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ONE BY ONE.

They are gathering homeward from every land, One by one: As their weary feet touch the shining strand,

One by one; Their brows are inclosed in a golden crown, Their travel-stained garments are all laid down, And, clothed with white raiment, they rest on

the mead. Where the Lamb loveth His chosen to lead, One by one.

Before they rest they pass through the strife, One by one:

Through the waters of death they enter life. One by one; To some are the floods of the river still.

As they ford their way to the heavenly hill To others the waves run fiercely and wild, Yet all reach the home of the undefiled, One by one.

We, too, shall come to the river's side. One by one; We are nearer its waters each even-tide,

One by one; We can hear the noise and dash of the stream Now and again through our life's deep dream; Sometimes the floods o'er the banks o'erflow. Sometimes in ripples the small waves go,

Jesus! Redeemer! we look to thee, One by one: We lift up our voices tremblingly,

The waves of the river are dark and cold, We know not the spot where our feet may hold: Thou who didst pass through in deep midnight,

Plant Thou thy feet beside as we tread, One by one:

One by one

On Thee let us lean each drooping head, One by one;

Let but Thy mighty arm round us be 'twined We'll cast all our fears and cares to the wind: Saviour! Redeemer! with Thee full in view. Smilingly, gladsomely, shall we pass through, One by one.

WHY JOIN A CHURCH?

The question is often asked sincerely, as well as in scorn or in scepticism. Now and then one who is called to meet opposition in confessing Christ publicly, or who shrinks from the criticism which a church member must encounter in an unfriendly world, is tempted to think that he can do as well out of the Church as in it especially as many in it are no credit to the cause. Is

on hearing such an assertion is, What a mistake Christ made, then, in establishing the Church ! Did he understand the necessities of his people and of the world? If the Church was seen by and helped in its services, and the minister has Christ to be a necessity, and if even the objector whom we quote would shrink from the ed himself satisfied with your state." idea of abolishing it, why is the duty of maintaining its existence more imperative on others is not rest for my soul. It is hollow-it is not lect which, if adopted also by others, would destroy the Church? Can any pious soul think darkness! Can no one tell me what I can do that it would be the better for itself and for the to be saved?" world, if all should conclude it to be unnecessary to unite with the church, and should let it nance. Misery overshadowed the circle. They perish from among the institutions of society? were overtaken by a real danger. Death was Church, Christ had in view the highest good them. They knew not how to answer the apof His people. Nor is it difficult to see why peal of an immortal soul awakened to a sense he made this provision for their wants, or why of sin—to a dread of appearing before God, to 3 the apostles, wherever they preached the Gospel the terrors of hell. gathered the converts into churches.

It gives one decision, courage, firmness, joy and hope. The convert takes open position, breaks visibly with the world, and identifies himself with Christ. The step is upward in moral character; it rids him of hesitation and doubt, and fills his soul with holy boldness. Now he has crossed the border, is a protessed saint, wears Christ's name, bears aloft his banher. He feels a new sense of responsibility and is deepened in his purpose of holy living. On the one hand tempters are less likely to assaid him, and on the other, he is less liable to be influenced by them; just as a pledged total abstinence man is less liable to be asked to drink intoxicating liquors, and, if asked, is more certain to refuse.

Then he gains fresh confidence from his association with spiritual brethren and sisters. In union we have interior as well as exterior streugth. We are intensified in our convictions by companionship with others who share them. The public opinion of an unbelieving world is met by the counter public opinion of the Church. As a man misunderstood and maligned in the community gains heart, and finds comfort and hope, the moment he passes the threshold of his door, and comes within the atmosphere of love and faith in his family, where none doubts him, so the tired and tempted saint finds solace and support in the fellowship of the Church as a Christian family. He meets sympathy, receives countenance, gets fresh stimulus, is revived in spirit, and steps out into the world

again, full of peace and firm of purpose. And then joining the Church brings him under those means of grace which the Saviour has instituted as perpetual auxiliaries to the divine how much he is indebted to outward influences and helps, which, in a sense, surround and constrain him, as the encircling hoops the barrel. Hence the sad falls of so many church members when they emigrate beyond the churches. The worship of the sanctuary, the partaking of the ordinances, the hearing of the Gospel, are as bread to the hungry, or water to the thirsty. A man must have food, and drink, and pure air without, as well as healthy stomach, and heart, and lungs within. These two conditions of life are strong in mutual connection, weak and useless in separation. When Christ instituted the Lord's Supper, and said, "Do this in remembrance of Me," he had our spiritual good as well as his own memory in view. He proposed hath said, 'It is finished. Through faith in the Scripture, just as the impulse to the tree

condemnation, is made lonely by want of full accepted me?" devoid of spiritual power over others. No one you believe, you are accepted in him."

