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from Christianity the Divine element which is of the fair earth; but for thee we should not its life, and strength and glory. The present have known the name of widow or orphan, tear is a period when the Christian pulpit should give and sigh, sorrow and death; but for thee our Preached in connection with the Foreign Mis- no uncertain sound upon this cardinal point. hearts had been untorn by a pang. and our joy suon Anniversary in the Methodist Church, Ermouth Street, St. John, N. B., on the With a holy indiguation let us huri back to pure as the ecstacies of heaven!" The cry of evening of Sabbath, February 9th, 1873, by the regions of falsehood whence it came, the humanity in every age has been substantially. God-dishonoring lie, that Christianity is only "O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver one of a series of successively improving deve- me from the body of this death ?" What must

"Whom we preach, warning every man, and lopments of human wisdom and virtue-to be I do to be saved ?" teaching every man in all wisdom : that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."- Colos-sians 1, 28. superseded in its turn, (even it it be not already To these inquiries, interesting beyond all

superseded) by some modern expression of the possible expression, the echoes of Christ's voice, Astronomy teaches that all the planets in the liberated thought of mankind. Fearless of all lingering in the record of this Book, furnish solar system, with their attendant satellites, successful contradiction from the words of his- the only life-inspiring response. "The spirit while deriving their light from the sun, concur, tory, the researches of philosophy, and all just of the Lord is upon me, because he hath in obedience to an uniform law of gravitation, interpretation of the divine oracles, may we at- anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; in doing homage to his supremacy, as the stu- firm that by the Christ of the Gospel there be hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to pendous central power which controls, con- have been revealed mysteries so sublime, and preach deliverance to the captives, and recovserves, and harmonizes all their movements. virtues so exalted, and deeds in the interest of ering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty What the sun is in the material system in which humanity so superhuman in their physical gran-them that are bruised, to preach the acceptahe occupies so conspicuous a position, and exerts deur and moral glory achieved. as to compel ble year of the Lord." For God so loved the an influence so potent, and pervading that, our our admiring faith to exclaim, " My Lord, and world, that He gave his only begotten Son, Lord Jesus Christ is, in the grand economy of my God !" We point them to the vaulted that whoseever believeth in Him should not saving truth-its central power of attraction,- beavens where through illimitable space my- perish, but have everlasting life."

its light and life- according to the graphic de-scription of the last of the Old Testament Pro-of the God of truth, we tell them that among Gilead, the Fountain opened, the True Bethphets, the "Sun of righteousness " risen upon all those magnificent and brilliant orbs, there esda. Sound it out East and West, North and our darkened sphere with healing in his wings, is not one which was not created, and is not South, that Christ Jesus came into the world So thought St. Paul, for in his creed, experi- upheld by Jesus Christ. to save sinners. Tell the plague-spotted milence. and ministry. Christ was the " Alpha and Before His advent the Seraphim worshipped lions, that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth Omega," "the Author and Finisher," the all Him as the thrice holy Jebovah, the Lord of from all sin." Let them know that "He tastand in all." Would be characterize Christian hosts-of whose glory the whole earth was even ed death for every man." Proclaim Him the theology ? He styles it "the truth as it is in then full. When on earth He claimed and re- only and all sufficient Saviour ! Countless mul-Would he describe his religious ex- ceived divine honors and worship, and now titudes in all ages have been trying one expeperience? He says, "Christ liveth in me." that He is once more enthroned in heaven, the dient after another, to roll back the overwhel-Would he avow the theme of his ministry ? He adorations of angels and men are poured forth ming tide of evil, to throw off the deadly

declares it to be " Jesus Christ and him cruci- before Him in extollations of His achievements incubus of sin, to extinguish the hell-fire of a as the Redeemer God. If a mere creature guilty conscience, to force the bolts of the dire Through evil as well as good report, when could create the vast universe, and if it be not poison of the soul, and free themselves from deprived of personal liberty, as well as when idolatry in angels and men to offer divine worwith unrestricted freedom be went in and out ship to a created being, then we admit our er- in vain. Let them know that Christ is the among the Churches, he ever tenaciously clung to ror in regarding Christ as essentially and practi- God-appointed Saviour, and invested with all

