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DEAD LION."

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"A living dog is better than m."-Eccles. ix., 4.

Ther: "A living dog is beller than a dead lion."-Eccles, ix., 4. The Bible is the strangest, the loweliest, the weirdest, the box of books. Written by Moses the invyer, Joshua the soldier, Samuel the judge, Exra the builder, Joh the poet, David the shepherd, Daniel the soldier, Amos the herdaman, Mathew the custom house officer, Luke the doctor, Paul the scholar, John the exile; and yet a complete harmony from the middle of the one hundred and seventeenth Psalm, both ways to the upper and lower lids, and from the shortest passage, which is the third werse of the eleventh chapter of John, to the longest verse, which is the invite verse of the eighth chapter of Esther, and yet not an imperfection in all the 773,093 words which it is composed of. It not only makes over the past, but over the future; has in its ferryboat, as in second Samuel; and a telegraphic wire, as in Job; and a rain any stables Solomon had to take for a foundryman by the name of Nosh, and in architect by the name of Nosh, and in a shipbuilder by the name of Nosh, and in architect by the name of Nosh, and in a shipbuilder by the name of Nosh, and in a schores. But few things in this versatile and comprehensive book interest is one. "A living dog is better than a difficult to main the first of the solid the interest here is on the solid the and the solid the and the solid the and the solid the and the solid the solid the and the solid the so

text is one: "A living dog is better than a dead lion." Here the lion stands for nobility, and the dog for meanness. You must know that the dog mentioned in the text is not one of our American or European or Scottish dogs that, in our mind, is a synonym for the beautiful, the graceful, the affactionate, the sagacious and the true. The St Bernard dog is a hero, and if you doubt it, ask the snows of the Alps, out of which he picked the exhausted traveler. The shepherd dog is a poem, and if you doubt it, ask the Highlands of Scot-land. The Arctic dog is the rescue of ex-plorers, and if you doubt it, ask Dr. Kane's expedition. The watch dog is a living pro-tection, and if you doubt it, ask ten thou-sand homesteads over whose safety he watched last night. But Solomon, the author of my text, lived in Jerusalem, and the dog he speaks of in the text was a dog in Jerusa-lem.

Last December I passed days and nights within a stone's throw of where Solomon wrote this text, and from what I saw of the canines of Jerusalem by day, and heard of them by night, I can understand the slight them by night, I can understand the slight appreciation my text puts upon the dog of Palestine. It is iean and snarly and disgust-ing, and afflicted with parasites, and takes re-venge on the human race by filling the nights with clamor. All up and down the Bible, the most of which was written in Palestine or Syria, or contiguous lands, the dog is used in contemptuous comparison. Hazael said: "Is thy servant a dog, that he should do this thing?" In self abnegation the Syro-Phomi-cian woman said: "Even the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from the Master's table." Paul says, in Philippians: "Beware of dogs," and St. John, speaking of beaven, says: "Without are dogs." On the other hand, the lion is healtby, strong, and loud voiced, and at its roar the

better mannion and a grander eternity than many a man who had on earth, before his name, the word honorable and after his name LLD, and F. R.S. Christ said in Luke, the sixth chapter, that in heaven some who had it hard here would laugh there. And I think a laugh of delight and con-gratulation will run around the heavenly ircles when this humble one of whom I poke shall go up and take the precedence of many Christians who in this world felt them-nelves to be of ninety-nine per cent, more importance. The whisper will go round the possible that that was the weigher in our store?" "Can it be possible that that was he car-driver on our street?" "Can it be possible that was the secton of our church?" "Can it be possible that is the man that heaved coal into our cellar?" "I never sould have thought it. What a reversal of hings! We were clear ahead of him on arth, but he is clear ahead of us in heaven, Why, we had ten times more brains han he had, we had a chousand times more noney than he had, we had social position a nile hister than he had, we had social position a and he had, we had a thousand times more noney than he had, we had social position a nile higher than he had, we had innumer-the opportunities more than he had, but it seems now that he accomplished more with his one talent than we did with our ten." while Solomon, standing among the thrones, overhears the whisper, and sees the wonder-nent, and will, with benignant and all-sugrest: and will, with benignant and all-sug-restive smile, say. "Yes, it is as I told the world many centuries ago-better is small 'aculty actively used than great talent un-imployed, 'better is a living dog than a dead ion.""

