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LEYAN MISSIONS IN THESE COLONIES, Delivered in the Liverpool District, Sept. 1864, Church, shall not we? BY REV. GEORGE JOHNSON.

(Concluded.)

Let us notice-

extent, blessed effects and future results of the Lord from the least to the greatest. Lord:" to "call upon his name;" to "sing unto the Lord." unto Him;" to "cry out and shout;" because

plished such glorious achievements. The handful of divine corp was sown by God himself. and he made a hedge round about it; watered of his name. May we not then exclaim: his greatness is unsearchable." "Who is like

to pass, through the instrumentality of his name of God. Church, they cannot but praise, laud and magnify his name. He assures them by the unerring word of prophecy, "that it shall come to tormer sea, and half of them toward the hinder the Lord shall be king over all the earth." appears to refer to the universal spread of the of the world to the other. The "living waters grand foundation of this acclamation is. which shall go out from Jerusalem," shall constantly run, with irresistible impetuosity, until the midst" of the Church. the whole world shall be filled with the knowledge of God. Then shall "the Lord himself and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord."

2. "The inhabitants of Zion" should "call

upon the name of the Lord." Christians are not only to proclaim the name prayer or devout supplication; and this prayer His Church, should consist particularly of thanksgiving and intercession. That the Church of Christ may retain the life and power of vital religion, it is indispensably requisite that the Divine energy should constantly be in action; and that it may be so, it must be sought for by humble, fervent, persevering supplication Without the influence of the Spirit she will become cold and formal; but when enjoyed she is full of life, energy and sacred unction. Destitute of the Spirit of God, she may retain a lifeless form of godliness, and of this she may make her empty boast. Yet-

" The spirit in the letter's lost,

But when the Spirit is in vigorous exercise, a contemplation of the past will cause the Church of Christ to offer up to God thanks givordinances of His house, and for the extent, influence, and blessed results of the Church. And certainly a competent knowledge of the stupendous effects which the Almighiy has unto Him. When the Apocalyptic "angel sounded," and "the great voices in heaven" anounced the universal spread of the Gospel,

OCCASIONED BY THE JUBILEE OF THE WES. If these happy and glorious beings worshipped are "the friends of all, the enemies of none." promote the interests of religion. And by liv-

"Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare for the future prosperity of His Church. They infinitely more precious than any which human glance at the present history of Methodism. his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord, for he his name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord, for he his name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord, for he procedure discipated by the conference. Without has name is exacted. Sing unto the Lord, for he hash done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of ity; that the ignorance, superstition, and lidery of the heathen may be soon dispelled. The missionary efforts of the Wesleyan idolatry of the heathen may be soon dispelled. The missionary efforts of the Wesleyan idolatry of the heathen may be soon dispelled. The missionary efforts of the Wesleyan idolatry of the heathen may be soon dispelled. The missionary efforts of the Wesleyan idolatry of the heathen may be soon dispelled. The missionary efforts of the Wesleyan idolatry of the heathen may be soon dispelled. II. The holy exaltation and transporting joy ish like a tree planted by the rivers of water, years, principally sustained your ministers signs of its progress and usefulness are everywhich a contemplation of this work should pro- which bringeth forth its fruit in due season; during the infancy of Methodism; and without where apparent. You behold them in its large duce among the "inhabitants of Zion," or the that all her members may be clothed with hu- such sustentation many places must have been and increasing congregations; in its member true members of the Church of the living God. mility, and ever have a single eye to the glory wholly destitute of that ministry, which, to so ship and the piety of its members; in its churche The passages to which your attention is now of God; and that the latter day glory may many, became, through the agency of the of both small and large dimensions; in its Col

learning, wealth and power in the world, con- O earth; and break forth into singing, O mounty and a hundred fold, to the praise and glory emphatically exclaimed, "O come, let us sing "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; rock of our salvation." (Ps. 95, 1.) They and he will have mercy upon him, and to our throughout the land; in promoting the Christace of the Redeemer's last command, and o also say, "Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of God, for He will abundantly pardon." unto thee O Lord, glorious in holiness, fearful His; sing unto Him a new song." "The ranin praises, doing wonders?" "Oh that men somed of the Lord" shall ultimately "return" would praise the Lord for his goodness, and from every quarter of the world, "and shall for his wonderful works to the children of come to Zion with songs;" and "everlasting joy Being who has said, "Lo, I am with you always, in the world. Its mission is high and sacred!

