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From the Methodist Recorder. WILLIAM DAWSON, THE YORK-SHIRE PREACHER

On Friday evening last Mr. Simpson delivwas born? Nobody; whereas the little baby- the nurtured warmth which he has himself shouted at the top of his voice, 'Launch the of others; that he only is to seek sin-

seems much nearer than before to that period find a name nearer St. Paul's than their ownwhen men shall learn war no more. Only think the name of William Dawson, widow's son and of it, a difficulty involving millions of dollars, local prescher. A graphic sketch of the per- brighter it shone. Now friends, sing :arranged without bloodshedding. Would any sonal appearance of Dawson followed; and the but the two most thoroughly Christian nations speaker remarked that Mr. Wiseman had givon earth have done so? So much for the ad- en a striking representation of Dawson's manvance of Caristianity. It is surely progressing. ner of speaking when he said, borrowing for True, many wicked men are recoming worse elocution a phrase applicable to art—that his and worse, they must do so or yield to the articulation was "chiselled "-it was so clear, claims of the Gospel. Both evil and good are so precise. culminating. But evil must succumb to good, A series of well-chosen incidents were then

for 'the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.' Another year! yes, another has begun. Who Assured that all our interests for time and ejernity are safe in his keeping.

BY THE REV. W. O. SIMPSON

has silently mingled with the past, forever. O, our time, horticulture took the place of nature, men who (seemed proud of the iniquity of his death were then briefly noticed, and the lectur- unfortunate that some of the loudest complainhow much does that form of speech embrace and the forcing-house the place of natural past lite—who seemed to boast that he had been er pictured the scene at the funeral, when facand suggest! Three hundred and sixty-five growth; and unless we took care of the influ- such a great sinner. The man said, "When tories were closed, and the hands, lining each pretended to call on their pastor at his home, days and nights, with their one thousand and ences of home, and of parental government, I got converted, I sold up all my effects." side of the way as the body was being remov- or to invite him into their families. - Zion's ninety-five meals,—perhaps two thousand five and unless we put some check and restraint "Sold your effects?" said Dawson, "Who'd ed to Leeds, devoutly sang the very byma Herald. hundred and fifty hours of sleep,—all the wied upon the attractions of public life, and the fascircumstances of domestic, social and public life.

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circumstances of domestic, social and public life. Some of the acts of human life, and doings some little careful control upon the tendency other man, for he has got enough of them." of providence may thus be tabulated, others of all young city and town life to live out in On another occasion he was brought into concannot. Who will estimate the distinct smiles, the open, our sons would grow up in a night, tact with one of those fastidious gentlemen who He left fifty guineas to the Missionary Society, There is nothing which the Church so much or the number of tear-drops that have bedewed and like Jonah's gourd, would wither in a day. are so often put out by little things. They had thirty guineas to the Annuitant Society, thirty needs the present time as individual effort for human cheeks? These latter, have doubtless The excellencies of Dawson's lather and moth- had a grand day, said this man, and he was guineas to the Kingswood and Woodhousehuman cheeks? These latter, have doubtless The excellencies of Dawson's latter and moth been tewer than the former. There have been er were then noticed, and an early illustration much blessed; but he did not like the prayer grove schools, and to the methodist of the quaint sayings of the son was noticed. In early life he had heard a discourse on the than trials, more ease than pain, more light in early life he had heard a discourse on the fusion. "Oh," said Dawson, "and where the Yorkshire preacher. than darkness, more happiness than misery.

