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Things and Thoughts, found here and there.

"A sharp tongue is the only edge tool that. grows keener by constant use." FEMALE EXTRAVAGANCE.

tion of the Roman Empire in the age I begged we might exchange controof the Antonines, says-" It was a versy for prayer." Wesley's Works, complaint worthy of the gravity of the Vol. 3, page 231. Senate, that in the purchase of female ornaments, the wealth of the State was irrecoverably given away to hostils and foreign nations. The annual loss is computed by a writer of inquisitive but censorious temper, at upwards of eight hundred thousand pounds." See Deeline and Fall of the Roman Empire, Vol. 1, p. 69. For some striking facts on this subject, connected with the mo lern system of American lugary and Extravagande, see " Marria e as it is and as it should be," by Rev. John Bayley, page 141.

"THE OLD MAN ELOQUEST."

longs by right of priority" to Isocrates, privilege of attending these meetings ? who was so affected by the news or is it so that your leader does not of Phillip's victory over the Athenians, hold such? Verily, brethren, you at Cheeronea, that he immediately ex- should look to this department. Adpired.

Milton in a sonnet to Ludy Margaret him and get him if possible to attend Ley:

Of England's council and her treasury,

Till and the breaking of that Parliament Broke him, as at that dishonest victory At Cheeronea, fatal to liberty, Ki.Pd with rep rt that old man eloquent.

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in an open cart, he greatly prized ; for ful. Come, brethren, let us awake to in the bright moonlight he was able, by a sense of duty, not only to attend the the help of an uncommonly fine sight, ministrations of God's word as to mere For the N. C. Christian Advocate. to study the word of God." CONTROVERSIES.

" Avoid foolish questions."- Titus. "I abhor disputing, and never enter into it, except when I am dragged by the hair of my head."-John Wenley. "When we had disputed two hours, Gibbons, in his survey of the condi and were just where we were at first,

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BETA.

LAITY.

BROTHER HFFLIN: By your pernission I will say something to the laty of the Methodist Church (in this article.) for with them I am invinately selves. concerned, and for them I have a deept aterest. Dear Brethren, lovers of Methodism, how stands the account with you in reference to your leader's meetings ? Are you delinquent? Do you stand charged as a neglector of this impor-The title Old Man Eloquent " be- tant means of grace? Have you the

"The patent" was bestowed by John portance attached to this; pray for to his duty ; after which, if he will not, Daugh e to that good Earl, once President just inform your minister or pastor, in order that the office be filled by some

And lett them both, more in himself con I am of opinion, brethren, that a much God and the advance of the church .-heavier responsibility rests upon you than some of you are willing to admit.

sequence of which they have ascended

up to God's eternal throne and now

rest from their labors ?) Brethren, let

us awake to a sense of these things;

let us go back, as it were, and get into

Bishops, Elders, preachers, exhorters, stewards, and class-leaders proceed from the ranks of the laity, and I am

hearing, but let us be actual doers of \_ Successful Men-Thr Energy. the word. Let us not merely give nor

baptized, class meetings, prayer meet-ings, and all the old land-marks, keep-could make such a resolion; he could ing constantly in view the great beacon keep it. His subsequent minence was the Ochotzk, who had partly made good The proprietor of the establishment light, the cross of Christ. Let us read the fruit of that power. William Wilyou can pay for many N. C. C. Advo- young men of his rank id age, loved cates and not feel it ; send for it breth- the excitement of the place of huzards. ren. for your reighbors who think He was one night person to keep themselves too poor to pay for it them- the faro bank. He av the run

selves. of the vice of gaming as he never in conclusion, brethren, I beseech saw it before; he was apalled at what you, in the name of our Lord Jesus he beheld. Sitting amilgaming, ruin Christ, be up and doing ; provoke one and despair, he took the esolution that another to good works; consider one he would never again eter a gaming another ; help each other by prayer ; house. He changed hisompany with help your preacher, do not expect him the change of his condur, and subseto do every thing, he wants and is do- queatly became one of the most distining much ; are you not willing to take guished Englishmen of h age.

