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## "The Angels of the Tenements"

So he Little Waifs Call the Good Missionaries who Come to Take Them to Mont-Lawn - Happy July Days at Our Children's Home.



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OULD our readers witness with their own eyes and ears the joys which are awakened in the crowded, sweltering tenements by the tidings of an outing to Mont-Lawn, they would feel amply re-

And then their gratitude and anxiety to know how and why they come to be there, and who has provided such a beautiful country home, are expressed at every turn. The teachers tell them of the good friends who have co-operated with us and who



A WEE GUEST

have remembered them in prayers and girts. The prayers of the Mont-Lawn waifs bear many blessing into distant homes.

An outing at Mont-Lawn includes transportation both ways under caretak-ers, medical exers. medical examination, food, she'ter, clothing and all attendance while at the Home. Only three dollars covers the entire cost of a ten tire cost of a ten days' visit tor each child. Surely this amount could hardly accomplish more good expended in any other way. The food way. The food at the home is simple and wholesome, and it is all real dainties to our children. At Mont-Lawn.too. Mont-Lawn.too.
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GATHERING IN SLUM CHILDREN FOR OUR FRESH-AIR WORK AT MONT-LAWN.

the sweet, rich ing, foul-smelling court, and the alley which leads to it. For such a child and for dinner good, strengthening meat-roast, baked or stewed with potatoes and taken on board the Home wagonette, wonders continue to unfold, and the literature to stop for them to gather every flower on the wayside. oursters want the driver to stop for them to gather every flower on the wayside

and for dinner good, strengthening meat-roast, baked or stewed with potatoes and other vegetables, and fresh fruit grawn at Mont-Lawn—all plain, simple foods, but the best and most wholesome that can be prepared for hungry, growing children.

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A Sermon by Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, D.D., on the Text: Acts 16: 28, . . . . .

Do thyself no harm.



ERE is a would-be suicide arrested in his deadly attempt. He was a sheriff, and, according to the Roman law, a bailiff himself must suffer the punishment due an escaped prisoner; and

if the prisoner breaking jail was sentenced to be endungeoned for three or four years, then the sheriff must be endungeoned for three or four years, then the sheriff must be endungeoned for three or four years, and if the prisoner breaking jail was to have suffered capital punishment, then the sheriff must suffer capital punishment. The sheriff had received especial charge to keep a sharp lookout for Paul and Silas. The government had not much confidence in bolts and bars to keep safe these two clergymen, about whom there seemed to be something strange and supernatural. Sure enough, by miraculous power, they are free, and the sheriff, waking out of a sound sleep, and supposing these ministers have run away, and knowing that they were to die for preaching Christ, and realizing that he must therefore die, rather than go under the executioner's axe on the morrow and sufter public disgrace, resolves to precipitate his own decease. But before the sharp, keen, glittering dagger of the sheriff could strike his heart, one of the unloosened prisoners arrests the blade by the command, "Do thyself no harm."

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In olden times, and where Christianity had not interfered with it, suicide was considered honorable and a sign of courage. Demosthenes poisoned himself when told that Alexander's ambassador had demanded the surrender of the Athenian orators. Isocrates killed himself rather than surrender to Philip of Macedon. Cato, rather than submit to Julius Caesar, took his own life, and three times after his wounds had been dressed, tore them open and perished. Mithridates killed himself rather than submit to Pompey, the conqueror. Hannibal destroyed his life by poison from his ring, considering life unbearable. Lycurgus a suicide, Brutus a suicide. After the disaster of Moscow, Napoleon always carried with him a preparation of poison, and one night his servant heard the ex-Emperor arise, put something in a glass and drink it, and soon after the groans aroused all the attendants, and it was only through utmost medical skill that he was resuscitated. Times have changed, and yet the American conscience needs to be toned up on the subject of suicide. Have you seen a paper in the last month that did not announce the passage out of life by one's own behest? Defaulters, alarmed at the idea of exposure, quit life precipitately. Men losing large tortunes go out of the world because they cannot endure earthly existence. Frustrated affection, domestic into letty, dyspeptic impatience, anger, remorse, envy jealousy, destitution, misanthropy, are considered sufficient causes for a scone log from this life by paris give. By andarum, by belladonna, by Ottello's conger, by fader, by leap from the about ent of a bridge, by the arms. More cases of felo de ac in the last two years of the world's existence, and hore spreading.

