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NOT ONE CHILD TO SPARE.

A father and motive in straighter-ed circumstance, with seven childr n wree official by a wealther but childr less sughbot, a constortable products to contition that they would give him one of the rebiller. This beau-tiful point fells the result.

Wifeh shall it bo ! Which shall it he f' I looked at John-John looked at

(Dear, patient John, who loves me tet, As well as though my locks were

And when I found that I must speak, y voice seemed strangely low

My vote seemed standers and weak:
"Tell mengain what Robert said!"
And then I list ming bent my head.
"This is his letter:—'I will give
A house and land while you shall

live, f, in return, from out your soven, to child to mo for any is given." i, in return, from our your reterm." how child to me for use Is given." looked at John's old gaments

worn, thought of all that John had

borne, of poverty, and work, and care, Which I, though willing, could

not share; I thought of soven mouths to feed, Of seven little children's need, And then of this.—"Come John,"

choose among them as

they he teleep; so, walking hand in hand, lear John and I surveyed our

First to the craffe lightly stepped,
Where Latina the baby slept,
A glory 'gainst the pillow white:
Softly the father steeped to lay
His rough hand down in lovin;

way, When dream or whisper made her

stir, And huskily he said: "Not her,

not her. Wastooped beside the trundle-bed and one long ray of interplightshed Athwart the buists faces there, In sleep so pitiud and fair, ; I saw on Janu'e's rough, red cheek, A tear undried. Ere John could

apeak,

Ho's but a baby, too," said I,

Mud ki-sed him us we hurried b

Pale patient Robbie's angel face

Still in his sleep bore suffering's

No for a thousand crowns, not whiepered, while our eyes

Ho whispered, wanter the were dim. the Dick! our way from Dick! bad Dick! our way tille one—

groor Dick! had Dick! our way-ward son, Thirbulent, reckies, idle one— Could he be spered! "Nay, He who gate Bid us kefriend him to his grave; Only a mother's heart can be Patient enough "a such as he; And so," said John, "I would not Edare To send him."

send him from her bedside

To send him from her bedside I prayer."
I prayer."
And knel, by Mary, child of love.
And knel, by Mary, child of love.
Bedside To John. Quite silently,
To lifted up a curl that lay
Across-her check in willful way,
And shook his head, "Nay, love,
not thee."

The while my heart beat audibly. Only one more, our chiest lad, Trusty and truthful, good and glad So like his father. "No, John

dreamo t.
Hippy in truth that not one face.
We wissed from its accustomed
blace:
The third to work for all of even,
The ling the rest to One in heaven!

not forget to remit the which unravelled all our mysterest due the Worker this les, told them he would soon be and send in some new there, and they hed better areas

REMINISCENSES No. 3.

-----HISTORY OF THE RISE AND PROGRESS OF OUR CAUSE IN GANADA.

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JOSEPH ASH.

In my last I spoke of brother Thomas Holman, one of cur char ter members. Our membership soon reached forty, and there it stood for some time, although we had frequent accessions. They removed to other parts of the cour try, and some to the U. S. Reo Hartwick and family left us and settled in Mishawake, Ind. There were no brethren there, but soon a brother from Ohio and they two laid the foundation of the large congregation now worshiping there.

Before Bro. Radeliff united we

were very anxious for preaching talent, and several strangers came having letters from churches, or individuals in the U. S. How they found us out we did not for some time know. I shall not enumerate all of them. One wanted to preach but could not, and went on to Buffalo. Another could preach, but after preaching he loved the company of sailors more than the company of his brethren. We let him go on. Another came as a highly educated man of cood reputation, and becar preaching for our congregation and tor Port Hope. For some weeks he preached very well, nothing very pointed however. At last, said Bro. l'ord, Bro. Ash I can't understand Bro. Hubbell's dis-courses; I said neither can I. Very shortly he preached at Port Hope church what he called "my Devil sermon." In the evening he preached the same for us. We were all astounded. His doctrine was that there was no devil such es was spoken of in Eph. ii. 2, "the prince of the power of the air; the aprist that now worketh in the children of disobedience; but was an earth! king or mon arch, such as Nero, and now said he the Emperor of China is the devil. The next day he came to my house, and after talking some time on various matters in which I was very careful what I said, he began by saying "Bro. Ash I think the people are about ready for it now don't you I and I think I will give it to them in my reat sermen. Well how will you manage it! Ol I will just show them that no person has a soul till they hear the gospel. No infant, idiot or unenlightened heathen has a Yes said I, it appears to m that being the case, they are just like brutes, and that being so there Tean not, will not, let him go."
And so we wrote in courteous way, We could not drive one child away; Thinking of that of which we little to kill achieken "s Mr. Hub-Harmo I, Harmy in Indian." one of them that it is to kill a brute. "Not a bit, not a bit," John Thomas whose principles may be found in Mill. Harbinger. I offered no opposition to his nwful doctrine, but went to the villuge, got Bros. Ford, Pomeroy and others together, related our talk, which unravelled all our inyster-

