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MY CHILD ! BY REV. JORN PIERFONT.

I cannot make him dead. His fair sunshiny head Is ever bounding round my study chair Yet when my eyes, now dim With tears, I turn to him, The vision vanishes-he is not there

I walk my parlor floor, And through the open door I hear a footfall on the chamber stair I'm stepping toward the hall To give my boy a call, And bethink me that—he is not there !

I know his face is hid Under the coffin lid ; Closed are his eyes-cold is his forehead fair My hand that marble felt, O'er it in prayer I knelt, Yet my heart whispers that-he is not there

I cannot make him dead When passing by the bed So long watched over with parental care, My spirit and my eye Seek it inquiringly, Before the thought comes back - he is not there

When at the day's calm close Before we seek repose, I'm with his mother, offering up our prayer What'er I may be saying, I am in spirit praying For our boy's spirit, though—he is not there

Not there? Where then is he The form I used to see, Was but the raiment that he used to wear . The grave that now doth press Upon the cast-off dress. Is but his wardrobe locked-he is not there

He lives ! In all the past, He lives ! nor to the last Of seeing him again will I despair In dreams I see him now, And on his angel brow I see it written-" Thou shalt see me there !

Yes, we all live to God ; Father, thy chastening rod So help us, Thine afflicted ones, to bear, That in the spirit land, Meeting at Thy right hand Twill be our heaven to find—he is there ! Conference with advantage to it and honor to thousand dollars in gold, and the Governors and virtue. The day is dawning on India. May the were also used in writing their songs, and in himself, this was Anson, now the Rev. Dr. Lieutenant Governors of the Provinces severally Son of Righteousness, with healing in his beams, musical notations. Green. A Missionary Society was organized, from fifty to seventy five thousand dollars, and soon rise upon her !- Christian Advocate. of which the Rev. Thomas Whitehead was the President ; Rev. Thomas Madden, Vice-Presi-Commissioners, Judges, Magistrates, Assessors, dent ; Rev. John Ryerson, Secretary ; Rev. I. Bishops, Members of Council, Professors in

B. Smith, Treasurer. Mr. Madden took the Colleges, etc., etc., in proportion. A vast standing army, without which the counplace of Mr. Ryan as P. E., and was appointed to the Niagara District, while Mr. Case went wy would not remain a day subject to British down to the Bay Quinte to pour oil on the control, swells the expenses of the government to all that are present. You do not drop your scaffolds out of the reach of wild beasts, under troubled waters.

The foremost men in Conference deliberations enormous expenditures every foot of land cultis man speaks to you in the street. Acknowledge arms, utensils, paints, and food were buried at that time were Case, Madden, Smith, Whitevated by the natives is taxed, and the taxes by looking that you feel you are spoken to. head, Brown, Culp, Jackson, Chambelayne and most rigorously exacted; and I have been told 2. Because looking at him is a proper return, Ryan, the ablest as a debator of them all. Three younger men began now to make them-selves felt; these were John Ryerson, Philander Smith and Franklin Metcalf, and, perhaps, we building numerous rail roads and other fine cation with him. It is simple justice. should have added a fourth, William Slater. We have omitted to say that this Conference sat at Hallowell, in the Prince Edward District. As it was in the heart of a great Methodist as it is proper they should if they could reap the as it is proper they should if they could reap the population, and as there were then such excit-ing topics before the Methodist public, a great having anything to spare from the products of 4. It is kindness too. You can do the preach-

ing topics before the Methodist public, a great having anything to spare from the products of er service—perhaps a very great service. He is influx of members of the Church flocked in to the soil, or at least much less than they ought to anxious to instruct, or profit you in some way. see what was going on, and to attend the have to spare. It will gratify him to notice your fixed gaze. It will cheer him. -N. Y. Observer. religious services, which were very interesting. Three out of the six preachers received on trial are much better off with English control than

were destined to labor long and faithfully. they would be without it, left to their own mis-These were Edward Stoney, Rowley Heyland erable bad misrule." And this is undoubtand Joseph Mesmore ; the last two still survive, edly true. But this does not excuse this state

WORK IN INDIA. BY BISHOP KINGSLEY

But few persons at home have any adequate Government. As a rule, there is a haughty, father had not displeased him at any time in the ends of a yoke full ten feet long, slanting up conception of the real nature of missionary work overbearing control exercised, under the notion in foreign fields. They know that the Lord has that a strong government is needed for a decommanded the Church to go into all the world graded people. But the strongest government as a father. and preach the gospel to every creature : but of is the one which lies deepest in the hearts of the the difficulties to be overcome in obeying this people, and more kindness will require fewer

great command they know but very little. A bayonets, and, above all, will more favorably immissionary cannot send on an appointment as at press a heathen peope with the superior claims home, and expect when he gets to the place to of the Christian religion.