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A pulpit not long ago expressed some done tas to whether there was really any time wrong a not quitting this life when it become discretable, and there are form in espectance and espeople apologetic for the crime which Pani in the text arrested. I shall show you before i get through that sincide is the worst of all crimes, and I shall lift a waining intristakable. But in the early part or this serious I wish to admit that some or the best Christians that have even heed, have committed self destinction, but always in dementia, and not responsible. I have no more do but a nout their eternal telicity than I have of the Christian who dies in his bed in the definition of typhoid fever. While the shock of the catastrophe is

very great, I charge all those who have had Christian friends under cerebral aberration step off the boundaries of this life, to have no doubt about their happiness. The dear Lord took them right out of their dazed and frenzied state into perfect safety. How Christ feels towards the insane you may know from the way be treated the demoniac of Gadara and the child lunatic, and the potency with which he hushed tempests either of sea or brain.

Scotland, the land prolific of intellectual girsts had none grades then United.

Miller. Great for science and great for God. He was an elder in St. John's Presbyterian Church. He came of the best Highland blood, and was a descendant of Donald Roy. a man eminent for piety and the rare gift of second sight. His attainments, climbing up as he did from the quarry and the wall of the stone-mason, drew forth the astonished admiration of Buckland and Murchison, the scientists, and Dr. Chalmers, the theologian, and held universities spellbound while he told them the story of what he had seen of God in The Old Red Sandstone. That man did more than any other being that ever lived to show that the God of the hills is the God of the Bible, and he struck his tuning-fork on the rocks of Cromarty until he brought geology and theology accordant in divine worship. His two books, entitled Footprints of the Creator and The Testimony of the Rocks, proclaimed the banns of an everlasting marriage between genuine science and revelation. On this latter book he toiled day and night, through love of nature and love of God, until he could not sleep and his brain gave way, and he was found dead with a revolver by his side, the cruel instrument having had two bullets—one for him and the other for the gunsmith, who at the coroner's inquest was examining it and fell dead. Have you any doubt of the beatification of Hugh Miller after his hot brain had ceased throbbing that winter night in his study at Portobello? Among the mightiest of earth, among the mightiest of heaven.

No one doubted the piety of William Cowper, the author of those three great hymns, "O, for a Closer Walk with God," "What Various Hindrances We Meet." "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood" —William Cowper, who shares with Isaac Watts and Charles Wesley the chief honors of Christian hymnology. In hypochondria he resolved to take his own life, and rode to the river Thames, but found a man seated on some goods at that very point from which he expected to spring, and rode back to his home, and that night threw himself upon his own knife, but the blade broke; and then he hanged himself to the ceiling, but the rope broke. No wonder that when God mercifully delivered him from that awful dementia he sat down and wrote that other hymn just as memorable:

memorable:

"God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform:
He plants his tootsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm,
"Blind inhelief is sure to err
And scan his work in wain:
God is his own interpreter.
And the will make it plain."
While we make this merciful and righteous allowance in regard to those who were plunged into mental incoherence, I declare that the man who, in the use of

While we make this merciful and righteous allowance in regard to those who were plunged into mental incoherence, I declare that the man who, in the use of his reason, by his own act snaps the bond between his body and his soul, goes straight into perdition. Assassination of others is a mild crime compared with the assassination of vourself, because in the latter case it is treachery to an especial trust; it is the surrender of a castle you were especially appointed to keep; it is treason to a natural law, and it is treason to God added to ordinary murder.