THE DYING HEIRESS.

friend and foe .- Advance.

Alice was an only child, an heiress. Lovely and accomplished, she lived for this world, and Christ. this world offered her no ordinary attractions. Idolized by her parents, and beloved by an ac- were you on your death-bed-could you die beneath leaves, nestling close under the shager arrived at the mansion. A pale messenger | Herald. rame to Alice. A hectic flush suffused her eautiful face, rendering it, if possible, more ovely still. The eye of affection soon perceived that Alice sank by degrees, and as she

She could not find an answer satisfactory to every hour. her soul. So she sent for the High Church | The competitors are Satan and the Saviour. for the sick. Having received her confession, will he do with him? and pronounced absolution, he with peculiar "Father, said she, "I am going to die. God have of all those noble powers.

Where am I going?" The father gave no reply.

am to do to get to heaven? No reply, save tears.

" I'm lost! lost!" she exclaimed. " Am l not father? Is there any one who can tell me

At length the father spoke. ' My child, you have always been a dutiful daughter, and have never grieved your parents. You have regularly attended the Abbey church, peformed the rights of the church, and express-

" Alas! father, I feel that is not enough. where I am going. O, the blackness of the

Blank despair was depicted on her counte-We must suppose that in instituting the among them. Eternity was looming before

Alice was attended by a little maid, who was The very act of joining a church has an im- in the habit of frequenting a meeting held in a portant effect upon character and experience. barn in the village; where prayer and praise were offered up in simplicity, and where they

sang the old hymn-"There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Immanuel's veins, And sinners plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains;"

nd where she heard words that reminded he mistress that she might " wash and be clean," and just as the Israelish captive said unto perfect in heaven. Naaman's wife, "would God, my lord were mistress. "There is a preacher in the village glory. who proclaims salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, and urges us to accept the forgiveness man. freely offered in the gospel."

dying girl. Alice besought her tather to invite the strange extraordinary, her wish was law,

man of God entered the room. The dying girl, Pittsburg Advocate. raising herself, appealed to him. " Can you tell me what I must do to obtain

est for my soul, and die in peace with God?" " I fear I cannot."

is it so? Is there no hope for me?" Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

" And have I nothing to do?" completed the work of our redemption. He The impulse to the sermon should come from a special channel of grace, which no one can him you have pardon. It is impossible for a originates in the seed.

" 'Jesus, thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress.'

Reader, were you in similar circumstances, cepted suitor, she knew not the meaning of a happy, believing in Jesus? Are you now rest- dow of rocks. This was for scrofula; that for wish ungratified. But an unexpected messen- ing on his finished atoning sacrifice ?-British asthma; that for cough; that for rheumatism.

THAT YOUNG MAN WANTED.

A great contest is going on in reference to lay on her couch, surrounded with all the luxu- him. There are two great competitors for him. ries that wealth could procure, she began to The young man has given scarcely the slightest tain. But sometimes it comes to pass that Castle when she was wrecked between Liverpool thus made him worse. Buddhism can never wish to say a few words. It sometimes happens think how sad it was to leave her loving friends attention to this great fact. But there is a and all her brilliant prospects, and to go- game of fearful import in progress, in which he is the stake, and the issue is getting nearer

clergyman. He came. The family were as- Satan wanted Peter; but he lost that prize. sembled. He produced a missal. They all But he often succeeds, and if he does in this Strengthen us, send us the staff and the light, kneeled round the bed. He intoned the service case, why does he want that young man? what 1. He will make him abuse, and, so far a

genuflections, administered the sacrament, and possible, destroy all the noble powers God has placing his hand on her, blessed her, and pro- given him. That is just what Satan has done nounced her a good child of the church. He with his own; he has been in total opposition departed perfectly satisfied with his own per- to the will of God in this regard. Not one of reparted perfectly satisfied with his own percommances, and assuring the parents that all was bis great endowments is used to glorify the Infithinking we can give out before we have taken and fears."

