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#### For the Recorder.

ANGELS, AND THEIR EMPLOYMENTS. die they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minfor them who shall be heirs of salvation ? Heb. j. 14.

We know not may of the existence of angels but dat we derive from the sacred Scriptures. In the above cited passage they are denominated spirits," active and intelligent creatures ; an order of beings that people the world of light, and posessing knowledge and purity far beyond our present conceptions. Of their appearance, number, scinity, strength, and employment, the scriptures furnish frequent allusions.

They are spirits, indeed, but they are ministering spirits. The above passage furnishes an encouraging view of this superior order of intelligences. A part of their delightful employment, is, "to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation." This was acknowledged by the angel to the apos le John. Overcome with the dazzling lustre by hich the augel was surrounded, John mistook is character, and fell down to render him hom-But he forbade it, snying, "See thou do it not; I am thy fellow servant." Rev. xix. 10.

With what alacrity, may we not suppose, de hey move in obedience to the Divine commands ! All their employments are directed by Him, from whom they originally derived their being, and by whom they are momently upheld. By Him are they sent "to minister for the heirs of salvation." "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and he delivereth them." Psalm EXIV. in

This, certainly, is an encouraging view of anals to the serious christian, and furnishes strong merolation amid the manifold temptations and me and tempt him from the path of duty. He mourns in m. enemy's land. This is exceedingly discouraging. But let him not be disheartened. mer ready to promote his safety and his salvation. God both given them charge concerning his people Panlm xci. 11. They have ever appeared in their defence. They rescued Lot from Sodom-

RALEIGI the sins of the world, by faith upon Christ-seek the minister of justification by the only source of pardon, and for- ness, his happi sake every thing which God has forbidden. Man, sessed of this boon,

way, and then emerges into a broad lake of crystal The infamous Jeffries could insult Baxter from and dic. purity ; so the heart drawn from the world loses the bench, but his anger and rage testified that he But while she was engaged in this melancholy ser-Piety and inaction are incongruous. There can mere blank in creation. be no congeniality between them. Close examina- But how is this invaluable boon or power to be The widow of Zareplinth wins our praise for the

must be done with " might." welfare of others. Not only the "Spirit and the for a day, but popularity or applanse is not chorac- ty that is left us. Bride say, Come," but "let him that heareth say, Icr. Nor can it be gained by eloquence, or splen- Professing Christian, it was easy for you to give tions, and by words "fitly spoken," it is unques-tionably the duty of every Christian to "come up character.—The name of Baxter is not exalted or But circumstances are changed. The "Times

preserved Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, un- labor for this object. By doing so, their own hap- wreath with which his name is crowned. The really as to the gate of Zarephath, the Lord's cause piness will be increased, the Saviour's kingdom martyred Williams, whose character is sketched comes and asks for relief; and to you, as to the will be enlarged, and the fruit of righteousness will in another column, will be remembered for ages widow, it brings a premise with it. Will you bebe brought forth.

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#### mfluence, his useful-In a little town on the declivity of Lehanon, in I on character. Poc- the sight of the sen, lived a window and her son. of honoring God and Through all the embarransment and distress which though justified freely by grace, needs the enligh- doing good among many though he may not be came so heavily upon the community, she had tening and sanctifying influence of the Holy Spirit. endowed with the shining telents which the world toiled on; for when did ever a mother cease her In the beautiful words of an eminent prelate of our admire. Men may hate him, because they hate struggles against want and despair, while the in-Church, "We are not made holy in a mement, the the humbling truths which his doctrines and life age of a beloved child was before her, to nerve her work of sanctification though not of justification, teach and illustrate; but no man can despise him, for the effort ? But every resource was at length is progressive-each day to the faithful Christian There may be human infirmity in a minister who exhausted. Wasled with grief and famine, even adds greater desires, and a more longing aspiration has earned a character, but there is nothing mean a mother abandoned the struggle for life; and colafter holiness and purity, more earnest seeking, and consequently greater attainments. As the turbid stream deposites its earthiness as it flows upon its despised by their cotemporaries who knew them.

