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Poetry.

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Will God change ? Will our Heaven-TO MY MOTHER. ly Father become better ? Will Om-The following lines are touchingly beau- nipotence become stronger, infinite tiful, and we have seen nothing of late that wisdom wiser, and infinite goodness bethas so moved our sympathies. The man ter, that God should do more for who can write such poetry, who has such sinners in the future than He does thoughts, cannot be utterly depraved. The now ?

them from sin, sorrow, disease, pain

and death. Why should it ever do

more than it has done and is now doing?

may disinherit some of his rebellious

and impenitent children, and withhold

from them any part of the heavenly inheritance. If it be said that God

is better than an earthly father, to what

will or what should be the conduct of

God in the administration of His gov-

ernment? God does now and ever

has done, what no earthly parent would

dare to do, because He is King and

But this argument assumes what is

not true-that all men are the children

of God in the same sense. There is a

sense in which God is the Father of

men, as there is a sense in which he

is the saviour of all mep." "But no

truth is more clearly taught in the Bi-

ble than this-that all men by nature

are not the spiritual children of God."

Men are said to become the children

of God by adoption." Romans 8th

ch., 15th verse. A man cannot adopt

his own child, which is already as much

his child as it can be. But he may

take a child not his own and make it

his by adoption. If all men are the

children of God by nature, then they

are not so by adoption." Some are

Lord and Judge as well as Father.

curse of intemperance, with its attending | The argument drawn from the parendownward influence, has here done its work | tal character of God is fatal to Uniof destruction, and a spirit noble and gene- versalism. Earthly parents do frerous, that might and should be the pride and quently disinherit their children and ornament of the social circle, is now the de- cut them off from all part and lot of graded convict, within the walls of a peni- their earthly inheritance. Now let the tentiary. How will that fond mother's heart Universalist hold to the analogy, and bleed, if she hears of her darling boy the in- what becomes of his system ? Why it follows that the Heavenly Father

mate of a prison in a foreign land.

I have wandered far from thee, mother, Far from my happy home; I've left the land that gave me birth, In other climes to roam ; And time since then has rolled its years, And marked them on my brow, Yet I have often thought of thee: I'm thinking of thee now.

I'm thinking on the day, mother, When at thy tender side You watch'd the dawning of my youth, And kissed me in your pride Then brightly was my heart lit up With hopes of future joy, While your bright fancy honors wore To deck thy darling boy.

I'm thinking of the day, mother, When with such anxious care You lifted up your heart to Heaven : Your hope, your trust was there. Fond mem'ry brings thy parting word, While tears rolled down your cheek, Thy long, last, loving look told more Than ever words could speak.

I'm far away from thee, mother, No friend is near me now To soothe me with a tender word, Or cool my burning brow ; The dearest ties affection wove Are all now torn from me; They did not love like thee.

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"Sacred Tableaux."

The Shield of Two Colors. TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH.

Under this name, the Broadway thea-In the age of chivalry and paganism, tre has recently been made the place one of the ancient British princes erec- of exhibition for a representation of the ted a statue to Victory, at the inter- crucifixion of the Saviour, and under section of four different roads. The circumstances well fitted to fill the mind goddess held a lance in her right hand, of every religious person with disgust and with the left, she leaned upon a and horror. A foreigner came here shield, whose exterior surface was of with the materials to reproduce the solid, and interior of silver. On one side was to be read the following in-scription, written in the old language of Britain: "To the ever favorable goddess," and on the other: " For endorsing these displays, and he prefour successive victories gained over the sumed that what had been so much ad-Picts, and other inhabitants of the mired in continental Europe and Protestant England would not fail to be Northern Isles."

It happened one day, that two knights appreciated in this country which is completely equipped, one with black overrun with Roman Catholics. Acarmor, and the other with white, came cordingly he takes the Broadway Thefrom opposite directions to the statue, atre, and there sets up his living modprecisely at the same time. As they els of these pictures and among the had never seen it before, they stopped to read the inscriptions, and to admire rest, the effigies of the Lord and Savior, in the agonies of crucifixion, with the the beauty of the work. After con- attendants, guards, women, and the templating it for some time, "This rabble: exhibiting the scene with all golden shield," cried the black knight. the vividness of reality.