Secretary. He chose a young man to assist would be paid by the United States for the same regard to many particulars that their ancient re- In their pictographic records of moral and reli him, then going out into the work, who has amount of service. The Governor General religion is about worn out. One is, that after about gious thought, as well as of their mythology, since filled almost every office in the gift of the ceives a salary of one hundred and twenty fire thirty years more the Sacred Ganges will lose its they employed symbols extensively. These

LOOKING AT THE PREACHER.

Yes, look at him while he is preaching. 1. Because he is speaking to you. He speaks to enormous proportions. To provide for these head or avert your face when a friend or any which the relatives wept and wailed. Their

MINISTERS' CHILDREN.

I. Nothing ought to be presumed that seems and a cow / And if one ever expects, on this of things. The condition of India would be to contradict the Bible. Let God be true, even mixed-up planet, to behold a mis-match, let AN INSIDE VIEW OF AIISSIONARY vastly better than it is if the Government was if it should follow that all the clergymen in the him see that first-the long-eared, dun-colored more paternal, if the taxes were reduced four. land have been remiss in their duty. fold, and if the people were taught to have some II. It does not follow that children are pro- back into an ugliness inexpressible; and the personal interest and influence in the affairs of Of one of David's sons it is recorded, "His ly nose clear in advance of him; these two at

their mothers than their fathers.

IV. If it were true that ministers' children were so bad, it might be traced in some measure gained that which I am ever so glad to find-a

Their funeral and burial ceremonies indicated their belief in the immortality of the soul. These ceremonies were of similar type everywhere. They laid their dead, wrapped in skins, upon sticks in the bottom of a shallow pit, or placed them in a sitting posture, or occasionally

folded them in skins and laid them upon high with them, to be used on their long journey to the spirit land, for they had an idea that they possessed a two-fold nature of matter and spirit. In some regions they lighted a symbolic funeral pyre for several nights upon the grave that the soul might perceive and enjoy the respect paid to the body. Everywhere they raised mounds flowers ; and among the Floridians, the widows

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#### THE CAMEL AND THE COW.

Once we saw, yoked together in a furrow, driving an old-fashioned beam-point into the tough earth to tear up the shallow soil, a camel

cow, short in the legs, and lengthened along the saying, Why hast thou done so ?" And it is like an inclined plane from the lowly to the well known that Eli was deficient in his duty lofty ; unable to keep step, each, I am sure, ashamed of the other, and each quite ill-temper-

III. Children are much more likely to follow ed to be out in the sun working at all. Without exception, this was the most ludicrous and least antic team I ever saw. But from it we

to the unreasonable expectations some parishes new Scriptural illustration. It recalled the comhave with regard to the minister's wife. If she ent of the law and

and strewed it over the graves of their beloved ones.—Harper's Magazine for May.

## Miscellanu. MEMORABLE CONFERENCES IN

### CANADA.

BY JOHN CARROLL.

THE FIRST CANADA, ANNUAL CONFERENCE. FROFER.

years from the Conference last considered. Provision was made by the General Conference. either by a general or specific enactment, for the organization of this Conference out of the Canadian work, or to comprise all the Circuits existing and preachers laboring within the bounds of Upper Canada.

The work in Canada had greatly extended ference. Then there were only fourteen Circuits organized, now there were twenty-one ; then the number of Circuit preachers was twenty-six, now it had increased to thirty-one. tions of the same word. We have something of Upper Canadian ground; in 1824 there were some others; and yet we know with what diffi-6,072, making an increase of 1,015.

for a total independency of the General Conference of the M. E. Church of the United States. This had been greatly fomented by the right of the Canada Methodists to manage stated. It is greatly desirable that the chiltheir own affairs; declaring themselves in- dren of missionaries should in turn become dependent of the American General Conference: and requesting the travelling preachers in the Province, who they thought only wanted a exhausting labor. Only a proper zeal for the decent pretext to disavow the jurisdiction of salvation of men, joined with much patience and the American General Conference, to take the faith, with the proper natural endowments, will

#### their own hands.

were now travelling on Circuits, and others and a peasantry, and the question of British conwho united with them in a meeting convened trol in India is largely founded on this fundaat the Fifty. Two American Bishops also mentally wrong policy. A leading motive for visited and travelled through the Province, holding India by force is, as I learn from Englishwhose intercourse with the people had a men themselves, to furnish positions for those tranquilizing effect. Bishop Heading entered who, by reason of an overcrowded population at the Province far to the west and travelled east home, have no means of lucrative employment. ward; and Bishop George at the east, and An English nobleman has a large family. Upon travelled westward. They met at the Con- one son, from generation to generation, is enference. An interview between the Bishops and the Secretary of the Local Freacher's Conthe promise that no overt action would be taken means of support as their rank demunds. A before the next General Conference.