its worldliness, and becomes perfected as it passes could not despise him. It is not in human nature vice, she was accosted by a venerable stronger, "a into the valley of the shadow of death, and reaches those mansions which have been 'prepared from the foundation of the world for those that love, and serve, and obey their Master." How impor-the foundation of the world for those that love, and serve, and obey their Master." How important is it then for Christians to do for themselves ence-and, however obscure may be the position his spirit, " Make me thereof a little cake first." what " their hands findeth to do, with their might !" it occupies, it will in due time be known. And She obeyed his word, and God blessed her in Sloth upon the subject of personal religion, cannot without some share of character, the minister is her obedience; for her "herrel of meal did not but be attended with the most lamentable effects. powerless for any purpose. He is but a cyplice, a waste nor her cruise of oil fail," as long as those hard tintes lasted.

tion-constant and ardent prayer; untiring efforts attained by the minister of Christ ? How can he simplicity of her faith, and affords a model for our and unbending industry, a lively faith in Christ, secure to himself the advantages which character imitation. From her humble history we learn, and ardent love, are all required for growth in confers !-- We answer-not by seeking a name that the present are not the only "hard times" grace, and these duties, to be rightly performed, -not by seeking great things for himself-a pro- that the world has seen, nor are we the first emminent station in the church-a popular position barrassed people that have been called on, in the The other aspect in which the subject may be before the world, or a pre-eminence among his depths of poverty, to help the cause of the Lord, viewed, is in relation to efforts for the spiritual brethren. These things may give one popularity by parting with a portion even of the little proper-

Come." The fountain in which all may wash, is did talents, or successful effort in the race of com- money when you were flushed with prosperity; ever open, the waters of life flow abundantly from petition. Character must be earned-worked out my and perhaps you thought yourself liberal, and in mals of hie. He is encompassed with many strong, the throne of God and the Lamb, and all that will PATIENT EFFORT IN DOING GOOD. It will come at no. your heart, blessed your own generous philanmay come and partake of them. It is far from the man's bidding. It is not an accident of wealth, or throphy. But what you then gave was no great a half century of his ministry, about twenty years object of the writer to urge any interference with eminence, or genius, or learning. These attains test of love to God. Which of all your donations the duties of the clergy. Their people are the ments, though important as means of usefulness, cost you any real sucrifice ! When did you ever connecting links between them and the world : and cannot confer weight of character-the enduring go the more hungry or weary to your bed, or en-Ke is serrounded, too, by numerous good spirits, by example, by precept, by warning and admoni- character which God exalts and men venerate.- dure cold, or lie awake an hour at night, that you

to the help of the Lord." and to aid in disseminat- brightened by any distinctions, or pre-cminence are hard," and you are comparatively-perhaps youth hopefully pions in all the congregation ing the knowledge of the "truth as it is in Jesus." he sought in the church. The mitre, which he absolutely-poor. And now comes the trial of not one that had made a public protession of reli-

# THE VOICES OF LIFE.

"We spine our years as a tale that is told "--- Davin. Like the sonest has on the drops of down

When night shales chose the day, Like the rainbow's glearn on the leaping stream, Our life flics swift hatny.

With a stealthy tread by the bridal bed Creeps he of the sey breath :

A kins leaveth he, then langhesh in gloe; Tis the hollow laugh of Denth.

the second second in the second se He nimeth his durt of a maidea's heart, He loves the beautiful best, And the brightest geni of his dia lem

He tore from a mother's breast !

He is plucking now from an inlast's prow-The bad that is bureting foir ; In the dismal touth will be hide its bloom s No flowers can blossors there.

In youth's somey hour, with a witching power, Hope leadeth a merry counds. But the hour of old ugs knoweth file's brief page. A sale that hath ceased its sound.