The simple fact is that the world has been, and the world is now, full of dead lions. ind the world is now, full of dead hons. They are people of great capacity and large apportunity, doing nothing for the improve-ment of society, nothing for the overthrow of evil, nothing for the salvation of souls. Some of them are monetary lions. They have accumulated so many hundreds of thou-rands of dollars that you can feel their tread when they walk through any street or come into any circle. They can by one financial nove upset the money market. Instead of the ten per cent, of their income which the the ten per cent, of their income which the Bible lays down as the proper proportion of their contribution to the cause of God, they to not give five per cent, or three per cent. or two per cent, or one per cent, or a half per cent, or a quarter per cent. That they are lions, no one doubts. When they roar, Wall street, State street, Lombard street and

the Bourse tremble. In a few years they will lie down and die. The few years they will be down and de. They will have a great funeral, and a long row of fine carriages, and mightiest requiems will roll from the organ, and polished shaft of Aberdeen granite will indicate where their dustlies, but for all use to the world that man might as well have never lived. that man might as well have never lived. As an experiment as to how much he can carry with him, put a ten cent piece in the paim of his dead hand, and five years after open the tomb, and you will find he has dropped even the ten cent piece. A lion! Yes, but a dead lion! He left all his treasures on earth, and has no treasures in heaven. What shall the scheme cutter put when the obelisk over and has no treasures in heaved. What shall the stone cutter put upon the obelisk over him? I suggest, let it be the man's name, then the date of his birth, then the date of his death, then the appropriate Scripture passage: "Better is a living dog than a dead lion."

But I thank God that we are having just now an outburst of splendid beneficence that is to increase until the earth is girdled with it. It is spreading with the speed of an epi-demic, but with just the opposite effect of an epidemic. Do you not notice how wealthy men are opening free libraries and building churches in their native village? Have you en how men of large mean of leaving great philanthropies in their wills for disappointed heirs to quarrel about and the orphan courts to swamp, are be-coming their own executors and adminis trators? After putting aside enough for their families (for "he that provideth not for his own, and especially those of his own household, is worse than an infidel"), they are saying: "What can I do, not after I am are saving: "What can 1 do, not after 1 am dead, but while living and in full possession of my faculties, to properly direct the build-ing of the churches, or the hospitals, or the colleges, or the libraries that I design for the public welfare, and while yet I have full capacity to enjoy the satisfaction of seeing the good accomplished." There are bad fashions and good fashions, and, whether good or bad, fashions are might ions and good fashions, and, whether good or bad, fashions are mighty. One of the good fashions now starting will sweep the earth-the fashion for wealthy men to distribute, while yet alive, their surplus accumulation. It is being helped by the fact that so many large estates have, im-mediately after the testator's death, gone into litigation. Attorneys with large fees are employed on both sides, and the case goes on month after month, and year after year, and after one court decides it ascends to an-other court and is decided in the opposite direction, and then new evidence is found, direction, and then new evidence is found, and the trials are all repeated. The children, who at the father's funeral seemed to have an uncontrolable griaf, after the will is read go into elaborate process to prove that the father was crazy, and therefore incompetent to make a will; and there are men on the jury who think that the fact that the testator gave so much of his money to the Bible society, and the missionary society, or the opening of a free library is proof positive that he was insane, and that he knew not what he was signing when he subscribed to the words: "In the name of God, amen. I, being of sound mind, do make this my last will and testament.' The torn wills, the fraudulent wills, the The torn wills, the fraudulent wills, the broken wills have recently been made such a spectacle to angels and to men that all over the land successful men are calling in archi-tects and 'saying to them: "How much would it cost forme to build a picture gal-lery for our town?" or, "What plans can you draw me out for a concert hall?" or, "I am specially interested in 'the incurables,' and how large a building would accommodate three hundred of such patients?" or, "The church of God has been a great help to me all my life and I want you to draw me a church of God has been a great help to me all my life, and I want you to draw me a plan for a church, commodious, beautiful, well ventilated, and with plenty of windowi to let in the light: I want you to get right at work in making out plans of such a building, for, though I am well now, life is uncertain, and before I leave the world I want to see something done that will be an appropriate acknowledgment of the goodness of God to acknowledgment of the goodness of God to me and mine; now when can I hear from In our own city we have many examples of In our own city we have many examples of this. What a grandeur of beneficence hat our fellow citizen, Mr. Pratt, demonstrated, building educational institutions which will put their hands on the Nineteenth century, and the Twentieth century, and all the cen-turies! All bonor to such a man! Do not say so when he is dead, say it now. It would be a good thing if some of the eulogies we chisel on tombstones were written on paper in time for the philanthropists to read them while yet they are alive. Less post mortem praise, and more ante-mortem! and more ante-mortem! A poor Scotch lad came to America at A poor Scotch lad came to America at twelve years of age, and went to Pittaburg. He looked around for work, and becams an engineer in a cellar, then rose to become a telegraph messenger boy, then rose to a posi-tion in a railroad office, then rose to a place in a telegraph office, then rose to be superin-tendent of a railroad, then rose till be becama in inter and trail mount for the train the becama an iron and steel manufacturer, then rose until he opened free libraries in his native land and last month a free library in Alle-gheny City, and now offers two million dol-lars for stree library in Pitzeburg. This ex-ample will be catching until the earth is . secimal unlover