"Golden," interrupted the white knight To our taste there is something inwho was attentively observing the op- expressibly disgusting in the mere idea posite side, "if I have good eyes, it is of making a live man to represent the silver." "I know not what kind of dying of the son of God : and if the eyes you have," replied the black use of words profanely may be punished knight, "but if ever I saw a golden shield in my life, this is one." "Likely story, indeed !" replied the other, suppressed by that law which forbids with a smile, "it is very probable that a golden shield, should be exposed in be outraged. The manager has apsuch a place ! As for me, I am only peared before the public with a card of surprised, that a silver one has not explanation, which in no respect, mitiproved a temptation too strong for the gates his offence, and as we know there devotion of certain persons who pass are people with vitiated tastes, in suf-this way, and the date shows that it has ficient numbers to support the most exbeen here for three years. The black ceptionable exhibitions, we trust that knight could not endure the smile that this carricature of the scene on Calvary, accompanied this reflection, and be- will be suppressed by authority, or by came so enraged in the discussion, that the indignant expression of the sentiment of all religious persons. it terminated in a challenge. N. Y. Observer. The knights turned their horses' bri-

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We have been having an amasing

St. Anthony-Puritan Plagiarism.

From the Northwestern Christian Advocate. | eye watched every arrangement, was | Plea for the Class-Meeting.

now heard scoffingly demanding from Our class-meeting arrangement is his victim his dying speech and confes- is planted wants moisture to bring it admirably calculated to cultivate sys- sion-as if hoping that the chaos of up. tematic piety. External influences Hale's soul at that awful moment, have much to do with our religion .- would lead him to utter some remark. The mind is attached and becomes en- strange or ridiculous, which might listed by the business engagements and serve to glut the cariosity, of the crowd, changes of the world, and of necessity or be remembered as a kind of selfthe attention is in a measure diverted mude epitaph by a "rebel captain."

from the more spiritual and devotional Never was a torturer more cheated experience of religion. When this of his purpose-never a victim endowstate of affairs is long permitted, with- ed with utterance more sublime! One out interruption, piety, and the devo- glance, it is said, at Cunningham-one tional spirit are dissipated to a degree slight momentary contraction of his that leaves but little qualification and features into contempt-and he turned little inclination for the spiritual wor- his look, filled again with holy energy ship of God. The class meeting serves and sweatness upon the spectators-now check this tendency, and keep impressed, most of them, with a solemn 10 the heart from being absorbed and con- awe-and some of them, the females, trolled by the world. And the more not forbearing to sob aloud. With a so on account of its being an exercise voice full, distinct, slow-which came where personal religion is made the mournfully from the very depths of his theme. Self-examination of the moral being-in words which patriotism will state, self-scrutiny into the motives of forever enshrine, and every monument life, and a careful comparison of the of Hale's memory sink deepest into its present religious condition with that of stone, and every temple of liberty blathe past, are unavoidable when the de- zon highest on its entablature-at the sign of these meetings are sincerely very moment when the tightening knotobserved. Here the Christian reviews ted cord was to crush the life from his the past, sees his errors in his inter- young body forever, he ejaculated-as course with the world, is deeply im- the last immortal testament of his hepressed with his variations from the role soul to the world he was leaving : path of holiness, and resolves to guard "I only regret that I have but one in future those points where he has life to lose for my country." been mislaid. Maddened to hear a sentiment so

Such seasons of exact and severe sublime burst from the lips of the sufself-examination should be frequent and ferer, and to witness visible signs of regular, in order to a uniform piety ;- sympathy among the crowd, Cunning-the great subject of personal piety and ham instantly should for the catastropresent salvation ought to be fresh in phe to close. "Swing the rebel off !" the mind continually. There are too We conceive we hear him vociferating many whose religion is spasmodic, even now-"swing him off !" The whose zeal at times outruns their knowl- ladder diappeared-the cord strained edge, but who at other times are as far from the creaking bough-and with a in the rear as they had been in advance sudden jerk, the body of Hale dangled before. It will always be found that convulsively in the air. A few minutes such are lax in their attendance to class fluttering to and fro-a few heavings at the time of their depression. They of his noble chest-its manly limbs at need this regulating arrangement-this moments sharply bent by the pang-it balance-wheel-to make their religious at last hung straight and motionless lives uniform and even. Some make from its support,

31 50 a Year, inAdvance.

rain. Wheat and outs are suffering from the same cause, and the corn that

More than this, the crops of tobacco now on hand cannot be prepared for mrket. Every thing at present seems to be conspiring to their prejudice and iconvenience.-Tobacco Plant.