To show how God in the Bible looked

pon this crime, I point you to the rogues' picture gallery in some parts of the Bible, the pictures of the people who have committed this unnatural crime. Here is the

headless trunk of Saul on the walls of Bethshan. Here is the man who chased little David - seven feet in stature chasing four. Here is the man who consulted a chirvoyant, Witch of Endor. Here is a man who, whipped in battle, instead of surrendering his sword with dignity, as many a man has done, asks his servant to slay him, and when that servant declined, then the giant plants the hilt of his sword in the earth, the sharp point sticking upward, and he throws his body on it and expires—the coward, the suicide! Here is Ahithophel, the Machiavelli of olden times, betraying his best friend, David, in order that he may become prime minister of Absalom, and joining that fellow in his attempt at parricide. Not getting what he wanted by change of politics, he takes a short cut out of a disgraceful life into the suicide's eternity. There he is, the ingrate! Here is Abimelech, practically a suicide. He is with an army, bombarding a tower, when a woman in the tower takes a grindstone from its place and drops it

Here is Abimelech, practically a surcide. He is with an army, bombarding a tower, when a woman in the tower takes a grindstone from its place and drops it upon his head, and with what life he has left in his cracked skull he commands his armor-bearer: "Draw thy sword and slay me, lest men say a woman slew me." There is his post-mortem photograph in the Book of Samuel.

But the hero of this group is Judas Iscariot. Dr. Donne says he was a martyr, and we have in our day apologists for him. And what wonder, in this day when we have a book revealing Aaron Burr as

But the hero of this group is Judas Iscariot. Dr. Donne says he was a martyr, and we have in our day apologists for him. And what wonder, in this day when we have a book revealing Aaron Burr as a pattern of virtue, and this day when we uncover a statue of George Sand as the benefactress of literature, and in this day when there are betrayals of Christ on the part of some of his pretended apostles—a betrayal so black it makes the infamy of Judas Iscariot white! Yet this man by his own hand hung up for the execration of all ages, Judas Iscariot.

All the good men and women of the Bible left to God the decision of their earthly terminus, and they could have said with Job, who had a right to commit suicide if any man ever had, what with

All the good men and women of the Bible left to God the decision of their earthly terminus, and they could have said with Job, who had a right to commit suicide if any man ever had, what with his destroyed property and his body all aflame with insufferable carbuncles and everything gone from his home except the chief curse of it, a pestiferous wife and four garrulous people pelting him with comfortless talk while he sits on a heap of ashes scratching his scabs with a piece of broken pottery, yet crying out in triumph: "All the days of my appointed time will I

ashes scratching his scabs with a piece of broken pottery, yet crying out in triumph: "All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come."

Notwithstanding the Bible is against this evil, and the aversion which it creates by the loathsome and ghastly spectacle of those who have hurled themselves out of life, and notwithstanding Christianity is against it and the arguments and the useful lives and the illustrious deaths of its disciples, it is a fact alarmingly patent that suicide is on the increase. What is the cause? I charge upon infidelity and agnosticism this whole thing. If there be no hereafter, or if that hereafter be blissful without reference to how we live and how we die, why not move back, the folding doors between this world and the next? And when our existence here becomes troublesome why not pass right over into Elysium? Put this down among your most solemn reflections: There has never been a case of suicide where the operator was not either demented, and therefore irresponsible, or an infidel. I challenge all the ages and I challenge the universe. There never has been a case of self-destruction while in full appreciation of his immortality would be glorious or wretched according as he accepted Jesus Christ or rejugated him.

Christ or rejected him.

You say it is a business trouble or you say it is electrical currents or it is this or it is that or it is the other thing. Why not go clear back, my friend, and acknowledge that in every case it is the abdication of reason or the teaching of infidelity, which practically says: "If you don't like this life get out of it, and you will land either in annihilation, where there are no notes to pay, no persecutions to suffer, no gont to torment, or you will land where there will be everything glorious and nothing to pay for it." Infidelity has always been apologetic for self-immolation, After Tom Paine's "Age of Reason" was published and widely read there was a marked

lished and widely read there was a marked increase of seif-slaughter.

