Sommunicated.

For the Advocate. THE MORAL CONDITION OF THE BASIS OF FAMILY TRAINING-SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK, &C.

I know of no subject that is exciting the general interest and that is of ster moment than the religious culup of children. It is eliciting the atparties, shaping the plans, and directing the efforts of all classes of men of every avocation and profession.

And, while enpital is often wasted. here mis liverted, and energy uselessexpended on visionary schemes that we abortive because absurd in Themsives, here is a field of operation where mital receives its largest interest, taleas display their brightest lustre and ain their most valued trophies; and where, by the conservation of moral flares, all effort is rightly remand-

While this work that is al ready of i carie magnitude is rapidly resuming easter proportions, it is well to usk oursolves a few practical questions conoming the work itself and the results we hope to achieve. We must have a working hypothesis, and t'ant must be seniel in order to secure expected and largey results. One of the first questions asked by religious instructors should be: Upon what basis of moral character in the child do we propose to Wheat, and other small grain, corn and was the only one I knew there at that the hours of darkness drew on. At papers, trudged off, diest-immediate and ultimate-that we purpose to accomplish?

It seems to me, that to work intelligently and steadily, we should have ward. civite and settled convictions upon this first question particularly. Is the

dren upon the assumption that they are morally depraved and in a sense guilty, and must so remain till years of matucity, when, by the conscious exercise of their own will, they repent, believe, are justified, regenerated, and fitted for Divine service? Or- which is shamefully absurd-that they must die to be changed? This is substantially the teaching of the books. Simply formulated it stands thus: All children are born in a state of depravity and are in a sense guilty; but all children dying in infancy are saved.

In Rulston's Elements of Divinity, Page 145, six different theories are given concerning the condition of children. The sixth-which he accepts and endeavors to prove-is as follows: "They (children) are born in a state of pollution and guilt, but, through the atonement of Christ, all who die in infancy will infallibly be saved." I believe that both the doctrine and the formula will have to be changed before we have a proper basis for family teaching and training, Sunday school instruction and

The kind of instruction and direction that we give to children must depend materially upon our conception of their moral character and their relation to the atanement and the whole of the Divine government. If they are unregenerate and cannot attain renovation without the mature, intelligent consent of their own minds, then we should tell them so-and at the same time, tell them that as they are, they are unfit for heaven and cannot go there; for nothing impure or "polluted" can enter within the

If they are in a state of guilt, and therefore of condemnation, and can only be justified by faith, and must have both knowledge and volition before God without it, and therefore to be saved, then we should teach it-tell them plainly the wrath of God is abiding upon them-and that their only chance to be regenerated is either to die or wait till years of maturity.

If, on the other hand, they are regenerate and are morally fitted for they are neither qualified for the one nor heard, and another soul is born of God. which are living issues, in that the views the other. Beginning upon this basis, That young man is now dead. Alcheacter from infancy, so that they may had no idea he was going to die, yet he not go astray and form habits of sin .-Or as it is expressed in the command, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not de- and a warning not to fail to do our full the less we give. System is easier with DAY SCHOOL TIMES.



The Faith once delivered to the Saints.

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generate and in a state of justification, without referring to the pleasant home is both reasonable and Scriptural; and of the preacher in the family of Uncle that it is, therefore, the proper basis of Martin Rush. Though sociable and the instruction of children; and that the hospitable towards all, yet he is partic- last war with Great Britain, I was temooject of their training is the further ularly generous towards preachers and dev ' ent of christian life and the enjoys their company very much. He formation of christian character.

For the Advocate. PEKIN CIRCUIT.

call and each mir' or in the N. C. Con- field for operation, even for a raw re- ting in every creek and cove where they pence.

in Montgomery county, and embraces ting my labors. the south-eastern section of Montgomery and the adjoining north eastern of Richmond county. It is diversified in

