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"GO WORK TO-DAY IN MY VINE-YARD.

BY REV. W. MORLEY PUNSHON, A. M.

The following beautiful words were written by the Rev. Mr. Punshon for Mr. Philip I hips after the latter had sung "Your Mission" at the recent great Missionary Meeting in Toronto, Canada. In a most courteous note presenting them, the writer suggests that Mr. Philips might set them to an appropriate tune. This has just been done by the latter, and we suggest to our friends who may have the pleasure of hearing Mr. Philips to call out the words and music. Both are exceedingly beautiful. Though the words as well as the tune has, very proper-ly been copyrighted, Mr. Philips has very kind-ly permitted us to insert them in *The Christian*

Listen! the Master beseecheth: Calleth each one by his name; His voice to each loving heart reacheth, Its cheerfulest service to claim Go where the vineyard demandeth Vinedresser's nurture and care.

Or go where the white harvest standeth, The joy of the reaper to share. Then work, brothers, work; let us slumber no

For God's call to labour grows stronger and The light of this life shall be darkened too soon But the light of the better life resteth at noon

Seek those those of evil behavior, Bid them their lives to amend; Go point the lost world to the Saviour, And be to the friendless a friend. Still be the lone heart of anguish, Soothed by the pity of thine; By waysides if wounded ones languish Go, pour in the oil and wine. Chorus.—Then work, etc.

Work though the enemy's laughter Over the valleys may sweep, For God's patient workers hereafter Shall laugh when the enemies weep-Ever on Jesus reliant. Press on your chivalrous way: The mightiest Philistine giant

His Davids are chartered to slay

Chorus -Then work, etc. Work for the good that is nighest, Dream not of greatness afar; That glory is ever the highest Which shines upon men as they are: Work, though the world would defeat your

Nor weary till angels shall greet you With smiles through the gates of the morn Chorus-Then work etc. Offer thy life on the altar. In the high purpose be strong; And if the tired spirit should falter, Then sweeten thy labor with song

It shall grieve and be weary no more. Chorus.-Then work, etc.

What if the poor heart complaineth,

For there, in the rest which remaineth

Soon shall its wailing be o'er,

DISCREPANCIES OF SCRIPTURE. It is very obvious that the question of t'ac es sential truthfulness of Scripture is not to remain open until all its manifold facts are seen to form a harmonious and symmetrical whole. Every candid objector must concede that there may be evidence sufficient to produce the con viction of essential truthfulness, although many detalis and minutiæ may appear exceptional. Not until we know all things can we see all truth to be perfectly harmonious with itself. In our study of nature and history, after being perfectly convinced of certain truths, we always find ourselves carrying along packages of exceptional facts, which we cannot at the time adjust to others,

but which we are sure we can, as we grow wiscr. drop into their proper places. Apparent to some of the grandest discoveries of astronomy. Mysterious variations in the position of certain fixed stars, carefully observed and studied for more than twenty years, led Bradley to the discovery of the great and fruitful facts of aberration, and nutation, the first furnishing final proof of the progressive motion of ed with Moses on this wondrous circuit of revelight, and the second showing that the pole of lation, and leaves us at last under the branches come to tend to day. Dere she has gone, and the earth, instead of describing a smooth and of that same tree of life where stood Adam and iform firele in its revolution traces a wavelike coverse among the stars. These two facts this discrepancy between the New Testament have given to modern astronomy its precision and the Old? Is it not rather a profound, and accuracy : planetary perturbations have been the harvest-field of recent astronomical discoveries. Certain irregularities in the path of Uranus led some who feebly held the clew of Na-

ture, to speculate whether the law of gravity, at that immense distance, operated in all its rigour; but the true philosopher saw rumoured in these perturbations another world, pacing its solitary rounds as the outermost sentinel of the Nature's laws are thus often found by the

chilosopher to be knotted in discrepancies, which, when patiently disentangled, have furushed him threads to guide him through new labyrinths of fact and law. Scripture discrepancies are thus the plew to higher harmonies. The true philosopher does not demand a denonstrated theory of these irregularities in naure. The logical understanding is not troubled by them, if a plausible hypothesis of reconciliation can be invented. A reasonable mind, which has satisfied itself on independent evidence as to the essential truths, is content if imagination can suggest any adjustment of exceptional facts. In this respect we should go to