and an attentive congregation assembled, ready In many cases the personal habits of Euto give him a candid hearing, and prepared by ropeans are directly in the way of Christian

gospel message. A new and difficult language, with iuioms wholly over past years in the history of this country. The would never have caused it to be write the state of the s different from anything to which he is accustomed, The thousands of Eurasians, as they are called, ten in his word, "A bishop must be the husband and to have the same general sense. God must be mastered, requiring long and patient that is, men of mixed blood, half European and of one wife." Besides the number required for meant to teach his ancient people the power study. A native teacher must be employed, half Asiatic, tells its own story as to the morals the parish, one would have been allowed for and the use of keen, careful discrimination. whose pronunciation of sounds, and breathings, of former Europeans. This mixed race, be it himself and his children. and gutturals must be imitated with painful ef remembered, has not sprung from the marriage V. But, is it a fact that the children of min- tended to be separate, nor link into one those forts, which will be pronounced failures until relation. This class of people, as a general rule, there is a strong temptation to fear that all efforts are most unfortunately situated, finding but turn out well? Not if there be truth in the of this was to instruct them in deciding be-This was organized at an interval of four will be failures. The slightest variations, into little congenial feeling in one race or the other. nations, or inflections inappreciable by the un-It is, perhaps, too much to expect that a securations, or inflections inappreciate of the first security of the present condition of the present condition of the work, and it will be found that over 110 of otherwise mexplication, while not a garment of diverse sorts, as of woollen and world's progress, should be conformed to Chris- proportion of the remainder became ornaments linen together." And again : "Thou shalt is proportion of the remainder became ornaments in the progress of the proportion of the remainder became ornaments in the field with mingled seed." The important to a knowledge of written language, tian principles. We cannot predicate this of and blessings of society. are all important to him who speaks it. Differ-our own, nor of any other. But still it is neces-From reliable statistics gathered in various teaching of such distinctions centres upon the ences in sound that can hardly be detected at sary to take these facts into account in order to parts of the United States, it is found that out incongruity involved. The chosen people were

mistakes occur with beginners. Thus, years must ings, puts great hindrances in the way of the a hundred, could be said to have turned out moral distinctions should result. Things consince the Session of the Lundy's Lane Con- be spent in this patient, anxious toil, before one conversion of the heathen in India, and the badly. "Rev. E. Smith, in his work, "Nine tradictory in nature should always be kept can feel confidence in addressing an audience in a strange language. It is said that in some of alcoholic drinks in another instance; it, on the past nine years in which I have had personal past nine years in which I have had personal eventually come to confound the actual printhe Eastern languages quite a number of different meanings may be given by the different intona-ists our missioner meanings may be given by the different intonameanings may be given by the different intona sists our missionary work in many ways.

In 1820 there were only 5,057 members on this in the English language, but far less than in the Gospel everywhere, and in a great many in- into a wealthy but wicked family." I contond, culty foreigners acquire a perfect mastery of the pathy of English officials. This goes a great good people do not turn out well, the cases are withheld from the unmarried daughter. This This Conference was preceded by an agitation English. Indeed, it is never done except when way with the natives, who have great veneration taken notice of and spoken much about because right belongs to the father by the authority of begun before the middle period of life. Hence for high position.

the necessity of missionaries entering on their With all its defects the natives see a vast suwork when they are young. A good ear and periority in European over their own civilization. great flexibility of the vocal organs are necessary. The contrast between the English and native Presiding Elder in charge of the District com- A man in middle life begins to be stereotyped in pertions of their cities, the one with its wide, prising the eastern half of the Province. He all respects, and any change becomes much more clean streets and comfortable dwellings, and the had held a Convention of local preachers at difficult. As a general rule good singers most other with its narrow, dark, and filthy alleys, Elizabethtown, a month or so before the Con- readily acquire a spoken language, for reasons with mud houses without windows or floors, is ference. Resolutions were passed affirming the that are obvious from what has been already marked indeed.

> The superior condition of our women as compared with theirs is beginning to attract the missionaries, for to them the foreign language attention of the more thoughtful among the nais their vernacular. They acquire without effort tives, and already some of the wealthy rajabs what by others is obtained only by long and have contributed largely toward establishing schools for female education.

The English schools established in India by management of the work in this country into overcome these difficulties. But they have all in religion as between Christianity and idolatry, the existence of two Great Spirits as forming tions of the brain substance constituting a spec do nevertheless in some sense prepare the way the perfect Godhead. One eminently great was cific difference. She is not entitled to receive been nobly overcome by our missionaries....

Mr. Ryan and his party, however, were check- The design of the English Goverment, as well give to Christianity a candid hearing.

