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## HALIFAX, N. S., THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1857.

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The Resting Place, Shed not a tear for me. O! weep not that I die: I am where I now would be, In perfect peace I lie. A Refuge I have found through grace, And Jesus is my Resting Place.

The storms of life are o'er, The conflicts soon shall cease, Doubts interpose no more, Now I have perfect peace. This Refuge I have found through grace, And Jesus is my Resting Place.

His precious blood was shed Sin's deadly wound to heal To that full fountain led, His perfect peace I feel. A Refuge I have found through grace, And Jesus is my Resting Place.

Nought else have I to plead, No other claim to shew; In Christ is all I need. Ilis perfect love I know This Refuge I have found through grace, And Jesus is my Resting Place.

No painful doubts annoy ; Jesus is ever nigh; No fears disturb my joy, In perfect peace I die. This Refuge I have found through grace, And Jesus is my Resting Place

Shed not a tear for me, Weep not that I am gone, I am where I now would be Before my Father's throne That Refuge I have found through grace, Jesus is still my Resting Place -Central Presbyterian

#### The Methodist Sisterhood.

Methodism owes much to the female porly their great and precious truths, and distion of the Church ; and, in fact, in all ages, cern their relations, and harmony, and scope, women has stood preeminent in the great and saving power. work of serving God, and advancing the in-

Hence she, too, as well as others, should, terests of religion and humanity. Always to the full extent which her means and has she been as prompt to act, and as heroic opportunities would allow, reach out amid the to suffer for the sake of Christ as the fore- varied treasures of learning and information high praises of God. Elizabeth walked in divine. All these are the Christian wo all his commandments and ordinances blame- man's birthright, and she should claim them less. The "elect ladies" of Bethany loved and seize them, and embrace them, and to minister to the Saviour. Dorcas was full adorn herself with them, day by day.

of good works and alms-deeds which she did. So, also, should her eye survey the grand Phebe was a succorer of many disciples as panorama of the Church militant, and keep lie in wait for their prey amid tangled thickherself posted in respect to the great move-ments, plans, energies, and endeavors of length, as the day wanes and the shadows well as of the apostle Paul. Priscilla was a helper in Christ Jesus-laying down her own neck for the sake of her Master and Christendom. Who is more deeply and af-lengthe, as the day wanes and the shadows lengthen, man, the responsible lord of the which as of the apoint his chosen ones. Tryphena, Tryphosa, and fectingly interested than she in all the Chris-creation, formed in God's own image, is in-

portion of the Methodist community; but it The Work of Creation, must be written as a palpable fact, that mul-The Creator has spoken, and the span-led stars look out from openings of deep Biblical Repository. Universe of the length of several hundred sountry has yet seen. Biblical Repository. Difference of particular of the parchment a prayer is written feet; on the parchment a prayer is written three or four days in t titudes of these come short of this simple gled stars look out from openings of deep and full cousecration. If many brethren, unclouded blue; and as day rises, and the official and private, are, by business affiniplanet of morning pales in the east, the

ties and operations absorbed and staggered by a worldly spirit, it must also be written. broken cloudlets are transmuted from bronze into gold, and anon the gold becomes fire, that too many of their sisters, wives, and daughters are too much drawn away from and at length the glorious sun arises out of the seas, and enters on his course rejoicing. the simplicity that is in Christ. With not It is a brilliant day; the waves of a deeper a few, the usages and demands of a someand softer blue than before, dance and what artificial life engross the attention, and challenge the devotion of Christian ladies, sparkle in the light; the earth, with little less to attract the gaze, has assumed a garb so that they never take strong hold of the of brighter green; and as the sun declines great Christian service, and their affections amid even richer glories than those which never become mightily enlisted in the plans had encircled his rising, the moon appears and efforts of an enlarged and lofty benefifull orbed in the east-to the human eye the cence. They live in the Church-many of its salutary influences are breathed over themsecond great luminary of the heavens-and they cherish a hope of salvation-but they climbs slowly to the zenith as night adspring not forth to Christ's great workvances, shedding its mild radiance on land and sea. Again the day breaks ; the prosthey follow not hard after him-they fail of an hourly and perpetual dedication of pect consists, as before, of land and ocean. There are great pine woods, reed-covered themselves and all that appertains to his swamps, wide plains, winding rivers, and broad lakes; and a bright sun shines over pleasure and service. And, so far as this failing exists-whether in man or womanall. But the landscape derives its interest it must be pronounced a capital failing .--and novelty from a feature unmarked be-When the heart is not given to God, every fore. Gigantic birds stalk along the sands, thing suffers, for out of this proceed the isor wade far into the waters in quest of their