Scripture as the true philosopher goes to Naed, first, that modern criticism, with all its him very well. He was a full-blooded African, acuteness, has not discovered discrepancies of with little education, but a great deal of native any importance. Second. The perfect simplicity, the guileless confidence with which the Scripture writers spread apparently conflicting ite among his people. He had no regular statements before us, is most suggestive and instructive. Both thoughts were fully discussed; in all the neighborhood, especially at funerals the argument of the latter being peculiarly for which he seemed to have peculiar gifts. strong and forcible. "The original facts have He had remarkable knowledge of the Bible not been filtered through the imagination or judgments of professional authors, but are spread out before us in what criticism calls rawness, incompleteness, and redundancy; not fit-

ing much that is not said, and disappointing by among them, I determined to be present,

mind that does not start with the dogmatic as-

sumption that the supernatural being unnatural is never to be believed on any evidence what

of remarkable purity and strength, of six classes of discrepancies :-"1 Those which arise from diversities in form, while yet there is identity in matter. .

The Scripture is not addressed to the logical understanding, but to the man. It is not a collection of dry and bristling formulas, but of living truths, which, like the cherubin of the Apocalyptic vision, look before and after, above and beneath, without and within. Science may gather up these truths as well as she can, and arrange them in her cabinet of philosophical theology; but she has no right to demand that the winds of the Spirit should blow, and the Sun of Righteousness shine by her tables and form-

"2. Apparent discrepancies between different works of the same author, arising from differences in the point of view. The same truth is viewed on different sides, or in different connections, or is differently applied for the enlightenment and instruction of the reader. "3. Apparent discrepancies arising from diferences in the point of view taken by the hear-

er and reader of Scripture. "4. An apparent discrepancy between the whole and the part, between the concise and the detailed narrative of the same event.

"5. Apparent discrepancies arising from the limitation of the human mind, considered as the recipient of revelation; the contrast between the subjective and the objective, things as they really are and things as they appear.

"6. Those which necessarily arise from proress in revelation. It is the contrast between he sketch and the picture, between the foundations and the temple.

"When will our advancing race, in its spiritual development, outgrow the Hebrew Psalms? The most advanced Christian of to-day finds these ancient songs and prayers, which burst from the hearts of Hebrew minstrels, prophets, priests and kings, twenty and thirty centuries ago, voicing more perfectly than any other language his profoundest meditations, his stea dfast struggles, his sublimest joys and aspirations. It the Hebrew psalter on the heart of the Christian Church. The eternal glow of the wondrous book draws humanity of all ages to its quenchless warmth. Some of these strains drop like angels to the darkest depths of human agony and there are others that spin the sunbeams into harp-strings, blow the hurricanes from their trumpets, and clash the thunders from their cymbals, to pour forth the grandest joys a mortal heart can know. It is significant and in structive that the fierce conflicts and triumphant victories of New Testament saints find adequate utterance only in Old Testament songs. Even terious agony, gave vent to his soul in a line of an ancient psalm. Paul, as he finished his survey of the resurrection, the distinctive doctrine of the New Testament, which lay at the core of every apostolic sermon, can close only in the triumphant strain of Isaiah: 'Death shall be swallowed up in victory?" John, who had leaned on Jesus breast, and whose very soul was steeped in the essence of the New Testament revelations, yet, as he paints the final visleads us back to the very spot whence we start- dom, for evermore. Dere our dear sister Fan-Eve to hear the first whispers of revelation. Is Spirit ob de Lord! world-wide, and age-long harmony?" The above is an outline of a lecture which

from a letter in one of the Advocates, "UNCLE JIM'S" SERMON. BY REV. E. P. ROGERS, D. D.

s delivered as the sixth of the Ingham Course

Several years of my ministerial life wer pent in the United States. In the city where ively of blacks. Two of these had preachers 1.000 members. They had large and comfortable buildings for worship, and were pernitted to assemble there regularly three times on the Sabbath, and once or twice during the

