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THE YEARS. Why do we heap huge mounds of years Before us and behind, And scorn the little days that pass

Each turning round a small sweet face, As beautiful as near, Because it is so small a face, We will not see it clear.

Like angels on the wind ?

And so it turns from us, and goes Away in sad disdain : Though we could give our lives for it. It never comes again. -Miss Muloeh.

LET 1T PASS.

Be not swift to take offence; Let it pass! Anger is a foe to sense Let it pass ! Brood not darkly o'er a wrong ; Which will disappear erelong ; Rather sing this cheery song-Let it pass ! Let it pass ! Strife corrodes the purest mind ; Let it pass

To the unregarded wind, Let it pass ! Any vulgar souls that live. May condemn without reprieve : Tis the noble who forgive, Let it pass ! Let it pass !

Echo not an angry word ; Let it pass Think how often you have erred ; Let it pass ! Since our joys must pass away! Like the dew-drops on the spray, Wherefore hould our sorrows stay ? Let it pass ! Let it pass !

FAMILY RELIGION. MONUMBARD IN COST V Private devotion, family devotion. and the worship of the sanctuary, are BY GEAD thousands of persons so intimately connected, and one so de-Thousa this time-honoured sancpendent on the other for its vigor and delight, that neither can be neglected tuaryonumental tablets affixed to the without spiritual loss. God has or- at twithout having time even to read dained that the worship of his house miscriptions upon them, hoped for a should be conducted by those regularly re convenient season to come for that called and set apart to that work. Strongly-expressed confidence of Mr. He was, we believe, the first Methodist eventful, and sad. Robinson wedged the responsibility of conducting worship of the Church in the ie rests upon the one whom God F the head of the family. .nt re-The father in the Old Teriod of ligion, away back in an priest in archs built the world's history, lilies around his own family. Trose up early altars, and gathered burnt offerthem for worshie number of his likely to be destroyed by one fire, al. to the London Dispensary, and attend. in the morninfid Job continually though the intense heat to which the ed Mr. Wesley during his last illness. ings accordbshua cries out. "As north wall of the fabric was exposed For many years he was the most reguchildren. nouse, we will serve the may have rendered some of the bricks lar attendant at the five o'clock mornday after the service at the taber- and much of the mortar little better ing service, and conducted it when no for me returned to bless his own than dust. Still the outer walls stand, other person was present to do so. Lord Traces of the same kind of and, excepting where it joined the Many will call to mind the group pubnawe find in the New Testament. Morning Chapel, it is but little injured. lished in 1790 of Wesley, Hamilton, hson why Aquilla and Priscilla Happily the injury Jone by the fire to and Cole, the two latter tall men, with such helpers in the cause of Christ the basement of the chapel and to the John Wesley walking between them. because they had a Church in their pews on the ground-floor is but small Dr. Hamilton was interred near Dr. in house. Dr. Jacob a distinguish- compared with that done in the gallery. Bunting, by the side of the chapel. ed authority in the Church of England | The ceiling under the north gallery is says : "And it is not unworthy of re- either burnt or fallen, and fully three mark that the first apostolic proclama. rows of pews entirely consumed. The tion of the gospel in Europe, by the dry wood of the floor and the seats in visit of Paul and Silas to Philippi, illus- the Morning Chapel made a fierce flame trates the planting and early growth which rose high and was blown into the sustained, and the verdic of the lower of family religion in the Church. It uain building through the speedily was at Philippi that the first recorded onsumed windows, and played strange instances occurred of whole families intastic tricks with the beautiful ceilbeing Chirstianized, when Lydia and ity and the front of the gallery all her household, the jailor and all his, rand. The cold air which rushed in were baptized into the Christian faith." frn the broken wiudows, and the en-Lighttoot says : "The worship of the ery and skill of the firemen when wahousehold plays an important part in terwas obtained, saved the basement that the Messrs. Botterell's, being Westhe divine economy of the church. As an the ground floor. in primeval days the patriarch was the recognized priest of his clan, so in the derhe gallery, or in the recess at the Christian Church the father of the easted within the rails of the commuhouse is the divinely-appointed center nior and they are nearly all saved, alof religious life to his family. The thou blackened with smoke. One family religion is the true starting- onlyias fallen from the north wall, amily religion is the true stating, would these were dealt with one by one, and point, the surest foundation, of the re- that the memory of good Mrs. Mor- An interesting meeting of district it not be well at this crisis in our his- most of them gave evidence of having point, the surest foundation, of the rest of the memory of tae and circuit officers and collectors for tory to once more circulate the above found peace before leaving the room. empires." Jacobus says: "Family religion is injurt but the fine bust is apparently held in Eastbrook-rooms, Bradford, on Connexion? As a regular reader of small minority of the elder scholars in Jacobus says: "Family rengion is safe, ssibly one or two of those on the Tuesday last. Dr. Punshon addressed the "Recorder," I have always looked our Sunday Schools become members chnrch." "Household piety," he says, "will vindicate the distinction which "will windicate the distinction which but atesent they retain their places Dickenson, Barnley, Rayner, G. S. but a week or two ago I was delighted it appears to us that meetings similar family and posterity and those of the on a suantial wall. wicked population of Sodom." Now, when we know what views were Now, when we know what views were published in vival of old organizations and fresh en-beid of the power of the parent to mould years a and they were published in vival of old organizations and fresh en-be sent to your office, and thus many this object. We therefore commend the family into what is good, we can 1872, the volume entitled, "City- ergy put into existing ones will be the weary toilers be encouraged with the the above example to the attention of the family into what is good, we can road Chl and its Associations: His-readily see the reason why this respon- road Chl and its Associations: His-result. It was stated that up to the glad tidings from other parts of the ministers, Sunday School superinten, sibility should rest upon the parent, torical, graphical, and Memorial." date of the last Notice the income was harvest-field? Returning recently from dents, and o hers.-London Meth.

