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It has been well said that a good reputation is a good investment, and the only way to secure it is to get a good character at interest. A long run reputation cannot be made unless it is supported by character.

There trouble with many is that they think it is their duty to carry down the whole world upon their shoulders. And while groaning under their self-righteousness they cry to do nothing but their duty.

At the Methodist Council in Washington two Virginia laymen were much disgusted to hear on the same Sabbath from two different preachers the same sermon. One preacher was a bishop. One was from the East and the other from the West.

"There is always danger," Dean Hook says, "to those who have to talk much about religion that their religion may become that of the heart rather than that of the head." It is well to remember this in these days when so many are saying as if it were their duty to carry down the whole world upon their shoulders.

The interior call on all the religious papers to protest against the decision of the World's Fair Committee to allow liquor sold on the grounds. If they open the grounds on Sunday all God-fearing men will stay away, and the remainder of mankind who go unless they can find that they intend to open on Sunday is very evident.

FULL assurance of faith does not mean that we have no doubts about our own salvation. The greatest of good hearts feared that their faith should be a castaway. But full assurance of faith means faith without shadow of doubt in the work of God. Faith that the statement is sufficient, that the Holy Spirit can regenerate the hardest heart. When the Lord come will be found in the faith on the earth.

BISHOP KEENE says that when Agassiz came to Cambridge and was shown the horse's teeth found in the Ashley phosphate beds, he spent the entire night on the floor examining them and exclaimed to Prof. Holmes: "Those old bones have not craved; they have destroyed the work of a lifetime." It is not the bones that have been destroyed, but the faith that they were the bones of Noah.

MINISTERS should be very careful what they say in the pulpit. Good brethren recently asserted that God's laws in the physical and spiritual world were made for man's benefit. How did we learn that fact? It was not from him, but from the Bible. It is not the bones that have been destroyed, but the faith that they were the bones of Noah.

The Holy Scriptures are so commended from their origin, and from the nature of their contents, that they are distinguished from all human writings.

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Perhaps a sharp, sudden blow has fallen upon you, and the number has all gone out of your life. You stand bewildered beneath the shades of what that is numbing life's vitality. The soul craves God, and the body is left to die. The rushing foot of the sorrow's blow is how grief is borne.

Do you smile and talk upon indifferent terms? Then you are heartless in the presence of great affliction. Do you weep a flood of that which leaves your soul to think out? Then, you are making a hypocritical parade of woe.

By a sudden sweep of misfortune the life of a man is changed. He is left a wreck, and he knows that he is, because they are spiritually discerned (1 Cor. 12:14).

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Olga Bay's Bermon. BY WILD COTTON. "Ola!" called Mrs. Bay, "Ola! Down the garden path flashed Olga with a potted scabium in one hand and a creamy calli lily in the other."

"Mother," she cried as she reached the porch, "where are you mother?" "Here, my dear, in the sitting room."

"And in brilliant Olga like a ray of sunshine, a brilliant lily with glowing face, sparkling eyes and arms full of flowers."

"It is glorious weather," she said, picking her flowers on a stand among a number of others, "and we are presenting their leaves in the food of amber pouring through the south window."

"I know," but they are irritable, the darlings. There they are, he looked the light beckoning me, how could I turn my back on them? You ought to see them, mother, little green candles burning themselves into flames of richest crimson, gold and white. I brought those two out for you to step your senses in. And the smallest is growing amazingly in what I would suppose to be the pit, while my golden luscious Marochia has possession of the garden. I have gathered a bud for you, but, contemptuously, "what's a bud when all these lovely ones are looking at their fragrant throats?"

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"Coffee and salads and refreshments." "But shall you give?" "A freer of cream and two cakes."

"That means a sick headache and a sleepless night, for, course, Mrs. Bay—that is, that is the Marbie call you, mother—on the committee of arrangements. You will be kindly expected to do duty, without supper and work, as papa never goes to work at home, for two days. Mother, we don't believe in it, do we?"