Christ, and gloried in His cross. When he wrote cally divine. But it reason and revelation power in heaven and earth, is able to save unto this Epistle he was confined in a Roman prison, equally denounce such assumptions as alike the uttermost all who come unto God by Him. where he had been cast by the cruel Empei- baseless and blasphemous, as they unquestion- He who of old parted the sea and divided the or Nero, solely on account of his having preach- ably do, then must Christ's own words be true, Jordan, can avert and control the mightiest floods of moral evil, and command the waves ed Christ. A mid the damp and dismal dark- " I and my Father are one !" 2. Christ is to be preached as the Son of of Heaven's anger that they turn not to drown ness, and the sobering solitude of his cheerless

the helpless soul of humanity. Erom the cell, does his faith falter ? does his love grow Man. cold ? Verily, no ! Forth from its grim walls The great majori'y of the Christian Church wounded side of Jesus flows the river of the sound out the notes of his heroic trust in God, believe that as our Lord Jesus Christ was the water of life, which alone can quench the and undying affection for his Saviour. Listen. Son of God by an eternal generation, so He is flames of guilt in the soul, cleanse from the im-"Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss the Son of Man by the mystery of the Incarna-for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ tion. The great object of His mission to our Eden for life and beauty. Let but the cry of Jesus my Lord:" "For the which cause I also world was our redemption. The accomplish- a penitent sinner, uttered in faith, reach His suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ment of this mighty purpose involved His sac- ear, and there is not a moral dungeon which ashamed-for I know whom I have believed, rificial death. It was fitting that He should He cannot force, nor a chain which He cannot ersuaded he is able to keep that which assume the nature of those whom He undertook break. He can comfort and aid, guide an I have committed unto him against that day." to redeem, therefore, He took upon Him, not guard His people all along their path through Under these circumstances it was that tidings reached him of the triumphs of the Gospel at Colosse—intelligence that filled him with great come, in the volume of the book it is written joy. His rejoicing, however, was moderated of me," He adds, " but a body hast thou pre- the proclamation, "I am the resurrection and by the accompanying information that false pared for me," thus referring to the superna- the life." He will convey the disembodied teachers had crept into that youthful Christian tural provision made for His assumption of our spirits of all who die in Him, to His Father's community, and corrupted the minds of some nature, or, as another rendering of the lan- house, where they shall see His glory and of its members. This state of things appealing guage reads, "My ears hast thou opened" or share His heaven. In due time He will wake to his jealousy for the bonor of Christ, and his "bored," in allusion to the ancient custom of their guarded dust from the slumber of mortal love for precious souls, was the occasion of his boring the ears of servants, and harmonizing ity, and having clothed it with immortal life and with the words of the Apostle, " He took upon beauty, make each glowing body the shrine of writing this valuable epistle. Besides the numerous and judicious counsels.

THE FATAL SHIPWRECK. Multitudes with western motion, Haste from European homes,

Brave the dangers of old Ocean, Where Death's angel often comes. Steam or wind the current arges ; Thousands weekly greet our clime

Some, alas ! 'neath Ocean's surges Sudden, find the end of time. Hundreds, full of expectation.

Crowded the Allantic's deck Dreamed of happy destination, Not of the terrific wreck !

Safely o'er the ocean crossing. Harmlessly each billow rolls; Onward, onward, never pausing, With a thousand precious souls

Hope is brightening, joy increasing As they near the new world's shore ; Wearied feelings fast decreasing, Soon the voyage will be o'er.

Yes, and sooner than expected! Why such doom? Who tells the cause Man's mistake was uncorrected, Till the ship was in death's jaws.

Death insatiate, quick devoureth, Hundreds wake for longer sleep; Agony its horrors poureth Round about and in the ship

Babes unconscious of their dangers Mothers there with anguish riven; Fathers, brothers, friends and strangers Cry in agony to heaven.

Feebly up the rigging climbing, Killed by inches with the frost; Ocean's wail with mortals chiming, As they sink among the lost.

O! what mental conflicts raging, While they grasp the icy rope; Chilling hope, despair assuaging, Wild despair destroying hope.

Poverty and wealth and fashion, Now in strange confusion blend ; Loudest cries of human passion, In death's low cadences end.

