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COMMUNICATION.

FOR THE STAR.

Extract of a letter from a preacher of the Free-Will Baptist Connection to his mother, an only surviving parent.

My dear and ever respected mother,

Our unworthy son yet begs a share with the people of God; nor does he beg in vain; for his soul is fed with the bread of life. Religion is my estate and my treasure, my comfort and my theme. I feel no anxiety for riches which can never satisfy the mind, and which we can never carry into another world. My main object is to get ready to die. The riches of the world, the honors of men, and the feeble pleasures of the thoughtless and the giddy, I do not want. There may be some there that wish, but my soul enjoys something better. A better world than this I have in view; a world where the wicked cease from troubling, and where the weary are at rest. With my companion I enjoy many happy hours in prayer and praise to God, and in contemplating what God has done for our souls. I can, however, but wish and pray that we were more humble and more devoutly faithful in the cause which we have espoused.

I often review my former days of childhood, when I was a thoughtless child, without hope and without God in the world; oftentimes joining the vain company of fellow youth in sports, which to my knowledge occasioned you to shed many tears of deep and heartfelt sorrow on my account. Although I did not go to the extent that many of my age have gone, even to the loss of every thing near and dear to them; yet this much I know that I followed a sinful course so far that when the Spirit of God operated upon my mind, I felt condemned for my sins, and saw that my condemnation was just. Had death closed my wild career then; my poor soul must have been stung with torments infinitely more painful. But God was merciful, by whose compassions I found favor, even the forgiveness of my sins, for which I am under the greatest obligations to love and serve him. My trust is in God, and my desire is that I may please him in every thought, action, and word, that I may see the face of God who has done for me, whereof I have reason to be glad.

I often think of you while pondering upon the days of my childhood; but still more when I think of your lonely state of widowhood, in which providence has placed you. Nor do I forget you when I visit the throne of mercy. May the Lord comfort you with all the consolation of his grace; and through your declining days, be the witness God and husband.

I am not indifferent to you, as to the peace and welfare of my brother and sisters, although I acknowledge I am deservingly the least share of your parental affection; if any difference be admissible, of any one of your children. There was a time when in the distressing sickness of the family, at which time my father, who has since been so much misused by us all, was removed from the care of his family to another state of existence, that some of them felt alarmed about themselves, and were not ashamed to own their need of religion. But I fear that anxious heart, that is not indifferent to you, entirely lost. Could I feel that evidence of the acceptance with God of my surviving brothers and sisters, that I felt when my eldest sister lay upon her death bed, even when dying she was "above death," saying to death, *where is thy sting, as you and others heard her express;* it would give me unspeakable consolation. Or could voluntary suffering produce such a well-founded evidence, in my mind as that which could I not forego to obtain it. I trust, however, they live not without serious prayer at least some of them. Sis-

ter P. with her husband I hope yet maintain a public profession. A public profession of the Christian faith I do view essential; for the Saviour protests that he that is ashamed to confess me before men, will I be ashamed to confess before my Father and the holy angels. If money by being put to usury will add to its stock, so will religion, if its duties be faithfully discharged, increase our happiness. I feel a peculiar interest for those who stand in so near and dear relation to me; nor do I know of any thing like animosity, which has been but too common among families, existing in the brotherhood. The thought, shall one of your children in the day of judgment be separated from their praying mother, is quite too shocking for the human mind to contemplate. I feel the force of the question, and to preserve the quietude of my mind, must leave it where it is, yet unmaneuvered. But may my dear and only surviving parent, pray much more earnestly for the conversion of every subject of the family. I cannot forget what you once said to me when I lived in the family, on asking me at my return after preaching somewhere on the Sabbath, the usual question with Christians, "did you enjoy a good meeting?" On giving you an answer, you remarked that you often felt to visit your closest when you thought your sin was in the pulpit, praying God to fortify his youthfulness. I am sure that I have reaped great benefits from your prayers and instructions. I cannot enumerate them now, but expect I shall be able to count them over in eternity; where I hope through the mercy of God we shall meet.

