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"HE CARETH FOR YOU."

If I could only surely know

The lesser pains of daily life,

I wonder if he really shares In all my little human cares,

The poise the weariness the strife

Without confusion, sound, or jar, Stoops to these petty things

And deem whatever brought to me

And sense of Christ's sweet sympathy,

No loss' but richest pain

Dear Lord, my heart hath not a doubt.

We take the following extracts of Conferen

An important discussion arose on the qualif

for in the plan of union. It is constituted in

connection with this Conference is the reported

NEW CONNEXION DEPUTATION.

A deputation had been appointed by the

Wesleyan Conference a slight modification in

the article relating to the legislation of the

each Annual Conference, it will be sufficient it

ter, Rev. D. Savage, Rev. W. Tindall, Rev.

Mr. Buggin, and J. Mitchell, Esq., were intro-

which received them with tokens of pleasure

any former Conference.

preceedings from the Guardian :-

The loving thought of Deity,

It seems to me, if sure of this.

What peace it would afford

This mighty King of Kings If he who guides each blazing star Through reals sof boundless space afar

Blent with each ill would come such bliss That I might covet pain ;

That a'l these things that tire me se Were noticed by my Lord; The pang that cuts me like a kni'e. Vol. XXVI.

The Rev. Mr. Tindall addressed the Confec ence. He was gratified with the opportunity

ession asked, and thus remove the last hin-

That then dost compass me about With sympathy divine : The love for me once crucified such a way as to secure their concurrence. Is not a love to leave my side. Each smallest care of mine. THE CANADA CONFERENCE.

selves alone. Considering the eyes looking powers he is an incarnation of the mystic upon them from smaller Methodist bodies in divinity of eloquence.

Canada, and from San Francisco in the west He adds: "His oratory is wanting, per to Great Britain to the eastward, he felt that haps, in the strong, the classical, the mascul there was something vicarious in what they had element. It is delicate, winning, beautiful suffered; yet they had been delighted and sur- popular, electrical, without being effeminate. ence, and was continued for some time. The lay delegates must be twenty-five years of age, and five years continuance of membership of the to the majority, and its leaders were new com-Wesleyan Church. There was doubt in one mitted to give their influence in favor of union. pathos of extempore utterance, his imagery is Their deputation to England are about to sail, most gorgeous, often extravagant; a cataract ship. The President deemed it right and proper to ascertain whether in each case the law egram before their vessel had passed Father had been complied with. As great differences Point, that this Conference had consented to of opinion were expressed by several intelligent the proposed alteration in the 23rd section, the responsibility of such a man? Had his

POWERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

decided to appoint a committee to confer with the deputation on the subject, the committee to dead his memory would have taken rank with the deputation on the subject, the committee to dead his memory would have taken rank with two sainted Summerfield and immortal White-in Sabbath schools. One lady in Mr. Spurgeon's conversation whether the steps taken deprives E. H. Dewart, R. Jones, G. R. Sandersen, J. field, as not the least fragrant of the trio. the present Conference of all legislative autho A. Williams, E. B. Harper, Dr. Nelles, Sam- His example may furnish many a useful hint to sity. We cannot accept the theory of those uel Rose, James Grey, Francis Berry, Dr. the occupant of the sacred desk." that assume that it has no such authority. All Jeffers, K. Creighton, Alex. Sutherland and

that has been done in the adoption of the basis James Elliott. of union has been but preparatory for arrange-After announcements and the singing of part

The present Conference is not one of the An- diction.

nual Conferences contemplated and provided The usual Theological examination of the all respects the same as our former Angual Conyoung ministers to be ordained took place in ferences. The church must still possess its authe afternoon. During the same time the comthority. And if this authority does not exist mittee to confer with the New Connexion deruin the highest court of the church duly constitation met and discussed the proposed modifituted, where does it exist? We are certainly cation. After a good deal of discussion as to not under the new regime yet, though some the form is which the modification should apduction. It would not be advisable at this pear it was agreed to adopt the interpretation transition time to make any serious changes. ference, and the modification was cordially but our Conference has the same authority as adopted by the Conference. This has removed the last hindrance in Canada to a union of the Wesleysn and New Connexion bodies. The Rev. Mr. Savage telegraphed to Rev. Mr. increase of 3,017 members during the past year. Williams to Quebec, that he might know the This is of course after supplying all losses by result before he sailed for England. During death and removals. This is a gratifying inthe afternoon a deputation consisting of Judge arease which shows the aggressive energy of the Burnham of Whitby, Mr. Ross of Port Perry. shurch and the presence of the Master with His and Mr. Coulter of Whitby, in the interest of the new Educational Institute at Whitby, were introduced to the Conference. A memorial which they shall assemble from all parts of the country. Many of those who have met in this Hamilton Conference shall never meet again till they meet where "the parting word shall pass their lips no more."

