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I thank thee, O my God. For every budding leaf and grassy spire; And for untended lilies, that require No care where man hath trod.

I THANK THEE

I thank thee for the vine. Whose native weakness to the strong oak clings; For each meek, lowly plant, that upwards vices that may be held. springs,

To please no eye but thine

And for the love-nursed rose.

And smile-fed violet by my threshold stone ;

'Neath my brown eaves that blows ;

Pattering on summer leaves; for torrent

With lightning's flash, and thunder's stormy

Down hill and dale and plain.

Of Nature's voices-tor the song of birds, The hum of insects, and the voiceless words

Which Silence whispers round.

I thank thee for the sound

I thank thee for the flush

Of morning, rising from the Orient sky

And for the dying sunset's changing dye,

Fading to evening's hush.

I thank thee for the night

Silent and beautiful, and wet with dewy

Or wild with darkness and the strength of

Of winter's sternest tempests ; thou art where

Darkness and storm, and blasts of dreadful

Sorrow and wreck and blight

I thank thee for the might

Keep revel with the night.

Star, air, or earthly sod.

I thank thee for a soul

There's nothing, O my God

Endowed with reason, and the power to see

Thyself in all things that encompass me-

Thy work and thy control.

But more, O God ! I bless

Thy tender condescension, which reveals

With loving tenderness.

For every sweet thing that I call my own

For bee and butterfly,

Flitting wherever sunbeams kiss the cup

The broken wing, and die.

Of a pure blossom, in a day to droop

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seize so golden an opportunity of leading the ordinates his power to the forces of nature, and Church, by the help of God, into higher Chris- exalts law above the lawgiver.

tian life. We never had a louder call, nor a Another ground of unbelief grows out of more favorable opportanity, to revive the clear, nor a the metaphysical aspect of the question-the parish. There was old Madam Belden, the cases. Sometimes it results from some physical farmer has driven his family to church with a gents, under the superintendence of able pointed, well guarded exposition of entire sanc- difficulty of comprehending how God can intification which so characterized the preaching fluence the mind of a free agent and not be the of our fathers. To all parties I humbly sug- author of his act, or det troy the ground of acgest that this vital question should occupy countability. much of our prayers and preaching in any ser- This, it is conceded, is a profound question.

Its thorough discussion would require time and I would also call attention to the necessity space that cannot be devoted to it. Never-

of renewed and increased efforts for the salva- theless, we may not wholly pass it by. tion of souls. Our material progress during It is a matter of fact that in accordance with the last twenty years has been almost startling the laws of our mental and moral being, we are by its rapidity and magnitude. Now and then sensible of inflencing the minds and conduct an anxious voice is heard inquiring how far the of others; and that in turn, we are conscious spiritual keeps pace with the material advance- that others exert upon us a controlling influment. Dear brethren, this question is surely ence. This is affected by argument, persuasion all important. The multiplication of our sanc- reason, motives, addressed to the mind-the tuaries will avail us nothing unless they be only power by which, so far as we know, one come centres of converting and aggressive finite being can influence the mind of another. energy. Let us above all remember that " the The books published, the papers printed, the soul converting power" is the gift of God; and lectures delivered, the sermons preached—in a that this power exists " after that the Holy word, all that train of agencies which have for Ghost" has come upon the Church. Pre-emi- their object either the enslavement or the nently, dear brethren, this heavenly gift must emancipation of the mind-assure us that man be sought by prayer and supplication. And possesses this power over his fellow man. may seem to direct. I refer with peculiar plea-sure to the thrilling account in last Wednes-sure to the thrilling account in last Wednes-to God precede gifts to the family, The exam-sure to the thrilling account in last Wednes-to God precede gifts to the family, The exam-sure to the thrilling account in last Wednes-to God precede gifts to the family, The exam-thrilling account in last Wednes-to God precede gifts to the family, The exam-sure to the thrilling account in last Wednes-to God precede gifts to the family, The exam-thrilling account in last Wednes-to God precede gifts to the family, The exam-thrilling account in last Wednes-that the mission account in last Wednes-that the day's Watchman of the great work now in pro- current of thought and action, violates no law youthful pastor. gress at Bedtord. I am happy to know that of liberty, nor removes the responsibility of our similar movements are taking place elsewhere; conduct from ourselves to others. Shall we she was always called, "Miss Almeny," a and such cases both admonish and encourage then create a difficulty in the Divine adminis- maiden lady, not at all young, very plain in her us to exclaim, " It is time to seek the Lord, tration, which, when fapplied to human influ- appearance and manners, but shrewd, stirring, till He come and rain righteousness upon" us. ence has no foundation in fact? Or shall we and efficient-a truly good woman, and ready May the solemnities of the opening and closing ascribe to man a power that is denied to infinite for every good work. I tound her a most valuyear be marked by mighty baptisms of God's wisdom? awakening and converting Spirit !

