ospitable wilderness, of burning sands and his sing serpents, and 'gorgons and chimeras dire,' but a land of broad streams and mighty rivers, and sweeping valleys, and towering hills, and vast forests, teeming alike with plenty and with population.

And whether his career may have been abruntly and horribly closed by ferocious savages. or he may happily still be living to complete his day. The chair was occupied by the President vast undertaking, among the ultimate results of of the Conference : as distinguished for his dighis discoveries we may safely assert that new nified courtesy as a presiding officer, as for his will be thrown open-that new tribes and people will be given for our customers, and new markets for our enterprise-that the demand will be created where none previously existed With unfeigned protherly affection and cordial for the comforts and commodities of civilized sympathy we welcomed them to our consultalife-that the resources will be developed and the destinies shaped of vast tracts of humanity that would otherwise have laid waste and sterile, smitten with unrelenting barrenness-that our countrymen will be enabled to do still more to expiate the wrongs and oppressions that for many generations we perpetrated on the bruised, down-trodden sons of Ham-and that his name will be emblazoned in history as one of the most honoured instruments of Providence in sweeping away from the earth that atrocious villany of slavery by which Africa has so long been

Africa seems to have been enstamped on while Africa was wrapped in darkness and welcombine genius and enterpriss with the loftiest Christian devotion and disinterestedness-in whom the courageous intrepidity of the hero is of the martyr !- London Recorder.

Provincial Celeslevan.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT'R. 4, 1867.

The English Reform Bill.

The Reform Bill lately passed in the British Parliament, whether as regards its direct results, or its more remote consequences, present and future, is certainly an important step in the passed into law more than thirty years since, and which at that time occasioned much sensation, they involve. conferred upon a large number advantages quite in advance of what they had enjoyed prior to that period, and, no doubt, greatly tended to was " bestowed on the churches of Macedonia," prepare the way for further progress. The Bill and which we are glad to say is possessed and which has now been placed on the Statute Book, exercised by many members of our church. But still further in advance in the liberality of its where it is not, the inconsistency of Christian provisions, is a much larger instalment of jus- character made apparent by its absence, causes of soul-saving power, which so often gladdened though you had no knowledge of the cause of ment and of divinity itself are being searched tice. But it also is to be estimated, not so much religion to be lightly spoken of and the cause of by that which will immediately follow, as by the God to suffer.

necessity which the public mind of England As therefore you would be perfect and entire, to deal with it, and eventually carried a measure continuous practical development, " for with much more liberal than was originally proposed. such sacrifices God is well pleaced."

The leading principle of the Bill is household few will call in question the right of the intelli- concerning the collection." (!) gent artizan to have a voice in the government Possibly this introduction of a mere mone-

that have gone before, and that the more liberal Mark xii. 42. character of future Parliaments will be exhibited in the adoption of measures, step by step, more and more liberal in their bearing than even the present Reform bill. The removal of various long standing grievances will not be long delayed. The Church Establishments of England, Ireland and Scotland will undergo great changes, and ere long be numbered among the things that were. Education will be advanced. The wrongs of the ignorant, the poor, and down-trodden will be redressed. Great good, it may be believed, will result from such changes; but will it be unmixed good? Changes so wide-spread, and affecting so materially the very foundations of society in that country, cannot be unattended by serious risk. With the prospect of advantage in many respects, there is reason to apprehend the probability of serious mischief. Among other questions, it will naturally be asked, Will greater stability be given thereby to the British throne, and to the highest interests of the people? We may confidently hope that such will who is Governor among the nations will establish the government of our country upon the best and surest foundations, and render our Empire a yet vastly greater blessing in the earth than it and in several of the Circuits, our financial Prayer-meetings.

There are not merely political and ecclesiastical, but also purely religious aspects to this question. How will the interests of the Church of Christ be affected by anticipated changes? In stances; but in the end all must come out right. Gospel truth must triumph: Spiritual wickedness in high places will then no longer be sanctioned and upheld by State authority. The allies and emissaries of the Great Apostasy will then be deprived of State patronage. Religion will stand, as it ought to do, on its own basis, free and unshackled, looking to Government for nothing more than freedom and protection; and content to leave its success and progress to be achieved solely by the favour and blessing of the Head of the Church. The Lord is King, be the on G. O. H.'s field of literature, I would say : people never so impatient ; He sittith between the cherubim, be the earth never so unquiet. The Lord is great in Sion, and high above all

Meeting and Sundry Reflec-

tions. We met at Windsor; it is pleasantly situated and accessible by water, coach, or car. Here we received cordial greetings to pleasant homes. Gathered in the vestry we engaged in devotional exercises . then entered upon the business of the terly defence of christian doctrine.

Six of our number met for the first time in the Halifax District, but they were quite at home. tions and united with them in prayer.

