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# Religious Miscellany.

Rest in God.

" Oh Lord, how happy is the time." Oh Lord! how how happy is the time, When in Thy love I rest, When from my weariness I climb, E'en to thy tender breast. The night of sorrow endeth there, Thy rays outshine the sun, And in Thy pardon, and Thy care, The heaven of heavens is won,

Let the world call itself my foe, Or let the world allure, I care not for the world.—I go To this tried friend and sure. And when life's fierce storms are sent, Upon life's wildest sea, My little bark is confident, Because it holds by Thee

When the law threatens endless death, Upon the dreadful hill. Straightway from its consuming breath My soul mounts higher still; She hastes to Jesus, wounded, slain, And finds in him her home, Whence she shall not go forth again, And where no death shall come.

I do not fear the wilderness, Where Thou hast been before; Nay; rather would I daily press After thee! near Thee more! Thou art my strength, on Thee I lean, My heart Thou makest sing, And to Thy pastures green at length Thy chosen flock will bring.

And if the gate that opens there Be closed to other men It is not closed to those who share The heart of Jesus then. That is not losing much of life, Which is not losing Thee, Who art as present in the strife, As in the victory.

Therefore, how happy is the time, When in Thy love I rest, When from thy weariness I climb, E'en to thy tender breast, The night of sorrow endeth there, Thy rays outshine the sun, And in Thy pardon and Thy care, The heaven of heavens is won.

# Take care what you Read.

forth as now. Printed pages fall around us were clean and orderly; quite patterns of deathless souls? like the leaves of autumn. At every turn humble respectability. Very soon the novel We are blessed and we are cursed, with reading mania increased. Book after book was devoured with eagerness. They spent most of their time in those airy regions in reading for the million. The press is a foun-tain sending forth both sweet water and which the heroes and heroines of romance which the heroes and heroines of romance laws that govern the human mind; fact, obbitter. As its streams flow through society, live, and move, and have their being. But they are calling up mental and moral beauties as lovely as the flowers of Eden, and the worse took place. Their persons bemental and moral deformities as hateful as came untidy, and they were seldom fit to be sin can make them. There never was a time when books were doing so much good Their countenances were marked with a and so much evil as they are at the present day. Perhaps you are saying to yourself, That's very true." Then allow me, as a excitement. Household matters were negfriend, to give you a few reasons why you should take care what you read.

No doubt you have often heard it said, and very truly too, that we are all fallen and sinful creatures. Now, that is one reason why you should take care what you read. If you had a mind and heart pure and perfect; if you could always judge between read whatever came in your way. Then moral attached to them." , you would run no risk, were you to peruse e productions of profane wit, and the works

such food, or that you would waste your time over such reading; but there would be no danger of your becoming the dupe or the victim of those artful and wicked writers, who aim to make their readers as bad as themselves. You would be proof against the deceptions of error, and the impure

But the word of God, and the whole history of our race, both prove that our minds, so far from being pure and perfect, are by nature deprayed and sinful. As a race, we are often called "erring mortals." So prone are we to take the wrong course, that when we would do good, evil is present with us. Left to ourselves, our evil passions would carry us against our better judgment. Then

ings-over of impure passion? It you felt a fectious taint. strong disposition to destroy yourself, would you deem it prudent to be often playing with Now, you really have a strong natural tendency to destroy your soul; and tens of moral delirium tremens; and the soul they thousands of the works issued from the had ruined was craving for more of the press in the present day are nothing better poisonous draught, though so near the verge than deadly instruments, artfully designed for the murder of the soul. The produc- William Russell confessed that the reading

thoughts of others often to come before your your selection? mind, the aversion which you first feel will mind may be known by the books he most determine your everlasting destiny. Your gence and our pious articles in a neighbourare good and wise enough

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reading mania increased. seen, unless when they dressed to go out. squalid langour, such as plainly told that their minds were kept in a state of unnatural lected. Having left the realities of common life, all that belonged to this vulgar world