"This way churches have of retaining charity, at twenty-five cents a donor. Charity. As if God's children are paupers and have to be supported by penny contributions from the world. Charity. Why the cattle on a thousand hills are His, and here we are doling out to him our dimes and quarters on condition that we are to have a slice of cake, a bowl of soup or a dressed doll in exchange. And then we go home feeling as if we are as idle because we have given something to charity as if we were given when we were when we have dined on an exact equivalent. Why our dimes and quarters give us no credit in just the same way. Why don't we stand with ourselves and call things by their right names? Mother, I wonder if we would have strength enough to refuse to have anything to do with the affair? We might if we would bolster each other up a bit."

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"How, please?" and there was a funny expression on the girl's face. "Now, Ola, you asked me to give you that there are many ladies who would gladly contribute to the church expenses if they could afford it. As I understand, they will be willing to give their labor and provisions from their own stores."

"Oh, the self-delusions we good people will practice. Do you know, mother, perhaps I am dull and can't draw wise distinctions, but do you know I cannot see a particular difference between an individual's dis-

tribution, and the little boy. The death of Mr. Spurgeon, London's celebrated preacher, recalls the many branches of the noble work, and reminds us of a pretty story gleaned from a gentleman connected with his well-known orphanage. One holiday, when it was customary for the friends of the boys to take them out for a few hours, and treat them to cakes and goodies, the great man was sitting in the garden surrounded by a large and lovely set situated in one of the lovely suburbs of the metropolis, and a little fellow of about seven summers approached and timidly plucking at the sleeve of the man to whom he was the embodiment of all that was good, said, "Mr. Spurgeon?"

"Yes, my child."

"And Mr. Spurgeon, please, if on a holiday when all the other little boys had someone to play with and friends while that little boy and you, would you like to be sorry for him?"

"Of course I would, my child; and a humorous twinkle gleamed in the eye of the great man."

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The Japanese adopt the custom of the Western people with great eagerness. If they hold the second election in the country, it is a style not known here. There were many cases where some place the disturbance was so great that the government had declined to move elections should be held there.

It is now announced that the Louisiana lottery will go to Nevada. This is plainly a device to throw the opponents of the guard. If by the decision of the Supreme Court upholding the law, the lottery against the lottery made the lottery profitable in this country, it would be so in Nevada also. For the people in that little country are too poor to give millions to the lottery and there would be no profit for the United States. It is to be hoped the good people of Louisiana will not be deceived by such devices. The only safety is in voting the inquiry down in April.

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The Christian Union sent a number of its members to Louisiana to study the lottery question. It reports a majority of the whites opposed to it, and says the lottery will be dropped or at least modified. It is a pity the negroes. This was an added reason for the report. The reporter declares the negroes will oppose the lottery if they are consulted. He says that the Republicans in the North are opposed to it.

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But brethren will at once see that to pay our missionaries for the current year, and the debt of \$100,000 owing over last year, will require an addition of \$150,000 to this year's receipts over and above the amount paid to the Home of worship in Havana. This increased obligation comes in the hardest financial year known in the history of the world. It will require to meet it a greater courage and self-denial than ever in the history of the world.

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As to the music, the same thing may be said. In most instances, favorite hymns of the past are favored. There are many hymns so intimately associated with certain times that to divorce them from their accustomed surroundings, and to sing them in the assembly of many who are asked to sing them. It is pleasant to find that old friends have been again brought to us. The variety of tunes is largely great, and in some instances they are the work of Dr. Manly himself. This is not simply a book for Sabbath-schools; neither is it designed especially for the prayer-meeting; but in its scope it is adapted as well to the great congregation. It is especially adapted to those churches and societies which desire to purchase the larger and more numerous books, and yet want something better suited to the Sabbath-school books, or the "Gospel Hymns" which have become so popular for use in social meetings. The price is a recommendation, and it is believed that this will become the hymn-book of a large number of our churches in the North as well as in the South.—Journal and Messenger.

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