part, that you may inherit in eternity. Dr. Samuel Johnson was once re-Remember, the porter will shortly call, quested to drink wine wit a friend .whether you are ready or not ; remem- The doctor proposed teal 'But drink ber the talents ; one who had one was a little wine,' said the hos 'I cannot,' not condemned for commission of sin, was the reply. I know betinence, I but for nonimprovement; remember know excess; but I knowno medium. the ten virgins! Must the great eter- Long since I resolved, as I could not nal say, let him alone, Ephraim is join- drink a little wine, I would not drink ed to his idols. Christ says, what I at all.' A man who could hus support say unto you I say unto all, WATCH. h. his resolution by action us a man of endurance, and that element is as well

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displayed in this incident s in the combinations of his great work. When Richard Brinsey Sheridan

Exemption from afflictions, will form was regarded on all handshs a mortifyanother part of the happiness of Hea- ing failure. His friends irged him to

as footstools. They suffered much, especially from Pauloff's artillery, which

It was during one of those seasons opened on them from its position behind the ravine. They saw the contest in when, as we found in that latitude, and assent to the correctness and necessity of class meetings, but let us be found at our post and in our seats in the class room; that by prayer and advice result of the class other quarters getting distant, and the that position near the sea, the clouds the thought, 'Life may be lost, but the honor of the regiment must be preserv. ed, and the enemy shall only make their an errand, which I executed hastily, room; that by prayer and advice we may help our leader and fill up the re-ligious obligations we owe to our breth-ren. Ah! let us go back into original the passion would masterim. He made principles; such as having our children a firm resolve that he would never it gave these giants the strength of gi- placed at the city gates, for I had no When it was opened, he said in gentle sats, and for long they held their posts lantern, nor did I know the counteruntaken; and the repeated attacks of sign.

The Solitary Burial

their entrance through the embrassures, was not at home; there was only a our Bible and discipline more, many of berforce, in his early dys, like most were repulsed. These last crowded clerk in the house, and he, though from themselves under the wall, where the the land of John Knox, and from the his car as the poor child shrank from fire of the enemy could not reach them, land of the Sabbath and the Bible yet the door steps. to rest and zene wheir strength - and was as hardened and profane a creanow the fury and daring of both sides ture as is often to be met among those gave rise to a truly Homeric combat. who still wish to be ranked with decent Some of the Ochotzk seized the mus. people. He had spent some years in kets of their comrades, and hurled them Mexico, some elsewhere, receiving ocwith their bayonets attached, like spears, casional remittances from an uncle at into the redoubt; others picked up home, who had been appointed his guarhuge stones and flung them in. Spears dian. He drank champagne when he and stones were hurled back by the could get it; if that could not be had, Coldstreams. For ten minutes this then something else-anything but wafight like a return to ancient times, ter. He seldom spoke without an acendured until they reverted to the real companying oath, and his profability working weapons of the present time, was shocking.

> and began a fresh murderous struggle Just as I was at the top of the stairs with ba'l and hayonet. Soon the Cold. to go down, he mentioned that a sick bor's door, felt her heart yearn with streams, fearfully distressed, by Pau- sailor had been sent ashore from an pity toward the helpless boy. She loff's artillery, saw 200 of their ranks American ship, and was lodged in that dead or wounded on the ground ; they house. I did not understand that he singer, smiled sweetly upon him, and lost all hope of holding the redoubt was considered immediately dangerous. in tones that sounded like heavenly against repeated assaults, and as they I had no time to spare, if I would get once more beheld their friends advanc- back in the city that night; and my ing, they chose the moment, and forced wife was there alone. I promised mytheir way to them with the bayonet, self that I would call the next morning and see the sick sailor. But early the and not without great loss."