One the Spirit whom we claim; One the pure, baptismal flame; One the faith, and common Lord; One the Father lives adored.

The result of the "figuring up" of the item of probable expenditure, and income of the Circuits, Children's Fund, &c., exhibited the fact that the average unprovided-for deficiency on unless the receipts are advanced in that amount calculations showing this large deficit.

As the Committee's grant is being reduce position.

it was first addressed.

No man, or woman either, whose heart is

changes of which it is merely the introduction. How can the world believe that religion con-The greatness of the question has been ac- willing to sustain the agents of its promulga knowledged on all sides by leading statesmen. tion? Here then is one hindrance to the work Both of the great political parties felt it to be a of God; let us seek its removal, Malachi iii. 10. some things, which it was feared had not re- clap their hands, and loudly respond to the senf seeming authority and power to the most danwould not be content to have longer deferred; coming behind in no grace, but would "abound and it is worthy of note, that while introduced in everything, in faith and utterance and knowand warmly advocated under liberal patronage, ledge and in all diligence, and in your love to and in itself the occasion of the defeat of the lib- us, see that ye abound in this grace also," and terly Love-feasts—and the regular administra- religion would do the same, but simply by the should, forgetting all diversities, come together eral administration, the conservative party, in according to your circumstances and the righteorder to retain the reins of power, were obliged ous demands upon your resources, let it have its

Our valuable helpers of the Truth-the Ste suffrage; it provides for a lodger franchise of wards-report that the half-cent currency ma-£10, and reduces copyhold and leasehold franterially affects the collection. Now "the colchise to £5. Of the number enfranchised by this lection" is a very important part of church measure, various estimates are given, ranging financial economy. So it was deemed by the from 800,000 to upwards of a million. The ad- apostle St. Paul. Just at the close of his subvancing education of the working classes made lime dissertation on the resurrection of the body, such a measure to be only an act of justice. But and its glorification, he has these words,—" Now

of the country. Yet while admitting that the tary affair, in immediate consecutiveness with enactment is wise and good, in very many the lofty soul-inspiring theme which his sanctithoughtful minds reflections of the gravest char- fied intellect had grasped and his eloquence had acter will arise while forecasting as to the probable results of this great Reform upon the Institutions of the country during the next quarter matters, are wonderfully acute; but we cannot help it-there it is nevertheless. If they can-Scotland and Ireland have the promise of not make it chord with their demi-semiquavers similar measures of Reform forthwith. It may the because they have never studied the Pauline be presumed that the next House of Commons method of harmony. Its key note is divine, and will differ widely in its composition from those the action is approved by the great Master,-

Perhaps, Mr. Editor, among the many good change in the currency may banish those halfcents : that on this score the stewards may no longer complain. At all events we will hope that for the time to come, to the collection "every one" will be brought to "submit himself" with whole cents or " with pieces of silver," then it will not be the small affair it has been, but become a respectable source of income of which nobedy shall be ashamed. "Then shall the offering be pleasant unto the Lord as in the days of old, as in the former vears."

The arrangements for holding the meetings for the Foreign Missions, and also the meetings on behalf of the Home Mission and dependant Circuit Aid Fund were concluded upon -they will be found in another column of the Wesleyan. "The collection" to be taken reward. Let us never give up the prayer up at the Home Mission meetings (or on the Sabbath next following) does not supersede the Punshon anywhere else, but we can take our be the case, and should earnestly pray that He yearly collection for ordinary "contingencies" -which is still to be observed in all the Cir-

Owing to the changes made in the District, business occupied more time than usual. We will note the changes referred to .- Horton comes from the Annapolis District to ours, and has two married preachers. Lunenburg and New by the President, which we hope to bear in Germany go from ours to the Liverpool District; mind and profit by-we may refer to them in some respects the cause of pure christianity may die Musquodoboit and Maitland are given up, ed to publish in the Provincial Wesleyan and are included in the formation of a new Cir- the Resolutions of Conference relating to the netcook, on the border of the Kempt Circuit, is no longer claimed as a part of that Circuit, but behalf of the young. It was thought the interests ing the name of the township to which it pro- visits from the President; and we were happy perly belongs, viz., Newport, which now em- to hear him say that he was exceedingly anxious and having interests in common.

And, Mr. Editor, if it be not an encroac May these two B's under one hive Harmoniously work together; Be happy and thrive.