If man is a free agent, greater wisdom would Two special circumstances will not fail to be be exhibited in his government according to our approaching services. At this time last than in their infraction. year two of the greatest nations of Europe were "" Come now let us reason together," is the engaged in frightful and deadly war. Now, language of inspiration. It covers the princi-

through the mercy of God, peace reigns in the ple upon which Divine influence rests. Reasworld. And already we see the Divine Hand ons are presented to the mind; the understand-

choose or refuse. And lastly, I hope, I am not premature in

suggesting that in all probability the recovery of the Prince of Wales will be another cause with an irresistible potency; it his governfor special praise and thanksgiving. Should ment is one of force, and not of reason and

WOMEN OF, MY OLD PARISH.

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another, though several of them remained near they will but go to Him as they are.

Then there was Miss Almenia Gray, or, as

movement which seemed to be needed in the parish. A hint to her was all that was needed. noted, and to call forth warm thanksgivings in the laws of his intellectual and moral being She flew about the village with a most indefati-

else-that which hindered the establishment of up from the chambers of memory; new thought held in the Academy, and our only light was practices, stimulated by the spirit of religion to 000 leaves \$35,000,000. the Gospel in Italy, and elsewhere, has been spring up in the mind; the emotions of the from four or five tallow dips, which as many industry, perseverance, and economy, and inall but displaced; and it is our glorious privil- soul are stirred up, conclusions are arrived at, of the good women were accustomed to bring spired with zeal for the promotion of Christ's vast sum unused for God's glory-for it goes tors of the deceased-parties who can never be ege, at this moment, as a people, to preach and determinations are formed which change with them to the place of meeting. As the kingdom, begin at once to prosper, and in a few into family luxuries, into real estate, into stocks, known till the missionary's will is examined, which happens to be locked up in his desk on which happens to be locked up in his desk on the Gospel to them that are at Rome also. This the whole tenor of the life. And yet in all attendance increased, these were quite insuf-

> If this then be denied; if men will insist on you think we might contrive to have a better and religious society, until under her transform- people, who, imitating the simplicity and spirgoing forther and investing divine influence light for our prayer meetings than those few ing influence the representatives of these re- ituality of the fathers, shall inherit their glory.

and confirmed, we may hope that by the close leaving him free to accept or reject, no amount Deacon Tallman last night. Sez I, 'Miss

while their very sorrow and fear may be good draw his check for the Church for the precise We have reason to believe that a number of I must not forget the good women of my I suppose that most pastors meet with such house with its plain furriture, and the new. A worked to a considerable extent by native evidence that the Spirit is graciously with them! difference between the old but comfortable additional missionary stations, well planned "oldest inhabitant" of the village, which was derangement and dyspepsia, or bile, or neur- pair of three-hundred-dollar horses, more re- European missionaries, selected from the West built upon her original farm. She still lived algia is to blame for the absence of spiritual markable for strength than beauty; but getting Indies, or elsewhere, would have a better in the huge, old-fashioned tarm-house into health and comfort. Sometimes it is the fruit rich, he desires to exchange them for a thous- chance of success now than at any other period which she came with her husband and a large of a false teaching as to what it is to be a and-dollar pair. Let him bestow seven hun- One chain of stations might be established tamily of children fifty years before, but from Christian. The standard is sometimes placed dred dollars on charitable objects, and then pay on the banks of the Gambia, to stretch away which they had all gone, her husband to the so high that timid souls are discouraged, and a like amount for the hotses. So in every case, towards the interior along a line of country

