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It is moreover wrong to serve a peo- published.) ple who are unwilling to pay freely is idolatry."

He can not take his wife and chil- Other ministers engage in a drep with him; though we know a handicraft. This is less objection A majority of our ministers are minister in — who went visiting, but indifferently supported. But this himself, wife and three children, all mate, provided only a few hours is not an evil; it belongs to the riding one horse—it was a very long every day are devoted to the embeneficial, demanding the constant eral days. He, however, was a man ed, working with his own hands, exercise of faith, teaching "trust in of a peculiar temperament. The He was not a contractor, though. the Lord," and preventing the hinges man of family, who is not supported. He had not a large establishment, of the door that leads to the closet must either leave the field in which nor did he employ many laborers, of prayer from rusting; it is a school he is called to labor-and that most but he worked for wages to obtain of self-denial, shuts out pride, and ministers do not desire to do; they his daily bread. There are handiimpels to greater activity. There soon become attached to the people, are however cases, and we fear not and frequent changes weaken the paratively disengaged, allowing the there. At last, when almost all hope "A merciful man is merciful to his protecting the weak, strengthening orons. They are both in their graves a few, of not merely indifferent, but pastoral relation, and the minister worker to think, study and compose of inudequate support. There are who is constantly moving is but a We would rather see a minister or faithful and truly christian pastors, poor shepherd of souls-or, he must the shoe-maker's bench, than behind Ecclesiasticus xix : I. What was to scriptural." But no, it is not; though ways straight-in a word, leavening The old man was a cripple all his who receive a mere piltance, crumbs seek some occupation which enables the counter. Rev. Dr. Worcester be done? "You know," said the it is not unlike a passage that is scrip-society around it and the kingdoms life. On Sabbaths, you might have from the rich man's table; the rich him to provide for those whose made himself a scholar while making minister, in telling as the story, and thral: "A righteons man regardeth of this world shall become the kingman being the congregation or natural protector he is; and this is shoes. charge. The result is, the minister an evil, and unscriptural, for it is Many ministers become ugents turns aside from his legitimate work, written: "Eren so hath the Lord Some sell patent medicines, which and not only serves tables, but makes ordained that they which preach the is decidedly nuministerial. Others tables, and also roots hard to get gospel shall lire of the gospel." We deat in new inventions, washing-something to place on the tables. therefore infer that the people who nunchines, churns, self-rocking cra-This is a positive evil, and there is, compel their minister to engage in dies, &c. This is also unsuitable. to the best of our knowledge, no any secular calling in order to live, Not a few go to and fro' as bookvalid excuse for it among us. Few are committing a great sin; and peddlers; which is quite landable, if charges, if any, are unable to support, also, that the minister who engages they deal in books that are books, and to support handsomely, their pas- in any worldly business for the pur- and do not take advantage of their tors. Frequently not two or three, pose of making money and of get ministerial character to induce peo then, opening his Bible, said some we allowed nothing of the sort. But let christian principle overflow this pity now, or need of it. There was

em't afford to give everything to the suffers, the minister's usefulness is heard of ministers who took up the recalled the train of thought that proachers the text is hardly ever church;" and some even say, "I will circumscribed, his influence for good healing art without being qualified had been followed. "I propose to quoted correctly. We have seen the leave the church; it is too expensive." weakened, for evil increased; he by a medical education; they bought show you that the antithesis of this passage taken as the text of a ser-This is all cant, the responses of cov- becomes a stumbling block, and the right to prescribe is true also; that declension in god- mon; the text was copied correctly, etons sonis, the ring of the base consequences are always disastrous as botanic physicians, or as steammetal, and the poetry of the love of not only to his people, but more doctors, or neuralga-charmers, and some one great calamity or apostacy through the remainder of the disespecially to himself. We speak by flourished at least for a time as memi in the religious life, but to the neg- course the popular misquotation was These very people have an abun- authority, even the anthority of ex- bers of the order of quaeks; but the lect of seemingly small means of substituted. The text is, "Not sloth-

nother, lay up and invest money, vating a few acres. Physical exertion pression on us. nd increase in riches every year. is beneficial; good both for the mind But they do not become more liberal; and the body. A few hours spent legitimate and suitable employment ey do not discharge houestly and every day in manual labor give in which a pastor, who is not supcentiously their obligations to bread, health, cheerfulness, and vigor; ported as he should be by his people, their minister; they do not remem- the table, the study, and the pulpit is at liberty to engage, is teaching. er him that wrestles for them-that are gainers; but unforutuately it is It comports well with his calling. aches, admonishes and comforts not in human nature to be satisfied It is both useful and respectable. them, through whose faithful counsel with a few acres. We know several The faithful and well qualified teachthey unwittingly are kept from com-parsonages that have from five to er is a benefactor, and has untold mitting many a sin, and restrained ten acres of land; but the occupants opportunities for doing good. True, mitting many a sin, and restrained ten acres of land; but the occupants opportunities for doing good. True, that the precise passage would be generally rent large fields besides. It is hard and trying to have to was proceeding with his sermon, and fearful gulf. A thousand troubles, Preaching is the power of God; it, The man with ten acres wants fifty therefore, never fails to impress the acres, and he who has fifty neres mind in some way, and to some puris not satisfied until he has a couple ose. The smallest rain drop leaves of hundreds, and then he wants but it forbids visiting; but it is neverthed by mistake, laid down their books, avoid the frightful end! No, no; ts mark. There are hard rocks in another piece all around, and around, thich, when they were but beds of and he has but one wish above all business in which ministers, not supsand on the seashore, rain drops that others, and it is: "If I only could ported, are justified to engage. ell thousands of years ago have get such a field; I ought to have it!" left their impressions; the gentlest The minister that becomes a farmer ren; do not feed your people with said their minister afterward, "did a ment. We rejoice because our hands breeze changes the face of nature; is very apt to become a living proof lessons on agriculture; that is not spiritual food; good farming is not a spiritual food; good farming is not a passage, and so study Proverbs and fruits; flow spiritual food; good farming is not a passage, and so study Proverbs and fruits; flow spiritual food; good farming is not a passage, and so study Proverbs and fruits which fade ere the close of day, and fruits which are lost in the the farm before long absorbs all his which you are to labor was not laid day." Next morning the truth leaked tasting. What delusion! enchanted, of the preacher, even thought should thoughts, attention and time. From off with a surveyor's chain and com- out : the text was in the Apocrypha! but ery out in the wilderness, is Monday morning till Saturday night pass, and the plants you have to ter than any or all of these, it fills the mind and the heart, and train have not been classified by Robert Hall prepared a funeral ser- brightness; the gardens for us bloom All men feel its influence, even the odor of it clings to the black coat though all do not hear it. It is the on Sundays. We know a minister, bowing, smiling, rubbing your hands power of God; it passes out, over who would talk about corn and and asking: "What can we do for that the passage was not in the and the waters their transparency. and around earth; it never dies; it wheat, eattle and hogs on Sunday to you to-day ?" Do not sell pills, drugs, lives eternally in the hearts, through the effects produced. Each member of the community that is blessed with the labors of a faithful minister is benefitted, and it therefore is the duty of all to contribute to his wheat, cattle and hogs on Sunday to you to-day it. Do not sell phils, drugs, the very door of the church, and who often took up the broken thread of the bovine and porcine conversation the very moment he left the pulpit. The farming preacher is apt to negin with a common school. If you are competent, scholals will not be wantcted that, as long as professing and another the Almanac, and the ristians refuse to give a portion, ose who are not of the household were sufficient; for the there are so

condemned for engaging in business of conversation at all times, and all unbecoming a minister. Whose fault places. The minister is only such in

but many of the members composing ting rich, is a publican, and a sinner ple to purchase trashy publications, what as follows: "Last Sabbath it is not surprising that he was sordid earth-life, healing where it can, much of sympathy, but little regret, dance of everything; they dress well, perience.

only one of that kind of Reverends grace and matters of day, and full in business, in that we remember to have met with, shall connect the remarks I have to serving the Lord." Romans xii: 11.

According to our views the only school room; it is weartsome to the mind, it makes study difficult, and had omitted to mention the passage but what are they, if only we could by mistake laid down their heads. less the only proper and legitimate

faith will do much. And yet fre many interruptions, and the minister in time, and for praises in eternity.

ms, and offer up the longest sigh: "O, if our minister were not so let it have the whole walk for its much of a farmer!" Corn, wheat, pains.

Misquoted Texts.

An eminent and honored minister is it! Mr. Stingyman's, who growls: name. He may be a good farmer; was once placed in a curious predic-

one I had for the occasion, because strange perversion even among di-contact with every-day life. the text, and the only text that vines. The other day a man of It is not the cold light of the looked. would fit, was in the Apoerypha!" business quoted it to us in defense distant stars, but the beams of the So he resolved to put a bold face ou of his confessed undue absorption near sun, that starts life in the without his little carriage—the queer

which would otherwise he dead on morning we saw that the growth of inaccurate, for we venture to say conterizing where it must. offer you with the words of the He Dr. Caird, for instance, misquotes brew proverb : "He that contemneth it .- N. Y. Advocate, small things shall fall away little by little. The congregation had already taken their Bibles in hand to find the text, and no sooner were the words announced than a great rustting of leaves showed that the people-as their pastor had done before are told so at the beginning. school-room; it is wearisome to the the congregation, thinking that he Do not become farmers, my breth. tigations were renewed. "Never,"

s produced. Each member ommunity that is blessed the bovine and percine conversation labors of a faithful minist the very moment he left the palpit. The farming preacher is apt to neg lect his study. Brother — had only the common school. If you are competent, scholals will not be wanting to prayer, as well as in ser mons, speeches, and conversations, and another the Almanac, and the fint, as long as professing that, as long as professing that a long as professing the long that a long that long that a long that long that long that a long that ditional or conventional Scripture A writer on preaching remark

Prayer.

it were the word of God itself. We will cite some examples.

There are some expressions in com-

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Rapidity of Life. Human life is like a path, the end of which is a frightful precipice. We -were turning to Proverbs and Be- try to check our onward step; bu clesiastes, but, of course, expecting no, it is decreed that we must march, and gave their usual andivided at march, march, hasten on. From return home, however, their investuraveller, running waters, and flowers which quickly pass, tempt to amuse dragged on nearer, nearer the gulf. It is said, too, that the late Rev. Already the joys of life lose their Bible, but in the Book of Common Death throws its shadow on all things. We feel that we are nearer the brink; one step more; borror

Every-day Religion.

There'is a most unchristian ten-dency, which has almost hardened "Let him work for his living; I have he is—a poor pastor. He may be ament. On the previous Sabbath sort of resemblance to certain past into custom, to divorce religion from might never have to to do it."

If the minister is a single man, a small salary may do; though we small salary may do; though we know of no reason why he should know of no reason why he should serve for a pittance, while his members are accumulating riches. As a He made up a club for the — Farm great crises, but by the silent and words are a line from Sterne; and religion into their business. They will be to comment upon the Sc general thing, ministers make better er; but he never tried to get a gradual assimilation of aliment and the only passage of Scripture that cover it up, if they do carry it with ture habitually. Without this general thing, ministers make better er; but he never tried to get a gradual assumation of minister and by the growth of faculty and function and by the growth of faculty and function and by the growth of faculty and function and by the growth of faculty and function. In the course of the following that contained in the prophecies of the following of the word will be utterly meaning on the fact that they do not read so the antithesis of this was also true; the disguises? If the love of Christ much as they should at home; the and cheerfully for the services ren- They borrow money, get credit, open that the decline of spiritual life is xxvii: 8. Again, we are sometimes constraineth us, let the secret out. ungodly in England scarcely read the dered. The man who tries to be a a store, stand behind the counter, not usually to be traced to some one enjoined "not to be wise above that It will win sympathy, it will waken Bible at all; and if only that part church member and to get to heaven tempt people on week-days to buy great and disastrons fall, but comfree of expense is a sneak, and is extravagantly, and preach against monly arises from the neglect of the fion may be needed, but it must not Master. The business man may, by to them, how little of the Bible can found out some day. There are no entravagance on Smidays. Christ little duties and gifts and graces, the be supposed—as it often is—to have his walk and conversation, preach they ever know! If you will mark free tickets, no deadheads on the drove the bayers and the sellers out diligent and devout cultivation of the authority of Scripture, for there train that runs on the narrow-guaged of the temple. A minister should which is essential to the maintenance is no such passage in the Bible. It sorely needed. The quiet Sanday from which you have spoken, as I road. There are close-fisted, money not be a merchant. A merchant's of the life of the soul. And our is not uncommon, in Sabbath even liour is not the most opportune time have always done with an loving and avaricious church members, but not one covetous christian. The Apostle says: "Covetousness of the members of the son. And our is not the mest opportune time have always done with an old copy friend, the divine, resolved to make ing prayer meetings, to hear our for reasoning with men concerning which I keep in my study, you will the theme of his discourse on the following Sabbath morning, and have "seals to his ministry, and souls judgment to come. Hearing the ing it constantly, not on account of to found his remarks on the passage, for his hire." We can not say that stereotyped sermon is a conventional been gone through; a very large The minister who lives in a state the good he can do with it, but be which would serve admirably as a the metaphorical language here em Sunday duty. There may be an proportion remains unmarked, like a of celibacy may get his daily bread cause it gives him standing, influence by going from house to house, and and power. But by and by it behis clothing by donations, but he comes his God; then his tyrant; In due course the sermon was written and ready, and on the Saturday only remark that the words are not of daily business. It is a spiritual lation; take them as it were to the it occurred to the minister that he had forgotten to turn to the chapter in the Book of Ecclesiastes in which the text was to be found. He looked, Lord, or the Spirit of the Lord, tide of the world's life. It must not it floweth with milk and honey.

but it was not there; in the Book of awould go from heart, as oil from be soiled by contact with the world's horse; and he always remained sev ployment. The Apostle Paul labor. Proverbs, but it was not there. He vessel," But—as we fancy filth. But what warrant is there for took down the invaluable "Cruden," Mr. Spurgeon has somewhere re-but, through some strange inadver marked—"oil does not go from vessel this divorcement of the faith from tence on the part of the Concordance, to vessel;" and we think that the the practice of a man. It is all it was not there. Assistance was comparison has as little to recom- wrong—this hiding away of chris- which I often recall, because ar summoned, the Bible was ransacked, mend it for its rhetoric as for its tianity in the church, the home, the the first things of memory. In that the Condordance re investigated, but theology. We need not add that it closet. Its mission is a public one, house were two men; one old and of tracing the fugitive passage had beast." "Well," perhaps our reader justice, counteracting deceit, lightenfled, it was found in the Apocrypha, is ready to say, "that, at any rate, is ling the dark places, making crooked be of profit." laughing heartily over his past per- the life of his beast." Proverbs xii : doms of our Lord and his Christ." leisurely through the streets to the plexities, "you know I couldn't throw 10. There is another text concerning The way to make every-day life church door, then creeping along away a good sermon, and the only the use of which there is a most religious, is to bring religion into the aisle with a peculiar shuffle

Brief Comments on Scripture.

Abundant evidence has come be-

Scripture in our ordinary services been most helpful to them. They him back again. testify that when they read the Bible

It was an example of a life holding at home, in the family, the exposition makes it doubly precious to them; and the chapter which they had unprofitably read in course at family prayers, when they peruse it thankful and happy, though you the next time, recollecting what their might have wondered what there minister has said upon it, becomes a was to be thankful for-what to real delight to them. The mass of make happy. He was always in the our hearers, in London at least, do house of God, though it was hard not, to any appreciable extent, read commentaries or any other books which throw a light upon the Scriptures. They have neither the money nor the time to do so; and if they are to be instructed in the word of God, and with rease God in things which they can not In contrast follow the younger of by their associates, they must get church, and out to the guiet of the cept through the regular practice of different feelings. That day was

ommenting, it will give you an op have been each week, portunity of saying many things too severe had they been made by does slow-footed justice follow, and the pastor, unsustained by the word, and unsuggested by it; but arising follows, and, as all time is hers, she out of the chapter, they can not be overtakes some day.

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Two Lives.

now, and the lesson of their lives may

made you pity and wonder as you

in his worklly engagements. "You fertile soil. So if you will make men blocks with which he crept were not Next morning he went into the must allow," he said, "that it is a -the world-fruitful for good, you used that day; he was borne down pulpit, conducted the introductory scripturally enjoined duty to be dili- must let christian warmth and life the aisle by the neighbors, and then part of the service as usual, and gent in business." We replied that thrill and quicken society. You must out, not to come in again-past all and no one of the many who came that day to mourn would have spoken the word, if a word could have refore me that brief comments upon called him to life. He had suffered Scripture in our ordinary services are most acceptable and instructive to our people. I have often heard tience with hope; and the villagers from working men and their wives, were sure that if there was a heaven and from merchants and their fami-lies, that my own expositions have been an unkindness to have brought

find out by mere experience, and are that house. Not very long after, not likely to have explained to them from the same door, to the same that instruction from us, or no where else; nor do I see how we are to give them such spiritual assistance, excarried him. But alas! with what the first for years that he had been Besides, if you are in the habit of in the Sanctuary, though he might

Led astray in early years, he fell which are not of sufficient impor-tance to become the theme of a terror of the town, ran a brief career whole sermon, and therefore would of shameful wickedness, and died a probably remain unnoticed, to the great loss of the Lord's people and away" slew him. Strong men held others. It is astounding what a him as he raved, and cursed, and range of truth—doctrinal, practical, and experimental—Holy Scripture brings before us; and equally worthy of admiration is the forcible was no hope in all her thought of

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