WITHHELD.

"What Thou withhou dest" might have been A crown of thorns upon my brow, Beneath whose unreligenting points I might be writhing smadly now.

And Thou who knew's what I would gain, Has saved me from thi

"What Thou withholdest" ough it gave A pang of disappointment keep To see it still beyond my grasp, Porhaps a flower of death, had be Theu knew'st the subtle poison there That lurked within its petals fair.

What Thou withheldest-e'en when I Reached out and prayed for, wrought and That I might win and wear as prize,

Thou has withheld, I know, in love. Thou knew'st the pride and passion-fires, That hid their spark in these desires What Thou withholdest-e'en from prayer

Shall give me doubt of humble kind-And bid me say: "Thy will be done"-And help me trust th' Eternal Mind. What Thou withholdest-e'en from prayer Shall nourish faith-not feed despair. What Thou shalt yet withhold shall be

A love-sign sweet. Thy wisdom shows-A beckoning hand-a pointing up-An invitat on to repose: Not now-nor here, beneath Time's rod, But in the Paradise of God.

N. C. Thompson, in N. Y. Observer.

"SEEING IS BELIEVING."

onableness of Skepticism in Regard to Spiritual Things. I was traveling by rail. I met on the cars a man whom I had known for

many years. He is a sensible and a moral man, but he is not a Christian. In trying to tell me why he was not, he said: "Somehow or other I can not exercise faith as you Christians seem to. I am constitutionally skeptical. I never could believe in any thing that I could not see and understand."

"That is very sad," I replied. "It must embarrass you a great deal in your business, your studies and your social intercourse. By the way, how can you, with this constitutional peculiarity that you tell of, sit here so quietly with the train rushing on at the rate of forty miles an hour? Have you been out on the cab to see if there is an engineer there? Have you examined him so as to be sure that he is competent and thoroughly reliable? If there is not any engineer and we are running by chance, there is no telling what may happen. If there is an engineer, and he is ignorant, he may not be able to control his engine. If there is an engineer, and he is vicious, he may want to tumble us all over some embankment. Perhaps he is an Anarchist, or is afflicted with the homicidal mania. How dreadful that would be! Are you sure, positively sure, that there is an honest and skillful man in charge of the engine?"

My skeptical friend had to admit that his constitutional infirmity had not prevented him from trusting himself on a train without seeing the engineer. And he could not deny that it was less unreasonable to trust in an museen Saviour than in an unseen en-

In the course of our conversation l urged upon him the duty of prayer. He said: "Now there again I am troubled. I have tried to pray, and it seems like talking to the wind. I can't realize that there is any body who hears my prayer." In the midst of our talk we reached a way station, and my friend said: "I must telegraph from here to a man who is to meet me in New York," He went out, and when he came back I said: "Did you telegraph to that man to meet you?" "Yes," he replied. "Did you see him?" "Of course not." "Well, tell me just what you did." "You know already. I wrote a dispatch and han-led it to the telegraph operator?" 'Did you know the operator? Did you examine his instrument? Did you trace the wire all the way from that station to New York?"

"Now you are quizzing me again. But you can't catch me this time. That was a telegraph station. There was a sign up, and the paper I wrote oa had the caption, Western Union Telegraph Company,"

"So you trusted to what was printed on a slip of paper, and sent your message to a man whom you had never seen, and who, if there is any such man, is five hundred miles away. And yet you won't believe in the Bible when it says: B fore they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear.' You may say you know of instances in which dispatches have been sent by the W. U. T. Co. and answers received. But the Bible tells again and again of answers to prayer. Abraham and Moses, David and Solomon, Elijah and Daniel prayed, and the response came promptly from the unseen heavens. Paul and the other apostles prayed, and God gave them the very things that they asked for. Now is not the Bible, which has been tested for so many ages, as reliable as this telegraph company, which has been in existence less than thirty years? I tell you it does not require half as much faith to pray to the invisible God of the Bible, who has been hearing and answering prayer for nearly six thousand years, as to send a message from a railroad way station and expect that it will reach its destination."

Again we were interrupted by the whist'e announcing that we were entering the town of W. This was a heat, or that he is so long below the railroal center, and my friend had horizon. He that will not go to the some letters that he wanted to mail fire ought not to complain that the there. We went out when the train room is cold. stopped, and seeing in the depot an iron box with the words "U. S. Mail" upon it, he put his letters in it and we returned to the cars. As soon as we were seated, I said:

trusting in an iron box because it has l'resbyterian.

the leters "U. S. Mail" upon it. Nobody told you that it was a letterbox. Tou did not see any body there waiting to take your letters and carry them to their destination. But just because you saw the box you believed that some body would come, and reading the direction on those letters, would see to it that they went to the right place and were delivered to the right person. You have unbounded confidence in the postal service of the United States, but you have no con-

fidence in the Gospel of Jesus Christ." My fellow-traveler had thought good deal about Heaven, but he could not realize that there was any such place. Yet be confessed to me that he believed in N w York City, though he had never been there. He believed in it because he had read about it in books and newspapers. And so great was his faith in New York as a real place and one worth visiting, that he had bought a ticket for it and was going there. I could not understand how he could confide in men's statements about New York. and yet doubt God's statements about Heaven.

It came cut again in conversation that he had made investments in New York through persons whom he had never seen, and whom he was induced to trust in the recommendation of others. And yet when he was exhorted to lay up treasures in Heaven he could not realize that it would be a good investment, though God Himself promised a profit of an hundred-

The more I talked with this man the more I fully realized how utterly unreasonable is the skepticism of multitudes in regard to spiritual things. If hey would exercise the same faith in God that they exercise daily in their fellow-men, they would soon become Christians. The gospel comes to us with stronger proofs of its reality and value than any thing el e, and it only asks us to apply to it the principles on which we act in other thi gs. Though its basis is faith, it is not a faith that rests on visions and dreams, but on solid facts which not only justify but demand our confidence. - Obadiah Oldschool, in Chicago Interior.