That portion, whose waters flow into Little River and the Pee Dee, is very, "When I was a boy I used to think broken in appearance, somewhat moun- of heaven as a glorious golden city, ternoon in February, a ship was distainous, but with broad bottoms on the with jeweled walls, and gates of pearl, covered in the offing, which was sup- is good, I'd just as soon have it as the mostly heavy red soil, and grow corn they were all strangers to me. But af- commissioners at Ghent, from their un-Inxuriantly, where they have been well ter awhile my little brother died; then I successful mission. The sun had set! The boy affirmed that he considered kept. "The Hills," as they are called, thought of heaven as that great city, gloomily, before any intelligence from it good; whereupon the lawyer wrote a the captivity was appointed for just more fertile than would be supposed.— in it that I was acquainted with. He pectation became painfully intense as signed legibly, and lifting the bag of cotton, grow well on them. In places time. Then another brother died, and length a boat reached the wharf, an- Soon after dinner the little fellow renot over 5 to 10 railes apart, there is as there were two in heaven that I knew. nouncing the fact that a treaty of peace turned, and producing the money, anmuch as two weeks difference in season. Then my acquaintances began to die, had been signed, and was waiting for nounced that he had come to pay his the nighest places being the most for- and the number of my friends in heaven nothing but the action of our govern- note.

Drowning Creek is called the "Sand taken that I began to feel that I had a in breathless haste into the city, to re- ken up the day it was given. A boy every seventh year, denied their greed Hills." To trav I the road through personal interest in heaven. Then a peat them to their friends, shouting, as that will do that is entitled to note and long as it lieth desolate it shall rest, be
the Chaldee the word Ahura-mazsla was used to be translated to note and long as it lieth desolate it shall rest, be
need up the road through personal interest in heaven. Then a peat them to their friends, shouting, as this region, one would suppose "Hills" second went, and a third, and a fourth; they ran through the street, peace! peawill find the country rolling and hilly; turn to heaven, it is not the gold, and was in commotion. Men bringing light- however poor he may be in worldly in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim, usy drivate and to improve.

the circuit embraces a good farming toll you

Sulphur Springs is in the bounds of the and forbid them not; for of such is the not a similar zeal displayed in proclaim- kitchen, the dining room and the parcircuit, and is a place of some resort kingdom of heaven."-Rev. Richard ing the good news? Why are men perish- lor. during the summer. As the accommo- Newton, D. D. dations are being enlarged, more visitors

Our greatest needs are Education and better mail facilities. One great trouble, in getting subscribers to the Anxo-CATE, is the slowness of the mails and their uncertainty. We are by no means certain of getting your paper regularly or on time. We have had several schools in the circuit during the pring, but they are uncertain for the uture. We need somebody to make a onsiness of teaching and get up an interest on the subject. What I said in former communication, I repeat:-There is one very good opening for a young man who is willing to make it business, and not get discouraged the

But this communication is intended mainly to concern circuit matters. We have just held our second Quarterly Meeting. Brother Barrett baptized seven infants and two adults. Three were received into the church. We like our Presiding Elder, because he attends well to the details of the work, and preaches acceptably to the people. The membership of the circuit is 374.-Six Sunday schools are in operation, three of them flourishing: \$21.57 have peen collected this year for foreign misions a little over half of our assessment. All the proportion of this circuit has been subscribed to the college funds, and nearly half of it paid. It is roper to state that this happened of a risit made by Bro. Cunninggim two

ast year, and a vast majority are holding out faithful. One incident is worthy of notice. The last service of one of the meetings had been closed, leaving hours before death, and up to that time What an encouragement and a warn- them, because they do not give system- punity. Oh, how idiotic we become, duty, even though it be for a few, yea, little than with much. The man of

Goldsboro, N. C., June 14th, 1878. necessity, but cheerfully. His good on earth, and, as she had now concluded er, he exhibited his stock of waste pawife anticipates the preacher's every a peace with the continent of Europe, per. want, and acts the part of a mother .- we were obliged to cope with her single-May God bless them both and make handed. Our harbors were blockaded. that ?" their last days their best days.

fence has a possible future charge here, cruit. There is opportunity for devel- could find a place of security. Our imit may be of sufficient interest to write opment, -- for working it up into a good mense annual products were moulding per was quickly transferred to the bag lxiv: 1-28-Cyrus "My Shepherd; The Pekin circuit was formed by dis ness to hear the word, and to get into frofitable labor were dried up. Our he lifted the mighty mass. viding the Pee Dee into the Mt. Gilead the spirit of our church systems and en-

HEAVEN.

the bottoms, and wherever clay subsoil brothers and sisters, too young to learn were gathered in the streets and by the WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH 536, it is evident that the seventy years minister. can be found, the land yields corn, cot- about Jesus here? We shall find them fireside, beguiling the hours of midt a, peas, potatoes and fruits well; is in heaven. Did you ever think of this: night by reminding each other that the that there are more children in heaven agony of the war was over, and that a l request a place in your valuable stated this specific time—for it was un-The piney woods afford good pastur- than there are grown people? It is so, worn-out and distracted country was paper for the following—"What shall to the captives of this first extradition age for cattle and sheep. On the whole, Do you ask me how I know it? I will about to enter again upon its wonted we do with our daughters?" Give that it was written. Jer. xxix.: 1-10.