Your unworthy and affectionate son.

MISCELLANY.

From the Episcopal Watchman.

ON PRAYER.

Of all Christian duties the most easy, the most natural, the most necessary, and I may add, the most neglected, is Prayer. And what is the cause of this neglect? Surely not the want of encouragement to pray; for what can inspire us with greater confidence than that beautiful and affecting illustration of our Saviour,—"If ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father, which is in heaven, give good gifts to them that ask him?" If fatherly affections for his offspring disposes him to provide for their necessities and comforts, much more will that never failing mercy and love, which infinitely transcends the affection of any earthly parent, extend itself to the humble suppliant at the throne of God.

How comes it then, that promises like these are so little valued, or so totally disregarded? Have we no wants to be supplied? No temptations to shun? No dangers to fear? Which, if in heaven, give good gifts to them that ask him? Are we so perfectly secure, and contented, and happy, that we need nothing, which it is in the power of our Almighty Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, to bestow? Far from it;—it is not because we are not in reality wretched, miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked, but because we do not fully realize our utter helplessness and poverty, that we never pray.

From the criminal indifference manifested by many Christians to his plain and positive, and necessary duty, it might be inferred that a great part of those who live in gospel lands, were indifferents; for it seems to be a contradiction in terms to acknowledge a God who governs the world, and deny the necessity of making any addresses to him for the supply of our wants, or in grateful return for his favors and blessings so abundantly poured upon us.

Oh that that heart prayer, *while thee shall all flesh come* was the devout exclamation of one; whose inspired hymns are emphatically called "The Prayers of David;"—nor can there be a more encouraging assurance for "all flesh" to come and worship, and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker, than this, that his peculiar and most endearing title is,—"The God who heareth prayer."

It must be a matter of very great surprise, that the All glorious Jehovah, who, though ministering spirits are angels and archangels, and all the glorious company of Heaven,—"He whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, should ever condescend to listen to the feeble petitions of weak, and blind, and sinful mortals. But it is much more astonishing, that we, who cannot expect a single moment without God, who derive all present enjoyments from Him, and are entirely dependent on his mercy for future blessings, should be so reluctant in offering up our petitions for the mercies which we hourly need, and

our thanksgivings for those which we hourly receive.

There is something, not only so ungrateful in such conduct, but so irreconcilable with our Christian profession, that although it has been said "the greatest monster in the world is an *Atheist*;"—yet there would seem to be one greater, and that is a *prayerless Christian*.

The obligations to pray are numerous and powerful; nor do we see how they can be resisted, without filling us with grief and alarm.

Prayer is the dictate of our nature.—Every thing around him reminds man of his dependence on a Superior Power; and wherever the existence of a Supreme Being is acknowledged, there you will find his worshippers making supplications to Him. Even among the most barbarous nations, where the objects of their idolatry are birds, and beasts, and stocks, and stones, prayer is offered to these, as the most natural act of worship. What is, and ever has been the universal practice of mankind, as well in their most savage state, as in the most polished periods of their existence, can have its origin in nothing but immutable truth.

Prayer is positively enjoined in Scripture, and enforced by the example of our Saviour and all holy men. His own command is,—Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; and he elsewhere directs his disciples to "watch and pray always,"—"to pray and not faint." The apostle Paul directs "all men, every where, to pray, lifting up holy hands;"—"to pray always, with all prayer;"—"to continue instant in prayer;"—"to pray without ceasing."—Not that we are required to be always on our knees in prayer, for this is manifestly impossible; but that we are enjoined to maintain such a spirit of devotion as will dispose us in all places, and at all times, to "lift up our hearts and pray unto the Lord."

A man may sometimes pray as fervently and effectually, while engaged in his ordinary business, as he could in the church, or in his closet. He may also pray in society, as well as in retirement, for prayer is only an aspiration of the heart, which can never be unseasonably wasted to heaven. And it is nothing more or less than an habitual disposition to turn our thoughts and affections heavenward, which is enjoined by the command—"continue instant in prayer."

