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# Poetry.

#### Vanitas Vanitatum.

Griffin's plous, plaintive muse.

Returns no more ;

The wind that dries at mora you dewy

ing glow No more shall blow;

Those fallen leaves that strew you garden reply shall be made." For Ave are dead;

On shore, or sea, or hill, or vale, or plain, Naught shall remain; We heave a sigh. On, ever on, with unexhausted breath

Is born and dies :

Naught shall return. Life bath its home in heaven and earth beneath.

And so bath death : Not all the chains that clank in eastern

Can fetter time; For all the phials in the doctor's store Youth comes no more; No drugs on ugo's wrinkled cheek renew

Life's early hue; Not all the tears by pious mourners shed. If thus through lesser nature's empire

Nothing abide-Have all their hour-

He walks on ice whose dallying spirit To earthly things : And he alone is wise, whose well-taught

Is fixed above;

Chilling and drear; Harsh as the raven's croak the sounds that

Of pleasure's knell-; Pray, reader, that the minstrel's strain Not all be vain : And when thou bend'st to God the suppli-

ant knee, Romember me.

### Miscellaucous.

# Father Stamper Meets the Calvanists. when you are done."

ing some very interesting reminiscences your replying, and you shall not do in the Home Circle. The following it. from the October number, gives a lively idea of controversies in the olden time.

We reached Shelbyville in the month of April, 1821. The friends had pro- will not say one word." cured a good house for us, in which "You can do as you please. If you were provided wood and provisions, so will not preach, I will. This congrethat we felt ourselves at home at once. gation shall not be disappointed; and A kinder or nobler set of Methodists just as certainly as you occupy the never lived in any community than those we found there. We can never Brother Corwine, who was sitting in forget them. May the Lord reward the stand with us, turned to me and them for their kindness to us! He has said, "Stick to it, brother Stamper; it is rewarded most of them with a crown in your right, and you must not relinquish heaven, and I hope the remaining few it under any circumstances." of our old friends in that place, so long celebrated for their hospitality and Waller said to his discomfited friend, mount of God, and rest with those who replying.

have gone before. After becoming acquainted with the state of things in the vicinity, I deter- it all day: you can keep him out in that mined to preach a series of sermons on way, if in no other!" the points of difference between Meth- Toucray took his advice, refrained odists and Calvinists. The cause of from beginning as long as he could, and my determination was simply this : the then talked five hours and a half ! Methodists had been completely down- I felt insulted by this attempting to trodden by Calvinistic preachers, who take advantage of me, and when he got has been signed by a grave synod, ought is a beast of burden, much used in Easmade a point of assailing our doctrines through, arose and told the congregaand usages in almost every sermon .- tion the whole affair from begining to our people had become disheartened, end. There was not time for me to say and were rather disposed to bow down much, but I noticed a few of the genand submit to this petty tyranny, with- tleman's arguments then, and pledged out resistance or defence. Such a state myself for a full answer subsequently. ground. These three men seemed to occasion. have arrived at the conclusion that the One of his strong points, which I no-

came to hear. The above mentioned ed by our Lord in view of the part he ministers attended, to take notes and should act. In connection with this, he make large threats, but I continued my remarked that the eternal purposes of course, regardless of all that was said. God in the redemption of the world At the close of one of my sermons, the could never have ben accomplished following notice was handed me:

your congregation, that on this day God had determined he should do. In four weeks, Rev. Silas Toucray, will answer to this I said: "If Judas fulfillpreach in the Baptist church, in reply ed the commission assigned him by the to the discourses delivered by you Almighty, he was a good and faithful against the doctrines of grace, common- servant, and was certainly approved of

lowing remarks: "I do not consider ty to suppose that he would be assign- thing." this the best or fairest way of conduct- ed a special work, and then sent to hell defend myself."

to make our own arrangements in our das as well as to say it of any other

The stream thathurries by you fixed shore so arrange the time that I can be with for doing their own will, but for doing Mr. Cameron published that he would The answer was, "We feel disposed

to follow our own course in this matter, Those withered flowers to summer's ripen and it is our opinion that no one has a nouncement that on the next Sunday fend the doctrines of Methodism; but

I rejoined that I did not dispute their right or power to do so, but hoped that the congregation would claim the right Vainly for sunshine fled, and joys gone by, to look upon them as cowards, seeking to skulk from a fair investigation of the points under discussion. To this Tou-Even with each word we speak a moment cray very quickly replied, that he was not afraid to meet me anywhere upon those points. "Then," said I, "uct Of all for which poor mortals cainly mourn like a man, and give me a chance to defend myself."