4. "The inhabitants of Zion" should "cry darkness to light, and from the power of Satan

out and shout." What a beautiful climax presents itself in pass at evening time it shall be light. And it these verses, which we have selected for our both them and their labours. They may view even our own God, will be us and bless us! shall be in that day, that living waters shall go present improvement. In the first, the prophet out from Jerusalem: half of them toward the exhorts the followers of Christ, to unite with men, possessing only an ordinary amount of (Zech, xiv. 7-9.) This prophetic declaration out and shout, with holy exultation and trans-Gospel; yet before that period shall arrive, of devotion, and enter into proper considera- only sufficient for the period in which they lived; "the light," knowledge, holiness and happiness tion of the present and future achievements of but they would do honor to our pulpits at the of the Church, "shall not," at first "be clear," the church, will be transported by a similar present day. They were mighty in the Scripas perfect day, "nor dark," as perfect night, climax. The fire of divine love, which fills tures and sound theologians. They were conbut shall be a mixture of light and darkness, of their sonls, will lead them to praise the Lord verted men, who retained the power of religion holiness, wisdom and happiness, with infidelity, with all their ransomed powers; to sing praises in their own souls. They were, in fact, mesignorance and superstition; still, the light shall to Him with every harmonious faculty of the sengers of the Church, raised up by the Divine suddenly arise and dissipate this darkness. And soul; and with loud acclamations, to cry out and Being, to revive religion, and to extend the who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed may it not be emphatically said, that this period shout in holy transport. "Let then the inhab- Redeemer's kingdom in the world. They were ot light and darkness is ready finally to disappear and a glorious "light," now towards the "evening" of the world is actually rising in every quaring of the world is actually rising in every quaring. Shout in noty transport. Let then the innaple dedeemer's kingdom in the world. They were inwardly moved by the Spirit of God, to preach the tops of the mountains." "For ye shall go out with joy, and be led torth with peace: the ter of the globe? We may presume that this mountains and the hills shall break forth before committed unto" them; and that 'woe' would divine light will speedily illuminate the whole you into singing; and all the trees of the field be to them, if they "preached not the Gospel!" earth and cause one bright day of Gospel light shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn With this conviction they labored, and we have and liberty to be visible in either hemisphere. shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the entered their labors. Let us then glorify into fell in with a crippled steamer which seemed It may not be too much to suppose that even the brier shall come up the myrtle-tree; and it God in them. Let us not depreciate either the greatly in need of help. Church will be quite astonished at the sudden- shall be to the Lord for a name, for an ever men or their work; but faithfully follow them ness of the change which will pass from one end lasting sign, that shall not be cut off." The as they followed Christ. Let us honor them

(leaving other churches to speak of their own be King over all the earth." "Again, there achievements), which constitutes one great shall be heard in the cities of Judah, and in the branch of the Church militant, we may justly exstreets of Jerusalem, that are desolate and claim, "Great is the HolyOne in the midst ot" it. without inhabitant, the voice of joy, and the Had not "the Holy One of Israel been in the voice of gladness; the voice of the bride room, midst" of this Church, it never could have outand the voice of the bride; the voice of them rode the storms of opposition which have that shall say, Praise the Lord of Hosts; for the blown upon it from elements convulsed by dia-Lord is good; for his mercy endureth forever; bolical agency, and criven with internal fury in order to sink it into oblivion for ever. Only the power of "the Holy One of Israel" sustained and prevented it trom sinking: only God Himselt led it forth from conquering unto conquest-raised and supported it in the midst