We have the example of our blessed Lord and his apostles, and of all holy men, enforcing this duty.—Our Saviour often prayed with his disciples, and by himself; and, at one time, we read of his "continuing all night in prayer to God." The apostles "gave themselves continually to prayer;" and were it necessary further to illustrate this point, we might instance the example of Moses, and David, and Solomon, and Hezekiah, and Cornelius;—in short, every holy person mentioned in Scripture; whose prayers ascend to God, as a memorial before God; and the histories of whose lives instruct us, that "the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry."

And is not prayer a reasonable duty?—We are indebted to the goodness and loving kindness of our Heavenly Father for every blessing we now enjoy, and are dependent on him for all that we hope for hereafter. Our very existence was derived from him, and its continuance depends on his protecting providence. We ourselves are poor and helpless; we can receive nothing but what he pleases to give, and do nothing without his aid. Nor do the natural impulses of the human heart would seem to be, to go to Him to whom our necessities are known, and who is able to relieve them. If we want a favor of an earthly friend, surely the least we can do is to ask him for it; and why not go to our Father who is in heaven, "who knoweth how to give good gifts unto his children," and who is willing to do for us "more abundantly than we can ask or think?" Are we poor and needy? He can supply our wants. Are we beset by dangers and temptations? He can deliver us, if we are afflicted? He can comfort us. Are we bowed down with a sense of guilt and unworthiness? He can freely forgive our sins. And what more reasonable of more natural, than that we go to "the Father of mercies," for pardon of all our misdoings—"to the God of all comfort," peace and consolation to our afflicted brethren?

Surely, when we take all these considerations together, that prayer is the dictate of our nature,—that it is expressly commanded in Scripture,—that it is enforced by the example of our Saviour, and of all holy men,—that it is the most reasonable service to the Divine Being, on whom we depend for all things temporal and spir-

itual,—we must admit that prayer is a pre-eminent part of our duty.

"THE TIME IS SHORT."

Is the time short? Who believes it? All profess to do it; but where is the man who *lives and conducts* under the influence of such a belief? Past time appears short indeed. Look back 10, 20, or 30 years, and how does it appear? As the dream of an hour. But notwithstanding all this, we are prone to feel as though our lives were a kind of eternity; and to live, as though our day of probation, and our stay in this world would never come to an end. Is time short? And is half of thy short life spent? Were I, now, of years, some years and ten, it becomes me to take the alarm, and seek, with persevering exactness the pardon of my sins; and grace that will triumph over death and the grave. But I cannot be sure of an hour. How then does it become me to live and act. Is 10, 20, or 30 years of thy short life past?—Then, O my soul, improve what remains; as not a year, a month, a day, hour, or moment, can possibly be recalled. Is the time short? Then, O slumbering professor, is it time for thee to awake. Art thou not willing to quit this mortal state, when so much remains for thee to do in the world around; among the professed followers of Christ, in thy family; and so much remains to be done in thine own soul? Thy hopes, how faint; thy faith, how weak; thy corruption, how strong. Then set about the work in good earnest. Is the time short? Then be patient, suffering Christians; for soon your trials and sorrows will end, and you will be far hence, on the hill of Zion, beyond the reach of evil and sorrow. Is the time short? Then, O sinner, art thou doing thy duty? Soon the patience of God will fail, your day of grace be over, and your soul lost; and O then, what will it avail you whatever else may be secured? How dreadful would it be, should you not begin to seek for mercy until you had not time to obtain it. And dare you say, that you have any more than just time enough left in which to secure the salvation of your soul? Then is it not more than madness to postpone repentance any longer? Is it wise? Is it safe? If you will consider of your ways and turn to God; go on, and secure the riches, honors, and pleasures of the world, if you can, and make them your gods if you will; and then when God shall rise up in anger against you, you may go and cry to the gods that you have served, for help and deliverance. Christian reader, will you not pray that God will bless these warnings?