sues of life. And while this great leading qualificaichthyic food, while birds of lesser size float upon the lakes, or scream discordanttion is so requisite in the sisters of the Church, it seems also to be incumbent on ly in hovering flocks, thick as insects in the them to acquaint themselves, as fully as calm of a summer evening, over the narmay be, with the holy Scriptures, and with rower seas, or brighten with the sunlight gleam of their wings the thick woods. And the great interests and movements of the ocean has its monsters; great 'taninim' general Church. It is a misfortune too heave their huge bulk over its surface to great for description, for a Christian woman inhale the life-sustaining air; and out of to be ignorant. The mind is made to be their nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a informed, strengthened, enriched, adorned, seething pot or cauldron." Monstrous beautiful. To keep it uninformed and unreatures, armed with massive scales, haunt intelligent, is to crush it, imprison and abuse the rivers, or scour the flat rank meadows it, and is a flagrant wrong in the sight of God. Woman's mind, as well as man's earth, air and water are charged with animal life, and the sun sets on a busy scene. should traverse the wide and glorious field in which unerring instinct pursues unremit of Revelation. She, as well as he, should ingly its few simple ends-the support and be mighty in the Scriptures-perceive clearpreservation of the indvidual, the propagation of species, and the protection and main tenance of the young. Again the night descends, for the fifth day has closed, and

morning breaks on the sixth and last day of creation. Cattle and beasts of the field graze on the plains; the thick-skinned rhioceros wallows in the marshes: the squat hippopotamus rustles amongst the reeds, or plunges sullenly into the river ; great herds of elephants seek their food amid the herb-

age of the woods; while animals of fiercer nature-the lion, the leopard, and the bear -harbor in deep caves till the evening, or

#### Good News.

estate had grown so vast, that the haughty worldling, still surviving in all its affluence, in comparison with him was only a penniheavenly schemes have all prospered. The cflered .- Missionary Sketches.

treasury of God overflows with your wealth. And it is safe - perfectly safe. Neither 'moth nor rust' corrupts it ; nor can 'thieves break through to steal it. Moreover, it shall increase—forever increase. As long as you live on earth, you may add to the principal, and its interest will multiply, beyond all computation, to all eternity. Creesus was rich, Solomon was rich, Lucullus was rich, and the Rothschilds are rich-but the humblest heir of God is richer far than all. It may be that the stores you have already accumulated in heaven, would buy this town, buy the district, buy our country, buy the world—and still be comparatively untouched. Nay, think not this extravagant ! I would not barter the heritage of the most destitute of Christians for the whole globe and all its improvements. Lift up

your heart, my poor, depressed brother, lift up your heart! Let it expand, and fill and erflow with bliss. At the close of your short journey through time, you will see eternity open before you, all radiant with the variety of your own boundless and endess possessions. Be not proud, indeedalas, for the folly of all pride !-but, be grateful, thankful, hopeful and happy.-Stockton's Sermons.