These changes were effected, after deliberate

preaching will be given to some places than they ever had before, and services will be The general Distri jury to the work of God is occasioned by these next, at 2 P. M. arrangements it must arise from other causes than the carrying out of the plans of the Con- I do not trouble you often. ference. The more cordially the people co-operate with their ministers in the measures these changes are intended to promote, the more speedily and fully will the contemplated advanchannels of extensive and lucrative commerce elegant expositions of Divine Truth, and masthe decided approval of the senior ministers best acquainted with the locality and the people. Of both for Kempt and for Newport Let his for time and for eternity. his best desires, so ardently cherished on their subject of religion. They will speak in the most the difference between the old Byzantine school

In the evening the pulpit was occupied by Rev. Mr. Turner, of Halifax South. The subthe dependent Circuits would be \$157, which ject of discourse was—the choice of retaining will be lost to each of the brethren concerned burdensome care or obtaining relief by prayer, Phil. iv. 6, 7. The nature and reasonableness beyond the estimated income—the basis of the of prayer were well defined and happily illustrated; and the observance of the duty urged by the motives the text supplied every fibre of Livingstone's heart; in his enter- and the expenditure increased by the formation Mr. Turner is a stranger in the Provincesprise of mercy to her he has traversed her ap- of new Circuits, the opening up of Mission are any curious to know what we think of him? palling deserts, he has trodden her blistering work, and the employment of additional agents, Well I will venture an opinion—for which I hold sands, his brain has burned in delirious throb- the necessity for continued and enlarged libe- myself personally responsible. His preaching bings beneath her vertical sun; to carry to her rality on the part of the people must be obvious. may be characterized by its clearness of concep the tidings of salvation he has confronted many Where preaching was formerly given only tion, logical arrangement, and chaste simplicity a ghastly terror of fever and pestilence; and monthly, but now fortnightly or weekly, the in- of diction. He has the quiet power of convincimpatient of honor and dissatisfied with ease crease of Gospel privilege should be met by in- ing speech; his words go further than the ear. crease of contributions; where it is just being His mind is deeply impressed with the importering in misery, he hastened back to her, that introduced efforts should be made by its hearers, tance of his office and its weighty responsibility on that altar on which he had already laid the to sustain it to the utmost of their ability. And With thoughtful men, intelligent hearers, and enthusiasm of his youth and the bloom and full- so also where it has been proclaimed every Sab- all, of every class, who seek the spiritual nourness of his manly vigor, he might pour out all bath the law of progress should rule till the Cir- ishment of the gospel, he is calculated to win his the remaining energies of his body and soul till cuits become self-sustaining—and after that help way, and to contribute largely to the edifying of life's latest hour. Ail honor to such men who to raise the Circuits around them to the same the body of Christ-notwithstanding the physical disadvantage of a feeble voice. One thing These things-gospel privilege and its support seems certain-that he is too anxious to do -God hath joined together, let no man put good to souls and give full proof of his ministry associated with the serene and patient fortitude them asunder. "Do ye not know that they which ever to pander to the tastes of the admirers of minister about holy things live of the things of bombastic address, or whole sale citations from the temple? even so hath the Lord ordained "the poets" in the pulpit, or pride himself upon that they which preach the Gospel should live of the mere applause of the lovers of such, showthe Gospel." This truth should be pondered by ing off. Such is my humble opinion formed afevery gospel hearer, old and young, male and ter a few days' acquaintance and the hearing of slow for his longings of love, for he said, "What be relied upon and government is strongest.

right with God, -having an intelligent conviction to the prayerful considing the second their popular organizations come largely from the thority of the Scriptural appeal on this aubject, | Conference. In no part of the proceedings of | Everything is not Christian zeal that passes | the moment you give perfect liberty in churches, world's progress. The Reform measure which or decline meeting, with cheerful spirit, and the former day was there anything like the deep under that name. There is often a zeal of mere and advanced ideas are proclaimed and adhered subject evoked. Several of the brethren took part with others. We are greatly influenced, at least dispossess venomous sects of their venomous True liberality is an important christian grace in the lengthened conversations it occasioned, for a time, by those with whom we associate. To power, and to throw influence and weight and

> tear-bedewed evelids. of some measures for the promotion of the work tion of the Lord's supper, in all our churches, were matters of special remark.

It was the decided opinion that the Sabbath evening sermonic services should be supplemented by a public prayer-meeting, wherever it could be done-especially in the town and city congregations; as is customary in our churches in England, where the practice is attended with encouraging success. Brother Smallwood related, that when in England a few years ago, he heard the Rev. W. M. Punshon preach; at the close of the sermon he announced the holding of a prayer-meeting, requesting the congregation to remain. That he descended from the pulpit, took the lead of the exercises, gave a short address, and invited any person present who felt their need of a Saviour, and selves there, and during that meeting some of down to their houses, rejoicing in their Saviour. Some of us, Mr. Editor, had not heard much of Mr. Punshon's soul-saving success, though in other respects his fame as a minister is spread things the Dominion promises to do for us, a far and wide, all the world over, and this brief narrative was not only intensely interesting, but pleasing and profitable. See him there !-that nighty orator—eager crowds have come to hear him; as they listen the incense cloud rolls upward and circulates around him. Thousands do homage to his princely intellect and elo quence; and who does not catch the enthusiasm But Bro. Smallwood's relation calls us away from that scene: it takes us to a Sabbath evening prayer-meeting, "after the sermon"-and we say-"Lo! God is here!"-and now we see the man of popular speech, bowed in humble prayer before the mercy-seat pleading on behalf of those anxious seekers of salvation who kneel with him there. Here the man of God is at his best-loved labor, and here he receives his riches meeting. We may not take the place of Mr place with him before the throne of grace, and may approach it with equal boldness. Ere long we hope to welcome this eminent man to our triplicity of P's-our Platforms, Pulpits, and