MUSCULAR THEOLOGY.

The danger in these days is, that we Francis Wagland. shall take the bone and muscle out of our theology, and leave only a windlievers, to announce confident expecta- P. Pitplado, in Zion's Herald. tions, and to turn prophet as to what "the church of the future" is to be. Let us not be deterred by such exhibitions of opposition. They are but quaker guns! The truth is to be determined by solid argument. Careful exegesis of the Scriptures and sound logic must be our guide. The churches, finding that We had several extensive revivals except as they hold to something positive, upon grounds of Biblical proof and firm reason, they can have no bond of union or source of inspiration, must demand of their minister (what of late they have discouraged) a proper mea-

TELL THE GOOD NEWS.

Communication coastwise, between our Mr. Entron: As this is a new cir- On the whole, the circuit is a good posts was cut off. Our ships were rot- ingly a moment, and offered fifteen-

and Pekin circuits. It is bounded on terprises. The outlook is encouraging. paper. The extreme portions of our did he announce that he had no monthe east by Drowning Creek or Lumber I ask an interest in the prayers of all country were becoming hostile to each ey. River, and on the west by Little River, the brethren for Divine aid in prosecu- other, and differences of political opinion were imbittering the peace of every buy paper without money ?" household. The credit of the government was exhausted. No one could plan of operations, the boy made no re predict when the contest would termi- ply. nate, or discover the means by which it "Do you consider your note good ?" could much longer be protracted.

It happened that, on a Saturday aftratery courses. The bottoms are with nobody in it but the angels, and posed to be a cartel, bringing home our money; but if it isn't good I don't want how of promise was arched over the are very rocky, but not stiff, and much full of angels, with just one little fellow the vessel had reached the city. Ex- note for fifteen-pence, which the boy grew larger all the time. But it was ment to become a law. The men on "Well," said the lawyer, "this is the the disregard of the other commands of grace of Ahura-mazda is Darius king." That portion whose waters flow into not till one of my own little ones was whose ears these words first fell rushed first time I ever knew a note to be La- God, it was quite natural that this, which, are a misnomer, and that the country is and so many of my friends and loved ce! peace! Every one who heard the him on his way with a smiling face and when ye dwelt upon it." Lev. xxvi. almost uninhabited. The long leaf ones have gone there that it seems as if sound repeated it. From house to house, happy heart. pine seems to fill the interminable dis- I know more in heaven than I know on from street to street, the news spread The boy's note represented his honor. Sometime of their retance But leave the road, and you earth. And now, when my thoughts with electric rapidity. The whole city A boy who thus keeps his honor bright turn? The first deportation took place from the north, and he shall come; from small streams abound, soon forming the jewels, and the pearl that I think of ed torches were flying to and fro, shout- things, is an heir to an inheritance B.C. 606. It was in that year that was in that year that the pearl that I think of ed torches were flying to and fro, shout- things, is an heir to an inheritance below the pearl that I think of the pearl that I think of ed torches were flying to and fro, shout- things, is an heir to an inheritance below to the pearl that I think of the pearl that I think creeks, and on these swamps, bottom -but the loved ones there. It is not long like madmen, peace! peace! When which no riches can buy—the choice the captivity of Daniel began. The assume that it was written. lands, mills and people. The streams the place so much as the company that are never failing, and nearly every man, makes heaven seem beautiful."

In the place so much as the company that the rapture had partially subsided, one promises of God."—N. Y. School away from Judah was in the eleventh of the rapture had partially subsided. The streams the place is much as the company that the rapture had partially subsided, one promises of God."—N. Y. School away from Judah was in the eleventh of the rapture had partially subsided. in some parts, has his own mill. In | Have any of us lost dear little boby men siept that night. In groups they idea occupied every mind. But few Journal. section, especially for small farmers, and | It is very well known that more than becoming a herald, the news soon reached cation. they have settled it up pretty thickly.— half of the people born into this world every man, woman, and child in the city, Teach them how to cook a good meal ing you to return to this place." The viv.: 28; xlly.: 1) the prophecies Most of them raise about all they need die while they are children But Jesus and in this sense the city was evangel of victuals at home, and seem to have little need takes all little ones to heaven. He ized. All this you see was reasonable Teach them how to darn stockings taught us this himself when he took and proper. But when Jehovah has and sew on buttons. The people are 1 pitable and gener-them in his arms, put his hands on offered to our world a treaty of peace, ous, and generally inclined to accept them, and blessed them, saying : "Suf- when men doomed to hell may be raised

