

The Family.

The Clock of Human Life.

Two o'clock—the silver chimes...

Are ringing soft and low...

Over an infant's cradle-bed...

As if they were from a...

Whispering near a mother's hands...

Listening to the clear bells...

Ring the babe's sweet advent hour...

In her heart's dearest wail...

Tinkle I tinkle! soft and clear...

On the loving mother's ear...

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Provincial Wesleyan.

society, and particularly one of your church...

position and wealth. May not some that would...

turn with aversion from the ballad drunkard the day...

the courts of law. The issue upon which the case...

was tried had regard, not to the spiritual but to the...

temporal aspect of the act of the Conference in...

expelling him. By that expulsion he suffered...

pecuniary damage in the loss of his income, and...

on this ground only the civil courts could take...

it up. And the question which the lawyers had...

to decide was, not whether the rules of the...

Methodist Connection were fair or unfair, but...

whether these rules and laws as they stand in...

the minutes of Conference from year to year,...

whether Dr. Warren had been expelled in strict...

accordance with those rules, according to a fair...

interpretation of them, or not. The judges de-

clared that in expelling him, the Conference had...

acted strictly according to those laws to which...

Dr. Warren had pledged himself, and which he...

was therefore bound to respect, and so the de-

cision went against him. In a similar way, the...

law lords had to decide in the case of Bishop...

Coleman, not whether the canons and formulae...

of the Church of England in accordance with...

Scripture; this is a theological question, and...

there is not within their province; but whether...

according to a fair interpretation of those formulae...

as they actually exist, Dr. Coleman was...

convicted of heresy. This seems a perfectly fair...

and honest way of proceeding. And if Dr. Co-

leman were not satisfied according to the exist-

ing law of the Church, it does not prove that he...

is in the right; it only proves that the law is...

seriously defective. In Methodist circles, invitations are flying...

about thick and fast for ministers to their new...

Churches after the Conference of 1865. It has...

now become the fashion with Circuit Stewards to...

invite ministers two years, or thereabouts, before...

the time. The practice has become a perfect...

maniac. Most of the principal changes in the...

year after next have already been arranged for;

and in some cases negotiations are going on for...

the Conference of 1867. A smart controversy appears...

brewing relative to the Church of Methodism. The word...

"Church" as applied to a building, has hitherto...

been applied to all places of worship in England...

and elsewhere, but has now been confined to the...

places of worship in connection with the Estab-

lishment; while other places of worship have...

been designated "chapels." Within the last few...

years, the Dissenters have renovated on this...

ancient usage, and many of their new structures...

are now called churches. Young Methodism has...

just begun to follow this example, and two or...

three new "churches" have recently been dedica-

ted. Strange as it may appear to readers on the...

other side of the Atlantic, the adoption of this...

word gives rise to a vast amount of angry...

feeling, and of vulgar abuse. Thousands of...

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all his miracles are but the natural and necessary...

manifestations of his miraculous power, performed...

with the same will which we perform our ordinary...

acts of daily life. In vain has infidelity, in ever-changing...

forms, assailed the everlasting foundations of...

the greatest and noblest character that ever...

existed or will exist. He arises brighter and...

stronger from every fiery ordeal of criticism...

and stands out to every beholder as the...

greatest benefactor of the race and the only Sa-

viour from sin and pain. Yet he still lives, the Divine Man...

and incarnate God, on the ever fresh and self-authenti-

cating record of the Gospels, in the unbroken his-

tory of eighteen centuries, and in the hearts and...

of the wisest and best of our race. Jesus Christ...

is the most certain, the most sacred, and the...

most glorious of all facts, arrayed in a beauty...

and majesty which no mortal mind can grasp...

and which the moral law within us only ob-

scurely, and fills us with ever-growing rever-

ence and awe. He shines forth with the self-

evidencing light of the noon-day sun. He is too...

great, too pure, too perfect to have been in-

vented by sinful and erring man. His character...

and claims are confirmed by the sublimest doctrine...

of the purest ethics, the noblest metaphysics, the...

greatest spiritual kingdom, and are daily and...

hourly exhibited in the virtues and graces of...

all who yield to the regenerating and sanctifying...

power of his spirit and example. The historical...

Christ meets and satisfies our deepest intellectu-

al and moral wants. Our souls, if left to their...

natural impulses and appetites, instinctively...

turn to him as the needed to the magnet, as the...

flower to the sun, as the panting hound, to the...

fresh fountain. We are made for him, and "our...

heart is without rest until it rests in him." He...

commands our assent, he wins our admiration, he...

overwhelms us to humble adoration and wor-

ship. We cannot look upon him without spir-

itual awe. We think of him without being elevat-

ed above all that is good and noble. The very...

beam of his garment is healing to the touch;...

one hour spent in his communion, out-weighs...

all the pleasures of sin. He is the most pre-

cious and indispensable gift of a merciful...

God to a fallen world. In him are the treasures...

of true wisdom, in him the fountain of pardon...

and peace, in him the only substantial hope and...

comfort of this world, and to which is com-

mitted the hope of the future. He is the great...

source of all that is noble and good in the...

history of the human race, and at the same...

time the light of every soul; and he alone can...

solve the mystery of our being, and fulfill our...

intellectual desires after truth, all our moral...

aspirations after goodness and holiness, and the...

longing of our hearts after peace and happiness.

Not for all the wealth and wisdom of this...

From our English Correspondent.

Christmas Eve—Prosperity of the Country—Ap-

proposals for 1866—Methodist Chapels called...

Churches—The Portrait of Wesley—Mr. Ar-

thur. I write this on Christmas-eve; a day which...

is held in great repute, more especially by the...

children in old England. A walk of some five...

miles along some of the thousand streets and...

avenues of this huge metropolis, besides bracing...

the nerves and sharpening the appetite—the nat-

ural result in the keen north wind which is...

blowing, drying up all the pools and puddles...

which disgrace the suburbs more especially—re-

veals to the eye as pretty a sight of its kind as...

any country can boast of in mid-winter. All the...

grocers shops, the fruiterers, the butchers, and...

and wherever they deal in articles intended for...

the streets, are decorated with a profusion of...

holly and mistle—toe the bright green of the...

and its equally bright scar