A man in London heard Mr. Owen deliver his infidel lecture on socialism, and went home, sat down, and wrote these words: "Jesus Christ is one of the weak-

est characters in history, and the Bible the greatest possible deception," and the shot himself. David Hume wrote the words: "It would be no crime for me divert the Nile or the Danube from natural bed. Where, then, can be crime in my diverting a few drops of ble from their ordinary channel?" And hing written the essay he loaned it friend, the friend read it, wrote a letter thanks and admiration, and shot hims Appendix to the same book.

Rousseau. Voltaire, Gibbon, Montais

were apologetic for self-immolation. fidelity puts up no bar to people rushing from this world into the next. They te us it does not make any difference I you live here or go out of this world; will land either in an oblivious nowl or a glorious somewhere. And infide holds the upper end of the rope for suicide, and aims the pistol with whitman blows his brains out, and mixes estrychnine for the last swallow. It fidelity could carry the day and persite the majority of people in this country it does not make any difference how go out of this world you will land say the Potomac would be so full of cor sthe boats would be impeded in their ogress, and the crack of the suicide's polywould be no more alarming than the ble of a street-car.

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Would God that the coroners would brave in rendering the right verdict, when in a case of irresponsibility say: "While this man was demented took his life;" in the other case "Having read infidel books and attend infidel lectures, which obliterated this man's mind all appreciation of feretribution, he committed self-slaught" Have nothing to do with an infidelic cruel, so debasing. Come out of that a company into the company of those in

Have nothing to do with an infidelian cruel, so debasing. Come out of that company into the company of those a believe the Bible. Benjamin Frankvote: "Of this Jesus of Nazareth I wrote: "Of this Jesus of Nazareth I wrote: "Of this Jesus of Mazareth I wrote: "I saac Newton, the least best things the world has ever seen is likely to see," I saac Newton, the least philosopher of his time—what did he "The sublimest philosophy on earth he philosophy of the Gospel." David I wster, at the pronunciation of whose nevery scientist the world over bow is head; David Brewster, saying: "Oh is religion has been a great light to very great light all my days." President Thiers, the great French statesmanck howledging that he prayed when he did invoke the Lord God, in whom uglad to believe." David Livingstone be to conquer the lion, able to conque hanther, able to conquer the sayaget conquered by this heaven-sent religions when they find him dead they find hohis knees.

Salmon P. Chase, Chief Justice of Supreme Court of the United State pointed by President Lincoln, will the witness stand, "Chief Justice (splease to state what you have to about the book commonly called the ble." The witness replies: "There are a time in my life when I doubted I downity of the Scriptures, and I resolve as I would try anything in the court in taking evidence for and against. I have a long and serious and profound and using the same principles of evinin this religious matter as I always secular matters, I have come to the control of the serious and profound and using the same principles of evinin this religious matter as I always secular matters, I have come to the control of the toolly safety for the human race is too its teachings." "Judge, that will doback again to your pillow of dust of banks of the Ohio." Next I put up that witness stand a President of the I States—John Quincy Adams. "Pre Adams, what have you to say about Bible and Christianity?" The Profereplies: "I have for many years me a practice to read through the Biblionayear. My custom is to read four chapters every morning immediate firsing from my bed. It employs abhour of my time, and seems to I most suitable manner of beginning from the profession of the profession, to history or to morality, it is valuable and inexhaustible mine of oredge and virtue." "Chancellor what do you think of the Bible?" A wink of other book ever addressed it authoritatively and so pathetically judgment and moral sense of manner.

and the tower was luilt not only as a place of entertainment for friends, but

ment for friends, but as a place of safety against supposed enemies. At Manhelm, when his approach was heralded, workmen gathered in the cupola of the chateau and played sweet strains of music, the people flocked to the house, and Stiegel entered the town am'd these, the shouts

oung men of America. come out of the e of infidels—mostly made up of the sand imbedles—into the company intellectual giants, and turn your back n infidelity which destroys body and

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h! Inidelity, stand up and take thy sence! In the presence of God, anand men, stand up, thou monster!