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"I do not want a Bible," said an aged man of some ninety years, to a Bible dispoisons, and swords, and pistols, and daggers? tributer: "I want a story-book." Story of eternity. The murderer of the late Lord

character for the sake of some minor advan-passing grandeur, with all its unending re-pedients to obtain it. At his bidding, Roages, you would run the risk of sustaining alities. Does it not rebuke the deluded man Catholic parents are removing their ar more injury than any good you may ob- mortal who can consume his time and waste children from the model schools; yet among Think, also, of the many evils that are Think of the judgment-seat of Christ, with venture to disobey the haughty commands known to have resulted from the reading of bad and doubtful books.—We know a family shame and awe those readers who can sit disloyalty of the meetings which have been shame and awe those readers who can sit disloyalty of the meetings which have been to the daughters acquired a taste for This is a reading age. Never since the in which the daughters acquired a taste for down to a repast of moral poison, that cannot recently held under priestly auspices in Ireworld began have so many books been put novel-reading. Previously to that, they fail to injure and pervert the powers of their land, have disgusted the gentleman of that

Book after book But have we not said enough? Is not laws that govern the human mind; fact, observation, experience; and the relation in which you stand to God and eternity. Do be careful what you read?

# The True Ambition.

"Who can bring a clean thing out of unclean? Not pleasure of tracing either the triumph or present that soul to himself at last without was the duty of a constituency in these is ed "earnestly to covet that best gift."-Wonders of Redeeming Love.

# Cotemporary Press.

Ecclesiastical Questions. tions of unsanctified genius teem around of a novel of vicious tendency led him to ward each other by a gracious influence is presented. It is stated that the Duke of The Holiday season was unusually busy and ment. you. Some of them are too glaringly evil the commission of the dark deed. The in- which has made them more sensible of their you. Some of them are too glaringly evil the commission of the dark deed. The into be mistaken. Others are demons clothed mates of our prisons have often said. It essential oneness, their circumstantial differ-have been busy of late hearing witnesses, and book stores would be unable to furnish as angels of light; very fascinating in their was the reading of 'Jack Sheppard,' and ences and their controversies have tended and that their proceedings have been "most the "gifts" and "presents" required. Books style; the serpent so closely coiled, and so ther like books, that brought us here;" and the flowers that art and tate can cull. Beware! or as you open the leaves, and regale yourself with the perfume, you will secretly receive the poison that worketh death. "When I was a young man," said a person of strong mind and deen the server of t style; the serpent so closely coiled, and so other like books, that brought us here;" a to carry them apart along opposite currents. important;" more than which the public is that worketh death. "When I was a young the embellishments of language and illusman," said a person of strong mind and deep piety, "I read such a work; but I would not read it again for a hundred pounds."

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The population and up all evangelical agencies, without distinction of denomination of denominati

charm will steal over your soul. As sure as accountable, as well as an intelligent, being. ed, what will they after fifty years? The Church had and as yet one branch—the House of Reprea man may be known by the company he You are on trial for an eternal state. Your honourable, not to speak of religious minds, sunk down from eighty-two per sentatives—has been unable to organize.— happy because of abundant blessings bestowkeeps, so sure the bent and tone of a man's actions and character in this world are to think, when they read our Revival intelli- cent.; Dissent had risen from eighteen to The candidate of the Republican party for ed by Providence and grace. I always

> But think of immortality, with all its sur- len will spare no pains and hesitate at no exhis energies over works that profit not? the more intelligent of the Irish laity, many country, to whatever creed they belong, and have affronted England; so that Government will find itself as little urged by pressure from without as by reason or equity to satis In waver flakes begin to flow; ly the clamours of a party who, as the Times admitted yesterday, have fulfilled every prediction of the opponents of "Catholic Emancipation." What sort of imnot all these demonstrate that you ought to pression Dr. Callen and his fraternity are making upon the minds of Englishen may be judged by a few sentences from our contemporary's pen, which Cadina! Wiseman, who has taken a long farewell of this here-

