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eous, and let my end be like his."

and last farewell.

earth who dwell;

earth again,

the tidings tell,

and sunlike too.

LINES ON THE DEATH OF A FRIEND.

A little while thine upward flight, and turn to

glance though pure and passionless, yet sweet

boped and prayed, that one kind word, might

that keeps its Heaven in view;

To speak of gladness just at hand, of better

There lived a man, ('twas thus I read) magnifi-

have made him 'blest,

owner power.

draw ite sting

cheerless now,

conscious owner of a

it next my heart;

forward it became

already there,

before:

proof against the flame,

accurst.

strength to bring;

This more than Amulet in worth, gave to its

bappened next 'twas so ordained, than on

Resolved whatever might betide, the twain should

never part; And there concealed from curious eyes, thence

The hidden charm that made the bush, stand

destined hour,
The bird that moment burst its shell! the buc

And feels that it hath taken out the freedom o

he still emerges, when obscured by dark and

More grandly luminous and pure than when she

strong and lustrous still,

as they would fain,

anchor of the soul,

heart and true.

Fredericton, Aug. 29, 1853.

to the goal,

than burnished gold;

Thou canst not well conceive of now,

terrene sphere, Only less glorious some things are, than are

the skies:

passing by,

reach mine inward ear,

rouse themselves to hear

word that brings the banished,

more unto its home,

days to come :

answer there :

as thee.

ing how heav'n shines through the mind,

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The Love of Christ.

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How bath he loved us? Ask the star That on its wondrous mission sped Hung trembling o'er that manger scene Where the Messiah bow'd his head : He who of earth doth seal the doom,

Judea's mountains, lift your voice, With legends of the Saviour fraught Speak, favour'd Olivet, so oft At midnight's prayerful vigil sought: And Cedron's brook, whose rippling wave Frequent his weary feet did lave.

How hath He leved us? Ask the band That fled his woes with breathless haste Ask the weak friend's denial tone, Scarce by his bicterest tears effaced ; Ask of the traitor's kiss; and see What Jesus hath endured for thee

Ask of Gethsemane, whose dews Shrunk from that moisture, strangely red Which in that unwatch'd hour of pain, His agonizing temples shed! The scourge, the thorn, whose anguish sore, Like the unanswering lamb, he bore!

How hath He leved us? Ask the cross, The Roman spear, the shrouded sky! Ask of the sheeted dead, who burst Their cerements at his fearful cry O ask no more; but bow thy pride, And yield thy heart to Him who died !

FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.] Memoirs of Joseph Gaynor, Esq., of Fredericton, N. B.

BY THE REV. CHARLES CHURCHILL.

The removal by death from the Church of Christ of one so well known and so universally esteemed as Brother JOSEPH GAY-NOR of Fredericton, demands some record in the columns of the Provincial Wesleyan as, a permanent record of departed worth. In his commercial pursuits he was extensively known through the Province of New Brunswick, and in this sphere of duty it is not too much to say of him that he was one of those whose "bond" was not more trusted than his word; -whole as a Christian man ple." To the ministers of the Church to welcome the coming and speed the going and sympathy with the distressed there are lob, who, " when the ear heard him, then it blessed him, and when the eye saw him it gave witness to him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon him,

and he caused the widow's heart to sing for be his eulogist, but to let his own works praise him in the gates; and to record an be forgotten.

CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH GAYNOR (the first name was seldom used, and by it he was little known) was born in the city of St. John, January 31st, 1795. His father was originally from Ireland, and as well as his mother---whose maiden name was Seely -came to this country, being both staunch Loyalists, at the time of the American Revolution in 1783-the former from Newport, Rhode Island, the latter from Connecticut. The former settled in St. John, the latter, with her parents, on Long Island, in the

Of two brothers and two sisters, one of each of which still survive, Joseph appears to have been the second; but of his early life no records are found amongst the papers he has left behind hun, until in the year 1817 he is found occupying a position as clerk in a store in the city of Fredericton, from which period h was a resident in the same city until the time of his death.