was read setting forth the progress made in this project. Dr. Nelles moved a vote of thanks to the deputation, and to the Rev. J. E. Sanderson for his zeal and enterprise in this matter, which was cordially adopted. This is another important educational enterprise which is worthy of a generous support from the Methodist amblic.

The Conference then adjourned.

New Connexion Conference to present to the THE DEPUTATION TO HAMILTON. Attention is called to the report, to be found General Conference, on matters relating to Anelsewhere, of the visit of our deputation last nual Conferences. This was to the effect that week to the Weslevan Conference then and instead of requiring the vote of the majority of now in session in the city of Hamilton. The reception accorded to the delegation was one such legislation shall not be rejected by a maof unrestrained and brotherly affection, and jority of the Annual Conferences. The deputhe spirit in which the overture of our Conferences. tation, which consisted of the Rev. J. McAllisence was entertained was all that could be desired. For several reasons unusual interest attaches this year to the meeting of the Wesduced to the President by the Rev. E. H. Deleyan Conference, and amongst these reasons twelve months have constituted a term of The Rev. J. McAllister addressed the Conference. He said he felt somewhat nervous in addressing so large a body of ministers; but his feeling more relieved his conference. We were able to rejoice with unhis feelings were relieved by recognizing the teigned and grateful joy in the presence of our

that there was hardly evough opposition in the New Connexion Church relative to the 23rd Then opening his bosom, I was astonished to

union, to try and reach an amicable conclusion follows: on the matter. The opponents of union wish- 'Any act of the General Conference affect- through the hall to his door, gently opened it



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met with the brethren of the Wesleyan Church proved authority with the tenacity of the eccensilence of night until God had heard his cry, gether and blessed God for His mercy. In the

Every animal named in that paragraph had I rolled backward two or three hundred years, their hostility and prejudices gave away, and tric Randolph. His enunciation is clear and and granted him relief. And that sermon great Giver's hands lie gifts of many kinds, and seen making tracks. To be sure, it was the to read such an item as the one below. It a and they have never backslidden. Mr. Tindall distinct, touching, wounding, sharpening, thrilreferred to the three different classes of perling, or aspirating. His voice, though not that first Sabba/h in Mry 1840. in St. Louis, oftentimes see added that richer boon—a but the snow lay two or three inches deep that berg, Luther might have read such an item as the one below. It a weekly paper had been published in Wittenthat first Sabba/h in Mry 1840. in St. Louis, oftentimes see added that richer boon—a but the snow lay two or three inches deep that morning. I have seen it as deep in Worcester note; but, lo! this is cut from a vigorous and County, Mass., in the middle of May. It scholarly Roman Catholic paper, published in would be a pretty stiff hibernater that did not this year of grace, and in the metropolis of the

"There is no greater charity, as all Catholics know, than that which is bestowed upon the But it was easier to dispose of my friend in holy souls in purgatory. It is for this reason, Vermont than to get clear of the woodchucks and to enable many to avail themselves of an he had started up around me. I met Bishop opportunity which does not often arise, that we Haven. His eye twinkled as he asked, 'hasn't call attention once more to the ten years' mass that Venmenter got you?" Chancing upon Dr. which the Bishop of Pittsburg has ordered to Warren, be remarked, 'you are called to or- be said for the benefit of those who will contrider on woodchucks, I see.' So it went through bute toward canceling the debt on the Church the week. I grew suspicious of everybody, at Sewickley. Twice the congregation, which When that Angel spoke to the Conference is small and poor, have had to build their about our duties to brutes, I suspected he had church in consequence of accidents, and now, woodchucks in mind. Mr. Vice President Wil- a mass is said every Saturday, and will be said son began to tell me of something that he had seen in the *Herald*, and I believed he was after the same game. Tall B. insisted that I had Zwickert, Sewickley, Allegheney County, Pa. mistaken a rabbit for the other animal. There The mass is, of course, applicable either to