But in no department of the Church does the spirit of their duty, will thank the Lord its missionary operations. Here it stands out the spirit of their duty, will thank the Lord for His Spirit, His word, His servants, the in bold relief in that glory, wisdom, mercy, These "are our epistles, known and read of all this ill-tated Central America, when you think love and power which proceed from God the Father, and are manifested through Jesus the Spirit." They honored God and he hon-Christ, and the Eternal Spirit.

produced by the instrumentality of His Church of this important missionary enterprise we are can number," "before the throne of God," produced by the instrumentality of His Church should induce all Christians to render thanks now called upon to celebrate. This year singing praises to Him who has "redeemed (1864) is justly designated THE JUBILEE OF them with no less a price than his own most OUR MISSIONS IN THESE COLONIES; and it is precious blood." a jubilee worthy of our celebration. Let us then celebrate it in that manner which will be Christ, loved the doctrines of Methodism, and God on their seats, fell upon their faces and most to the glory of God, our own spiritual carefully attended to the discipline and usuages the morning, a little girl made the excellent improvement, and the advancement of our of the church. They endeavored to live peace-

to thee thy great power, and hast reigned." ourselves, and demonstrate to others that we their efforts, example and pecuniary support, to memorial to the honor of God as a thank-offer- possession of Bible religion. All who love Zion, and enjoy the peace of ing for the great good resulting from mission- If we require further proof of the import-

by the cheering influence of religion; that an incalculable blessing. The glorious results has greatly increased within a few years. It Jesus may take unto himself his great power connected therewith eternity alone can only has regularly advanced, and exerts for good an and reign; that the church of Christ may flour- unfold. The Missionary Commtttee, for many increasing gracious or heavenly influence. The directed, assure us that a contemplation of the presently be ushered in, when all shall know Divine Spirit, the power of God to the salva- lege and male and female Academies, in which Christianity, should induce us to "praise the 3. "The inhabitants of Zion" should "sing ous and devoted missionaries whom the Com- a suitable and substantial, or classical educa-Singing is a duty of Divine appointment, in and those pious men whom God raised up and rising ministry is educated; in its useful perigreat is the Holy One of Israel in the midst which we express our joy in God, and gratitude employed through their instrumentality, went icals and Wesleyan Conference Office, which for his mercies. It has been a branch of both through the length and breadth of the land are instrumental in diffusing sound Christian 1. "The inhabitants of Zion" should "praise natural and revealed religion, in all ages and preaching redemption through a once crucified literature; in its Sabbath schools where large periods of time. And, most assuredly, a pro- and now risen and exalted Saviour. They did numbers are instructed in the things of God. They should," praise the Lord" for the great per sense of the prosperity, glory and future not then travel in their carriages and on fine by competent and pious teachers; in its inwork which he has commenced, extended and prospects of the church, should induce the spir- roads, as you do now; on the contrary, they creasing intelligence, respectability and usefulupheld, not only for generations, but in an itual worshippers of the Most High God, to most frequently travelled on horse-back, upon fulness; in the estimation it is now held by especial manner for more than the last fifty sing praise to Him. Let them the children poor roads, or those that were exceedingly evangelical churches; and the influence it now years; and for that which He will yet ultimately of Zion be joyful in their King." "Sing prai-bad, and sometimes with only blazed trees for exerts throughout the whole extent of the Conaccomplish. Certainly all who are true mem- ses to the Lord, sing praises," "with the spir- their guide through the wilderness to the dif- ference, in spreading "pure and undefiled rebers of the visible Church of Christ, will upon it and with the understanding." Well might terent settlements. Their accommodations ligion." But we do not glory in these: We mature deliberation, praise the Lord for the Isaiah, even with prophetic rapture, declare, were often the perfect opposite of either com- give it to God, to whom it all is due! "Not revival of religion which has been affected . Go ye, and with a voice of singing declare fort or convenience; and the reception they unto us, but unto thy name, O Lord, be the by his divine agency. Nothing short of the ye; tell this, utter it even to the end of the occasionally met with was deeply painful to glory." We praise God for the instruments be exercise of Omnipotent power could have pro- earth; say ye, the Lord hath redeemed his ser- their minds. Some of their trials arose from employed, and the present and eternal benefits duced such blessed results. All the human vant Jacob," "Sing, O beavens; and be joyful, bigotry or religious intolerance; and at other times from indifference, or a rooted aversion to It would, perhaps, be consider centrated into the most gigantic focus, ever tains; for, the Lord hath comforted his peo- God and religion. Still, these men of God tion to speculate on the future history of learned English doctor of science demonstraformed by mortal man, could not have accom- ple, and will have mercy upon His afflict- braved all difficulties, and passed through all Methodism in these Colonies. However, withed." (Isaiah 4, 8 and 20; 49, 13.) When dangers, in order to seek and save the wander- out being guilty in this particular, we have construct a steamship to cross the Atlantic God laid the foundations of the earth, the ing souls of men. Their language to them just ground to suppose, that if its ministers and ocean. Members of Congress, whose names morning stars," the holy angels, "sang to- was, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of people prove faithful to their high commission, have sunk into oblivion, ridiculed the claims of it in due seasons and quantities; and thus nour- gether." When the prophets, by divine influ- all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into Wesleyan Methodism will continue to increase; ished it until it produced fruit, even thirty, sixence, saw the future glory of the church, they
the world to save sinners." "Let the wicked to exert a sacred and soul-saving influence; to dreams of an enthusiast, to be classed with the unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, of the truth; of spreading Scriptural holiness And there are those yet to be found who, in