He appears at this time to have become the subject of serious impressions, which eventuated in his conversion to God in the early part of the following year, at which time he became a member of the Weslevan Church. Many who have heard the narrafive from his own line, as well as the writer, will remember the humiliating record of his position anterior to this time, the extremity which served only to fix his feet the firmer in the position which he immediately

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of his Christian experience, which he continued with some interruptions until Dec. 25, 1855, when the last record was penned. In the spring of 1855 he commenced a narrative of his early life, from which some of the above facts are taken; but it is to be regretted that he only carried out the design to the extent of a single folio page. From self-will—Farewell, tormenting fear." the promise of its commencement, had it been carried on, it would have been a singularly interesting narrative, and have prevented the necessity of writing the present

imperfect sketch. Previous to the commencement of his

prayer I find that he was in the habit of rering on every subsequent Good Friday during his life—a day which he evidently spent in the closest retirement as a day of humiliation and fervent prayer.

ready than he with apt scriptural quotations loved him will long remember. for all occasions. Those attached to the The selections in prose and verse which of esteem and respect.

my cause." Job v. 8.

I go.

It would be very pleasing to follow the sumiar feelings I pass by many subject of this memoir through the different beautiful pieces of original poetry which are give some idea of his genius and ability as house; you like hard cases, will you go back be on the very verge of perdition. In this advised me of the probability of a night atstates of feeling recorded by him from time found preserved in the same record, evinc- a Christian Poet:to time; but it would require a volume to ing a mind of no ordinary strength and do this, and we must be satisfied with very power, accompanied with a spirit of deep brief allusions to his spiritual state, while Christian feeling. we are tracing the outlines of his personal. There is one circumstance very charachistory. We cannot, however, refrain from teristic of our friend, and yet a part of his written at the close of the year 1839:

Divine goodness which tend to cheer or even one part of which, as I learn from his jourspecial answers to prayer, offered to the copy of the Covenant service, and the rules every side, my constitutional fearfulness is logical, ingenious, and conclusive. He and creed as a true "Manson—an old disciand dismay,"

The object which prompts this extract is business of the world." racter were perceived in him by others, the and profitable, but it would extend this Instructions, esteemed him as a "Nathaniel—an Israelite indeed— were self depreciation and deep humiliation saigned to ourselves—it must therefore be in whom there is no gaile "; and of his help of spirit before God. In the midst, howduced an admirable paper in the form of an cheerful," which closes with these lines :

"Our hearts, if God we seek to know, And stills the stormy wave, And though His arm he strong to suite 'I'is also' strong to save.'

tions and expressions of devotedness to the in private devotion, being in consequence service of God.

life. His reflections on taking up this duty his recovery from sickness reviewed under are duly recorded, and there is a trait in his date of January 1, 1855, the following conduct in connection with the discharge of thoughts are penned. After alluding to his Cheerless that day at early dawn, no longer his duty which is worthy of a permanent sickness and the small prospect for his rerecord. For years he made it a duty to covery at the time, he says: " when my illpen the remarks made to his class not only ness was at the worst, I prayed that I might on his own experience, but also on other recover in order that the remainder of my topics, from which we may gather that he days might be spent in a manner more worprepared himself for the duty systematically, thy of a Christian. May the Lord gracioussubject for exhortation, that to the members as I ought to do, and in my measure and of his class he might fully be said,

"To teach, convince, correct, reprove,
And build them up in holiest love " The following entry is found in his jour-

nal under date of April 16, 1840: myself away to the Saviour of sinners, the this day I was somewhat cheered kings and Lord of Lords, to be disposed of gitt of my Father who is in Heaven." recorded in the Lamb's book of life; and I 25, 1855. solemnly implore from the Holy and ever "Another Christmas day, for which I Lord is my portion, saith my soul, therefore to save a perishing and lost world."

preceding paragraph, dated Sunday, Jan-summons which should call him home.