Eldership, which, however, rather increased is sought for the younger members of the family. it can be done without exposure. I speak now interesting and important one. Its organization led to the employment and development of Provincial talent, which otherwise would have temained dormant. Mr. Case was elected

must necessarily be much away from her little Gospel to our minds. Moses said, "Thou shal' ones in their early years, the minister's children not plough with an ox and an ass together.' education to understand and appreciate the efforts among the heathen. I believe in this will stand but a poor chance of being well And Paul said, "Be not unequally yoked to-

> isters and other good people do frequently not which were intended to contrast. And the aim adage, "Figures do not lie." Take the first tween right and wrong, between holiness and hundred biographies in Dr. Sprague's great sin. Hence all such forms of prohibition, not sow thy field with mingled seed." The

first will give wholly opposite meanings, and on have an inside view of our missionary field as it of 5,548 children of ministers and deacons, over to guard against a listless and unthinking conthis account many vexatious and mortifying is. While the Government, in some of its work. fifteen years of age, only 54, or less than one in fusion upon any point, lest the blurring of

class-teacher, steward or church warden among Our missionaries have protection in preaching them, except one; and he was early adopted stances have the hearty co operation and sym- then, that when children of ministers and other they are so singular.

In the whale-fishery it is customary when a seemingly dive into depths of sin. But in many, I believe in most cases, he is at length secured

for God and goodness.-Chicago Advance.

## RELIGIOUS BELIEF OF THE IND IANS. they natural, would make her a different spe-

cies-they being the differentia. They are The duality of God was the most ancient treated by their husbands and the male sex tenet of the Indian faith-a prominent tenet, it generally as if they were inferior creatures, may be observed, in all the more advanced Ori- and probably the Chinese might be found bethe Government, while they are wholly neutral ental nations of antiquity. They believed in lievers in the doctrine of important modifica-

for Christianity; for as soon as they are enlight the Good Spirit, and the inferior was an Evil any civilities from her husband's friends. It mated by the brothers Ryerson, two of whom abroad as at home, is to keep up an aristocracy ened by science only, they see the absurdity of Spirit. They believed every animal to have may be said this arises from motives of proprietheir former idolatry, and are so far prepared to had a great original, or father. The first buffalo, ty and long usage; but how did this usage the first bear, the first beaver, the first eagle, originate? If she had been the equal of the et cetera, was the manitu, or guardian spirit, of husband, the custom never would have obtain-It is easy to see that both Hindoo idolatry the whole race of these different creatures. ed, and it would then have been quite proper and Mohammedanism are losing their hold on the They chose some of these originals as their to receive acts of courtesy. After marriage minds of those who still show them an outward special mansion or guardian, and hence arose she owes unqualified submission to her husband deference. I have talked with intelligent Hin- the custom of having its representation as the who is her chief and master, and also to her doos with the red paint on their foreheads, indi- totem of the tribe. Whatever they held to be mother-in-law, so long as the latter lives. cating that they had faithfully attended to their superior to themselves they deified, such as the When small feet had become the national cusreligious rights, who nevertheless told me they sun, moon, stars, meteors, fire, water, thunder, tom, those with large feet were so persecuted had no faith in these mummeries, and felt the wind; but they never exalted their heroes or by their mothers-in-law, and despised by their vention and several of its adherents extorted at home. The other sons are without such heathen yoke that was upon them an intolerable prophets above the sphere of humanity. They husbands, that they committed suicide. At burden; deploring caste, and mourning over the adored an invisible great Master of Life in va- the present day, suicide or flight is often had rectorship in the E-tablished Church, a position degraded condition of their women. They will rious forms, which they called Manitou, and recourse to, to end or flee from the ills of life. Mr. Ryan, was displaced from his Presiding in the army, or civil service at home or abroad, do utter violence to their doctrine of caste when notions of vicarious atonement, and made pro- as to be used to frighten naughty female chilthan diminished his power for agitation. Sav-ing this unpleasantness, this Conference was an interesting and important one. Its organization bed to solve the solve to the solve the solv

They must not confound things which were in-

CHINESE WOMEN.

In regard to marriage, the right of choice is. custom. The future husband and wife have no

voice in the contract. Here, as in most Asiatic whale has been discovered for a harpoon to be countries, the family of the woman receives a cast at it. It frequently happens that after the sum of money proportioned to the wealth of the fish has been pierced, it dives into the deep, but two families. The marriage is thus made a generally it is at length secured. And some- business transaction. The woman is not the times after that godly fathers and pious mothers companion of the husband, but simply an obhave done their utmost, the favored child may ject of luxury or utility. She exists for the convenience of man, when she ought to be the chief ornament and foundation of society. In fact, it would seem she scarcely partakes of the same nature with man. Her small feet, were