How majestic such men in comparison with some I wot of, who amass wealth and clutch it with both hands until death bagins to feel for their heart strings, and then they dictate to an attorney a last will and testa-ment, in which they spite some daughter because she married against her father's wish, and fling a few crusts to Gol and suf-fering humanity, as much as to say: "I have kept this surplus property, through all these severe winters, and through all these long years, from a needy and suffering world, and would keep it longer if I could, but as I must give it up, take it, and much good may it do you!" Now we begin to understand the text: "Better is a living dog than a dead lion,"

Who would attempt to write the obituary of the dead lions of commerce, the dead lions of law, the dead lions of medicine, the dead lions of social influence? Vast capacity had they, and mighty range, and other men in their presence were as powerless as the an-telope or heifer or giraffe when from the jungle a Numidian lion springe upon its proy. But they get through with life. They have made their last sharp bargain. They have exposen their last sharp bargain. They have committed their last mean act. When a tawny inhabitant of the desert rolls over heipless, the lioness and wheips fills the air with shrieks and howis, and lash themselves into lamentation, and it is a genuine grief for the poor things. But when this dead lion of monstrous uselessness expires, there is noth-ing but dramatized woe, for "Better is a liv-ing dog than a dead lion." had they, and mighty range, and othe

My text also means that an opportunity of the living present is better than a great op-portunity passed. We spend much of our time in saying: "If I only had." We can all look back and see some occasion where we might have done a great deed, or might we might have done a great deed, or might have effected an important rescue, or we might have dealt a stroke that would have accomplished a vast result. Through stupid-ity or lack of appreciation of the crisis, or through procrastination, we let the chance go by. How much time we have wasted in thinking of what we might have said or might have done! We spend hours and days and years in walking around that dead lion. We cannot resuscitate it. It will never once its eves again. There will dead lion. We cannot resuscitate it. It will never open its eyes again. There will never be another spring in its paw. Dead as any feline terror of South Africa, through whose heart thirty years ago Gordon Cum-ming sent the slug. Don't let us give any more time to the deploring of the dead past. There are other great opportunities remain-ing. They may not be as great, but they are worthy our attention. Small opportunities all around, opportunities for the saying of kind words and doing of kind deeds. Help-lessness to be helped. Disheartened ones to

kind words and doins of kind deeds. Help-lessness to be helped. Disheartened ones to be encourged. Lost ones to be found. Though the present may be insignificant as compared with the past, 'Better is a living dog than a dead lion. The most useless and painful feeling is the one of regret. Repent of lost opportunities we must, and get parton we may, but re-grets weaken, dishearten and cripple for fu-ture work. If a sea Captain who once had charge of a White Star steamer across the Atlantic Ocean, one foggy night runs on a rock off Newfoundland, and passengers and ship perish, shall he refuse to take command of a small boat up the North River, and say: "I never will go on the water again unless I of a small boat up the North River, and says "I never will go on the water again unless I can run one of the White Star line!" Shall the engineer of a lightning express, who at the station misread the telegram of the train dispatcher and went into collision, and for that has been put down to the work of engineering on a freight train, says: "I er will again mount an engine un-I can run a vestibule express?" Take less I can run a vestibule express? Take what you have of opportunity left. Do your best with what remains. Your shortest win-ter day is worth more to you than can be the longest day of a previous summer. Your congest day of a previous similar. Your opportunity now, as compared with previous opportunities, may be small as a rat terrier compared with the lion which at Matabosa, fatally wounded by the gun of David Liv-ingstone, in its death agony leaped upon the missionary explorer and with its jaws crushed the bone of his arm to splinters, and then rolled over and expired, but, "Better is a living dog than a dead lion." My text also means that the condition of "she most wretched man alive is better than The most wretched man alive is better than that of the most favored sinners departed. The chance of these last is gone. Where they are they cannot make any earthly assets available. After Charlemagne was dead he was set in an ornamented sepulcher on a golden throne, and a crown was put on his golden throne, and a crown was put on his cold brow, and a scepter in his stiff hand, but that gave him no dominion in the next world. One of the most intensely interest-ing things I saw last winter in Egypt was Pharaoh of olden times, the very Pharaoh who oppressed the Israelites. The inscrip-tions on his sarcophague and the writing on his mumny bandages prove beyond contro-versy that he was the Pharaoh of Bible times. All the Egyptologists and the explorations agree that it is the old scoundrel himself. Visible are the very teeth with which he gnashed against the israelitish brick makers. There are the sockets of the merciless eyes There are the sockets of the merciless eyes with which he looked upon the overburdened people of God. There is the hair that floated in the breeze off the Red Sea. There are the very lips with which he commanded them to make bricks without straw. Thousands of the make bricks without straw. Inclusing of years afterward, when the wrappings of the mummy were unrolled, old Pharcah lifted up his arm as if in imploration, but his skinny bones cannot again clutch his shattered sceptre. He is a dead lion. And is not any man now living, in the fact that he has op-portunity of rematances and salvation, batter portunity of repentance and salvation, better off than any of those departed ones who, by authority or possessions of influence, were positively leonine, and yet wicked? positively leonine, and yet wicked? What a thing to congratulate you on is your life! Why, it is worth more than all the gems of the universe kindled into one precious stone. I am alive! What does that mean? Why, it means that I still have all opportunity of being saved myself and help-ing others to be saved. To be alive! Why, it means that I have yet another chance to correct my past mistakes and make sure work for heaven. Alive, are we? Come, let us celebrate it by new resolutions, new selfus celebrate it by new resolutions, new selfexamination, new consecration and a new career. The smallest and most insignificant to-day is worth to us more than five hundred to-day is worth to us more than five hungred yesterdays. Taking advantage of the pres-ent, let us get pardon for all the past and security for all the future. Where are our forgiven sins? I don't know. God don't know either. He says: "Your sins and in-iquities will I remember no more." What encouragement in the text for all. Christian workers! Despair of no one's sal-vation. While there is life there is hope. When in Enclored a young helt a shed for a vation. While there is life there is hope. When in England a young lady asked for a class in a Sunday-school, the superintendent seid, "Better go out on the street and get your own class." She brought in a ragged and filthy boy. The superintendent gave him good apparel. In a few Sundays he absented himself. Inquiry discovered that in a street fight he had his decent apparel torn off. He was brought in and a second time respectably clad. After a few Sundays he again disappeared, and it was found that he again disappeared, and it was found that he was again ragged and wretched. "Thea," said the teacher, "we can do nothing with him." But the superintendent fitted him up again and started him again. again and started him again. After awhile the gospel took hold of him and his heart changed. He started for the ministry and because a foreign missionary, and on heathen grounds lived and translated the Scriptures, and preached, until among the most libustrious names of the church on earth and in heaven is the name of glorious Robert Morrison. Go forth and save the lost