> "Come, all the world; come sinner thou, Their labors were also eminently owned of that

Some may, perhaps, be disposed depreciate prayer and praise to the Almighty ruler of his talent. In these particulars, however, they are Church, in the second, to sing, with rapturous mistaken. These missionaries were not fanatics, delight, to the Lord; and in the third, to cry or tinctured with tanaticism, but as a body, porting joy. And all who feel the true spirit of hosts. Their preaching abilities were not grass; as showers that water the earth." "To for their work's sake, and God will honor us: 5. "That great is the Holy One of Israel in for he has not torgotten their labors of love, side and learn the full extent of its injury. their zeal, piety, usefulness, toils, sufferings, If we refer these words to our own church sacrifices, and sacred and unwearied devotion tain in answer to the inquiries of the other. in his cause. Such men will, undoubtedly, be "Had you not better send your passengers had in everlasting remembrance !

degree of accuracy, the blessed achievements said the steamer's captain. of the Wesleyan missions in these colonies, we

and endeavor to contemplate the future. of these missions, we cannot but behold the morning, and then, if needful, provide for or opposition, and made it giorious in the conversion of sinners. Jesus is "in the midst" Spirit and of power;" for their words were watery grave. She never again saw the little version of sinners. Jesus is "in the midst" clothed with the "unction of the Holy One." ship that might have saved her precious cargo of it, calling, qualifying, and sending forth an army of faithful ministers to preach evangeliarmy or faithful ministers to preach evangeli-cal truth to the fallen posterity of Adam, and to entreat them, "in Christ's stead," to be experienced the Gospel, not in word only but is appaled by such a disaster. "reconciled to God." He is "in the midst" "in power, in the Holy Ghost and in much asof it, convincing and converting sinners; sancof it, convincing and converting sinners; sanc-tifying and purifying its members; and pre-through their instrumentality, lived in the fear They think some time they will take up their tifying and purifying its members; and pre-paring many sons and daughters for glory. of the Lord, and finally died in the faith of the Bibles and read them diligently, and find out the paring many sons and daughters for glory.