Oh! nothing both its birthen the beautiful cord But sprakes with a toreger of fire. Beyond the blue doing the True Life hard its henry Then heavenward, my soul aspire

. BEHOLD THE CONTRAST. Many can witness to the truth of the followin item, from the N.Y. Evangelist ; and in view of the change have reason to exclaim, what hath God wrought !-

"The late venerable Dr. Ferkins, of West Hartford, in his sermon delivered at the completion of ago, remarked, ' One thing, in a directure on such an occasion, worthy to be noticed, and which ought deeply to effect the mind, is the different state of religion in the rising generation now, and when I first took the postoral charge of this people upon me. There was not then, nor for several years, one With energy and with spirit they are required to refused, could never have created the immortal your faith ; you cannot escape it. To your door as gion, or took a seat at the table of our Lord, to remember him in his dying command ! Alas, what a state of things! Now when I look around, I see many, many youths, professors of the divine religion of Jesus, and on sacremental Salabaths are found taking their sents at his table. To the best of my recollection, there was not one routh then, in all the town (Hartford) who was a member, in fall communion, in either of the charcines.' If the Doctor had cause to rejoice twenty years ago in view of such a change, what would he have mid in our day, when not ory 'many,' but I last almost said the majority, of the members of the churches are going persons ?" THE DEAD ARISE. In the course of my remarks, the car of the monarch cought the startling sound of a resurrec-"What !" he exclaimed with estonishment tion. "what are these words about I the dead, the dead arise !" "Yes," was my reply, "all the dead shall arise." " Will my father arise i" " Yes." answered, "your father will arise ?" " Will all the slain in bottle arise ?" "Yes." "And will all to God first of all, though it be but a dollar, or that have been killed and devouued by lions, tigers, hycnas, and crocodilos, again revive " "Yes; and come to judgement." After looking at me for a few moments, he turned to his people, to whom he spoke with a steptorian voice 2-4 Hark, ye wise men, wheever is among you, the wisest of past generations, did ever your ears hear such strange and unleard of news 1" And addres himself to one whose countenance and attire showed that he had seen many years, and was a persohage of no common order, " Have you ever heard such strange news as these !" " No," was spare a little-at least a little-for him who the sage's answer ; " I had supposed that I posses ed all the knowledge of the country, for I have beard the tales of many generations. I am in the place of the ancients, but my knowledge is confounded with the words of his mouth. Surely he must have lived long before the period when we were born." Makaba, then turning and adda himself to me and laying his hand on my breas said, "Father, I love you much. Your visit and 1. Commence discipline as soon as the child your presence have made my heart white as mills can be made to understand the wishes of the pa- The words of your mouth are sweet as hovey, but the words of a resurrection are too great to be 2. Let the first object be to produce the habit heard. I. do not wish to hear again about the of PROMET OREDIENCE; and the first lesson, uncoudi- dead rising! The dead cannot rise! The dead must not arise !" "Why," I inquired, " can so 3. Aim always at producing a right state of feel- great a man refuse knowledge, and turn away from wisdom ?" Raising and smcovering his arm 4. Never give a command, obedience to which which had been strong in bottle, and shalling his hand as if quivering a spear, he replied. I have 5. Be distinct and positive in giving commands, slain my thousands, and shall they arise " Never and never allow the child to parley or ask for before ball the light of divine revelation disasper upon his savage mind, and of course hid conscience had never accosed him, no, not for one of

burt amid the devouring element, and delivered Feter from a gloomy prison. The same kind offices are they daily performing in the behalf of "the hers of salvation." Their agency, though inviside, is not the less real and effectual. They are, so to speak, the christian's body-guard-and by them, as the ministers of the Most High, is he preserved from dangers, seen and unseen.

What care does God take of his people! What condescension in furnishing them with such ample motection ! How necessary during their pilgrimage below! In what holy-society are they prosecuting their journey to "the land of uprightness!" What motives, do these considerations furnish to gratitude and holiness of life!

# DAVID.

#### CHRISTIAN ENERGY.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

The time allotted to man by his Creator, is not mly short but uncertain. If, from the earliest penod of responsibility, to the three-score years and ten, which is reached by comparatively so small a number, entire devotion to the service of his master has characterized his life, still much will have been left undone which should have been performed. But how few, in early life, dedicate themselves to the service of God ! Who suffers not many years to pass away, without seeking, and finding, an interest in the blood of Christ ?