Happiness in many cases has been mingled his odd way of putting it, he was afterwards were you during the prayer-meeting?" I went with intense misery, but the balance has been wont to say, "I like these one eyed Chris- up to the gallery, and looked down from the tians." The influence upon the subject of the gallery front." "Don't you see?" was the As the Christian reviews the year, he thinks lecture of the good books which he was in the reply, "that explains; you went up on to the WE observe in some of our exchanges that of at least fifty-two prayer-meetings enjoyed; habit of reading was then noticed; as also that housetop, and looked down on your neighbour's this subject is at the present time receiving seven hundred and thirty prayers in the domes- of his companions, notably Samuel Settle, who chimney, and you were choked with the smoke; fresh attention. It inevitably will from time tic enclosure, and perhaps as many private in- afterwards became a clergyman, and John Bat- you ought to have gone in at the door and sat to time rise anew to prominence, until its terviews with his God. All that call themselves ty. These two were in the habit of meeting down by the fire, and you would have felt the true character and methods are settled upon Christians cannot remember after this sort. with Wm. Dawson in a private band-meeting warmth, and would not have been choked." the right basis; and perhaps it will be even Some have not been in prayer-meeting ten on Sunday mornings. At that time there was When they were inclined to be irritated let then one of those agencies for good that will times during the year. We speak that we a glorious monopoly of truth in Methodist pulpits. That monopoly had since been broken tions by the roadside were then given. One tion of the spur. The Christian also gratefully recollects fittytwo Sabbaths with their prayers, singing, readtwo Sabbaths with their prayers, singing, readglory. The occupations of these three were been expostulated with by Mr. Dawson. At then noticed -Dawson's including besides the last the latter felt that he must bring him to, things. His first business is to preach; and ed with useful and living truth, the administra- work of the mine, the farming of 150 acres of and meeting him on one occasion he said, to this his prime energies are to be directed. tion of the sacraments with their hallowed in- sterile land, and the lecturer gave a very in- "John, thou art a deserter, and thou wilt have But he is, if in charge of a Church, pastor as fluences and remembrances, the converse of teresting reminiscence of a service he conduct-religious fellowship, and the delightful manifesed in one of the villages near Leeds, when return." And John Batty had informed him his entire work for the people outside of tations of Jesus to the soul. It may be that in about to leave for the mission-field and at (the lecturer) that he was at class when that his pulpit and study. Both, however aim at all cases the retrospect awakens some feelings which John Batty was present. Valuable lessons for the young were then drawn from the lives of the three men reterred to; and severthe holiest are more humbled under a sense of lives of the three men reterred to; and severthe drawn by Mr. Daw the chief function of the pastor. Indeed, he their numerous defects, than are those who have al traits in the character of Dawson-his kind- son in the great meeting held in Leeds in con- may be an excellent pastor who does none of lived the whole year in utter forgetfulness of liness, generosity, and cheerfulness, were for-nection with the establishment of the Wesleyan what often passes for pastoral visiting; and be lived the whole year in utter forgetfulness of liness, generosity, and cheerfulness, were forGod, and violation of his commands. The cibly illustrated. The offer of Church of EngMissionary Society was strikingly given, some

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which impelled him onward in the discharge of commands. Christian has learned to bring daily, all his short land triends to train him for holy orders, by of the main features of the speech being repro- whole time to travelling from house to house. comings and deviations from the law of recti- the help of a society then in existence, was duced with remarkable freshness and power. He is undoubtedly the true pastor who succeeds tude, all the detects of his best duties, all his louched upon, and it was shown how Dawson His 'telescope speech' and 'teform speech' in bringing the truth of God's Word into a vitinvoluntary transgressions, to the open founwas led to a ministry the entrance to which, were similarly dealt with, as also his magnificent al connection with human hearts whatever methtain, and there by faith wash all away in the the lecturer hoped, would never be narrowed one on 'The sower and the seed.' In this od he may adopt. cleansing flood.