> through a crucified Redeemer?-Dr. the poor house. VICTORY .- Christianity is not midpuffed skin; that we shall have a name night and shroud, but midday and corof evangelical religion, which shall be onal; not dreary December, but songful like a label on an empty bottle! One June. It does not call us into a dismal can not but have a respect for our the- desert, but into a Tempean vale radiant ological fathers, in that they knew what with high noon and musical with plash and why they believed, even if we think of living fountains. It is not the clank that their opinions were in some respects of fetters and the sigh of serfs, but mistaton, and that their spirit was too rather the clang of snapping chains and dogmatic and intolerant. They fought the shout of jubilant freemen. It sends good hard battles for their doctrines, using the believer on a march of victory-vicfor weapons no little learning in Greek tory over self and sin, and all the wolves and Hebrew, and no small amount of of worry; victory over the highwayman metapysical acumen and logical skill. of hell, and over the old ferryman of the There is much fault found with their death river. Down on the river bank conclusions by men whose principal re- the believer shouts "Victory!" Echo sources are rhetorical and sentimental. gathers up the paean, and sends it over But sympathy with "the spirit of the the wave-"Victory-tory-ry!" The ake" and a knowledge of English litera- white-robed victors on the beach of ture and of modern magazines, with a gold catch the refrain and join the jurelish for the plaudits of the secular bilation, until the river is spanned with press, are a poor substitute for deep a bridge of jubilees-shore answering to thinking and close reasoning. It is shore, pean to pean. "Thanks be to easy to ridicule, to express doubts, to God, which giveth us the victory caricature the views of "orthodox" be- through our Lord Jesus Christ !"-C

man as he is by nature. Such are we dispose!" The reader of history regave evident signs that all was well.— Men do not give as God has prospered verily think we can mock God with im- meek will He guide in His way. ing! An encouragement not to dispair, atically. It is a fact, the more we have when we make Satan our ally !-Sux-

KEEP YOUR HONOR BRIGHT.

porarily a resident of New York. The if he had any waste paper to sell. The Cyacs. prospects of the nation were shrouded in lawyer had a crisp, keen way of asking

The boy looked at the paper doubt-

circuit; the people manifest a willing- in our warehouses. The sources of of the boy, whose eyes sparkled as

Not prepared to state exactly his

asked the lawyer.

"Very well: if you consider your note the Lord spoken by the month of Jere- name of Aharamazda, they worshipped

OUR DAUGHTERS.

career of prosperity. Thus, every one them a good, substantial, common edu- at Babylon, I will visit you, and per-

Teach them how to make bread. ing all around us and no one has ever

> Teach them to wear calico dresses. and do it like a queen.

fifty delicate consamptives.

Teach them to foot up store bills. his own image, and that no amount of tight lacing will improve the model.

Teach them self-reliance. Teach them that a good, steady mechanic, without a cent, is worth a dozen

oily pated loafers in broadcloth.

time and money to do it with.

ves, and stick to it. Teach them not to paint and pow-

der .- Kansas Farmer.

PRESUMPTION.

The most celebrated orator of Julian's A recent celebrated forger in New day once asked, with a scornful smile, of fession, its praise, its simplicity, its cring generation in the wilderness, those York was one of the most faithful at- a humble Christian, "What is the fervor, its honesty and its entire infor- who had trespassed the Lord left their tendants upon the worship of a Chris- Galilean carpenter doing now?" The mality. But the interest centers not whol- bones in the land of their exile. Only tian sanctuary. For years, while he answer was, "The Galilean carpenter is ly in its faith nor in its manner of ex- those "whose spirit God raised," returnwas setting his hand to the deeds for making a coffin." In a few months it swered in a way so much larger than ed by the chief of the fathers of Judah which he now lies in the penitentiary, he was done, and in it lay the pulseless even he expected. He had praved for and of Benjamin and by the priests and ward. was repeating every Sabbath the prayer form of the Apostate Julian. So, when the restoration of the Jews and of the the Levites. In all there were 42,360, of an ancient Church; singing the songs the scoffer Voltaire impiously remarked; temple. The answer scarcely refers to together with 7,337 slaves. Among which the voices of martyrs had hal- "In twenty years the Almighty will see is included in something better. He Israel. The number was not large, and lowed; giving freely of his stolen goods fine sport in France," he but prophesied had prayed for the deliverance of his yet it well compared with the number to the benevolences of God's people; and, his own burial. The Galilean carpen- people-he was shown that there was a spoken of as being carried away. They as he seems to have believed, loving ter was still at work. Just before his greater deliverance coming than any of brought home with them 736 horses rather to do deeds of charity than to hoard gold. It would be just like man remarked to Bonanarte "Man proposes."