Thus calmly resting on the everbrought the Gospel to us; we must now spread the house falls, and great is the fall thereof. ight. Was Alice satisfied? She had submit- nite Giver. And he will have a complete inited to all. She had endeavored to join in the tator in that young man, if he succeeds with service, but in her inmost soul she felt a blank. him. Not one hour's service shall the blessed bearts wide to nature, instead of going to her J. Stevenson.

2. Nor shall the young man taste, for on moment, the noblest of all pleasures-the "Mother, darling, can you tell me what I friendship of God. His abuse of his powers ture-patient, quiet, long-revering, listening to will make such an alienation between him and it—then suggestiveness.—Presbyter. his Maker as will turn him away from all relish " William, you who were to be the guide of for, or seeking of any pleasure in his Master's my life, can you tell me anything of the future ?" service, and he will seek pleasure anywhere else than in the Infinite fountain of good.

direction of involving others in the same confaith is the gift of God, and till it is given they His words—for His words imply and assert, demnation. His bad example; his false opinlions and errors, his words—contemptuous o
good and seductive to evil—in a word, his
whole character will come into agreement with
the great deceiver, and co-operate with him in that in which he is himself involved.

In short. Satan wants that young man, so as to make as complete a wreck of him as to all the other. The will and the power came, as conducts and happiness, as he has made of him. taining its existence more imperative on others than on him? Has he a right to live in a negthan on him? Has he self-involving the issue, that his victim shall know, and that forever, all that is terrific in the

All this Satan has done with countless numbers of young men, and he is playing at the dreadful game of entrapping and ruining thousands more.

But there is another competitor for that young man. The Saviour wants him. What

done him, and secure all his noble powers for the uses for which they were bestowed. Reason, conscience, imagination, the affections-all have been misused. The harp-strings have been weakened or broken. But the Lord Jesus would restore all that, and make heavenly music

2. And thereby would give that young man the noblest and sweetest pleasures of which his of the good old pastor. She longed to tell her soul is capable—causing a constantly ascending progress to higher enjoyment as he advances it but felt diffident. At last she took courage, the knowledge of God, till that joy becomes

3. And he reaches the grandest of all possi with the prophet that is in Samaria, for he bilities of good-viz.: complete likeness to would recover him of his leprosy," she told her Christ, and companionship with Him forever in

This is what Christ wants of that young

Now let him think of these two powerful com-"O, that I could see him!" exclaimed the petitors for his soul-comparing their characters and designs-how he would fare in the hands of the one or the other, and then decide preacher to their house; though he thought it who he would have successful in the game of which his soul is the stake. Satan wants him Again the family were assembled, and the The Saviour wants him! Which will win?-

THE BEST SERMON.

Alice fell back. "Alas!" said she, "and They come as the trees come. They grow The winter and the summer, rain, sunlight "Stay," said he, "though I cannot tell you starlight, all enter the tree. The tree is the what you can do to be saved, I can tell you resultant of ten thousand influences brought up what has been done for you. Jesus Christ, into growth. So it is with a true sermon the Saviour God, has completely finished a work "How long did it take you to prepare that ed Son. There was nothing half-hearted in by which lost and helpless sinners may be righte-sermon?" asked a theological stripling of the ously saved. God, who is love, saw us in our venerable Lyman Beecher. "Twenty years," lost and ruined state. He pitied us, and in replied the veteran. But a tree is worthless life in the soul. Perhaps no one is fully aware love and compassion sent Jesus to die for us. without the root—and a rootless sermon is like God so loved the world that he gave his only such a tree, fit only to be burned. No sermon begotten Son that whosover believeth in him is worthy the name-it may be an essay, but it hould not perish but have everlasting life.' He cannot be dignified into a sermon—which does shed his precious blood on the accursed tree, not strike itself into the Scripture, and draw up in the stead and place of sinners, that they out of that its meaning and its life. A sermon might be pardoned and saved. 'Believe on the should be evolved out of a scripture, like a tree out of its root. An address ready made, which goes mousing about the Bible, seeking a text "Nothing but to believe. No doing, work- which it may use as "a motto," or "by way ng, praying, giving, or abstaining can give of accommodation," stays an address forever, relief to a conseience burdened with a sense of and cannot become a sermon. To preach is to guilt, or rest to the troubled heart. It is not a declare the Word of God, and the Word of God work done in you by yourself, but a work done is the Bible, and the Scripture must always susfor you by another, long, long ago. Jesus has tain an organic vital relation to the sermon