tie country, may translate to the Pope at " It would be childish to deny that we have And yet that must be done ere man can raised up among ourselves a party which grew irksome. None but the most urgent have solid hope. It is not enough that sin is neither Liberal nor Conservative, neither duties were attended to; and these were be cancelled.—Merely to blot my iniquities English nor Irish, which holds its allegiance hurried over, that they might voraciously de- from the book of God's remembrance, would to a foreign Power paramount to its alleyour some new tale. For a few years they not make me fit for heaven. The pure giance to its domestic Sovereign, which is rode upon the high places of romance, and must supplant the polluted ere the soul can the decided, if not the declared enemy of lived amid the creations of a disordered be prepared for glory, and the society of the knowledge and enlightenment, which seeks truth and error, what form soever they might fancy; then, one after another, tumbled just made perfect. It is the sure decree of to widen and render more intense its isolatake, or wheresoever they might be found; down to a real ruin. They became wrecks God, that nothing that defiles, nothing that and if, at the same time, you were so firm in of virtue and humanity, and their reading loves or makes a lie, can ever stand before make the divisions of society and the com- And some, as on tender wings they glide your love to truth and virtue, that no artfully was their destruction. And yet the mother bim; and the first act of faith, therefore, is mon intercourse of life strictly co-extensive painted picture of vice could possibly allure of those daughters was a serious woman! to lead us to the fountain opened for sin, to with its religious belief. The Roman Cayou, and no mental images of evil could pos- and the novels they read professed to be of sprinkle us from the blood which cleanses tholic hierarchy and their followers have no sibly pollute you, then you might safely the better sort,—those that have "a good us from it all. Transformed by that new sympathy with either political party, because creating Spirit, whose work and glory it is to these parties, having advanced with the ad-We have read of a man who hated books make the Ethiopian change his skin and the vancing spirit of civilization, being chained with a perfect batred, till he met with one leopard his spots, we start on that career to no immutable standard and cramped by of bad men. We do not suppose that if you of the tales of a modern novel-writer. He which ends where eternity is our existence, no claims to infallibility, have reached a then became wonderfully fond of such books, and the Eternal our portion.—And from the and devoured every work in the line of ficand the line of ficand devoured every work in the line of ficand and devotred every work in the line of ne-tion he could obtain. Still he never read anything else. The result was, as you may expect, he learned to sneer at decency, and stead of comparing ourselves among our carried at the meeting in Cork, and then ask to gloat with almost infinite delight over the selves, the divine standard becomes our rule, himself whether such things are the result pages of the most impere writers of his own beloved class.

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bation and the accusation of having starved two millions of her subjects?" There is an English phase of this question While the different sections of the Pro- of Education, which will be cleared a little