and remember however depraved, however ragged, and however filthy and undone a child is, or a man is, or a woman is, they are worth an effort. I would rather have their worth an effort. I would rather have their opportunity than any that will ever be given to those who lived in magnificent sin and splendid unrighteousness and then wrap their gorgeous tapestry around them and without a prayer expired. "Better is a living dog than a dead lion.

In the great-day it will be found that the In the great-day it will be found that the last shall be first. There are in the grog shops and in the haunts of iniquity to-day those who will yet be models of holiness and preach Christ to the people. In yonder group of young men who came here with no useful purpose, there is one who will yet live for Christ and perhaps die for him. In a pulpit stood a stranger preaching, and he said: "The last time I was in this church was fif-teen years ago, and the circumstances were The last time I was in this church was fif-teen years ago, and the circumstances were peculiar. Three young men had come ex-pecting to disturb the service, and they had stones in their pockets which they expected to hurl at the preacher. One of the young to hurl at the preacher. One of the young men referred to refused to take part in the assault, and the others, in diagust at his cow ardice, left the building. One of the three was hanged for forgery. Another is in prison, condemmed to death for murder. I was the third, but the grace of God saved me." My hearers, give no one up. The case may seem desperate, but the grace of God likes to undertake a dead lift. I prochaim it this day to all the people—Free Grace! Living and dying, be that my theme-Free Gracet Sound it across the continent, sound it across the seas—Free Grace! Spell out those words

the seas—Free Grace! Spell out those words in flowers, lift them in arches, build them in thrones, roll them in oratorios—Free Grace! That will yet Edenize the earth and people heaven with nations redeemed. Free G race

Salvation 1 Oh, the joyful sound, "Tis pleasant to our ears, A sovereign balm for every wound, A cordial for our fears.

Buried in sorrow and in sin At death's dark door we lay, But we arise by grace divine To see a heavenly day.

ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

Emile Zela's receipts from "Nana" alone is stimated at \$100,000.

Walter Besant, the novelist, intends to visit this country next Summer.

General Boulanger may shortly make visit to America, but not to lecture.

Miss Emma Juch has purchased real estate in nearly all the growing cities of the North-

Archbishop Kenrick, of St. Louis, now in his 54th year, takes a daily walk of about six miles.

William Salmon, an English physician, who will soon be 100 years old, is the oldest Lving physician. Frank B. Tracy, the son of the Secretary

of the Navy, is an enthusiastic fine stock raiser, and has a farm in Tioga county, N.Y.

Prince Murat is described as looking old and worried, which is not extraordinary when it is remembered that he is a grand-Inther.

William Endicott, of Boston, has just en-tered his 931 year. He is sole survivor of the seventh generation of John Endicott's Professor Samuel Green, who was killed

on an iceboat at Ontario recoully, was a deaf mute, and an instructor in the instatution for deaf mutes there. Miss Veazyy, daughter of the Interstate Commerce Commissioner, is named Anona Gettysburg. She was born on one of the

PEOPLE IN THE TREES.

