I know not what shall befall me, God hangs a mist o'er my eyes; And so each step of my onward path He makes new scenes to rise, And every joy He sends me Comes as a sweet and glad surprise.

I see not a step before me, As I tread the days of the year: But the past is in God's keeping, The future His mercy shall clear, And what looks dark in the distance May brighten as I draw near.

For perhaps the dreaded future Has less bitterness than I think: The Lord may sweeten the waters Before I stoop to drink, Or if Marah must be Marah He will stand beside its brink

It may be He keeps waiting Till the coming of my feet, Some gift of such rare blessed Some foy so strangely sweet, That my lips shall only tremble With the thanks they cannot speak.

O restful, blissful ignorance 'Tis blessed not to know. It keeps me quiet in those arms That will never let me go; And hushes my soul to rest On the bosom that loves me so.

So I go on not knowing ! I would not if I might: I would rather walk on in the dark with Go Than go slone in the light, I would rather walk with Him by faith Than walk alone by sight.

My heart shrinks back from the trials Which the future may disclose, Yet I never had a sorrow But what the dear Lord chose So I send the coming tears back With the whisper'd word "He knows."

THOUGHTS ON METHODISM, &c.

To the Editor of the Provincial Wesleyan My DEAR SIR,-I beg you the favour to insert the following thoughts, which I have had, in substance, written in mannscript for years in a general sense be without discipline and past. Having recently shown them to a few of my particular friends, I have been induced by their kind remarks and advice to send them to your care for publication in the Wesleyan. contain many detects, and had it not been for here commit them to the press. With this imprudence of such conduct. apology, I beg to state my subjects and views on the same as follows:

First. Thoughts on Methodism and hints to Second. A few brief remarks to Protestant nations and suggestions to Protestants.

I. METHODIST UNION. body and Church of Christ. All "endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.-Ephesians iv. 3. If this were acenhance the general interests and good of Methodism. It would certainly increase its strength and improve its usefulness, making it more combined in its principles and power, and more expansive in its operations and agen-cies-more effective and diffusive in doing

It would also, as a natural consequence of the same promote its political, ecclesiastical, social, moral and religious influence. Many reasons, it necessary, could here be given to prove the propriety, utility and wisdom of this. It is moreover the will of our divine Master and Saviour, who is the Shepherd and Bishop of souls and the great Head of the Church, that his followers should "be one." St. John zvii. 11. And the nearer we draw and are drawn to Him in holy fellowship and love, the more shall we be united in the bonds of Christian communion and Gospel charity, and thereby prove to the world we are Christ's disci ples, because we love one another.

2nd. Let all the Methodist Bodies in the United States become one in doctrine and Church government. Let all the off-shoots of the Parent Body, all the minor sects, become united to the original stock, making one great Methodist Church throughout that vast and increasingly populous country. Were this accomplished it would greatly assist the Church in the United States to extend her missions over the great continents of America, North

3rd. Let fraternal greetings, visits, interchanges, communications and agreements, as at present instituted and carried on between the Conference of Great Britain and the General Conference of America, be perpetuated in the most loving and hosy terms. Both united and religion to be ridiculed. in sympathy and sentiment to maintain peace among themselves, and the two great Protestant countries which they represent. This will bond of affection which now happily exists be and of that kind. To say the least such conto each other in race, language and religion. It will also promote and extend the common cause of pure and vital Christianity, and will thereby exert a holy influence over themselves, do good to their vast Societies and various Institutions and organizations, permeate sister Churches with their discipline and doctrine and hasten the evangelization of the world.

4th. Let great attention be given to Methodism in Australia and the South Sea Islands. (1.) Let it be organized into differennt annual Conferences with a general Conference every fourth year, similar to the American General approximation towards spiritual [union, relationship and sympathy; and will at the same time give its ministers and principal members a general knowledge of its various institutions and services, as best adapted to promote the interests of the Gospel throughout the world. Continually one in doctrine and discipline, though embracing different modes of operation, as best suited to subserve its purposes in the different climes and among the diversified tribes of people where in the order of Divine Providence our Missionaries are and will be course which they would adopt would adopt to all people.

With all their affected reverence and respect to all people.

