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## A Remumiscence.

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welf-cooky and Ale feeling ift satisfaction

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pity take its, place. I douith not thet he saw
ithe same loqk in my face then that I saw in , my child's face to day. In 8 minute he had cllose to his breast. Thon he whispered, oh, so
kindly, "Never mind, little danghter, we sil knor it was an accident, but I hope you will again." Ou 1 what axovolation of feeling Ies.
 love and gratitude, and brrying my face in his nuch, and nokting can
How I loved ny father today, as the sight of my own jittle giri's face braxght it all so frestly befors mel Will sle bove as dcar
y, I wonder, twenty years or moze from now
be pulss that stirred my father's heart in thist
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And, on the other hand, a thoroughly effcient
man, trained to work and capablo of doing
well thie task assigned him mä tur well the task assigned him, may turn out
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the more easily to work mischiet to those trast him. But goodiness and émeciency com-
bined make ap a man whose value, Jike the model ho
rubies.
Such m
Such men are needed in every vocation;
but thereis an especially loud call for them in the churches of God. The pulpit nocds
them, they are sorely needed in the Sund schools and other departments of church
work. The caise of Christ languishes through the inembieiency in Christian work of those
Who are especially called to organize, overin more abandant messure, in pulpit and in
pew; but even more we need consecrated
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It would be well it, in solecting pastors snd office bearers," churches would think more of these two important qualifications for ser-
vice. They should. rch for them as men
search for hidaden treasures; and for searuld there be more fervent prayer than
shout the Lord of the haryest woild send forth
that sueh laborers into his harvest.
one More Opportuaity We often come across people who have
been unfortuaite for life. They have lost property. They have lost standing in com.
mmity. They have lost their eartuly loves. Some of them have lost even faith and hope. Many of them have lost what would have
made them happy; by their own foolishness.
Their troubles all run back to a wrong decisTheir troubles all run back to a wrong decis-
aon-to one fatal hour. In that hour they
did what they should not have done; and all their troubles are traceable to that one event. Theso poople write to us for advice, for sym
pathy-some from a feeling that they mast
tell somebody. What shall we say to them?
The past blunders do not kill. Past follies do not forfeit fature opporttunities. God is
alwaye ready to give one another chance.
Heaven is never hopeloss It nerer Heaven is never hopeless. It never despsirs
sis to those who are cast down. Cod seems
to toel to foel sure that every prodigal will one day
or another comee back; and is moro anxious
to get the best robe on his back than give
 gives, and that is the end of it. :
If yon have failed, then, in any
matter from what cause, no matter whetber by little. or mach, do not clond the sky
your future by gloomy thonghts ubont
Be Zopetul, happy, courageons. Old errors,
like dead bodies, Blould be buried. Bury them quick, and plant somo flowering seed on
the mound. The mound will level with the
vess; but the floral deod will renew its life years; but the floral deod will renew its life
with the seavons.
"We are ssyed by hope."-Golden Rulc.
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"A number of ray official members take $n$
Charch papor." So asid a pastor to ns a fee
days ago. Were those official members to
poor to take the paper ? This is hardly
be supposed; forr while povierty does not in
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Auential men from among whom our official meembers are chosen. If in sores exceptional
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and in the fields of Christian activity. A
offcial metaber without a Church paper official matraber without a Church paper !
Such a thing ought not to be allowed, and we krow of pastors who will appoint no man
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ard in the Clurch, who will not take and read a Church paper. No man would be entrusted for a momentt with reqponsibility in managing a political party, who $\overline{\text { aid not read a political }}$
paper. This is a time in which intelligence is necessary to qualifit a man for responsi
bility, and in no place is it nueded more than bility, and in no place is it noeded more than
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|  | tages, the proclamations of chief magistrates, the language of the wise and learned, claim a corresponding dignity of expression; how much more the words of Infinite power and of Infinite wisdom. <br> It is evident that the very purpose of the Dipine Word may be thwarted by the tone and manner. $\therefore \ddots$ It is Gods truth meant for man. Read it as of old they read in the law of God--distineity, and gave the sense, and eaused them to understand the reading.-J.W. Shoomaker, in "Elocutionist's Annual" <br> The Brevity of Life. <br> To the young it does not seem short; it seenis very long.... To the boy of fonteen, the man of forty seems a long way" off, and be of sixty removed by an age almost illimitroble. But as time passes on, the aspect of lifo changes. The man of forty thinks forty not nearly as old as he thought it when he was fourteen; fifty appears to him but the prime of life ;"sixty far from aged. When, at length increasing fears admonish him that his lifo work is ended, and that he ean enter on no new undertakings, and he looks back to reflect on what he has accomplished, he wonders to see so little, and is amazed to find the road so short in traveling; which appeared so long in prospect. . He then understands as he never did before the meaning of the Scripture simile:" "Yes," he "says to himsclf," it is indeed true: Life is a tale that is told, and sis \& dream when one awaketh." <br> Then'what my bands design ti da Let me with all my might porsine; Stuce mo dorice מor work is found, <br> Nor faith nor hope beneath the ground," <br> Will You be:One? |
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It is a sad sight to see boys and girlsengaged
in disputes or quisrrels. The Lord Jesas
never quarrelled with anybody, though he was oftentimes cruelly treated.
Be very kind to tho woals and infortunate around you. God long ago, said,
"Ye slall not afflict any widow or tatherles
cbild." IIe also saia, "Thou shalt not curse
the deaf, nor the blind." It is both mean and wicked $t$
take advantage of the infrmities and mistor Use your
Wse your bost efforts to become wise wisdo. If you do not know a a thing, ask
others., This ia sciptorara., God said to the
Jews. "When jour chid
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thioughtiessly ash sill questions. Better is hing.
Wate evil, and your mouth from speaking guile Ask yourself it it is right for you to say any
thiug; then try to speak kindly and truly and aberly. Childhood and youth spent in sin an Be not too fond of play.. Life is a serious
basiness. It is right that young people should baye their time to play." Bot sowe time. Learn to find your joy in doing your
duty. It may be bard for ou to do some
things; but try your best, and by degrees they