Among the pious negroes of the town was one who was commonly known as "Uncle Jim." He was owned by a worthy master, who allowed him his own time at a very moderate rate and treated him with great kindness. Jim was a carpenter by trade, and a very good workman. He made his own contracts, and always had as much work as he wished. He frequent ly worked for me on small jobs, and I knew power and common sense. He was a preacher of "the Baptist persuasion," and a great favorcharge, but his services were in great repuest

theory whatever. Thus the narratives are ofnoon, in the Methodist church, at the funeral people who sometimes complain of the inattenten abrupt, fragmentary, assuming and suggest- of a female member who was greatly esteemed tion of their Pastors.

leaving much unsaid. Thus Mark assumes The appearance of the congregation was that the reader is already acquainted with Jesus and with John the Baptist. John adds a ing was filled with negroes. The pulpit was supplement to his Gospel, giving an account of draped in black, and symbols of mourning were Christ's appearance at the Lake of Tiberias. displayed on the persons of many of the congre-up of whatever Church, affords us the highest The history of the Acts breaks off abruptly in gation. The hymns that were read were approsatisfaction. In the midst of a general awakenhe midst of Paul's imprisonment, without hint- priate to the occasion, and the singing, sustaining those who truly love the Saviour, and take ing any thing about the result of his appeal to ed by a thousand voices, was grand. I never Casar. Discrepancies are unavoidable in such could hear the negroes sing without emotion.mass of materials; but how valuable are they Their voices were sweet, and their music was themselves, proving them to be the original data on which systematic history must be found.

The Communication to the success of the data on which systematic history must be found. data on which systematic history must be found- and then breaking into a magnificent chorus, Gospel. ed. . . . This must be admitted by any candid which, like the music of the dying girl of Ten-

nyson's May Queen speaks, "Seemed to go right up to heaven, and die among the stars." Hucle Jim rose in the pulpit and gave out his The lecturer then spoke at length, in a style text. " Where de Spirit ob de Lord is, dere is liberty." It was a strange text for a funeral occasion, and I wondcred how he would apply

it. As near as I can recollect his introduction Christian Brederen: Dis text speaks about vorite idee ob de human mind. All men naturally lub liberty and dey tink dat de more dey hat? But, my brederen are you sure dat you and doctrines of the Christian faith, and particularly in the department of personal experience. We their delicate sensibilities; some are more tink dat a man hab liberty bekase dat he hab all admit this fact, and yet we are slow to reno master? Do you tink dat all white folks hab ceive the practical lesson it conveys, especially so much more real liberty den us black folks? in the ordinary course of denominational work-I look round among de people, and somehow it pears to me dat de higher a man gets in dis world de less true liberty he has; and when he ourselves ready to adopt its suggestions for gets to be President ob de United States, 'pears

o me he hab no liberty at all, but is jist the ser-

vant ob de whole people! Ah, my brederen, you don't allus know what liberty is. A man may tink he hab no master propriate conditions of the revival, with its speand yet be a servant arter all. Dere is one master dat ebery body hab dat is de hardest accepted as proper to be incorporated into the naster in de world; and if you hab all oder fixed economy of the Church, become pertinent? kind of liberty, and yet hab dis master ober you, den I say dat you don't know nothing 'bout real philosophy of the revival. It implies such a liberty. You ask me who dat master be? I blending of human and Divine agencies, and has tell you, brederen; dat hard master is sin! always seemed to us dependent on peculiar Yes, dat is de hardest master ob all. Dat mast- manifestations of Divine power, that we have upheld, and the impetuous and wayward must er make you work harder den any oder. In dreaded to indulge our own speculations, lest be restrained with firmness and meekness. Well de Lord's day and on de Christmas day, and on us. And yet we must study the phenomena he sees multitudes coming into the Church, ebery day he make you work; when you young exhibited here as elsewhere in the work of God, when he remembers that for the spiritual trainand when you old, when you sick and when you and learn all we can of duty, and privilege, and ing of all such he must give account.—Western well, it's nothing but work, hard work, all troo life. And what does dis master do for his servants? What does he gib 'em? Does he gib 'em bread, and meat and clothes? Does he nuss'em when dey is sick, and comfort dem guard against pronouncing upon the character when dev sorrow? No! my brederen. He's of a revival in the aggregate. By this we mean is not mere traditional reverence that has bound a hard master; he gib his servants noting but husks to eat; he gib 'em noting but filthy rags to wear; when dey is sick he neber go near de cabin where dey lie, 'cept to frighten dem wid visions ob death; and wen dev hab worked for him all dere lives, and worked demselves harder den de oberseer eber worked dem in de cotten field, why den dis hard master, Sin, locks dere poor souls up foreber in de prison ob hell, aud trows de key down into de bottomless pit! So, brederen, dere's no true liberty but dat liberty which my text talks about. Where de