Another year! Why another? Who gave it? Is not time the gift of God? no sooner it? Is not time the gift of the proposed feating such men as Pawson, it? Is not time the gift of the proposed feating such men as Pawson, it? Is not time the gift of God? no sooner of the proposed feating such men as Pawson, it? Is not time the gift of God? no sooner of the proposed feating such men as Pawson, it? Is not time the gift of God? no sooner of the proposed feating such men as Pawson, it? Is not time the gift of God? no sooner of the proposed feating such men as Pawson, with his people will be admitted on all hands. That the pastor is to be brought into a certain amount of direct and personal association grace of God, he began his life. The three were ten such Christians in every troke of the hand in imitation of the act of sowing, the speaker would drop some blessed passage of Scripture. The souls of his fellow men. When I feat obtained in our land, how would have arranged with the react of the proposed reform and are preparing such men as Pawson, with his people will be admitted on all hands. Now, we have three classes for demands made by a Latin grammar or a Greek Testament. latter, with every stroke of the band in imitagiven than taken. Yet there is sufficient tor Bradburn, Benson, Griffith, Mather, and Coke. Methodist chapel in one of the midland counties Now, we have three classes to demands made all the purposes of human life, and to obtain The latent fires of genius burnt in his bones, not being big enough, the use of the Particular upon our ministers, and they are sometim and he could not come beneath the force of Baptist chapel was secured. The minister of the tound together in the same society, and made Jesus has given us the year, and is still such oratory without that power burning with chapel was upon the platform. Dawson gave this upon one man. The first looks to the pulpit We always sing in the first week of immense heat and longing for the means of de- "sowing speech," and went along the platform as the sphere where the minister is desired to new year, and we trust oft feel the truth thus velopment. The young farmer soon found scattering the seed and giving one passage of bring his best powers and freshest energies. that he had open doors on every side, and he Scripture after another: "God so loved the The truth which he there presents needs be no was soon preaching fifty-two Sundays in the world," "Come unto me, all ye that labour;" profound, elaborate prefection upon abstruse year, and often two or three evenings in the then there came another handful: "If any man dogma, but living truth, and applicable to [the Some that saw its festive beginning, beheld week, besides working hard at his ordinary ocnot its close. They have gone where 'days cupations. In October 1798, after a season of Christ the righteous, and he is the propitiation vate the mind and warm the heart. It must We felt very loth praise and prayer spent with John Batty, Daw- for our sins, and not for ours only, but also be thoroughly studied, clearly presented, and to allow Jesus to have that sweet little intelli- son finally declined the offers he had had of as- for the sins of the whole world." "There, it's forcibly put. They who make this demand ingent black-eyed, curly-headed boy; and for sistance in obtaining boly orders, and in 1802 out," he said, "and you can do what vou like." sist that the preacher shall not bring exhaustmany days we felt as though he had dealt hard- he was proposed as a travelling Methodist When remonstrated with for this breach of ed nerve and brain to his study and his preparly with us in claiming so soon the precious preacher, and put down for Wetherby. The ministerial propriety he said, "I did not think ation for the pulpit, but that, in order to do jewel. But we were comforted by the thought that Jesus could give him a better home than upon, and some forcible remarks made with we could. We never before thought so much reference to the necessity for maintaining the middle of the sowing do you think I was going most freely and freshly. It is very clear that of those words of Jesus, Suffer the little ones special characteristics of Methodist preaching, to be stopped by a little Particular Baptist par- with such a demand upon him as this by his to come unto me, &c. But oh! it was harder and of multiplying "preaching places" in son?" A splendid definition of mission work own people, leaving out of sight the continual still to part with that fond husband! It seemthickly populated districts of London and elseed as though our heart strings would break. Where. Finding that difficulties were placed the purpose of your mission work? " he asked. the preacher must soon abandon the idea of all We think we could not have borne the burden in the way of his giving up his position to "It is to fill the narrow way so full the people systematic visitation of his parish, and limit his had it not been for the evidence that he died in another member of the family, and that con- shall be stepping one on to another as they specially pastoral calls to the sick, the afflicted the Lord. Nature was rebellious, but grace sequently the family livelihood was endanger-press to the gate of life: it is to make the broad and the few who he learns most need him, or enabled us to say midst blinding tears, 'Thy ed, he would not leave his mother, and consequently never became a minister; he was only archangel could not detect the footmark of a early period of his ministry. There is a kind Another year! How many strange events a local preacher. Only a local preacher? Why single soul." Several remarkable illustrations of visiting which exhausts neither mind nor have transpired during that period, both in the when the great roll was read of God's great of the use of the hymn-book, and of his rare body, and does but little good, but not even religious and political world! Europe has ambassadors, that had done his work in the pulpit power were next given. On one occase severe study or constant preaching so wearies been convulsed with a variety of questions at most efficient way and carried his embassage to sion when giving out a hyma he suddenly and exhausts as does that visiting into which fecting the interests of labor and capital. Nor is the settling of the land many a cloaked clergyman, and many a through the town of Leeds, and saw a poor that the truth burning within himself shall set 'Alabama claims,' by arbitration the world broad-clothed Methodist minister that would little halt-witted lad rubbing at a brass-plate, other hearts on fire. Many a man after expe-