Twice after this was the redoubt ta- next morning I received a note, stating made hisfirst speech in Larliament, it ken and retaken, and terrible was the that the sailor was dead, and desiring him to make their house his future scene it presented after the battle .- me to "please come and hury him."---The whole records of warfare scarcely All the night it had rained, and it was present a more hand-to-hand conflict raining yet, and the clouds were low than the battle of Inkerman .- Jour, and black. When I arrived the body was already nailed up in a rough box. of Education, of U. C. Men of genius without endurance and six half-dressed Coolies-Chinese cannot succeed. Men who start in one laborers-were standing by, waiting to kind of business may find it impossible carry it away and put it into the hole to continue therein all their days. Ill they had been digging. The young health may demand a change. New Scotchman-young in years, but old in and wider fields of success and enter. transgression-was there smoking his prise and success may be opened to cigar. "And now," says he, "let's them : new elements of character may go and say an oration over him and be developed. Men may have a positive put him to rest." distaste for some pursuits, and success To me that was a dismal funeral, may demand a change. None of these though, besides the black clouds hangeverything by tarms, attracting long, then time last evening to see this man ! form of business is free from vexations; thought L. During that rainy, dreary each man knows the spot on which is night, and probably alone, he had died own harness chafes; but he cannot know Who was he? Who were his friends ? how much his neighbor suffers. It is Do father and mother, brother or sissaid that a Yankee can splice a rope ter, survive to wish and wonder if the in many different ways; an English wanderer will ever come home? sailor knows but one method, but in Did he know that he was so near his that method he does his work well .- end ? and how did he meet the king of Life is not long enough to allow any terrors? Had he hope? Was Jesus one to be really master of but one pur- with him ? Was he ministered unto by the angels of the Lord that encamp round about them that fear him, to deliver them? Did heaven open to Going to Church. his dying eyes, that, like Stephen, he "What is the use," said the pupil of a might see the glory of God, and Jesus medical gentleman one morning to his mas- standing on the right hand of God ? ter, on their way to a place of worship, and so did he peacefully fall asleep, to or manner. He cannot escape insidi-"What is the use of going so often to sleep in Jesus till the morning of the church, when you only hear the same thing resurrection ? Or, were his prospects over again ?" "of breakfasting, dining and suppling every night in which his soul was made to ry jealous guard over his own heart, he for the future as dark as was that dark day, when you only eat the same things quit his house of clay ? Let these occurrences teach me, over again ? "I do not see," said the youth, 'that said I, never to lose an opportunity the cases at all resemble each other; I which offers of speaking a word in seamust eat to support my life and nourish son ; for this opportunity neglected, my body, which otherwise would languish another may not be afforded .- Scenes preacher who thus errs will hardly witand die. in Chusan.

St 50 a year, in advance,

GW. Johnson

The singing Student Boy.

the we wage a student boy was ..... in the streets of an antones:

" Please give a a poor student boy a morsel of bread.

"Begone with thee! thou beggar's child," was the rough reply that met

Thus driven from door to door, he sang his sweet songs until his body was weary and his heart sad. Scarcely able to stand, he at last turned his steps homeward. Striking his noble forehead with his hand, he said :

"I must go home to my father's house and be content to live by the sweat of my brow. Providence has no loftier destiny for me. I have trodden out its paths by aiming higher.'

Just at that moment, Ursula Cotta, a burgher's wife who had heard his songs and seen him driven from a neighopened her door, beckoned to the young melodies to his ears, said :

"Come in, poor boy, and refresh thyself at my table !!