Christian Juror.

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

Our readers will doubtless remember the case of the three Jews in Constantinople who were imprisoned on the 1st of December, 1826, for no other reason than embracing the Christian religion. After remaining in prison two or three months, one of the number returned to Judaism and was not released; the date of the last accounts is, therefore, that he had endured the severest privations, reproaches and buffetings, for nearly a year, remained firm in the profession of their faith, and seemed resolved to persevere even unto death. At their baptism they received the names of John and John Baptist. In the month of March, 1827, Mr. Leever, Church Missionary at Constantinople, wrote them a letter, desiring each of them, if they continued faithful to their Saviour, and were ready to endure all for him, as they had hitherto done, to send him a declaration to this effect, signed by their own hands. The most satisfactory answers were received, one of which is as follows:

"Sir, and Father, Mr. Leever.—This comes from me your son John Baptist. I say to you from the bottom of my soul and of my heart, that I have known Jesus as my Messiah, and from henceforth, let what will come upon my head, I accept it all for the love of him; and I wish to know neither father, nor mother, nor wife, but I acknowledge Jesus Christ our Lord, and after him yourself. I pray day and night to Jesus Christ, our Lord to be so well to you and to establish you, as well yourself, as all of that family, who have shewed to us the true light. Amen. (Signed) JOHN BAPTIST."

Hamstead, N. H.—There appears in this place to be a genuine Puritan revival of religion. It is a noiseless, solemn, fervent and transforming kind of religion, such as we might expect to be produced by the spirit of the true peace and holiness. It is like all God's other works, regular, powerful, and irresistible! It is the effect of His spirit, of whom it is re-

Here permit me to digress. O ye, Christless professors, ye drunkards, ye liars, ye swearers, ye proud, ye backbiters, ye tattlers, ye hypocrites, throw off your cloak of vain pretensions and forsake your ungodly practices, and seek the Lord with an honest heart, and the church will be at peace.

As the snow was now leaving us very fast, we thought it expedient to start on our journey homeward. The reader may

THE SACRIFICE.

The morning sun rose bright and clear,
On Abraham's tent, a family there;
And all was bright and cheerful there,
All save the Patriarch's heart alone.

When God's command arose to mind,
It forced into his eye the tear;
For though his soul was all resigned,
Yet Nature fondly lingered there.

The morning's simple fare was spread
And Sarah at the banquet smiled;
Nor 'till her face the light of day
For neither sat her only child.

The chariot that pleased a Monarch's eye
Upon her cheek had left a trace;
His highly ordered destiny
Was written in his heavenly face.

The groaning father turned away,
And walked the inner tent apart,
He felt his forehead throbbing there,
While nature whispered at his heart.

Oh! must this pain be given to pain?
The promise of a blessed land,
Heir to the choicest gifts of heaven,
Be slain by a fond father's hand?

This son for whom my eldest born
Was sent an outcast from his home;
And in some wilderness forlorn
A savage exile doom'd to roam.

But shall a feeble worn old man
And murder at a father's end,
Shall he be backward to fulfil
The known and certain will of God?

"Arise, my son, the cruel fiend,
And store the sack with due supplies;
For we must seek Moriah's hill,
And offer there a sacrifice."

The mother raised her speaking eye,
And all a mother's agony there;
She feared the desert dread and dry,
She feared the savage lurking near.

Abraham beheld, and made reply—
"On him from whom all blessings flow;
"My sister, we with faith rely—
"Tis he commands and we must go."

The dutiful son in haste obeyed,
The camp was forthwith made prepared,
And with the Third day's night shade
Moriah's lofty hill appeared.

The servants then at distance stay'd,
Alone ascend the son and sire;
The wood on Isaac's shoulder laid—
The wood to build his funeral pyre.

No passion sway'd the father's will;
He felt a calm and death-like still;
His soul all chastised and resign'd,
Bow'd meekly, tho' he shudder'd still.