Obey your parents. Obey them promptly
cheerfully, in all things that are lawful.

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& \text { hope thoy would not command you to do } \\
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father and mother, . . . that it may be well with thee, and thiou mayest live long on the
earth.". It is gafe for old or young to do any
thing that $G+$ \& bids them: it is very unsafe for them not do what he commands.
Let your conduct towards. God be ver
humble. We are all simners, and you are no oxception. God hates a lofty spiriti.' W
ought all to be humble, and never lift up ou heads in pride.... Cod. He bas done a great
Be thankful to
deal for you.: What a mercy it is that he did not let loose the passions of bad men against
you as he did against those children in Beth lebem, when "a woice was heard, lameatta-
tion and woeping and greatt mourning,-
Rachel weeping for her children, sad would
no Be very kind and respectful to - C people
Nerer make fun of them. 1 ic cir age itsell should protect . them. You remember the
children that mocked the old prophet Elisha crying, "Go ap, thou
bald-head.". And you remember, how, Cod
gent fort tore forty and two young. persons. Children
may often be gay without any sin; bat let them never make merry over the appearance
or infirmities of old people, and especially of aged ministers.
Do all you can to be lize Jesus Christ. He was the best model that, children ever had
He is the bost friond troy now have. When on earth, he cared sick ehildren just as h
cured other people. oh that everybody, ol
and young, would trust the Savioar.-Child

## How the Dignervwasps Rake Thei

July has come again, and brought with it such warm, suitry dsys that it almost seemed
as if no living creature could stitr abroad Yoverg on in one garden. Through the ain
and over the flower-beds hastened hundred of little people. Some lived in the trees an One morning, especisily, there seemed to
be something unasual going on; the buga be something unusual going on; the buzzin and humming was lairly deafening.
Whir-r-r! whir-r-r! What - was that creature that darted past my face? And
here came another, and another; why, th garden was full of them.
Big brown-and-yellow wasps these stran
gers were, and all in a most desperate hurry Scores of them were already hasd at work
digging away in the firmly-packed sand of the diggin.
As thess new.comers seemed to care very
little who watched them at their work, I sat down on an upturned flower-pot in tho
shade of a friendly .ilac, dotermined to Hardly hadI settled mysell before one the wasps approached. She seemed search
ing for something, for she flew rapidly back and forth, now alighting for a moment-no upon the ground close to me and began
bite the earth with her strong jaws. Whe quite a little heap lay before her she pushe
it to one side with her hind feet and the returned to her digging. In five minutes sh
had an opening big enough to get into ; ever pukhing a buge load of sand as big as hersel
behind her. Soon all around the hole behind ber. . Soon all around the hole $w$ sary to make a path across it, and pushl hee
loads over that. the boonse was finished. It was very simply planded, and had only one room down at the
end of a Iong, narrow passage. But simple
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The Farmer's sceptre





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##  <br>  <br> The worst of the Lot

In the early part of the reign of Louis
XVL., a German prince, traveling through tie galley slaves 'were kept. Thie command.
ant, as a compliment to his rank, said he was elcome to set froo any one galley slave The prince, williag to make the best use nccession, inquiring why they were con-
emned to the galleys. Injustice, oppres: sion, false accusations. were assigneed by op one
fter: another, as tle canses of there being here. In fact, they were all injured and At last he came to one who, when asked Your highness, I have, no reason to comretch.: I have often deserved to be broken. alive on the wheel. I account it a great
wercy that I am here." The prince fised. his eyes upon him, gave him a gentle blow
on the head, and answered: "You wiekod mong so many honest men; by your own
confession you are bad enough to corrupt another day"'" Then turning to the ofiem
he said: "This is the man, sir, whom I wish The released."
Was not this
Was not this a wise decision? Must not all Who hear the story allow that the man whe
was sensible of his guilt, and so sabmissive o his punishment, was, in all probability
the most worthy of pardon, and the most Sikly not to abase it?
Sense of sin is the first step toward for jiveness. There is hope of a man who con-
fesses his guilt, and feels that panishment is in, the more hopoful often is the condition. Sunday Magazine