cessity of exemplifying Gospel principles acquiescence in the will of God-his conbefore one's own family connections, as well stant desire to glorify God-the simplicity diary, he laid the foundation of the exten- as before the world. Told them that if they of his trust, and the confidence of his hope sive knowledge he possessed of the thoughts diligently improved the grace already given, were all strongly marked. On one occasion and expressions of good men, not only by they would not need to relate an experience he spoke of a friend and sent him a message careful reading, but by writing out at length, in order to convince others of their Chris- he said, "tell him that all my experience and to a large extent, sermons, covenants, tianity, because the Lord would place them is summed up in those two lines of one of prayers, &c., with striking thoughts and sub- in a position to manifest it to the world by our hymns: lects for meditation, both in prose and verse; their actions.—This is my birth-day and I nor did he cease till within a short period am now forty-six years of age. I am thankof the time when he laid down the pen for ful that I have a name and place among the On Good Friday, April 13th, 1838, he people of the Most High that mark in his case, and that was his almost have from time to time received many perfect acquaintance with the Bible and the

penned an original prayer occupying two striking answers to prayer; and although I Wesleyan Hymn Book, and how many were arge folio pages, which he signed with his have a great weight of worldly care, I am the apt references to both which marked the own hand. This appears partly as a solemn more able than formerly to cast my care last conversations which he held on earth, covenant engagement with God: it refers upon the Lord, in the persuasion that he will be best known and long remembered also to the circumstances of his conversion; cares for me. O, my Heavenly Father! by those who had frequent interviews with and also in the most comprehensive manner give me grace and wisdom, that I may so him towards the close of his life. Every

love thee-"That all my powers, with all their might, In thy sole alory may unite."

whole as a model prayer; but we must for-pointed. Well was he prepared by a carebear. There are, however, three Scripture fully trained mind, for those minute and ex- the citizens of Fredericton at his funeralmottoes appended to it, to which we may pressive and largely varied forms of suppli- which was attended also by both Houses of refer with advantage, for no one was more cation in public, which many who knew and the Legislature-which adjourned for the

prayer are these: "He brought them out are intermingled throughout (many of the The Wesleyan Church in Fredericton grace! The days of miracles are not past, had so long since put his seal as his property, Of course on this journey it is necessary to of darkness and the shadow of death and latter his own composition and well worthy has suffered a loss in his removal which Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ will per-, was about to be grasped by the strong arm have not only a guide but a body guard; brake their bands asunder." Ps. cvii. 14. of being more permanently preserved) are will not easily be supplied. In addition to form wonders now well night as amazing to of faith, and the power of the Spirit. I and mine was composed of eight or nine as brake their bands asunder. Ps. cvii. 14. of being more permanently preserved are the scapping of the lame was composed of eight or time as a the sceptic as was the healing of the lame wonder not that he fought hard. Glory to wild and picture sque looking Bedouins as ways, and your doings that were not good; the whole, with very little alteration, would Trustee, and the activity he manifested in man at the Beautiful gate of the temple, in Jesus! I felt that the sword of faith was you could wish to see -- true sons of the deand shall loathe yourselves in your own form a volume of no ordinary interest. I connection with the erection of the New the days of Peter. And surely it is due to cleaving the allied hosts of darkness through sert, and Ishmaelites of pure descent; there sight, for your iniquities and your abomina- can only point out a few papers on his own Church in this city, will not soon be torgot- the praise of grace that well-authenticated and through. cate their contents.

that of Nov. 7, 1838, and is one of self-accustation on the one hand, and of trust in the Divine mercy on the other;—it closes with

and it inspires me with the hope that the an appropriate prayer tude and attention, only painful add oppression of the world will draw night unto New Year's day and his birth-day in 1842 sive to himself because it could not remove tended his visit five miles beyond his own to drink deeply of the cup of repentance.— Saviour of the world will draw nigh unto
me, so that I also may reach the land whither
me, so that I also may reach the land whither

New Year's day and his birth-day in 1842
sive to minsen because it could not remove the past carried the affliction which it was the constant aim pastoral charge, and is now on the ground. The darkness of her mind, to use her own present a faithful review of the past carried the affliction which it was the constant aim pastoral charge, and is now on the ground. The darkness of her mind, to use her own beside a muddy fountain, secured our horses, out to considerable length and marked with of every hour to endeavour to alleviate. of his brother minister, Mr. V., with whom words, became "more horribly dark." With

to the exercises of his mind. It would be very pleasing to follow the With similar feelings I pass by many