would be to build meeting-houses !- Zion's

BEFORE BREAKFAST .- It is a fact that some the shamrock is merely a sort of white clover. ladies, who in the street and in the parlor are But it was doubtless uncharitable to think B. attractive in appearance, come down to breakwished to pay off that old debt, and so I hum- fast in what is called dishabille. Our opinion bly beg his pardon for having published such is that the whole family ought to look well in the morning. It is important that the calico Since returning to Middletown, it has been and the breakfast dress be rightly adjusted as chuck. It would be easy to pass upon him. takes but a little longer, and it pays well The The books at my command give me a very full children of the household ought to understand and accurate account of him. On a single that whatever can be done by brush, and mirpoint' of special interest, they left me in the ror, and ribbon, should be done at the start of

Obituaru.

MR. ANDREW NEWCOMBE. Mr. Andrew Newcombe of Honewell Cape emark, that to learn about training horses one last. In the death of Bro, Newrombe we have must go among herse trainers, put me to think- lost an active and useful member of our church,

Bro. Newcombe was born in Cornwallis, N. S., but moved when a young man to this Pro-

of no consequence. Walking once with James Russell Lowell (onorate 'l altissimo posta), I quoted, as applicable to the late autumnal season,

"A single crow a single caw lets fall."

Christian deportment, setting and light single sent to before men, and thereby constraining them to glorify God in him. Few ever were more generally beloved than he, and all are ready to testify to his uprightness and Christian coasistency. Though a staunch Methodist he was a lover of all good men, and was "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." Devout men carried him to his burial,

and a very large company by their presence testified how greatly they venerated his mem-ory. Truly, "The memory of the just is blessed." CHARLES COMBEN.

On the 21st of April, of paralysis, Mrs. beloved wife of Mr. John Eagan, of Melvern Square, Wilmot, Nova Scotia. Mrs. Eagan became a member of the Wes-

leyan Methodist Society many years ago, under what instrumentality I am not prepared to say,

MAFFITT AS A PULPIT ORATOR.

BY THE REV. J. B. WARELEY, D. D.

The late Rev. James V. Watson, D. D., recited the history of movements toward union, never lacks for an audience. The announceand the many hindrances that had been encoun- ment of his name as the speaker has long been tered and overcome. Mr. Tindall referred in a stereotyped signal for a jam. Men of all pleasing and appropriate manner to the stereotyped signal for a jam. Men of all molds, and of every standing and influence of the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, the entire church in one individual communion as flows the stream of song from the throat of a facotious illustration was introduced and occa- the mocking-bird. His tones, like his gessioned much applause. He hoped the modification of the 23rd clause would be accepted, with the emotion. Possessing great compars MR. MOODY'S PRACTICAL PRECEPTS. and that the deputation to England would be and sweetness of voice, as if with whispers enabled to report to the English Conference in wrial, and music ventriloquial, he breathes his chastened sentences into the ear of his remotest The Rev. Mr. Savage, President of the Meth- auditor. His voice in its swell fills a large odist New Connexion, then addressed the Con-space, and to hear him is always to understand erence, dwelling upon the anxiety through him. In suiting the look to the passion, and which their church had passed during the past the action to the word, Maffitt has rarely had year. It had been a year of suffering, but he his equal, whether on the stage, at the bar, or

prised, at their late Conference, at the manner Again he says: "With him the life-sketch, in which opposition in their church has yielded the narrative, the picturesque, abound in every

Mr. Watson concludes, "What must be members of the Conference on certain uncertain facts, the conversation became general, and after eliciting various views, demonstrating the legal importance of the points raised, the furble conclusion of these addresses it was legal importance of the points raised, the furble conclusion of these addresses it was legal importance of the points raised, the furble conclusion of these addresses it was legal importance of the points raised, the furble conclusion of these addresses it was legal importance of the Conference on certain uncertain the proposed alteration in the 23rd section, the responsibility of such a man? Had his the sermon. The man to piety and devotedness always been equal to his was the one who began it.'