I lip blasted with blasphemy, thy k scarred with uncleanness, thy foul with the corruption of the Stand up, Satyr, filthy goat, buzzard he nations, leper of enturies! Stand up, monster, Inidel-Part man, part her, part reptile, dragon, stand up take thy sentence!

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y friends, if ever your life, through its set on the top of the through its a sions and its molestations, should set to be unbearable, and you are tempted quit it by your own behest, do not colder yourself as worse than others. Cust himself was tempted to cast himself or the temple, but as he set of the temple to the tempted to the seirom the roof of the temple, but as he weed, so resist ye. Christ came to cine all wounds. In your trouble 1 cribe life instead of death. People have had it worse than you will ever as it, have gone songfully on their way. Riember that God keeps the chronology our life with as much precision as he is the chronology of nations, your as well as your cradle. Why was it at midnight, just at midnight, the desing angel struck the blow that set the iselites free from bondage? The four ired and thirty years were up at twelve ook that night. The four hundred and yyears were not up at eleven, and one y years were not up at eleven, and one ock would have been tardy and too late. T four hundred and thirty years were up elve o ciock, and the destroying angel Tour hundred and thirty years were up elve o'ciock, and the destroying angel it is the blow, and Israel was free. And is knows just the hour when it is time to eyou up from earthly bondage. By race, make not the worst of things, he best of them. If you must take pills do not chew them. Your evergrewards will accord with your things are highly a chain of gold as heavy shad been a chain of iron. For the sing you may have the same grace that given the Italian martyr. Algerius, down in the darkest of dungeons, down in the but the deletable or do fit be the beautiful in a very thin but very important and close up to that rim is a great it, and you had better keep out of it god breaks that rim and separates from that. To get rid of the sorrows of the don't rush into greater sorrows. The trid of a swarm of summer insects.

the for into a jungle of Bengal tigers, itere is a sorrowless world, and it is so and that the noonday sun is only the st doorstep, and the aurora that lights ar northern heavens, confounding asmers as to what it can be, is the wavithe banners of the procession come ket the conquerors home from church and to church triumphant, and you ke the conquerors home from church ant to church triumphant, and you all have ten thousand reasons for wanting of the control of the control

## MANHEIM'S FEAST OF ROSES.

A Unique and Beautiful Memorial Service-The Payment of "One Red Rose" a Year as a Church Rental-Baron Stiegel's Generous Gift.

HE Feast of Roses, celebrated Sunday, June 12. 1898, at Zion Luutheran Church, Manheim.

place, with the brick projecting into the adjoining room. Imprements to followed, and excellent ten-



MISS ANNIE L. BOYS. GREAT GRAND-DAUGHTER OF



GREAT GRAND-DAUGHTER OF BARON STIEGEL. MR. JOHN C. STIEGEL.





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MRS. R. K. BOYS

Pa.. marks the recurrence of a most unique and interesting memorial service. Previous to 1770, the land on which the church stands was given to the Lutherans of Manheim by Baron Henry William Stiegel, "for the sum of five shillings, to make the deed lawful, and the annual rental of one red rose in the month of June forever."

In fulfilment of this contract, the Feast of Roses is annually celebrated in Manheim on the second Sunday in June, when rental is paid, and the people bring to the charch many roses as tribute to the dead Baron's memory.