The question-What is the best method o preaching the gospel?—was discussed at some length; very valuable suggestions were given another letter. The Editor was requestcuit, called Shubenacadie,—a portion of Ken- Quarterly Fasts, and also, at a suitable time, the Resolution respecting the day of prayer on the Sodom of the world that he has left blazing s now included in the limits of the Circuit bear- of the Church, on some of the Circuits, required braces the pleasant villages of Burlington and to do all he could, in every possible way, to ad-Brooklyn, within an hour's drive of each other, vance those interests, and would make it his ousiness immediately to meet the wishes of the brethren in this respect. Several of the Cir-

Excuse the length of these notes, Mr. Editor, August 22nd, 1867.

Christian Zeal.

BY ROBERT BOYD, D. D. The apostle Paul says," It is good to be zeal-

rapturous terms of a zealous friend, a zealous patriot, a man zealous in the interests of science and education, but a man zealous for Christ and the victim of a weak delusion, if not pernicious fanaticism. The reason is, the senmity of their hearts to spiritual things, and the blinding influence of sin. The things that are seen and that

are temporal, fill up their whole little field of vision. They grope about in the darkness of a any other means. mere animal existence, totally unappreciative of the eternal realities and the surpassing glories which God spreads out before the eye of faith. In seeking after a likeness to God and conformity to his will; in giving attention to things infinite and eternal; in trying to save immortal away; how is it possible for us to put forth too much zeal? A holy zeal marked our Lord's casuffering for us, and was almost impatient for restricted there citizenship is least to be relied designs of the guilty traitor, Judas, seemed too liberty is extremest there citizenship is most to

Suppose you were suddenly to go into a friend's Dangers that are common all over the world We were humbled before God; on account bouse, and find it filled with people all in tears, should press Christians together in common of the absence of those unmistakeable evidences a deep sadness would at once fall upon you, unity. The very foundations of moral governthe hearts of our fathers in the ministry, and the sorrow. Or, were you to go into another The questions of to-day are not questions as to gathered around them happy subjects of con- house, and find its inmates breaking out in bursts what kind of inspiration we are to look for; but of God. Immediate and careful observance of church, where in their meetings they shout and Scientific researches are giving at present great ceived due attention, was strongly urged. The timents of others, and are very demonstrative gerous of all possible heresies, which are eximportance of systematic and general Pastoral in the expression of their feelings. He soon ploding under the walls of the churches. And visitation-of devoting sufficient time to the learns to do as others do, not because of his re- it is necessary, not that Christians should be meeting of Classes-the holding of our Quar- ligion, for if that was it then all who have rea- disunited among themselves, but that they power of sympathy with those with whom he as- for the welfare of Jerusalem, and, loving God sociates. Had circumstances called the same and man, stand in the power of unity. man into connection with the evangelical Quak- The work of our age is sublime, and require ers, he would have been ready to sit for hours in undivided and unquarrelling unity of the whole meeting without a word being spoken either by force of Christ's followers. It is a great work

himself or others. And yet he might have as to take possession of the world geographically; much real religion, and as much zeal, in the one but the work of Christ is only just begun when case as the other. Then there is a zeal that is merely constitu- globe. The question of our time is, Who tional. It is born with the man. There is a shall possess civilization? Shall it be unwarmth and a fiery fervor about all that he says der a dominion of the law of Christ or of and does. There is a certain animal excitement the law of Satan? Shall it conform itself which he throws into all that he undertakes, and which surrounds him with a perpetual tempest. Now, there is no religion in all this. It trol the great elements of power? Shall litetrue, religion may take hold of his natural rature be in the hands of selfishness or in the temperament, and sanctify and direct it, and hands of true benevolence? Shall the world were then willing to seek him, to signify their make it extensively useful; just as religion be governed in its laws, institutions, and polity purpose by uniting with him in prayer at the takes the caution and cool deliberation of the by the highest Christian ideals, or by the lowest communion rail. That several persons re- more lymphatic temperament, and makes them physical and natural ideals? That is the quessponded to the invitation by presenting them-useful. Still there is much that goes by the tion of our time. It belongs to sects and to name of religious zeal in such persons that is churches in common. the number obtained peace of mind, and went only the result of nature, not of grace-of feel-