Happy little singer ! How he enjoyed that delicious meal. And when the good dame and her husband told home, his heart melted. With eyes half blinded with tears, he looked in the face of his friends and said : " I shall now pursue my studies without being obliged to beginy bread from grudging hands. I shall have you, sir, for a father, and yon, sweet Ucsala, for a mother. I shall be happier than I can express." After that day the singing boy studied hard and well. Years afterwards the world heard of him, for it was he who uttered his voice against popery. and became the chief of that Reformation which gave an open Bible to the Warddund Wana man Monay Joe may have to plod through trials and toils uncheered by the smiles of even a sweet Ursula. But never mind .--Plod away. Stick to study and duty. God cares for you. He has a work for you to do, and if you are faithful and true, he will in due season put you into your proper place. Toil on .- Sunday School Advocate.

vise with your leader ; tell him the im-

Who used in both, unstained with gold or one else who will act for the glory of

death.

The following extract from the Lad-der, a work written by a Mogus for popular use, is a perversion of a great truth. "Though your good works ex-ceed the leaves of the trees, the drops of rain, the stars in the heaven, or the sands on the sea shore, they will all be cure praise in this world, and happi- cause we have not five talents? I ing himself like the green bay tree," Parket except the Brit & because ness in the next. For the days in they know iff things, and they deliver all men."

the destour or priest, and you will have the right doctrine.

#### CALUMNIATORS.

dupe of others; do you intend to be enemies. carried away from the paths in which

### THE SELF-DECEIVED.

" Like one, Who having, unto truth, by telling of it, Made such a sinner of his mem ry, To credit his own tie,-he did believe He was the duke." Shakspeare's Tempest.

Thus it is with some who copy the the highway and walk therein. If we religious experience of others, and tell love Methodism, let us attend her inthe story as their own until they be- scitutions; let us go to our class meet- be past; that thou wouldst appoint a 000 Russians by 8,000 or 10,000 Englieve it is really a part of their own ings, and if our leader is unsuitable let us make haste and get grace, and mind, spiritual life. so the office may be filled more worthi-

#### TRUE PRAYERS.

"Aye, with such gifts as heaven shall share by, with one more ready to serve the church ; in order to this, among other helps, let us attend strictly to class Not with fond shekals of the tested gold.

Or stones whose rates are either rich or poor, meetings ; the nonattendance to this As fancy values them ; but with true prayers, thing gives the enemy an advantage That shall be up at heaven, and enter there, Ere sunrise; prayers from preserved souls, over us. A great many of our people From tasting muids, whose minds are dedicate think if they attend public worship it is sufficient. I think not. Pray tell 'To nothing temporal." Shakspeare's Measure for Measure, me what it is leads our people to visit

SPIRITUAL POWER.

the congregations of other denomina-"This that you call divine grace, tions, that too on class days? Just, whatever it may really be, is the stran- visit the public worship of other degest awakener of faculties after all .-- nominations, especially the Iron Side And to a devout man, it is a spectacle Baptists, and you will see many more of most enchanting beauty thus to see of our people than at the class meetthe immortal plant, which has been ings. If this arises from want of love under a malignant blast, while sixty to our tenets, you should forth with conor seventy years have passed over it, nect yourself with that branch of the coming out at length in the bloom of church which is best adapted to your spiritual wants. If from curiosity, you life."-John Foster. had better stay at home and read your

A GOOD WIFE. Bible and discipline. I do not blame Trans'ated from the Greek of Soyou for loving the ministration of the phocles: word, but in order that you love it more, "Faithful-as dog, the lonely shepherd's I advise you to go to class meetings, so True-as the helm, the bark's protecting when your preacher comes round, you may be edified. It is soul inspiring to guide, Firm-as the shaft that props the towering sit under the droppings of the sanctu-Sweet-us to shipwreck'd seamen land and ary. It is pleasant to hear the tower-

