Poetry.

The Unpardonable Sin.

BY JAMES W. ALEXANDER.

l'here is a time, we know not when A point we know not where, That marks the destiny of man To glory or despair.

There is a line, by us unseen, That crosses every path ; The hidden boundary between God's patience and His wrath To pass that limit is to die-To die, as if by stealth;

Or pale the glow of health. The conscience may be still at ease, The spirit light and gay; That which is pleasing, still may please, And care be thrust away.

It does not quench the beaming eye,

But on that forehead God has set elibly a mark, Inseen by man ; for man as yet s blind and in the dark.

And yet, the doomed man's path below May bloom as Eden bloome He will not, does not, will not know Or feel that he is doomed.

He knows, he feels that all is well, And every fear is calmed : He lives, he dies, he wakes in hell, Not only doomed, but damned. O, where is this mysterious bourn By which our path is crossed ?

Beyond which God himself hath sworn hat he that goes is lost. How far may we go on in sin ? How long will God forbear ! Where does hope end? and where begin he confines of despair ?

An answer from the skies is sent, "Ye that from God depart, While it is called to-day repent, And harden not your heart."

Children's Department.

For the Lutheran Vintor. doses an Exile NUMBER IL

next evening.

"Well, my dears, I am happy to "I think I left off his history at the point when he became a man." "Yes, mother, just there," said

"There is a lfistory of Moses given by Josephus, that differs somewhat was only a rod again." from the Bible account, in relating events more particularly than the Bible does, and he states that Moses was made a general of the Egyptian army and sent to subdue the Ethio pians, who were making war upon the Egyptians. He says that Moses was very successful and destroyed many of their cities, and made great slaughter amongst the people. After he returned to Egypt, the chiefs amongst them were jealous of Mo ses, and tried by false stories to in uce the king to kill him. Pharaoh did not listen to them for some time. but one day Moses went out to see his brethren, the Hebrews, at work your hand and perform both the mouth, shut your teeth together the circulation, but it is only tempo- soon as a sufficient number are comhen one of them said, "Who made in 17 Then Moses was afraid and Surely this thing is known."

at their heavy burdens, and he saw an Egyptian strike a Hebrew. Mo ses took the part of his nation, and baving looked about to see that none of the Egyptians saw him, he went up to the man and killed him, and hid his body in the sand. Another day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting together, and he said. "Why do you strike your fellow?" ect to kill us as you did the Egyp about Moses that had been told to him, and he gave permission to the chief scribes of his kingdom to have Moses killed. Somebody told Moses of Pharaoh's intention, and he fled away across the deserts to the land of Midian, and sat down by a well near the city. The shepherds in that country have to draw water and pour it into a long trough for their flocks to drink, and as water is very scarce they try to take possession of the wells and water their flocks before other people can get the use of the water. This is of course very sel fish, but they go on the principle of the first come being served first. So this evening, the seven daughters of

had watered their flocks." "That was very polite of Moses and showed that he was a gentle man," said Henry.

Raguel, or Jethro, as he is often call-

ed, came to water their flocks, and

the shepherds came up and tried to

drive them away, and spoke very

roughly to the girls, but Moses stood

up and helped them, and made the

is stand back, until the girl

"It seems that the girls thought To hear such flattery now; and, in so too," said Mrs. B., "for when they went home their father said, 'Why you have soon returned to day, how did it happen that you got through so early? and the girls told him

left Egypt, he said, 'Stay here and take any of my daughters you like best for a wife.' So Moses liked Zipporah the best, and he married her, and Jethro made him superintendent

over all his herds and flocks. We are anxious to hear more of still replied, They wont believe me, spair of countless women with drunk- the great deep, and the whole man, Except for the fancy varieties of Moses, mother," said Susie B. the and they will say the Lord did not en husbands, are enough to make body and soul, wilts away like a crackers, flour and water constitute talk about him to you," said Mrs. B. hand P And Moses said, 'A rod.' the worst enemy of their sex __ Dr. 'Cast it down,' said the voice, Moses Holland, did so, and it directly turned to a serpent, and Moses fled before it. Then God told him to take it up. and when he put out his hand and

with you, and be your spokesman to around her lips. the people, and I will be with you in If you are annoyed or vexed at giving the system more work to do on a sheet of canvas, one workman Publishing Co., Atlanta, Ga. all that both of you shall say.' Then people, just remember it is not the instead of less. Stimulants seem to removing by hand the dough from God said also, Take your rod in right time to speak. Close your give more strength; they wake up between them, while another, as signs I have given you.' "