Spirit ob de Lord is, dere is liberty. De Spirit ob de Lord breaks de poor sinner's chains .-De Spirit ob de Lord brings him out ob bondye be free indeed. De sinner is nebber free white or black, high or low, rich or poor, it makes no difference-de sinner is nebber free. Only where de Spirit ob de Lord is, dere is lib-

And, dear brederen, dere is only one place where dere is perfect freedom. Dere is only is only one place where de prisoner's chain is

Such was the introduction to " Uncle Jim's" liscourse at the funeral of Sister Fanny Ring.-Delivered in an earnest, vet natural manner, with a rude eloquence far more impressive than can be understood from any description, it produced, as may be believed, a great impression, and justified all that I had heard of "Uncle Jim's " power as a preacher. -N. Y. Observer.

A GOOD RESOLVE.

A story is told of a temperance man being at wedding, who was asked to drink the bride's health in a glass of wine which was offered him. resided there were four congregations excluand said when he drank her health it would be he knew nothing better than water-pure water. He then drank to her health in a glass of God's beverage-sparkling water. The ladies assembled on the occasion immediately stepped forpaid the fair bride when it was resolved that all ntoxicating drinks be banished from the room.

A COMPLAINT ANSWERED.

Bishop Clark once met a female parishion on the street whom he had not seen for several weeks. His cordial greeting was met by a frigid reserve on her part. He inquired the cause. She replied.

" I have been sick for three weeks, and you did not visit me once." " Indeed!" replied the Bishop, "I am sorry to hear that. Were you sick enough to have a physician?"

Certainly: he came every day. How did he know you were sick?" I sent for him, sir," was her reply. "True," answered the Bishop, " and if you

SUGGESTIONS ABOUT REVIVALS.

The advancement of the cause of God, by whatever instrumentalities, and to the building pleasure in the addition of souls to his kingdom,

This fact indicates the substantial oneness of as a prophecy of its unification at no distant people of God, among which may be mentioned mission, and the joint efforts of the Churches or their work. Nothing affords us higher pleathe Bible Societies; to which may be added the common drawing of all evangelical Christians liberty. Dat word liberty is a berry pleasant toward the simple standard of faith, the Word word to hear. Datting liberty is a berry fa- of God, and the increased freedom of intercourse among the members of the Churches. It has been remarked a thousand times that the hab de better off dey will be. Isn't dat so, my more the different branches of the Church minbrederen? Don't you sometimes look at your gle together, and come to understand one anosuperiors wid envy, and tink how mighty good ther, the smaller become their differences, and would be if we had as much liberty as dey the greater their agreement in the important has? But, my brederen are you sure dat you doctrines of the Christian faith, and particularly

ing for the building up of our Churches. But in times of revival we all see it plainly, and find immediate results. May it not be that the revival is the normal condition of the Church and lestined yet to become its permanent habit? If so, does not the suggestion that all the apcial agencies and instrumentalities, should be We have never claimed to understand the

responsibility, and accept with reverence what- Christian Advocate.

ever is true and good. Several things should be avoided in reasoning on this subject. In the first place, we should we should not pronounce the work all good or all bad, according to the impression we receive from considering some particular part of it. It is quite possible that in every revival there are some elements of good and some of evil; some wise and some unwise sayings and doings; and some deeply earnest converts, some superficial, and some spurious. The individuality of persons engaged in the revival is not to be over looked, either in considering the workers or the converts. Hence we should expect variety in method, in demonstration, and in depth and