This brought them to a stand; and seeing that if they did not agree to meet me fairly, their cause would suffer, they, after counselling together a moment, begged to be excused on that evening, adding, that they would be ready at any other time.

"Will to-morrow at ten o'clock do ?" I asked. The answer was affirmative, and I then announced to the people that Mr. Toucray would reply to my If wind, and wave, and leaf, and sun, and discourses in that house at the hour agreed upon.

The appointment flew as if on the wings of the wind. As early as nine o'clock in the morning, the people were seen coming in every direction, anxious to witness the contest. Tou-Truths firm and bright, but oft to mortal cray and Waller were a little late, but when they came, I met and conducted them to the pulpit with all the politeness at my command. When we were seated, Mr. Toucray turned to me and

"What course are you going to pur-

"I think that is clear from what happened yesterday. I understand that you are to answer may discourses, confuting my arguments if you can, and that I have the liberty of replying

"I do not understand it so. My Rev. J. Stamper, one of the oldest understanding is, that the matter will

> "But I will." "You shall not."

"I will."

"You shall not; and if you persist, I

Christian benevolence, will gain the "Don't back out; you can prevent his

"Do you take the stand, and occupy

of things did not at all comport with I assured Mr. Toucray that he should my ideas of justice or duty. Two Bap- be duly notified of time and place, and tist and one Presbyterian preacher, all furthermore promised that I would not famed for talent, had occupied the treat him as he had treated me on this

Methodists would tamely submit to be tieed, was the case of Judas Iscariot. mauled and ridiculed at their pleasure. Toucray affirmed that this man was a I commenced my series, and crowds devil from the begining, being appointwithout a traitor; that Judas was pre-"Mr. Stamper:-Please publish to destinated to that part, and did what his Master for his obedience. It would I announced the notice, with the fol- be a reflection upon the Divine integri-

ing this matter. Mr. Toucray and Mr. for doing it. Furthermore if one trait- congregation, how those may be saved Walker have heard my arguments .- or was necessary in making up the Those arguments are now fresh in the twelve apostles in the commencement minds of the people, and if a reply is of the gospel ministry, it is not unrea-intended, this is the time for it. Mr. sonable to conclude that God yet has Toucray is welcome to the use of my need of traitors in the same ratio: if pulpit, and I am the more anxious to they were necessary in carrying out hear him this evening, because it will the gospel ministry in the apostolic be out of my power to attend at the age, they are equally so in carrying time specified in the notice. I claim out the ministry in all ages. If the it as a right, that I shall be present to clergy has to lie under this censure, I

you will have candor enough to make complain, but should content himself to laughter at his violence. Hundreds folthe appointment at a time when I can be hanged, and go to his own place, see- lowed him from the church to the pubing that he had accomplised the end for lic square, where he lectured half an "That," said he, "is your own look- which he was born. Judas and Mr. bour before his friends could quiet him. an original poem by Gerald Griffin, which out; we shall not hinder you from being Toucray would have one thing in common to console them in hell, if the doc- and called on Messrs. Toucray and tainly displays much of the character of "Still," I insisted, "as you say you trine you have heard to-day be true; and Waller for a reply, but they declined will not hinder me, I hope you will that is, that they were both damned, not making any.

> the will of God!" when the services closed, after my an- ing the privilege of being there to deright to dictate either when or where the week I would reply more fully to Mr. he said to the messenger: "Tell Mr.

> > to think and read for themselves .- bear it, and he must excuse me for not Methodism from this hour held up its granting his request." head in that region, its advocates be- It was circulated about that I had for the triumph of truth.

Presbyterian church, was a Scotchman character. His impulsiveness almost bis friends had any control. Being a was soon over, and he was kind as ever. of joy.'-Christian World. strong Calvinist of the old school, he "A lamb that here anger as a flint boars fire; felt a concern for the safety of his fa- When much inflamed, it shows a hasty spark, vorite scheme, and thought it incumthrough the crowd, took a seat, and Abraham's bosom. prepared to take notes.

ed throughout the assembly. After the most substantial members of that

by the Synod of Dort. My old friend and has prospered more or less ever Cameron could contain himself no long- since. Perhaps there is no place in er, and rising to his feet, shouted out. Kentucky where it has a firmer hold, in his broad Scotch dialect :

"Stop, Mr. Stomper! Stop, Mr. does in Shelbyville. Stomper! I do not want this large congregation to go away and believe we hold such damnable doctrines. Mr. and set the dogs after it !"