to expose yourself to the influence of books fall of virtue, real or imaginary, has kindled zones, must be sometimes envied by nearly them bodes nothing less than a disruption. whose tendency is to evil, you would place the fires of lust, and multiplied victims for all of us, for there are few who have not ocyourself in a like position to the bird that debauch. The lives of notorious pirates and casionally, if not habitually, to encounter the Confessional and the scandals of St. George's, allows itself to be drawn by the brilliant bighwaymen have awakened the spirit of like unfriendly changes. As the session of we anticipate that the Revisionists will make colours and fascinating eye of the wily ser- daring exploit, and augmented the catalogue Parliament approaches, the disruptive ele- slow and small progress in their next and pent, and flutters around, and is held there of deeds of desperation. An account of the ments in religious society are apt to prevail many a following campaign. On the other in willing bonds, till it drops or darts into successful struggles of rising genius, as it over the cohesive, and laymen, and clergy question, the Church of England is collecthas pushed its way upward by its native men even, who have assembled together at ing her energies for a more arduous and less Another reason why you should take care strength through poverty and obscurity, and an Evangelical Alliance gathering or at a hopeful struggle. Her organs tell us that what you read, is found in the laws that go- has come forth to bless the world with its United Prayer meeting, will return home to the Bishops are united, and that Sir John vern the human mind, -In every part of the achievements and discoveries, has aroused prepare or sign Petitions against each other's Pakington and the other laymen of the De-Lord's visible creation there are general the latent energies of kindred souls, and interests and convictions on ecclesiastical fence Committee are at one with them, in laws and principles always at work; and, lured them along a like track of distinction. Questions. Yet it is possible that the sest the resolve that the highest ground shall be with very few exceptions, they are constant. Works on science, art, natural and moral sion, a period of war, and the Revival, a taken, and that there shall be no comproly producing like effects. And it is much the same in the world of mind. Here, also, of literature, have been a chief means of ceed together without injury to the latter if John Coleridge took up a lofty position like produces like. He that walketh with calling forth the energies of the human mind Christian charity be not forgotten. We have when he maintained that the Establishment wise men becomes wise, while the companion in their respective departments, and have lately seen in Congregational journals per- is set up in this country "as the strongest of fools is destroyed. If you bring your given a tone and character to both students sonal imputations, as malignant as they were bulwark against Romanism on the one hand mind into frequent contact with a certain and masters. And the records of inspired false, produced only because the party against and against Dissent on the other." Pity it class of ideas, you will soon take some part truth, and the memoirs of departed saints, whom they are made, and from whose spot- is that so many of her own priests have conof them as your own. If you let it dwell have called forth thousands of them "who less reputation they fall off into congenial trived to surmount the bulwark and go over no less than six hundred thousand pairs of into the bliss of heaven. among the rovings of fancy, and allow its through faith and patience are inheriting the dirt, when asked his well-known and longstaple food to be light-reading and romance- promises." / Hence you may set it down for settled opinions on a controverted point, gave others, who ought to have gone, have re- York alone, and it is probable that about the you will as certainly leave the common certain, that the class of books in which you them with the honesty and the force belong mained. Considered as a bulwark againt places of real life and rise into the airy remost delight, will go far in forming your
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do not happen to be identical with your opinthat, at the beginning of this century "the ward the clouds. If you permit the evil you, therefore, be too careful in making ions, nor i may be with ours, but if we can- Church of England numbered eighty-two per not examine them without a sordid imputa- cent. of the population, and all the Denom-Look, also, at the relation in which you tion of motives which could not possibly inations of Dissent together only made up soon pass away, and a kind of captivating stand to God and to eternity -You are an bave existed when such opinions were form- the other eighteen per cent. How stood bled at Washington the first of last month, and your readers a "Merry Christmas, and

vigorous, who feeds chiefly on the puerilities act for time only; just to pass through lite of Education. We should deprecate its inlight reading? There are a few strong as cheerily as you can, and then go and re- troduction in this part of the United King in putting the case in such a light, and insist their opposition to the anti-spirit that is minds that cannot be warped by the evil in- pose in eternal slumber in the grave; then dom, not only because of its inapplicability to ting at this time of day that the Noncom- everywhere prevailing in the North, but all lowed fraternity of the Wesleyan, East and fluences of the most giant spirits; and they you might eat and drink, and read and laugh; our plans and maxims, but because it would formists shall be forced to pay for keeping their movements turn against themselves. - West. then you might safely make recreation and derange the working of the voluntary prin- up a bulwark against themselves. Some- Mr. Helper's book-though containing strong amusement the chief end of your reading; the various Denominations then the books that best suit your taste, and then the books that best suit your taste, and then the books that best suit your taste, and then the books that best suit your taste, and then the books that best suit your taste, and then the books that best suit your taste, and then the books that best suit your taste, and then the books that best suit your taste, and the time of its publication, or, rather than the books that best suit your taste, and the time of its publication of its hundred and But it would not be prodent to assume that that yield you the largest amount of present the State as to be assisted by it in this matenjoyment, are those you ought to read; ter. But in Ireland, and wherever else Po- cated, but especially on the eve of a measure by would scarcely have been heard of again, val and extension; and while we are gladly choose to read books of manifestly evil tenthen you might throw the reins on the neck pery is strong, and consequently the volunlikely to respect that the "bulwark," or we fear. dency, you have no reason to expect that the of your imagination, and ride in rampant tary power is enfeebled, the separate system likely to respect the "bulwark," or we fear, Congress. After a month's advertising at the Eastern Connexion, we have many reageneral laws which form and govern human revelry wherever corrupt inclination would would be to all intents and purposes an en-

The Snow-Shower.