Distressing Scenes on the Mississippi Lowlands.

Twenty Thousand Acres Under Water, Thousands of People Destitute-Cattle Starving and Drowning.

Mr. J. J. Hogans, of the Memphis Commercial, has arrived in St Louis direct from the floo led district, along the Mississippi river. Mr. Hogan has just completed a tour of the devastated region. He says the situation is alarming, and that in his opinion the flood has not reached the highest notch. In the Laconia Circle, which is situated in Despa county, Ark., and comprising about 20,000 acres, the scene is a heartraniing one. The strip of the country is now inundated to a depth of five to twenty feet, and the inhabi-tants, numbering between two thousand and three thousan i people-whites and negroes-women and children are perched on house-tops and in the trees. Live stock not already drowned are minitaining a precessions exisdrowned are multising a precarious exis-tence with their wretched owners in some instances on the roofs of residences and else-where, on improvised platforms of wreckage. where, on improvised platforms of wreckage. Starvation is telling on the cattle, while the buman victims are in scarcely less deplora-ble co.dition as to food. From Heleaa the entire Mississippi delta country reaching from Vickacurg west to Shreveport, and down to New Orleace, seemed doomed to de-struction. Mr. Hogan reports that a 1 the people in the wide district there are fleeing for their lives. VicksBuRG, MISS -Litest returns from the hississippi leves report no change are

VICKSBURG, MISS —Litest returns from the hississippi leves report no change, ex-cept that the water is steadily advancing southward from Skipwith crevesse, and the towns of Mayersville, Filters and Hayes are being surrounded, and must go under in a short time. The steamer Evergreen is in from a second trop to Steel's Bayou, going as far as the drift would admit in exploring the adjacent plut thous in skiffs. Her offleers re-port that they totind no suffering the reducers re-port that they totind no suffer removed, and the people were safe. The bayon is rising fast. The bark is caving rapidly in front of Bedford levee, Mission parish, the caving being now within seventy-five feet of the levee. Work began and the new leves may be finished before the old on a goes into this river. The leves inspector clowhere in Louisian report no change. Trains have been anandoned between Greenville and Bol-ling Fork, and in fact all trains on the riverling Fork, and in fact all trains on the river-side division except from Greenville to Hampton, twenty-eicht miles, and between Coaboma and Benoit, sixty five miles. This leaves Greenville without communication with the out-ide world except by river. The situation on the Mississippi Valley Railroad's main line between Yazoo river

and Katzenmeir is very serious indeed Six inches more of water will send the Vicks.urg, Shreveport and Pacific Railroad under Letween Tallulah and Luke One. The under between Talulah and Like One. The water is rising slowly, but it is very unlikely that the road can run trains more than a week longer, and additional crevasses may stop operations at any time. Mr. E. W. Mc. Cabe, contractor for bridges for the New Or.eans and Northwestern Rairoad, until lately in process of construction between Vidalia and Winnsboro', Lu, arrived from Rayville, La He says work h a been stopped, and the construction on between and the construction company now has its teams and men in Rayville. The water rose five feet in Dry Bayou, six mites from Ray-ville, in twenty four hours, and is now within

SOUTHERN ITEMS; INTERESTING NEWS COMPILED FROM MANY SOURCES.

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-Last week \$175,000 worth of real estate was sold in Wytheville, Va.

Norfolk, Va., has hopes of a rolling mill-a shoe factory and a piano factory. —Elijah Smith fell from the railroad bridge at West Un on, W. Va., and was killed.

-A company to conduct a cannery on an extensive scale has been organized in Danville, Va.

-The postoffice in Ruleigh, N. C., now baudles about ten thousan1 pieces of mail natter daily.

----Prof. William M. Graybili, of Roanoks county, Va., has accepted the presidency of the Synodical College at Rogersville, Tean. -A young man named Charles Story fell from a small boat whilst fishing in the James river, near Balcony fails, VL, and was drowned.

-Mr. H. Ardinger, of Williamsport, Md., trapped a family of twelve foxes, the mother and eleven cubs, at Indian Church, west of that place.

-James Buckham, a workman at E kins, W. Va., placed a dynamite cap on the stove to warm. It exploded, seriously lac.rating his face, hands and body.

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""Aunt" Frances Price, of Alderson, Greenbrier county, W. Va., died a lew days ago ag d one hunder years. She was born in Augusta county, Va., in 1790.

----The boundary lines of the site for Trinity college, at Durham, N. C., are being laid off. The campus will contain about s.xty acres, incluiing a most beautiful grove.

--James Allen, working at Pringle's mill, near the head of Mill Creek, Jacksan coun y, W. Va., was run over by a roling log and erushed so bady that he lived but forty-five minutes.