Q. What can women do his usefulness? His eulogy, when living, would have been. 'The deliciting would have been.' The deliciting would have been.' was | would have been, 'The de

A correspondent of the St. Louis Christian Advocate says of one of Mr. Maffitt's sermons: 'I was forcibly reminded of an incident that ments that have not yet come into existence. of a hymn, the President pronounced the bene- once occurred in my own intercourse with him, at once?" when he visited St. Louis in the spring and was upon his visit to St. Louis. Circumvisit, his residence should be with my family. Glasgow and Scotland! We were glad to entertain the man whose career of usefulness had marked his way in last an incident occurred which satisfied me of knowledge, than knowledge without zeal.'

the genuine piety of Maffitt, and unfolded to my view, to some extent, at least, the source from whence came his power in the sacred "He was asked by several friends to preac sermon upon the ' Divinity of Jesus Christ. In accordance with that request, he announced from the pulpit of the old Fourth Stree Church, that, on the sext Sabbath morning (which, if my memory is not at fault, was the first Sabbath in May 1840.) he would delive discourse upon that subject. As was usual with him, he had appointments for Tuesday and Thursday evenings of the week, at which he did not, as was usual with him, exhibit that brilliancy of thought and power of oratory for which he was so preeminent. On Friday and Saturday he kept his room closely. Occasion ally I called on him, and found him pacing the floor or surrounded with papers strewn in every wart. The President then introduced each may be found the gratifying fact that the past thing unusual in his appearance, so much so at thing unusual in his appearance, so much so at twelve months have constituted a term of almost unexampled prosperity in the history of I therefore approached him on Saturday even ing, and said, 'Brother Maffitt, something seems to be the matter with you; can I render you any assistance?' His reply was, 'Brother faces of many esteemed ministers, with whom be hed accorded in the union compared and grateful joy in the presence of our my mental anguish is almost beyond endurance be hed accorded in the union compared and grateful joy in the presence of our my mental anguish is almost beyond endurance be had associated in the union committees and bear's toil. The following is a copy, taken left me in total darkness; not the first ray of elsewhere. In trying to accomplish the importo-morrow. And such is the agony of my mind that my body has broken out in red spots.

that there was hardly evough opposition is the Wesleyan Church to make it interesting. But this was not so in the New Connexion. They had considerable opposition. And they, therefore, telt that it was necessary to secure union among themselves, before they could have a satisfactory union with the Wesleyan Church having conferred with the Conference of the New Connexion, and considered the subject sourched by the fire. Said he: "If I could subject sourched by the fire. Said he: "If I could submitted to them, beg to report the following resolution:

Resolution

**Re satisfactory union with the Wesleyans. They had, therefore, appointed a committee, representing both unionists and the opponents of union, to try and reach an amicable conclusion. ed to examine the 23rd clause altogether.
But the majority felt that this would be breaking faith with the Wesleyan brethren, and opposed it. Some wanted to make the authority of the General Conference who may be present and vote thereon; provided also that such act the new open before him, resting upon a chair, his face of the Annual Conference who may be present and vote thereon; provided also that such act the new open before him, resting upon a chair, his face

stood gazing, as I thought, upon the most sub- A THANKFUL HEART.—At a dinner-table, in mean? Everybody is talking about them.' sembled people. When I am going by water, lime spectacle I ever beheld, the clock in the cabin of an English steamboat, there sat a They found Zion's Herald, and showed me may the water nats assault me, the boat be uphall struck three; it was three o'clock Sunday conceited young man, who thought he dismorning, and yet his bed was not tumbled, nor played his own importance by abusing every I had tripped in natural history. Something porpoises, sharks, and other sea monsters of speaking, although embarrassed by his position. He was a fixed triend of union from the
beginning, and was a living proof of the docmonsters of speaking, although embarrassed by his position. He was a fixed triend of union from the
beginning, and was a living proof of the docmysterious magic about the uame of Maffitt.

There is a
thing placed before him. A clergyman present in an article of mine implied that woodchucks seize and crush me to death; and when I
turned away subdued in feeling, with every
monstrated with him, but in vain. Even on
leave beauty behind them when they leave footmysterious magic about the uame of Maffitt.

There is a
deek he continued his complaints of the illprints in the snow. My critical friend from
nats, but suffer unmixed punishment and trine of the "perseverance of the saints" He As a pulpit orator he is sui generis." Maffitt determination in future to be charitable to all cooked, unsavory fare, until the clergyman, Vermont says that the animal hibernates, and regret, in the utmost wretchedness, among the "When the morning came, and the bright ing toward the steerage, noticed an old man, animals sleep the winter months away, every- and Athurakai." Imagine the effect of such an

and his constant friendship to all movements favourable to the union of the Methodists. We have but one favourable to the union of the Methodists. We have but one The manner in which the prejudices of many were overcome was referred to. When they conforms his pronunciation to the most apsons of whom the New Connexion Church was strong, is under masterly control, and passes upon the 'Divinity of Christ,' is still fresh in grateful heart. composed. To reconcile the whole and bring up through the musical scale with as much ease the memory of such men as Wesley Browning