BY WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT.

General Miscellany.

On the lake below thy gentle eyes: The clouds hang over it heavy and gray, And dark and silent the water lies; And out of that former mist the snow, Flake after flake

They sink in the dark and silent lake See how in a living stream they come From the chambers beyond that misty ver Some hover awhile in air, and some Rush prone from the sky like summer hail

All, dropping swifly or settling slow. Meet, and are still in the depth delow ; Flake after flake.

All drowned in the dark and silent lake Come floating downward in airy play, Like spangles dropped from the dripping clo That whitens by night the milky way; There broader and burlier masses fall; The sullen water buries them all :

From their chilly birth-cloud, dim and gra Are joined in their fall, and side by side. Come clinging along their unsteady way As friend with friend, or husband with wife, Makes hand in hand the passage of life: Each mated flake.

As myriads by myriads madly chased, They fling themselves from their

Soon sinks in the dark and silent lake.

The fair, frail creatures of middle sky, What speed they make with their graves

Flake after flake To lie in the dark and silent lake !

They turn to me in sorrowful thought; Thou thinkest of friends the good and the dear Who were for a time and now are not: Like these fair children of cloud and frost, That glisten a moment and then are lost. Flake after flake,

And far away on the mountain side, A sun beam falls from the opening skies But the hurrying host that flew between The cloud and the water no more is seen : Flake after flake.

### Letter from the United States. From our Correspondent.

with the exception that the people are very testant Church have of late been drawn to- when the Report of the Royal Commission much engaged in their winter amusements. of paper consumed annually in the establish- a year, knows not how to quail. There is piety, "I read such a work; but I would not read it again for a hundred pounds," that talent and genius can supply, is one of not read it again for a hundred pounds," the most powerful agencies for good or ill accustomed plunge into the turbid waters of the most powerful agencies for good or ill accustomed plunge into the turbid waters of the most powerful agencies for good or ill accustomed plunge into the turbid waters of the most powerful agencies for good or ill accustomed plunge into the turbid waters of the most powerful agencies for good or ill accustomed plunge into the turbid waters of the most powerful agencies for good or ill accustomed plunge into the turbid waters of the most powerful agencies for good or ill accustomed plunge into the turbid waters of the most powerful agencies for any one published is impure images had linked themselves with in thought; and long years had not entirely freed him from their taint. He world the most powerful agencies for good or ill accustomed plunge into the turbid waters of the most powerful agencies for good or ill accustomed plunge into the turbid waters of the Bolidays, and its demoralizing effects were distinct the most powerful agencies for good or ill accustomed plunge into the turbid waters of the Bolidays, and its demoralizing effects were distinct to a customed plunge into the turbid waters of the Bolidays, and its demoralizing effects were distinct to a customed plunge into the turbid waters of the Bolidays, and its demoralizing effects were distinct to a customed plunge into the turbid waters of the Bolidays, and its demoralizing effects were distinct to a customed plunge into the turbid waters of the Bolidays, and its demoralizing effects were distincted in the most powerful agencies for any one publics and a new arrangement of the Bolidays, and its demoralizing effects were distincted in the most powerful agencies for any one publics and a new arrangement of the Bolidays, and its demoralization of the Bolidays, and its demoralization of the Bolidays,

Winter has come in good earnest. weather has been very cold for some days past, and our ponds and bays are frozen over. These large fields of ice are now becoming places of public resort. Skating is now all the rage, and every patch of ice is looked upon as of great price. It is amusing to see some four thousand persons, of all ages, classes and descriptions, on some of our large ponds, gliding swiftly over the ice as if they were moved by some invisible power. The ladies have become great skaters-generally they altogether out-do the gentlemen. Into dealers in skates. We understand that be more perfect and our friendship ripen same number have been sold in Boston .-

Skating is a healthy amusement, unless carried too far, as is too often the case.