### Life all Around Us.

Life presses all around us, wherever we The night falls once more upon the prospect,

such crisis in his ministry, "I thank Thee, Now, in the inside of the box are rolled as a man born to command; the most dis-O my God ! that Thou hast given me this up long pieces of parchment joined together, tinguished ecclesiastical character that our

feet; on the parchment a prayer is written Such were the men who, after spending over and over again perhaps as many as a three or four days in praying and planning thousand times. When the machine is set hastened away to execute, some for the in motion, the parchment prayers are moved crowded and populous cities of the Middle No poverty is there! Millions of good about, which they say, pleases the gods, and States ; some for the pleasant land on the liam III. called, in 1817, on the "Luthermen have left the earth poor, but never has brings down their blessing. The heathen banks of the Hudson and on Long Island; ans " and " Reformed " of his state, to one entered heaven poor. Lazarus, the thus make prayer by wholesale, for they one to carry the doctrines of free grace in- unite into one Evangelical Church, was moment before he died, was a beggar at the suppose every time the box moves round as to Calvinistic New England; one, the pas- successful. A universal applause respondgate: but in a moment after death, his many prayers are offered as are written tor of a flock which fed upon a thousand hills, to make the tour of most of the con- Churches, no protest was entered, and the inside

Every Chinese, when he goes to worship tinent; and another to visit England, Ire- king and his government considered the exhis idols, takes with him two painted can-land, and the West Indies, and then to has- termal structure of the new denomination as less pauper. O, poor believer! rejoice in prospect of your grand inheritance! It is six slips of scented wood. He then bows York Conference, with its two branches. But what we

incorruptible, undefiled, and fadeth not his head to the ground, to let his god know has since become "a goodly heritage" indeed, new denomination? There were many, not away." It is really immense, inestimable, that he is about to pray. Next, he lays and many are the sons which she has unimportant discrepances between the docnspeakable. Has it not been your endea. three of the pieces of wood on the altar, brought up, pious, learned, and talented; trines of the Lutherans and the Reformed; unspeakable. Has it not been your endea-vor to "lay up (for yourself) treasures in heaven?" Why not oftener think of re-sults there? Fear not. There is "good news from" that "far country." Unsuccess-ful as you may have seemed on earth, your the control of the provide on th

work and its subsequent results.

#### The New York Conference-1789.

thodist Episcopal Church, none perhaps, in and the happy results of which cannot well to bind the future teachers of the Church to its doings and their results, can be consider- be overestimated. Several of the leading the "consensus" of the two denominations, ed so vastly important as that which met in members of this Conference had been pre- or, separately, to the Lutheran or Reform the old John Street Church, in the city of viously engaged, amid immense discourage- ed confession of faith? To all these ques New York, May 28, 1789. It was compos- ment, and in opposition to almost insur- tions the royal proclamation gave no answer. ed of less than twenty members; yet it in- mountable obstacles, in the establishment of The creed of the new denomination was left cluded men of the most eminent ability and Cokesbury College, which had been opened undecided, or rather as the Church had of the most distinguished note in the eccle-less than two years before; and now they no hwfully constituted, representation, it siastical annals of both hemispheres, and proceeded to the performance of a similar enterprise. Previous to the late war, Rowhose memories their grateful successors will not willingly let die.

Among them was Freeborn Garrettson, a native of Maryland, one of the carliest ed them, by which, as is ever the case, converts to Methodism on the continent, much good was effected. But the Conferand one of the first preachers raised up in ence took the business out of his hands, America; holy, devout, and zealous, in a made it a connectional concern, and forbid with so much piety, surrender to the arbi-America; nony, uctour, and remarkable degree, bland, courteous, and gentlemanly in his manners, and yet who had suffered the violence of mobs and im-had suffered the name of the Lord Jesus; books; but concerning the way in which the station and sale of books; but concerning the way in which the the name of mobs and im-had suffered the name of the Lord Jesus; books; but concerning the way in which the sal one. The first royal degree of 1817 is who had called together the famous Christ-mas Conference of 1784, and was one of its information. But at this Conference it was

Nova Scotia for the two years immediately phia, which was not only quite central and Lutherans to the Reformed, but the fusion subsequent to that event, and, with the Rev. convenient for business, but was also then the of both into one Evangelical Church. The are-curious, solemn, mysterious. We can Wm. Black, was the aposte of that impor- largest city in the Union; and John Dick- German theologists are not agreed up to scarcely wonder at the Hindoo supersition tant province; who, the year before, had ins, who was esteemed the best qualified for this moment what the exact meaning of the which holds life sacred. On every side, in small things as in great, man finds a living north of New York, and had formed a large

Religion Abroad.