"Hope Thou in God."

To think of what we have to do and to bear in this life is quite like y to be disheartening. To think of God's sure help in our doing and in our enduring can hardly tail of giving us courage and hope and joy. Many of us know what it is to meet the cares and trials and griefs which we anticipate for the day, even before we are fairly awake in the morning. Through the slowly opening gate of consciousness they flood in upon us like a turbid stream that has been surging without while he slept, impatient for an entrance. By allowing these apprehensions to have the mastery, the new day, God's special gift to us, is marred at its very beginning; the wonder of the dawning light passes unnoticed, and the strength of the early hours, which was given us for efficient service, is weakened and haif wasted. As an antidote to this joypoisoning habit our first thoughts of the day should float upward, and our morning greeting to our troubled soul should be: "Hope thou in God." Experience shows us that our fears are often only a delusion, prompted by minor difficulties magnified in the morning mist, or by shadows that have no answering substance. On the other hand, we have been shown concerning the cares and trials and griefs which God does appoint for us, that as we look to and trust in Him He furnishes strength and grace to meet them in the hour of their appearing. Our fears may mislead us. Our faith never will. Our troubles may be less than we think for. God's love is always more. -S. S. Times.

CHOICE EXTRACTS.

-There is a still, small rain from Heaven that has more to do with the blessedness of nature, than the mightiest earthquake or the loveliest rainbow. - Macdonald.

-Many a child goes astray, not because there is want of prayer or virtue at home, but simply because home lacks synshine. A child needs smiles as much as flowers need sunbeams.

-The thorough interweaving of roofs of Christianity with the history of the world on which it has sprung is at once a source of its power and an assurance of its divineness.-James Martineau.

-What a Book! Vast and wide as the world, rooted in the abyss of creation, and towering up beyond the blue secrets of Heaven. Sunrise and sunset, promise and fulfillment, life and death, the whole drama of humanity are in this Book .- Heine on the Bible.

-Failure is often Gol's own tool for carving out some of the finest outlines in the character of His children; and, even in this life, bitter and crushing failures have often in them the germs of new and quite unimagined happi-

ness .-- T. Hodgkin, D. C. L. -A great sun of everlasting love shines upon the globe of our life with tropical force, but we get away to the north pole of doubt and fear, and then complain that the sun has such little

-If one be a believer the very best thing he can do is to put his hand to something practical, and do it with his might. He will thus help some cause and establish a proof of his sincerity, 'I am now astonished beyond but he will also do that which above measure. You, aconstitutional skeptic, all things else will make his faith late?-New Haven News. who can not trust in an invisible God, enduring and comfortable .-- United

BILLIONS OF PINS.

How Many Horses It Would Take to Haul the Annual Pin-Product.

We well remember when a paper containing 120 or 144 pins, generally the former, cost 12 to 181 cents, and they were very poor pins at that, almost needing a hammer to drive them into any strong, close fabric. Now papers containing 288 beautiful, fine-pointed, smooth-bodied, nicelyheaded pins are made for two or three cents per paper. And how could you get along without pins, even with the present immense variety of buttons and tapes, and what-nots? It is stated that the present annual production of common pins in this country is eighteen billions, or eighteen thousand millions (18,000,000,000). This, however, is but a daily pin apiece, and only for 300 days in a year, for each of our sixty million people. The old question is up again in the press, "What becomes of all the pins?" It would be no trouble for each person to drop out of sight his or her one pin a day, and they would be pretty well scattered about, and hard to find, even if not "lost in a haymow." But if all these pins of only one year's supply were deposited in one heap, it would be quite a different matter. The average-sized pin is an inch long. We weighed some of these on delicate scales, and found them to run two grains each, or 3.500 to the pound. So the eighteen billion pins would weigh over five million pounds (5,142,857 pounds), or 2,571 tons, and it would take over five thousand horses or oxen to haul them in loads of a ton each.

If only one of every thirty pins should injure a person, it would average ten "pricks" or "scratches" each for every man, woman and child in the United States. Some get more than their share, the babies for example, though the recently invented "safety pins" have greatly changed that matter. - Prairie Farmer.

-The young lady who received a note at the post-office last Monday evening. and dropped it at the door, can get the same by calling at the office. The following is a copy: "Dear — The reason I didn't laff when you laft at me in the post offis yesterday was because I hed a bile on my fase and kant laff. If I laff she'll bust. But I lov you-bile or no bile, laff or no laff Your loving -- till deth."-Monroe (Tenn.) Democrat.

The Ice Bridge at Niagara Has formed, and many people have already crossed the river upon it below the falls. The scene from Falls View, where the Michian Central train stops, is one of remarkable beauty and grandeur. The emerald waters of the falls, with the angry rapids above and the rainbow-tinted spray below, with gigantic icicles hanging from the cliffs and the trees and shrubs on the shores and Goaf Laland assembly in the shores and Goaf Laland assembly in the shores and Goaf Island covered with curious ice formations, with the wild mass of icebergs stretching over the turbulent waters where the Maid of the Mist sails in summer, all combine to form a spectacle seldom to be seen and worthy of a lengthy journey.

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A JUDGE's life is full of trials.

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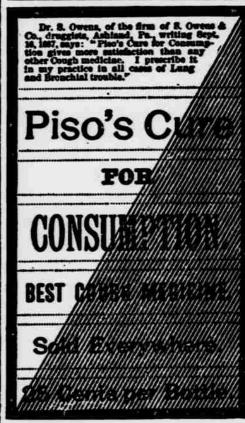
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