When first I learned that thou hadst bade a long To all terrestrial scenes and cares, and all on giving permanence to the following extract, "hidden life," which I cannot withhold. I The wish sprang up, perchance 'twas wrong, that thou wouldst yet restrain allude to the practice which he adopted and "I have that measure of confidence in the continued till nearly the close of his life of Providence and in the mercy of God which setting apart every Friday as a day of prevents despair, but not those views of fasting, retirement, and religious exercises; Of all thine exaltation now, to one who loved tranquilise the mind. I cannot doubt hav- nal in repeated notices of the same, consisted ing within a few years received several in reading over on his knees the printed Most High through the great Mediator; but of the Methodist Society. He enters on some prayers seem to remain unanswered, one occasion into a large discussion of the particularly those for deliverance from deep propriety of thus sequestrating a portion of depression and anxiety of spirit, and for an his time from worldly business in the face of increase of intellectual capacity and energy. the Divine command, "Six days shalt thou When I look around and see darkness on labour and do all thy work. His reasoning

overcomes me; and yet I believe the Gos- not only believed it allowable, but, as he pel not only supplies an antidote against says, "furthermore, if it please God, he can this, but that it is able to fill the soul with a pour out such a blessing on the other days h time thus drawn away from attending to the which he belonged he was for many years which prompts this extract is business of the world."

The object which prompts this extract is business of the world."

To follow the written experience of his contact that the portrait, for there can be contact the prompts that the portrait is business of the world." no doubt that whatever excellencies of chasubsequent years would be both interesting Thy look betokens boundless wealth, and more tickling commence in my throat.

ever, of pages full of these feelings is intro- period nearer the closing scenes of his life. In the summer of 1854, he was the subrecorded respecting the prince and patriarch essay, entitled, "How I may be steadily ject of an attack of illness which brought him to the very verge of the grave; he himself thought the time of departure was at hand-and prepared himself for the result- Madness had seized upon his heart, depriving without fear or perturbation of mind. His experience was uniform—his joy not ecstatic but his peace and confidence firm and uninterrupted. From this affliction he was raised, greatly debilitated and very feeble in body, The year 1840 commences with a lengthy yet again able to take his seat in the sanc retrospect of the past, in which while he re- tuary; which he did indeed till within a views the Divine mercy and goodness he re- very few Sabbaths before his death; indeed cords many minute circumstances, in which in the very depth of the winter succeeding, From sternest discipline of war, both peace and he finds room to doubt the return on his viz. in January 1855, he records the observpart of the mercies vouchsafed to him- ance of his usual custom, viz. to "rise at 6 closing the same with renewed determina- o'clock, and spend an hour or thereabouts

more easy in mind, more lively in faith, and In this year he took charge of a class, in which office he continued to the close of his of the day." Amidst other reflections on every week introducing some special ly help me to devote myself to his service

according to my capacity to walk before Him as my Saviour walked while on earth, and while the Lord fill my heart with faith and love and courage, and give me strength | Guiding its root towards the well of everlasting bodily and mental, moral and spiritual, "Last evening in private prayer I gave according to my need. At morning prayers Lord Jesus Christ; making an unconditional reading those words, 'If God be for us, and an unreserved surrender of myself, with who can be against us.' I take these words all I have and all I am, unto the King of and lay hold upon them as the New Year's

according to His good pleasure, both in time | I shall only add from his own hand the and in eternity. I believe the covenant is last brief record in his Journal, dated Dec. Thus death was just a thing to be, and neither

took as a living witness of the grace mani- blessed Trinity, grace to be true and faith- bless my Heavenly Father's name; I have ful to the letter and the spirit of this cove- for a long time past been in very ill health, nant, from this time forth and even for ever- but this day I have been so much better more. I lean upon the arm of the Almighty. than common, that I can only regard it as 'As the Bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, an especial mercy from on high. I bless so shall the Lord rejoice over thee.' 'The the Lord again for the gift of His own Son,

will I hope in him.' JOSEPH GAYNOR. From this time his strength gradually "Farewell, self-idolatry-Farewell, undue declined, he had no positive diseases, no pain selfishness-Farewell, indolence-Farewell, or suffering-a lingering atrophy wasted gradually all the vital powers, and in the The following is an entry illustrating a same calm reliance on Christ he awaited the

There was peculiar satisfaction attached Spoke to my class this day on the ne- to a visit to his sick chamber—his perfect