Prussia-The Evangelical State Church-An Outline of its History-Impossibility of defining its Faith.

We saw in our last article, that the proclamation by which the King Frederic Wiled to the royal proclamation from both

But what was to be the doctrine of the toric importance and celebrity. Such were of the two denominations, the doctrinal basis

the men. We now turn to notice their of the new Church? Or, were the Lutherans and Reformed clergymen and con-One of the doings of this Conference (for, gregations to remain at liberty to adhere to as there was no General Conference at this their respective peculiarities as to articles of BY REV. S. W. COGGESHALL. Of all the annual conferences which bave been held since the organization of the Mewas left to future decisions of the king.

Thus our enquiries after the doctrine of bert Williams had published several of Mr. the United Church can be answered only by royal decrees. It is a sad spectacle for Protestants, to see a church with several millions of nominal members, with so much theological erudition, and, what is more, most prominent members; who had served as a Missionary amid the ice and snow of cern, to be located in the city of Philadel-formed Church to the Lutherans, nor the

were the holy woman in the primitive Church-helpers in the Gospel, whose names were in the book of life, and who. having separated themselves from the world. were received into the Divine arms, and became the daughters of the Lord almighty. And all the history of Methodism sparkles with the eminent devotion, and mighty zeal, and sublime piety of woman. Who is not familiar with the lofty excellence and holy earnestness of Lady Maxfield? What strongly and firmly in view of the flaming and counterpart of the heavenly-minded of evangelical success, breathing from what-Fletcher. Blessed is the memory of names like

these ! As ointment poured forth are they, and the fragrance thereof mounts upward to heaven. And yet these are but specimens. What though a thousand precious names have not passed into history? And what though a thousand more, now living will never meet the public gaze? Yet they are treasured names not withstanding--names familiar in heaven, and the saved ones will hear of them " in that day." And the more are we reminded of " holy

women" that have been raised up, and that

now live for the ornament of the Church. and for the welfare of the world, the more affectingly are we impressed with the wish that these might be multiplied a thousand fold amid the Christian Israel. . We have said Methodism owes much to the sisterhood within its pale. The ministry owe much to woman; for no more certainly and faithfully was Paul and many others succored by Phebe, than the Methodist minister and pastor by the Christian ladies of his flock. And in what multitudes of instances has he seemed obiged to turn away from other human sources of encourgement, to listen to the music of woman's voice, and be cheered by the genial voice of her Christian Our sacred assemblies owe much approval! to her. Who expects to see her place empty at the public worship, the prayermeeting, or the class-meeting? Our finances owe much to her liberality; while of each one of multitudes may it be repeated. that "she hath done what she could."-Our various special benevolent efforts are deeply indebted to her; for her voice though vocate. quiet, evokes and arouses her charitable sentiments ; and her hands are ready to convey to needy or the blessings of the beneficer Where and what would be the Sabbath school without the presence and co-operation of the sisters of the Church. And what would become of myriads of poor and helpsmite the earth with a curse." less children, were they not sought out, clothed and guided within the circles of virtue and religion, by the Dorcases of the Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." Christian Church ?

The last words of Christ before his ascen-These hints and inquiries, though brief, yes sion are a glorious promise : " Lo, I am with bespeak much. They point to a noiseless you always, even unto the end of the world. yet prodigious power within the Church of Christ, and within the Methodist communi-Often the wicked despise the last offer of ty-a power precious beyond conception, and

which should be cultivated and multiplied to the farthest limit of possibility; and he who wiping away the clammy sweat from the might devise some plan for bringing out, in brow of a dying man who had long rejected full development, woman's power and enersalvation, or moistening his lips with a little gies-as existing within the pale of Mothowater, I have often trembled lest it should dism-would deserve to rank among the be the last mercy he should ever receive. benefactors of his race. Nor is it difficult to specify what would be some of the strong points which such a