At this, Philip Taylor, who was a magistrate as well as a local preacher, arose and commanded order, telling Mr. Cameron that he was disturbing the peace of the congregation. I urged Mr. Taylor to sit down, and turning to Mr. Cameron, assured him that he should have full liberty to say what he chose, without fear of being considered a disturber. This softened him into kindly thanking me for the courtesy

"I think an article of religion which to be so definite as to render explanation unnecessary."

have said, we do not differ so widely. der to justification, and I tell you that he that believeth on the Lord Jesus Christ shall be saved."

"Yes, Mr. Cameron, but your doctrines carry some horrible consequences after them, from which ours are happi-

"None that I can conceive," was

ask you two or three plain questions?" If I had a glass of water, and my bly the most correct reading, for the Bible, I would show beyond contradic- whole figure seems to have been a maxtion that Mr. Stomper is wrong."

the following question:

it possible to be saved?"

purchased redemption for all men?"

"Will you please to tell me, and this lutely impossible." whom he procured no redemption ?"

the dilemma into which he had fallen, he was not bound to answer any such are, as the modern traveller informs us, question. His Presbyterian brethren ran to him and begged him for God's sake to be silved to be silved to answer any such at the present day. At certain points, these walls were perforated by lage sake to be silent, or he would injure the cause and ruin himself. But he cried of the inhabitants. These passage-

he will of God;" answer my sermon in the Presbyterian It was between five and six o'clock church. I wrote him a note, request-Stomper I consider him a gentleman; The ball was now fairly in motion .- he treated me as one; but tell him I The people were waked up, and began have such a devilish temper, I can't

ing greatly increased and emboldened, been denied the privilege of hearing Our Calvinistic friends felt somewhat him, and the leading members of the disconcerted, and complained that we Presbyterian Church determined to should have the impudence to attack stay away, so that he had only about the doctrines of the reformation as twenty persons in the house. Thus taught by Calvin, Beza, and others, the controversy ended between Mr. but we held on our course steadily, say. Mr. Cameron and myself. We were ing but little, and hoping and praying upon the most friendly terms to the day of his death, and I always respected Mr. Cameron, the pastor of the him for his honesty and simplicity of by birth and education; generous amounted to a disease, but he was perhearted, but uncommonly impulsive in feetly ingenuous and without malice; so his temper, over which neither he nor that if he flew into a pet with me, it and straight is cold again."

bent on him to come to the help of his Perhaps one cause of this great iras-Baptist brethren. When the day came cibility was his being a bachelor. A for my reply, Mr. Cameron dismissed want of the softening and winning inhis congregation at what was called finences of a wife, often causes men to tion some circumstances connected with late his Christian experience. the Mud Meeting house, a few miles in become sourced with the world, and fanthe country, came to town under whip cy themselves undervalued and neglect- ly useful man, Rev. Rowland Hill. and spur, and reached the church just ed. The old gentleman long since bade as I arose to commence. He pressed adieu to earth, and I hope is resting in and the power of his voice were over- was hopefully pious; and during a re-

I took up the subject that day in sies I have witnessed, which ended in regular order, from the doctrine of de- much good to the Church. It resulted crees down to the final conditional per- in the most triumphant revival of reliseverance of the saints, and occupied gion, and in the course of a month we about three hours in its investigation, had an accession to the Church of about during which a death-like silence reign- ninety members, many of them among getting through the arguments against community. This investigation was Calvinism, I proceeded to lay down necessary at that time, to inform and the plain articles of Calvinism and settle the public mind. Methodism, Methodism in their undress, side by hitherto, had been looked upon as someside, telling the congregation that they thing unworthy of notice; but from might inspect them at their leisure this period the neonle hegan to underlove and respect to which it was enti-I read the first two articles agreed to tled. The Church became permanent, or stands upon higher ground, than it

