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#### SELECTIONS.

Are You Ready.

"What do you mean by this question?" There is a great event before you—its both save thyself and them that hear thee."—1 ival is certain; but it is utterly beyond your power to ascertain at what hour it will I am not going to preach to preachers. arrive. Ten or twenty years may elapse perfore its arrival-perhaps not as many ninutes. Some have expected it long, but secured by them. it still delays. Millions bave put it far off, but it has burst unexpectedly upon them. This is a most momentous event. It will vide a gospel. sunder all your relations to the present world; it will break every tie of mortality; strip off every disguise; expose every error baptism of the Holy Chost. and deception; bring out to light your present you before a just and holy Judge. Death : and the question is, "Are you ready to die ?"

"Who asks this question?" Your Maker. He does it in his Word One of with God. the grand objects of that blessed volume is to enable you to give it an affirmative answer. By judgments and by mercies does for divine light. His boly providence press this matter upon you. Your ewn rational nature does the same When reason and conscience are permitted to speak, they urge attention to Holy Ghost. this great concern. Dispel from your mind 'the delusive charms of this world; press your way out of a torrent of cares or pleasures which sweeps every serious thought away : rebukes every other appeal and let that only be heard which the unblinded reason and the unseared conscience make, and you will perceive that this inquiry is solemply addressed to you.

"Why ask this question?" \* Because pope can be conceived of so much impormind as it does, they are not disposed to you may save them. Make this the great tance. Because, disturbing man's sinful press it honestly and earnestly upon themselves. Because an honest, serious, cnlightened decision of this question may be of everlasting benefit to your soul. Because, amid the hurry of business or whirl of pleasure, you may at this hour need something to lead you to consider your character and eternal prospects. Because. if the subject which this question urges upon you is not attended to, the soul will

"Why ask me this question ?" Because it respects interests of yours of infinite value -interest in fearful peril, if you cannot answer this question in the affirmative .-Because this question is suited to arouse attention to what you may have totally neglected. Because you may be the very person of all living who most needs such an appeal; being, perhaps, the victim of a felse hope, or of a fatal error, and borne (farther and further every day from God by the growing power of sin. Because it is of sinfinite importance that you make a correct decision of this question. And especially because the next bosom pierced by the dart of death may be your own.

"But I am in health, in the fulness of my strength, why press this matter so earnestly upon me?" You are just the person to be addresed. If you lay upon a dying bed, life's lump expiring, and all your powers sinking into ruin-if you had reached such a point unprepared, had crowded this great work into that most unfit hour. there would be scarce the slightest prospect that any appeal would avail.

Once more, the question, Are you ready though asked now in terms of affectionate earnestness, will not be asked by that unrelenting destroyer Death. He asks no man if he is ready. He drives his dart alike through the ready and the reluctant souls. Furnished or unfurnished for the world to come, it must obey the dreadful summons. Reader, by all that is blossed in a death of peace and hope, be entreated to regard the solemn expostulation of your their souls. Lord: "Be ye also ready; for in such an cometh."- The Christian.

ONLY JESUS .- I love to feel the Sabbath coming, but cannot bear to awake and find it gone. But yet Jesus is my every-day or suspicion of the least impurity in your-Sabhath, and in him I find happiness and self.

120 area 120 acres. It is all I want,
He also purchased to any good
Savage, on the gorner ook for all
Washington street, one for all

fortable house in Suffolk, for a small family, would do well to read the advertisement o R. C. Wells, in this weeks issue of the Sun, The place is desirable as a residence and as a place of business.

MR. WHITMELL JONES informs us that he has purchased the Western lot, on Kilby street, for \$330.

Do you want a good buggy, see advertis-

to-days paper-on Washington Square.

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RELIGION WITHOUT BIGOTRY, ZEAL WITHOUT FANATICISM, LIBERTY WITHOUT LICENTIOUSNESS.

## SUFFOLK, VA., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1871.

Take Heed to Thyself. BY PREST. CHARLES G. FINNEY.

"Take heed to thyself, and to the doctrine,

but to suggest certain conditions upon which talking about her teachers and companions, the salvation promised in this text may be

1st. See that you are constrained by love to preach the gospel, as Christ was to pro-

2d. See that you have the special inducement of power from on high, by the

3d. See that you have a heart, and not no heart to do.

