## ET, reverord.

 vaterday, out of my window au boys as they plotted mifeoble Not thinking I wee near, We rust have Joe to help Ie's as good as a dozen firs belp ing. bead." st Ley stood there talking toget Almut the work to le done, They called by the name of fun, P the street we heard $\boldsymbol{a}$ whiatle, And knew tiat Joe was nigb Like the blockbisd merty munic, We've just boon talkling about youl The boys cried out to Joe We've planned the jolleat frollio, Anil we count on you, you know. depenils on what's to be done$\qquad$ If it's fun, and only fun, you know They told him what ratir plane w He gravely shoot his heou. rouldn't help with that, boy Nor it wouldn't be right," hz ,
"Perlaps you call it only Pun, But you tain it ork And though they urged, they urged

## Le firmly answered, "Kol"

was proud of the boy with co
To stand up for the righ
He was an much a hero
As those who battlea figb
As was my horo tompted
tis always best to win the day

## CONTINUOUS PROVIDENOB

Doctor Guthrio has the fol Divine Povidence
Providence has no Sableth. No night suspends; and from its labor God never rasts. Ii 1 may compare small. thiago tion of the heart. Beating our march to the grave, since the day we began to live beat. Our limbs maygrow woury; not it. We sleep: never sloeps. Needing no period of po nich and day it throbs every pulse;and coustantly supplying nourmeasured for fame, with measured, steady, untired along the bounding arteries, without any exercise of wifl conscionsuess of our own very lumbers.
s be a just view of Divillo Providonce, may we not rest securely our troubled spirit be qui
'The steps of a good man aro urdered by the Lord,' way the inspired volume.

There is an unslumbering oye upon us; there is a hear ponsive to every need of our Oanipotence underneath and arounci us. Let us be stillquiet as an infant in its moth. un interests to the heopin of our Heavenly Father.

13e cheerful: do not brood over tond hopes unrealizoe is fistened on ouch though wound around the hoart Nature intended you to be the ness rud social life, snd not thes traveling monument of
despair mad melanoholy.-Ar despair m
thur Help

## $\triangle$ YOOR ORPEANT

There's a newepaper man in town who meets an old retired Methadist parson every day on his way to the office, and the old disciple of John Wealey invariably asks, "What's
Themanofisquibs and par agraphs finally got tired answering the daily conun drum and determined to give
the parson a stunner the nex the paryon a st
"What's the news to day
my friendq" asked the latter yesterday morning as they With a look full of reven and a taunting smile the nowspaper man answered: "Holl's full of water and the devil's drowned.
"Ah," replied the parson mith a Bolom castic gleam out of his eves,
then accept my sympathy you poor, dear orphan boy." The usual morning conun drum is no longer asked, be cause the newspaper man gets to his office by another
longer route now.-Ex.

## $\triangle$ REMARKABLY PRECOCIOUS BOZ.

The famous preacher, Bish op Thirwall, of London, Eng child had most remarkable Latin before he was big enough to wear trowsers, and could read in that language at the age of three years. At
four, he could read Greek 'with an ease which a.stonish ed al! who heard him,' or i other words, perhaps,
"Could speak Greek
At soven he composed an ossay 'On the Uncertainty of Human Life.' At 'eleven, h ing thirty-nine sermons.--Ex

## NATURDIN SIBERIA

"The history of animal and Tegetable life on the tundra, ways a writer in Chamber' Joarmal;"4is a very curious one
For oight months out of th twelve, every trace of vegeta ble life is completely bidden un der a blibiket six feet thick o -very plant and bush; trees there are none to hide.
are none to hide.
"During alr months of this time, at least, mimal life is only tracesble by the footprints of a reindeer or a fox on the snow, or by the occasional appearance of a reven or suow-owl, wanderin above the limits of forest growth where it has retired for the win ter. For two months in mid winter, the sun never rises above reflects only the fitful light o the moon, tbe stars, or the auro

## ra borealis.

"Parly in February, the sun only just peeps upon the acene for a few minutes at noon, and then retires. Day by day he prolongs his visit more and more;
until February, March, April and May have passed, and continu one ni
day.
"Early in June the sun only juat touches the horizon at mid
night, does not set any more fo come time. At midday, the sun' rays are hot enough to blister the akin, but they glance harmlessly days you have the anomaly uns you have the anomaly
and often rain, and the great vent of the year takes place the ice on the rivers breaks up, and the blankets of snow melt
away. The black earth absorlus the heart of the never-setting ann; quicty, but awiftly, vegita-
 ger Alpine fruit, diversififed only by atrims from the north, which cold and rain down from the

THE MERSEY TUNNEL
Among the important onginprosecuted abroad is the tunnel under the Mersey, connecting
Liverpool with Birkenhead. It is now pushed far
tion, the work ou both sides be ing well undor the bed of the iver, where it is being carried
through a stratum of new red sandstone, of a very firm de-
scription, well adapted for tunneling, and yielding but little water. The total length of the and the length of the sub-aque mile; and the work, as a whole,
will not only connect the towns by local trains, so as to do away
with the inconveniences of the with the inconveniences of the
firy boals now in use, but it
will aleo permit the passage of Will aloo permit tho passage of
through trains belonging to the severil railway companies of the
district, all of which will be able to obtain running powers over
the underground line. Several hundred men are now constantly
employed on the works, and it is arpected that it will be possi to walk through the drainage other, in, the course of the presrunning through the main tu wo years. The excavations have been carried on, until lately, by
pick and shovel, but these are ow saperseded by the Beaunont boring machine, driven by which has been in use on the French side of the Channel Tun-
nel. This machine has been found n ractice to accomplish an ad-
vance of a quarter of an inch per minute, or
our hours.

## THOUGHTS TO THINK OF

1. There is no place so large har the human mind does no oo seasnn that the mind das not struggle to overlerp the gate that swings into the sea gate that swings
son that ensues.
2. "Whosoever believeth in
me shall never die" is spoke soul, A soul charged with the Spirit of God is seasoned with the everinstingness of
God 3. Old convictions are about the best things that are hand ed down to us from old gen
rations. They are intensel personal. They are a key the era in which they obtain-
3. Simplicity, like obscuri, $y$, is deceiving, and while
entences that are obscure of ten put us upon suspecting the prosence in them of more meaning than they contain such as are transparent are
likely to work in us the reverse suspicion; as limpid wajust to cover the pebbles they deeply embosom.
4. It is with boys as it with trees in a storm, a ques tion of root and of compac
fil re, and warm Christian homes are God's manufacto ries of personal root and of
fibre. Infidelity in the world will not break down the boy whom wise and tender Chris-
tian faith in the home has built up.
Gardening is regularly and practically tanght in 20,000 primary schools in France. gardon, and teachers must be not only good gardeners, but
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Orphan children in the gald Asylum
shall be led and clothed, and shall recelve such preparatory tralning and

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Superintendent thut the meeting had
vised against employing and paying

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