ing, not of principle. There is also a zeal of mere sentimentality. It will only work for Jesus when a romantic glow-a publicity and distinction is to be attending upon the work. If they could act in the eyes of the world, if they could encounter great perils, and come out of them spoken of as ambitious burst of seal would they go into Christ's service ; but to live unknown, to suffer and sacrifice, and toil on for Jesus, till we die unhonored and unknown, and receive almost our first word of approval from the words of able work on the Gospels, copied from the Cen-Jesus himself, as we stand before his throne. requires solid principle, not mere sentiment .-Yet faith teaches us that every act of love, every kind word, every tear dropped, every prayer uttered for Jesus, reports itself before the splendor of the eternal throne. The timid word spoken for the Saviour in the midst of mocking folly, is heard by him in heaven above the sound of seven thunders. It is registered

in heaven's imperishable records. True Christian zeal begins in love to Christand is fed from that unfailing fountain. There is more felt inwardly than is represented outwardly. It lives not by the breath of human applause, but by the favor of God. At the Tabernacles. cross it sees the whole truths of the Bible, the revelation of God to man for centuries, condensed into one word-salvation, and that a free salvation; and then it sees the long funeral procession of millions of lost souls, who might have been saved, and all the energies are stirred up to save a perishing world. On such a man goes, in his career of usefulness, Christ interceding above him the divine Spirit interceding within him, angels taking an interest in every step, behind him, the heavenly Jerusalem to which drawn by the oxen; and the other, crossing it, he goes, with its pearly gates and golden serves as a share, being sharpened at streets, shining before him, and crying to those end, to penetrate the ground, and as a handle he meets, 'Flee, O fise from the wrath to come.'

Zeal without this may be like a boat with all forward her steam on, rushing down the rapids of the "He must place his whole weight upon the river St. Lawrence, but without a pilot to guide share, in order to force it into the soil, otherwise no furrow will be produced.

Halifax District—Its Financial ting; and cannot possibly harm any one. More was granted; and arrangements were made for life of the Captain of your salvation, of whom life of the Captain of your salvation, of whom life of the Captain of your salvation, of whom life of the Captain of your salvation, of whom self. The spiritual plodghman who applies not self. The spiritual plodghman who applies not self. was granted; and arrangements were made for supplying his pulpit.

The general District Meeting was appointed

The general District Meeting was appointed to the Captain of your salvation, of whom life of the Captain of your salvation of your salvation.

In the captain of your salvation of your sa preaching will be given to some places than they ever had before, and services will be they ever had before, and services will be held at Horton on Thursday, 11th June held where there were none. If any in-

Christian Unity.

There was a time when architects felt that, i they built a splendid cathedral with two towers, those two towers should be just alike. Better taste it was that said, " Let one be of one form ously affected in a good thing."—And surely, if and the other of another form." Time was when, acquainted with the locality and the people. Of these we might name the venerable T. H. Davies, who does not forget his friends young or

The words, "Because of his importunity," in there ever was anything that deserved to be callif representations of flowers were to be carried if representations of flowers were to be carried if representations of flowers were to be carried there ever was anything that deserved to be callif representations of flowers were to be carried to represent the second of the control of the contr old. He anticipates the happiest results from Christ. It is good for body and soul, for the old be everywhere alike; but a better taste it was the re-union of Burlington with Brooklyn,— and for the young, for the rich and for the poor, that said, "If you have a rose here, why not in regard to the true doctrine of prayer: have a fleur de lis there? Why not enhance friends on both these Circuits unite, to secure for

And yet there are many who are greatly the effect by representing a variety of flowers for time and for eternity.

And yet there are many who are greatly alarmed at any unusual display of zeal on the limited of a single flower? And here is seen instead of a single flower? And here is seen the old Byzantine school ashamed of. Some men are proud of what they and implesting for the good of other states.

and the living modern school. Now, the church is apt to be Byzantine, and

ventitious, and which spring from their being persecuted, and will give to those that hold the substance of the truth the deepest and highest fact on us only and not upon God. God's immulately substance of the truth the deepest and highest fact on us only and not upon God. God's immulately substance of the truth the deepest and highest fact on us only and not upon God. God's immulately substance of the truth the deepest and highest fact on us only and not upon God. God's immulately substance of the truth the deepest and highest fact on us only and not upon God.

forms of power. And you need not be afraid that, by introducin the work he had undertaken, so eager for the salvation of men, that he longed for his great ploded all that in respect to civil and political baptism of blood-for all the big waves and bilover him. He made haste to do the work o crucial test of war, that where liberty is most pel.

female, especially by "all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ," for to them may compare the two, and pronounce the vertage of the same spirit of their Divine Master, and turnthe same spirit of their Divine Master, and turnthe same spirit of their Divine Master, and turned the world upside down by the fiery fervor of

The power and authority of progressive but un
The power and authority of progressive but un-On the morning of the second day, the Presition of duty, and wishing to possess of a New eration of the most important subject of all—the work, and as has been said, Struck the king- fact that they are martyrs, and that they suffer ful obedience than of taste repentance. The his stain. Every moment he feels the efficaci Testament conscience," and so live in peace and die in safety, can refuse to scknowledge the audie in safety, can refuse to scknowledge the aucause of God generally within the bounds of the most important subject of all—the work, and as has been said, State the emegation of the liberty of propagating for principle, and for the liberty of propagating what they conceive to be right and true. And the universe.'