"What was the other sign, moth-

these two signs, then take water out heal over. of the river, and pour it upon the

Jethro, his father in-law, and told assuredly the scrong time. him that he must return to Egypt If he has entered upon any underand see his brethren, if they were taking against your advice, do not peace. The Lord also told Moses, say, "I told you so!" In fact, it is in Midian, that the men who tried to kill him in Egypt were dead, and the rod in his hand, as God told him less domestic unhappiness, less silent

"Did the people believe him, mothr, when he returned to them !" "I will tell you about that to-morrow night, my child, as the story is now too long for this evening."

"too thin," now so prevalent, is to be found in Shakspeare-as, indeed, might have been expected. -King Henry VIII. rates Gardiner, Bishop of Winchester, as follows:

You were ever good at sudden

They are too thin

The Feet .- As the feet are kept more closely covered than any other how kind Moses was to help them part of the body during the day, against the shepherds. Then he they should be thoroughly washed Where is he? Why did you and rubbed till dry, every night. leave him out there? Call him that Impurities gather as the result of he may eat some bread.' Then he the confined perspiration, and these him to come and stay with him, and However inconvenient to do so, we less ten is required in this way than that country. The goods are, how they need not read so many books

Miscellaneous.

The Curse of Drink

grass was plentiful, near to the and hardship, than any other evil ences. "Then," replied the lady, "is find the greened ones flavoriess. mountain called Horeb, or Sinai as that lives. The country numbers Saturn the only planet surrounded it is often called. Josephus says tens-nay, hundreds of thousands of with a ring ?" "I don't know," again that none of the shepherds ever took women who are widows to day, and said Marian. The lady, growing imtheir flocks and herds there. They sit in hopeless weeds, because their patient, demanded, with a certain said that God dwelt in the lonely, husbands have been slain by strong degree of rudeness, "What purpose think, aware of the large scale on desolate mountain, and they were drink. There are hundreds of thou then does it serve, sir, to be an acad- which the manufacture of so simple afraid. Moses seems not to have sands of homes, scattered over the emician for salt serves the purpose, an eatable as the ordinary cracker is shared this fear, but it was a correct land, in which women live lives of madam, to reply-I do not know." | carried on. In their own homes, the idea of the shepherds, for soon after torture, going through all the changes Every honest teacher, who de- article is perhaps but little used, but he arrived at the mountain, he saw of suffering that lie between the ex. spises the conceit-knowledge without if they visit the hold of a vessel fita thorn bush on fire, as he thought. tremes of fear and despair, because the reality, will often have occasion ting for a voyage, or glance into the What surprised him was that, all those who they love love wine better for the answer, I do not know. On commissary store-room of any army though the fire was so bright and than they do the women whom they one occasion when we gave this an- post, they will see the heaped up flerce, the bush did not burn up. have sworn to love. There are wo swer, a student flippantly exclaimed, tiers on tiers of barrels packed with Then Moses said, 'I must go and see men by the thousands who dread to "Why, professor, when I came to the hard tack which serves, to the why this bush don't burn up.' Sud- hear at the door the step that once the university I thought you would sailor or soldier, as a substitute for denly a voice, the voice of God, thrilled them with pleasure, because tell us all we do not know." "I am the ordinary home-made or baker's spoke and said, 'Moses, Moses,' He that step has learned to reel under sorry my young friend," said I, "that loaf. answered, 'Here am I.' Then the influence of the seductive poison, you labored under so great a misvoice said, 'Come no farther, don't There are women groaning with take. I can engage to tell you only complished almost entirely by the come hither, and put off your shoes, pain, while we write these words, what I know, which is very little; aid of specially devised machinery for the place whereon you stand is from bruises and brutalities inflicted but if I should undertake to tell all The flour is first hoisted to one holy ground. I am the God of thy by husbands made mad by drink, that you do not know I am afraid the upper floors of the factory and father, the God of Abraham, the There can be no exaggeration in any the story would be a very long then emptied into a large bin; thence God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' statement made in regard to this one." Then Moses was afraid and hid his matter, because no human imaginaface. The Lord then told him that | tion can create any thing worse than he had seen the afflictions of the the truth, and no pen is capable of Hebrews in Egypt, and that he portraying the truth. The serrows them out of that land into Palestine, husband, or a mother with a drunwas afraid that the Hebrews would of bell as can be reached in this an exhiberation of spirits which alto site end from that which the flour not follow him, nor Pharaoh let them | world at least. The shame, the in- | gether throw a charm over life that | enters, is an opening through which go. And to that God said, 'I will cer- dignation, the sorrow, and the sense makes us pleased with every body the mixed dough is pushed out of tainly be with you, and when you of disgrace for herself and her chil- and every thing. Next week, to the machine by the action of the have brought them out of Egypt, dreu-the poverty, and not unfre- morrow, in an hour, a marvelous revolving blades. The flour, on you shall serve the Lord on this quently the beggary-the fear and change comes over the spirit of the tering the mixer, is immediately God told him a the fact of violence-the lingering, dream, the sunshine has gone, clouds moistened by a stream of water great deal more to say, but Moses the life-long struggle, and the de- portend, darkness covers the face of pouring in from above. appear to you.' Then God said, all women curse wine, and engage flower without water in mid-sum the sole ingredients, not even salt What is that you have in your unitedly to oppose it every where as mer.