5th. Make the Bible your book of books Study it much, upon your knees, waiting

6th. Beware of learning on commentaries. Consult them when convenient: but judge for yourself, in the light of the

7th, Keep yourself pure-in will, in thought, in feeling, in word and in action. 8th. Contemplate much the guilt and danger of sinners, that your zeal for their

salvation may be intensified. 9th. Also deeply ponder and dwell much upon the boundless love and compassion of and its mysteries? Is there truth as well Christ for them.

10th. So love them yourself as to be willing to die for them.

11th. Give your most intense thought to the study of ways and means by which and intense study of your life.

12th. Refuse to be diverted from this work. Guard against every temptation that would abate your interest in it.

13. Believe the assertion of Christ that he is with you in this work always and every where, to give you all the help you

14th "He that winneth souls is wise and "if any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and he shall receive."-But let him ask in faith." Remember, therefore, that you are bound to have the wisdom that shall win souls to Christ

15th. Being called of God to work, make your calling your own constant argunent with God for all that you need for the accomplishment of the work

16th Be diligent and laborous, "in sea-

17. Converse much with all classes of your hearers on the question of their salvation, that you may understand their opinions, errors and wants. Ascertain their predjudices, ignorance, temper, habits, and whatever you need to know, to adapt your instruction to their necessities.

18th. See that your own habits are in all respects correct; that you are temperate in all things-free from the stain or smell of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or anything of which you have reason to be ashamed, and which may stumble others.

19. Be not "light-minded," but "set the Lord always before you."

20. Bridle your tongue, and be not given to idle and unprofitable converstion.

21st. Always let your people see that you are in solemn earnest with them, both in the pulpit and out of it; and let not your intercourse with them nullify your serious 4eaching on Sunday.

22d. Resolve to "know nothing among your people"-"save Jesus Christ and him crucified;" and let them understand that as an ambassader of Christ, your business as an ampassager of Const., your business with them relates wholly to the salvation of opened her eys again, and with an air, as it John the Baptist.

23d. Be sure to teach them as well by hour as ye think not, the Son of Man example as precept. Practice yourself what you preach.

24th. Be especially guarded in your intercourse with women, to raise no thought

25th. Guard your weak points. If natarally tending to gayety and trifling, watch against occasions of it in this direction. 26th. If naturally sombre and unsocial,

Washington street, on sold for all guard against moroseness and unsociability. Any person desiring to purchase a com-

Died at the Virginia Military Institute might be a whole family." November 20th, 1871. Anderson Dandridge familiarly known as "Old Judge," for many years the Institute baker.

It is thought that there will be in the say, I have no pleasure in them." neighborhood of two millions of dollars in the Virginia State Treasury by the 1st of January.

#### At the Hour of Death. Elements of Success in Sabbath Schools.

A family in the village where the writer lives recently lost two daughters. The At the inauguration of the Sunday school remedy the same. How much easier to elder, named Clara, died in the winter, or Institute of St. Paul Methodist Episcopal find fault with others than with ourselves. early spring ; the younger, named Anna, died in the summer. Anna was spending her last moments in on the "Elements of Success in Sunday conceal their own. I have known men to

when suddenly, looking upward with an in the Cincinnati Gazette, is an abstract: faults of others, when if there had been so expression of joy and surprise, she ex-

brother, who had died, had come to him, tion. These are: him now : he is there !"

of what is called spiritualism, and neither understood that the hour of death had 2. The social element. A school is an the heart can claim, want to have those The above described person has always by far their most natural food, and they of what is called spiritualism, and neither illustrated and enforced.

realities. Is there some expansion of the faculities at the hour of death that enables the as poetry in Waller's famous stanza? "The soul's dark cottage, battered and decayed

ronger by weakness, wiser men become As they draw nearer their eternal home : Leaving the old, both worlds at once they view