## What ground have we for believing that

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ary to bo intiont.on the present. To be
oing one thing and thinking of oing one thing and thinking of another is
ery unsatiffactory mode of spending life. .
It is much easier to meet with error than is biden in great depths; and the wa
seek does not appear to all tho world.


OUR NEXT VOLUME.



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ing the policy of the Russian Government it regard to the war in Afghanistani:-Russia
being satissed thatt the war must result in a British victory, does not contemplate inte
vention or interferences while hostilities las but intends to claim a voice in the se
thement of the terms of peace. It bases.
claim upon the announcement that the re tification of the Indo-Afghan frontier is pr
posed, which the Goverument of the Czar not prepared to sobmit to withotita previous
understanding between England and Russia:
Russia will not consent to the anmexation or understanding between England ana
Russia will not coussent to the annexation or
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portions commanaing the passes of Balkh.
It is wita a view to making its voice heard
at the conclusion of tho war that Russia has at the conclusion of tho war that Russia has
ordered Col. F. Lowakive to push ou with
his troops, now stationed on the Attrek, to
Narghab, and that the contingent now staNarghab, and that th
tioned at Samarcand
continue its march,
A Berlin despatch says General IKaufmann
delivered a costly sword to Mundsha Mohamdelivered a costly sword to Mundsha Mohaim.
med Passan, chief of the Atghan Legation at
Tashkend, to be transmitted through him to Tashkend, to be transmitted through him to
the Ameer at Csbull When presentign the
sword Kaufmann said: "My illustrious sovsword haumana said. "the sus nover setts,
ereign in whose empire the
and whose raised finger makies millions of soldiers to take ap arms, sends this pledge of
friendship and unchanging affection to his
friend and ally, the noble and chivalrous ruler of the Atghans and Belocoches. History
teaches that Rassia ever espouses the just
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 The reception of this scheme by the people
will be watched with interest. Rememiering the response made to the call of the cen.
tenary year, we have little fear of the al-
timate success of this movement The timate success of this movement. The coin.
mercial depression of 1878 is scarcely steid of subscrbing 400,000 , the sum asked
for, the people made a thank -offering of
si,700,000, we caunot doubt the readiness $\$ 1,700,000$, we cannot doubt the readiness
of the Church, greatly increased in numbers
and wealth as it is, to do more than has been.

## THMES OF REFRESHING.

that the Lord is graciously reviving his worl of salvation in in different localitiess. . The
Charch cannot make progress without apiritual harvest times, when the ripe sheaves that have grown from the seed sown are
gathered innto:the garner of the Lord. We
hear now-a-days a good deol of talk about the progress that consists in forgetting old
things, apd adopting new things and new ject things becanse they are old or because they are new. We shonld prove ull things. and
hold fast that which isgood. We may change
or give up what is non-essential- and tempor: ary.f. A blind adherence to the methods of
other times mas retard progress yery other times may retard progress very mux h.
But of thungs vital and fuodamental, we must. say,
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Among those permanent elements of po wer
Ad progress, for which we should earnestly and progress, for which we should earuestly
contend, mast be placed the convertiug poww,
By which siuners are brought from darkness to by which siuners are brought from darkgess to
bight and from the power of Satain unto God
Wher we look upon the myriads around us who are living in sin, without God and with-
out hope in the world, wo know that tiothing
can chon the of the saving grace of God. When we look
out apon the rast army of young immortals we know that nothing can save them from
the sianes of a wicked world, but unjoi with Cbrist by a living faith, that will bring his
strength down into their want and weakness. Whon we look on the Charch witnessing and
working for the Redeemer, and mark the power of the world, the flesh, and thar deri';
we mast feel how' greatly we need new re cruits for the army of Immaniel, ardont with
tiue zeal of first love; and we can only get them by the revival of God we woik, only get
in those whering Whether in special services, by special agen:
cies, or in the ordinary services by the rega
la: mainsty secondary,-we must have olda-faskioned con-
versions, or we shall langixis and die. The
world needs revivals as manch as ever; and world needs revivals as much as ever ; and
the Lords arm is not shortened that he can:-
not save.:
Minstrenul Association.-A weet ago
last Monday morning, a number of clergy.
mea belonping to the various Christian Charches in Toronto and vicinity, assembled
in Shaftesbary Hall for the purpose of or-: ganizing a Ministerial Associatiol
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