thoroughness and emotion and results. We should, in the next place, look for some God! Brederen, if de Son make you free, den the wicked one is fearfully aroused on every reone place where dere is no hard master. Dere thren " rages with intensified fury. In such equal to the National Debt of England, that semane, and Tabor and Calvary, uses the brush | broken foreber. Dat place is heben! Dere is tion, and if there be latent powers of evil hid-gro placed on an equal political footing with the semane, and Labor and Calvary, uses the brush no sin dere, and dere is freedom, perfect freeden away in the soul, beneath the surface of an planter, his predictions would then have been ny Ring is gone—her whose funeral we have reveal themselves in their native ugliness in what would then have been regarded as the country. Even in this short period marked ship, our Church has gained considerably upon dere she knows what is de true liberty ob de midst of a revival, it is sure to come soon after- on the imperishable tablet of history, and men been roused and stimulated. There has been a of regular attendance on public worship, the upon a leader of the hosts of the Lord; or it the rapid whirl of public events. may be that a pernicious heresy will spring | Scarcely interior in importance have been the up and prevail, so as to pervert the incipient changes in several of the nations of Europe. faith of such as are babes in Christ. It is well Some of them, indeed, as Great Britain, have to anticipate the outbreak, in some form or remained quiescent, and Russia has been slow-

every gracious season of revival. of their own color, and averaged each more than in that which resembled her most in purity, and in that which resembled her most in purity, and leading the resembled her most in purity. ward, and, making a respectful courtesy, thanked the work. But they should seldom, if ever, be and constitutional system. Italy which ten him for the beautiful compliment he had just put forward as teachers to represent the cause years ago was uncertainly emerging out of a

> ant. It is right, and often exceedingly important, that the pastor obtain the services of the faith and obedience of all mankind, as the brethren in the ministry to assist in extra labors, fiat of the SUPREME. but the duty of conducting the extraordinary had sent for me I would have come too." The

thority. But we must not indulge in this directable about a complete revolution in the customs, the advocated and practised; and a state of things the Evangelical Alliance, the Christian Comtion. We would cast no reflection on revivalists

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Finally, we must never look upon the new convert as a mature Christian, nor expect the same ratio of development in all who are truly

brought to Christ. Some have greater powers susceptible of impressions from without some are bold and venturesome, and others timid and cautious. Some will be found favorably situated for religious advancement by reason of happy social relations and means of culture, while others will be liable to contact with ignorance and worldlinesss, with but little to encourage them. All these things should be inderstood by the pastor, and, as far as possible, by the Church. We are called upon to consider one another," and this should b done faithfully and in love, so as to help the feeble, and to encourage all that have unusual burdens to bear. The real work of the pastor and the Church begins just where the revival ends. The babes in Christ must have the sincere milk of the Word that they may grow thereby. The tottering and stumbling must be

rom the Methodist Recorder of December 31, 1869 en years opens to the view.

THE CLOSE OF THE DECADE.

Turning then first towards the setting sun, what is it that has happened since the 31st of vival occasion, and puts forth special efforts to ty all the efforts of philanthropists and of states-Christ was on earth, the power of Satan was that before the close of this decade the Great up wicked men to mimic them. So when God's fallen by the sword of their fellow-countrymen; Spirit is poured out, the "accuser of the bre- that a public debt would be incurred almost of the Scriptures and missionary efforts among crease in members of 52,731, or 18 per cent. times all the moral elements are set in commo-slavery would be forever abolished and the ne- efforts of any former period. amiable friendliness, they may be expected to regarded as the dreams of a madman. Yet the past ten years have witnessed in our own that, adopting the Connexional test of membertimes of revival. If this is not seen in the ravings of a Bedlamite are now facts engraven changes have occurred. The national mind has the population, and that if the test be adopted ward. Some active worker will be overcome are actually beginning to regard the Great Reand prove recreant, or some vile calumny fall bellion as at a great distance behind them in