The text of Scripture which has been selected as the motto of this communication, speaks trumpet-tongued to every Christian. It calls for energy, or effort, and for action. There are two aspects m which it is proposed to consider it. First, as relating to strenuous endeavors for the increase of personal piety in our own hearts; and secondly, for bringing others, over whom any influence can be exerted, within the fold of Christ.

The heart of man " is deceitful above all things. and desperately wicked." There is, therefore, a constant call for watchfulness and prayer. The world, the flesh, and the devil, present their varied furements in ever changing forms, to entice from he strait and narrow way in which the word of God commands the Christian to walk. "Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation," said the Saviour; and what Christian is there who does not hel that this injunction is intended for him; and that unless it be earnestly heeded, soon he will find that he has wandered from his Father's home, and will be obliged to mourn the withdrawal of the ight of that countenance without which the deepgloom will shroud his pathway? As he who a constantly employed, is almost without exception he most happy, and the most likely to obtain the esired object-so will the Christian who most remonsly labors to eradicate sin from his own eart, find wisdom's "ways to be ways of plea-

devoid of personal influence; every one who has which God and men will honor.

possible to hesitate in using every effort for the purpose of bringing within the fold of Christ those who are wandering upon the mountains of sin, as sheep without a shepherd, and of leading them into the "green pastures, and beside the still waters" THE Sabbath is hallowed, the calm day of rest, of religion.

perform this duty, soon would the aspect of the The birds seem to wake with devotional lays, world be changed. Our sanctuaries of prayer To welcome the best and the brightest of days, would not contain the worshippers who would throng about their portals. Songs of praise and thanksgiving would resound throughout the world, and the knowledge of redeeming grace would "cover the earth, even as the waters cover the sea." We are taught by Christ himself to pray, "Thy kingdom come," and to this prayer should be added every effort for the accomplishment of the purpose. Both are required. What man can do must be done, and, in the language of Seripture, done with "might." Various are the motives which urge to this object, but the most important of all is that given by the "preacher," "For there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." Soon the period for labors, for self-advancement, or for others, will cease. "As the tree falleth, so it must lie." Regret will then be unavailing that energy in the cause of Christ has not characterized our intercourse with others, and our dealings with our own

hearts. The Christian's life is one of constant warfare The enemy of souls is ever upon the alert. The hield of faith is required to quench his fiery darts. Therefore, "whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."-London Christian Guardian.

The work, to ensure success, must be done with ary, and the disinterested benefactor of many thou- vide your last morsel with a suffering Seviour : not "might," Much is lost for want of zeal and ar- sands. But none of the distinctions which are ordi- taking any yourself, until you shall have made for dor in the cause. The humblest Christian is not natily sought, conferred upon him the character him "a little cake first "

named the name of Christ is called upon to exert The character of which we speak cannot 1c ty has escaped the general wreek; go to them." that influence in the cause of his Master; and feel- created or gained in a day. It must be carned by So said not the poor widow to Elijah, though ing the importance of the subject himself, strenu- patient continuance in well doing. It is the work mansions glittered in her sight, comparatively ously to labor as well as fervently to pray, that the of time-and the product of self-denying, unwen, unvisited by want. The greater your poverty, knowledge of the Lord Jesus may be co-extensive ried, and persevering efforts in doing good to men. with creation. That one who is contented with a -The minister of Christ, who wisely devotes his upon the liberal! profession of religion, and who, though not theor- time and his best energies to the cervice of God etically indifferent to the salvation of others, still and mankind, who duly prepares himself for this neglects to "do with might," from whatever cause, service, and labors assidnously in scason and out that you must give at least enough to prove to what can be done for the salvation of those never- of season to do good in whatever sphere Providying souls by whom he is surrounded; not only dence has assigned him, need feel to concern about the most precious interest in the universe, that it neglects to perform a manifest duty enjoined by the estimation in which he is held by the world : commands the first place in your affections and the the word of God, but deprives himself of a source God will take care of his character. His name of happiness, and a peace of mind, which the world will be held in everlasting remembrance.-But, if cannot give, or take away. If we really believe he seek great things for himself, he must pay for cake," this token of supreme regard, consecrated that the value of the soul is above all price; if we them sooner or later by loss of character-by a really love that Saviour who gave himself a willing failure to secure that enduring honor which is sacrifice for the redemption of mankind, how is it awarded to the memory of the just.