There was one thing well worthy of re day he seemed ripening for his reward, no

temptation appeared to disturb his peace, no painful disturbance of his physical powers Nothing would be easier than to multiply accompanied the "breaking of the golden paragraphs of this kind, but these will shew bowl and the loosening of the silver cord," the mind and spirit of our departed friend. but as he had lived calm, peaceful, and It would be profitable, if the limits of this writing would permit it, to transcribe the fragments of experience are numerous and February 17th 1856. From the Christian Advocate & Journal. thodist Minister.

occasion to add to the universal testimony " Is not this a brand plucked from the burning?" sight, for your inequities and your abominations." Ezek. xxxvi. 31. "I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit unnoticed, and yet can do no more than indicated and unto God, and unto God would I commit unnoticed, and yet can do no more than indicated and unto God, and unto God would I commit unnoticed, and yet can do no more than indicated and unrough.

Could not be much doubt a lew papers on the Chapel facts (not fiction) should be recorded, to I cried out "Lord God, disappoint the unnoticed, and yet can do no more than indicated and unrough.

They were faithful to me, however; and it was pleasant to gallop day after day, and the could not be much doubt a recorded, to I cried out "Lord God, disappoint the limit was pleasant to gallop day after day, and the could not be much doubt a recorded, to I cried out "Lord God, disappoint the limit was pleasant to gallop day after day, and the could not be much doubt a recorded, to I cried out "Lord God, disappoint the limit was pleasant to gallop day after day, the could not be much doubt a recorded, to I cried out "Lord God, disappoint the limit was pleasant to gallop day after day, the could not be much doubt a recorded, to I cried out "Lord God, disappoint the limit was pleasant to gallop day after day, the could not be much doubt a recorded, to I cried out "Lord God, disappoint the limit was pleasant to gallop day after day, the could not be much doubt a recorded, to I cried out "Lord God, disappoint the limit was pleasant to gallop day after day, the could not be much doubt a recorded, to I cried out "Lord God, disappoint the limit was pleasant to gallop day after day, the could not be much doubt a recorded to the limit was pleasant to gallop day after day, the could not be much doubt a recorded to the limit was pleasant to gallop day after day, the could not be much doubt a recorded to the limit was pleasant to gallop day after day, the could not be much doubt a recorded to the limit was pleasant to gallop day after day, the could not be much doubt a reco management we are very largely indebted. most loathsome disease, and cause those who deemed with the blood of thy Son! She amidst this lawless troop, sometimes con-

these words: "I often think of that Scripture which describes the disciples as 'toil the prayer performance and the prayer perfor ng in rowing, the winds being contrary'; his subjects of self-depreciation, ending with submissiveness and most affectionate solici- majesty of faith, when he had hard cases on made this resolve the witness of adoption Our mid-day slumber was often the most tude and attention, only painful add oppres- hand, "I will not let thee go!" He has ex. was received, prior to which she was called profound and the most prolonged. great minuteness. Good Friday in the same year has a similar prominence given to the exercises of his mind.

He is gone to his reward, and who would he is now in company. They had just pass-every passing day the gloom increased. In guards were scated around the fire, smoking not say, "Let me die the death of the right-ed the house of an aged lady, when the Rev. this state she continued twenty-four days.—

He is gone to his reward, and who would he is now in company. They had just pass-every passing day the gloom increased. In guards were scated around the fire, smoking and talking while I made an all talking wh The accompanying verses will serve to

his own story. sin. Afraid that her case was a desperate she exclaimed, "I will trust in Christ!" to an issue. Approaching her I said,

"O I am bad, very bad!" "What is the matter with you?"

Such as the sick through hope deferred, will faith !- no faith !" "No faith! and your mind is so weak exclaims the young minister. that you cannot have any? Well, that is bad, for you never will be saved without faith. But never mind that now. Tell me

might not be, the hope was vain, and all in how is your health?" "O I am very much afflicted!" But when I saw thy face again, I read the "How many years have you been afflice

Whence is it that in one not rich, in one so weak

"Do you take anything for it? " Why, y-e-a." " What do you take?"