A Scene of Thrilling Interest.

Watson, in his " Men and Times of the Revolution," thus describes the closing cene in the revolutionary drama, viz ; the nnouncomont from the throne of the free om of the colonies :

"At an early hour, says the writer, on he 5th of Dec'r, 1782, in conformity with tevious arrangements, I was conducted y the Earl of Ferress to the very estrance f the House of Lords. At the door he hispered, 'get as near the throne as you in-fear not dog.' I did so, and found syself exactly in front of it, elbow to elbow with the celebrated Admiral Lord Hone. he Lords were promisenously standing as entered. It was a dark and foggy day, ad the windows being elevated, and conructed in two antiquated style, with leaden are to contain the diamond cut panes of lass, augmented the gloom. The walls erchung with dark tapestry, representing re defeat of the Spanish Armada. I had se pleasure of recognizing in the crowd spectators, Copley and West, the paints, with some American ladies. I also oticed some dejected American royalists a the group.

" After waiting nearly two hours, the oproach of the King was announced by a emendous car of artill ry. He entered y a small door on the left of the thrane. nd immediately seated him-elf upon the hair of State, in a graceful attitude, with is right foot retting upon a stock. Apperrily agitated, he drew from his pocket the all containing his speech. The comions were summon d, and, after the Lase of their entrance had subsided, he proended to read his speech.

"I was near the King, and wat he

I'm lonely and forsaken now, Unpitied and unbless'd, Yet still I would not have thee know, How sorely I'm distress'd. I know you would not chide me, mother, You would not give me blame; But soothe me with your tender words, And bid me hope again.

I would not have thee know, mother, How brightest hopes decay ; The tempter, with his baleful cup, Has dashed them all away, And shame has left his venom sting To rack with anguish wild; Yet still I would not have thee know The sorrows of thy child.

Oh! I have wandered far, mother, Since I deserted thee, And left thy trusting heart to break Beyond the deep blue sea, Oh ! mother, still I love thee well, And long to hear thee speak, And feel again thy balmy breath Upon my care-worn cheek.

But ah ! there is a thought, mother, Pervades my beating breast : That thy freed spirit may have flown To its eternal rest; And while I wipe the tear away, There whispers in my ear A voice that speaks of Heaven and thee, And bids me seek thee there.

Misrellaucous Articles.

For the N. C. Christian Advocate.

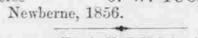
Future punishment-God a Father.

God is represented in the Bible as a not fail." We may therefore dismiss Father, and the Universalist asks, our gloomy forebodings, and with hum-"What parent could take his own child ble confidence look to our Heavenly and cast him into a consuming fire, or Father for the fulfillment of His graconfine him in a gloomy dungeon for cious promise. Not, however, in carelife ? But has not God, it is asked, as less indolence may we safely look on much goodness as man, or as much and see the workings of Infinite Love kindness as an earthly parent ? How in our behalf. It is true we may sow then can it be supposed that He will good seed in rich soil, and cultivate the cast any of his children into a lake of land with industry and skill, and no fire, and confine them there forever ?" crops would be raised if the genial in-This is a favorite argument with the fluence of the sun were withheld. All Universalist, and one which they often the hopes of the planter may be blastuse with great effect. In reply to it, ed by an unfavorable season ; but still we would ask, what parent would he must toil, though without God he drown his children in the water, or con- can have no success not even to the sume them in the fire? What parent making of a single blade of grass or would afflict his children with want, a grain of wheat. How dependent is pain, disease and death ? What parent man ! how good is the Lord ! would send on his children pestilence Let me remind thee, son of toil, and famine, blight and mildew, sorrow while thou art diligently cultivating