touched the serpent's tail, behold it ness. The right thing may become we have to give up what little we is nothing more than a pair of heavy "That was a miracle, mother, was Look well to the time of doing any- tor; thus, in giving, up, instead of a kind of thick sheet. Still further "Yes, my dear, and God gave that, Choose the right time for saying the cool, pure ar, the change is too made into sheets of about one-half and another one, to Moses as signs, things. If your wife looks wearied great, and the whole man languishes. an inch in thickness. The dough is to show to the Hebrews and Pharaoh and worn out, be sure it is not the Many become uneasy under these now ready to be made into crackers. that God had sent him. Then Moses right time to tell her that the dinner circumstances; "they can't account Once more it is rolled to bring it to said, 'Oh Lord, I am not eloquent, is not bot, or shat the bread is sour. for it;" they imagine that evil is the exact thickness required, and and can't talk fast, and I pray thee Comfort her-cheer her up. Use the impending, and resort at once to ton- then, from between the rollers, traysend some body else.' Then the ten thousand little stratagems you ics and stimulants. The tonics only els under a set of dies, which, work-Lord said, 'Aaron, your brother, can were wont to handle so skillfully in increase the appetite, without im- ing very rapidly, stamp out crackers talk well and fast. He shall go the old days, to bring out the smiles parting any additional power to in quantities at a time. As fast as

a useless and unavailing regret, and soon taken, the system runs farther and places them in an oven.

"Why God told Moses to thrust If you happen to feel a little cross out the stimulant; bence it is a arranged in a very peculiar manner. his hand into his bosom, and he did | -and who among us does not at | worse condition than if none had It consists of a huge brick compartcovered with leprosy. Then he told lect that season for reproving your be to rest, take nothing but cooling furnaces. Within is an iron wheel him to put it back again, and he did noisy household flock. One word fruits and berries and melons, and resembling the paddle wheel of a so, and it was restored well again, spoken in passion will make a scar some acid drink when thirsty, ad- steamer, trays, however, which are that a summer of smiles cas hardly ding, if desired, some cold bread and so arranged as to lie always borizon

