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Rev. C. C. BROWN, Editor. THE FATHER'S HAND. ,

to sit on the strand, A-watchin the boats come in, and the children at play on the sand; Seventy years, sir-all my days-I have lived side the sea, And it has been meat and money and joy and

sorrow to me ! not a man of them all Could have lain still in the house, sir, when the winds and the waters call. My father and husband sleep in the graves of our folk by the shore

But both of the boys who left me-they never same tack any more! Oft I've been ready to sink, sir, but one thought would keep me affoat-Flearned it, sir, as a little lass at play in my

father's boat (Do you know, sir, it's often struck me, the esson of life is writ Plain out in the world around us, if we'd but give our minds to it)? My father hadn't a lad, sir, so he paid the

more beed to me; He would take me with him And he'd let me handle the oars, sir, and pul with my might and main, But if I'd been left to myself, sir, I'd have seen bome again!

"Pull, little maid!" be would cheer me, but still kept his hand on the oar; Though sometimes I'd try to turn us to some pretty pook on the shore, Still straight went the beat to the harbor, Round that the only wisdom was in rowing my father's way.

And I think, sir, that God our Father keeps bold of the world just so, We may strive and struggle our atmost, that we may stronger grow-Strot ger and wiser and humbler, till at last ; we can understand The beauty and peace of his keeping the oar of all life in his hand!

For the Father knows what we really want is labor and rest with Him, So he bears as straight through joy and loss over discontent and whim; Though oft it's not till we sit, like me, awatching life's sinking sun, We feel our best is our latest prayer, and that is 'Thy will be done.'

Isabella F. Mayo, in Sunday at Home. HELPING YOUR PASTOR. BY JOHN A. BROADES, B. D. people to remain not drawn than to days

He noticed that General Lee, who speech can ever have. was a particular man about all the proprieties of life, came in late, and he he thought it was rather strange. He sympathy; and what is the second they are paid to teach. thing, I should say, sympathy; and In this connection we desire to say

tions sympathy.

How can we help our pastor? We can help him by talking about what he says; not talking about the performance and about the performer and all that, which, if it is appropriate anywhere, is surely all inappropriate when we turn away from the solemn worship of God, and from listening to I'm only an old wife now, sir, and I've time sermons intended to do us good-but talking about the thoughts that he has given us, recalling them sometimes to one who has heard them like ourselves, repeating them sometimes to some one who has not had the op-Father and husband and boys, sir-there was portunity of hearing them. Thus may we multiply whatever good thoughts the preacher is able to present, and keep them alive in our own minds and the minds of fellow Chris-

tians. Will vou pardon an illustration here, even if it be a personal one? Last year in a city in Texas, I was told of the desire on the part of a lady for conversation, and when we met by arrangement, she came in widow's wceds, with a little boy of ten or twelve years old, and wanted to tell this story: Her husband was once a student at the University of Virginia, when the person she was talking to was the chaplain there, more than twenty five years ago. He was of a Presbyterian family from Alabama, and said he never got acquainted with the Chaplain, for the students were numerous, but that he heard the preaching a great deal, and in consequence of it, by God's blessing upon it he was led to take hold as a Christian, and went home and joined the case

church of his parents. After the war | Oct. 9 he married this lady, and a few years ago he passed away. She said he B. was in the habit, before she knew him, she learned, of talking often in the family about things he used to hear the preacher say; the preacher's The Merchant Flour Mills words had gotten to be household words in the family. And then when they were married he taught some of them to her, and was often repeating things he used to hear the preacher say. And since he died she had been teaching them to the little boy-the preacher's words. The heart of the preacher might well melt in his bosom at the story. To think that your poor words, which you yourself had wholly forgotten, which you could never have imagined had vitality May I mention some of the ways enough for that, had been repeated in which we may help our paster? I among strangers; had been repeated Fresh Ground MEAL, HOMINY. speak as one who sits at home for the by the young man to his mother, remost part, a common member of the peated by the young widow to the ebutch in the pew, toiling all the child-your poor words, thus mighty week, and unable often to preach on because they were God's truth you Selected RED RUST PROOF SEED Simday, and yet as one whose heart were trying to speak and because . OATS. is all in sympathy with the pastor's you had humbly sought God's bless Selected North Carolina and Maryland heart, and perhaps a little better able ing And through all the years it SEED RYE. thize with both went on, and the man knew not, for sides. We can help him to draw a more than a quarter of a century, of ty and at lowest prices. No charge for years, and has given great satisfaction

congregation. You know we always all that story. Ah, we never know delivery to Raiscoad.