That stand upon the treshold of the new. It is easy to raise these questions; i is impossible to answer them. But, aside from any discussion of the truth or fallacy of such appearances, the data themselves are interesting; and I have collected from various authors a number of them, which the reader may interpret according to his

faith or scepticism. The protomartyr Stephen beheld God's glory and died, and in all ages have there een those who have supposed that they saw celestial visions at the parting hour. "The celestial city," said Payson, "is full in my view." "This is beaven begun." said Thomas Scott. "I breathe the air of heaven," said Stephen Gano. "I have words of Dr. Hope. "I not only feet the dancing it may be inferred: heaven," said H. S. Golding, "and I shall in true and idol worship. land. "I see the New Jerusalem," said or great victories. praise him! What glory! the angels are sions only by one of the sexes. waiting for me !" said Dr. Bateman. "Oh, 4. That it was performed usually in the those rays of glory !" said Mrs. Clarkson. day time, in the open air, in highways, in Oh, the greatness of the glory that is fields and groves. blessed assembly who await my arrival ?- deemed infamous.

said, with tears of joy, that she had ex- for the silence. perienced such happiness in dying that "she

and, as the tears of his wife his instruments ion passed over his death.

"REMEMBER DOW thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw pigh when thou shalt

HE who can suppress a moment's anger may save many days' sorrow.

claimed, "Clara! Clara! Clara! Clara!" and after among Sunday-schools teachers is not, "Is retaliation, faults more flaming than some a few moment's silence, in which she the Salibath-school a valuable agency ?" seemed to behold her departed sister, she That question was answered affirmatively many years since. But the earnest mind and accute smartness to tell others of their The girl was a mere child, and the cir- everywhere is now enquiring, "How may many short comings, but it displays a morcumstance, which was related to me by one we gather in the children? How shall we bid appetite for producing unpleasantness of her teachers, leften pleasant impression retain them when gathered in? How may and sorrow in other's hearts that often dewhole character, even to every secret thing; merely a head-call, to undertake the prea- on my wind. I mentioned it to a friend a we properly instruct them when retained? stroys the very main-spring of usefulness. ching of the gospel. By this I mean, be magazine writer psychologist. He related How may we bring them to Christ and Every body cannot take charges following present you before a just and noty Judge. beartily and most intensely inclined to seek the circumstances of the death of a little nurture them for heaven? In a word, how charges, displaying an animus of intended and introduce year to an unchangeable condition of joy or sorrow. This event is

the salvation of souls as the great work of boy in a neighboring town, who had seen may we succeed in our Sunday-school abuse. Some men can and do throw it off to a country speculator, perhaps that dealer is of no use scratching in the hard soil, life, and do not undertake what you have or thought he had seen a similar appear. work?" To these questions we answer, easily, but not so with all. We should will take the advantage of him (if he knows fortid with their own droppings, which conance. The boy talked reasonably on or- There are four elements of success growing always be careful with our reproof. I that the seller is an illiterate person) to the taminates every-morsel of food given to 4th. Constantly maintain a close walk dinary subjects, but insisted that his little out of the nature and wants of the institu-

> the room. "Do you not see bim father?" other human institution, the Sunday-school cism of one old man and minister. he exclaimed, with emphasis; "I can see needs money. As in every other enter- Who is it when they have done their girls do not work as well: they may want may be they refuse to live exclusively on prise, failure and success depend largely best, with the best of motives, that can en- to read what is going en, and in short, the the corn and grain given by their owner, Neither of these children knew anything upon money. This point was variously joy a boiling bot bath once a month or advantages he did not, he does not want his and pass their time hour after hour, scratch-

> Were these visions the effect of a delirious circumstances as demand sympathy and love the rule that blames for that you never grain, and does not know which is the most alone gives stamina and current fertility. mind—acari somnia vana—or were they sociability, so that all will feel at home. — done? Yet these things come and Jesus profitable—corn oats, flax, peas, rve, or If rersons want a succession of eggs in a If teachers and superintendents give atten- has given his children grace to endure buckwheat. He never took the trouble to run of limited extent; I know of but one tion to this fact they may win the affection them if they only trust him faithfully. spiritual eve to discover the celestial world of all, and make the place highly attractive. Many times we have seen brethren who raising the different kinds of produce sepa- tainty, and that is by continually getting