With all their affected reverence and respect to in the oven a few minutes to dry the moisture. So it is with other puddings, custards, brown bread, vegetables, etc., and for cooking fruits, particularly quinces, to preserve or put up in their own juice, it is an excellent way to steam thill tender, before putting into syrup. In warm weather, a steamer is a blessing indeed, or means for admission into our communion and church fellowship. But it is to be feared tribes of people where in the order of Divine called to labour, in order to preach the Gospel to all people.

With all their affected reverence and respect to all people.

With all their affected reverence and respect for the institutions peculiar to our church, they in reality repudiate their sacred privileges, especially the class meeting, which may in a great measure be considered as the strength of the respectable to the product of the three series and we will send our streams of the dry the moisture. So it is with other puddings, custards, brown the puddings, custards, by the puddings, custards, brown the puddings, custards, brown the

of our globe. Australia, like America, will Saints." To ignore it would be to damage the become a great emporeum for the Gospel, skirting the nations of the East and the more deprecated and deplored, by all the faith-Islands of the South. It should be visited by ful of our Zion. However anxious some may such men as Arthur, Punshon, Wiseman, and be to become professed members of our Church Perks, and other Methodist celebrities, orators by being merely Communicants at our Sacra-

and Divines. been written hy me in private manuscript, the yield to their wishes; neither character, revide itself into separate Conferences having a this. We must not lower our standard or ther presumption nor egotism on my part to others may be in favour of it. It might insay that these ideas have existed in my mind crease our numbers and strengthen our posithe creation of my own thinking independently ultimately tend to weaken our religious prinof any thing I have either read or heard on ciples and practises, and cause our zeal to cool the subject.

rought, and opinions existing among the minas a Church keep strictly to the old paths, and the innovations of unsound theology and all support of our hints on membership we refer such extravagance of free-thinking, as contradict the teaching of Christ and His Apostles, and militate against the interests of truth and religion. Let us never digress a hair's breadth had on application to the Book Room. from our Standard Theology. The doctrine of the New Testament, professed, taught, embraced and practiced by the Wesleys, Fletcher, Benson, Watson, Treffry, Bunting, Jackson, Hannah, Etheridge, and others of their school The writings of these eminent Divines must works. We must never allow the least inno-seated in the cars going west, a pleasant voice No. 1 Syrup which not only gave relief but vation in our behef. The great and grand cardinal points of our Theology must be strictly lady?" adhered to and faithfully kept, immutable as the Holy Scriptures themselves.

III. METHODIST DISCIPLINE, RULES AND

It is allowed by all intelligent and rightly thinking people that discipline is always necessary to maintain order, obedience to rules erned. And in the military, naval, and civil pinched and hollow cheeks, and his history was so with but one exception. When it was service we see it strictly maintained. No one, known. however high or honorable, is allowed to transgress its laws or violate its principles or pre- (blind with tears, I reached out my hand tor a cepts with impunity. And also in every well paper. ordered Institution of a secular and social character we see proper discipline enforced and maintained. In fact, what would society proper government? And what would be the haracter of our Schools and Colleges for the education of our youth in secular and religious keowledge if proper discipline were not main- Johnny. He had the same brown hair, and In doing this let me say I am sensible they tained? Wherever we behold a laxity of dis- large, tender, loving brown eyes; and perhaps cipline we see the ill effects resulting from it in my sincere desire to do good, I would not the disasters which consequently follow the my arms around his neck, and kissing his thir

If then it is unsafe to depart from the rules faithfully adhere to every point of discipline molded. which they receive and endorse as the duly A long, shrill whistle, and a short, perempauthorized rules of their church, based on tory call, and Johnny must be off. There was 1st. Let all Methodists in Great Britain the principles of Christian precept, and abso- nothing to choose. My little Testament, with and the Colonies and Provinces of the British lutely necessary for the peace and piety, its neat binding, and its bright steel clasps, was discipline and church government. Let them the church collectively, As a church we have me one ecclesiastically undivided religious our duly authorized forms of discipline and church government both ecclesiastically and religiously. All of which we believe to be of strained my eyes out of the window, but I invaluable service for the preservation of or- could not see him: and shutting them. I complished and consummated, it would greatly der, the administration of justice and the asked His love for this destitute, tender establishment of religious principles. The voiced boy. safeguard of our societies from the innovation A month since, I made the same journey of everything which may have a tendency to and passed over the same railroad; and what corrupt and demoralize our members either in was my surprise to see the same boy, taller, precept or example, a bulwark against error bealthier, with the same clear, calm eye, and and talse doctrine, and in a great measure the pure, clear voice! means of promoting religious growth, consistency of character and the general good deport- tell you it is all owing to the little book." ment of our members, exerting thereby a happy influence for the prosperity and honour Johnny?"