be some of the strong points which such a repent and turn to God. The last words of sinners often teach the plan would asssuredly embrace. We are

many many Christian lady, it is thy crushed pagan sis-imitive ter that is to be uplifted. Has the Spirit of morrow of God's rest—that divine Sabbath cule, to whom a drop of water is a shoreless and excursive ter that is to be uplifted. Has the Spirit of morrow of God's rest—that divine Sabbath cule, to whom a drop of water is a shoreless and excursive ter that is to be uplifted. remembrance of an apostle. And school movement? It is thy sex fully as and which. " blessed and sanctified " beyond rear itself against heavy and dark billows of opposition? It contemplates, as its selectest. highest triumph, the rescue of ten thousand wives and haughters, trodden to the dust under the demoniac heel of intemperance. heart in Methodism has not beaten more | Who, more than you, should be awake and eager, with minds open to receive all hope zeal and the great joy in Christ of Mrs ful intelligence of Zion's progress and vic-Rogers? And who has not exulted while contemplating that angel-woman-the wife back in harmony to every note and sound

ever realm, or people, or nation ?

Especially is it appropriate, and immensely desirable, that the women of Methodism, should be conversant with the position, the efforts, discouragements, prosperity, and achievements of their own Church. And yet how stands this vital matter? Is hand of him who gives himself devotedly to there not with multitudes of sisters as well as brethren a deplorable amount of igno- I am with you alway," it is made, in itself,

Last Things.

rance, touching our Church plans, and doings, and literature? And who may con-once directed by his master to complete a template the amount of indifference, coldpicture on which the master had been nes, disaffection, and worldliness, of which obliged to suspend his labors on account of the same ignorance is the fruitful source? his growing infirmities. "I commission Who will count up the Christians condemn-thee, my son," said the aged artist, "to do who will could up the Christians condemn-ed to dwarfishness and insignificance for wart of the knowledge that thrills and animates, while it nourishes and matures the soul? Mathediat families there are in circuit for the felt incompetent to Mathediat families there are in circuit for the set are the first step in sup-posed illiteracy, take the first step in sup-ly fruitful soil, and to which he devoted physic churchwise, with the most of his subsequent laborious and posed illiteracy, take the first step in sup-plying our growing republic churchwise, with the most of his subsequent laborious and pious life. Jesse Lee, a native of the Old Methodist families there are—in city as touch the canvas which bore the work of flower fadeth; for the earth is blighted and Dominion, now but thirty years of age, pi- tual and spiritual pabulum, and in erecting well as country-where no one of our that renowned hand. "Do thy best," was accursed. Death is the perpetual hand-ous, zealous, and laborious; witty, cheerful, a mightier barrier against that flood of un-Church periodicals ever comes-families the old man's calm reply; and again, to who, while they profess to live in Methodism, repeated solicitations, he answered, "Do thy suspended death. In the glorious chord of ble of performing great labors, and of endurlive, however, in houses of darkness-hav- best!" The youth tremblingly seized the ing not a solitary window through which to brush, and kneeling before his appointed look abroad and centemplate the smallest work, he prayed : "It is for the sake of my portion of the great Church scenery ! beloved master that I implore skill and In the name of righteousness, it is time power to do this deed." Then, with supthere were no more any such Methodist pressed emotion, he commenced his work, families. It is time there were no more any and he caught from it an inspiration. His hand grew steady as he painted. Slumbersuch Methodist mothers and daughters .--Let there be light ! Ay, the light is already ing genius awoke in his eye. Enthusiasm shining; but let it break at once into your took the place of fear. Forgetfulness of mansions of darkness. Pass out from your himself supplanted his self-distrust, and with prison-houses, and " walk about Zion, and a calm joy he finished his labor. The "bego round about her-tell the towers there- loved master" was borne on his couch into of mark-ye well her bulwarks-consider the studio, to pass judgment on the result. her palaces; that ye may tell it to the gene-ration following."—Western Christian Ad- fore him, he burst into tears, and throwing

he exclaimed, " My son, I paint no more !"