If all who love Christ, would with their "might"

as the self-denying, intropid, and faithful mission- lieve? Will you obey ? Are you ready to di-Do you say, " There are others whose proper-

the less able are you to do without God's blessing

But perhaps yon are in doubt how much is required of you in your circumstances. Know then your own conscience that you esteem his caure first fruits of your increase.

And how knowest thou but that this " little even but a dime, may secure for all the rest the copious blessing of Elijah's God, which shall forbid thy meal to weste, or thine oil to fail as long as "the pressure" is upon the land 1

Try the experiment, in the spirit of the humble filial faith, of serving God first in all your expenditures. When you are about to hy out any thing for yourself, panse and listen if there be not a whisper, having in it no less of love than of authority, saying, " MAKE ME thereof a little cake FIRST." And do not refuse because you are poor; gave masself for you. Taste no indulgence, make provision for no necessity, till you can feel that in every case you have made for your master " a little cake first."-N. Y. Observer.

#### RULES FOR FAMILY GOVERNMENT AND IN STRUCTION

rent.

tional submission to the will of the parent.

ing, as well as an outward obedience.

you do not intend to enforce.

your reasons.

6. Be firm, resolute, and persevering, not incomstant and uncertain, in your administration of fas the thousand of decis of mpine and murder which

had marked his course through a long Inven-

## THE DAY OF REST. " BY JESSE HAMMOND.

And nature seems robed in her holiday vest; Bright hues to the flowers are given ; And the skylark sings nearer to heaven.

There's a voice in the breeze that comes over the hills And mingles with music of murmuring rills, As if man a new paradise trod ; The universe smiles on its Maker's own day, And creation awakens, its homage to pay, With nature's own hymn to her God.

The passions are hushed that had ruffled the breast, And we seem to be gathered along with the blessed, Where religion has sainted the shrine ; The heart is the altar, and piety there. Pours forth the pure incense of praise and of prayer, From man to his Maker Divine.

And when from yon tower I hear the bells chime, And mingle along with the pilgrims of time, As if called from the vain world to sever-When I hear to our God sacred anthems arise, My spirit seems winged for its own native skies, To dwell in its temples for ever .--- [London Times

## A TALE OF HARD TIMES.

It was a season of grievious distress throughout mily government, the Phanician borders. In vain did the merchant 7. Let authority be rather FELT than SERS. Its Maffai's South America. read out their wares constant and unnecessary exhibition tenzes chil-

princes of Tyre and Sidon s ss, and all her paths to be peace," and have VALUE OF CHARACTER TO A MINISTER. to tempt their neighbors of Asher and Nupbtali to dren, hardens their hearts and weakens its power. Sauno most What I-By these who had the our conceptions of divine grace to cheer him upon Character is justly esteemed as above all price. traffic in their marts. No caravans, laden with 8. Be sparing of reproof. Much talk weakens final salvation of all men, great stress is hid on the s pilgrim-journey, and his mind be drawn forth -Men of every profession, of whatever mistakes "wheat of Minnith and Pannag, and honey, and authority expressions, glorious nece, gladeidings, sence and th increased love toward that Saviour to whom

the owes every thing that he enjoys, and upon they are guilty in respect to the proper standard, oil, and balm," wound through the passes of Le-those mediation he can alone rely for acceptance regard it as invaluable. In God's estimation, too, banon; no joyful son of Issachur elsered his mule

the severy thing that he enjoys, and upon the outside one rely for acceptance the severy thing that he enjoys, and upon the severy thing the privilege of all Christs's topic to enjoy, is in some degree lost by the ne-recting to perform with their "might" those dutes the tare is solution; There is nothing which it can be bareed there is nothing for which it can be bareed there is nothing for which it can be bareed there is nothing for which it can be bareed there is nothing for which it can be bareed there is nothing for which it can be bareed there is nothing for which it can be bareed there is nothing, "says the Script-the several tare is of greater rules that they, to whome character is of greater rules that they, to whome character is of greater rules that they is an interest in the sacrifice once offered for