And His "greatness" is visibly manifested by Gospel. Thirty-four years ago (1864) I comexaming it above its enemies; by the purity of its discipline, personally acquainted, both in Nova Scotia and of peace; but not now. "One more day of menced my ministerial life, and then I became the glory of its achievements, the extent of its influence, the rapidity of its progress, and the the fruits of their ministry. These early Methodists were also of the right stamp; men and eterual diessedness of its results. These all women of faith and prayer, and holy obedience, surely answer her prayers in time." They exhibit, most conspicuously, "that great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of" the living to the glory of God, and enjoying the look to her, as Captain Herndon did to the litcomforting influences of the Divine Spirit. Their religion was a blessed reality, and they gers. But in no department of the Church does
His greatness appear more conspicuous than in
walk and godly conversation. With holy exalmen." They lived in the Spirit, and walked in of putting off repentance.—Child's World. ored them; and now the greater part of them The commencement, progress and success are with that "great multitude which no man

They highly respected the ministers O Lord God Almighty, because thou hast taken beloved Methodism. Let us even look beyond ably with both ministers and members; and by my dressing."

God in consequence of the prosperity of His Let us, on this auspicious occasion, erect a ing in the fear of God, they finally died in the

Jerusalem, should earnestly intercede with God ary efforts in these colonies, more durable and ance and usefulness of these missions, let us tion of their souls. This noble band of zeal- many of our youth of both sexes, are receiving mittee sent, from time to time to your country, tion; in its theological institution, in which resulting from their labors.

forsake his ways, and the unrighteous man his be instrumental in leading men to a knowledge wild vagaries of Mesmerism and Millerism tianity of the Bible; in saving souls from the results that have encouraged and cheered power of sin and Satan; and finally, with other Christian hearts and made heaven rejoice, disevangelical churches, be rendered subservient parage and oppose missions to the heathen as in hastening the universal diffusion of religion be upon their heads." And we, who by the even unto the end of the world." They did What a vast responsibility then rests upon the a shrewd, but venomous attack upon modern eration what the Almighty will ultimately bring final victory of the church, should celebrate the nought. God was with them, and made them us therefore, in humble dependence on Divine nought. God was with them, and made them the honored instruments of "turning men from the honored instruments of "turning men from the honored instruments of the nower of Satan Heaven in our existence and position. Let us, cavillers are forcibly put and feebly answered. by the aid of the Divine Spirit, do our duty so as to create a strong prejudice against the morally, spiritually and financially, then God, So long as the members of this branch of the So long as the members of this branch of the strong and vigorous and they have disparaged education, that they have disparaged education, that they Jesus will be with them, bless them, and make them a blessing to others. "He will come him shall prayer continually be made; and daily shall he be praised." "His name shall," through them and the labors of other churches. endure for ever : his name shall be continued as long as the sun; and men shall be blessed in him; all nations shall call him blessed. Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,

DON'T DELAY.

He stopped to lend them help, as seamen often do, sometimes sending a boat manned "I am in a sinking condition," s aid the cap

on board ?"

That we may perceive, with any tolerable "Will you not lay by me till morning?

"I will try, but think you had must glance at their past and present history your passengers on board now." Still the captain was loth to abandon his If we carefully examine the past history beautiful ship. He would try and hold on till

"Mother is praying for him still. God will

faith for you, You must come to Christ for tation, the pioneers of our missions could say, yourselves, or be lost forever. Remember

> During distress God comes; and when He A JUST ESTIMATE.-John Wesley used to say, "O, how hard it is to be shallow enough for a genteel congregation !"

In answer to a mother's suggestion that she should not forget her prayers in the hurry of THE BOLTED DOOR

Behold, I stand at the door and knock : if any

God is knocking, Ever knocking, At the heart's thrice-bolted door, Which we're locking, Ever locking. As we oft have done before And we hear, yet hearing, heed not, While we faster bolt the door

He is calling, Ever calling In a soft and gentle tone, To the tallen. And the falling, To the weary and the lone: Still they answer not the summon Till the Spirit-voice is flown.

He's entreating, E'er entreating. By His mercy, by His care, Knocking, knocking, And repeating, Calling, calling—this His prayer

"Let Me enter !" hear it, mortal, Open wide the sin-locked portal; Hear it, mortal, open quickly ! God is waiting at the door. atchman & Reflector.

MISSIONS NOT A FAILURE.