-----There is a guines rooster in New Mar-tinsville, W. Va., that objects to red headed people who stop to look of him, and flercely attacks all red-beaded children who come near him.

The authorities of the Wilmington & Welton Railroad have determined to build a road from Washington, via Greenville to Wilson, N. C. Work will commence this spring.

-A one dollar note, which had been raised to ten, was recently presented at a store in Keedysvill-, Washington county, Md., bav-ing be-n pass d unobserved on the min who presented it.

-The wagon factory in Raleigh, N. C., is now in full blast, and turning out eight or ten wagons a day. The workmanship is, in all respects, equal to that done in the North and orders are constantly pouring in from all sections.

The proprietors of Duke's Cigarette factory at Durham, N. C., say that instant of remov-ing their pant to N is York, extensive ad-dit one will be made, necessitating the em-ployment of a large sumber of additional bands.

-Two perfectly developed calf heads on one n-ck were exhibited by Messra Craw-tord & Wnitteker at their buicaer-shop in was born at Poca, but diep at wirth. inscribed: "B>"n July 25, 179., A. B. W. -Mr. Albert Knight, of Paw Paw, W. Va., has on his farm a sorrel mare that was left with him at the time of Jones' rold, in the last of April, 1863. The animal was then the last of April, 1003. The animal was then supposed to be five years old, and has since proven to be one of the best horses in the country. She must be at least thirty-two years o. age, and is right epry yet. -A suit over the ownership of two ducks has finally been settled in fitchle county, W. Va, after dragging through two courts. One of the litiganis recovers \$1.5 damag.s, and the costs foot up to several hundred be-sides inwyers' fees. -A company has been formed to develop the fine black marble recently discovered on Back creek, Boletourt' county, Va. The capital stock of the company is placed at \$100,000, \$70,000 of which has already been taken in Roanoke. -Eastern capitalists have closed a deal for large tract of rich coal hads between Frunty town and Femington, W. Va., and will open very extensive mines, their contract calling for not less than fifty cars of coal per day. About 200 coke ovens will be erected. -A sarious and nearly fatal accident oc-curred at Lynchburg, Va., to a burial party. While the pall-bearers were carrying out the corpse of a little child of W. E. Calinhan, high constable of the city, the high porch gave way and precipitated four young men and the orfiln into a deep gully about fifteen that the way more more ac her bury teet. All of them were more or and one quite severely. T. H. Boswell and J. F. Thomas, who ----T. H. Boswell and J. F. Tromas, was are partners in the grocery bu-iness, in Dan-ville, Va., had a lively fight a few days ago, in which toth were badly used up. They were taken before the mayor and fined, after which they made friends. They shock hands and resumed business at the old stand. About 15,000 logs have come out in the rresent rise on the Twelve Pole river, W. Va., and there are at least 5,000 more on their way down the stream. It is estimated that there are now in Tweive Pole river about \$150,000 worth of timber of different

strong and lond voiced and at its roar the forests echo and the mountains tremble. It is marvelous for strength, and when its hide is many velous for strength, and when its hide is removed the muscular compactness is something wonderful, and the knife of the dissector bounds back from the tendons. By the clearing off of the forests of Palestine and the use of firearms, of which the lion is particularly afraid, they have disappeared from places where once they ranged, but they were very bold in olden times. They attacked an army of Xerxes while marching through Macedonia. They were so numerous that one thousand lions were slain in forty years in the amphiteatre of Rome. The Barbary lion, the Cape lion, the Senegal lion, the Assyrian lion, make up a most absorbing and exciting chapter in natural history. As most of the Bible was written in regions lion haunted, this creature appears in almost all parts of the Bible as a simile. David understood its habits of night

David understood its habits of night prowling and day slumbering, as is seen from his description: "The young lions roar after their prey and seek their meat from God. The sun ariseth, they gather them-seives together, and lay them down in their dens." And again he cries out, "My soul is among lions." Moses knew them and said, "Judah is couched like a llon." Sampson here the care knew them, for he took honey from the carknew them to all the solution in the solution of a slain lion. Solomon knew them and says, "The King's wrath is as the roar of a lion," and again, "The slothful man says, cases of a similation, bondering is as the roar of a says, "The King's wrath is as the roar of a lion," and again, "The slothful man says, "bere is a lion in the way," Isaiah knew "n, and says, in the millennium, "The hi shall eat straw like an ox." Exekted hew them, and says, "The third was as the face of a lion." "Paul knew them, and says, "I was delivered out of the mouth of the heap." Peter knew them, and says, "The "I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion." Peter knew them, and says, "The devil as a rearing lion walketh about." St John knew them, and says of Christ, "Be hold the Lion of the tribe of Judah!"