The great Confucius of China taught In that work will be found a copy of the £13,000 short of that of last year, and some evangelistic work in Hertfordshire. came a criminal the whole family dehis child. And God's word recognizes this power of the parent when it says to him: "Train up a child in the way

will not depart from it." The father of the family is to exert the same kind of influence in his household as the minister in the Chnrch. The home is the Christian father's parish. Here is the place above all others for lay effort. Here is the nearest field of labor, and, with the blessing of God, the influence of his work may reach far and wide. So important is this duty of the Christian parent that Tillotson says "he sees not how any family that neglects it can in reason be es-

teemed a family of Christians, nor, indeed, to have any religion at all." And so far did Baxter go in asserting the power of the Christian parent in his own family, that he gave it as his opinion that if every parent would faithfully perform his duty in bringing up his children, it would almost render

unnecessary the living ministry. It is this home training, this family religion, this church in the house, that we need to-day. We need it to stimulate and improve the piety of the church, and to awaken and preserve honesty and integrity in the State. We need it for the professions and for all various employments of men. Until we have a larger number of homes where the voice of prayer and praise is regularly heard, we shall have no improvements in morals or religion.

CHA STEVENSON.

DAD

served punishment. Another philoso- front of the chapel, and to these are 1879-now just about to expire ! pher of antiquity taught that the pa- added several hundred biographical rent was to be corrected for the sin of notices of those who have been there interred. Within the chapel there were twenty-

eight monumental tablets, disjosed of he should go, and when he is old he in the following order. Wihin the communion rails six-Age 87 80 67 56

Born Ded 1703 191 1706 178 1747 184 1. John Wesley, A.M 2. Charles Wesley, A.M 3. Thomas Coke, LL.D 4. John W. Fletcher 1729 175 1748 181 Joseph Benson 1760 182 6. Adam Clarke, LL.D

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These eminent ministers are so well known that there is no need forfurther details respecting them. Preeeding towards the vestry door by the north wall there are three monuments, on which are the following names -Born Did

Age 72 79 73
 7. Samuel D. Waddy, D.D.
 1804
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 8. Jabez Bunting, D.D.
 1770
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 9. Joseph Woelley
 1730
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 8. Jabez Bunting, D.D 9. Joseph Woelley 10. Elizabeth Mortimer 11. Har. Walklate Mortimer 1752 189 12. Robert Newton, p.p. 1780 184 13. Edmund Genetard 81 66 74 1786 182 1787 181 13. Edmund Grindrod 56 54 62 Theophilus Lessey
 Joseph Fowler
 Charles Prest 1791 181 62 1804 185 68

Four out of the five last named were Presidents of the Coaference, ad Mr. Fowler was Secretary of the Cofference. Proceeding from the Communionrails toward the south wall, the following monument ar met with :-

Born Ded Age 1781 183 51 1722 120 77 1798 1872 74 17. Bichard Veton 17. Bichard 1722 1299 14 18. John writin 1728 1272 74 19. Willich shaw 1798 1273 74 19. Willich shaw 1798 1273 74 20. T, hav Jackson 1783 1873 89 c these, three were Presidents of

Conference, and all rendered imortant service to Methodism. Richard Watson was interred in a vault behind the chapel.