other, of some unusual development of depra- ly recovering strength after the exhaustion of vity calculated to bring about a reaction after the Crimean war. But the German nations have been shaken as they have never been before, In times of revival all new converts should and the results of a single summer's warfare be cautioned against attempting what is unbe- have been more decisive and profound than haps this is as delicate a duty as the pastor will tury. Austria has been humbled, Prussia has phic observer is the amazingly increased force coming their condition and experience. Per- those of the Thirty Years' War of a bygone cerencounter, but it is important. Some will need been exalted, the smaller States have become ncouragement, and require urging to come up politically extinct, and an entirely new state of to the line of duty; but others, with impulsive things has been created in the Fatherland .things that new converts can do in a revival to with irritation and envy; her Ruler is no longer ment, though not actually toward democratic which begins as follows? advantage, and to the edification of the Church. the European oracle that he was ten years ago They can tell what God has done for them, and his dynasty trembles, and his personal rule urge their immediate associates to engage in being forced to give way before a parliamentary before the public, or be sent to labor with chaos, is gradually assuming a better defined power. The power of the Crown, through the Cortes by some deputies denying the existence strangers or unbelievers. The zeal of their position. Spain has banished the Bourbon God, and, without the shadow of wrong intent, lution the result of which it is as yet difficult the principal props of the Monarchy is the venthey sometimes feel that their testimony and to forsee. Lastly an Œcumenical Council, for prayers must at once prevail, even with the the first time for the last three hundred years, wiliest unbelievers, and, ere they are aware, is assembled in Rome, at which the last spark sor of Queen Victoria should fail to command cent Ferrer and St. Peter Arbues, &c." the sophistry of cold scepticism has entangled of liberty and independence is likely to be trod-"Strong meat belongeth to them that den out of the Romish Church, leaving it a The change which has taken place in regard 1869.) are of full age, even those who by reason of use dead and helpless mass beneath the foot of the to the Church Establishment question is one of have their senses exercised to discern both good Pope, whose personal utterances and decisions the most remarkable features of the period. probation of the Ecclesiastical Tribunal" at Bar-

ted to each other or adjusted to any system or Jim" was to preach on the next Sabbath after- point of the anecdote can possibly be seen by people, and is to be responsible for the nursing at a stand still; it is encrusted with rust, chok- State; what was looked at a few years ago past. His responsibility cannot be transferred except where a Christian mission here and there rapidly becoming a national sentiment. This to another, and no one should ever come be- sets things moving, and gives tokens of future advance of the national feeling in regard to the tween him and his own people. If a stranger progress, or where Lavingstone, with unmatch- Church Establishment question has been accecome and displace him for a time, by assuming ed heriosm, is slowly toiling through its unlerated beyond all doubt by developments which control of the meeting, it will be next to im- known recesses, preparing the way as we may have taken place within the Established Church possible for the pastor to regain the influence hope, for a brighter and a better future. In itself. Its character as a distinctively Protesover his people which is essential to success, the Mohammedan countries the decade has proand which is lost by the temporary recession of duced no extraordinary or thrilling event, alsound Protestants are still numbered among its his authority. This is one of the most serious though there is a sensible abatement of Moslem elergy; but many of the clergy, including the troubles attending the employment of profes- fanaticism and exclusiveness, and the exchange most active and enterprising, are in sympathy sional revivalists. These almost invariably re- of visits between the Sultran and the Viceroy with Romish doctrine, while not a few openly lose sight of local interests and denominational purpose sight of local interests and denominational quire that the whole management of the meet-peculiarities, at least so far as to rejoice together in the common victory, and to subordinate in the common victory, and to subordinate in the subordinate in the common victory, and to subordinate in the common victory. pastor, and every one else, for the time being, myriad-peopled East, the period under review ripe for such a union. The Communion has and make their word the law, and employ me- has been more eventful, perhaps than any simithods that cannot become permanent, so that, lar period recorded in history. The extension preached to crowded congregations; the term the Church in all vital things, and may be taken thous that cannot become permanent, so that, lar period recorded in instory. The extension Protestant is repudiated as a scandal and an of railway and telegraph systems in India is domany instances the convert fails to transfer his ing more, when taken in connection with other offence; the Reformation is denounced as day. Many things within the few past years interest in the revivalist to the Church, and changes which are necessitated by it, than obhave contributed to the greater union of the looks upon the pastor only as a secondary au servers in Europe are generally aware, to bring vocation of saints, prayers for the dead, are all servers in Europe are generally aware, to bring vocation of saints, prayers for the dead, are all servers in Europe are generally aware, to bring vocation of saints, prayers for the dead, are all

or their work. Nothing affords us higher plea-sure in the Church than to see men preach and except the Russian Empire. This taken togethwork in a way altogether different from our er with the influx of Western science and literaown. The variety of methods and instrumenture—the sudden and wonderful demand, de-dism, taken in connection with the increased talities which God employs in building up his molishing at a stroke the tradition of imme-Church, when rightly studied, affords one of morial ages for female education—and the grad-distinguishing feature of the period. We do the most striking proofs of the Divinity of the Gospel.