After their arrival at Jerusalem, first in a state of justification, then they are three or four penitents still unsatisfied.

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all, but by the grace of God. Our very members how soon his sun sunk in midthe fulfillment of the one promise would temple. So soon as crops counce consciences become tortuous and sernight darkness. They that tempt God, he have had that glimpse into the glories grown, they exchanged their produce with our enemies as if they pentine under the wiles of sin, till we shall suddenly be destroyed, but the of the other?

- The phonograph may bottle up the the case of the deliverance from Egypt, ancient men who had seen the first to the nature of hatred nor in accordvoice and pass it down to future ages: but the smile that twists the face of Some people cannot drive to happiness man as he seeks solitude and gazes ces, grown into necessities, leave him with four horses, and others can reach upon his name in print for the first time will always have to be guessed at

INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

Golden Text .- "Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her. that her warfare is accumplished that her iniquity is pardoned."-1s, xl.: 2. ed."-Heb. x. : 23.

Home Readings .- Monday, Jer Nav. : 1-14 - Serve Seventy Years: Tuesday, Dan. ix.: 1-95-Seventy Years Accomplished: Wednesday, Is, xl, : 1-31 -Iniquity Pardoned; Thursday, Is, Cyrus took the matter up he v as quit Friday, Is. xlv.: 1-25-Cyrus "His Anointed;" Saturday, Ezra, i.: 1-11-The Promise Redeemed, Sunday, Ezra, iii.: 1-13-Rebuilding of the Temple. Time,-B. C. 536. Place.-Babylon. Rulers,-Cyrus, king of Medo Persian Empire; Zerubbabel, governor

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

of the Jews at Jerusalem.

The Promse (22).—If the people of Judah believed the words of the Lord which had been spoken to them by the prophets, at no time could their exile finite limit fixed to it. "The word of years of their captivity.

quired that every seventh year it should have a "sabbath of rest". In that year the people were neither to sow their forth by Darius when he was made

year of Zedekiah. Inasmuch as the us it sounds very much as if it was liberation occurred in the year B. C. written by the hand of Daniel, the prime 536, it is evident that the seventy years refers back to the year of the first detailed the Lord had "charged" him to build a ning. So Jeremiah implied, when he form my good word toward you, in caus- says that the Jews laid before him (1s. promise was very specific. If they had which had referred to him by name. If memorandum books and calendars they any one did that, we may be sure it was might have put down the very year of the prime minister, their return. Date and man were both The proclamation closes with a pernamed. Jeremiah named the one, and mission to all the people of that very Isaiah the other. In Is xli.: 2, the God whom he had fully recognized as the right when it is presented to them. for the little children to come unto me, to seats at the right hand of God, why is Teach them all the mysteries of the latter speaks of the coming liberator as the one from whom he had received all "the righteous man from the east." In alsown power, to go up to Jerusalem Is xliv.: 28 he designates him by name and build him a temple. Ezra, i.: 3 as "Cyrus, he is my shepherd." In Is. The proclamation was permissive—not Teach them the further one lives be- xlv.; I he refers to him again in this compulsory. personally offered to them salvation youd their income the nearer he gets to personal way: "Thus saith the Lord to But, unlike many men who have pow-'vrus, his anointed." And in Is. 46 : er and money, he did not stop with 11 he speaks of him as "the man that merely pronouncing a benediction upon executeth my counsel." Jeremiah ut them. His benediction meant sometered his prediction some fifty three thing, I. He directed the people of each Teach them that a rosy romp is worth | years before it came to pass, and Isaiah | locality, where Jews | resided who desirspoke his over one hundred and fifty ed to return, to help them with money, Teach them to wear thick, warm years before it was fulfilled. At the with goods, with beasts, and, besides time that Isaiah thus specifically de- with a freewill offering for the rebuildsignated Cyrus as the one who should ling of the temple. And this command act the part of a shepherd in bringing was most generously obeyed-for the Teach them that God made them in home the people of Israel, Persia was a reason, perhaps, that they had in the small and insignificant power in the king a most generous example to follow.