> Lets in new-light through chinks that time has is a place for instruct, one their brethren about their short-comings, take agricultural papers so as to keep post- of eggs all the year round. I should relinmeans for the literary culture of teachers if

school; not a place for instruction, but an offence. evangelizing and Christianizing means .for a deep all-pervading, and omnipotent Christian experience.

everywhere.

wings of the cherubim." "Christ—angels are of the age, says that from a collection to encourage each other, to love each other, ple just begin to think about fattening their ple just begin to the ple

climate, but I breathe the ambrosial air of 1. That dancing was a religious act, both

soon ebjoy the company." "I see things 2. That it was practiced exclusively on that are unutterable," said Rev. Mr. Hol- joyful occasions, such as national festivals

Norman Smith. "They praise Him! they 3. That it was performed on such occa-

revealed to me !" said Lady Hastings. "Do 5. That men who perverted dancing from

Do you hear that sweet music with which 6. That no instances of dancing are

holv men invite me, that I may henceforth 'cund upon record in the Bible, in which be a partaker of their happiness? How he two sexes united in the exercises, against any person until well founded. delightful it is to be in the society of blessed either as an act of worship or amusement.

spirits! Let us go! We must go! Let . 7. That there is no instance on record in the Bible, of social dancing for amusement, others. me go!" the Bible, of social dancing for amusement,

Looks, as well as words, often express except that of the "vain fellow" void of triumph in death. Some one says of the shame alluded to by Michal; of the religious other, and to put the best construction on was not fit for his business. So will I say tored in six inch pots, in an atmosphere of Countess of Seafield, after quoting her last families described by Job, which produced any action that has the appearance of oppo- in regard to many farmers; they do not 40 or 50 degrees, with just water enough prayer: "With these words she closed her increased impiety and ended in destruction; sition or resentment. eves, and seemed to all present to be yield- and of Herodias, which terminated in the ing up her breath. But in a little time she rash yow of Hered, and the murder of

seemed, of joy and wonder, she continued If these points sum up all that the Bible looking upward with a fixed goze for nearly says in any way upon this subject, as Dr. er how glorious, how God-like, it is to forhalf an hour. Those present were not a Eadie affirms, they should be carefully prelittle affected, both with her last words and served by those who have occasion to meet the arguments adduced in favor of the dance. The countenance of Mrs. Rowe bore wit- It is always well to know just what the ness that she was receiving remarkable Bible does say on these subjects, and if it says manifestations from the unseen world. She nothing to ascertain the reason if possible churches; and we should therefore watch up the stables, stock lots, hog pour, fence

knew not that she had felt the like in all "There is no greater mistake," says an eminent divine, "than to suppose that Chris-The dying expressions of the face of Jean tians can impress the world by agreeing Paul Richter are described by his biogra- with it. No! it is not conformity that we pher as having been exceedingly lovely : want; it is not being able to beat the world 'About six o'clock the physician entered. in its own eway; but it is to stand apart An old and respectable citizen . Richter yet appeared to sleep: his features from and above it, and to produce the im-

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THE Friends of Temperance had an interesting meeting last Monday evening.

A better is expected next Monday evening.

Captain Rowland Ward, a prominent and remained immagable.

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Captain Rowland Ward, a prominent and interesting meeting last Monday evening.

Captain Rowland Ward, a prominent and immagable of its business than God asks him to be, and then, prominent and the p

e could, and I will show you er be admitted there.

Finding Fault.

How much easier to find fault than to Church, in Cincinnati, October 31st, 1871, Those who are most ready to pick open the Rev. James E. Githert delivered an address perceived faults of others are most apt to schools," of which the following, published be most lavish in the presentation of the The all-absorbing question of the times much lack in piety as to have permitted

folks would admire would appear. Some men think that it displays wis lom while promise stood out on every hand, transaction, enough to pay for several news- seen for months while promise stood out on every hand, it is a second to have seen for income to him, then the second out on every hand, it is a second to have seen for income as se

assembly of children and adults under such motives impugned? Who is it that can raised wheat, instead of the other kinds of thus enjoy that healthy exercise which