Not only is Mr Moody doing a good work

n Scotland himself, but the office of teacher of teachers has fallen upon him, and we hear o him in the Glasgow Convention answering al manner of questions—some of them very simple to us Americans-relative to the best methods of doing Christian work. The Signs of the trusted that they had not suffered for them- in the pulpit. When putting forth his full Times publishes a large number of the questions that were asked him, and his answers. The latter have all the merit of plain straight torwardness, and some of them deal hard blows at cherished usages of the old country. We quote a few questions and parts of his answers O Should we have a chairman at our gos-

pel meetings ?" 'A. I have noticed during the few months have been here that many meetings in Scotland have just been spoiled by some one taking the chair. After a man had preached a powerful sermon, the chairman got up and made some observations and offered some resolutions, and took the mind of the audience right away from the sermon. The man to close the meeting

'Q. What can women do for Christ?' his usefulness? His eulogy, when living, 'A. They can do a great many things. Some Church had a class of six hundred women whom she regularly gave addresses, and it was a question whether she did not do more for these women than Mr. Spurgeon.

'Q. Should young converts be taught or en couraged to confess Christ in public meeting

'A. Why not? What did the Master say to summer of 1840. I first heard him from the the man whom he dispossessed of the legion of pulpit in the city of Baltimore, when, in 1829 devils: 'Go bome to thy friends and tell then 30, his eloquence had attracted the attention what great things the Lord has done for thee of such vast crowds as constantly pressed their And he departed, and began to publish in De way into the churches where he was expected capolis how great things Jesus had done for o preach; and, like many others, with no bet- him, and all men did marvel.' That man wen ter means of forming an opinion, became pre- and told his friends in the whole town. If judiced in mind, and entertained opinions have got good news, I should not confine it t unfavorable to his genuine piety. Years my wife and children, but should spread passed away before I again met him, and then abroad. If I had been serving the devil publicly, why not Christ publicly? They want stances seemed to direct that, during that little more of that confession in the churches i

'Q. Does not Mr. Moody recognize benefit of thoroughly educated ministers? every city and town he had visited, and who 'A. Certainly. I never in my life saw came now to St. Louis, to use his own emphatic man who had too much education. But ther language, "to battle for the Lord." And yet is another side to that. If a man goes and I tound in my own mind a lurking of former sets up education in the place of Christ, he will prejudices, which, notwithstanding the charm have a good deal to answer for. There is a his presence threw around the social circle, great cry that some men have get zeal without still had an influence upon my feelings, until at knowledge. I would rather have zeal withou

· Q What new means can be used to reach the outlying masses?" 'A. It this convention should get on fire with love for Christ, they would soon reach the outlying people. The spirit of the Gospel was for Christians to go for the people and seek them out-not merely to open churches and 'Come in and be saved,' but to go to them. He was tired and sick of aristocratic notions-Christianity was dying with respectability. It was not respectable for them to go out to the streets and pray. What would they

say at the next dinner party? They would be telling each other—'Oh, Elder Jones was seen but that day he exclaimed, 'how about Con in the street circulating tracts.' Never mind necticut woodchucks?' This is some new slang their dinner parties. They should go and work at the Hub, though I, intent on not showing tor Christ.

A. It would take a day to answer that. here are two sides in this matter, and I want down, for he did not press the question. give a rap to both. Even some of the ministhink he ought to hurl the intoxicating stuff from him for Christ's sake. Now for the other side. I think the temperance man makes grand mistake who always lugs in the question. Everything in its own place. If , go to a prayer-meeting, I don't want to hear incessant-

O. How can we make our prayer-meeting more interesting? A. Well, be more interesting you that is one way. I tell you there has got to be fair Mary exclaimed, 'bow about woodchucks?' a first-class funeral in Scotland; we must bury 'O yea.' echoed her hospitable mother: 'about this stiffness. When we go into church, why not take a man by the hand, and throw off stiffness, and make everybody feel at home?" 'Q. What would you do with those me

who want to pray for a half an hour?" 'A. Why, the question is very easily answered—just ring the bell. You say you don't have a bell. Then just get up and pull the man's coat-tails. I would rather a thousand posed it. Some wanted to make the authority of the Annual Conferences consultative merely; but that also was declined. He expressed his satisfaction at the present prospect, and hoped that the Wesleyan Conference would grant the mess.

and vote thereon; provided also that such act to be not disapproved of by a majority of the next agony I heard him plead with God to assist him this once, if never again, to present to the him this once, if never again, to present to the people their hope of salvation. While I thus his coat-tails—I would do it.'