The last words of the Old Testament are fearful threatening: "Lest I come and

His hand shall grow firm, and his heart calm. His eye shall not quail in the pre-thing they desire. One asks for health; sence of kings. He shall stand undismayed another, for money ; another, for good crops ; before those who in the kingdom of God and another, that he may overcome his ene are greater than they. Years of trust and my. Only the men are allowed to present of tranquil expectation shall follow his early their grayers at this spot, for they suppose struggles; or, if emergencies thicken as he females are unworthy of the honor of pray-

advances, and one after another of those on ing to the great tree. whom his spirit has leaned for support falls

God awakened the great tract and Sabbath in which there is no more creative labor, sea, in its beautiful form, and exquisite coloring, and perfect organization, attests as much as ours, that is to be redeemed and all the days that have gone before, has as truly the authentic impress as the mammoth saved by these new-born energies. Does its special object the motal elevation and forms of an earlier creation. The scum the great national effort still live, and still final redemption of man. And over it no which floats on every stagnant pool resolves evening is represented in the record as fall- itself into a vegetation as perfect and graceful as any that clothes our valleys, or waves ing, for its special work is not yet complete. Such seems to have been the grand pano- upon our hills. The very foam bells which crest the breaking wave-having their brief rama of creation, exhibited in vision of old life in death-reflect such colors as mock all

the resources of art, and are such as God's The shepherd who first taught the chosen seed own glorious rainbow alone can equal. We In the beginning, how the Rose out of chaos ; hear of the one great Artificer in the perand, rightly understood, I know not a a sinfection of every sound-in the soft summer gle scientific truth that militates against the breeze as it rustles fitfully among the ripenminutest or least prominent of its details .ing corn, and in the wintry blast as it roars Hugh Miller's Testimony of the Rocks."

-----Theory of Preaching.

spreading as it falls ; in the strange, tumul-A preacher's work is one which contains uous uproar of the rising sea; or in the within itself the power to invigorate the thunder whose mighty peal shakes even the it. By the presence of One who said, " Lo ! echoes, as it wanders, now here, now there, seeking a place in which to die.

But if there is life and beauty all around us, it is a precarious life, a transient beauty. waters of the Oswego, and from thence About the glory there is not a defence .-The swelling bud, the falling leaf, the shiftoutspeaking all the rest; in the great sym- in debate, the best every-day preacher in be mistaken; and Nature's choral hymn is ty; for many years subsequently, a chaplain her own requiem. The whole creation There rises from it one long, loud wail of anguish and despair ; and the loudest of all the St. Croix to the St. Mary's, and who from man-anguish that is only alleviated new heavens and a new carth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

#### Heathen Pravers.

In several parts of India, a brahmin, or versity of Oxford, LL.D.; a clergyman of his enfeebled arms around the young artist, priest, goes down to the side of a river, and the Church of England, who had been conmakes a god from the mud that lies on the nected with Mr. Wesley twe lwe years before, That youth subsequently became the painter banks. When he has formed it into a consecrated by him our first bishop, and of "The Last Supper," the ruins of which, strange shape, he dries it in the sun; and was by him sent to organize our infant soafter the lapse of three hundred years, still then he prays to what his own hands have cieties into an independent Church in 1784: attracts annually to the refectory of an ob- made. First he strikes his elbows against whose name stands foremost in the history scure convent in Milan hundreds of the his sides, then he snaps with his fingers of modern missions as the founder of the worshippers of art. So shall it be with a round about his head, stamps with his left largest and most successful Protestant misare a benediction : "The grace of our Lord youthful preacher, who stands in awe of the foot on the ground, and beats his cheeks sionary society in the world; who crossed work to which his Master calls him. Let with the fingers of his right hand, whilst his the Atlantic eighteen times, sometimes suf him give himself away to it as his life's lips mutter strange sounds. When he has fering capture and shipwreck, in the perwork, without reserve; let him do his best. finished his devotions, he takes his mud-god, formance of his special work as a messenger Let him kneel reverently before his com- carries it to the river, and throws it into the of mercy to our fallen race; and who, emmission, and pray, "for the beloved Master's water, from whence it first came. This is phatically, "lived not for himself :" a man of sake," that power and skill may be given him "to do this deed." And the spirit of The people called Galla, in Africa, wor-native of Old England, and the son of an

that Master shall breath in the very great ship a large tree, ship a l try, and the only one who fully identified himself with our cause in the days of the