Life preserved, awakens gladness, Grate:ul feelings fill the soul, Yet the tears of deepest sadness, Down the cheeks unbidden roll.

poet preached to ten thousand persons, with a was not going to leave them just yet." larger effusion of the Spirit than had ever be- For some days it appeared not improbable fore attended his ministry, and writes after- that the expectation of a return to his ordinary ward ; "Seventy years of suffering were over- state of health would be realized ; but at noon paid by one such opportunity. I expressed of Saturday, March 8, a telegram conveyed the gratitude of my heart in the following the intelligence that he was " sinking tast, and thanksgiving: 'All thanks be to God, who not likely to live through the day." When I scatters abroad;"" a hymn so jubilant in word reached his bedside I found him conscious, and measure as to produce unbounded enthu- during the brief intervals in which he was not teel, was tor myself, for his brethren-his sons siasm whenever it is sung. It was amid the dozing, but scarcely able to do more than -- in the ministry, for the whole Methodism lonely grandeurs of the Land's End that he make teeble efforts to express himselt in which he had loved to the end. After this he wrote the sublime hymn, " Thou God of speech. Opportunity was taken, when he lay silent and still as before. I retained his glorious majesty;" and on the same myste- happened to be aroused a little, to say to him. hand a little longer, thinking how precious the rious spot. "Come, Divine Immanuel, come." "A triend is come to see you;" and, on my dust it was quickly to become; kissed the brow His faculty of composition was once put to name being mentioned, he looked towards me, that was soon to receive its wondrous crown; an almost ludicrous test on the some coast. seemed partly to recognize my figure as I stood and then left the veteran soldier of Christ. and He had just begun to sing a hymn, in the at the foot of the bed. But the sight that had of the Church till the time of the restitution of midst of a gathering crowd, when some for its fourscore years been keen was now all all things " and the " resurrection of the just." sailors, halt tipsy, attempted to drown his but gone. He however put out his hand, moving No man could part better with his friend, no voice by rearing the favorite song. "Nancy his fingers so as to indicate a wish that 1 son with his father, than thus. The prayer Dawson." In the midst of the discordant con- should come nearer to him. I went to his side, which is the burden of the hymn whence his test between hymn and song, his quick ear and held his hand in silence for some minutes. "testimony" was taken is fulfilled; and glori-

above tier, like an ancient amphitheatre, the ed to one of his nearest relatives, that " he failed to add, this time altering a word with

caught the metre and air, and he challenged It was a scene that will not soon fade from the ous, through the natural tears of theusands of them to come again, when he would be there memory. There, stretched motionless, lay Methodists who have learned to honor him, apand sing a new song to their tune. When the venerable form, the home of a spirit pass- pears. both arrived at the same place in the evening. ing through that mysterious "shadow" by Wesley sang the next hymn.

" Listed into the cause of sin, Why should be good evil ?" that he " shall not see death." must enter

to the tune of "Nancy Dawson," and many into his Master's life. On the wall opposite who had accompanied the sailors " to scoff, hung a portrait, an old engraving, of Mr remained to pray." . . .

unto Him."

· · · His hymns on Heaven have sometimes tears. . . .