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the Gospel is carried to every country on the to the great law of justice, or to the law of selfishness? Shall Christ or shall Satan con-

There is, then, an abundant work before us. And, in order to carry out this great work of And, in order to carry out this great work of civilization, education, end Christianization, and making the world beautiful in holiness. it is demanded that with trumpet tongue men should cease any more to search out each other's shortcomings, and to find fault with each other, and that every man should accept whom God accepts. The seal of a Christian disposition is the passand sermons and public speeches, with what an port to every heart, and it ought to be to every church.-Beecher.

> Whedon on the Gospels. The following notice of Dr. Whedon's invalu-

tral Advocate, we commend to our readers : We especially like Whedon's Commentaries on the Gospels. They are sensible, learned. practical, comprehensive, rich in thought and tribution to Gospel history." Our commentator divides the whole section into three parts; 1. The period before arriving at the Feast of

2. The interval between the Feast of Tabernacles and the Feast of Dedication. 3. The interval between the Feast of Dedica

tion and the Lord's Last Passover. The arrangement here is admirable, and the notes are instructive and evangelical. On the words, " No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God," we have the following comment:

'The Eastern plough is made of two poles at the upper end, upon which the ploughman must, 'Flee, O see from the wrath to come.' grasps with one hand, while with the other he holds the long goad with which he spurs his team

glory, which he is ready to place upon your glory, which he is ready to place upon your merely that he may not turn back or withdraw his hand. There must be no back glances of his head, but the forward eye, no turning of his head, but the forward eye, no turning of his head, but the forward eye, no turning of his head, but the forward eye, no turning of his head, but the forward eye, no turning of his head, but the forward eye, no turning of his head, but the forward eye, no turning of his head, but the forward eye, no turning of his head, but the forward eye, no turning of his head, but the forward eye, no turning of his head, but the forward eye, no turning of his head, but the forward eye, no turning of his head, but the forward eye, no turning of his head, but the forward eye, no turning of his head, but the forward eye, no turning of his head, but the forward eye, no turning of his head, but the forward eye, no turning of his head, but the forward eye, no turning of his head, but the forward eye, no turning of his head his head. eye, no turning of his head, but the forward throw of the man with all his might. It was by

> Here we have, first, the sense of the passage, acts and will act in the future, including in this Here we have, first, the sense of the sense of the sense of the soul to the keep. elegantly expressed. These are good divisions ing of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost with a for a sermon.

> chapter x1: 0, gives occasion useful and important statements and suggestions sustains nearness and communion with God

ashamed of. Some men are proud of what they ought to be ashamed of, and ashamed of what ought to be ashamed of, and ashamed of what would be a true dignity. Very many are not ashamed to sin, and yet are ashamed to pray for ashamed to sin, and yet are ashamed to pray for their ashamed to sin, and yet are ashamed to pray for their duty purpose &co. ash patriot, a man zealous in the interest and go on adhering to similarities and platitudes, for Bible truth, they are ready to set down as and hence to lose the heauty and grace which and hence to lose the beauty and grace which come from originality and variety. Those inseek Christian intercession. But the shamelessness own sealed property, and therein are Christ's and nence to loss of the man intercession. But the shamelessness of the man in the parable consisted in a persistence in this present the shamelessness of the man in the parable consisted in a persistence in this present the shamelessness of the man in the parable consisted in a persistence in this present the shamelessness of the man in the parable consisted in a persistence in this present the shamelessness of the man in the parable consisted in a persistence in his prayer which no shame could check or stop. He feels that it is no time for delicacy. So God may wait until he sees that we have by any other means. any other means.