General Miscellanu.

IN MEMORIAM.

"The Chimpanzee of the Zoelogical Garden ead." - Times, March 21, 1874. Lament our poor brother departed !-From anthropoid antropos began-And Darwin deep mourning has started From this "Princeps editio" of man!

It seems as if Nature had matched him And his visitors, man against brute : But those who most closely have watched him, On the rivalry choose to be mute.

Look at him-thus peacefully lying, If developed, he might have feared dying, As it ie, what a 'scape of our sin !

And taught him to crisge, cheat, and l'e-A la mode of my lord and his flunky .-He had found it less easy to die. No monkey speaks ill of a brother ;

Chimpanzees hand o'er slander to man But could apes sit to cut up each other, There he lies, let them say all they can He was not paid to slaughter and plunder

He was not paid to lie in a wig ; He ne'er out-roared Truth with Press-thunder He ne'er lived to be he shand or father.

Or a model of both we had seen : So much from his conduct we gather, Since his home with the Zooloos has been Brother men, Chimpanzees though too plainly, You ne'er, do your utmost, can be,

Yet aspire-may it not be a'l vainly-As good as poor Joey to be ! WOODCHUCKS.

BY PROF. GEORGE PRENTICE. Woodchucks have long been familiar to m n my younger days they used to scamper i dismay from my path. With whizzing stones brandished pitchforks, and yelping dogs, they were driven to their holes. It was royal funt never occurred to me to ask whether the poor brutes enjoyed the sport as well as dogs and boys. It they got off without a whack from stick or stone, or a sharp nip from the dog, it was held better luck than they were entitled to. They are too fond of clover and other country delicacies, for a farmer to have any conscience about worrying them. Despite povish severities toward woodchucks, no fore

sleep were sweet? to me; digestion and conscience were undisturbed. Not even the ghost of a woodchuck ruffled my dreams. Happy and grateful I went to the New Engnference. Stepping into Magee's, good minister was encountered. He rushed oward me with brightening eye and warm greeting, and said, 'how about woodchucks?' Poor man ! said I to myself: 'he is losing his wits.' But to him I remarked, in a cheerful tone, 'woodebucks are woodebucks, sir Next Magee was encountered, Sharp as the thrust of a lancet came his question, 'what

ooding of vengeance troubled me. Food and

about woodchucks?' Nice fellow, Magee, but a little queer sometimes!' was my mental comment.

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In the Herald office sat Mr. Weed. As general thing he is the prince of gentlemen my ignorance; and hoping that patience would 'Q. What more can be done against intem- enlighten me, I responded, 'Connecticut wood chucks are as good as any.' Probably he thought my temper a little ruffled at being put On the street a Presiding Elder met

ters and elders in Scotland hang round the din- He gave me a queer look and said, 'woodner table too long, and drink too much wine. chucks? 'O, they are underground creatures That is the fly in the sintment I think every like Presiding Elders,' I retorted. He cast Christian church eught to be a temperance so- glance of pity at me, and passed on. An old ciety—and when a man comes into the church, friend came up with a smile on his face. You were going to say 'woodchuck,' said I. He blushed, admitted the charge, and passed along. A former parishioner spoke to me Suddenly he brightened up, and I knew what was coming. 'Not a word about woodchucks, threatened I. As we parted he was overheard y about temperance or the higher Christian nurmuring, ' well, he's pretty sore over it.' The world has gone crazy about wood chucks, I meditated; I will go to Brothe

Holt's, where I shan't be bothered with them Vain hope! Hardly was I in the house, when O yes,' echoed her hospitable mother; ' about those woodchucks?' The two Nottages called out, 'woodehucks! ha! ha! ha!' Then came a sweet, gentle voice, all music, and with touch of sympathy in it that plainly meant,

thoroughly disgusted, turned away, and, walk- so leaves no tracks in that season. That these four states of punishment, Hell, Prota, Beasts,

get thawed out by that time. My critic was United States. Says the Catholic Review: at fault, then, in supposing that the woodchuck does not leave tracks in the snow.