While on the mountain's height they stood
With smiling wonder Isaac cries,
"My Father!—lo! the fire and wood,
"But where the Lamb for sacrifice?"

The Holy Spirit said his mind,
While Abraham answered low and calm,
"We steady voice and calm resign'd,
"God will himself provide a Lamb."

But let us not profess like some
On holiest theme too rashly dare—
Turn to the book of books divine,
And read the glorious promise there.

Agas on ages roll'd away—
At length the time appointed came,
When on the mountain's height they lay,
God did provide himself a Lamb.

From Zion's Herald.

When around us life is shining,
Touched by pleasure's flowing hand,
When its joys are softly twining
Round our hearts their silver band,
When some rich and valued blessing
Is wrapt on each day's breath,
When each wished for good possesses;
Oh! 't is hard to think on death.

But there's something which can lighten
All the sorrows of the tomb,
All its dark recesses brighten,
Dispel its saddest gloom,
Shed around it beams of glory,
Bid its very terror cease,
Fill the soul with rapture love,
Jesus, 'tis one smile from thee.

CHARLOTTE.

MISCELLANY.

THE LAST HOURS OF WASHINGTON.

We copy from Cutler's Recollections, and Private Memoirs of the Life and Character of Washington, the following pathetic, and melancholy description of the last hours of General George Washington—the father of our country, and the founder of our liberties. The extract, which we here present, is from an unpublished work, which will soon be laid before the world. We commend the article to the attention of all the admirers of Washington, and to all who venerate the Hero and the Statesman, who laid the foundation and key-stone of our free, and sacred institutions.

In reading the article, our feelings have been immensely excited, and whilst perusing that part of it, which describes the death-bed moments of the General, we have been led to admire the man still farther, and to rejoice on beholding, with what fortitude "a christian can die."—*Lit. Cadet.*

"Twenty-eight years have passed away, since an interesting group were assembled in the Death-room, and witnessed the last hours of Washington. So keen and unquenching, both been the scythe of Time, that, of all those who watched over the Patriarch's couch, on the 15th and 14th of November, 1799, but a single personage survives.

On the morning of the 13th, the General was engaged in making some improvements in front of Mount Vernon. As was usual with him, he carried his own compass, noted his observations, and marked out the ground.—The day became rainy,

with sleet, and the improver remained so long exposed to the inclemency of the weather, as to be considerably wetted before his return to the house. About one o'clock, he was seized with chilliness and nausea, but having changed his clothes, he sat down in his in-door work—there being no moment of his time for which he had not provided an appropriate employment.

At night, on joining his family circle, the General complained of slight indisposition, and, after a single cup of tea, retired to his study, where he remained writing until between eleven and twelve o'clock. Mrs. Washington retired about the usual family hour, but becoming alarmed at not hearing the accustomed sound of the Library door, as it closed for the night, and gave signal for rest in the well regulated mansion, she arose again, and continued sitting up, in much anxiety and suspense. At length the well known step was heard on the stair, and upon the General's entering his chamber, the usually clouded brow cleared up, and he, knowing himself to be unwell, to which Washington made this memorable reply:—"I came so soon as my business was accomplished. You well know, that, through a long life, it has been my unvaried rule, never to put off till the morrow the duties which should be performed to-day."

Having first covered up the fire with care, the man of mighty labors at last sought repose; but it came not as it had long been wont to do, to comfort and repose, after the many and earnest exertions of the well spent day. The night was passed in feverish restlessness and pain. "Tired nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep," was destined no more to visit his couch; yet the manly sufferer uttered no complaint, would permit no one to be disturbed in their rest, on his account, and it was only at day break he would consent that the Overseer might be called in, and bleeding resorted to. A vein was opened, but without affording relief. Couriers were dispatched to summon Dr. Craik, the family and Drs. Deck and Brown, as consulting Physicians, all of whom came with speed. The proper remedies were administered, but without producing their healing effects, while the patient, yielding to the anxious looks of all around him, waived his usual objection to medicines, and took those which were prescribed, without hesitation or remark. The medical gentlemen spared not their skill, and all the resources of their art were exhausted in unwearying endeavors to preserve this noblest work of nature.