# The Camel and the Needle's eye.

St. Matthew, xix. 24. St. Mark, x. Stomper has dressed Calvinism in rags, 25. St. Luke xviii. 25. 'It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter

into the kingdom of heaven.' I can scarcely remember the time in my early youth, that this text did not excite my curiosity and wonder. In the days of the Evangelist, as well as our own, needles were of various sizes .-There are the large needles, such as St. Paul used in making tents, and such also, as we know, are now employed in making the broad sails of some great whether I had read the articles aright. admiral. There are the finest points "Yes," he answered; "but they of steel, used in ancient and modern need explanation, and that you have times, in the most delicate kinds of Queen at her coronation. The camel on its back, with long neck and legs, ert. Such is the understanding of the

Some have supposed that a slightly varied reading in the original word, which is translated 'camel,' might be adopted, by which the phrase would be made to mean a 'cable,' such as is used in anchoring ships in the roadstead .-"Will you permit me," I said, "to Then the textwould read, 'It is easier for "Yes, sir; and I will answer them. needle, &c. But the former is proba-Some one handed him a glass of wa- the Babylonians, in whose country eleter; and after he had drank, I asked phants were not uncommon, the phrase "Do you believe that God has made needle's eye. But the elephant was a well known; and therefere the latter "Do you believe that Jesus Christ was used by the Jews instead of the "No; I do not believe any such Obviously the object of this form of speech was to express a thing abso-

But I have met with another explafor whom Christ did not die, and for nation of this striking figure, which, to force. All the important cities of the The old gentleman, at once seeing East, in ancient times, were surrounded by high and massive walls; and so they

smaller ones, used by foot passengers, pected, just like the liberality that thou purchase a much coveted ball and bat and by those who had occasion to go art won't to display. Well, I will upon which young Johnny had set his forth, or enter the city by night. They place her at thy disposal, she is black affections. were called 'the needle's eye.' Lord but comely, and thou shalt be the pur-Nugent, an English traveller of modern chaser. Let heaven and earth attest, enjoyment was the final discovery, on times, when at Hebron, was directed to this irreversible contract." Turning emerging from the brambles, that the go out by 'the needle's eye,' that is, by to Ludy Anne, he said, Madam have the small side-gate of the city. The you heard this contract, that heaven camel can go through the needle's eye, and earth bath irrevocably attested .but with difficulty, and hardly with a Remember that from this time forth the weeping earth, for the benefit of

go through the needle's eye than for a can you, dare you reject it. rich man to enter the gate of heaven. The arrow thus sped at a venture, It is not impossible for a rich man to found its way to the heart of Lady Anenter the gate of heaven, for we may ne, and she became eminently useful believe there are many already in the in her day and generation. paradise of God, who consecrated their wealth to the service of the Redeemer, and trusted in him always for salvation. But just as the camel must be relieved of part of his load, before he can pass In the winter of 18-, there was a through the 'needle's eye,' so the rich general awakening on the subject of man must divest himself of large por. religion in the village of 8-. The tions of his wealth, in the walks of be- church, in on especial manner was afnevolence, in order to enter the gates feeted, and became very humble and of glory. Our Savior seems to have re- active. The difficulties which had before ferred to the same when he says, Struit distracted it, suddenly sunk into insigni is the Gate. And as the camel was ficance, and a general concern for the compelled to stoop in order to enter by welfare of sinners seemed to take posthe low and narrow gate of the city, so session of the minds and hearts of must the rich man learn humility, if he Christians. As a result of this awakwould 'see the Lord,' 'In the fullness ening on the part of the church, sin-

#### A Preacher in Earnest.

A few weeks ago, I observed an arreligion, which brought to my recollec-

whelming. Once at Watton he was vival like this, my This was one of the few controver- completely carried away by the impet- twelve years of age, became reconciled nous rush of his feelings, and raising to God, through the blood of our savior. himself to his full stature he exclaimed, Still I was indifferent. I was willing, Because I am in earnest men call me and indeed glad to see my family relian enthusiast; but I am not, mine are giously disposed; but religion was no the words of truth and soberness.—
When I first came into this part of the
One evening, coming home from my I saw a gravel pit fall in and bury three wife took me by the arm and gently led of Christ Jesus."