ies, told them he would soon be

with and let I im go. They did o and wrote the case to Brother Campbell, for the next usue of the Campbell, for the next base of the Millenial Harbinger. He published my letter with his remarks. (See Sept. No., 1839.) "He know E. S. Hubbell, said he was educated at Hamilton College Ohio, was a strange unreliable man, and was a materialist of the strongest type. He went to Amelia Co., Va., offered himself to the large, intelligent church there as a proacher. They asked it he was Hardinger by Bro. Ash, of Canada, and remarked on by Bro. Camp bell! Yes, I am the man; well we don't want you. He then applied to another church with like results, and that was the last of S. I. Hubbell as a preacher. Those irresponsible preachers camto us uncalled for, and from whence we knew not for some time. At length we learned they came across the lake to Z. F. Green, in Prince Edward County and he directed them to us secret ly. We learned to be very can tious about who we countenance as preachers, a caution that every church should never forget. Ther was one of that class 'n Canada not over a year ago, who pretend not over a year age, who presented to be some great one, and was picked up without any knowledge of his antecedents. After a while he was found out to be a drunkard and a scoundrel. No one can estimate the harm such a man does to the cause of Christ. One great mistake many good people make is shuffling off an old well tried servant who always speaks Bible truth and shows in his duly life, his high appreciation of that truth which alone is able to make us wise unto salvation, for an entire unknown stranger, or for some striplings who are crying out against those old servants. It is painful in the extreme for those old men to be compelled to meet such opposers. But it has to be borne and afterwards those who are so pleased with those opinion ated pretenders roup a bitter round. I have seen those things

whether heeded or not.
On 5th June 1837 we publish ed the first No. of the first paper among us in Canada, in vindica-tion of the ancient gospel. It was a monthly of 24 pages issued under the direction of a committee of four, Murdock McDonald, W. Jockell, of Port Hope Church, Jno. Ford and myself of Cobourg. The name of our paper was the Christian Vindicator an editorial notice of this paper can be seen in M. H. for 1837. It was a live ly spirited production page 373. One of the most able of its contributors was our learned and able Bro. McDonald. Who wrote a number of articles on haptism addressed to his friend in Porth Village, and are worthy a place in any of our papers. Our Vin-dicator reached its 11th number when the printer removed east, and we gave it up. Times were troublesome then I shall have occasion to refer to this again as I intend to enumerate our publications their birth life & death as nearly as I can from the scanty documents I have and from mem-

worked out, and were it necessary could give names. I want to be

About 1839 Bro Ford, remov. Messre Hubbell & Beocher, what

custom was (as all teachers should do) to read the scriptures to his pupils every day, and often he would make some passing remarks. In his course of reading he came to the Acts of the Anostles 2 chapter, as he was reading he marked that was the way they (sinners) became christians in those days and it should be se A girl of 9 or 10 years old remembered the remarks and so plain and reasonable did it ap pear to her, and so deep was the npression made upon her mind that as she grew up to woman hood, she contrasted that way with all the sectorian ways, and sair clearly the wide difference letneen them. After several years she removed to the township of Whitby, as school teacher. By that time we had a fine con-gregation in Oshawa. She heard of the Disciples and out of curio sity can e to our meeting, can you imagine her surprise and joy when she saw and heard the very things she had sished to see and hear and had sighed to see and near for so many years. She with great delight obeyed the gospel and a more faithful sister we never had: She died in great peace of mind. This pleasing matter teaches us a lesson none should forget or neglect. We seldom at the time know the effect a fitly spoken word may have some divine seed sown in this way may fall on good ground, and produce much fruit. Kind and true

During those years from beginning in Cobourg, " the old christian connexion" was on very friendly terms with us and I have no doubt that if they had not been interfered with, Ly members of that connexion in the U. S. a faithful, and sound a warning very great majority of them would voice on this and other dangers have come into the reformation fully. The principal opposers fully. The principal opposition of the state of Joseph Badger and David were a Joseph Badger and David Millard of the Christian Palledi-They were bitter and untruthful in their opposition. They dictated to preachers and members especially preachers. Some of them adhered to their dictation, and some did not. I have some

rords never die.

About 1839 Bro Ford, removed to Cincunsati, Ohio, and was are your baby's and what if they soon choren an Elder of one of the churches there, where he worshipped for some years and subsequently removed to K'y where I lost all trace of him a circumstance which I much regret.