The Church of England closed her pulpits of heaven," one of the few in that hallowed In substance it is as follows : In the ten years against the living preacher. By a happy retri- chamber just entering the city in which " is no ending 1871, the number of native Christians bution the undying voice of the dead poet temple." the rest long, had it been lawful, to has increased 61 per cent., or from 138,731 to 224,161. The rate of increase in the previous decade was 53 per cent. The purely native sounds alike through her stateliest and her follow. I felt a strong desire to exchange, it in such circumstances it were allowable to make the attempt, a last word with one who had honored me with his friendship, ere the final summons impossible. I The purely nativ lowliest temples; and his magnificent anthem should render all intercourse impossible. I girls. moved, therefore, to the other side of the bed, The Wesleyan Missionary Society has never service on Easter-day; and his Ascension Hymn, "Hail, the day that sees Him rise"\_\_\_\_\_ the finest in our language-leads the praises of worshippers on Ascension-day. It is not enough toat the Church from which he was driven should now hear his voice; but all churches, in the Lord Jesus, and peace through the should now hear his voice; but all churches, orthodox and heterodox, accord him an hon-ored place; and the hymns sung by eleven mil-lions of people, who, it is estimated, form the Methodist societies of our day, are his, with comparatively few exceptions.—Isabella L. Bird, in Sunday Magazine. (Even the Methodist Recorder) Bird, in Sunday Magazine. (From the Methodist Recorder.) THE LAST HOURS OF THE REV. THOS. JACKSON. By the courtesy of the Editor of the Wes-legan Methodist Magazine, the Rev. B. Frank-land, B. A., we are enabled to furnish the following extract from an article, prepared by himself, intended for insertion in the April number of that publication: On Thursday, February 27, I went over to Shepherds' Bash with the intention of spending an hour with our satisfied with favour, and full of the blessing of the Lord !" I asked, "Shall we say of you, father Jackson, 'Satisfied with favour ?" For a moment there was no response, and it seem-ed as if the man of God bad already escaped beyond reach of the associations, though sacred is was first exitablished, so judged by the number of moments in Society, it has always been the beyond reach of the associations, though sacred and spiritual, of this "mortal strile." But ob-serving a slight—all but imperceptible—setting of his features, as if he was endeavoring to seize the allusion, I repeated the words, adding however, the proper name associated with them in the Sacred Text, in order to help bis recollection: "Shall we say, father Jackson, 'O Narbell, satisfied with tayour! He instant. fulness. 'Tis almost done, ' tis nearly o'er <sup>1</sup>O Naphtali, satisfied with lavour ! He instant-ly caught what was meant- His left hand was clenched, and his arm energetically raised, and uncound and the ministers was found to be clenched, and his arm energetically raised, and so held for several seconds—an evident refer-ence to the exulting words, spoken of all the Tribes, which shortly after follow, "The eter-nal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the last added 523 to the number of members. But that member is still 43 into the number of members. by Charles Wesley :-Walk with me through the dreadful shade, And, certified that Thou art mine, My spirit, calm and undismay'd I shall into Thy hands resign : No anxious doubt, no guilty gloom, Shall damp whom Jesu's presence cheers My Light, my Life, my God. is come, And glory in His face appears ! everlasting arms." Doubtless had he possessed everlasting arms." Doubtless had ne possessed the power of speech, he would have once more exclaimed, with his own Charles Wesley— None is like Jeshurun's God, So great so strong, so high; ago. The fact may serve as a caution against So great, so strong, so high; Lo! He spreads his wings abroad. and 42 to its membership, including 80 Tami members in Colombo. Calcutta has been con-He paused at the end of the first line of this He rides upon the sky: Israel is him first born son: God, the Almighty God, is thine See Him to thy help come down, The excell.nce divine stituted a district, and its 36 members have multiplied to 140. The Mysore District under the direction of the venerable Mr. Hodson, has The excell nee divise made marked progress. The catechists have increased from six to fitteen, and the members from 266 to 321. The Madras District has suffered the most severely from the reduction in the staff of English missionaries, having now only nine as compared with fitteen in 1862. It reports 209 members in Society being an in-\* Those who are familiar with Mr. Jackson's so appropriate, he resumed the quotation, saying, as he finished it, "This is my testi-mony—my testimony," repeating the last two words, as was his wont when wishful to make a eentiment or word emphatic. He then added, local sources in 1872 was £3,140, or £1,000 Warn'd of my dissolution near, more than in 1864, the first year for which we have a statement of this kind. In the amount of local income Madras has the first place among As on the margin of the grave, Jetns, with hnmble faith and fear, I now bespeak Thy power to save; Thon who hast tasted death for me, Indulge me in my fond request, And let a worm preseribe to Thee The manner of my final rest! the districts. The statistics before us do no include bap tized persons and catechumens not mem-bers of Society. Estimating these at siz times the number of members, we have, including members, 20,000 adherents of the Wesleyar mission. It to these are added the thousand Wesleyan My techle heart's extrême desire. If now Thine eye with pity sees, Whene'er thou dost my soul require, carry into effect himself. Prayer was then sands of beathen children in the missions schools, and the many thousands of Hindus and Buddhists addressed every week by the missionaries and catechists in town and vil-Whene er thou dost my soul require, O let me then be found in peace; In active faith, and humble prayer, Besign'd yet longing to depart, To rise, redeem'd from earthly care. And see Thee, Saviour, as Thou art. lage, in chapels, and sheds, and in the open air, and the multitudes who receive the publianxiety and sorrow, and of the Church of cations of the mission presses at Bangalore and Colombo, we may form a proximate esti-Suffice that more than three score year Suffice that more than three score years I have Thine indegnation borne; Glad may I quit the vale of tears, And, pardon'd, to Thine arms return. The tokens of thy pardoning love, The comforts sweet through life suspe But while I from the flesh semove. Let hope and peace us in my end. mate of the persons directly influenced by the Wesleyan mission in Ceylon and India. The work accomplished, and the success with which God has blessed it, are, we believe, far greater than is believed by man even of the warmest supporters of Wesleyan missions, though com-pared with what remains to be accomplished that work and that success may appear infinite-(The Poetical Works of John and Charles

This last signal of victory, I could not but

All the struggle now is o'er,

And wars, and fightings cease

Israel now shall sin no more.

