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FAMILIAR SPIRITS REUNITED ---WEBSTER ON THE BIBLE

Excerpts on Subjects Appropriate to the **Day--Views and Reminiscences of Distinguished Men.**

summer afternoons. When I first en-

of whiskey-drinking prevailed very

ner parties and on social occasions was

"There has been a wonderful change

in all that. The men from the south

perate. Many of them are entirely

very heavy,

This is from the book by Laura E tive to the progress of temperanc Richards, entitled "The Golden Win- sentiment and improvement of habit dows." It carries its own message, during the last generation: and needs no explanation here: "I can remember, before the temper-

In the land of To-morrow, near the ance reformation had made great entrance gate, two newly arrived headway, the condition which made spirits met and looked each other in French traveler call us a nation of the face. One of them was a strong drunkards. Respectable farmers in and beautiful spirit, with shining gar- | my native town of Concord, bearing ments, and a face full of c'ear light; names honored there since its settlebut the other was little and pinched ment 20 years before, used to lie and gray, and she trembled and cow- drunk by the roadside in the warm ered as she went.

"What alls you." asked the first tered congress, in 1869, the practice spirit, "that you cower thus?"

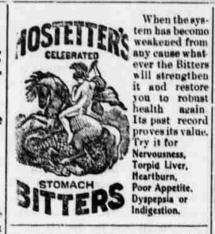
"I am afraid!" answered the second, largely here, and the drinking at din-"It is all so strange here: I have no home, no friends, and I am alone and frightened."

"That is strange!" said the strong spirit, "I never felt so at home be- and west, where the temperance refore. Everything is friendly to my form spread somewhat later than in eyes; the very trees are as if I had the north and east, are uniformly temknown them always."

"Let me hold your hand!" said the abstinent from every form of strong frightened one. "You seem so strong. drink. I do not know today a man in and tread so freely, I shall perhaps not either house of congress whose counbe so afraid if I am with you. I was a tenance bears the indication that he great lady on earth. I lived in a fine is a habitual drinker of whiskey. I house, and had servants to run and could have counted a good many in ride for me; and jewels and rich both houses of congress thirty-five dresses, and everything that heart years ago. While, then, public and could desire; yet I had to leave them private morals have grown better in all in haste, and come alone to this these great matters, and our genera-







puts the ban on Sunday picnics and the selling of intoxicants at any Red Men's gathering." Will Bishop Potter and the gentlemen who managed the Subway tayern in New York please take notice?

The Bible a Language-Maker.

Henry Rutherford Elliott recites the following interesting fact in the Century:

The bible societies by no means rest contented with their present horizons of conquest. Both the London and New York societies are very much engaged upon translation and revisions. and missionaries throughout the world are busy with similar tasks. In score of instances the bible is only the literature of a language. Often a language is first reduced to a literary form in order to produce a bible. Often althe bible actually creates a lang uage, in the proper sense of that term The ideas, the topics of thought, the point of view are not in the local speech. Take as an example, the translation just made for the Sheetswa tribe in East Africa. They had n word for Supreme Being, or home father, heaven, house, and other ideas equally fundmenta, "Our Father which art in heaven" was absolutely unintelligible to them. Yet, little by little, the missionaries persevered till they have now compiled a dictionary of 18,000 words, a grammar, and a translation of the New testament that can be used by 3,000,000 people.

Other recent translations have been into Mare (one of the French Loy alty islands) Uganda, Persian, Labrador-Eskimo, Kongo Baldo, Murray island (Torres straits), Wedan (New Guinea), Fang, Madarese (South Malaysia), Nogogu (New Hebrides), etc. That much work still remains to be done, however, appears from the statement that in the borders of the Indian Empire alone, 108 languages, in use by 74,000,000 souls, have as yet no version of the scriptures. Trans-

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strange place. It is very terrible, tion and country compare favorably with any other in the great matters Was it so with you?" "Nay," said the other. "I came very by which these things are tested-in-

growth.

willingly." The frightened spirit clung to the

other, and peered into her face.

"Tell me!" she cried. "Did we ever. meet on earth? Your face is not only fortunate pervade our social life to a friendly, it is familar. It is as if I degree unknown in former days." had seen you often, yet none of the noble ladies I knew had such strength and grace. Who were you, beautiful angel?"

"I was your washerwoman!" said the other.

Daniel Webster on the Bible.

Daniel Webster was not a professing Christian, but he placed the high- constitution was adopted barring saest value on the bible. Concerning it lon men, bartenders, and retail liquor he sald: "If we abide by the princi- dealers from membership in the orples taught in the bible, our country der. It also provides that persons who will go on prospering, but if we and engage in the proscribed callings afour posterity neglect its instructions ter election to membership in the orand authority, no man can tell how der shall be suspended. All state counsudden a catastrophe may overwhelm cils are urged to adopt the same us, and bury all our glory in profound amendments. Another amendment obsecurity."

Again he said: "I have read it through many times. I now make a practice of going through it once a year. It is a book of all others for lawyers and divines, and I pity the man who cannot find in it a rich supply of thought and rules for conduct. From the time at my mother's feet, or on my father's knee I first learned to lisp verses from the sacred writings, they have been my daily and vigilant contemplation. If there be anything in my style or thought to be commended, the credit is due to my kind parents for instilling into my mind an early love of the scriptures."

Senator Hoar on Temperanse.

Senator Hoar of Massachusetts has made the following statement rela- Laurin, Prop. "So

ant. ****