was malice in that suggestion. B. never has the dead or the living." quite forgiven me for hinting, in the old Wil. Think of that ! If it were true, how easy it braham days, after one of his original declamations about the poor Irishman sitting down in Herald. our American Canaan, under the spreading shade of the mighty shamrock, and after all fancies. Only Mallalieu stood by me.

dark, namely, at what time in the Spring he appears above ground. The books all state that the European marmot goes into winter quarters about the first of October, and forsakes them about the first of April. Prelakes the first of A grim smile, a work containing the safe statement that the arctomys monax sleeps until awakened by the returning heat of the season. Yesterday was one of the few fine days which this crabbed Spring has allowed us, and I improved part of it in a glorious walk. Socrates ing that to learn about woodchucks one must go among farmers. I sallied forth. The first from a most affectionate husband and a kind man 1 came upon was an Irishman, who had no and judicious father. doubt been sitting under the shamrock. He said, 'I knows all 'bout woo-woo-woodchucks, sir; but as his gait was as unsteady as vince, in various parts of which he resided to petent witnesses concurred in saying that 'the try.' I am writing, April 25, and the air is tull of snow, and the ground covered with it while I write, O Vermonter. The Connecticut his the was generally consulted, not only by his family, but also by his neighbours.

"A single crow a single caw lets fall."

He responded, 'that comes in winter, not in Fall. I knew better, and said so; Lowell knows best, and said so with unimaginable grace. Finally I quoted from his 'Indian will, be calmly tell asleep, trusting in the Lord grace. Finally I quoted from his ' Summer Revery:'

" The single crow a single caw lets fall; Ard all around me, every bush and tree Says, Autumn's here, and Winter soon will be' Who snows his soft, white sleep and silence over

He smiled, and said, 'well, I was wrong then; but now I am right.' At the time th remark seemed a playful evasion. I now think he was both serious and in the right. Is the Indian Summer Revery' any the less marvel- Mercy Eagan, in the 66th year of her age, the ous as a picture of an enchanting Indian Summer for that slight inexactness?—Zions Herald.

A BURMESE OATH

wise, and were evidently framed with a view to advance the interests of justice and morality; but they very often prove fu'ile, owing to the Burmese laws are, on the whole, just and tyranny and rapacity of the king, and the venal- class leader in this section), 3 sons, a daughter. ity of many of his officers. Theoretically false several grandchildren, and one great grandswearing is particularly obnoxious among the child, who, with general friends and neighbors, Burmese. A witness in court is compelled to feel that a void has been made in our midst. Burmese. A witness in court is compelled to take a fearful oath, which might well strike terror into simple minds. It invokes the most direful penalties for not speaking the truth upon the witness and all his relatives. For instance:

"Let the calamities occasioned by fire, water, rulers, thieves, and enemies opposes and described witness and enemies opposes and enemies opposes and enemies opposes and enemies of the enemies opposes and rulers, thieves, and enemies oppress and destroy us, till we perish and come to utter and community—gone to her rest, after a long destruction. Let us be subject to all the calamnd useful life. Another link is broken on touch of sympathy in it that plainly meant, 'I should like to stand by you; only the case is hopeless.' It was the voice of my wife; and she, too, cried out 'those woodchucks you know!'

The thing was getting beyond all bounds. 'Woodchucks!' I grumbled. 'Boston swarms with them' they have been under my heels ever since I got off the cars. What does it all of the case is the subject to all the calamities but there is a new bond of union to the upper and the better world—another inducement to those who remain, to live soberly and righteously—to emulate her virtues and Christian graces, so that when the closing scene with thunderbolts and lightning, and come to sudden death. In the midst of not speaking the truth may I be taking with vomiting black clotted blood, and suddenly die before the as-

his speech, I left him hugging the fence, which the day of his death. He joined the Methodist be told me was fa-fa-falling down. Four competent witnesses concurred in saying that 'the warmints in question get out about the first of April.' Three of them had seen the wood-chucke out this year as early as that. The Hartford Post, under date of April let. Hartford Post, under date of April 1st, says, woodchucks are out in full force in the coun he had well improved according to his opportu.

What if I had slipped? The woodchuck was Christian deportment, letting his light shine Wherever his lot was cast he maintained

Hillsboro', N. B., June 12, 1874.

The Rev. J. McAllister addressed the Confer-FORD, J.-P. tant project of forming a union with the Wes-leyan Church, they had met with embarrass-ments and opposition. Some one had said,

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