His hand hath writ the sacred word given, illustrative of those traits of Mr. Daw- ing were then dwelt upon, and some most in- to be disputed that one who gives his life to inson's character which were brought into proshall see its close? The tuture is not surs. minence in social life. He generally reserved marvellous power which he exercised over his Christ and a messenger of love and mercy, We attempt not to portray its coming events. himself for something that happened to turn up hearers. The discourse known as the "Goli- observing the rule for a preacher that says, The spirit of prophecy is withheld, because no during the conversation, and would fire off an ath Sermon " was first adverted to. In giving " Never trifle away time, neither spend any longer needed. And we dare not as Christians, seek the aid of the deluded money loving for- whom it was aimed. A little man would find graphically pourtrayed the conflict between sary, will accomplish much for the Master. tuneteller, to unravel what God has wisely confault with one preacher after another, until Mr. David and Goliath that when he was nearing But there is a limit to his endurance and to his cealed. We would prepare for the future by Dawson, who usually sat at the cornor of the tree end of his narrative and was representing capacity. The tremendous wear and tear of consecrating ourselves afresh to God this day. 'able—he liked elbow room—would at him and David as putting out his hand to take the sword such a life forbid thorough or extended study. say, "Brother, when I went to my class on of the giant, one of his hearers, an impetuous and it can be perpetuated only by regular and Tuesday night last I saw a flock of geese going Yorkshire weaver, could bear it no longer, complete rest of body and mind. Such never home one alter the other, and the old gander and shouted, "Off wi' his ead lad; off wi' become preachers; and though they may flame was going firs', and the gander could no nothing his 'ead." The thing itself was so ludicrous for a season, their light expires with the breakbut hiss." At one time there was a good deal that Dawson could not be induced to preach at ing down of their nervous systems. Valuable of talk about Adam Clarke's views of the Pudsey again, lest he should be disturbed by men have thus been lost to the ministry. The Eternal Sonship. Several of the brethren were the recollection of it. Another great sermon tendency, however, of the demand of which talking together, and began to pit Adam was the "Balance Sermon," in which he used we now speak is not in this discretion of soul Clarke against Richard Watson, so that the to put human souls into the one scale and the seeking and soul-saving, but rather to create conversation became a little uncomfortable. law of God into the other, and with terrible ministerial loungers and gossips, distasteful of when Dawson said, "Ah, Mr. Clarke is a tall heart-searching power over the consciences of study, prodigal of time, indolent in mind spoor man, and Mr. Watson a taller man, but if you his hearers used to show how the law of God preachers, poor pastors, poor men. ered, to a large audience, in the Liverpool put Watson a top of Clarke there is enough in weighed down the hypocrite, the miser, the om, his lecture on "William the mystery of Christ manifest in the flesh to swearer, and others. On one occasion a man the two, holding the pastor responsible for good Dawsos, the Yorkshire preacher." After re- drown them." Popery, he said, was a carcass who used a short measure—a yard measure, pulpit work, such personal attention to visiting ferring to his own recollections of the subject made bright with flowers; and as for Socinian-which had once been thirty-six inches in length. of his lecture, which were, he remarked, of a ism, it was not much better; there was no Holy but which he had used as a walking-stick—was of the agencies which the Church employs. of his lecture, which were the lecturer proceeded to Ghost in it; it was the body without the spirit. so wrought upon by the discourse that, intergive the history of what he described as "a The condition of a niggardly man in Dawson's rupting the preacher, he snapped the measure in ciation of the pastor with his people, and of the give the mistory of want and godly life." The company was humorously depicted. Remarks two, and then said, 'You can go on now, sir. people among themselves, they will be people among themselves. very none, talented, and gody make a man lit with him at a convenient hour at his home, requenced use of the more familiar as a convenient sour at his some, confess his guilt and forsake his sin at the make occasions when he shall sit down with "Billy," Mr. Simpson remarked, name led to the wrath of the prevalence of a very mistaken notion of vulthe prevalence of a very mistaken notion of vulgarity which did not belong to the man.