say, now-a-days, it is very important when we are doing good. Sometimes

B. F. MITCH to get a man who can draw a con when we think we are going to do gregation. And so it is, though it is great things, so far as can ever be asvery important to consider what he corrained we do nothing, and somedraws them there for; and what he times when we think we have done does with them after he gets them nothing, by the blessing of God, some there; and sometimes it does seem to truth has been lodged in a mind here me that it would be better for some and there, to bear finit for many be drawn merely to hear and to wit- How can we help our pastor? We

ness that which does them harm can furnish him illustrations Mr. rather than good. But we do want a Spurgeon fells that he requests his man who can draw a congregation; teachers, and his wife; and various and we can belp our pastors to draw other friends to hunt up illustrations. a congregation .- How? Well, by tak- for him . The gets them whenever ing care that we are always drawn they have come across anything in ourselves, by occapying our own reading or in conversation, to write rplace; sometimes when we do not feel it down and let him have it, and like it, on Sunday evening; because whenever he sees a good opportunity it is our daty to our pastor, our duty he makes a point of it. We can all to the congregation and, our duty to furnish our pastors with illustrations. the world. And we can do some In that very way, perhaps, we might thing to bring others. I recall a story, give a preacher many things that that a few years after the war (which would be useful to him, but in other is the great chronological epoch in a ways we can all do so. Ah, when large part of our country,) at the the preacher tells how it ought to be. White Sulphur Springs in Virginia if you can sometimes humbly testify, was a venerable man at whom all the in the next meeting on Tuesday or people looked with profound admira- Friday evening, how it has been in tion, whose name was Robert E. Lee. your experience, you are illustrating He was a devent Episcopalian. One for the preacher. When the preacher day a Presbyterian minister came to tells what Christianity can do for preach in the ball room, according to people, if your life illustrates it for custom, and he told me this story. all around, there is a power that no

The Public School System.

Williamsburg Record. fearned afterwards that the General had That the public school system of this waited until all the people who were State is in many respects a necessary likely to attend the service had enter- and useful system no one will deny; ed the room, and then he walked very but that the system is, in many instanquietly around in the corridors and ces, imperfectly administered is patent parlors, and out under the trees, and to any one who has observed its workwherever he saw a man or two stand- ings. To point out all the defects in jug he would go up and say gently: the administration of the system would "We are going to have divine service be too great an undertaking in an this morning in the ball room; won't article like this one. That a majority you come? and they all went. To of the teachers of public schools are me it was very touching that that incompetent to teach can be established grand old man, whose name was by the exhibition of their own unfitness. known all over the world and be ore That a large majority of those who aswhom all the people wanted to bow, same the position of educators have should so quietly go around, and for never been educated themselves, is notoa minister of another denomination rious to every one who feel interest also, and persuade them to go. And enough in the subject to inform themshould not we take means to help our selves who these educators are. That a pastor to draw a congregation? And large majority of them are after the when he begins to preach, cannot we money alone that is appropriated for the help him to preach? Demosthenes is education of the children, and do not reported to have spid (and he ought eare one iota about the improvement of to have known something about it) those to be educated is shown by the that eloquence lies as much in the ear manner in which they neglect their do y as in the tongue. Everybody who in this respect. That a large majority can speak effectively knows that the of those who set themselves up as power of speaking depends very teachers do so because they are too inlargely upon the way it is heard, upon dolent to do anything else. That a the sympathy one succeeds in gain- large majority of teachers think there is ing from those he addresses. If I no responsibility to which they are acwere asked what is the first thing in countable, and consequently they effective preaching, I should say, require no discipline of those whom

what is the third thing, sympathy that the public school system in this We should give our pastor sympathy county must be working in a satisfactowhen he preaches Pardon another ry manner to the State Superintendent instance. I semember to have preach of Education, for he has never, to our ed years ago at a watering place in knowledge, visited the county since he the Virginia Mountains at the dedica- has been in office. There is a section. tion of a new church. The people we believe, in our law on the subject of were all strangers to each other, and free schools which requires him to visit when we went away my friend said every county in the State. He ought (who had a right to speak so familiar- to set the example of obeying the law, ly,) "I wonder, my dear fellow, that while he asks for its enforcement on his you could be animated at all to-day, subordinates.

for we are all strangers, and things An exchange calls attention to the were pretty cold. Inbought." "Ah." but the preacher replied, "you did fact that the easiest victims of pneumonot see old brother Gwathmey, of nia are the men who drink. When old Hanover, who sat there by the post, topers are attacked they generally die. The first sentence of the sermon Improper food and lack of exercise rencaught hold of him, and it kept shin- der some people an easy prey to this ing out of his eyes and his face, and disease. Persons who exhaust them he and the preacher had a good time to- selves by overwork and exercise are gether, and we didn't care at all about also in danger. The classes mentioned the rest of you." Sometimes one good above should exercise great caution listener can make a good sermon; but when they take even a slight cold, as ah, sometimes one listener who does the tendency of such an attack is to run into pneumonia. not care much about the sermon can

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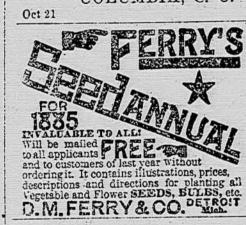
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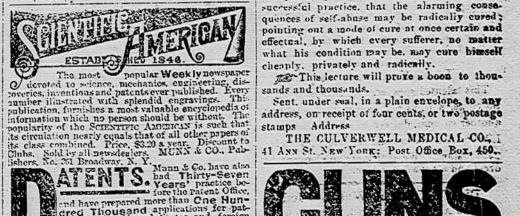
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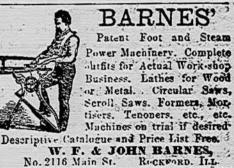
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