Let a person think you mean to insult kind of manure and then another, making It is not mind dealing with mind, but heart bim or show your superiority over him, and a flattish pile at first; for by so deing it will supply for the second winter. This plan with heart. Hence an absolute necessity you drive the good feelings he might pos- get theroughly mixed. New gates are would not be an expensive one, whilst it sess for you away, and all you say falls to made to take the place of old ones or bars : would conduce to the health of the stock, the ground disregarded, and well it might. seed grain is thoroughly cleaned for sow- and insure a good supply of eggs. These four elements, properly combined. Teo many of us can only see as far as the ing. will bring success to our Sunday-schools immediate plain before us is cleared, and The thinking farmer has his lambs come it to be divided, and each part alternately hence not qualified to test the merits of early, so as to sell for high figures; feeds dug up and planted with rape and grass

others beyond. to give vent to personal or general dis-

Rules for Promoting Brotherly Love. 1. To remember that we are subject to

failings and infirmities of one kinder other.

nectings, and particularly in private.

with other persons' business.

6. If a member be in fault to tell him think of a banker, merchant, or dealer of any

give, and how unlike a Christian it is to Yorker. 10. To remember that it is always a MANURE .- On off days, when the hands are grown than on the variety. grand artifice of the devil to prompt distur- and teams cannot be otherwise employed.

we can do in the world at large, and in the and hauling, to mix with them, all the church in particular, when we are all united in love, than we could do when acting verted into manure. Where this work is alone, and indulging a contrary spirit.

12. Lastly, to consider the express in- excessively onerous. county, named T D. Worsham, commine every moment holier, his brow suicide on Wednesday by cutting his throat analy, but it was cold as marble with a razer.

Trom and above it, and to produce the important to see important things.—Ephesians, iv, 32: 1 Peter, ii, 2; things.—Ephesians, iv, 32:1 Peter, ii, 2; market or for winter use. These are the who lives in a brown-stone front on a mag-Ir should become our study as much as that few can afford to use them for that pur-

> hood, so that the boundaries of these dis- few quarts of oil cake or corn meal. e the man who would go to heav- cordant potentates may be defined. WHEN you see a man with a good deal of year, every opportunity should be taken to glove with a piece of flanuel.

religion displayed in his shop window, you build fences where they are needed, and remay depend upon it he keeps a very small pair them where they are defective. Patch- Tue farmer who refuses to subscribe for

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FARM AND GARDEN.

Thinking vs. Working Farmers.

pork. The former person realizes twelve

dollars and fifty cents.

Management of Laying, Fowls in Small

I are constantly bearing complaints re It is a mistaken idea many people have specting the almost total want of eggs and that farming is a branch of business that searcity of chickens from fowls which the requires but little forethought; think if a owners inform me are tended with every man has a well developed body, so that he care, and fed in the best possible mannercan plow, sow, reap, mow, and do many the account concluding perhaps with such a different kinds of work without much fa- statement as that "the fowls have a beautitigue, such a person will answer for a farm- ful sundy run, upwards of twenty-five feet er. If he goes to market with a load of long and seven wide." The reply is alproduce, he will take whatever price is of ways the same, namely, that want of natufered him, whether it is the market price ral fertility is one of the first effects of confor the commodity or not, as he is not posted finement. 'No food, no amount of attendon the rise of produce, for he thinks it use- ance, can compensate for the fresh air and less to take newspapers and spend a little wholesome exercise fewls obtain when at

time reading the market reports, as some of large. his neighbors do; for by going to the corn- Look at a pen of foil is mewed up in a ers he can get all of the reports and news wire enclosure. There they stand, moping. that he wants. If he sells his grain or wool dull, and inactive, knowing full well that it

the idea of taking papers, for his boys and at liberty. No matter how well fed they

keep an accurate account of the expenses of mode by which it can be effected with cer-Otherwise the children will be repelled.