Unity in liberty will take away from extremists of every sort all their advantages which are adof every sort all the every sort all the every sort all the every sort all the every sort and the every sort all the every sort all the every sort and the every sort all the every sort and the e

fect on us only and not upon God. God's immuif it slackens its commitment and trust; but in tability does not require that he should treat the this state it is perhaps less easy to fall back tability does not require that he should table than it is to advance to higher degrees of growth

enitent alike.
"God does immutably deal with men accord- in grace and holiness, because the soul with away; how is it possible for us to put forth too much zeal? A holy zeal marked our Lord's carrier from the manger to the cross. Like a sacred flame it glowed in his bosom, and kept him cred flame it glowed in his bosom, and kept him haginning of the world. It has been said, "If ored flame it glowed in his bosom, and kept him beginning of the world. It has been said, "If beginning of the world—beginning of the world—beginning of the world—to beginning the beginning of the world—to beginning the preaching, praying, weeping, working, never you let intelligence come among the common Those who say that prayer affects only ourselves continually busy for the salvation of the world—preaching, praying, weeping, working, never loitering. How carefully every moment was laid out in his Father's business! So zealous was ne out in his Father's business! So zealous was ne

These thoughts are equally valuable to the ceived weak points of character, and to maker of sermons, and to the humblest Christian strengthen and fortify them. There is no baptism of blood—for all the big waves and billows of God's weath that sinners deserved, to go world, not only in time of peace, but under the who needs to know his privilege under the Gos-Christian of high spiritual attainments who is

the dark hour of sacrifice to arrive. Even the upon and government is weakest, and that where ner that repenteth, more than over ninety and narily may be dimmed for a season as a means of nine just persons, which need no repentance," proving whether naked, stark, half-blind confiwe read as follows:

"It is by no means meant that the soul of the And this experience is salutary. If in his darkwho has never fallen from the justification of his childhood. God more truly loves a life of faith-plunges in the purple flood and feels purified of f service. His powers, indeed, of efficient ser- continue to realize the length and breadth, and through life just reason to lament the loss of best days in sin; a loss which eternity can great atoning merits. This faith he does exer-True liberality is an important christian grace of God" which the apostle says, while the soul-interest felt by others was made while the soul-interest felt by others was made authority into the hands of men that represent is, that such is the danger which the repentant since the immediate their such is the highest moral states and dispositions. interest of his rescue, and such the new rapture of having gained a companion in glory, that a that of prayer and praise and rejoicing. This is sudden burst of joy arises in heven

And farther on he adds:

"The true lesson for these Pharisees is, that it a cold and selfish sanctity and never smiles in blameless," in "the whole soul, body, and gathered around them happy subjects of converting grace, and swelled the notes of angels' of laughter, your countenance would assume a questions as to whether there is an inspiration, gladness when sinners come home to God. And spirit," being "sanctified wholly," that is, being In this light, its bearing upon the future of Britsin's history will mark a memorable epoch.

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In this light, its bearing upon the future of Britsin's invaluable blessings upon its subjects when
the professed recipients of its benefits are unthe life-long Christian. For, as Philo the Jew. says, 'there ever remain in the souls of the re-pentant the scars and traces of ancient sins.'"

The propensity, not the power to sin, is taken
away. The probability, not the possibility of

The following are admonitory words which departing from God, is diminished. Free agendeserve the most serious consideration:

"The Church has lost every soul that is lost. Every soul is redeemed by Christ. Every soul power of choice to the contrary is also undiminis met as it enters probation with the saving powis met ber of the Church; of which membership baptism is the true recognition. And if the soul be as unconscious, as a piece of metal, of its own worth, and becomes hard in sin, and buried in this world, can be predicated of the holiest darkness and dust, with the image, not of the blessed Redeemer, but of the gods of heathen-ism, which are but forms of the devil, it is the Church who lost them, and the Church who may it. The sanctified soul is beset with disadvantarejoice when she has found that which she had

We can scarcely refrain from further extracts, but these must suffice, except that we will add a tew of the proverbial expressions with which among men. these commentaries abound, and which sparkle like grains of gold in pure quartz.

"In Biblical language the true man who wants the moral sense; that is the pro- character; defects from o'd habits not yet wholper good sense in moral or religious matters."

"God's rich man and man's rich man may be paupers to each other."
"Who is so great as your little great man,

who imitates of course, the prejudices and follies "It is one thing to silence a man and another to convince; and it is another thing still to change his heart and save his soul."

"It is a sad thing when prayer grows silent on the lips and faint in the heart. For since prayer is the vital breath of the Christian, without it the Christian life ceases, and the man is ture, seriously disturbing. It interferes, indents, spiritually dead."

ble text for a prayer-meeting talk? And not the talk grow ultimately into a sermon In our copy of Whedon, scores of such pithy those professing to be on a higher plane, partiparagraphs are marked, and the people of cularly that of entire sanctification, should show our Church have profited by them.