After considerable hesitation she said. ssing claims to nobleness by all the world "Use opium for a tickling in the throat That is a singular remedy, and has made you no better after all! Have you used

"Yes." " Well, I don't wonder that you have no him of rest;
A precious stone was placed in view, which would faith, and do not expect to be saved, for you seared conscience. But it is due to the give alms; you do nothing. never will be saved while you indulge in this soul damning sin."

" Sin ! do you think it is sin ?" To him the ills of life so good, in every adverse "Think! no I don't think so, I know it. ewed it with averted eyes, and then as one ing the nowers of both body and mind, which are God's property, by the use of this ac-God no longer by praying for salvation the result of his new-year's call :while indulging in this crime. Will you give

cheerless day, while indulging i ittle maiden found the pearl, the Syrian up your opium? I was conscious of the Holy Spirit's special assistance, and my faith working with God, sent the truth like lightning-flashes to her conscience, and filled her mind with alarm and terror. I repeated, upon my brow, Pearl of great price, it thus was named, I wore

"Will you give up opium?" "I can't! I shall die without it." "I don't know but you will die. How

old are you?" "Seventy years old." "Seventy years old! Well you have already lived out your full term of life, so it will not be before your term if you do die.

That kept it ever fresh and green, amid the fiery You cannot live much longer at any rate. and you had better die to-morrow giving up sin, and going to the judgment seat, saying, Lord God!' life; It trained the spirit for the skies with such suc-Lord, thou knowest I was willing to die racessful care; That in its tastes and hopes and joys, it dwelt ther than sin any longer against thee,' than live for years and appear before my Judge with this sin upon my soul." At this point when the tempter held a bribe to lure the I again asked, "Will you give it up, and die, if needs soul to sin, t was rejected and repelled by all that rived

be, to save your soul?" In a trembling tone she answered, " I will try it one day."

less nor more; uared aright, and fitted on, with all that went "No! I will take no such promise, nor will I pray for you unless you solemnly promise in the presence of God that, in the strength of grace, you will never again so long as you live touch the accursed thing." She still hesitated, and I took up my hat, The efflorescence of the bud, in majesty untold, as if to depart; and then turning again to Of hues more rich than Tyrian dye, more bright her, and looking steadfastly upon her, with it," said a young lady; and she added, "I

my finger upraised, I solemnly said, The notes ecstatic of the bird, when first it doth glories here; Go forth at night and view the moon, careering

much emotion,

first arose; When thus the Soldier of the cross, through good report and ill, Waxes through hardship, grief, and toil, now The just made perfect shout for joy, and seen Vacate their seats, descend to earth, and try

lists again,
Then arm thee with the Christians hope, the And as the Seer to Horeb went, press on war nation to indulge in the sin might now be Blind and stupid, therefore, yea worse are Fight out thy last great fight with death, the taken from her. I had noticed the unbelief those parents who tolerate in their houses a of those present, and my faith gathered class of papers which are good for nothing strength from the opposition. I knew God -made up of the writings of silly, ignorant was with me, otherwise I felt alone with scribblers, who would be "at the foot" in Satan, contending for a soul which he had dragged upon the very confines of hell.—
And there we stood! As I continued in I see that spirituality of mind is the main

prayer the conflict grew more terribly severe. The Opium-Eater and the Me- I never shall forget that hour. My eye of faith seemed to pierce through the veil of

od see her?

We will now leave Rev. Mr. B. to tell with me. I will put myself in the hands of God. He is a just God, and will do me no bourhood, but had begged me not to be I said, "Yes," and we returned to the injustice. I will not be afraid to put myself, alarmed, for my life was precious in his house. Here I saw an old lady sitting near soul and body, into his hands. Lord, here the stove. As she turned to see who had I am, take me!" For a moment she felt fend me to the last drop of his heart's bloods. entered, the vacant, despairing look she gave relief, when she said, "I will trust him me told a sad tale of the awful effects of again." The cloud began to break. Again

one, I lifted up my heart to the Lord in si- Peace now filled her soul. Again she a descending cast a glance, which should lent prayer for the powerful help of the cried, "I do trust in Jesus!" - And now a Ho', Spirit, and resolved that the question bright light from heaven scattered the darkof her salvation should that hour be brought ness from her soul, and her mouth was filled Well, mother, how do you do to-day?" My mind, which was before very weak, my tent and drew near to the fire, which every day." She is exhorting every pro-"O I don't know that I shall ever be say- fessor that visits her house to be sure that ed, my mind is so weak that I have no their hope is well founded. "A very ne-

CONCLUDING PARTICULARS-A NEW-YEAR'S CALL.