I must relate a pleasing and through the profitable reminiscence of bro, Moren brofitable reminisc

(To be continued.)

MIDNIGHT MUSINGS.

The clock has struck twelve! Millions are unconscious of their surroundings, only the guardian care of an ever wakeful Father is over them; they do not know that it is midnight. What if the cry it is midnight. What if the crywas made "behold the bridegroom cometh," how many could arise and trim their lamps, having oil with them! The winds are sighing through the branches of the rees in the door yard, it sounds like a funeral requiem. Other wise, nature's busked stillness is like that of death. How quent is nature! How much we feel like drawing close to our Father in this solemn hour ! . We cannot see him tis true, but know that it is only a thin well of mortality that hides his person from our finite gaze. He is very close to us, and we can talk to nim anowing that he hours us and as his answers came back to us, in peace or soul, confidence fr his care, consciousness of his pro senco and enlargeing our hopes, giving us happiness within, and boldness without; ther are we strengthened for the great conflict What antisfaction to know that we have a Father ever near! As he can see our very thoughts, how careful should we be to keep our hearts pure, for our Saviour says "blessed are the eure in heart for they shall see God." If to see him is greater happiness that to realize his presence by faith, how great that

happiness will be ! Soon the midnight cry will be made with the "trump of God" which shall wake the sleeping millions from the sleep of death As we lie down in this sleer, so shall we be awakened. The proparation must all be made while wo are awake, "for the night meth whereinne mancan work." Let us be ready when the trump sounds to wake up and enter in and partake of the "marriage sup-per of the Lamb."

What an awful hour that will

merchants and tradesmen, many of them members of fashionable churches, paid their pow rent, sang in the choir and attended the church fairs, but alse! that was only camalizing what God intended should be reverenced. Here comes a mother with herdanchters. ine looking ladies, good dancers, belles of society, quote postry, novermade a mistake in stiquette noter made a mistake in eliquette or manner; cost lots of money to give them these accomplishments. Have they fed the hungry! No. Obeyed the georel! No. This would not be popular in their society. Poorchildren! and poor mother! they had the bible, but it was not read. What a failure was that life! Yes, the books were opened; the book was not written by any synod of clergy, nor by a devotee of fashion, but it was a book from which these were judged who had the Bible. Then the judge waved his hand and those on the left disappeared in darkness. The wails of miserable creatures could be heard is they retreated further and further back in the darkness of dispile. Then a beautiful gito opens wide, oh I the glory revealed with in. How our hearts leap for joy t oh! what a rich table and sumptuous fenet ! What exhilizrating atmosphere and beautiful light ! " Come yo blessed of my father."
Who said that? Oh! 'tis Jesus, see, he leads the way, "Sweeping through the gates of the New Jerusulum," The gate is shall

MEAFORD, ONTARIO.

To those wishing to know some; thing of the advantages of Meaford and surrounding country the following will be interesting: Meaford is beautifully situated

on the south shore of the Gear-gran bay, which abounds with trout and white fith, of the beat quality and which are shipped in large quantities. There is so ex-cellent harbour at the mostle of the river which came through the town, at which the largest lake steamers call regularly. Along the river are mills and fastories diven by water pawer.

Mcaford is site the terminus of the Northern Railway, and like a population of oras 2000, law abiding, infeltigent citiesus.—

There are about 200 Disciples of Christ water and the water required for the company of t Christ who meet regularly worthip in the town. Preschore of some renown who have visited this church, consider is true to Apostolic order, there is also a Church 7 miles to the North-West of Meaford and another &

of their letters to me that people now would be astonished to read the means to drive me further from them. I shall have occasion to speak of this matter again in a future number.

Since writing the foregoing I have read extracts from Rev. Henry Wanl Recehers famous sermon delivered in his Tabernaclo Brooklyn N. Y. on 26 Nov. let, in which he avows himself an Evolutionist of the Darminal whool, in the doing of which he virtually to was himself. Mr. Hubbelf however was many years in advance of Mr. Beechers, the surface of the test from Mr. Hubbelf however was many years in advance of Mr. Beecher, to the surface of the test from the aminal tably question, the slope while engaged in worldly Mothers throughout the land read the following extracts from Mr. Recehers sormon, look at your last of the first thoughts were the following extracts from Mr. Recehers sormon, look at your last of the first from Ged. In this company highly and think shoreding to previously lawers, diarons, ford, Owenest Manney of the first ford, Not the second of the first from went to sleep while engaged in worldly pleasure and their thoughts were the following extracts from Mr. Recehers sormon, look at your last of the first from the suinal tably question.

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