"Billy," Mr. Simpson remarked, name led to the wrath of the exposure of the sinner to the wrath of the prevalence of a very mistaken notion of vultheir assembled families, and bring together in their assembled families, and bring together in the very micro assembled families, and bring together in the very micro assembled families, and bring together in the conversion is marked:

"Both as a second as a very micro as a ver garity which did not belong to the man. Wil-saying: "What is a man's money worth? It marked: "Dr. Young says, the golden chain a social gathering in the vestry or elsewhere, garity which did not belong to the man. The saying: sa eight miles from Leeds, on March 3, 1783; his worth nothing till it's spread; and if a man tather being a small farmer, and acting as collected without spreading it it will breed to the Throne of God." The story of the congregation as practicable. Her steward to Sir Thos. Gascoigne. His vipers and cockatrices and all foul things; and sailor at Sunderland was next told—how the her steward to Sir I nos. Gascoigne. Its vipers and cocacine and a vipers and cocacine and cocac very great sensation. But who now knew anybreed vipers of remorse within his conscience a ship, and after representing the crew in ex-

Engraved as in eternal brass
The mighty promise shines;
Nor can the powers of darkness rase
Those everlasting lines.

entertain the best hopes of their babies. The for evermore." If ever the man gave a soverign whatever else he was, he was himself. They come when the old and tried agencies of to see you in the Ark of Safety. Have you tather if he could be haptized. Have you tather if he could be haptized. (For the Provincial Wesleyan.)

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Yes, another year, with its gracious providences, varied experience, surside experience, surside experience, surside silentity mingled with the past, forever.

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trying to rub out the name; but the poor lad riment has found himself compelled to consider did not know that the harder he rubbed the and decide whether he would be preacher or pastor; for both, according to the extreme

demand of the times, he cannot be. The second class care ltttle about the pulpit or whether the preacher obtains his preparation Then as though he saw the devil rubbing, he tor it by special study, or by "turning the barrel over again." They demand that his first business shall be to visit. They wish to see him in their shops, the streets, their homes, The characteristics of Mr. Dawson's preach- irrespective of hours or convenience. It is not

thing of the baronet on whose estate the child until when he is dying they will creep out of treme peril, call out 'What's to be done now?' sonally and privately for the salvation boy had left behind a name which would be gathered, to twine themselves in horrid shapes lifeboat, sir.' In dwelling on the sources of never expect to hear. A little boy asked his around his soul and charge his soul with venom Dawson's power the lecturer remarked that,

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the salvation of souls. Of numbers there is no mortal souls from the perdition of ungodly men. And it is truly wonderful that it is so. Proto "convert the sinner from the error of his

There is evidently a great lack somewhere. of a deep conviction of the truths of the word of dealt out to men and women who are standing on the beetling brink of the lake of fire.

| A conscious responsibility, so far as on the beetling brink of the lake of fire. in us lies, for the salvation of our fellow men; but, from whatever cause produced, the state of things referred to exists to an alarming extent. It is in view of this that I would call at the salvation of the beetling brink of the lake of fire.

"Brother," said the dying saint to a lovely extended that it must not be allowed to depend on the shifts of irregularity and impulse. It is in view of this that I would call at the salvation of the salvation of the salvation of the shifts of irregularity and impulse. It is in view of this that I would call at the salvation of our fellow men; but the salv tent. It is in view of this that I would call attention to the "Memoir of Harlan Page," as proach them with a holy violence, and labor such treatises on systematic beneficence as the turnishing one of the brighest illustrations in so pull them out of the fire. They are going to religious press has prepared. Get a few of the modern times of personal effort for the salvathis drty, and as encouraging others to initate to them 'their feet shall slide in due time'—
his lustrous example, by the grand and glorious they shall slide in due time —
a call made by the Gospel of Christ will need his lustrous example, by the grand and glorious they shall stide; there is no escape but by beuntil he was over twenty-two years of age; but this passion for soul-saving, what glorious relying bed he said, "When I first

the means of saving souls." He did not feel that he was called to preach as well as his privilege, to bring souls ta Christ. He had only a good common education, and taught school for the support of himself and his family; and for the last nine years of his eventful lite he acted as depositary for the American Tract Society. But, whenever or however emheart, and for their salvation he labored with untiring industry and quenchless zeal. His save a soul.

neighborhood prayer-meetings, and, most ef-

ficent of all, personal conversation with those

Plain, but courteous; pointed, but kind and of Jesus, they seldom missed their mark, or falied to produce lasting impressions and conviction. In addition to the means already named, he always had by him a list of names of persons to be conversed with and to be prayed tor. "Is it wonderful," says his biographer, that God should bless his efforts? that in every Church with which he was connected inhis labors. In one ward of the city, where he what a starry crown he will wear forever!