The late celebration, beginning with Sunday School exercises, covered an envire day. rejoicing

cises, covered an entire day rial sermon R. S. G. Heielbower and follow ed by prayer led by Rev. S. C. Enck. preceded the

S. C. Enck.
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historical addresses which
came from Prof.
M. D. Learned
and members of
the Lancaster Historical Society. A
poem, "Baron Stiegel's
Coming Home," was eloquently
recited by Mrs. Binkley, wife of the
author. The song service consisted of a
noble organ voluntary. Prof. Her's anthem, "The Queen of Flowers," and many
beautiful Gospel hymns rendered by
choir and congregation. Then came the
payment of the rose by the pastor, its acceptance by the heirs, lenediction by Rev.
T. S. Minker, and lastly contributions of
roses by the congregation until the stand
placed for their reception, and looking
like a mighty rese-tree, was indeed a
beautiful monument to the long-dead benefactor of Zion Ch rich, the mysterious
and eccentric German who had combined
with his strange feudal ideas and practices so much Christian kindliness. with his strange feudal ideas and prac-tices so much Christian kindliness.

Henrich Wilhelm Stiegel, born, it is

Henrich Wilhelm Stiegel, born, it is said, in Manheim, Germany, arrived in Philadelphia in 1750, young, highly educated, bearing the title of Baron, and bringing with him about \$200,000 to invest in the wonderful New Worl. He married Elizabeth Huber, and purchased from his father in-law one of the largest furnace properties in the United States, upon which he erected a nne new furnace which he called "Elizabeth," from which the township received its name. The first stove product of his factory were the curious jamb-stoves, without pipe or oven, curious jamb-stoves, without pipe or oven, and were walled into the kitchen fire-

FOUNDER OF THE "FEAST OF ROSES." plate wood-stoves resulted, and

plate wood-stoves resulted, and people came from far and near to see them. Stiegel was now one of the greatest iron-masters in Pennsylvania. The Elizabeth furnace supplied many people with work, and the Baron with much money. Seventy-five men were employed: twenty-five tenant houses stood near by: the furnace lands covered 900 acres. Near the site of the furnace stands a spacious sand-stone house which the Baron occupied during his monthly visits, and which is still called "The Mansion." a title which the simplicity of surrounding neighbors gave it when imposing houses were rare. A number of servants were kept at the mansion to minis-

entered the town amid these, the shouts of the inhabit and the barking of dogs. To factory hands, wood cheppers and charcoal burners, his coming meant payday: to all it meant a good time. He treated his men exceedingly well: for those who were musically inclined, he bought instruments and hired teachers. He took great interest in their spiritual welfare, gathering them and others into the chapel of his house and preaching to them whenever opportunity offered.

His first wife died in 1758, leaving him His first wife died in 1758, leaving him two little children, Barbara and Elizabeth, and he married another Elizabeth—Miss Holtz, of Philadelphia. Their only son, Jacob, settled in Virginia soon after his father's death, and his descendants now reside in Harrisonburg. His second wife died in 1782, having lived long enough to suffer many reverses with him, and in 1783 the gifted, generous, and eccentric Baion passed to his long rest in the nidst of extreme proverty. The poor workmen for whom the Baron had provided musimansion to minis-ter to the wants of



1. OLD CHURCH AT MANHEIM. 2. ROSE-COVERED ALTAR IN THE NEW CHURCH.

In 1760, he became owner of a half interest in Charming Forge, near Womelsdorf. Berks County. In 1762, he purchased the land upon which Manheim now stands, laid out the town, gave the present name to it, built himself a handsome mansion, and in 1768 erected a great glass factory on Steigel and Charlotte streets. Frought skilled workmen from Europe, and produced, at this, the only glass factory then in America, a very

cal instruments and instruction, remembered, when rich friends forgot him, and paid him to teach their children, and those who had I stened to I is preaching in the chapel at the Mansion, came to hear him now. In various ways he sought to eke out a living until the end came in 1783, when he died at Charming Forge. The church which he helped to found, living and vigorous, pays to his memory its loving debt and tribute of "one red rose."