Ou me south wan are Tollo. I. tablets :---Born Died **Age** 1770 1826 56 21. Joseph Butterworth 49

22. Ann Batterworth 1771 1820 Thousa' this time-honoured sanc-have v having taken a hasty glance 23. Kobert Young 24. Lancelot Haslope, J. P 1796 1865 1767 1838 1741 1827

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that if a single member of a family be- inscriptions on all the tombs within the that no fewer than 325 circuits had chapel, in the graveyard behind and in sent no remittances at all for the year splendid posters announcing a series of

> Mr. S. D. Waddy is in the heat of an election contest in Sheffield. There is an unusual combination of influences against him. The publican interest is wholly with bis opponent, and the committee and friends of the late Mr. Roebuck have gone on the same side. The Jews, also, and the English Catholics withhold their votes from him. If he wins, it will be a marvelous victory. If he loses, it will not be an inglorious defeat.

We have, since the above was in type, learned that Mr. Waddy is elected with a majority of 486 votes

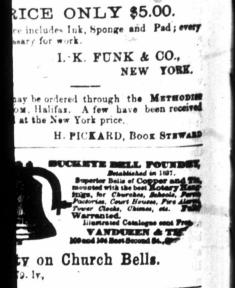
at Llanthony, has witnessed a large secession. Father Dunstan has left, after eight years sojourn, and has joined the Church of Rome. Three novices have followed his example in quitting the monastery, so that Father Ignatius is left in his solitude with only five. choir boys to cheer him with song.

A cunning old man of disreputable antecedents has nonplussed a bench of country magistrates at Setford. He was charged by the officers of Inland Revenue with selling unlicensed eigars. He asked the magistrates to read the Act of Parliament, and tell him whether, from first to last, there was a word about cigars. He sustained his point. Not to be baffled, the Revenue officer reminded the Bench that, if the Act did not speak of cigars, it spoke of tobacco, and cigars were a form of tobacco. The old man rejoined that his cigars were made of hay and cabbage leaves, and that he would defy any one. to find an atom of tobacco in them. The complaint was dismissed. - Recorder

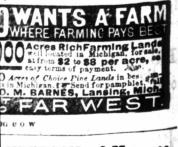
CRABB ROBINSON'S NOTES ABOUT FAMOUS PREACHERS. It was his privilege to hear several preaching crowded their churches. He

I noticed at Highbury Station some special "Sunday evenings for the people," at Drayton park Chapel, conducted by the Rev. Frederic Greever. These services have been very successful, and the example thus set will be followed at Spitzlfields by the Rev. Jonathan Foster during the month of January. The winter is fast gliding away. Oh that our people may be baptized with the spirit of power, and thus become soul-winners ! Will you also allow me to urge, as in past years, the necessity of making our Watch-Night services more widely known by bills, advertisements, &c. ? Many will prefer the old fashioned Methodist services and crowd our chapels, as in years The monastery of Father Ignatius, past, if this is done, and done well .---Cor. in Methodist Recorder.