her. In that house, the first religious service Some people seem to imagine that a Chris-Some people seem to imagine that a Chriswas held in the village, which resulted in the tian cannot be born again unless he is born alive to the right use of wealth that he will be ly of the Niger, converging towards the same formation of my church, and for years all the full-grown, and because they have only the in little danger of treading forbidden paths. If he cannot spare the capital for both classes buctoo; whilst others might have Sierra Leone Madam Belden was a remarkable woman. they fear that they have no real life at all, This of objects-luxurious and charitable-let him and Cape Coast for their basis, and meet at She was past seventy years of age when I first is in opposition to the express teaching of our provide for the last or wait. It will not hurt some grand centre in the distant interior of the knew her, but her eye was not dim nor her Lord. All the figures and analogies by which him nor his family. The longer they retain fel- vast continent. Such a mode of opening up non the natural force abated. Her place in the house He represents the new life represent it like all lowship with their poor but spiritual brethren the country would tell powerfully upon the of God was never vacant, except on some ex-traordinary occasion. She was a woman of traordinary occasion. She was a woman of growth and progress. It is "first the blade, will certainly have to give The practice of even and millions of our sable fellow men who strong mind, uncommon practical sense, with an unusual knowledge of the Scriptures and a simple, earnest piety, of a bright and cheerful cast, that made her company very attractive. man in Christ Jesus is not necessarily born a ture, new equipage, costly attire, etc.-let earnestly to be hoped that the Co be sought by prayer and supplication. And we must, at the same time, prepare ourselves to much with Cation and the same time, prepare ourselves is not necessarily born a ture, new equipage, costly attire, etc.—let open before her when I made my visits to her, Nor is the assumption groundless. And if we to work with God in any way that his providence may seem to direct. I refer with peculiar place

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THE DANGERS TO METHODISM-RICHES.

BY C. C. NORTH, A. M.

Christian bodies like the Presbyterians and things shall be added unto you." In the per-Episcopalians have increased in numerical vading spirit of this law the danger from riches of our missionary societies have need of able ally in carrying out any little progressive strength mainly by gathering into Church com. will pass, material power will be united with wisdom which cometh from above," and they munion the well trained children of religious the spiritual, and joined in indimoluble wed-parents; while Methodism. at least in the past, lock as God intended them to be they will go. parents; while Methodism. at least in the past, lock, as God intended them to be, they will go A lonely missionary dies at sea, and his body has drawn her recruits from the outside world, torth on their mission of good will to man. she new about the vinage with a most indexating able zeal and energy, which always carried has drawn ner recruits from the outside world, and chiefly from the obscure and indigent Now her through triumphantly in her undartak-ings. The whole income of our people cannot be indexed to a watery grave. The outside world, and chiefly from the obscure and indigent Now while the unconverted masses, because of irregular habits and wasteful courses, remain un-

I remember, soon after I took charge of the changed in their condition of poverty, these tributions of all objects within the Church can-not exceed \$12,000,000, and outside \$3,000,- some of their own property, and they wish to parish, that I made my first trial of her capa- converts to Christianity and Methodism, re- not exceed \$12,000,000, and outside \$3,000. bringing good out of evil. To speak of nothing ing is enlightened; forgotten truths are called city as a belper. Our prayer meetings were strained by the rules of the Church from sinful 000 more. Thus \$15,000,000 out of \$50,000,- Convey the personal effects of the departed to

to provide means for the consolidation and ex-be resisted. The mind is left perfectly free to ing, I said to ber, after speaking of the ser-decument in because and interest vice of the evening before, "By the way, don't you think we might contrive to have a better light for our present mating the the light of the social of self-denial, until God shall raise up another people, who, imitating the simplicity and spir-tices, that the necessary documents may be examined and letters of administration taken out in the usual way. deemed classes are found in the marts of com- Against this sum of \$35,000,000 the whole en-