and anguish ? And yet God, our heav- thy lands, and enjoying the melodies enly Father, the great Parent of the and magnificence, the hopes and the universe, in the administration of His joys, of this sweet season of the year, providence, brings all these things up- that Jesus Christ is the Central Sun of on his children. Now, if God can the Christian System, and the means drown, burn, and afflict his children- of grace are the channels through plague them with famine, pestilence, which all the blessings of the Gospel disease, sorrow, pain and death, and may be conveyed to thy soul. The still be a tender Father, then He can truths of Christianity are glorious do all that the Bible teaches and we beams from the sun of righteousness, believe He will do to the wicked in the without which the man will be left in future world, and be as kind there as darkness and misery, and destitute of here-thea as now-in eternity as in those beautiful things which belong to the spring-time and snmmer of the time.

Before sin entered into the world, soul. With regard to things eternal, God was the Father of our first parents as well as to things temporal, it is our -as good, as wise, as powerful as He duty both to labor and to trust in God.

said to be the children of the devilsome the children of wrath. These which the Bible teaches us are not the children of God, cannot be the heirs of God. But those who are made the children of God by adoption are the heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. Romans 8th ch., 15-16-17 J. W. TUCKER. verse



For the N. C. Christian Advocate. The Sun of Righteousness.

In this beautiful season of the year, when mother earth begins once more to smile benignly upon her children, and to put on her most magnificent attire, can we fail to be reminded or our dependence upon our beneficent Creator, by whose power and wisdom the change of seasons is made ? Many a time, during the unusual severity of the long winter which has just passed away, has the thought been presented to the reflecting mind, that if such weather should continue a whole year, what multitudes of plants, trees, and animals would perish; and if gentle Spring should nevermore return, how soon would the whole human race be destroyed and the starless night of desolation throw her pall around a ruined world ! But, thank God, the promise still stands surely in his Word, "While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night, shall

they then couched the lance, and fell upon each other with the greatest fury. The onset was so fierce, and the religious festival (if such language has blow so violent on the part of each, any meaning) for a week past here-

that they both fell to the ground, the blessing of the Horses at St. Anthobraised, and wounded with the fall, and ny's. You cannot but have learned for some time remained insensible. A something about that venerable old saint

dles and drew back to take the field ;

venerable druid who was passing by, from pictures, if from nothing else. found them in this situation. Druids He has been a favorite among the arwere then physicians, as well as priests. tists, especially his woeful 'temptations He carried with him a sovereign balm in the desert, where he fought Satan which he had himself prepared, for he most valourously as a hermit. The was skilled in the knowledge of medic- artists like the subject, because it adinal plants that grew in the field or for- mits of so many contrasts and such exests. He staunched their blood, ap- ercises of skill in the grotesque; what measure restored them to here. As with the hoary-bearded anchorite, the soon as he saw them somewhat recov- rible shapes of the devil and his monered from their swoon, he inquired the strous imps ; and then, also, the volupcause of their dispute. "This fellow," tuous form of female beauty, usually cried the black knight, "pretends that introduced into the scene, together with the shield which you see, is made of sil- any variety of desert landscape, they ver." "He maintains," replied the find it a most ample theme. Some of white knight, "that it is made of gold." the best old Catholic artists have tried He finally related all the circumstan- their hands at it.

ces of the affair. "Ah !" said the It came into the head of the good druid, with a sigh, "you are both old saint once to preach to the fishes right, and you are both wrong; if each of the sea. I know not what was the of you had taken the time to examine particular occasion of this sermon, nor the opposite side of the shield as at- how far it succeeded in edifying his tentively as that side which was ex- finny auditors, but it shines among his posed to your view, you would have es most notable achievements ; and one caped all this rage and bloody strife. of the greatest painters has commemo-There is, however, an excellent lesson rated it in a work of art which now to be drawn from the misfortunes that hangs in the magnificent gallery of the you have suffered on this occasion, Borghese Palace here. I have "seen allow me, then, to entreat you in the it with my own eyes," or I could not name of all our gods, and especially in credit the fact. The artist was none the name of this goddess, that you will less than Paul Veronese ; the picture hereafter take no part in any dispute, represents the kind old saint standing before you have carefully considered on a ledge of rocks which overhangs the shore of the sea ; he is gesticulaboth sides of the question.'