The Congress of the United States assemforty-eight per cent. of the population" President is a Mr. Sherman, who is every write you with pleasure; and at this cheerreads and best loves. No man can expose himself to the evil influence of other minds without more or less danger. How can his without more or less danger. How can his directly interested, and on behalf of which loves and taste of its English Correspondent to the full restriction of the Supreme Mind. The location of the Supreme Mind. The locatio without more or less danger. How can his dim renection of the Supreme Anna. The soul mount heavenwards, whose thoughts God who gavelyou your reason, and all your Parliamentary intervention will be demand- the exact proportion of each is a statistical wrote a commendatory notice of a work pondent, on the variety and usefulness of are burdened with the slime of obscenity? mental powers, holds you responsible for ed, the most important is Education. This problem not yet solved, there can be little against the institution of slavery, written by the letters of Cecil, and the diversified con-How can be rightly value sober truth, who their improvement and right use. Were has an Irish and a British phase. In Ire-doubt that "as a bulwark against Dissent," a Mr. Helper. The Republicans lack but tents and good writing of many other cors ever running after mental reveries and you the mere creature of a day, and had land, the Papal hierarchy is determined, as the Establishment has been such a rampart as four votes of electing Mr. Sherman, and respondents: and allow me to thank you for idle romances? How can his mind grow you been sent into this world to think and in Canada, not to tolerate the Mixed system the Chinese Wall against the Mongols. Sir here the matter stands, neither side being the position and elegant type you always received but a very limited sale; and probabut for the special notice it has received in observant of the Gospel signs that stimulate dowment of Romanism. As such, Dc. Cul-len will spare no pains and hesitate at no exthe demand. Everybody must now read the book, and whatever power it has to affect ference Journal report active ministerial dethe "peculiar institution," will now be ex- votedness, and consequent conversions, and perienced. It is generally thought that Mr. accessions to the Wesleyan Church. On

### THE HARPER'S PUBLISHING ESTABLISH-MENT.

This Establishment is one of the oldest, and is the largest publishing house in this counhe an exception—the largest in the world. It is situated on Franklin Square, in the city of New York, and its extensive and beautiful buildings are among the greatest ornaments of that great city, and one of its greatest attractions to visitors. The Estabfirst published " Seneca's Morals," " Mair's Introduction to Latin," and " Locke on the entinued the business till 1823, when Joseph Wesley Harper became a member of the firm; and in 1826, Fletcher Harper entered it, so that the firm now consists of four brothers, all of whom were born within a short distance of the Empire City. In 1825, the Establishment became much enlarged, and in 1826 it was the largest publishing house in New York, employing ten gratified assembly of parents and friends hand-presses, and about fifty persons.

In 1830, their publications having become numerous, they commenced stereotyping their works; and since that time they have spent in a Methodist school. Annually, at printed principally from stereotype or electrotype plates, all of which are preserved for field met in the open air; and it was then subsequent use in fire-proof vaults. They now use forty-one Adam's power presses, of the largest size, which are capable of print- girls sung one of his own exquisite hymns, ing more than ten thousand duodecimo vol. and the sound was as the indescribable swell umes-12 mo, of about 600 pages-per day; which is equal to three millions of volumes per year. Besides, they use three cylindar presses, which are devoted exclusively to menced energetically; yet as our platform the printing of their Weekly.

The number of their publications has recently been given as follows-though, we in collections, Toronto of 1859 is a hundred think, the estimate falls short of the actual

History and Biography, Travel and Adventure, Theology and Religion, Educational, Art, Science, and Medicine, Dictionaries and Gazetteers, 389 65.5 188 170 227 90 160 190 83 156 205 141 5, 105 120 88 8, 51 35 26 870 980 329 eneral Literarure,