PRIESTCRAFT AMONG THE ANCIENT unwilling to admit that any one is ad- As there is no state in grace, in enter upon a field better uited to his vanced in grace, to the office of leader, which we are placed beyond the power ability. 'No !' said Sheridm; 'no, it is The following extract from the Lad- exhorter, steward, preacher or Bishop of temptation, so there is no point in me, and it shall come at!' And it

unprofitable to you, unless they are humble class leader, who meets the especially heirs of affliction; more so durance, that to illustrate the fact, he accepted by the destour, or priest. \_\_\_\_\_ sneers and gibes sometimes of a part or in many instances than the wicked. \_\_\_\_\_\_ stood several hours, apparently unmov-If the destour be satisfied, your soul all of his little class. Must we from Hence says the Psalmist : "I have ed, in a pond of ice and muddy water will escape hell tortures ; you will se- this fact bury the talent committed, be- seen the wicked in great power, spread- up to his chin.

inclined to attach blame somewhere of affliction and sorrow, with now and no other could have brought to that Substitute the Lord Jesus Christ for else rather than to self for delinquency then a link of pleasure. The twenty conflict the amount of endurance necesin these matters. We are too apt to four hours of which the day and night sary to win. For many hours that army render to ourselves an excuse that the is composed, is a brief summary of hu- stood manfully before the murderous preacher does not hold class meetings man life. In this short period, we have fire of the French, column after colas formerly, hence the duty is not im- day light and darkness-sunshine and umn fell, while not a gun discharged on "Calumny is sagacious enough to perative. And the leader is wont to shade-times of showers and times of their part. One sullen word of comdiscover and to attack the most valua- follow his example. In fact the idea droughts. So with life. We have mand ran along the line as thousands ble part."-Gibbon. Then these who seems to be prevalent that class meet- season of rejoicing and of sadness- fell, 'File up ! file up ! 'Not yet ! not are calumniated should examine them-selves. They may have reason to be thankful even for the attack of their do you not see in this that you are the beneath the genial rays of our Father's action came. The charge was given, uplifted countenance, with the rosy and victory crowned the noble standard our fathers and mothers trod ? (in con- pictures of health blooming from our of England. features ; and also times when all seems

Another remarkable instance of this darkness and sorrow, with the heavy kind of valor on the part of the Britnow lying, like Job, at the iron gate of ish army is given in the 'Russian acband of affliction let fall upon us. And death, we may exclaim : " O, that thou count of the battle of Inkerman,' recently reprinted from the German by wouldst hide me in the grave, that thou Murray of London, in which he endeawouldst keep me secret, till thy wrath vors to account for the defeat of 35,me a set time, and remember me," in lish: the writer, after enumerating the many physical obstacles which the

Again, the answer of Jacob to Phar-Russians had to encounter, proceeds to oah, when asked how old he was, is a good epitome of human life. Said he, the complete success of the Russian age are an hundred and thirty years; attack? The bravery and steadiness few and evil have the days of the years of the English! This unquestionably deserves to be recorded; it was rethis man of God, at the end of an event- markable, and the British soldier fought ful life, upon the verge of the eternal in a manner worthy of his most glorious world, taking a retrospective view of days.'

the vicissitudes and changes of life, we The following episode illustrates this too would repeat the words, "few and in a fearful manner. The writer proevil" have our days been. A large ceeds: 'The second crisis of the fight portion of life entirely forgotten-an- arrived. Pauloff's three regiments, other portion we would gladly blot from which were coming with their guns memory's store, and the rest seems along the Pioneer Road, had arrived only a dream, while eternity in dim- on the field at eight o'clock, about the ness looms up before the bewildered time that Siomonoff's troops retreated mind, in all its dreadful realities. Such into the ravine. These brave soldiers, are some of the changing prospects and who had lately fought so bravely at blighting hopes to which human nature Oltenitza, were forthwith sent by Denis heir, in this life. Well may we long nenberg against the enemy to restore for immortality, and to be liberated the fortune of the day. Defiling regifrom such disturbers of our peace .- ment by regiment through their com-But, perhaps they are necessary .- rades of the 7th division, the Ochotzk "Whom the Lord loveth he correcteth, in front, then the Yatutzk, and lastly as a father the son in whom he de- the Selenginsk, eagerly, and full of lighteth." Without these rods of cor- courage, through the ravine and the rection, we would soon go astray. They embarrassing brushwood, they went serve as school master to lead us to agains the enemy And now began a ing eloquence of an Archer. The deep God. And hence are necessary in or- new and desperate hand to hand con-Levely-as child, the parent's sole delight, searchings of a Tillett, the silver tones der to teach us our dependence upon flict, a more obstinate struggle than be-Radiant-as morn that breaks the storn y of a Reid, and when we hear the law our Maker. Without complaining at fore. The Ochotzk, without stopping declared by a Nicholson, it makes the the Providence of God, we may desire often to fire, attacked immediately with