A Sermon.

ting with the finest effect, and the most devout earnestness ; the fish are leap-

Let me tell you an incident. I know ing out of the water at an amazing it to be true, for it occurred here in rate, as if the words of the preacher Zaneville. Judge A-----, the individ- were as relishable to them as genuine ual mentioned, is our present member / bait. A profane recollection of an old of Congress, and Parson Jones, the old stanza, ascribed to the New England negro preacher (Heaven rest his bones!) Puritans, would thrust itself upon me, with his old gray mare and rickety cart, notwithstanding all my attempts to be have long since returned to dust. The serious while contemplating this noted judge was present at the delivery of picture :

one of his sermons, and was brought in by the speaker by way of illustrating a certain position then and there taken by him:

"Ye monsters of the briny deep, Your Maker's prayses spout ; Up from the waves, ye codlings, peep, And wag your tails about."

One of our own Methodist papers, "My dear friends and brethren," said he, "de soul ob de brack man is some years ago, assured the public that as dear in de sight ob de Lord as de this verse was actually from the Psalsoul ob de white man. Now, you all mody of the cape Cod Puritans ; if so see Judge -----, a sittin' dah, leanin' it is open to conjecture that the l'urion his golden-headed cane; you all tan poet had seen Paul Veronese's picknow de judge, niggas, and a berry ture. Any man that visits the Borgfine man he is, too. Well, now I'se hese Palace must see that the imagery gwine to make a little comparishment. is a plagiarism .- Steven's Letters from Suppose de judge, some fine mornin', Rome to Zion's Herald. puts his basket on his arm and goes to

market to buy a piece of meat. He SPIRITUALISM IN MASSACHUSETTS .-soon finds a nice, fat piece of mutton, The Newburyport Herald says : The an' goes off with it. Do you s'pose Spiritual Rapping phenomena are crea-de judge would stop to 'quire wedder ting quite a sensation in the south part to kneel upon his coffin, than did Hale gers, and the affair was again abandat mutton was ob a white sheep or ob of this county. In Lynn they are said to meet the felon's doom. Through doned. Some of the Americans, how- much, massa, without the prayers of Beta brack sheep ? No, nuffin ob de kind ; to be received, as from the spirits of all the horrors of his situation, he main- ever, honored the day by a dinner par-

the season of the year and pressing And was still as the chamber of deathbusiness engagements the pretext for The soul of the Martyr had fled.

A Story with a Moral.

such times, more than at any other, Door bell rings, the Rev. Mr. does the Christian stand in need of is introduced to the family room, this exercise to counteract the tenden- where three children are busily ency to worldliness. When we are in the gaged at play in the corner of the room, greatest danger, then we need more the mother diligently engaged in sevthan at any other time the various aids ing. She rises to meet the 'minister,' to a religious life. If our cares are and salutes him; he with lofty, cold, numerous and of a distracting charac- repulsive dignity says :

ter, let us often turn aside from them to | Good morning, Mrs. the genial shelter and hiding-place well to day.' And dignified takes his addition to our help obtained by devo- After a moment's pause, he says in the tion with God, a sympathizing brother- same unbending manner, hood, whose fellow-feelings and kind + I trust madam, you have been well

disposition toward us inspire us with the since I saw you last." conviction that we are not alone and 'Thank you, sir, quite well.'

friendless in the battle-field with sin. A brief pause. Such spots of retirement on the jour- I hope your family have been in

ney of life are like green cases in the health ? lesert. They return periodically, like 'I thank you, aside from the ordina-

the quict Sabbath, greatly to our relief; ry sickness of children." and no marvel that the truly spiritual Another pause.

'I trust you have found consolation The want of systematic piety is the and rejoicing since my last visit."

bane of the church, and the fruitful And thus passed away some ten or source of innumerable backslidings - fifteen minutes, the children all the Why should we not be happy in the while leaving suspended their play, love of God all the year ? Why may with a kind of indescribable fear, which not sinners be introduced to our class- children can look, glancing wonderfully meetings, and there be converted ?- at their mother.