If you are a wife, never tease your bring a welcome change. husband when he comes home, weary performed to prove the truth of the the right time. Do not ask him for message God gave Moses. Then Mo- expensive outlays when he has been ses went back with his flocks to talking about hard times; it is most

returned to Egypt; and he took also time and the wrong, there would be sorrow, and less estrangement of heart! The greatest calamities that overshadow our lives have sometimes their germ in matters as parently slight as this. If you would only pause, reader, before the stinging tannt, or the biting sneer, or the unkind scoff passes your lips, pause Too Thin .- A correspondent has just long enough to ask yourself, "Is iscovered that the standing phrase, it the right time for me to speak !" you would shut the door against many a beart-ache.

> The world hinges on little things, and there are many more trivial than the right time and the wrong. The Christian.

A Cup of Tea .- The proper way some importance. The plan which I have practiced for these twelve once filled up with boiling water, them, and yet you get all the true flavor of the tea. In truth, much when Moses told him why he had repeat it, wash the feet every night. under the old common practice. ever, still put up to a very great ex. to know what is right and proper.

Don't Know.

Mysterious Infraences.

down than it would have done with. This last mentioned receptacle

shadow. The rolling rock leaves its and the leaf their modest epitaph in the coal. The falling drop makes its sepulcher in the sand or stone; more or less lasting a map of its march; every met of the cribes itself in the memories of his air is full of sounds-the sky of tokens; the ground is all memoranda and signatures, and every object is overed over with bints, which speak to the intelligent.

however, takes from them their pretty green color, and they become a grayish pale green, which to some that the manufacturers have resorted to a process of artificially green ng them, which, however it may nprove their appearance, is decibottom. The result is that the tea nicious effects, that the Frence Govleaves are not scalded, as they are ernment have passed very stringent when boiling water is poured upon laws prohibiting the sale of such

tent and sent to this country, and people, in most cases, believe them "If I am asked," says M. Arago, to be the finest goods, because they what produces the tail of a comet, bring the highest price and have the The appetite for strong drink in I would reply, I don't know." A finest color. There is one test, howman has spoiled the lives of more lady of the French Court once asked ever, by which they can quickly "After a good while had passed, women-ruined more hopes for them, Marian, "What are the belts of Ju- decide between the peas of natural one day Moses had all the flocks out scattered more fortunes for them, piter ?" "I don't know," replied the color and those artificially greened, to the borders of the desert, where brought to them more sorrow, shame secretary of the Academy of Sci- and that is to taste them. They will

Crackers and their Manufacture.

Not many of our readers are, we

it passes to an elevator which carries it to a revolving sieve. Here it is Stamp and Signature unbroken. None other is genuine. thoroughly sifted of its impurities, and then allowed to fall through a Persons sometimes feel remarkably shoot leading into the mixer. The well-the appetite is vigorous, eat- latter consists of a cylinder containing is a joy, digestion vigorous, sleep ing a rotary axle on which knife sound, with an alacrity of body and blades are fastened. At the oppo-

being added, as it is considered that When the weather is cool and that substance renders the biscuits clear and bracing, the atmosphere is liable to spoil. As fast as the dough full of electricity; when it is sultry is pushed from the mixer, it is reand moist and without sunshine, it ceived in large masses by a workman Timeliness is as important as fit- tricity comparatively speaking, and sechnically termed the "baker." This wrong unless it is in the right time. have, moisture being a good conductorlers, which squeeze the dough into thing; there is a time for all things. receiving more, as we would from rolling follows, until the material is work up the additional food, thus the latter are cut, they slide along firmly, and it will save you many rary, and unless a new supply is pleted, passes a flat tray under them

some time or other 1-do not se been taken. The better course would ment heated from below by large butter; the very pext morning will tal, taking the place of the buckets on the latter. This wheel revolves, bringing each of the trays, of which there are twelve, in turn before the unbaked crackers are placed, and each batch travels once around the are then packed in boxes, barrels, or tins, and are ready for the mar-

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