Some who may have long been addicted to the soul-ruinous, health-destroying practice of taking opium, snuff, or alcoholic stithat moment, they had seen me. mulants, may imagine, with the subject of My presence did not much disturb the loour narrative, that a total loss of health and quacity of my guards; but I paid little heed permature death will be the result of an im- to their rapid conversation, till the sheik, mediate and entire cessation. So long had turning suddenly around upon me exclaimthe habit, that serious fears were entertained by her family, and also by our friend, the are!" minister, that her life (which in fact had been but a continuous dying for twenty-five years) might speedily be terminated. But surely Rev. Mr. B. judged rightly in say- is, when we can get anything to eat. ing that it were far better to appear in the

by renouncing sin, than to be found with a your religion? You don't pray; you don't cause of religion and humanity to say that

better health, and enjoying a much better and fearfully, lest I should be overheard. appetite than she has had for years. She has been addicted to snuff-taking also, but ' now will not touch it. Since her conversion she has, to use her own words, "been buke is not altogether unjust." panting after the fulness of love." On the afternoon of our visit she received of that he went on boastingly to tell what their profulness, and was enabled to claim Christ as phet required of them, and how faithful was her perfect Saviour. The expression of their obedience in matters of devotion, chaher full soul was manifest in the heavenly rity, and self denial; and while he spoke 1 brightness of her countenance, and the oft lifted up my heart to God, and sought courepeated bursts of 'Glory! glory! glory!' rage to bear a feeble testimony to his word. that fell from her lips. My soul is saying, When the sheik paused, I put my hand Great and marvellous are thy works, O into my bosom, and drew forth a New Tes-

We conclude by saying that this aged lady, who is now so gloriously exhibiting the renovating skill of the divine Physician, is greatly desirous that the fame of her gracious Restorer should be heralded to the praise of his grace, as far as words may wing it, or the power of the press may car-PHEBE PALMER.

The Rage for Fiction. "I want a paper that has long stories in

don't want a paper for anything else." Poor "I shall see you again at the judgment- girl! much to be pitied—and a pitiful ap- Arabic the first four verses; "Take heed eat of Christ, and when you are called out pearance she will make through life, at the that ye do not your alms before men, to be to be judged before an assembled world, I present rate. She wants nothing serious, shall be a swift witness against you, and my no acquaintance with the history of her testimony shall seal your doom. For the times, no intellectual food : nothing but last time I ask you, in the name of the Lord, newspaper novels! Empty heads they will you give up this sin at once and for must be, that can find room every week for some ten columns of a sham story. Yet Rising from her seat, trembling with ex- these are heads for which the weekly press citement of an agitated soul, she said with toils and groans, throwing off by the ten translating as I read, to the fifteenth verse. thousands, its sheets of shallow, insipid, and Again I looked around me. "To save my soul I will, though I die !" disgusting fiction; and for this an amount of Then calling to her granddaughter she money is paid which a sound literature utterly fails to command. Yes, Christian "Prepare for the worst; I don't expect fathers and mothers, buy this vile trash for to live, but I am determined to save my their sons and daughters, and so minister to their ignorance and destitution of all taste We knelt down and I poured out my soul and fitness for life's duties. Doubtless the to God in her behalf, calling heaven and periodical press does more than any other earth to witness the covenant that moment one instrumentality, to decide the opinions, but this is wonderful! made by this woman, that she would never habits of thought, and general character of again touch, taste, or handle this accursed the age. A family will very soon begin to verse, paragraph by paragraph, I read on to thing. I asked that grace might now be show a sympathy with its weekly paper, the close of the chapter, interrupted by the given her to keep that vow; that Satan and parents and child will soon begin assimight not be permitted to take advantage of milating to it in sentiment and feeling; and her weakness of mind, and that the inclinas families are, so is the company at large. sheik, when at length I closed the book;

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ontward things, and I almost saw the hosts | During the time I was in Asia, (said of hell as they gathered to the strife. An my friend.) I had occasion to cross a part of How wonderful are the achievements of old sinner, on whom the prince of darkness the Arabian desert, toward the Red Sea .could not be much doubt about that.