Night approached—the last night of Washington; the weather became severely cold while the storm continued to rage to the couch of the sufferer, watching, with intense anxiety, for the slightest dawning of hope. He spoke but little. To the respectful and affectionate inquiries of an officious servant, as she smoothed down his pillow, how he felt himself, he answered, "I am very ill." To Dr. Craik, his earliest companion in arms, longest tried, and bosom friend, he observed:—"I am dying, Sir—but am not afraid to die." To Mrs. Washington, he said:—"Go to my writing-table, and in private draw up my will and two papers—bring them to me." They were brought. He continued:—"These are my wills—preserve this one, and burn the other;" which was immediately done. Calling to Col. Lear, he directed:—"Let my corpse be kept for the usual period of three days."

Here we would beg leave to remind our readers, that, in a former part of this work, we have said that Washington was ill fashioned in much of his habits and manners, and in some of his opinions; but he was the less to be admired on those accounts. The custom of keeping the dead for the scriptural period of three days, is derived from remote antiquity, and arose, not from fear of premature interment, as in more modern times, but from motives of veneration toward the deceased; for the better enabling the relatives and friends to assemble from a distance, to perform the funeral rites; for the pious watching of the corpse; and for the many sad, yet interesting, ceremonials with which it is delightful to pay our last duties to the remains of those we have loved.

The patient bore his acute sufferings with manly fortitude, and perfect resignation to the Divine will; while, as the night advanced, it became evident that he was sinking, and he seemed fully aware that his "hour was nigh." He inquired the time, and it was answered, a few moments to twelve. He spoke no more—the hand that was upon him, and he was conscious that his "hour was come." With surprising self-possession, he prepared to die. Composing his form at length, and folding his hands upon his bosom—without a groan—the Father of his Country expired, gently as though an infant died. Nor pang or struggle told, when the noble spirit took its noiseless flight; while, so tranquil appeared the many features in the repose of death, that some moments had passed ere those around could believe that the Patriarch was no more.

It may be said, that by the ministry of religion wanting to shed the peaceful and benign, lustre upon the last hours of Washington? Why was he, to whom the observances of sacred things were over

primary duties, through life, without the consolations in his last moments? We answer, circumstances did not permit. It was but for a little while that the disease assumed so threatening a character; as to forbid the encouragement of hope; yet, to stay that summons which none may refuse, to give still further length of days to him, whose "time-honored life" was so dear to mankind, prayer was not wanting to the Throne of Grace. Close to the couch of the sufferer, resting her hand upon that ancient book, with which she had been wont to hold pious communion, a portion of every day, for more than half a century, was the venerable consort, absorbed in silent prayer, and from which she only arose when the mourning group prepared to bear her from the chamber of the dead. Such were the last hours of Washington.

YOUNG MEN.

Few things are so unseemly and disgusting, as a forward young man. When youth stands up in the place of years, and inexperience takes the authority of wisdom, the world has a right to sneer and cast reproaches; for "days should speak, and multitude of years teach wisdom." Our young men have quite too much to do with making our governors, and affecting to lead in our elections. Influence, useful and necessary, is too precious commodity, and too slowly secured for a wise man to fritter it away upon every occasion, until he leaves himself naked to shame; and find, when it is too late, that his words and counsels are powerless. There is a habit in our republic, and it is a good habit, of making harangues and set speeches in public assemblies. In such assemblies, and through them, in the nation, men of talents, matured character, and skillful eloquence, have a command and power of vast importance; but an unfortunate stripping cannot select a more unfortunate opportunity for display—for all diseases, the speechifying mania is the most destructive to a weak mind.