Facts are stubborn things. Theories, how ever ingenius and well constructed, and opposing arguments, however profound and convincing, are of little account when met and answered by evident, irresistible facts. A ted conclusively that it would be impossible to the inventor of the electric telegraph as the

profitless and absurd. An English magazine has recently published system. The writer charges that missionary societies have selected weak races rather than the strong and vigorous for their efforts, that have not selected influential centres for their operations, that the results are not commensu rate with the great expenditure of money and lite, and that, in a word, " everything con-

Such charges would be sufficient to overthrough and condemn the whole system of Christian missions, if they could be sustained; but unforunately for the assailant and those who hailed the vigorous assault, the facts are just the reverse. This, Rev. Dr. Clark, Secretary of leisure. I remain still the friend of Methodist the American Board, has conclusively proved, unity. and by his unanswerable reply, has completely be his glorious name forever: and let the whole turned the tables, not only demonstrating th earth be filled with his glory. Amen and baselessness of the charges in detail, but vindicating the necessity and the success of the methods employed by the Christian Church to elevate and evangelize the nations without the

abstract of this conclusive and triumphant defence of the policy and the results of the the glory of our Christianity. It should be by strong sailors, who may climb up the ship's widely circulated to enlighten the minds of believers as well as honest doubters, and to strengthen the faith of those who labour and pray for the conversion of the world. We give his compact and eloquent concluding para-

"Everything connected with your mission is a blunder,' says the Brahmin to this young and inexperienced missionary. Yet, as the results of missionary enterprise, ten thousand native preachers, in more than a bundred different languages, unite with the missionaries of many lands in repeating the story of the cross; and three hundred thousand disciples clouds of spiritual ignorance, error, superstition and wickedness which these missionaries were instrumental in the hands of God, of removing. God honored his servants, and rendered them a great blessing to the people. The safety of those on board.

But in the darkness and tumult of the waves the vessels were separated and the Central America, in an hour and a half after she dered them a great blessing to the people. The safety of those on board.

But in the darkness and tumult of the children of men, bear witness to its saving power and the blessed hopes it inspires. And then the Bible and a Christian communities, numbering more than a million, gathered from almost every tribe of the children of men, bear witness to its saving power and the blessed hopes it inspires. And then the Bible and a Christian communities, numbering more than a million, gathered from almost every tribe of the children of men, bear witness to its saving power and the blessed hopes it inspires. And then the Bible and a Christian communities, numbering more than a million, gathered from almost every tribe of the children of men, bear witness to its saving power and the Bible and a Christian communities. moving. God honored his servants, and rendered them a great blessing to the people. If the people in the "demonstration of the They preached in the "demonstration of the Watery grave. She never again saw the little that the truth is with us, and all the vast presented in the "demonstration of the watery grave. She never again saw the little that the truth is with us, and all the vast presented in the "demonstration of the popular faiths; the conviction that the truth is with us, and all the vast presented in the "demonstration of the popular faiths the conviction that the truth is with us, and all the vast presented in the "demonstration of the popular faiths." paration for the final conquest. Give us years more of the same sort of 'blunderi and we will hope to have the Gospel in every household, and opportunities for Christian household, and opportunities for Christian instruction within the reach of every child of

> THINGS FUNDAMENTAL TO TRUE METHODISM.

From the Evangelical Witness. The things enunciated in our caption ought,

think now to be earnestly considered and ealously enforced and maintained by the two Methodist bodies destined, from present appearances, to be the first to come together in his Province—the Wesleyan Methodist Church and Methodist New Connexion Church. As you have kindly intimated a willingness to reeive an occasional contribution from my pen, select the subject above indicated for my theme, with the request that the Guardian, if the editor thinks they are adapted to subserve any good purpose, will transfer my communications to his columns. I must promise, however, that my present mode of life is so wandering and desultory as not to admit of my producing anything very profound or exhaust-Serials, furthermore are not now in much esteem; I shall therefore try to be as informal

should not be held out when some vital object show you ten merchants and mechanics who dissevered bodies and the restoration of the about, and moved from a large house into a ures of Methodism essential, in my humble abused, and set upon, and trampled under toot opinion, are its peculiar doctrines, the peculiar- until all their courage is gone out of them. ity of its social means of grace, and the united But, you say, see how old ministers are neand relating character of its ministry,

portant relation to that great object.