fhe fresh outbreak of the Afghan War will have one good effect. It will call back the attention of England to the wicked policy which our Government is pursuing in that unfortunate country. For some time past only the most scanty intelligence has been wouchsafed to us, and a good deal of that had been manipulated befere it was sent. Evidently we have been kept in the dark as to the real state of feeling in Afghanistan. We question. whether the members of the Cabinet have not been in much the same condition. Meanwhile, our generals have been burning villages and hanging rebels to their hearts' content. The Daily News of Monday last contains a ghastly account of the execution of no less than fortynine Sepoys who were connected only indirectly with the recent massacre in Cabul. The ringleaders are still at large; the rank and file have to suffer. This wretched work has produced its untural result in the breast of the Afghan -viz., a desire for revenge. This feeling has evidently sprend through times Robert Hall and Chalmers, whose and gathering to defend themselves, the country, and the tribes are rising was a visitor at the house of Edward General Roberts has found it necessary Irving, the strange Scotch preacher, to act on the defensive. Our troops who flashed like a brilliant meteor, are in a most critical position. The dazzling all observers, and then quickly sountry will await further, news with died out. His brief career was strange, anxiety. No doubt our forces will con-'strongly-expressed confidence of Dir. who entered the House of Commons, his way into the Caledonian weaged quer in the struggle. But what then r Wesley on the brass plate on the foun-and in his place in that assembly he where Irving preached, before he was And after that another outbreak of him : "His eloquence is captivating, and short, but in countries inhabited war. In civilised countries war is sharp He speaks like a man profoundly con- by semi-civilised tribes, it is not so. vinced of the truth of what he teaches. The people are not fastened to any given spot. When occasion requires they can pack up their property and move away. Such people can carry on war with perfect ease for ten years. We ought never who probably failed to understand some to have entered Afghanistan. Our policy there is a disgrace to as. In order It was when on a vacation tour at to maintain our influence in the country Heinelberg that Robinson met Rev. F. an enormous expenditure will be neces W. Robertson, and says of him, "I like sary, and after all, we may be brought him much." He soon after heard him into conflict with Russia. - Lond n Some months ago a letter appeared quaintance. Robinson frequently in our columns explaining and advocatheard this celebrated preacher, and on ing a plan of reaching our elder schol learning of his death records this opin. ars and of attaching them to the ion, " Take him for all in all, the best church, which promised great results it preacher I ever saw in a pulpit; that is, faithfully and judiciously worked. mruniting the greatest number of excel. ing the past week an attempt in Quis nces, originality, piety, freedom of direction has been made in one of onr thought, and warmth of love; his style northern towns. The elder female colloquial and very Scriptural. He scholars of three Sunday Schools in combined light of the intellect with the town were invited to meet and take warmth of the affections in a pro- tea together on a certain etaning. eminent degree." -- National Repeation g From filly to s sty responded to the invitation. Admission was by tic.et, and tickets were only given to those who "WORKING FOR GOD IN AV- were stillable in point of age-the ages varying from twelve to seventeen years. A few years ago a little book wa After tea, short addresses were delipublished with the above title from the vered by two ministers and a layman, pen of Rev. Dr. Jobson; and I well re- and all present were earnestly asked to member how my own spirit was storred decide for Christ there and then. as I read that thrilling appeal to the Those who were "under concern" were Methodists of the present generation asked to remain kneeling after praver, seeking to save the perishing. Would These were dealt with one by one, and



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ces per week 50 per cent. added. tieers may change once a month was safe to stand to the end of time. shaken our confidence in the stability missions. of even City-road Chapel; but our hopes

are not crushed, if our fears are awak. man, a local preacher, who rendered ened. So much of the foundation-wall such long-continued and important as the late fire has exposed, presents to service to Methodism that his portrait our view a structure between two and was engraved and published in the three feet in thickness, a substance not Methodist Magazine. He was physician

ae monumental tablets are all un-

1789 1864 27. Jacob Jones 1764 1834 28. Lady Mhry Fitzgerald 1725 1815 Joseph Butterworth was member of

Parliament for Coventry and Dover. frequently rendered important service Alas! one morning's conflagration has to Methodism, especially to our foreign

Dr. James Hamilton was a medical

-30-1-NOTEWORTHY ITEMS.

We are glad to observe that the Messrs. Botterell, of Hull, have been court confirmed on appeal. The animus of the clergyman was shown distinctly enough, and he ought to suffer for it. Our readers will remember that it was a case of libel arising out of the restoration of a church. The clergy. man in question wrote a letter to sav levans, had no acquaintance with "church work," and deprecating the restoration of the sacrel edifice being tampered with by ignorant hands. ver ict was given in favor of the architects, which the higher court, Lord Coleridge presiding, has now sustained.

eloqut Robert Newton is somewhat the Wesleyan Missionary Society, was pamphlet throughout the Methodist The fact is notorious that only a very northall, where the fire raged most them; and a free conversation took for the "Revival Intelligence," but of the church. Many thousands of fiercelmay be injured by scorching, place, in which the Revs. Messrs, Bush, alas! of late little has been recorded ; them are under good impressions, and

The scriptions are all preserved. others took part. The attendance was God in different parts of the land. purpose of urging to immediate deci-These revery carefully copied some encouraging, and it is hoped that a re- Could not many such cheering accounts sion, are eminently calculated to attain

carried away by fanaticism, and says of It is sad to think that such a man might have been saved if he had not been repulsed by the harsh criticisms of those

preach in the English chapel "a sermon Methodist. much too good to be thrown away on a congregation of forty or fifty persons."

In Brighton they renewol their acfor January.

ING SOULS."

to keep up the Methodist fervour in , and eight gave testimony to this form. Rowe, Marris, E. B. Keeling, and to read of the revival of the work of to the above, called for the specific