A due reverence for years will soon check the impetuous fires of youth. It is a reverence which should be cultivated early and habitually; for no virtue is more beautiful than respect for age: that age which has virtue for its consolation, and wisdom for its crown. When the philanthropist Howard, himself one of the most modest, as he was one of the most worthy of men, visited the Pope, Pius VI, that dignified but unfortunate prince, on parting, laid his hand upon his heretical visitor's head, at the same time good humoredly observing, "I know you English men do not mind these things, but the blessing of an old man can do you no harm."

FERGUS.

RAMOS, A CONVERT FROM POPERY.

ACROSS ATLANTIC.

A recent letter from a Presbyterian clergyman, associated with the Rev. Mr. Parvin, an academy at Buenos Ayres, and published in a late Philadelphia paper, contains some interesting particulars respecting the state of religion in and about the city. A small congregation, and Sunday school, are assembled every Sunday, the latter consisting nominally of about forty, though not more than half that number are often together at once. A large number of converts have been made, and the information, in regard to other countries, which embraces religious societies as well as others.

"I have," says the writer, "had repeated opportunities of conversing with the priests, and laymen; and have, without exception, been treated with civility, and generally with kindness." The interesting case of Ramos, the only known convert from Popery, is given in detail, as derived from conversation with himself. While in retirement, at his country seat, during the convulsions of the revolutionary struggle, this wealthy and devout Romanist was led, by the diligent study of a Latin Bible, to entertain serious doubts as to the authority, to doubt the firmness of the foundation on which his former faith had rested. This sword of the Spirit, though sheathed in four quarto volumes of Pious contemplation, soon opened so effectually, as to reveal the fetters of Popery, and the information, that he discerned the priest who officiated at the chapel connected with his estate, and banished and buried the images of the apostles and saints which were ranged on the walls. "These events transpired in 1817. The feeling excited against Ramos was so strong, that, influenced by his wish to live in peace, and his apprehensions concerning his personal safety, he soon sought refuge from persecution with himself. While in retirement, and retreated 300 or 350 miles back, among the Indians of the Pampas, among whom he soon acquired an influence not unlike that which Penn once exerted over the tribes of the savages, he was able to enjoy a more peaceful and undisturbed life. In 1821, he and his Indians were brought by Rodriguez, with an army of 3000 men, to Buenos Ayres. Here he was detained, prisoner, under the accusation of more liberal administration, in 1823, he was set at liberty. He retired to his plantation, where six years before he had buried the saints, and has remained there without once visiting the city. Besides the live on the estate, he has a small flock of cattle, and a small family. They eat, cook, labor, and sleep in the same style, to which their fathers trained them in the wilds of Patagonia, and will not be disturbed from their simple customs." The writer expresses his fear, that the truth has as yet operated only intellectually on Ramos, and that his heart is not yet prepared for a cordial reception of the humble spirit of the gospel.

EDUCATION.

"Degraded and degrading pauperism will vanish with crime—under the genial influence of virtue, and with science, and the power of the humble hand lot, will be able to command and to enjoy an intellectual feast at every leisure moment; and even while busily employed in his daily labors for subsistence, the great field of mind and matter—the grand domain of all varied beauty and loveliness, is ever present to his view and admiration. Let knowledge be as free as the air which we breathe—not to illumine the cottage as well as the

palace—let it adorn, elevate, and dignify every human being;—let it be the language and the wish of every enlightened citizen. The system of universal education is now on trial before the world. It remains to be seen, whether twelve millions of people—or fifty millions—and we shall soon be fifty millions—can exercise the rights and possess the benefits of this system of education. If it lives in peace and safety, liberty and equality! And if so, to solve the problem of universal freedom and self-government. For the American system will, if successful, make the people of this world, I believe it will succeed. The grand instrument, under God, of maintaining and carrying it to perfection, is, must ever be, education. The education too of the very people, who, at present, in almost every part of the world, are regarded as possessing any rights, or as worthy of the slightest political consideration, or as capable of any more refined mental enjoyments than the savage or the brute. Let us, therefore, unite to build up this truly American system, and thus to promote the best interest of all the people—and of mankind universally." *Dr. Lindley.*

SATISFIED OR TRALLA.—This Great Philosopher

used to repeat the following observations frequently:—"God is the oldest of all things, because he has no beginning. The world is the most beautiful, and the work of his hands. Necessity is the strongest of all things, because it is the strongest to its laws. Time is the wisest thing, as it discovers all things. Thought is the swiftest thing, as it pervades all places. And Hope the most common thing, as it is the possession of those who have nothing besides."