But dwell in perfect peace ; All his enemies are gone ; Sin shall have in him no part ;

Israel ow shall dwell alone, With Jesus in his heart

joyous confidence.

The manner of his final rest. which the Christian himself, though promised He fell asleep at two in the atternoon of March by the Divine Son who is the "resurrection" 10, 1873, in the ninetieth year of his age.

METHODISM IN CEYLON AND INDIA.

Wesley, the Wesley-for though he loved We are often told, and upon high authority, John Wesley was right in assigning a very Charles he sat at the feet of John--to whose that misssionary labours in India are doing high place to his brother's funeral hymas, marvellous life the life now fast ebbing away had much to weaken ancient superstitions, to relax They are songe, not dirges; thanksgivings for been linked on, both by several years in which the tyranny of caste, to raise the social status of the good fight foughten well," for the eman- they were contemporary, and by conspicuous woman, to diffuse true views of God and of mocipation of the spirit, for the everlasting life. labors, continued through the greater part of a ality, and generally to prepare the way for the Fitting strains are they wherewith to escort century in the foremost ranks of the Wesleyaa sudden spread of Christianity. It is urged that the good soldier to the grave, to comfort ministry. As it nothing should be wanting our estimate of the success of missions should nourners, and stimulate the living to holiness to complete a memorable and affecting picture, be formed rather from a consideration of these and zeal. No man knew better how to make there too was age itself ministering to age, his wider results, than simply from the number of use of the hope of "our gathering together "Angel"-as the tather had been used fondly converts. We allow the t, uth of this position to call her-who, as she spoke with tears and but contess that our confidence in general asin whispers of the meekness and patience of sertions of progress, is increased when such as produced a thrilling effect on those who heard the dying patriarch, waited on him with the sertions can be confirmed by numerical returns. them for the first time. Some years ago the loving reverence of a spiritual as well as earthly The Calcutta Missionary Conference has rerecital of one of them, by the counsel in a daughter, and the dignity of the Christian cently collected with great care the fullest inmurder case tried at Exeter, as having been matron. The sunbeams streaming in at the formation as to the state of each Protestant

the last words of a murdered girl, melted the judge, the bar, the jury, and the audience into material source, which seemed to flow around formation collected in the same way in 1861 those present. Here, surely, was the "gate and 1851. The result is highly encouraging.

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sui ted to the peculiar condition of the Colos- declaration, "Even as the Son of Man came with the Lord." sian believers with which it is enriched, this not to be ministered unto, but to minister," or letter contains a masterly vindication of the to save, " and to give His life a ransom for the quick and the dead. supreme dignity. and divine glory of the Lord many."

Jesus Christ. He shows how this transcend- Guided by the star of Gospel story we come ant verity, that Christ crucified is a Divine to Bethlehem and find the infant Jesus, and have all been probationary. That, under Saviour-constitutes the grand centre around thence follow Him along the whole career of which we are priviliged to live is the last of which all other truths of the evangelical econo- His humiliation, and as we pass from stage to such dispensations. To it, is destined to such my in beautiful harmony revolve, and hence stage we are more deeply convinced of Ilis ceed the age of retribution. When the Gospe the prominence assigned to this doctrine in the zeal and personal humanity. Gazing upon this shall have been preached in all the world as ministry of himself, and his brethren in the side of Christ's nature we are filled with humil- witness unto all nations, then aball the end apostleship. It is in this connection we find ity and grateful joy. We are humbled, for it come. All the ages of human history, prior warning every man, and teaching every man in should stoop so low as to take upon Himself a Seed-time, and summer of the moral devein all wisdom : that we may present every man nature capable of suffering and death. We lopment of our race. rejoice when we remember that He who stoopperfect in Christ Jesus."

These words as we understand them, teach ed so low is one so high, and hence so mighty Over all these ages, with the generations of us what ought to be the Theme, the Mode, and to save. For more than hirty years He so- men whose lives they shall have measured, the the Motive of the Christian ministry. We pro-pose to examine the topics in the same order the true brotherhood of our humanity. His slain from the foundation of the world" shall heart overflows with love, His voice was ever have extended. In the end of the world, He in which they are presented. 1. The Theme of the Christian ministry.