Church can afford to have its pastor poverty- profession. struck, in brain and heart, for lack of suchbooks. These notes should go into the hands of ing, through experience, how a soul all incumpure in expression. His notes on Luke seem to every Sabbath-school superintendent and teach-bered with infirmities may yet enjoy perfect us particularly valuable. We copy out for our er, and a copy should be found in every Methoreaders a few choice extracts, confining our- dist family. They are cheap, conveniently communion, and, at the same time, may bless se lves to that portion of this Gospel, which Dr bound for use, strongly Arminian in doctrine, the hand that often smites it with a wholesome Whedon calls, the great Lukean Section. It extends from chapter ix: 51, to chapter xviii: 15 should be circulated by thousands, and, when has no good of its own; whatever it is or enjoys -" comprising Luke's largest independent con-purchased, they ought ought to be read through is of the free, unmerited grace of God. Christ from beginning to end, not merely referred to on sits enthroned within, and draws to himself all difficult places, and, as a consequence, a mu ti- its affections; wins its perfect submission; tude of souls would be richer, wiser, purer, in cleanses every stain; pities and helps every ime and in eternity.

> grateful to us for giving you this advice. From the Northwestern Christian Advocate. Sanctification and Stumbling.

blocks therein. BY REV. H. BANNISTER, D.D.

It is written, " Be ye holy for I am holy." Here is an all-embracing command, and a reason for it is appended. The thing or quality commanded is not presented in any shape or mea- longs to every word that Christ uttered in relasure to be bounded by stated limits or degrees, tion to his kingdom, and to every act which he but a wholeness, perfectness, perhaps absoluteness, is implied by the command being enforced to the doctrines of the Holy Spirit, regeneration, from the consideration of the infiniteness of this and of Divine influence in any degree. How quality inhering in God. The meaning proba-

throw of the man with all his might. It was by such a winnowing that our Lord selected his seventy, How hardly did even they fulfil the high and forever, to Christ in all the directions in which, and on all the objects upon which, it now

confidence, a plerophoria or as it is rendered or a sermon.

The words, "Because of his importunity," in Heb. x. 22, a full assurance of faith, which no that creates likeness to him, that generates pu-"The word rendered importunity here means rity and love, perfect love, which casts out fear

intended to give knowledge of hitherto unper-

not thankful for such discipline. The bright-In regard to "joy * * in heaven over one sin- ness of heavenly light in which he lives ordidence, with its joys withdrawn, will hold him up. sanctification, holiness of heart, Christian pertection. This is being " cleaned from all sin," " from all unrighteousness," being proportion

away. The probability, not the possibility of cy remains in the fullest exercise, and, while in this state, in delightfully holy exercises. The Christian during his militant career, as the race possibly might have had, if sin had not infected ges which make the best of its efforts to appear right and blameless in all things, defective; and

which, render it, however pure in motive and intended action, oft-times cruelly misunderstood And hence the stumbling blocks among men-

alas! among Christian men-on the subject of fool is the sanctification. This is one of them-defects of ly remedied; defects arising from physical organization, and impossible to remsdy; defects from ignorance; defects coming from every possible limitation which hedges in all human beings. Each man is unlike all his fellows. Every man's character, made up of varying impulses, tendencies, &c., occupies an area distinct lar in all; and in the disrupted harmony among the broken moral relations of this world, this an-

jostles. Patience, charity and justice drop Would not any one of these make an admira-down, each to a heavy discount. They mount t teward a par value, however, more easily among fellows on the same spiritual plane. But that defcts of character—that they should be scarce-No young minister can afford to be without ly less perfect than the unfallen Adam-is to Whedon's Commentary. And what is more, no many unaccountable, and damaging to such a

weakness; impels every desire and purpose; Send, at once, and procure a copy of "Whe-expands its spiritual insight, and fills its increasdon on the Gospels," and you will always be ed capacity with added stores of knowledge, and love, and the power of his life. And all this consists with defects of daily personal lifedefects, not quilt, from idiosyncracy, from ignorance, and from limitations of every kind; and some degree of these defects will possibly attach to it forever. How idle and unworthy to stumble at such a fact!

11. Another infelicity charged upon sanctification is the mysticism of the subject? In what cuits may, therefore, anticipate the benefit of his pulpit labours and pastoral counsels.

Bro. Brettle, the esteemed pastor of the Windsor congregation, requested permission to be absent from his flock for a few weeks, which be absent from his flock for a few weeks, which be absent from his flock for a few weeks, which be absent from his flock for a few weeks, which be absent from his flock for a few weeks, which be absent from his flock for a few weeks, which be absent from his flock for a few weeks, which be absent from his flock for a few weeks, which be absent from his flock for a few weeks, which be absent from his flock for a few weeks, which be absent from his flock for a few weeks, which be absent from his flock for a few weeks, which be absent from his flock for a few weeks, which be absent from his flock for a few weeks, which be absent from his flock for a few weeks, which be accounted by the form of holiness in his infinite capacity, so be ye correspondingly lar, because the plough is held with but a single holy in your finite capacity.

Man is fallen and unholy, but this command in the singular, because the plough is held with but a single holy in your finite capacity.

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To such an objection little deserves to be said, or the devotion of the eleme

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