expenditure of time, toil, care, anxiety, prayer, and self-sacrifice, without being inspired by the clearest convictions of duty and responsithe clearest convictions of duty and responsi-bility on his part, and of peril and danger on bility on his part, and of peril and danger on the part of those for whom he labored. Mr. teachers are not fulfilling their mission unless mindful of the scraper and the door-mat; keeps Page believed every word that the Bible speaks they lead the children directly to Jesus. It the mother patient when the baby is cross, and of the exposure of the sinner to the wrath of matter how amiable, or moral, or levable the cannot be converted until they have spent maperson might be-was not in Christ, was not by years in sin. Children can be converted the beauty of the tender blossom and the glory born again, he was in momentary peril of have often heard fifty infant roises size. of the ripening fruit. speciment of his method of addressing uncon-

Letters like this were multiplied by scores, his love? Children caunot fall from the Saand even hundreds, and were often bedewed viour's arms into hell. O blessed thought, he with his tears, and always baptized with his will shelter them in his bosom .- T. 1

Churches are doing really nothing to save im-Christians at the present day fail, that is, in a peril of sinners. Either from the want of careful reading of the word of God, or from a lack THE Central Advocate discusses through a of a personal experience of their own exposure elaborate editorial, the importance of " sysof the Bible, which proclaim the fearful charwhen they professedly sought Christ, or from a
tematic beneficence " for American Methodism heaven of glory for the righteous and a hell of ances of God's word against the sinner, they complexity of our Church finance. American endless woe for the sinner and the ungodly, we fail to see or to feel his danger. Many doubt, Methodism is becoming an evangelical smoften act as if they were only idle tales. Hence after all, whether God really means what he pire, and its exchequer cannot be trusted to many who have for years professed to be Chris-tians have never made one real, earnest effort.

has not been without its effect upon the pulpit. There are too many pulpits where the "ter- the dignity and responsibility of duty, with rors of the Lord" are seldom or never sounded the enforcements of conscience. The Central forth, and where finely-rounded periods and says: t may be in the want of a clear experience, or honeyed words and an emasculated Gospel are ... We urge upon all our pasters an untiring

reach a congregation of sinners, I would say Oh, it all our Churches were baptized with work of the Lord.

hope I felt that I must labor for souls. I pray- search the highways and hedges and compel tracts upon it for systematic distribution in our ed year after year that God would make me the ungodly to come in, instruct the rising congregations on Sundays preceding collecage, hold up the hands of faithful ministers, tions. An attempt will thus be made to en-He did not feel that he was called to preach and bring down the Holy Spirit in answer to lighten and deepen the liberality of our people, the Gospel in the higher sense of that calling their prayers! When will the time come If it were even impossible to hope for any But he felt that, as a Christian, it was his duty, when the Churches shall be more awake to their general introduction of systematic giving, there sponsibility which rests upon him to labor for large class of devout individuals, scattered searned the trade of a house-joiner or carpenter, souls! Hail the glad day! Its coming will through the Church, to the good habit: And trom his father. For twelve years after his be the bright and blessed harbinger of millenial one or two such, in any given church, would onversion he either toiled at his trade, or glory. The Church and the world will then soon affect, most favorably, all its finances. glorious in their operations and results. What that a comparative few supply most of our ployed, the burden of souls pressed upon his of Christ have in their dving hour that they of redoubled usefulness by 'systematic benev

muneration for his services while working at his life, "Oh, I have done nothing for Christ! of thus more generally equalizing and aughis trade or teaching school was so small that What an usprofitable life I have lived! How menting the contributions of the Church. it required his constant exertions to provide can one be a Christian who has done no more bread for his family. And yet although his constitution was trail and delicate, he never allowed a week to pass by without some effort to what will many have to say of themselves as The following Welch anecdote of Christmas they look back upon a useless life, and look Evans has been translated into the French The means which he employed were writing forward to the realities of eteraity. Christian Italian and other European languages. On letters, distributing tracts, teaching in or superintending a Sabbath-school, holding this great interest. Think how promising the meeting, over which the Marquis of Anglesea field of labor is before you. Think of the har- presided, he turned and personally addressed vest of souls which you may reap. Think of the Marquis thus: "I imagine, my lord, that around him on the great question of their peace the starry crown which will await you if faithful you have died, and that the angel of death has with God. The numerous letters which he in this work. Study the methods emplayed by taken your soul to the portals of the holy city. wrote to unconverted persons are the very Harlan Page, and, animated and encouraged Only a few are admitted into Paradise; the models of personal exhortation and appeal. by his toils and his success, and inspired by the entrance is marrow and jealously watched. blessed assurances of the word of God, you 'Open I' shouts the angel of death as he presses gentle; bold but toned with the precious blood shall reap a glorious reward if you faint not in forward to secure a place in heaven worthy of in the discharge of your duty .- N. Y. Chris- your lordship. tian Advocate.