"There," replied Miss Almeny, in her sharp merce, agriculture, and finance, in the high ginery of the Church must be brought to bear, the present favorable symptoms be continued and confirmed, we may hope that by the close and confirmed. we may hope that by the close pel-it fosters pride, it engenders covetousness, pleased to learn by th Riches, then, being the legitimate growth of it breeds worldy-mindedness, it utterly ignores still maintain their reputation for Christian lio away. Should that happily be the "case, I trust vindicate the divine government from complic- have a better way of lightin' up the room for Christian life. are not in themselves to be con- the command of Jesus, "Lay not up for yourerality. In Capetown the friends of the goo the Government will appoint a day of public vindicate the divine government irom complic-ity in human crime, or show on what ground minister. Jist think of five tallow dips for fifty demned. Wealth becomes, when sanctified to selves treasures on earth." The safety of these the collections at the missionary anniversary thanksgiving. But, in any event, a people so God can justly hold man responsible for his people! It looks mean and poverty-stricken noble ends, the right hand of Christianity, in accumulations depends upon how much of them held on the 24th of October at the little town on held on the 24th of Oct for a church like ourn. Then,' sez I, 'only building churches, endowing schools of learning may be absorbed in the interests of the Church. Mowbray amounted to £15. Nor does the mis Again. It is objected that events are contin-about letting our light shine what salking to us and supporting the various benevolent enter-institution of \$50,000,000 surplus where J. M. Maynard, Esq., who lately gave ally occurring, which, if they be regarded as about letting our light shine, what must old prises, when mind would waste its powers, and \$15,000,000 are already appropriated. Now £1,150 to pay off the debt on the Deacon Cole up and do but snuff the minister's heart its sympathies, did not wealth equip and if \$10,000,000 more were added just one half, Chapel, resides, and is ever ready to help the candle, jist as if he meant that sort of light; and then he snuffed it out tew, and there we purpose of good to mankind would be accoming up, and the Learts of the missionaries have recently been encouraged by the addition o

grave, and her children in one direction and cannot believe that God will receive them it if a man pour into the Lord's treasury a sum where the names of England and Englishment equal to the difference between objects of ne- are highly respected by the native tribes

ple of the Israelites, who gave to God the first- coast of Africa are not labouring in vain. We pie of the Israelites, who gave to God the first-fruits of their increase, should be the law of the modern Church. Thus would be fulfilled the words of Christ, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteouseness, and all these things shall be added unto you." In the per-

his parents, or friends. But the steam packet

company refuse to give up these effects to any one but the properly authorised execuwill not be torgotten in our devotions, and let us trust that occasion may be speedily taken thore that may not the make dark-ness visible." Meeting Miss Almeny one mornboard the steamer. Here is a difficulty which

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I bless thee for the way Through which thou lead'st me, though a wilderness. Hedged up with thorns and brambles oft it is; loyal as the Methodists are will not forget the actions. It is not so to-day.

Thy secret to my soul; that wounding, heals

I bless thee for thyself, Creator, Father, Giver, Friend, and Guide; Redeemer, Savior, Love personified ; I bless thee for thyself.

How can I praise thee more? 'Tis thou must teach my weakness how to bless : Thou must give songs of prayer and thankfulness.

And wisdom to adore. I wait thy teachings here, Till thou shalt sumn on me to join a choir

That asks no aid of earthly voice or lyre, In an immortal sphere. -Salbath at Home

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

TO THE MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST SOCIETIES.

DEAR BRETHREN,-You will not deem me intrusive if, tollowing the example of some of through the medium of our recognized papers, a few thoughts on what appear to me, at this period, matters of pressing spiritual importance. We shall be presently engaged, according to

our primitive and constant usage, in a variety of special services, the value and spiritual efficthe subject. ieacy of which are well understood and appreciated by the Methodist people. The Watchhight Service and the service for the Renewal of the Covanant are to all true Methodists among the most precious of our institutions : and have-I may say generally-been marked by signal displays of the Divine presence;