"Whom we preach" writes the apostle. forth to bless. The heroic love which induced God even the Father-and robing Himself Whom did they preach? Let the immediately Him to carry our sorrows, and acquaint Him- with judicial majesty, descend in the clouds of Whom did they preach? Let the immediately Him to carry our sorrows, and acquaint Him-previous words supply the answer, "Christ in self with our griet, reached its highest devel beaven to judge the entire race of manifold. poetic merit place them by themselves. Charles confined to his bed, where he had been several you the hope of glory." What should minis- opment when upon the altar of the cross He Then shall be heard the voice of the Archyou the hope of glory." What should minis-poured out His soul unto death for the trans-ters preach concerning Christ? If the preach-poured out His soul unto death for the transing and testimony of the apostles may be their directory, then we may answer as follows: with the fiery bolts of divine vengeance, and all before the flaming tribunal. "Then the 1. Christ is to be preached as the Son of God. His human body "wounded for our transgres-heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and were the offspring, no less than the Methodist

We cannot but have observed the command- sions, and bruised for our iniquities. Clothed the elements shall melt with fervent heat." ing prominence given by the apostles in their with that humanity which expired on Calvary, Thus signalized shall dawn that day for which than the poet the destructive nature of sin; no writings to the doctrine of the proper and es- and was raised from the dead by the glory of all other days were made. Time shall be no man ever gave more absolute credence to the writings to the doctrine of the proper and es-sential divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ. St. John testifies of Him, "This is the true God, and ternal lite." St. Peter writes, "For we for the frequently is this assuring fact of our Save have not followed cunningly devised fables, jour's perfect humanity, securing for us in Him Before Him shall be gathered all nations. In Charles Wesley occasionally cast aside poetic when we made known unto you the power and a personal and kindred friend, lost sight of by one vast assembly all the kindreds, tribes and refinements and apostrophized his hearers with coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were His Church. This ought not to be. We are tongues and people shall mingle. Idolaters singular plainness of speech. In Wales, one eye-witnesses of his majesty. For he received taught to remember that He is touched with and Turks, Jews and Mahommedans, Chris- of the roughest audiences ever assembled was from God the Father honor and glory, when the feeling of our infirmities, and knows how tians and Infidels shall compose one promis- melted into tears, almost as one man, by the there came such a voice to him from the ex- to succour them that are tagspted. What cuous concourse. The wise man, and the singing of the hymn, "Lovers of pleasure cellent glory, 'This is my beloved Son, in comfort flows from the thought,

"He in the days of feeble flesh, whom I am well pleased.'" St. James desig-Poured out His cries and tears ; And though exalted feels afresh, What every member bears." nates Him, "our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory." St. Paul declares Him to be " the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ :" As the Son of God. His divinity gives completeness to all His mediatorial sufferings as -" the Son of God :"-" the brightness of

his glory, and the express image of His person." In the Epistle be affirms of Him, "For omnipresence, He maintains in this globe the we shall each be recognized by the Judge, and became preachers of righteousness. in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead As "the man Christ Jesus," He still cherishes shall be set, and the books opened. Contrasting the Gospel with the law of Moses. for our race the love and sympathy of a human

and the institutions of the Jewish Church-the brother amid all their wants, and weaknesses torial king under whose government the world apostles saw in the divinity of the Saviour it and woes; while as the Son of God, He is able of the Redeemed has been placed, the Lord reveals, the reason of its unrivalled power, and to lift them up above the reach of them all. Jesus Christ is delegated by the everlasting peerless authority. Their highest impressions 3. Christ is to be preached as the Saviour Father to execute the duties of the supremely of the law of God were derived from the con-sideration that He who died on Calvary, was

sideration that He was died on Calvary, was the Lord of life, and rich in glory- not only in the form of God, but equal with God. If such importance were attached by these inspired the chains of a pruel crushing despotism. As God-man He will be peculiarly used to be a start of the solution of the solution. The solution of the soluti importance were attached by these inspired men to this doctrine, may we not justly assume Like a virulent and loathsome disease, its em-the arcs, the foundation to the superstructure— tor the soul to the body, we feel that it cannot be held with too firm a grasp. This convic-tion is strengthened as we observe the undis-guised efforts which are being made by theolo-gical adventurers, and self-constituted teachers of religions taithe in this can of man cometh." religious laiths, in this age of rationalistic resies, and scientific oppositions, to eliminate blood, thou hast dug every grave in the bosom Conclusion next week.