CHILDHOOD CONVERSION. The soft dews which are sprinkled upon the grass do not wither, but freshen and enliven it: they do not injure the flowers but brighten of York. dividuals in relating their experience should them: they do not disturb the fur of peaches refer to his faithful endeavors as the means of nor the silken dress of the tulip. The soft on my list." bringing them to Christ?' In Coventry, down of the eider duck is not injured by the where he was born, and lived and toiled the most of his days, revivals were frequent. In the city of New York, while superintending a not be detrimental, but will prove an infinite not. Holy Spirit into the heart of childhood will large Sabbath school, thirty-two of his teachers were brought to Christ, and nine of them were blessing. The doctrine of childhood's apwere brought to Christ, and nine of them were were prought to Christ, and nine of them were proach to God is one of the sweetest doctrines and of Ireland."

"He has been brought to the ministry. While acting as debrought to the ministry. While acting as depositary of the Tract Society fifty-eight of its employes were converted, principally through should not Jesus come into their little hearts.

"I say nothing to the contrary, but he is to act the standard of the and help them to resist him? Why should at the battle of Waterloo. and his fellow laborers distributed tracts, thirty. Jesus refuse to come into that charming circle four professed faith in Christ. On his dying in the Sunday-school room, and dwell in all to be bereaved, "I think I have had evidence that more than one hundred souls have been converted to God through my direct and personal instrumentality." This was certainly a modest and a moderate estimate of the results of the converted with many perplexities.

"I repeat that we know nothing of him."

"Besides that, he was for many years those budding souls? Why should children be destitute of Christian graces? Wby should the Saviour visit the family fire-side and dwell in the bearts of father and mother, and leave the children uncalled? Children are surrounded with many perplexities. of his efforts. But suppose that it was precisely true, what a life he hyed! what a revenue of slave will be the life he had? of glory will be his in the heavenly world! Holy Spirit to balance them. The religion of It must be evident that no one would enter Jesus was never better adorned than when after, and immediately obtain, is one that goes at must be evident that no one would enter upon such a work as this, involving such an displayed by the youthful Watts. The relainto the family and keeps the husband from tion of pastors to children is one of fearful responsibility. When we have fed the sheep we the dinner from being late; keeps the wife from have not performed all, for the command is fretting when he tracks the new-washed floor their faith takes hold of God they can see all keeps the baby pleasant; amuses the children

" Jesus the water of life will give, verted persons by letter. It was written to a when I thought \$\frac{1}{2}\$ that many of them had drank

sink "where the worm dieth not, and their fire him to carry me.' How beautiful is such child Then, speaking of what, Christ had done to like faith. There are a great many subline pictures in the New Testament, but none of will you despise his love and these sufferings? Death is coming apace. Oh, delay not a moment to make preparations? Christ is ready to pardon every returning penitent—
he is ready to receive and pardon you. Go,
then, as a weary and heavy laden sinner, implore His mercy; give yourself into His arms, children can convert them and fill them full of

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duty-when every Christian shall feel the re- can be no doubt of the possibility of bringing a enjoy other Pentecests, more wide-spread in They would lead the way for the more general their extent, and more powerful and more adoption of the idea. It is really now the case regrets will many who are called by the name financial resources. These tew would be made olence: and, meanwhile, their example would If Harlan Page was led to say, in reviewing be the best means of extending the plan, and

" 'Who to,' asks the guardian of Paradise with an authoritative voice. " To the Honorable the Marquis of Angle

'An old officer in the army of the Duke

" In that capacity, says Peter, 'he is not " But he has filled the office of High Mas

" 'That may be possible, but we know him

" ' I repeat that we know nothing of him.

WHAT OUR RELIGION SHOULD DO.

Those surges may not be to break thee, but of that water "freely," and sweeter music I to heave thee off thyself on the Rock Christ .-