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often by copious baptisms of the Holy Spirit. May we have grace to use these solemnities at the present season aright; and may the God that answereth by fire show Himself to be our

good

God ! But, besides these customary and periodical services of special solemnity, will it not be well to consider whether a week or two at the beginning of the New Year might not be profitably devoted to the holding of meetings for special prayer, preaching, &c., and this, not his ice like morsels; who can stand before his "All things work together for their good." only at night time, but at suitable intervals during each day? Such things have been in Methodism, and, by the blessing of God, have wrought wonderful effects. Some objections have arisen founded on certain excesses occasionally committed, and on the danger lest special activity for a short time should induce reaction and apathy. But, surely tlese evils may be gcarded against ; while our whole history demonstrates that special services, pro-

either as the messengers of his mercy, or the men." The present is only a state of proba-I am encouraged to press this matter on your ministers of his justice. attention by one or two facts which seem to me

to incite to special and immediate action. God controls and directs the powers of na-There can be no doubt that, for some con-siderable time past, there has been spreading throughout our connection and directs the powers of na-tore, not by violating or suspending its laws - except in case of miracles—but he works in, he doubt that the Judge of all the earth will do siderable time past, there has been spreading throughout our Connexion an earnest yearning by, and through them, in such a manner as that through out our connexion an earnest yearning through out our connexion an earnest yearning through them, in such a manner as that the such a manner as that the such a manner as that through t this point. I believe that there are thousands mess."

of Methodist people hungering and thirsting It is impossible to tell how God controls after righteousness, and who are now waiting, these natural agents; but surely it is not more and eager to be led to a clearer apprehension difficult to believe that he does control them than and a deeper experience of the great Gospel that he created them. This doetrine is attendprivilege of entire consecration of God. I sub ed with fewer difficulties than that theory mit to my brethren that we, as pastors, should which excludes God from his own works; sub-

passed of subtle disquisitions and metaphysical tog can

Royal Fami'y, either in its deep sorrows or in its new-born joys. And now, dear brethren, let us "thank God and take courage." Many tokens indicate that Divine government. In support of this obprovidential, wou'd be a reflection on the the sacred cloud of blessing "hangs o'cr the jection, we are referred to that class of events thirsty land." And a voice from the excellent glory rings clear and loud in the ear of taith, and to those rare cases in which the innocent in which the righteous suffer with the wicked : Prove me now herewith, if I will not open the are punished instead of the guilty. windows of heaven, and pour you out a bless-This is no new difficulty. It existed in the

ing, that there shall not be room enough to redays of Job. It was urged as an argument ceive it." I remain, dear brethren, most reagainst providence by Epicurus. It appearspectfully and affectionately yours, ed so strong to Bayle that he pronounced it un-JOHN H. JAMES answerable; and the appalling picture of the 21, Yonge-park, London, Dec. 18, 1871. ' clouds and darkness" which conceal the

Christian theology that is more difficult to revelations of the world of light.

PROVIDENCE.

comprehend, or concerning which the tendency the result of silence on the part of the inspired which it suggests, is in a great measure obvidence; nor is it an induction of reason, tor which are not revealed; the end he proposes to my predecessors, I venture to put before you, there is nothing plainer than that the reasons accomplish, may be far away in the future, and billious and melancholic temperament and inthat existed for the creation of man, demand above all our conceptions; and the means emalso his government and the direction of his ployed may be of the most extraordinary and affairs in such a manner as to secure the final inexplicable character: yet however obscure end of his being. Doubt, or a rejection of the and incomprehensible are the administrative doctrine may result from misapprehension of acts of God, the Christian has this immutable

Some associate with their notious of prov- cousness and judgment are the habitation of idence such a Divine power and agency-such his throne."

an efficient control of natural and moral events, With regard to this difficulty, it may be obthat if true, there would be a constant success- served, that as a man is a guilty creature under ion of miracles. But as no such events occur, a remedial scheme, there is no reason to expect the deny, therefore, that God has an agency of a mixed character, admonitory, reformative, in the affairs of men. Thus tone extreme be- or punitive- that it would be so adjusted as to gets another.