Advice.—Teach your children that virtue has the first claim to regard; will founded friendship the second; and honor consequently, which is unsupported by these, deserve but little consideration. More indulgence should certainly, from obvious causes, be allowed with respect to the ties of party and sect, than in any case should they prove a sanction for vice.

When his Prussian majesty took possession of Prague, he was surveying one of the principal cathedrals, attended by one of the most distinguished ecclesiastics, and observing the various statues in rich gold habits, he asked the priest what was the value of the gilding? "Six," replied the priest, "they are solid gold." "Gold!" answered his majesty, "then the apostles are put to a wrong use, for it was intended by their master they should travel all over the face of the earth for the public good, and behold in your church they are all confined; therefore, to fulfil their master's orders I will have them made into doctors, that they may travel over the face of the earth."

Temperance Department.

From the Philadelphia

THE VICTIMS OF INTemperance.

The extent of the ravages of this vice is indeed mournful and appalling. What a catalogue ever of distinguished names might I rehearse to the reader, taken just as they occur to my recollection, and leaving the names of those who are merely attractive, but transcendent at the bar of the state, in the camp, in the cabinet, in the medical art, in the law—write it my pen with shame and trembling—*procurer*. The list indeed are few, and must of course be but a partial list. I will therefore enter into the sacred debt, for no drunkard can inherit the kingdom of God, whether it be above or below. But it does not the less fill us with horror, that so high and holy a place should suffer such foul desecration.

There are such names as MARTIN, and GARDNER, resident at the bar; SHERIDAN, a prince among orators and statesmen; TOMPKINS, the great lawyer and the ablest officer of the republic; DENNIS, FORBES, ornaments of the very first brilliancy in Greek and English literature; CUMMINGS, CLARK, the wooder and delight of their hearts, and men of A, and E, and G, and R—and all these, have ignominiously fallen beneath the fascinating and irretrievable influence of intoxicating drink. They once drank innocently, and have become drunkards;—to give cheer to a social visit—to impart moderate draught, coldly without confusion to the tongue—to do a generous friend the compliment of complying with his invitation, but it proved their ruin, and the subject of their lament, which admitted to the chambers of the human brain, made thorough work with body, mind and soul. It becoms so and on, by gentle gradations, and in the end, the victim of the destroyer—the descent is like that of a very gentle and mild plane reaching far, whose highest portion is very high, whose lower end is very low, at the bottom of all hope, hypnosis, reputation and usefulness. The danger is not in the first glass, but in the second, the danger is not suspected until the fatal point is passed. You must not think your own is safe. There is no need of it. If you are a laboring man, your body will be strong; if you are an intellectual man, your intellect will be clear; and more vigorous; if you are a Christian, your devotion will be purer and more heavenly; if you are an impatient ancestor, you will be more likely to be patient; if you are a miser, you will be more likely to be generous; if you are a liar, you will be more likely to be truthful; if you are a thief, you will be more likely to be honest; if you are a drunkard, you will be more likely to be sober; if you are a sinner, you will be more likely to be righteous; if you are a man, you will be more likely to be a man; if you are a woman, you will be more likely to be a woman; if you are a child, you will be more likely to be a child; if you are a parent, you will be more likely to be a parent; if you are a citizen, you will be more likely to be a citizen; if you are a man, you will be more likely to be a man; if you are a woman, you will be more likely to be a woman; if you are a child, you will be more likely to be a child; 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