The document and the gradual but sure propagation of knowledge of the facts and doctrines of Christianity—will be Romanism from among the English people have found hereafter to constitute the initial stage of occurred in anything like proportion to the a revolution than which history records none so agencies employed; but the increase of the vast, so rapid, or so complete. Less marked, agency itself, and the licence and audacity asout scarcely less remarkable, is the change sumed, are serious signs of the times. Conwhich the last ten years have witnessed in Chi-vents and monasteries are appearing in all parts na and Japan. The exclusiveness of the past of England, and even of Scotland. Cathedrals.

s melting away like snow before the summer churches, schools, and institutions of all sorts sun. The Chinaman within that period has have sprung up. Dr. Manning can affront the found his way to Australia and to California; Sovereign of England, and can openly declare he is actually becoming a power in the United the right of the Pope to be superior in these States, and the Senators of the Great Republic realms to the Queen, in language which no conare puzzled to know what to do with him; and tinental Government would suffer to pass un-Chinese trading firms have actually been estab noticed, while the will of Cardinal Cullen is law lished not only in New York but in Paris and to the obsequious Catholics of Ireland. The

Such are a few facts which may aid in form- ristic feature of the decade—the rise and spread ing an estimate of the period now closing, view- of Fenianism, a term which, ten years ago, ed with respect to its influence on the history would have been unintelligible. That the alarm andwelfare of the world at large. If it be asked created by the Fenian firebrands has been be whether, on the whole these ten eventful years youd the danger seems to us unquestionable have witnessed any ascertainable extension of yet that the country has passed through a pethat Kingdom the progress of which is of united and produced in the progress of the progress of the progress of the produced in the progress of the p speakably greater moment than the progress of determination has, however, become general in any merely human monarchy, the true answer, England to do Ireland full justice, to ascertain we conceive would be an answer of gratitude and remove real grievances, to rectify as far as and hope. Our limited faculties can scarcely possible the errors and harshnesses of the legise us to grasp a subject so manifold in its lation of former times, and then to assert, aspects, and so immeasurable in its range; yet out any mawkish sympathy toward offenders so far as attentive observation may help us, to the majesty of the law. discorn the conclusion that our Lord's kingdom. During ten years now closing, with the exof righteousness and peace has retrograded in ception of a few colonial embroilments, the vast the earth, seems to be one which it is impossible empire of England has been at peace. We to maintain. There never was an epoch since have had peace, but the period has not been the primitive age of Christianity when a know- one of great prosperity. The cotton trade has ledge of the great facts of the Gospel has been been, it may be feared, irreparably damaged so rapidly and widely diffused among the heat other great branches of industry have been for then as it has been during the past ten years, a long time in a depressed condition; over-