nection of the Divine energy with the laws and committed sins which deserve chastisement. torces of nature-is beautifully described by This in part accounts for their sufferings. The the Psalmist : "He sendeth forth his command- whole train of natural evils to which the rightments upon the earth his word runneth very eous are subject in common with the wicked swiftly. He giveth snow like wool; he scatter- are connected with, and are made the instrueth his hoar frost like ashes. He casteth forth ments of important moral and religious ends cold? He sendeth out his word and melteth "Our light affliction, which is but for a mothem; he causeth his winds to blow and the ment. worketh for us a far more exceeding waters to flow." And "He maketh his sun to and eternal weight of glory." And grievous rise on the evil and the good, and he sendeth as are the chastisements of God, they are made his rain on the just and the unjust." The wild to " yield the peaceable fruits of righteousstorm in its fury; the thunderbolts of heaven : ness unto them which are exercised thereby, ' the pestilence that walketh in darkness; and These passages partly lift the veil and show the destruction that wasteth at noon-day;" why God's people are often the sons and famine, pestilence and sword; "fire, hail, snow daughters of affliction. If he sometimes pervapor, and stormy wind," are only instruments mits the innocent to suffer instead of the guilty. perly conducted, are potent instruments for in the hands of omnipotent power and infinite there are reasons for it, which, could they be wisdom, and are employed as God's agents, known, "would justify the ways of God to

> tion, and not of final rewards and punishments. The final adjudication of human affairs is reserv-

> > Are variously dispensed to human kind That vice triumphs and virtue suffers here. A brand that soverign justice cannot bear Our reason prompts us to a future state, The last appeal from fortune and from fate Where God's all righteous ways will be d

clared : The bad meet punishment, the good reward -Pittsburg Advocate.

Tallman, it's a tormented shame that we can't

was, darker than ever.' I made up my mind plished. Danger to Methodism. then, does not Christ. that I hadn't oughter stand it any longer. Now arise from wealth in its consecrated condition, The additional \$10,000 might avert the dan-

and git the money to pay for 'em." never, perhaps be fully answered, until the general gratification of the people.

firm health cloud the vision of faith, and rob religion, nor of country, can arrest his fierce

the Christian of joy and hope. Tried by every greed, for wealth; when it leads to relaxation of test, I could not doubt that Miss Philie was a personal religious efforts, and cuts the ties sincere Christian. She seemed to love the which bind the possessor in Christian relations Word of God, and I can recall now, atter to the poor and humble, then weatth becomes a packet, and from periodicals and papers just foundation on which to rest his faith, that right-

nation.

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dulgence of his appetites and tastes, if in them-

How many times I labored to lead her out selves innocent, so long as he gave liberally to into the clear sunlight of the promises-to in- the cause of Christ, the measure of that liber- still the same conviction which we have ex- can to meet the balance that will still be require duce her to put her trust implicitly in the ality being a tithe of his income. Is not the pressed in former "Gleanings," that the time Savior, and rest like a weary child, in the ever- idea of a tenth only as the limit of duty in giv- has come when something more ought to be

Savior, and rest like a weary child, in the ever-lasting arms! She could not see that it was for her; and so she lived for many years, with an unblemished character, beloved by all who knew is good in its application to persons of mode-is good in its application to persons of mode-unblemished character, beloved by all who knew is good in its application to persons of mode-is good in its applica her-shaming many "professors" by her rate means; but can men of large wealth take to her on account of past ages of oppression, the Wesleyan Missionary Committee held on blameless life, yet always in darkness-always refuge under it and be justified? Shall morey cruelty, and wrong. This can only be done the 13th of December, it was stated that Mr writing bitter things against herself, never en- for the Lord's treasury be counted to the last by seading to her numerous tribes the "glori- Budgett and Mr. Arthur had visited various joying the comfort of a Christian hope. When fraction, while uncounted thousands are spent ous Gospel of the blessed God," on a scale parts of the North of England, and had every l left the village she was in the same state of in rich adornments and doubtful pleasures? If mind, but as I bade her farewell, I said: we must have rules, let there be adaptation: commensurate with ner extensive area and the movement for removing the society's used teeming population, that by the fostering and and raising a fund for the work in Rome and mind, but as I bade her farewell, I said: we must nave rules, let tacte be adaptation. "Well, Miss Philie, I expect to hear yet that you have found the joy of God's salvation. A ust will all Yea, let many, after providing for their all Yea, let many after providing for their all Yea all Yea all Yea all Yea all Yea all Yea all you have found the joy of God's salvation. A sad smile played for a moment over her pale face, but she shook her head, and her last words were: Ah! I fear it's not for me." Oue nite, the very successful one nail, the very successful one nails, the very succesful one nails, the very su But the light came at last, and when I visited der the inheritance. The question still remains the bearts of Christian people of all denomi-