Now, what does my text mean when it puts a living dog and a dead Hon side by side, and says the former is better than the latter? It means that small faculties actively used are of more value than great facultie employed. How often you see it! Some man with limited capacity vastly useful. He takes that which God has given him and says: "My mental endowment is not large and the world would not rate me high for my intelligence, and my vocabulary is imited, and my education was defective, but here goes what I have for God and but here goes what I have for God and salvation,, we making of the world good and happy." He puts in a word here and a word there, encourages a faint hearted man, gives a Scripture passage in consolation to some bereft woman, picks up a child fallen in the street and helphim brush off the dust and puts a five cant piece in his hand, telling him not to cry, so that the boy is singing before he gets round the corner; waiting on everybody that has a letter to carry of a message to deliver; comes into a rail train, or stage coach, or depot, or shop, with a smiling face deliver; comes into a rail train, or stage coach, or depot, or shop, with a smiling face that sets everybody to thinking: "If that man can, with what appears small equip-ment in life, bo happy, why cannot 1, pos-sessing far more than he has, be equally happy?" One day of that kind of doing things may not amount to much, but forty years of that—no one but God Himself can decourate its immunity appreciate its immensity. There are tens of thousands of such people

There are ten of thousands of such peoples. There are tens of thousands of such peoples. Their circle of acquaintance is small. The man is known over at the store. He is clerk or weigher or drayman, and he is known among those who sit neur him clear back in the church under the galleries, and at the snow from his shoes, and thresaing his arms around his body to revive circulation, on some January morning. But if he should be people who would know about if. He will never have his name in the newspapers but one, and that will be the amonement of his death if some one will pay for the in-sertion, so much a line for the two lines. But he will come up gloriously on the other side, and the God who has watched him all through will give him a higher seat and a

days of the Gettysburg battle,

Empress Eugenie still owns the chatteau of Arnenberg, in Switzerkand, given her by the late Emperor of the French. There she keeps many relice of her days of prosperity.

Justin McCarthy, has Leen for some years an ardent and enthusiastic student of the period of the French Ravolution, and is about to publish the first instainment of his

Bronson Howard has been warmly received in England. Mrs. Humphrey Ward has shown him a great deal of attention, and he has been invited to visit Andrew Lang, Hall Caine and other noted British men of letters.

"M. Ernest Zola, inventor of the spring nippers, notifies his customers that he has nothing in common with his namesake Emile Zola, writer," was the form of an advertisement in a newspaper, which set all Paris laughing.

Queen Margherita of Italy, receives some currous letters. One epistle from this country asked her to send to the writer a complete collection of Italian postage stamps. Another American requests Her Majesty to torward one of her cast-off jewels.

Hans yon Bulow, the celebrated planist, is known in public as the most quick tempered conductor that ever yielded a baton, and in private as the most genial, cultured and ur-caue of men. His memory is enormous, an 1 he can conduct a complicated Chopin cert without once looking at the score.

Bishop Mackenzie, of Zululand, who died on Fournary 9th, of enteric fever, gavainstruc-tions previous to his demise that his corps. should be buried in Zulu fashion. Accord-ingly no collin was used, but the body was tied up in a blanket in a kneeling position, and was thus placed in a hole.

Sir Henry Parks, the real founder of British domination in Australia, is the possensor of a lucky sixpense. It is the pos-sessor of a lucky sixpense. It is the money which he earned by holding a horse what he first stepped ashore from an emigrant ship at SydLey half a century ago, a friend-less and penniless emigrant. He is very proud of the coin, which he always carries here the for bout him for luck.

Lotta is rated as the richest single woman in the world who has earned her own money. in the world who has earned her own money. Her wise mother, who is an excellent woman of business, watches the markets and invest the actress' funds as fast as she receives them. The little "Marchioness" owns a hotel in Boston, an appartment bonse in New York and other real estats in Washington, Chicago and Long Branch, besides stocks and bonds.

and Long Branch, Oesidas stocks and Donds. Rev. John Hall is unnecessarily tall, and fairly bubbles over with fatherly counsel. He is Irish and preached in his na-tive country until 1867, when he was called to the pastorate of the Fifth Avenue Preapy-terian Church, at New York, where he has since gathered about him one of the largest and very wealthiest congregations in United States.

SHE WAS WEARY OF LIFE:

A Young Woman Commits Suicide to a Graveyard.

A young woman was found dead in Utics N. Y., in St. Agnes' Cometery, with an empty landauum vial near. The only name found was Mary L. Euglesfield, and this was on an envelope containing a cabinet photo-graph of deceased, taken in Albany. A note was found worded as follows: "I have worked until I am tired ont. I

have no right anywhere on earth. Woa's some churitable persons bury me without ing to a great expense? My brother is in rilo, Wis. I have written him to pay for my burial without taking my body hamton. Bury ms in the poster's field-any-where-only my ms to rest. I happ. I will successf in anding my life, and not make a tailure of it."

half a mile of town. Greenville is now on an island. The town

is in the greatest canger of an overflow with little hops of keeping out the water though the levees are still standing.