Revolution, literally forsaking father and mother for our sake ; our first bishop in connection with Dr. Coke, both by the appoint ment of Mr. Wesley and the suffrages of The Tartars have a praying machine. It

where entire consecration to Christ. It scarce-ly need be said that such is not the actual condition of affairs. We urge not, by any means that it is a peculiarity of the female his brethron of the American Conference;

igures so largely in the colonial and revolu- hired done; as for the rest of the business, Divine worship, one liturgy, one cathecism tionary history of the State of New York. the whole was conducted in one small room ; Thomas Merrell, a Jerseyman by birth, who and it was styled the Book Room, which had been a commissioned officer in the con- designation, pointing to its humble origin tinental army, during the late struggle for and small beginnings, is still retained, alindependence; a compatriot in arms with the immortal Washington, but now "a sol-dier of the cross," and who had brought the The first book published was Thomas a

ourage, promptness, and system of the Kempis, a work much more highly esteemamp into the Christian pastorage; talent- ed and generally read among us at that d, popular, and effective. John Dickins, a period than at present. The Hymn Book, native of London, studious, learned, and Saint's Rest, and Mr. Wesley's Primitive gloomy, "a son of thunder" as a prea-cher, one of the originators of the Cokes-pensable in every Methodist household, and bury College, and who drew up its first the first volume of the Arminian Magazine subscription; the friend and confidant of were also published the same year. The Asbury, and the first book steward of the catalogue of the infant concern was then Methodist Episcopal Church; and who soon read. finally fell a victim to the yellow fever The establishment of this concern, in

through the leafless woods, making rude which visited Philadelphia in 1798. Darius view of the great dearth of religious literaharmony with desolation; in the patter of Dunham, "undersized, compact, strong, and ture of that period, and also of its present the falling rain; in the plash of the mounhealthy, with coarse hair, bushy eyebrows, extensive operations, highly flourishing contain stream as it falls from ledge to ledge, and a heavy bass voice ;" witty, sarcastic, of dition, and immensely important results to good talents as a preacher, with a fearless which it has attained within the memory of indomitable spirit, which rose in proportion man, must be considered as one of the most to the obstacles to be overcome ; a charac- pregnant events in the whole history of the everlasting hills, and wakes up a thousand ter, indeed, and who, two years after, ac-Methodist Episcopal Church. It was the companied Wm. Losee, who was this year first religious publishing house in the land, admitted as a probationer, up the waters of as it is now one of the largest and the most the Mohawk, across the portage to the useful.

Thus did this humble, though truly noble across those of Ontario, into the wilds of body of Methodist itinerants, vilified and Canada, where he assisted to plant Metho- reproached as they have been for their supposed illiteracy, take the first step in supmaid and servitor of life; life itself is but and good humored; stout and athletic, capa- godly and irreligious publications which have since flooded the land; in which good universal harmony is one sorrowful note ing great fatigue; talented, eloquent, and able work they were not followed by others, till nearly a whole generation had passed away, phony is one plaintive strain which cannot the connexion and of great executive abili- and the first onset of infidelity, in our country, had spent its force. And the further to Congress; the first historian of the Meimportance of this incipient measure of the groaneth and travaileth together in pain. thodist Episcopal Church, and who, in after New York Conference of 1789, composed as years, extended his unwearied labors from it was of less than a score of men, the centuries of the eventful and glorious future. was now about to plant the standard of Mefraught as they will be with the mighty desby the prospect of another life, an undying thodism in the beautiful land of the Pil- tinies of nations, and eternity itself, can only grims. Thomas Coke, a native of South fully develop. The press has now become Wales, pious, learned, and courtly; labori-a mighty engine in our world. It is one of ous, indefatigable, and generous to a fault ; the forces which now control society, and a gentleman of fortune, educated amid Engmould its character, as never before; and lands proud aristocracy, at the ancient Unithose who manage it have the fate of the world, in part, in their hands,-Methodist Quarterly.