not a new year merely, but a new period of ten through the concurrence of various providentrading and unprincipled speculation in former years; and it may not be altogether unseason- tial circumstances with the missionary activity years have produced their inevitable result in a able or uninstructive if, on the present occasion. of the Churches. Mohammedanism is begin collapse of credit and a general stagnation, the extending our retrospect beyond the usual per- ning to soften some of its harsher features, and effects of which may even yet be some time beod of twelve months, we indulge in a few glan- to abate its fanatical hatred to the Gospel. fore they pass away. Pauperism has increased ces-rapid and cursory they must necessarily be Looking at the three great divisions of Christ- in town and country; the self-reliance and inde over the field which the history of the last endom, it will be generally admitted, as it re-pendence of the working classes has been apgards the Greek Church that there are unequi- preciably diminished in consequence, and th vocal tokens of improvement. In the Roman condition of the "residuum" has become Church, elements of schism are beginning to subject of anxiety to the philanthropist and Dec. 1859? At that time the great Civil War in manifest their existence, but they are such as of perplexity to the statesmen. There is, how America had not commenced; the doctrine of every true disciple of Christ may rejoice to ever, some relief to this gloomy picture in the secession had not been publicly propounded; see budding forth. They show the reluctance gradual increase of a sympathising and benevospecial outbreak of wickedness, or manifesta- the Great Republic free from taxes, and open and resistance of a faith more or less enlighten- lent spirit, both in private charity and in legis ion of opposing power. It seems certain that to all enterprize, had scarcely known the sight ed, and loyal to the truth, against that hopeless lation. of an army; and slavery seemed proudly to derivall the efforts of philanthropists and of states—which the Pope and Ultramontane party are subject so frequently illustrated in these coounteract the good that is wrought. While men. Had any one predicted, ten years ago, prepared to take. Then, as to the Protestant lumns, that an extended reference to it is not revealed with unusual clearness. When miracu- Republic would have been convulsed to its cenlous gifts were in the Church, the devil stirred tre, that a million of its citizens would have lieved that inwardly, they have not become less spriritual and orthodox, while their circulation in ministers of 349, or 32 per cent., and an in-

Narrowing the field of observation, we will now glance at a few of the developments which be estimated at 200,000. It will thus be seen the Reform Bill is one of the results, which in its turn becomes a cause productive of yet

more startling effects in time to come. Indeed, of all the characteristic features of e period, that which most strikes the philosoinstitutions, is a great and indubitable fact. No statesman, not even the stoutest Tory, now we learned last night from the newspapers the professes to govern the people; it is his business infernal blasphemies and Luciferian Impieties ascertain the people's will and to effectuate publicly put forth with unequalled fury and madthat will by the wisest and best means in his ness against our holy and divine religion in the sunk into comparative desuetude, and one of of the Blessed Trinity, the Divinity of Christ, Monarch-s prop which would fail if any succes- holy spouse St. Joseph, the sanctity of St. Vin-

(if his plaus and those of the Jesuits about him One branch of the Establishment is already should succeed) are henceforth to be declared, gone; Churchmen themselves confess the provotion put before the common people: relinquish his position to any temporary assist- in effect, superior to all Bishops, Churches, and bability that the other will not be long in fol-Councils, equal in authority, and as binding on lowing; and what is more extraordinary, large God. This is the exact shape" [thousands are numbers of the Established clergy accept the printed within an outline bearing a rude resemidea of a Free Church. What was formerly an blance to a Spanish slipper] " of the foot of the One of the great divisions of the globe con- opinion confined to a few narrow, wrong-headed most Holy Virgin Mother of God, taken from exercises should be recognized as belonging times to lie dormant and unprogressive. In sectaries is now taken up and advanced by men her actual shoe which is worshipped with the pre-eminently to him who, as pastor, knows the Africa the machinery of the world seems to be of authority and influence both in Church and deepest devotion in the convent of Loretto in

mention of Ireland suggests another characte-

The progress of the Methodist Churches is a Churches, taken as a whole, while they are evi- necessary here. Comparing the returns of the ing, there appears in Great Britain an increase provided for probably 300,000 persons, and the lessness in politics, in science, in art, in literature, has been one of general concord, not unvisited and in religion. The wonderful changes intro- by occasional showers of blessing, but still unduced by penny postage, railways, telegraphs, marked by any extensive and extraordinary and cheap newspapers belong to former de-manifestation of religious power. For this let cades; but their combined effect is being mar- us wait and pray, not in the spirit of contented velously felt at the present beyond any former indifference, but in the spirit of those nighttime. The impulse given to popular power by weary ones described by the Hebrew bard, who ' watch for the morning."

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That the superstition of the people and the of the popular will, and the rapidity with which extravagance of the clergy is excessive is too that will can assert itself. Whether it be for clear. What can be the state of a diocese where evil or for good, the progress of England to- a bishop can order a pastoral to be read for wards democratic ideas and methods of Govern-three consecutive Sundays in every Church

"Our hearts ravaged with the bitterest grief (" Pastoral of Bishop of Taragona," April 29,

And the following, published "with the apcelona, is but a specimen of the objects of de-

"Glory to the most Holy Virgin Mother of