3. The literary element. This institu
that they, poor souls, think they are not ing, and has always raised as good crops as place with fresh healthy young pullets. If tion is a school, not a mere assembly. It doing their duty unless they are instructing his neighbors A and B., say they must I lived in a town and required a succession must possess knowledge of God's word. Yes, they study how pretty they can set off ed. By a little forethought the thinking quish the idea of keeping any particular child nature, and the art of teaching. In a brother's errors so as to wound him farmer in January has his plans all matur- breed, Every autumn I should purchase this day it is especially important, since the deepest. Now, my brethren, such a course ed for the year; has his rails split,, or from a healthy country run as many early children are now intelligent, and are for of conduct with all sensible peopless per- boards drawn for a new fence, or where it batched puliets as I required, preferably of five days of the week under the core of ex- feetly despicable, and not only injures the wants repairing; sends his teams after non-incubating varieties .- Spanish, Houperienced educators. We must inaugurate current of love to the heart of others, but plaster if it must be hauled far, so as to be dan, or Hamburgh; these would lay diffing worst and most of all cuts it off from our ready to sow it early; hauls out manure to the winter. In the spring, as the warm own hearts. Some of us are unfit to even a distant field on his farm, piling it in one weather commenced, I would supply their 4. The religious element. This instituterer a brother's personal faults, because or two large piles where he intends to put places with a number of later hatched chicktion is not merely a school, but a Sunday. we know not how to do it without giving corn, or having it well rotted to be spread cus of last season, and these might be reon his wheat ground; firstly drawing one lived upon for laying during the summer and

> If the run were sufficiently large to allow his hogs a little corn with the milk from the seeds, it would be very advantageous; and It is much sweeter and heavenly for us his hogs a little corn with the milk from the dairy during the summer, having them under all circumstances, the greatest clean-

dollars per hundred, and the latter seven SALTING BUTTER -The proper salting If a man has several sons, all bright and of butter requires great care. The salt active but one, that one must be made a far- should be theroughly incorporated into the mer if the others are not, as the father mass, so as to reach any remaining partithinks that by giving them all equal starts cles of either case in moisture. All this is 2. To bear with and not magnify each in life, the one selected as a farmer will perfectly done in the churn, if the practical manage to make a living, perhaps, and a direction given by the manufacturers are 3. To pray for one another in our social pretty poor one at that, if a mortgage is not followed. Most people in this country reforeclosed on his farm in a few years ; then quire for flavoring about one ounce of pure 4. To avoid going from house to house, he will condemn farmers and farming. \_ good salt to a pound of butter, but the betyou see," said Edmund Auger, "that a sacred use to purposes of amusement were for the purpose of bearing news, interfering The farming community have too many ter paying class of customers, who is a litsuch farmers that engage in the bussness, the more fastidious about the quality, pre-5. Always turn a deaf car to any slan- and do not know what they are making, as for about one half as much, and that is derous report, and to lay no charge brought they "go it on the blind." allowing me to found quite sufficient for its preservation, if use the expression. What would a farmer the easien has been properly removed.

> first in private, before it is mentioned to kind, who could not tell him what his expenses were, and how much be had made the an exchange suggests that tomato plants' 7. To watch against a shyness of each past year? He would say at once that he should be started in the autumn and winread and think enough, do not understand given to keep them alive. In the spring 8. To observe the rule of Solomon, that as they ought. Show me a farmer, mer- the plants will be thick and strong at the is, to leave off contention before it be med- chant, dector, lawyer or divine that is a base, and as woody almost as a wood-flower; thinking men, and I will show you a person we have seen a few plants started in a cool 9. If a member has offended, to consid- that will succeed in business if he has green-house where the growth was slow; great deal of humbug about early varieties' of tomatoes; more depends on the way, they

> bance and animosity among members of the they may be prefitably engaged in cleaning learned that tonds are great helps in keepagainst everything that furthers his end. corners, ash-hoppers, etc., gathering the dens and orchards. So great is the de-11. To consider how much more good proceed/in a well-sheltered manure pit, mand for the creatures, that fifty cents apiece is often paid for them in France and

> > regularly done "guano drafts" are never . Any farmer who can support himself comfortably on a farm, and make it pay a Parsnips .- Dig only those needed for is far ahead in competence of the citizen cheapest roots to keep for spring feeding. nilicent salary, and has to spend it all for though the market price is usually so high life and "appearances,"

possible to narrow the neutral which stretch- pose. They are the best milk producing - CLEANING KID GLOVES -- Compound es its quagmires between truth and false- feed we know of, especially if fed with a three ounces of good hard soap, welted in one cunes of warm water; one cance of Fexces - From this time until the new fig.rid ammonia, and apply to the stretched

ing here and there is not what we mean, a paper, need not expect to know much: