TERMS----\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

ue per pound than most of the cotton now now raised in America. A patch

NO. 4.

VOL. 43.

YORKVILLE, S. C., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1897.

THE MATE OF THE HINDU

A STORY OF ADVENTURE ON LAND AND SEA.

BY CAPTAIN RALPH DAVIS.

Copyright, 1896, by the Author.

capes first naving accused Mary of being his accomplice.

CHAPTER II.—Ralph Tomkins, mate of the Hindu, having come from a cruise, goes, to Dudley to visit his mother. On the way he meets Johnson in a boat, and in an altercation Tomkins stuns Johnson with an oar. Johnson is arrested for the murder of Lady Dudley and accuses Tomkins of being accessory.

kins of being accessory.

CHAPTER III.—Johnson is held for the murder. Tomkins and Mary Williams are released. Tomkins falls in love with Mary, who goes to Australia with her

CHAPTER IV.—The Hindu takes convicts to Botany Bay. Tomkins, the Williams family and Johnson, as a convict, are aboard.
CHAPTER V.—Doctor Haxton, in charge

of the convicts, is incompetent.

CHAPTER VI.

PASSENI ERS AND GUARDS. As the past engers and guards were all brought into the great trouble which ultimately fell upon the Hindu, the reader should at least be introduced to them. The one single man was named Haskell. He was about 22 years of age, and a farmer by occupation. I at first took him for a stupid lout, and all others were inclined to make him a butt of ridicule, but you will see that his looks belied him. Ti ere were four married couples-Williams, Roberts, Saunders and Smith. Williams, as you know, was Mary's fat ier. The others I knew nothing about, except they were fair to do people who were going out to the Colony in hopes to better themselves. The two single women had been servants in England and were Miss Foster and Miss White. There were thus 12 adults, while Roberts had two children, Smith three and Saunders one, making up 6 more, or 18 passengers in all.

The names of the seven guards were Hooper, Larkins, Green, Tobias, Richmond, Tannehill and Martin. All were English or American, and all claimed to be men cut of work and at least semirespectable. Hooper was the ex-sergeant and in charge of the gang. He was better dressed than the others and was your work or take a flogging!" likewise a keen, sharp looking man. I can't say that I mistrusted the man from the outset, but after reading the anonymous note handed aboard by strange hands I looked over the seven and made up my mind that Hooper was the man to keep an eye on. He had a great gift of gab, as I soon discovered. and his position would likewise give him a certain influence.

Very little occurs on board a ship, no matter how large she is or how many passengers she carries, which does not ed out after two or three days, as also mainmast and also advanced. did the fact of Captain Clark taking charge of the convicts. The punishment of the two prisoners was a public affair and witnessed by all except the women replied the doctor. and children. These things, as you may suspect, created no little anxiety among the passengers, and we had only been five days out when they drew up and signed a paper requesting the captain to return to port, declaring their belief an outbreak before the bark had been a

fortnight at sea. "What we shall do," replied Captain Clark, "will be to continue the voyage. If we meet an inward bound ship and any of you want to return, I will refund | tered himself that he had overawed the your passage money. While I acknowledge that the doctor is not the right man in the right place, he is doing better every day and will soon work into It was thereafter settled in his mind the harness. By the time we reach the Cape we shall have no fault to find with him. As for the convicts, they have got a taste of what I am made of, and a few days hence will see them as mild as lambs. Aside from the perils of the sea, I guarantee to land every soul of you

on Australian soil." There was some muttering and complaining, but the people soon came to think better of it, and thus the affair ended. From his being in charge of the guard, Hooper had privileges not accorded to the others. The fact that he was strongly against the protest was brought to my attention. He had a dozen arguments at his tongue's end to the captain's one. Indeed others besides myself remarked on his overzeal ousness. One might argue from this that he had no fear of the situation and was anxious that the voyage should not be interrupted, but I could not help ask myself if he had not some other object in view. If he was the traitor referred to in the note, then to turn back would upset all his plans. The affair was soon over, however, and for three or four days everything ran smoothly. On the afternoon of the third day we sighted an inward bound craft, and Captain Clark went among the passengers to ask if any desired to be transshipped. No one wanted to go, and we dipped our flag in salute, asked to be

reported and drove on. Up to this time only two of the gangs had got to work. The 15 men of the second gang had claimed to be painters, blacksmiths and the like, and we could give them no work on deck until fairly at sea and everything was shipshape for the long voyage. Ben Johnson was in this gang, and I have no doubt that the men acted under his instructions in giving in their occupations. It was a plan to bring them all on deck, you see, and so make it the worse for us. Work they must, however, and in due time they

Synopsis of Previous Installments.

In order that new readers of The Enquirer may begin with the following installment of this story, and understand it just the same as though they had read it all from the beginning, we here give a synopsis of that portion of it which has already been published:

Chapter I.—Ben Johnson robs Lady Dudley and is discovered in the act by her maid, Mary Williams, his sweetheart. Lady Dudley dies of fright. Johnson escapes first having accused Mary of being his accomplice.

were brought up and assigned to different two two should work together, and that there should work together, and that there should be no conversation. In the course of a fortnight Dr. Haxton pulled himself together in wonderful shape to eave his reputation, but one who studied him closely could not fail to make out that he was lacking in nerve. If this lack was apparent to the captain and myself, it most have also been to the shrewder of the convicts and to at least plot had been betched ashors for the reflection I solved the puzzle. Three of the men I had engaged had been replaced by these three, probably being paid to make the exchange. I had engaged a one eyed man, for instance. I remembered that another had a long scar on his cheek. A third had fiery red that he was lacking in nerve. If this had assumed their names.

I was now perfectly satisfied that a shrewder of the convicts and to at least plot had been hatched ashors for the shrewder of the convicts and to differ the reflection I solved the puzzle. Three of the men I had engaged had been replaced by these three, probably being paid to make the exchange. I had engaged a one eyed man, for instance. I the converted man and the remembered that another had a long scar on his cheek. A third had fiery red had been was on board, and yet others had assumed their names.

I was now perfectly satisfied that a shrewder of the converted man and the remembered that another had a long scar on his cheek. A third had fiery red had not the converted man and the remembered t SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS INSTALLMENTS. | were brought up and assigned to differshrewder of the convicts, and to at least the officer of the guard. We were looktain Clark had somewhat retired himself the test was applied. Ben Johnson was the man to make it. We had been at sea about three weeks, and No. 2 gang was on deck from 1 to 4 o'clock in tion. the afternoon. Johnson was acting as an assistant to the ship's carpenter, and, although his demeanor was sulky and sullen, no fault could be found with deck. The guards were scattered about self penned up with the villainous cause among the convicts, while one watch of the crew was below. All of a sudden Johnson laid down the tool he was



working with, folded his arms and de-

"I'll not do another stroke of work." ing all, that he would not do another stroke of work on the voyage. The doctor walked straight up to him and bravely said: "I give you one minute to make up

your mind whether you will return to "I'll not do another stroke of work

shouted the convict. The two men stood looking into each other's eyes for half a minute. Then Dr. Haxton began to grow white around

the lips and presently said in a coaxing "Come, now, but I want no trouble with you. Return to your work or I

shall have to call the captain." By this time I had been made aware of the situation and at once advanced become common talk within a few upon the pair. Two of the sailors had hours. The doctor's incompetency leak- seized muskets from the rack at the

"What's wrong here?" I demanded a I came to a stop at the workbench. "He refuses to go on with his work,

"Is it so?" I asked of Johnson. "No," replied the man after a few seconds' hesitation. "I've changed my mind on that score.

He picked up his plane and resumed work, and that was the end of it-that that their lives would be imperiled by is, he had accomplished his purpose. He had tested the doctor and found him lacking in courage. The right sort of a man would have called for guards and irons and had Johnson's back bared to the lash in no time. Dr. Haxton flatconvict, but I caught a smile on Johnson's face, which plainly exhibited his contempt for the man's want of nerve. and in the minds of all the other convicts that nothin; was to be feared from the doctor. The affair had to be passed over, but there was a note of warning in it. It was begun and ended in a minute, and only three or four of the passengers happened to be on deck at the time. One of these was Haskell, though I had

> found opportunity to say to me: "I suppose you could depend on the guards in case of trouble with the pris-

oners?" "I hope so," I replied.

"I was wondering a bit," he said a he looked around in a stupid way.

"Did you notice anything peculiar?" "It might be peculiar and it might not. I happened to be looking at Hooper, and I saw him wink at Johnson as you

nipples?" 'What do you mean?"

"I mean that I took notice of four muskets which could not have been fired if there was need of it.'

The seven guards did not have watch and relieved by others every two hours. and be desirous of making good records, trary, I was satisfied that the caps had ever an extra guard was wanted he was longer any danger. They could not have as to the conduct of guards or prisoners been removed by accident. There was was calculated to cause any particular evidently an understanding between a anxiety. portion of the guards that they would | One morning, as we were holding outbreak. I carried the matter to the Indiaman coming up from the south,

I couldn't bring myself to admit that I had ever engaged them, and after a little reflection I solved the puzzle. Three

plot had been hatched ashore for the redeck or below that escaped our atten-

I have said nothing thus far about Mary Williams and her parents. As a matter of fact, the girl herself was so upset the day she came aboard that she thereof, and when she finally came on deck she was so pale and thin that I did not at first recognize her. Fortunately for the family no one on board connected them with the unfortunate affair at Dudley, and that was certainly a matter for congratulation. Upon my first meeting with Mary she made a strong effort to repress her emotion as she gave me her hand and said:

"While we are both sufferers from the same cause I wish to ask your forgiveness that a-a friend of mine should I have told you, they were offenders the routine, Haskell came out of the have brought the trouble upon you."

need of excuses and that I was sorry serving for six months or a year. It was driving along before a steady breeze for her troubles and had already forgot- not until the doctor had repeatedly anten mine. We could congratulate our- nounced that he would break the spirit ly we got out of earshot of the helmsselves on having come out of the affair of every one in the gang or flog him to man. Then Haskell said: with flying colors, and yet I could not death that the spirit of mutiny cropped fail to see that she had taken the matter out. The position of the ship was to the tation. The fact of her loving and being ordered that she receive a dozen lashes. especially in opposition to her parents, convicts rose as one man and had poshad given the public gossips a chance session of the ship in five minutes. to deal her some hard blows.

dealt a terrible blow, but we all know giving the prisoners up to the authorithat a girl will sometimes cling to an ties. His deception was soon discovered, prison, and when I answered her she did 3 of the guards and the 4 passencontinued:

"I am appalled when I look back and villainy in his nature never revealed Two boats were lowered, plenty of wamore than love. I cannot help but pity the greatest consideration. him now, even though the sight of him fills me with horror.'

Whenever Johnson's gang was on for a sight of Mary, but as soon as she the elements it was decided to run for understood the routine she remained the Cape, but in another gale the boat of his coming aboard I had never caught | Thomas. He was lashed to the keel and not appear in his face. I fully realized Prince. As to the fate of the captain's that his burning desire for revenge knew nothing, but I will give the par-

CHAPTER VII.

THE FATE OF THE ALBATROSS. not noticed him. Half an hour later he of a ship there were no uninhabited anywhere on the west coast of Africa, the savage natives would have snapped them up. The hour of peril had come started to come forward. What's the when a craft was approaching the Ausgood of the muskets without caps on the tralian coast. If the convicts got possesshelter.

While we took every precaution from

for raising a row at once. I argued with she wished to speak us. The Hindu was men and two women reached St. Paul he had had 10 or 12 of the convicte be-

him that as we had no positive proofs lying to when she came up. The gang de Loanda and gave themselves up. The fore him it was plainly evident that silky, and consequently of greater value. the trap would be sprung too soon, and he finally gave in and agreed to play a waiting game.

If ying to when she came up. The gang of convicts on deck was ordered below, but we were flying the flag which told every beholder what sort of a cargo we waiting game.

If ying to when she came up. The gang of the others is not known to this day.

Hooper and two of his guards had come aboard with the sole object in view of assisting two of the worst convicts to Now for the first time I began to size carried. The Indiaman proved to be the story told by Thomas, and most of the up each one of the guards. I had hired Black Prince, a regular liner, homeward particulars somehow reached the conthem all, and at the time they had bound, and she dropped a boat and sent victs within two or three days. We struck me as being a very decent lot of her mate aboard. His errand was to see men. As I looked them over now I won- if we could give passage to the Cape to their demeanor, and that change was dered at my lack of perception. Aside a man named Thomas, who had been something to increase our burden of anxfrom Larkins, who had the cut of a picked up at sea two days before while liety. All convicts look upon themselves cunning rascal, there were three men drifting on a raft. He said that Thomas as victims or martyrs. No batch of men who had the hangdog look of villains. was an Englishman who had been ever sent out were receiving better treatwrecked on a voyage to the Cape and was very desirous of continuing the run | being too severe, he was altogether too in that direction. The mate was in a great hurry, as his ship had been delayed by head winds, and he did not go into particulars. Captain Clark decided that we would take Thomas, and a quarter of an hour later he was on board and the respective crafts swinging their yards to resume their voyage.

It was midafternoon before we got

Thomas' story, and it was one to deeply ing to see them test him, and after Cap- four of the guards were in it, but I said half of whom were females. None of nothing to the captain. I did take Has- them was above common criminals, kell into my confidence, however, and and for this reason they were not as in both instances. No other ship's docfrom that hour very little took place on carefully watched as they should have tor would have allowed him to open his been. The ship carried only four passengers, all men, and of these Thomas was one. He had an uncle at the Cape and was going out in search of adventure. He felt certain there would have been no trouble with the prisoners but again. The next protest you present will him. It was 3 o'clock, and the captain kept her cabin for a week. It was hard for the uncalled for measures enforced bring you a round dozen on the bare was asleep, and I had charge of the lines in flying from disgrace to find her- by the doctor. He overworked and underfed them and flogged men on the slightest pretext. By the time the Albatross had left the Cape Verde islands clined to regard it as a game of bluff, behind her two-thirds of the men had but it struck me that the fellows gave been flogged and half the females had in altogether too quick. My position as been punished in some other manner. | mate made it impossible for me to play

> trays open sympathy for the prisoners of the ship and kept his eyes and ears because of the cruel treatment accorded open. On the morning of the fifth day them, one must be satisfied that those after Johnson had presented his second in authority exceed the limits. Even protest I came on deck at 4 o'clock in the guards on the Albatross condemned the tyrannical conduct of the doctor. As when the watch had settled down into rather than criminals, and all had re- cabin smoking a pipe and made excuse I was much embarrassed-more so ceived short sentences. They were sent that he was troubled with insomnia. than she was—over the situation, but I out more as colonists, and each one He soon let me know that he wanted a managed to tell her that she had no would receive a ticket of leave after word with me in private. The bark was betrothed to such a villain at all, and While he was making preparations the

It was a mutiny against the doctor and was coming. I told you I was in love with Mary three or four of his guards rather than Williams, but as to her having any feel- against the ship, and had the captain ing for me beyond what the situation kept faith with the mutineers it would have spare muskets aft. When Hooper might be expected to bring out I make have been far better for all on board. musters his guards on deck, you must no claim. After being dealt such a blow Two of the guards were killed in the be ready to replace the four with sailors to sane man could expect her thoughts first attack. The doctor was made prisand see that their muskets are loaded. balf of the century, if not of the last to turn to love. Change of scene and oner, and an hour later was hanged at lapse of time might work in my favor, the yardarm. The convicts had no furand I must be satisfied to wait. What ther grudges to satisfy, and simply askbothered me just then, however, was to ed that they be landed on the Hottentot know just how she felt toward Ben coast. This the captain agreed to, but Johnson. As a proud and honest girl during the night put the ship about with her affection for him must have been the intention of making St. Helena and unworthy man in a manner to fill every- the ship held off to the east, and next body with amazement. My desire to day the mutineers determined to rid learn her feelings was soon gratified. themselves of every one in the ship who She asked after him-how he was con- would not join them and share the danducting himself and what sort of record | gers of their future. The captain, mates had followed him on board from the and 12 sailors refused to join, as also gers, making 21 people in all. The 2 cooks and the captain's steward had no realize how blind I was, though the option, but were compelled to join. itself to any one until that terrible ter and provisions put aboard, and the night. I believe it was pity I gave him captain and his people were treated with

Thomas was in the mate's boat. Its course was shaped for St. Helena, but a gale came on and blew them far to the deck, the fellow always had his eye out south. After a week of battling with below and out of sight. From the hour was upset, and every man lost except his eye, but yet I had never come near had been without food or water for him that all the devil in his soul did three days when picked up by the Black his deadly hatred, and had no doubt boat and the convict ship he of course would fill his head with plans of revolt | ticulars here as I learned them two or three years afterward. The captain's boat hauled in for the African coast after the gale spoken of, and finally landed When we had been a few weeks at with everybody badly used up and the sea, there was much to commend and boat no longer able to float. There were very little to find fault with. I stated 11 men in this boat, and only 8 surin a previous chapter that no batch of vived to reach the Cape. Not a single convicts had ever mutinied until after person on board the convict ship knew leaving the cape of Good Hope. The anything about navigation. The people reason for this will be apparent if you simply knew that the coast was to the consult your map. In running to the east of them, and they held for it south every craft was in the great high- through all sorts of weather. A due with two men and told the guards they way. Had the convicts got possession east coast would have landed them in Damara Land, above Walfish river, but muskets held by the guards all were islands for a refuge. Had they landed the point they did reach was Cape St. Mary, on the Benguela coast, 600 miles tended to be highly indignant at being above.

With such a batch of convicts in posto believe that drunkenness, fighting evidences of recent use, were found sion, they could either land on the great and murder were the order of the day. island or sail to the north and find in- Such was not the case, however. On numerable small islands to offer them the contrary, good order and thorough discipline were enforced. While all in every one of them, and it had been were considered to be on an equality the very beginning of the voyage, we and all were served with the same food bark as the first gang was turned up. and watch with the sailors. During the nevertheless depended in a measure on the men had sense enough to realize We hadn't got to the bottom of affairs day all were on duty, and at night two the facts above stated. After awhile that any laxity was a direct menace to yet when a British man-of-war, on her of them were posted below as sentinels the convicts appeared to steady down all. If retaken, every male convict way home from the Cape, was alongside would be hung and every female get of us. The prisoners below, led by Ben As soon as I could get a word with the and the behavior of the guards was all life imprisonment. All the testimony Johnson, were hooting and yelling, and doctor I told him about the muskets. that could be asked for. For a month or afterward secured went to show that all our passengers were badly upset at He went forward in a careless way and more I had kept close watch of the four not one single pint of rum was served the turn of affairs, though all danger looked around and returned to report men previously alluded to, but nothing out, although there were 30 barrels of was over before they knew anything of that every musket was properly capped. | had occurred to make me doubt their | it on board. On making the coast the | the situation. The captain of the man-This did not lead me to argue that Has- loyalty. Haskell had been allowed to Albatross was run into a river and put of-war had full authority to investigate kell had been mistaken. On the con- saunter about as he pleased, and when- up it for a distance of ten miles. The and to act. He was at first minded to people then landed, removed everything | put a guard and a sailing master aboard, been slyly replaced when there was no always on hand, but none of his reports from the ship and burned her. The plan but Captain Clark was not a man to be was to journey far inland and found a sat upon in that fashion. There had settlement, but discussions begot dis- been a conspiracy, but no mutiny. We sensions, and the crowd finally split up had proved ourselves equal to the emerinto five or six parties and went their gency, and there was no excuse for innot fire upon the prisoners in case of an our course with a fair wind, we rose an respective ways. An English man-of- terference. Captain Hodgson, as he was war, after long search, recaptured five named, was determined on seeing puncaptain, as was my duty, and he was and two hours later she signaled that men and three women, while four other ishment meted out, however, and after

could not fail to perceive a change in ment than ours. Instead of the docto lenient. The convicts made themselves believe, however, that they were being badly used. Three days after Thomas came aboard they made a formal protest that they were overworked. The doctor, acting on the advice of the captain, refused to take any action. As a matter of fact, the convicts were not busy half the time. Two days later they made protest that their food was not interest us. Only a few days before our only bad, but insufficient in quantity. sailing a ship called the Albatross had The provisions furnished by the governlease of the convicts, and that at least taken out a batch of about 200 convicts, ment were wholesome, and no real fault could be found with the cooks. Ben Johnson had acted as spokesman

mouth. On the second occasion Dr. Haxton, who had been coached by the captain, made reply:

"I have seen fit to overlook this breach of discipline, but don't try it

That seemed to end the matter. The captain, the doctor and others were in-When the crew of a convict ship be- the detective, but Haskell had the run the morning. About an hour later, and needed little watching, and present-

"The three guards below will be relieved at 6 o'clock. At 7 o'clock four deeply to heart. Through no fault of south of St. Helena when the climax of them muster on deck to receive the hers she had brought sorrow to her par- came. One of the women convicts had first gang, leaving three below. The ents and a smirch upon her own repu- transgressed some rule, and the doctor four on deck will be re-enforced by two sailors, who will receive their muskets from Hooper."

"Yes, that is the programme," I answered, but having no suspicion of what

"Every sailor aboard is all right as far as I know," resumed Haskell. "You writers of the Continent.



A number of files were found about his

clothing. Give me two others, and we will take the places of the guards below. Put the whole guard under arrest and search evguards there should be an inspection of been using saws and files down below."

Haskell spoke in such a calm, cool way that I looked at him in anger, thinking he was inclined to joke. He went on to explain that he had been keeping vigilant watch, and that he would stake his life on being correct in his assertions, and I lost no time in notifying the captain and the doctor. We moved in the matter so cautiously that not even one of the sailors who was to replace the guards suspected what was up. At 7 o'clock, as Hooper and three of his men gathered at the fore hatch, the captain ordered them aft, and four sailors took their places. At the same moment Haskell descended to the cages were wanted on deck. Of the seven capped, but not one loaded. Hooper preinterfered with, and force had to be used before his person could be searched. A session of a ship one might be prepared number of files and saws, all betraying about his clothing.

The guard below was re-enforced and the cages examined. Bars had been cut planned to make a rush and capture the

assisting two of the worst convicts to visited by Mr. Phenis contained 13 regain their liberty. The four other guards were honest men, and the charges in their muskets had been drawn while they were asleep. Ben Johnson, a double murderer named Finch and a highway robber and murderer named Watson were the ringleaders of the conspira cy and were to have control of affairs

in case the mutiny was a success. "Call all hands to witness the punishment, and then give every one of the six fellows two dozen on the bare back," ordered Captain Hodgson.

A file of marines was sent aboard of us, as also a boatswain's mate to wield the cat, and one after another the conspirators were seized up to the grating and given his allowance. Hooper broke down and cried for mercy and acted the part of a craven, but all the others were rather defiant. Ben Johnson was the fourth man seized up. As they were height, while ordinary cotton on farms making him secure he turned to me and

"All I wanted to get possession of the ship for was that I might settle with you and Mary. It's your turn now, but mine is certain to come."

"What's that! What's that!" manded Captain Hodgson as the words reached his ear. "He threatens, does he! Bo'sun, give him an extra dozen well laid on.

TO BE CONTINUED.

Miscellaneous Reading.

FOR BIBLE STUDENTS.

Rev. Mr. Anderson Recommends a Valuable Work. Editor of The Yorkville Enquirer.

May I call the attention of the Bible readers of our community to a work of great value, now being sold at a price to put it within the reach of all? While it is not a work that would be appreciated or cared for by the ordinary reader of wishy-washy literary and religious books and papers, for those who are willing to obtain accurate knowledge by hard work, it is a work of peculiar value. refer to Rev. Dr. Alfred Edersheim's 'Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah.' The author of the book was the child of Jewish parents, and, I am told, was in his youth trained for the office of a Rabbi. He became a Christian, and finally entered the ministry of the Church of England. He was a man of the profoundest learning, especially in the Rabbinic Hebrew, having the Jewish writings in apparently absolute knowledge, while he seems to have no superior in the matters under discussion by the infidel or rationalistic

With this equipment he has produced a work which is probably the greatest work on Christology of the last 200 or 300 years. The world of that day, the teaching of the Rabbis, the life of the common people, are presented to us in pictures so vivid that they seem to stand out as from the he demonstrates that the Gospels could ed the patch which was subsequently not have been written after the first century, nor by any one who had not, during that century, prior to the year 70 A. D., or the destruction of Jerusalem, lived in Judea. Especially is this true of the Gospel according to St. John. He shows that things are familiarly mentioned by St. John that no Jew could have been familiar with, and certainly no Christian, after the generation which had lived in Judea had

passed away. By the advice of a dear old friend in the ministry, I purchased the book upon its first appearance in America in 1885, and now re-reading it from in the same city, who receives \$3,000 beginning to end, I am more than ever impressed with its wonderful value. ery man. When you come to examine publishers; but of students of the There are about 230,000 singers in the I write this, not in the interest of the the muskets, you will discover that all Gospels of every faith, or of no faith choirs of various places of religious are unloaded. After taking care of the at all. There is no honest student of worship throughout the United Kingthe Life which has most profoundly dom. Rabbi Wolfers, the Jewish muthe cages and the prisoners. They have influenced humanity, that will not be sical historian, says that during divine benefitted by a careful study of this services at the Ancient Temple of Jemonumental work. It seems to me rusalem a full choir consisted of 24,000 that its value for students of the Di- men, divided into three great bands, vime life cannot be exaggerated, and separated from one another upon this irrespective of the religious de-nomination to which they may belong. Wormon Temple at Salt Lake City is nomination to which they may belong. Mormon Temple at Sold numbering

being misunderstood. As the work is in two large volumes, one of 698 pages and the other of 826 pages, I am evidently not recommending it to James L. Tibbetts, a well known every one, but to those who have the Democrat, of Amesbury, Mass., retime and diligence to use it to advan- ceived the following letter from Wm. tage. For those who have not these J. Bryan a few days ago: advantages, much of the material may cially those who are trusted with the doubt of ultimate victory." care of souls, should not only own, but read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the large work, there being absolutely nothing in the English language which can take its place. RICHARD W. ANDERSON.

Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

GIANT COTTON

ossibly to Revolutionize the South's Great Industry.

Accounts have been going the rounds of a wonderful new variety of cotton plant of enormous height and incrediwere conflicting, and apparently much steps to the easel, draws aside the ble yield. Although these rumors exaggerated, the subject has been conton experts, and the results of a care- ing and says, "Aw-very well donesidered worthy of investigation by cotful inquiry have been given in a recent interesting subject—who is it?"—Life. article by Albert Phenis. It would appear that if the variety should prove ture, the qualities claimed for it, it will whenever he went out anywhere he work nothing short of a revolution in always used to forget to take his umcotton growing. The imputed distin- brella home with him again." "Yes. guished characteristics of the plant are Does he always remember it now?" prolific yield-from two to four bales "Well, not exactly, but he usually an acre-and a fiber long, stout and takes somebody's."

square feet, more than one-third of an acre. He was informed that from this patch there had been picked some 800 pounds of seed cotton, and there were top bolls enough matured to increase this yield to possibly 1,000 pounds, which would be equal to from 2,400 to 3,000 pounds of seed cotton to the acre. This yield is the more extraordinary when it is remembered that this has been a year of unusual and blighting drought. It is said that no commercial fertilizers were used; that the site was selected because of the poor quality of the soil, and that the crop was raised without irrigation, the intention having been to give the severest test to the new variety. Granting these conditions, the result is scarcely less than marvelous.

The stalks will average six feet in immediately adjoining, and with soil of apparently similar character, is this year only one to two feet high. The open and matured bolls on about 100 of the stalks were counted. One stalk had fifty-three; a great many had 20, and very few had less than five. The average was about 10 bolls to the stalk. The habit of the plant is said to be that when the boll matures the leaf drops off, so that there are never more than three or four leaves at a time on the stalk, and they are at the top, an advantage in picking the cotton, as

well as a safeguard against disaster should the plant be attacked by the army worm. The plants can be set so close that 66,150 plants to the acre are regarded as a practicable possibility, as against the usual number, 10,920. The seed of the cotton is peculiar. It is smaller than that of ordinary cotton, so that 1,500 pounds of seed product is calculated to make a bale of the lint, instead of the regular estimate of 1,-600 pounds. A further difference is that it germinates from the centre instead of from either end. The plant has a romantic history. The story told is that two years ago a soldier of fortune stopped off at Atlanta and tarried awhile. He made some friends, among whom was a local horticulturist, to whom he showed a varied collection of curios, which he said he had gathered in his travels. Among them was a wonderful specimen of cotton. He had cut it, he said, from a 20-foot stalk he found growing in front of a

hut in a wild part of interior Africa,

near the Congo river, 700 miles from the coast. The horticulturist raised from the seed several stalks of from 9 to 14 feet, some of which were exhibited at the Atlanta exposition. Eventually the traveler was sent back to Africa for several bushels of seed. He was gone four months. When he returned, he reported that he found the whole region where he secured the first specimen devastated by a forest fire, and there were no traces left of either cotton or villagers. The Atlanta gardener then selected the soundest and best seed he had raised and plantposed to replant the entire stock of seed available, so that a convincing demonstration may be given of the merits of a cotton which may contain the possibilities of a boon to the south of incalculable value.-Chicago Record.

NOTED CHOIR SINGERS .- The highest paid choir singers in the world are two American ladies, Miss Clementina De Vere, at the Paxton church in New York, who receives \$4,500 a year. and Miss Dutton, at a Baptist church for her services. The men in the choir of Westminster Abby receive salaries ranging from \$400 to \$500. 350 trained voices.

BELIEVES RIGHT WILL WIN .-

"I am confident that the gold standbe gathered from the abridgment of ard will disappoint those who expect the book prepared after Dr. Eder- it to restore permanent and general sheim's death in the spring of 1889, prosperity. The consciousness of duty under the editorship of Dr. Sanday done must sustain us until we see the of Oxford. But the student, espe-triumph of our cause. I have no

> THE DEFINITION OF A CRANK .-The very positive man had alluded to somebody as a crank, when his patient audience of one interrupted him with

the inquiry: "What is your idea of a crank any-

how?" "A crank! Why, a crank, sir is somebody who insists on trying to convince me instead of letting me convince him."

Mrs. W. has had her portrait painted as a surprise for her husband. She takes him to the studio, the artist drapery and stands very expectantly. Mr. W. looks attentively at the paint-

"Wilkins is quite over his abo possess, in practical extensive cul- sent-mindedness. You remember that