Shall not the young convert be trained | * Rising to depart with his unrelaxed to uniform piety and made to increase dignity, the clergyman said : 'I leave in the knowledge and love of God by my blessing with you and your family, the aid of the more experienced whom Mrs. ----, and will bid you good morhe meets in the class ? The winter ning.'

has passed away, and spring with all Hardly had the door closed when a its toils and cares is upon us. And little boy of four years ran towards his now, brethren and sisters, shall hard mother, and clinging tightly to her labor and warm weather keep us from dress, raised his eyes inquiringly, and class ? I trust not. Come up to your with the simple earnestness of a child, duty-aid your pastor in keeping the said :

scores of young converts in the path of . Mamma, mamma, was that Dod? duty and heaven.

hail these seasons with delight.

neglect of class-meetings. This is

as unwise as it is unsafe; for at

W. G. OUR MINISTER AND AMERICANS AT ROME .- According to the Boston Atlas,

The Death of Hale, the Patriot Spy. FROM HIS LIFE BY CURTIS.

the American residents and sojourn-But in all that crowd there was not ers in Rome abandoned an intended one face familiar to Hale-not one voice celebration of the 22d of February to whisper a word of consolation to his last, by a grand ball, on account of dying agony. Yet though without a the opposition of Mr. Lewis Cass, Jr., friend whom he knew-though denied the American Minister, who, it is althat privilege granted usually to the leged, informed them that the governmeanest criminal, the attendence of a ment would not allow dancing during chaplain-though degraded by every Lent. This information, however, he external mark of infamy-yet did his obtained, it is said, from some subspirit not give away. His gait, as he officials; and after the Americans passapproached the gallows, in spite of his ed a vote of censure upon him, he go to heaven and there enjoy so much happinioned arms was upright and steady. had an interview with Cardinal Anto- piness?" No offending soldier to whom the nelli, who informed him that the govchoicest penalty has been assigned, to ernment had not, and would not, make receive the shot of his comrades, ever, any such objection. The Americans in the midst of sympathy, and the con- then resumed their project for a ball, sciousness that he was allowed at least when Mr. Cass refused to allow his

with intensu interest every tone of his voice ad every emotion of his countenance. It ras a moment of thrilling and dignified ex-Itation. After some general and usual emarks, he costinued :

"I lost no time in giving the ner every rders to prohibit the further prosecution f offensive war upon the commont of merica. Adopting, as my inclination vill always lead me to do with decision and effect, whatever I collect to be the serve of my Parliament and my people, I have pointed all my views and measures in Europe, as in North America, to an satire and cordial re-onciliation with the colonics. Finding it indispensable to the st tainment of this object. I did not hesitate to go to the full length of the powers yes. ted in me and offer to declare them --- '

"Here be paused, and was in evident his speech by the darkness of the room or affected by a very natural emotion. In a moment he resumed :

"" And offer to declare them free and independent States. In thus admitting their separation from the Crown of these kingdoms, I have sacrificed every consideration of my own to the wishes and opinions of my people. I make it my humble and ardent prayer to Almighty God that Great Britain may not feel the evils which might result from so great a dismemberment of the empire, and that America may be free from the calamities which have formerly proved in the mother country how essential monarchy is to the enjoyment of constitutional liberty. Religion, language, interest, and affection may, and I hope will, yet prove a bond of permanent union between the two countries.

A Suitable Reply. Several years ago there lived in one of the large towns of America a poor old black woman, who had been very ill for nearly twenty years. At one time she had been

a slave, and was generally known by the name of Poor Betty. At the time that the fact I am about to relate happened, she was more than a hundred years old. An aged daughter lived with her, who, by God's blessing, was the means of making her comfortable toward the close of her ong life. In the same town there lived a kind old gentleman, who, although he had a large business, and was much engaged. sometimes found a spare hour to visit i'oor Betty and ask how she was, and she was always very glad to see, him step into ber poor little cottage. One day, Mr. Brown took a friend with him to visit Poor Bosty. As he entered the house, he mid,

"Ah ! Betty, are you still alive ?" "Yes, thank God I" replied the old ne-

" Beity," he continued, "why do you suppose God keeps you to long in this world -poor, ill, and blind-while you might

Botty answered directly, in her negro language, "Ah I massa, you don't understand. There are two great things for the church to do; one is to pray, the other is to work. Now, you see, mussa, God keeps me slive that I may pray for the church, and he keeps you alive that you may work for the church. Your large gifts do not help