OUR PECULIAR DOCTRINES. Thank God! the fall of man, redemption, by faith, and regeneration are not peculiar to about our mode of presenting two of these occupations .- Talmadge. doctrines which do not extensively prevail among others. These are the direct witness of our adoption into the family of God, and the maturity of the Spirit's regenerating work in land an orphan boy with promising talents, an entire sanctification of soul, body and spirit

It is not my intention to assign the reason for our belief and teaching on these two points; they are ably expounded and proved in the writings of our standard divines which he who runs may read; and there is no difference among the several bodies of Methodists about of doctrine. But I merely intend to look at the practical effect of preaching, yea, of pressng, these doctrines as matters of experience. As to the first there is nothing more desider ated by the human heart than assurance. How pitiful is the inquiry of the anxious one,

"Who can resolve the doubt an respond to the inquiry,

"How can a sinner know His sins on earth forgiven?" In terms like these :-

"What we have felt and seen With confidence we tell, And publish to the sons of men, The signs infallible.

"Exults our rising soul,
Disburdened of her load
And swells unutterably fu
Of glory and of God.

We who preached the Gospel should live s nsciously and continuously in the sunlight of God's countenance that we could confidently offer to our eager bearers the blessings of a conscious pardon. There is something wonously stimulating and alluring to the hearts of men in the offer of this state of assured salvation. And if we mean to be effective in our ministry, it must give no uncertain sound on this point. Our testimony must be distinct

glowing and frequent. My remarks on preaching holiness will have o remain as the subject for a short communication by itself, at the very first moment of

JOHN CARBOLL.

From the Methodist.

tians to-day is for more ministers. There are many brilliant young men, having earnest hearts, now entering upon life, but for the most part they float past the ministry into the count-ing room, the law office and the medical chair. are afraid to run the gauntlet of much neglect, abuse, and starvation. I have to say that the get away from the enemy who oppresses me abuse, and starvation. I have to say that the majority of the books written on this subject are exaggerations of the sorrows of the minister's life, and the most part give only one side all that I ask. of the life. I have to tell you that I believe the office of the minister of Christ has fewer trials, larger spiritual emoluments and rewards, brighter inducements, higher development. the earth. Admitting, so plainly that no man love of Christ which passeth knowledge. Then shall misinterpret what I say, that there are now many ministers undergoing persecutions and hardships and outrages that amount to positive martyrdom, I contend that these are the exceptions; and that gathering an audience of a thousand ministers of Christ, nine hund red of them have many advantages, good books, refined associations, sons and daughters well fed, well clad, well educated, opportunities innumerable, while all round there is the evidence that their services are being appreciated. Gather a thousand merchants together, and I will show you that nine hundred of them have had harder knocks, greater privations, have come more frequently to the study of se- asked the father, vere economy, have had harder work to pay their rent, and in a thousand things have been subject to annoyances which a minister of Christ never experiences. We are to remember the fact that a vast majority of men in

worldly occupations do not succeed; that is an soever ye will ye may do them good." How authentic statistic that out of a hundred mercants, all fail except two; that there are tens of athousands of clerks living on insufficien salaries; that it is a rare thing when a mechanic earns anything more than a plain livelihood. sideration, and remember that if the ministry mechanicism have their hardships. We are to remember that the minister of the Gospel so far as worldly support is consensually remember that the minister of the Gospel so far as worldly support is concerned, has the advantage over the doctor, the lawyer, and almost every other profession, at the start; for although a man in these professions may after a while come to affluence, we all know that his first ten years are a hard struggle, and that his first ten years are a hard struggle, and the student of the minister of t a livelihood is not won; while the minister of the Gospel steps right out of the theological school into a settlement, where from the first day he is supported. Show me one minister of Christ who has fared hard, and I will God's power of salvation.