An immense capital is necessary to carry on such a business, and it is supposed that the firm has more than a million of dollars invested in it. One can hardly conceive the pressure of the times-somewhat larger extent of the business of this establishment. and the vast capital necessary to properly conduct it, without visiting the premises; and we venture to say that no one can do like the beneficial developments of our great this, unacquainted with large publishing es- work; I do like the Providence that is settablishments, without being astonished at what passes before him. Such powerful the faith in God and Methodism, and His presses, driven by steam—such quantities of people, of the Canada Missionary Commitprinted sheets, and books in the various tee. I suppose some nervous souls would stages of manufacture—such piles of finish- quail under this balance agains: us, and may ed books, ready for supplying orders—such wonder we do not. They don't know us. quantities of material, such as paper of all A Society that for years would not claim kinds, leather, cloth, glue, &c., &c. It is from the Parent Society in England the an-The holidays have passed, and we are said that three hundred thousand dollars jogging on again much after the usual sort, per year is paid to one mill alone, for white Union, and from 1850 to 1857 heartily paper, and this but a small part of this kind pushed its income from £3,000 to £12,000

> Their " Magazine," and " Weekly," have been an entire success. The former has en-

touching and thrilling descriptions; giving much valuable information respecting the duties and obligations of domestic life, and written in a chaste, fascinating the The same house has also issued another Mr. Trowbridge's works, entitled, Battle Ground." Those who have read "Father Brighthopes," and "Neighbour Jackwood," will not fail to read the "Old Battle Ground." It abounds in wit and humour, and its lessons are highly moral and instructive.

### NEW YEAR'S SALUTATIONS.

Permit me to say to you, and all of your deed, skating has come to be regarded a sort readers, A Happy New Year! Blessings of female accomplishment, and every little abundant on you and them! May our in-Miss must have her skates. We have no tercourse for the year be pleasant! May doubt but, in many instances, it is quite as we be greatly profitted by reading the Probeneficial to health as lessons on the piano- vincial Wesleyan-and at last may we meet forte. The skating mania is very gratifying in that world where our acquaintance will

## Letter from Canada.

CANADA, Dec. 24th, 1849.

Another twenty-fourth of December is kindly granted us, and I sincerely wish you monthly writes, with his heart, on the hal-

British, Colonial, and American Methodpowerful permeation. Letters in the Con-Sherman will yet be elected, but time must some Circuits and Missions from thirty to fifty are added; on others, from fifty seventy; and Brampton, Bowmanvile, and other places, have already received from seventy to a hundred and fifty converts; and in many localities our esteemed people might "Scriptural Christianity," for they pray to be filled with the Holy Ghost.

In this week's Christian Guardian there s a Circular from the President of the Conference " to the Ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada," recommendishment commenced operations in 1817, un- ing that the second week in January be deder the direction of James and John Har. voted to humiliation, prayer, and praise,per. As wise men, they commenced in a private, social, and public, -in agreement small way, according to their means. They with the intentions of Christians of many Churches, and as appropriate to an epoch when nations are shaken by a supreme powuman Understanding." . The two brothers er; all religious communities are awakening to extraordinary effort : and the profound import of sacred predictions is being unlocked. Is a universal revival an impossibility

Sabbath School Anniversaries in Canada make beauteous facts. A few days ago the Anniversary of the West Wesleyan City Circuit Schools was held in the Richmone Street Church, Toronto, and a crowded had before them, in the gallery, a thousand happy scholars. The Sabbaths of my first twenty-four years of life were, thank God. Whitsuntide, the Sabbath Schools of Shef that the good James Montgomery bared his delicate head, while ten thousand boys and of some mighty Æolian lyre, filled with the breath of Redeeming love.

Our Missionary Anniversaries have com men are the last to record their own doings, we must wait patiently for intelligence; but per cent in advance of the Toronto of 1858. News has reached our Mission House that two gentlemen in our Canadian City of London have just given \$700 for our British Columbian Mission and lately Mr. and Mrs. Edw'd. Jackson of Hamilton sent Dr. Evans a thousand dollars! Since the return of the General Superintendent of Missions from England, the completion of our Annual Missionary Report has been hastened, and just published, and it announces an income for last year-though again reduced by the than expected; but our expenditure is about three thousand pounds more than our income. I don't like this disparity; but I do honour in the directors at the Wesleyar Centenary Hall, and our Canada supporter are good men and true, and the generous tered upon its twentieth volume, with the mothers and children being with us, we shall