in the open air in that suburban part streaming eyes, and I, still unconcernof London denominated Moorfields, ed, seemed to be an accumulation of from the Song of Solomon, 15: "I am guilt which nothing could remove, nor black, but comely," which he explained did I obtain any peace of mind until I as having reference to the church of had sought my child's forgiveness and Christ, which in the sight of the world found acceptance of my savior." was black, black as the tents of Kedar, "Mary," he continued, the big tears but in the sight of her glorified head rolling down his cheeks, and his whole was comely, comely as the curtains of frame trembling with emotion, "Mary Solomon. While enlarging on the is in Heaven! and I thank God that subject, Lady Anne Erskine happened through the instrumentality of her to pass that way; she asked her ser-child's prayer, I now have a cheerful vants what was the cause of the large hope of meeting her pure spirit among assemblage of people; they replied that the blood-washed throng, who are treadit was the renowned Rowland Hill, that ing the golden streets of the New Jeruwas addressing the people; Lady Anne salem then said she had long cherished a desire to hear that eccentric man preach, and should now have it fully gratified; and desired her charioteer to bring her as near as possible, that she might hear every word he said. She was soon in the rear of the temporary pulpit, the only place where it was possible to get near him. The gorgeous accession that had ta-

ken place to the congregation, and the Lady Anne, attracted the attention of noon, when a beautiful shower marched the congregation more than the preach- off to the east with a splendid rainbow er, but Sir Powland Hill's observant on its buck, like the gay sash of a milieyes soon detected the movement, and tia officer across his shoulders, Johnny he resolved on a hazardous but effective looked sharp for the exact location of remedy. He paused and then said : one foot of that bright "bow of prom-"brethren, I bespeak your attention ise," and saw precisely where it rested for a few moments. I am now about -in the corner of his father's great to hold an auction of vendue. I have garden. here a lady and her whole equipage to He snatched a hoe, and slipped expose to public sale, but the lady is around behind the shed, and ran for the principal and indeed the only ob- the charmed spot-without being object I wish to dispose of at present .- served, he fondly fancied; and, on Well there are already three earnest climbing the last wall which intercepbidders in the field; the first is the ted his vision, what was his disappointworld: well, and what will you give for ment to find that he was mistaken in her? I will give honors, wealth and the locality-that the foot of the rainpleasure. That won't do, she is worth bow was a quarter of a mile beyond, in more than that, for she shall continue a little valley in the pasture. "Never to live when the honors, wealth and mind," thought Johnny, "I can run pleasure you have it in your power to there directly, and it is not much harder bestow, shall vanish as the darkness of digging than in the garden after all." night before the orient beams; you Boy like, he ran in full speed for the can't have her. The next bidder is valley, scarcely looking at the object of the Devil: well, and what will you give his search till on the brow of a hill for her? I will give all the kingdoms overlooking the golden valley, when, to of the world and the glory of them. - his great grief, he saw that the glitter-That won't do either, for she shall ing promise was away on the opposite continue to exist, when the kingdoms hill. of the world and the glory of them He thought of Ghengis Khan and shall have vanished as a snow-wreath the spider, but not thinking of David efend myself."

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cause and ruin himself. But he cried ways in times of peace, were open by ways in times of peace, we

"I hope, then;" replied I, "that | with this, he would have no right to the congregation was in a paroxysm of these large entrances, were very much heavens. Blessed Jesus, just as I ex- repay all damages, but also serve to

I think this expresses the just idea of of the Lord Jesus. He died to redeem over a long mile of swamp, and hill and the passage, 'It is easier for a camel to you, you are purchased with his blood; valley.

West Jersey Pioneer.

### A Child's Prayer.

ners became anxious, and many, both old and young, found hope in believing you? in Christ.

During the progress of an evening meeting, characterized by more than usual solemnity, an aged man, for many ticle in the Pioneer, on carnestness in years an elder in the church, arose, and with choked utterance proceeded to re-

in years before he thought of secking The energy of his manner at times, the salvation of his soul. "My wife

country, I was walking on yonder hill, business rather later than usual, my human beings alive, I lifted up my me to the door of Mary's room and voice for help so that I was heard in bade me listen. Never can I, to my the town below at the distance of a mile, dying day, forget the emotions that help came and secured two of the sufferers. No one called me an enthusi- it is truction ready to fall upon poor sinners little daughter. She was praying for and about to entomb them irrecovera- the conversion of her father ! As the bly in an eternal mass of woe, and call trembling accents fell upon my car, a aloud on them to escape, shall I be burden of guilt was rolled upon my soul, called enthusiast now? No, sinner ! I till I seemed to be utterly overwhelmed. am not an enthusiast in so doing. I That I should have lived on in sin, call on thee aloud to fly for refuge to without uttering a single prayer in my the hope set before thee in the gospel family, or even in my closet, till my own child should become so distressed At another time he was preaching as to plead my case before her God with

# For the Children.

## Digging for Gold.

BY UNCLE GEORGE.

