first chapter of his letter to the Romans, Paul depicts the perverseness of men, their folly, their selfishness, their vanity, all leading them to the denial of the spirituality of God, and then in turn this denial reacting on their character and rendering them doubly vile. But degradation of character led the way .-Nat. Bap.

"FEAR NOT." ISA. XLIII.

Fear is the dread which accompanies danger. It (the danger) may it spoils our peace, arrests our pro- adversaries, the very first lesson he

Everything of fame, wealth and the facts which he believes is most subdue by the gentle spirit-touch of useful and durable success.

to control the agitated spirit than But there is another side to this "storm wind fulfilling his word." blade of grass that makes the hill Writers on the Evidences have sides and valleys verdant with vegegleaming with the effulgence of "the people had become degraded to a very not see them with the unaided eye, low level before they made the de- does not notice every thought and claration. Centuries of a state-church, impulse as well as number every hair centuries of priest-craft, centuries of of your head. He does. That God oppression, centuries of the priest and every step of your feet and throbbing

> He holds the dark storm-clouds of wrath and the quivering, fiery, lightning-shaft in his hand; therefore fear not the storm. He holds the subfear not the earthquake. He who created the human heart can certainly control its fierce passions and make even "the wrath of man praise him;" therefore fear not man. He who in every temptation overcame Satan and quite vanquished him as he arose from the dead in triumphant resurrection splendor can deliver us as Calvary's tragic cross can save us precious blood and keep us from them by his own sufficient grace; therefore we need not fear sin. In every condition of danger and alarm the voice of the Almighty God is breathed into the believing heart so sweetly, so assuringly, that we need not fear.

> Faith in God shall bring relief from our fears. Love shall east them out. God by his Spirit shall sit upon the throne of our hearts holding in check stormy passions. He shall roll back the opposing Red Seas of otherwise insurmountable difficulties for the safety and deliverance of his own. The conquest of our fears is the grandest victory the Christian heart can obtain. It is usually the last. We give God everything else sooner and easier than we do our fears. Somehow we feel we have a right to torment our righteous soul with fears as much and as often as we choose. But we have not. He can deliver us. And one of the sweet inspirations of Christian hope is that in the peaceful home of the holy the hand that shall wipe all tears from the eye shall bauish all fears from the heart forever into the forgotten past.

Mr. GLADSTONE'S ADVICE.-Just before the close of the session of the House of Commons, Mr. Ashmead Bartlett, a brother of Bartlett Burdett-Coutts, arraigned the Government for various shortcomings. Many young men, and even some young ministers, who try to shine in discussion, might profitably ponder Mr. Gladstone's reply. He said:

For my part, I have no pretensions to offer an argumentative answer to speeches such as that which the honorable member has delivered to night. Let me, however, tell him this -He is young; he takes great pains; he has plenty of time to gain instruction, he has plenty of time to unlearn and to cast off errors. Let him apply that time to good purposes; but let him learn this—that if he wishes really to make an impression on the world, if he wants really to give aid to his be imaginary or real. In either case friends or to inflict disasters on his gress, disarms our courage, suspends must learn is to restrain his universal It is unquestionable that doctrine, the proper exercise of our reason, and and sweeping propositions, with the bounds of fact and actual experience, that is, the truth which we believe, affects the character. The Apostle Jude has this tendency in mind when in the Bible I read "fear not." He bounds of fact and actual experience, to submit himself to be taught by the lessons of the world and the lessons