> swerable to skepticism than this? Teach them not to have anything to There was one, at least, who knew were enabled to get cedar trees from lo with intemperate and dissolute young that the time for release was ripening. Lebanon the cities of Sidon and Tyre Teach them accomplishments, paint- Daniel, understood by books the num- tions of the house of God, and as to its ng, drawing, music-if you have the ber of the years, whereof the word of height and breadth, and commanded the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that the expenses should be paid out Teach them to say no, and stick to it; that he would accomplish seventy years of his treasury! Truly, God knew of in the desolations of Jerusalem." ix. : 2. Like those in later times, who forehand, he said of Cyrus : "He is my were looking for the coming of the Mes- shepherd, and shall perform all my ter the garden will wither - John Bunsiah, he was "waiting for the consola-

> > It was because Daniel had such a Thy toundation shall be laid. promise that he made such a prayer. Of the generation that had been taken And that prayer is well worth a long captive, few were left to turn their faces the subject of his petition, except as it these were some from the kingdom of determine the time at which the Monday ed what he could every year toward the would come! Had he not prayed for funds necessary for the rebuilding of the

> > fillment was not brought about, as in with ecstatic and solemn joy. The come our enemies, is neither according miracle—for miracle it still was—was tion of this was laid before their eyes, not a moral, but really a political max-Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus," to shouted aloud for joy." carry out his promise. How this was The lesson of the captivity effectually

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passion for them was first awakened by the influence of Daniel upon him. Under him we know that Daniel held a high office-probably the same which he had occupied under his predecessor, your hearts." Dan, vi. ; 28. If so, he was the prime minister of Cyrus, and that fact would be sufficient to account for the interest which he manifested for the Jewish however, it was the Spirit of the Lord Toric .- "He is faithful that promis- which gave him the inclination and restore them to their native land, "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lor as the rivers of water; he turneth it THE PERFORMANCE (23) .- When carnest and energetic about it. Inas much as it was customary to put on writing, the fact that he gave that pemanchey to this shows the estimat

which he placed upon it. The fact that he did so afterwards proved to be or great importance to the people whom he was endeavoring to befriend. See Ear beginning of the proclamation wherei

High sounds rather strange. But it was have been a hopeless one. It had a de- not so very strange after all. For the one supreme deity. Probably their co king of Babylon for seventy years. This ception of his attributes was not so well Jews had of the one true God, but in In verse 21 the reason is revealed why many essential respects it did materially differ. The two deities were really on seventy years. It was "until the land God. All the Persian proclamations had enjoyed her sabbaths." The Le- and their monumental inscriptions an fields nor to prune their vineyards, and king That read : "The great god, that which grew of itself they were not | Ahura-mazda, who is chief of the gods, he established Darius as king; by the used, and was changed in the transla-But as it stands it singularly account From what year were they to date in with the prophecy in Isaiah which declares of Cyrus : "I have raised one up the rising of the san shall be call apor

house for him at Jerusalem. Perhaps, significance of the circumstances of his time, but the more probable supposition "After seventy years be accomplished is that here, once more, he but uttered the instructions of Daniel, Josephus

east, and Babylon had not yet risen to 2. He ordered his treasurer, Mitbrodath

the zenith of her glory. God knew the to bring forth the vessel which had been Teach them everyday, hard, practical, end from the beginning. In his books taken from the temple by Nebuchadnez- from me."—Cecil. the name of Cyrus was written long be- zar, and give them to Sheshbazzarfore his birth. Before he came into this the name by which Zerubabel was world he was "anointed" to do this par- known at that court. Under this orticular work. Could anything be more der, 5,400 vessels were returned to the conclusive for our faith-more unan- Jews for use in the temple. 3. He gave them a grant by And that one was Daniel. He knew it | Ezra iii. : 7. 4. He gave minute in by studying the word of God. "I, structions as to the laying of the founda-Dan, what he was speaking when so long be pleasure, even saying to Jerusalem, YAN. Thou shalt be built, and to the temple,

study. Dan. 9. Note its genuine con- once more toward Jerusalem. Like the

for the cedars of Lebanon, for timb 's might one day be our friends, and to live When the time came for the word of to be used in the erection of the house of with our friends as if they might bethe Lord to be accomplished, the ful- God. At last the foundations were laid by signs and wonders and plagues. The house in all its glory "when the founda- ance with the rules of friendship. It is brought about in a quieter way. "The wept with a loud voice, and many

done is, of course, mere matter of con-cured the people of idolatry. It was

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never more known among them. The promise of a return at the expiration of the seventy years had been coupled with this condition : "And ye shall find me,