ward, I found Miss Philie a member of the church, happy and among the most useful of all the pious women of the place. "At even-time it shall be light." "If we believe not, has believe not, has the contract, and accumu-time it shall be light." "If we believe not, has the contract, but convenient has the contract, and accumu-time it shall be light." "If we believe not, has the contract, but convenient has the contract, but convenient has the contract, and accumu-time it shall be light." "If we believe not, has the contract, but convenient has the contract, but convenient has the contract, and accumu-time it shall be light." "If we believe not, has the contract, but convenient has the contract, and accumu-time it shall be light." If we believe not, has the contract, but convenient has the contract, and accumu-time it shall be light." If we believe not, has the contract, but convenient has the contract, but the contract has the contract of the contract has the contract of the contract has the contract. The contract has the contract. The contract has the con yet He abideth faitaful; He cannot deny Him- lated his capital; but, pressed by the example viable name of "the white man's grave," is to the ploughers, the tillers, the

yet He abideth faithful; He cannot deny Him-self." But how many of God's dear children there are who often walk in darkness and see no light! How many are tormented by the fear that they have grieved away the Holy Spirit, operation will depend upon his willingness to settlements being better cleared and drained. Watchman.

I'll tell you what I'll do. If you'll go down to but from wealth in its illegitimate uses. When ger from riches. On the part of the people it

Col. Brown's store and pick out some of them it pampers pride, until its possessors walk the would moderate the tendencies to luxury; it large hanging lamps of his'n, I'll jist go around and git the money to nay for 'em." Sure enough, by the next meeting Miss mess, until hard, healthful labor and physical aims of life that consecration of property troom, capital of the Traans-Vaal FreeState Re aisles with surplus silks; when it breeds idle- would so cultivate a consciousness of the true Almeny had six fine lamps, bought, paid for, endurance are known only as family legends, would keep pace with the consecration of per- public. answerable; and the appalling picture of the disorders of the world, led Voltaire to the notion of an overruling providence. It will ceneral gratification if the room, to the amazement and overruling providence. It will ceneral gratification if the room and the room at the transfer to the the room at the transfer to the the room at the transfer to the illuminated the room to the the transfer to the the transfer to the the room at the transfer to the interesting communication. general gratification of the people. I must not forget Miss Philura, or, as she pleasures, until the children of pious but poor afforded no parallel. Let Bishops, Editors and the length and breadth of the There is no subject in the whole range of bristian theology that is more difficult to bristian theology that the theology that the theology that theology that theology that the theology theolo Still, when this objection is examined in the gentle, disinterested, devout, with a heart open side by side with them at the ball, the opera, are doubled; eight dollars per member would for, as we have a very gracious work going or of unbelief is greater. This skepticism is not light of the Holy Scriptures, the difficulty to every case of distress or trouble; living a and the theatre; when it is hoarded, until amlife of humble, consistent Christian devotion, bition to be counted a millionaire has taken congregations would be multiplied, our missi- found peace with God when I arrived, two oth writers, for the Scriptures clearly teach the ated. The reasons which govern the Divine yet always under a cloud as to her own relig- complete possession of the man, and every onary enterprises enlarged ten-fold, and thousdoctrine of both a general and special provi- mind, may belong to those "secret things" ious hopes. She was one of those cases, fabillions and malanchalic temperament and in-billions and malanchalic temperament and in-the temperament and i

well as to his two younger brethren who have lately joined him. I think my protracted stay MISSIONARY GLEANINGS. was of benefit to the people as well as a bles ing to myself." From private letters received by the last

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We are thankful to learn from the forthcor to hand, relating to the progress of missions on the damage done to mission property in An tigua, Tortola and St. Kitts, by the late hurri all parties con as well as the £2,000 already authorized to be expended, and thus oncourage the missionarie With reference to Western Airica we have and their people on the spot to do what they ed to restore the waste places of Zion.

commensurate with her extensive area and the movement for removing the Society's debt