of our societies in a negative and positive sense. cussions or explanations of the various parts then; and mother cried over it so much, that and principles which constitute the discipline, I thought it must be a wicked book to make &c., of our church. It would be vain for us them cry cry so. But it is different now; and to attempt to give a detailed account of what it's all owing to the little book. We live in they all are. This would be too great a task better house now, and father don't drink; and under present circumstances. For full infor- and mother says it will be all right again," mation on these things we refer our readers to Dear little Jonny! his bright face all aglow, "Grindro's Compendium" of Wesleyan Meth- his eyes bright and sparkling, and his face odism, and to the recent valuable works of looking so happy. Pearce and Skewes on the Polity, &c., of the Never did I crave so for a moment of time Wesleyan Church."

Our aim is just as we have stated, to give gone. our thoughts and hints on these subjects. In doing this we beg to say that experience and ears—the little book that told of Jesus, and observation have taught us to see, believe, and of his love for poor sinners. What a change ! feel the great need of strictly adhering to every A comfortable home, no more a slave to strong precept of our doctrine and discipline, and to drink; hope was in the mother's heart; health our long and justly established rules by which mantled the cheeks of the children. people are constitued members of our societies. and are thereby entitled to church tellowship and have fathers who drink, and mothers who among us. Suffice it to say we cannot too weep over the ruin of their once happy homes, faithfully adhere to our discipline. Neither would take to those homes the little Book that can those who are called to administer it be too tells of Jesus !- United Presbyterian. firm, (though courteous), in the discharge of their duty. By being loose in discipline we sometimes suffer the church to be disgraced,

Whatever may be the disposition of some in use only flour. The cornweal need not be the present day to change or depart from our made into mush; scald it first in the mixing established rules, we, as a church, should guard pan before adding the flour, then set in the have a pleasing tendency in cementing the against every tendency towards that direction, usual manner. The most prejudiced person tween the two nations, who are nearly allied duct is very questionable, and such proceedings may be regarded as unsafe and dangerous. it keeps moist much longer. Of course the The economy of Methodism may be justly considered as being purely the creation (and re- chicken-feed kind. Besides the improvement ceiving the sanction) of Divine Providence, in the bread, the flour barrel holds out much and not, as some may suppose, the mere de- longer, and health is promoted. I put about sign and execution of human thought, however one part of corn to three parts of flour, when inventive the genius might be which produced setting the sponge.—Am. Agriculturist. it. Study the history of Methodism from its commencement to the present period, in the rise and progress of its various institutions, especially those peculiar to our church, the class and prayer meeting, and you will perceive it is the work of God, "and Christianity in earnest." Our rules therefore, which we regard Cooking can be done much quicker, and with from England, Canada, and the United States as Scripture precept in practice, "must be less fuel, by steam, than in any other way. of America. This will greatly tend to bring the Methodist Churches universally into closer without injuring the interests of the church, approximation towards spiritual [union, rela- and eventually bringing condemnation and sor- and water soaked. Steam till done, then set tionship and sympathy; and will at the same row on those who so far forget themselves as in the oven a few minutes to dry the moisture.

From these great points—in triangular form— a great measure be considered as the strength coursess, the shadows of doubts and fears are divine light shall radiate to the utmost corners of Methodism, "and the Communion of all dissipated.

mental tables, and not bona fide members of P. S. Since the above on Australia has our Class meetings, we must be careful not to

Conference of Australia has proposed to di- putation nor wealth should induce us to do general Conference every third or fourth year. widen the guage of our established rules and This andoubtedly will receive the sanction of discipline to facilitate the admission of any one the English Conference. Yet I think it nei- into our Societies, whenever the opinion of for many years past, and are purely original, tion in a social point of view; but it will and our love to die. Rather let us strive for a closer communion with God that we may en-Whatever may be the different schools of joy fellowship with the Father, and the Son and each and all prove by happy experience what it is to enjoy the "Witness of the of the astonishing cures which have been Spirit," as described in Holy Scripture. In

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