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when we shall search for me with all

- Zeal without knowledge is fire

- Thank goodness there is one place where prosperity is still to be found-in

— One was a Baptist and the other a longregationalist. The waiter asked them what they would order. "A little dipped toast," said the Baptist. "You may give me toast, also," said the Congregationalist, cheerfully. "But don't dip it. Only sprinkle a little butter."

- It should cheer the steps of the servant of Jesus Christ as he journeys o know that even in darkness his guide is still with him, and that guide is the he recognizes the supremacy of the Most King of the country through which he is traveling.-John Foster.

> - Wilson, the celebrated vocalist, was upset one day in Lis carriage near Edinburg. A Scotch paper, after recording the accident, said: "We are happy to state he was able to appear the following evening in three pieces,"

- At the centre of a whirlwind there exists a calm. A ship may be in that tranquil centre and be safe, when everything that lies in the rotating circumference of the storm is swept away and utterly destroyed. So God may keep His people in safety, and grant them a sudden deliverance, when men can see no possibility of escape. He stands at the centre of all storms and trials, and if He hides us in the secret of His pa-Monday Cuch Sermons.

- A little tive-year-old Rhode Island boy, who had seen a peacock for the first time, ran into the house exclaiming to his sister, "O Lizzie! I've seen a great, great, big, monstiferous tail walking round with a hen tied to it !"

- Visitor to Sunday-school addressing the children-What is the ostensible object of Sunday-school instruction? No answer. Visitor-What is the ostensible object of Sunday-school instruction? No answer. Visitor-What is the ostensible object of Sunday school instruction? Small boy (in a feeble voice)-Yes, sir.

The darkest night must break in day,

Twilight precedes the dawn; A heavenly guide still hads the way; Toil on, in hope, toil on. - As the bread of many grains is

prought into one loaf, and the juice of many grapes is made wine in one cup, to the multitude of a Christian congregation receiving together the Lord's Supper are made members of one body, knit together in like faith and charity, and having like hope of salvation .-Ir a man be visited with a providen-

ial reverse of circumstances; if he be under oppression; if he be arrested by disease; if the delight of Lis eyes be taken away; methinks I hear God saying: "Take this medicine; it is exactly suited to your case, weighed out by my own hand; and take this medicine - Beauty may be the sky overhead.

but daty is the water underneath .-When I see a man with screne countenance, it looks like a great leisure that he enjoys, but in reality he sails on no ammer's sea. This steady sailing omes of a heavy hand on the tiller .--

Prayer is the pitcher that fetcheth water from the brook wherewith to water the herbs; break the pitcher, and it will fetch no water, and for want of wa-

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Do not delight in the misfortunes of others, for you know not at what moment you may fall.

if it be honorable it will bring you re-Following many vocations has ruined the life of many a man,

Have one settled purpose in life, and

Practice economy and ladustry and Believe not ill of a brother till it is

The history of the world teaches no

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pulpit ministration.

faith, and that it is impossible to please

Christ's kingdom here and for association with the saints in glory everlasting hereafter, we should so teach them, and use every means and appliance in our power to develop their growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. If they are in a state of justification and acceptance with God, and harmony with his government, then we should teach them to love God who first loves them, and to continue in obedience to his law that they may constantly enjoy the light of his countenance. If they are both regenerate and in a state of justification, then they are three or four penitents still unsatisfied.

propose in another article to show that of one immortal soul? the doctrine that children are both re- I cannot close this communication little to spare .- F. W. Robertson. it afoot.

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says little of what he can do, but does gloom. We had been for two or three questions, and is, moreover, a methodimuch, and that not grudgingly or of years at war with the mightiest nation cal man. So pulling out a large draw-

With your permission, Mr. Editor, I for one; for who can estimate the value thousands squanders, and his indulgen-