"At the foot of the rainbow lies a pile of gold."

One rather unscrupulous wag had brilliant and sparkling appearance of told Johnny Payson so; and one after-

beneath a vernal shower. You can't Crocket; so he determined to "go ahave her. But list,-I hear the voice head," without being sure he was right. of another bidder. It is the Lord Je- A tangled swamp lay in his path, but

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But the most serious drawback to the rainbow in the phrase of the times, was "no whar;" and that the setting sun had left but a small legacy of light to full load; nor without stooping. and forevermore, you are the property our Johnny in his homeward march,

Poor boy I he went to bed that night thinking that Ghengis Khan was no better than a myth, and Davy Crocket was the true philosopher after all. His father and mother sparedhim that night, judging that meditation was the best sauce for such a dish as he had made for himself.

In the morning the mother brought him the wet and torn clothes, nicely dried and mended, and with a smile and a kiss, told him his father wished to see

For what could it be? Nothing bad surely; for his mother would not betray him with a kiss. He harried up, and went to his breakfast, with a look which inquired what was meant, but afraid to ask, after all. Breakfast over, his father said, kindly :

" Johnny, you want some money do

Johnny looked down, and the rainbow began to shine in his face as well as his thoughts, for he blushed warmly. "And so you thought you would

chase the rainbow last night-led off by Billy Wilson's old joke. It was no use to slip behind the wood-house; I saw you, and guessed your errand." The rainbow grew all red in John

ny's face ; but he was mute, and hardly peeped out from under his hat to see what was coming next. "You saw the foot of the rainbow in

the garden did you?" "Yes father," Johnny said, timidly, and looked up a little. "Well, so I did," added Mr. Payson.

me, and we'll dig there, and you shall have half the money." Johnny looked up full and fair, with a world of wonder and timid delight in

and now get your hoe, and come with

"Why, father, I thought you would call it all nonsense; you said Billy was

They went off to the great garden-Johnny in a great wonderment at every motion, and prompt to do whatever his father directed. Mr. Payson turned up the ground with a spade, and Johnny raked it all over; and by direction of his father, was very careful to pick up every pebble and stick which might interfere with the charm that was to be wrought. They furrowed the land into little squares, like a checker board, and Johnny wondered and wondered; till directly Mr. Payson produced a bag of some small matter, in which the boy began to smell-not precisely a rat, but-" Why, father, that's carrot seed ! You are planting carrots! I thought

we were going to dig gold !" His face fell considerably at the dis-

"Not digging gold to-day, my son, but getting ready. In the fall, when the carrots are grown, we'll dig their beautiful gold; and you shall have more money to purchase what you desire than if you were chasing rainbows all the year."

Johnny was not quite satisfied then, for the gold fever was on him high at that time; but when the barvest came, he learned a very pleasent and permanent lesson-that industry, in regular productive channels, is worth much more than the golden roots of all the rainbows since Nosh's flood .- Student.

# The Lord's Prayer.

How many millions and millions of times has that prayer been preferred by Christians of all denominations! So wide, indeed, is the sound thereof gone forth, that daily, and almost without intermission, from the ends of the earth, and sfar off upon the sea, it is ascending to heaven like incense and a pure offering. Nor needs it the gift of prophecy to foretell, that though theaven and earth shall pass away, these words of our blessed Lord 'shall not pass away,' till every petitition in it has been answered-till the Kingdom of God shall come, and his will be done on earth as it is in heaven .- Montgomery.

## Sunday Schools and Crime.

One of the prestest blessings conferred on our country is the institution of Sunday Schools. Every scholar who attends a Sunday School may not be essentially benefitted, but we believe the number is small of those who do not receive some benefit. Indeed, we cannot see how it is possible for a child to attend a well conducted school for any length of time, and not have implanted in his mind some good principle, or have some resolution formed that will be of great use to him in after

How many a man, when tempted to sin, has been checked by some text of Scripture, or some moral lesson which he learned in Sunday School! while it has been remark. ed that those boys who never had the advantage of such a school are by far the most