A despatch from Tailuian, La., says all farmers east of that place are planting, while II West are under water. HALENA, Ark.-Tus river stands 57.9 feet

on the Lauge .- hree inches and a half below the high-water mark of 1885. The steamer Houston Comt s and barges ladened with provisions donate i by the people of this place has reached the Licony circle. The unfor-tunate people of that district are being releved as tast as possible. The levees around Helena are still in gool

condition, and the feeling here is one of confidence.

GREENVILLE, Miss. -Latest news from Breaks: Odute's Mill, Sk pwith 757; Easton 930, and Huntington 530 feet wide, and all except Offutt's, caving rapidly. It is now aven up that the entire country from Lake Bouvar to the Warren county hills will be floodel.

ANOTHER MINE EXPLOSION.

These Men Killed and Four Other Injured-How it Occurred.

By an expidition of gas in No. 4 s.ope of the Susquehanna Coal Company, at Nanticoke, Pa., three men were killed, four sariou-ly injured and two slightly injured. The explosion occurred about two o'clock A. M., in the sixth pit of the west gangway. The slope is situated in the heart of the town As soon as it was learned toat a large num ber of men were in the mine, rescuing par ties at once entered to ascertain the extent of the casualty. At noon the rescuers came out of the pit bearing all the bolies of the

dead and injured. As far as known the gas that had accumu-lated in the slope at the fatal spot came from a blower at the side of the slope and was ignited by John J. Griffith, the brattice man, who carried a naked ismp. A number of other miners and laborers were injured by the concussion, but thar injuries are no serious enough to prevent them from return The mine is not damaged to ing to work. The many great extent.

MARKETS.

BALTIMORE-Flour-City Mills, extra, \$4,90 . Wheat-Southern Fultz, 30183 Southern White, 37a38 ets, Yellow api.40. Wheat-Southern Fultz, 59.48 Corn-Southern White, 37a38 ets, Yallow Silga351/c. Oats-Southern and Pennsylvania 27a3026a; Rya-Maryland & Pennsylvania 55a57cm, Hay-Maryland and Pennsylvania 12 30a813 00;8traw-Whast, 7.50a 50.30; Butter, Eastern Creamary, 90485c, near-by Peesipts 10a20ets; Cheese-Rastern Fancy Cream, 11 all1/4 ets, -Western, 9a10 ets; Eggs-12 al2/4; Tobacco Leaf-Inferior, \$1a3.00 Good Common, 3 000 \$47 00; Middling, \$5a7,00 Good to fine red, 5a80; Fancy, 10a\$13. Knw Yonx, -Klour-Southern Common to fair extra, \$2,50a\$235; Wheat-No1 White S7a574; Rye-State, 57a60; Corn-Southerr Yellow, 37a374; Oam-White, State 28/ga294 ets, Butter-State, 5a766; Corn-Souther Yellow, 37a374; Oam-White, State 28/ga294 ets, Butter-State, 5a766; Corn-Souther Yellow, 37a374; Oam-White, State 28/ga294 ets, Butter-State, 5a766; Corn-Souther Sya104; ets; Eggs-Hal45; ets, "fint_ancy, 4 23a4 75; Wheat-Pennsylvania and Southern Red, 85a91; Rye-Pennsylvania Sha00e; Corn-Southern Yellow, 344/ga35 ets, Oats-39a204; ets; Butter-State, 20039 ets; Chesse-N, Y, Factory, 9a95; ets, Eggs-

Cheese-N. Y. Fa State, 13% als cts. CATTLE

CATTLE. BALTMORE-Best, 4 73a4 93; Sheep-\$5 00 a5 75; Hoga-\$4 73a5 25; New Y Onk-Best-\$6 00a7 00; Sheep-\$5 50 a6 25; Hoga-\$4 40a4 51 EAST LIDERTY-Best-\$4 5594 50; Sheep-\$4 50a5 30; Hoza-\$4 30a8 \$5

-The proposition to build a railroad from some point on Hawriver, in Alamance cousty N. U., via Mebanesville and Caswell counties N. C., Via Association and Castoric of a to Danville, Va., is meeting with much en-couragement. Sev. rsi townships in Castwell and Alamanco counties have made liberal subscriptions, amounting in all to \$60,000.

-A seven-year-old son of Mr. Josiah Brown, who lives near Edgemont, Washing-ton county, Md., feil from the hay mow to the barn floor a few days ago. He walked to the house, and did not seem to be injured much, but he has since died from the effects of the fail.

Le Jarge.

A passenger train on the Northern Pacifie Railroad was wrecked ner Nixon, Montana, Haliroad was wrecked ner Nixon, Montana, The cars took fire and all were burned ex-cept two sleepers. Express Messenger filles is missing, and it is supposed he was burned to death. Two emigrant pessengers, two hady tourists, one call, the begingermaster a posted electh and porter of the tourists slasper were injurid.