is to be gained, such as the unification of have been fretted and exaperated. and tossed power lest by such disserverance. The feat-smaller one, and dogged, and dunned, and

glected and their families after them. I admit The founder of Methodism regarded their it. Shame on the Christian Church that it is original and true vocation was to "spread so! But remember also that there are thous-Scriptural holiness in the world," and every ands of old merchants who, with their families, one of the above mentioned features has an im- have come down to abjectest poverty, and that every day there are mechanics moving out of I take for the subject of this short their plain house because they cannot pay the rent. What company of men is it that sends a music teacher to Europe because he has bron-

chitis?" What company of well-to-do men meet together and pass resolutions of sympaus, but are held in common with us by all thy when a carpenter is sick? I admit that in evangelical Christians. It would be a pity if the ministry we have our annoyance, but, I it were otherwise. But while we rejoice in this wish it understood at the same time, they are we cannot but observe that there are features no more (I thing they are less) than in other

"I WANT TO BE A MINISTER."

More than a century ago their lived in Engwho often said, "I want to be a minister," but having no money to carry out the great desire of his heart, his youthful spirit was often bowed to the earth by disappointed hope.

Once a wealthy lady offered to pay the expenses at school if he would study and be a minister in her Church; but the boy loved, the Church of his fathers and could not be induced hem, for ours have not been divisions on point to leave his spiritual mother, so he respectfully declined the lady's kind offer.

So afterwards he visited a learned ministe of his own church, and asked the good pastor's advice in regard to studying for the ministry; Now the friendless boy went to God, and while he was engaged in fervent prayer, the mail-carrier knocked at the door of his closet, and handed him a letter from a friend of his tather, with an offer to assist him in his studies for the ministry.

Then his desire was gratified, and he became one of the most useful ministers of England. His name was Philip Doddridge. We commend his example to all our readers. The Lord wants many ministers. Great numbers who are now boys must soon preach the Gospel. We should be concerned both about the duty of serving the Lord, and how we should serve Him. If it is a boy's duty to enter the inistry, he should strive hard to enter it as and he should pray for the Lord's guidance in the one case as well as he should pray for it in

EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY.

Rev. Dr. Merle D'Aubigue tells how the riches of Divine grace reached his heart :-We were studying the Epistle to the Ephesians, and had got to the end of the third chap-

ter. When we read the last two verses, "Now unto him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory," etc., this expression fell upon my soul like a revelation from God. "He can do by His power, I said to myself, above all we ask, above all even that we think-nay, exceedingly abundantly above all." A full trust in Christ for the work to be done within my poor heart now filled my soul. We all three knelt down; and although I had never fully confided my iuward struggles to my friends, the prayer of THE BRIGHT SIDE OF A MINISTER'S Rieu was filled with such admirable faith as he would have uttered had he known all my wants. When I arose in that inn room at Kiel, I telt as if my wings were renewed as the wings of eagles. From that time forward I compre-bended that my own efforts were of no avail; that Christ is able to do all by His power that worketh in us; and the habitual attitude of my So much has been written and said about the soul was to lie at the foot of the cross, crying hardships of the ministry that our young men unable to move, unable to do the least thing to Do all thyself. I know that thou wilt do it. Thou wilt even do exceeding abundantly above

I was not disappointed; all my doubts were removed, my anguish quelled, and the Lord extended to me peace as a river. Then I could comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height, and know the was I able to say, "Return unto thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully

THY PRAYERS AND THINE ALMS.

A farmer, whose cribs were full of corn, was accustomed to pray that the wants of the needy might be supplied; but when any one in needy said he had none to spare. One day, after hearing his father pray for the poor and needy, is little son said to him.

"Father, I wish I had your corn." "Why my son, what could you do with it?"

"I would answer your prayers."

We can answer our prayers oftener than we think. With regard to the poor Jesus says Ye have the poor with you always, and when-

An Infidel Agreeing with Paul .-- An admirable reply was once made by a careful