"The cases are more parallel than you are aware," rejoined the master; " what Mind what you Say Before Children.

food is to the body, the ordinance- of religion are to the soul. As the natural life in the one will languish and decay unless we A gentleman was in the hubit of calling maintain it by the bounties of God's provi- at a neighbor's house, and the lady had aldence, so the divine life in the other will ways expressed much pleasure in seeing wither and die unless our passions be regu- bin. One day, just after she had remarklated by the influence of grace."

ed to him her happiness from his visit, the "How does it happen, then," inquired little boy entered the room. The gentlethe yonng man, "that all have not the same man took him on his knee and asked him : "Are you glad to see me, George?" relish for religious exercises, while all have the same appetite for their bodily food ?" "There," answered the master, " you again mistake the matter. It is very true that if our bodies are in health, we desire said George. and relish our daily bread. But when we Here the mother looked daggers at her are sick it is widely different ; we lose then little son, and her face became crimson. , not only our relish for our food, but even But he saw nothing. loathe it ; and not unfrequently desire that 'Indeed ; how do you know that !'

which is unnatural and injurious. So it is Because she said yesterday, she wished with the soul. When that is at peace with that old bore would not call again." Christ it is in health, and not only desires, The gen leman's hat was soon in requibut relishes these exercises of devotion, and sition, and he left with the impression that cannot exist without them. But while the "great is the truth, it will prevail " soul continues in sin, it is in a state of dis- Another child looked sharply in the face ease, and having no appetite for spiritual of a visitor, and being asked what he meant

food, it dislikes both the seasons and exer- by it, replied : cises of devotion, considers the Lord's day "I wanted to see if you had a drop in a weariness, and avoids the society of his your eye; I have heard mother say that people. Nor does the resemblance stop you have frequently."

even here For as bodily disease, unless A boy once asked of his father, who it removed by the hand of skill, will speedily was that lived next door to him, and when Chris. Adv. and Journal.

'No, sir,' replied the bo ...

Why not, my little man ?"

'Because mother don't want you to come,'

## A Preacher's Danger

What will do the most good ? is the simple question for the preacher to ask, as he selects his topic or text, or as he hesitates between two tracks of matter ous suggestions as to what may secure most pleasure for hearers, and most praise for self, and if he keep not a veitual profit to the people shall come in the train of his own high standing; that if self be well set up, God shall of consequence be set up. Now the ness as many justifications and entire sanctifications, nor have as good a name with God, with good angels, and discerning saints, as he would were the order to be reversed-the Creator first, the creature last. There are some close things necessary, in preaching, to reach people's hearts fully, which a preacher can never discover in the devious and dim pathway to high self-position .----Besides, with such an end in view, he would fail to preach the close things, if they were discovered. He would think it inexpedient to preach them during the first few months of his ministry, and be likely to think it still more expedient after establishing a good. name among disrelishers of the deep things of God.

May not the way to this great evil begin little by little? The minister who shudders at the fullness of the sin, and its effect upon the souls of preacher and hearers, this same minister, if he prayerfully and closely examines his pulpit preparations and performances, may discern the insidious beginnings from which the whole evil may result, without which it cannot.

O let us all be fully safe .- N. Y.