Him the form of a servant," and with His own a glorified spirit, and so shall they "even be

4. Christ must be preached as the Judge 9

The various dispensations of the divine go vernment under which men have been placed

"The harvest is the end of the world."

eloquent of peace, and His hands stretched shall deliver up this mediatorial Kingdom to

and the poor, the bond and the free, the curred: king and his subject, the slave and his master, the husband and the wife, the parent and the child, the Pastor and the people, the young and the old, the saint and the sinner, mankind and devils, shall all be marshalled

influence and helpfulness of His humanity. every one answer for himself. The judgment In recognition of His services as the media

Joy amid such scenes of anguish, Scarce could live in human breast Living hope itself did languish, Midst the dying and distrest.

Like as from a dream awaking. We the awful scene survey ; Others, with their heart strings breaking. Dimly see it far away.

Painful feelings waited bither, Come with every passing gale; Living hearts and hopes will wither, When they hear the awful tale.

Officers and Captain weeping. Gently chide the erring crew; Grief across their spikits sweeping Cause them in the dust to bow

Wait the future's plain revealings, We shall know the reason then; Oft we err when heightened feelings, Motives try of fellow-men.

God of justice and compassion Us prepare for sudden death ; Give us while we live salvation, Save us thus from coming wrath. G. O. H

Canning, April, 1872.

. THE Wesleyan bymns are most pecul- his study. surrounded by books and papers, and iar. The peripatetic composition, their auto- ready for discourse such as the "old man biographical cast, their lofty spirituality, their eloquent " loved to address to his ministerial intense life and practicality, and their high, brethren, I was concerned to hear that he was fool, the learned and the unlearned, the rich more than God," in which the bold verse oc-

"Outcasts of men, to you I cal'; Harloss and publicans and thieves, He spreads his arms to embrace you all; Sinners alone his grace receives."

Nor was the audience melted to tears alo but out of the thrilled and tumultuous assemman, whilst by virtue of His omniscience and there. You will be there, I shall be there, blage Christ rescued his own, many of whom The popularity of Wesley's hymns among the

Methodists is greatly increased by the circumstances of their composition and the associa tions connected with them. With marvelous facility, he wove every incident into poetie meditation, and " had a psalm " for every occasion of his long career. On going down to preach among the Newcastle colliers, the fires with which he saw them surrounded suggested the stirring hymn :

Preaching among the Portland stone-quar- son, who was in a room below; to come nies with such success that "the rocks were that he might see him; thus showing his broken and melted into tears on every side," | interest in young people to the last. I return he wrote the popular hymn. "Come, O ed cherishing the thought that the time of his Thou all-victorious Lord," with its vigorous departure was not fully come; a hope which I allusion to " hearts of stone." In the great pit indulged more readily because I had learned at Gwennap, where the seats of turf rose tier not long before that, he had playfully remark- Wesley, vol. vii., pp. 374-5.)

" Hark the Lerald angels sing," the most popu lar Christmas hymn in the world, finds a place at the end of the Prayer-book, His Easter Hyma, "Christ the Lord is risen to day, hallelujah !" appropriately opens the morning

THE WESLEYS AND THEIR HYMNS. now departed friend and tather in God. Mr. Jackson. Instead of finding him as usual in

After a lew sentences in reference to the circumstances of his affliction, he began, though not able to articulate every word distinctly, to quote a verse, the last, of one of the hymns entitled "Preparation for Death,"

stanza observing, with a smile, "But I would alter that ; it is not a ' dreadful ' shade." On my asking him what he would substitute for the word " dreadful," which in its old sense of "solemn," "awe-inspiring," is in this place o appropriate, he resumed the quotation,

entiment or word emphatic. He then added, · I have no great jcy. but I have perfect peace, perfect tranquillity." A short conversation nsued on general subjects, in which he showed his customary interest in passing public ques tions, putting several inquires as to Methodis affairs, and making arrangements respecting one or two matters of private business which he hoped he might, perhaps, be spared to

"See how great a flame aspires !" Again, in the same neighborhood, the sight sponded with child-like simplicity, but with weary and eager multitudes thronging to boly fervour, to the petitions made in behalt of himself in his affliction, his family in their

Christ. He pressed me to allow my younger