The first record of his Christian experience, penned under a definite date, is under Good Friday, 1841, passes in review the Sound Frience of the first record of his Christian experience, penned under a definite date, is under Good Friday, 1841, passes in review the short of the power of th

One evening we had encamped as usual Mr. V. says to our friend, Rev. Mr. B :- On the 11th of November, 1855, the dark-"There is an old opium-eater in yonder ness was so terrible that she felt herself to use. It was all in vain. The sheik had sight, and safe in his hands; he would de-It might be that I half believed the report, and more than half distrusted my respectable friend's bravery; or it might be that my siesta had taken off the edge of drowsiness, or that thoughts of home kept my mind busy, or that the loud talking of my Bedouins disturbed mc. In short, I with the praises of God. She now says, could not sleep, and, fired of inaction, I left appears to receive new strength and power was pleasant; for, hot as are the days of desert travelling, the nights are often chilly.

My guards made room for me as I came near; and seating myself beside the sheik, cessary caution to professors in this region," I had lighted my pipe, and looking at the grim countenance of the ragged fellows around me, each of whom was armed with pistols stuck into the belt, and a musket

" You never fast," said he.

" Not often," I replied, laughingly; " that My Arab friends laughed too, for that presence of the Lord, our Judge, while en- evening we had supped sparingly from negaged in a conscientious effort to do his will, cessity; "but," said he, "is it not part of

This was a home thrust, and my consoithis aged lady is not only greatly bettered ence felt it. I had looked upon the poor in her spiritual state, but her mental and fellows around me as so bigoted in their physical condition has been greatly improv- faith, and had considered myself so comand God has sent me here to tell you that ed. Our friend, the minister, again visited pletely in their power, that I had deemed it you are a lost soul iffiless you immediately her on the 1st of January. Three months prudent to avoid every topic that might give up opium. You are an awful sinner, had well nigh elapsed since the memorable rouse their passions. In my solitary tent, and have been for twenty-five years destroy- vow had been made, and despite of inter- at mid-day, I had read the word of life; but vening days of "horrible darkness," had I had concealed with jealous care from my inviolably been kept. And now our friend, guards the knowledge that I carried about cursed drug. And now I charge you, insult the earnest young minister, thus writes us with me the "Christian's Koran;" and when at morning and night I commended myself "I visited the old lady in company with in prayer to God my Maker, through Christ Rev. Mr. V., and found her case more won- my Saviour, I had drawn close around me derful than I had anticipated, She is in the curtains of the tent, and whispered low

> "You have no religion," said the shiek " you don't pray ; you do nothing."

" Now we," continued my reprover-and

you like to hear what it teaches on these high matters?" "Certainly; would I tell him?

By this time the attention of my guard was directed to me. Their quick, sparkling eyes were fixed fiercely, as I thought, upon ry it; and it is therefore we have been thus me, their dark visages looking more grim minute in giving the details of this act of by the flashing fire around which they were the heavenly Healer to the readers of the seated; and their hands were ready to grasp a weapon that would speedily bring down vengeance upon the infidel dog who should dare to blaspheme their prophet.

"Listen," I said, as I opened the Testament at the sixth chapter of the Gospel acalms-giving; hear what my Koran says about giving alms;" and I rendered into seen of them," etc. When I stopped I looked up, and the dark countenances around me were glistening, but not with anger. "Good!" exclaimed the sheak, "this is

very good; go on." I gathered courage, and read again And when thou prayest," etc. I read,

Bismillah! but this is wonderful! wonderful!" exclaimed one to another, stroking, their beards: "wonderful!" and every harsh

and forbidding feature was softened down to quiet, calm attention. . " More, more." I read on; "Moreover, when ye fast."

I needed no further urging on. Verse by exclamations of wonder and approbation. " Wonderful!" said my worthy friend the

"but this is wonderful! And what good I never, continued my friend, forgot, and I hope I never shall forget, the lesson taught