> HELPING THE PREACHER .--- Dr. Beecher, once said to an old lady who had expressed her wonder to him that she was permitted to live, as she could not do any good .-You are doing a great deal of good; you help me to preach every Sunday," She was greatly surprised, and enquired how it could be. " In the first place," said he, you are always in your seat on the Sabbath, and that helps me; in the second place you are always wide awake, and you look right up into my face and that helps me; and in the third place, I very often see the tears run-ing dwar your face and thot helps me; and in the three principal symbols, the Apostolic, Niceas, and Athan-

LIGHT IN DARKNESS .- " Unto the upright there ariseth light in darkness,"-Psa. cxiii, 4.

The great lesson of this text is the connection which obtains between integrity of purpose and clearness of discernment, insomuch that a dubious conformity to what is right is generally followed up by a ready and luminous discernment of what is true. It tells us that if we have but grace to do and, in general, an external unity; and to educate a new generation which would be satisfied with what the Prussian government declared to be the essential points of Protestant Christianity.

The symbolic books of the Lutherans and Reformed were not mentioned at all; and it is by no means certain whether the king was not of opinion that, together with the discrepances also, some of the common points might be safely given up. As the first measure for promoting the union, the king issued in 1821, the new liturgy, which he had made himself. The utmost efforts had been made to please both denominations, but the change of the old Lutheran formula, used at the distribution of the Lords Supper, "This is the true body of Christ" into the words, " Christ says, this is my body," sounded the alarm in a number of Lutheran cougregations. They opposed the introduction of the royal liturgy, but the fining and invprisoning of their leaders showed that the king intended to force the union upon that part of the church which could not be convinced of its desirability by other means. But these acts of viole called forth an intense agitation. The Church was aroused from her slumber .--Strong Church parties organized, the nature and character of the union was made the subject of hot theological discussions and if the church was not yet; at liberty to decide the controversy herself, at least her voice was heard. Frederic William III. little as he was inclined to any deference to public opinion, saw himself compelled to make some concession. A second royal decree, issued in 1834. declared that the union did not intend to abolish the validity and authority of the symbolical books of the two denominations, but designed only that disagreement in single points of doctrine be no longer considered a sufficient reason for one denomination to deny to the other the external church communion.-Since then the union has made no steps forward or backward. It is still a state estabishment, which the state persists in considering as one church, because it has placed it under one and the same government, and issues the same decrees for both parties.-We must quit, therefore, the task of giving a description of its doctrine, for it has none. It is a medley of the most divergent theological opinions, its leading minds not rarely warring against each other with the great est bitterness, and being even unable to unite in Bible and Tract Societies, and other enterprises of common interest, with the same unanimity which characterizes the evangelical ecclesiastical bodies of our own country. An official oath of ordination, prescribed for all clergymen of the union since 1829, binds them to preach and to propa-gate no other doctrine than the one which s grounded in the word of God, the prophetic and aportolic writings of the Old and ning down your face, and that helps me very much." LIGHT IN DARKNESS —" Unto the unit the symbolic books of the union, and its relation to the Lutheran and Re-

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formed Churches, as undecided as the royal decrees did. It seemed, it is true, to bound off the doctrinal territory of the union from every belief which is opposed to both Lutheranism and the Reformed Church, and to the Universalists, and many others. But it only seemed so. The boldest Rationalism continued to be preached and to be propa-gated by a number of clergymen, notwithstanding their oath, and notwithstanding the government, and up to the present hour