loses fellowship with the Saviour, falls easily heaven. He has presented his blood before Bible, and his eyes open towards life. I remem-done and suffered our God is entirely pleased. of Peter. into sin, becomes timid and restrained, and is God, and has been accepted for us; and when ber once climbing a mountain in Connecticut. He tells you so, and warns you not to seek in It was not easy to preach the Gospel in those for the support of the Gospel. They doubtless can behold such a life, and see it in the beauty, The awakened sinner listened with breathless who had lived all his life at the foot of the of justification which He finds in Christ alone. dying agonies he saw heaven opened and beheld money to support idolatry; will it not disgrace the joy, the comprehensiveness, the proportion, attention. She received the word of God, which mountain. His father was a kind of doctor, You are indeed sinful, more sinful than you the Saviour. When Stephen was killed the enethe attraction, the silent instruction which go revealed Christ to her soul. The glad tidings and much of the medicine he administered was think; but sinfulness is no excuse for delaying my seemed to triumph. We have crushed the Christians you are unwilling to contribute for with a consistent, hearty profession of faith in fell as balm upon her wounded spirit. Her face made from herbs growing on the mountain. He for an instant to accept the full forgiveness ten. Christians, we have now extirpated the doc- the support of the Gospel. You all pray for the Christ, bravely and lovingly maintained before was lit up with heaven's sunlight. Looking had taught the son the healing properties of the dered to the penitent believer. upward she exclaimed, "O, what love! what various herbs, and his son, in his old age, had Half belief is deplorable, because it makes a spreads. Man cannot stop it. Stephen dies, to give money to aid in this good work? The herb. He found them everywhere: buried and miserable forebodings. - Congregationalist. And so, after a little, the old gentleman had his pockets filled with all sorts of remedies. vinced of sin under a sermon preached by the cepted Buddhism, and thus introduced it into have received foreign money for a good purthem. So do many of us go through the Bible, 1811, and held that office for forty-five years. false. The sick man begged for medicine, but will love and protect us. just as the rest of us were climbing the moun- In 1831, he was a passenger on the Rothsay the attendants gave him the wrong kind, and There is one point more concerning which I we find some old saint who has stopped to and Beaumaris, when ninety-three persons save China-we must have the doctrines of Je- that members of our Church get into trouble attend to what grows in it, and who utterly perished, and only twenty-one were saved.

> man so knowing it will be full of genuine sernons-fresh, various, helpful, fascinating, Every preacher should ponder these words of with views ready-made and second-hand. They come from her and give out what they have felt, and what she said to them. So with the Scrip-

Bible should know it-before all other things-

and in just this intimate exact way. And the

he stretched it out, and it was restored even as pel a teacher to read it, nor a scholar to hear it. taken "even as He is;" and His word must be his school-room, and at suitable times to saywill often solve themselves. What we have to laws."—Bev. R. Allyn, D. D., in Central Chrissay when Christ says, "My son, give me thy tian Advocate. heart," is, "Lord, take it;" and what we have to do when Christ asks for the heart is "to LETTER FROM BISHOP KINGSLEYgive it." When once we have closed with Christ's offers, and taken Him at His word, what we want doing in us He will do. When we feel inclined to evil, He will give us more

weak, He will strengthen us; sinful, He will meeting. sanctify us. United to Christ by a saving faith, Many wait for it to be done first. They wait manifest in all these meetings. for health before going into the infirmary. They want to put on beautiful garments before enter. ing Christ's presence. They want some power is right-

"Just as I am-without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me.
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee

O. Lamb of God I come.' All must come to Christ first, and he give the grace and power they need; He will mencing: infuse strength; He will correct the motives He will purify affections: He will put on the robe: he will work in them both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

HALF BELIEVERS

There are many such; and this is every way the Treasurer, from which it appears that the eplorable. It is to be deplored because half native societies had raised during the year belief dishonors God. God so loved the world about three hundred dollars for the support of that He gave His only begotten and well belov- the Gospel. that. He gave His choicest treasure. He Ching Ting for an address, and he spoke as meant to provide eternal redemption for us. follows:-He did provide it. He is able to save to the uttermost all who come unto God by Him. It mmediate salvation

God's teaching. He says; Come unto me; all with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and hinder the progress of the Gospel, can you es-

We never knew one to try the experiment of possible to add anything to the perfect work of then, the first duty of the man who would ture day. If you do not fully take Him at His so precious as this doctrine. It is so precious heathen will not do it, and unless you undertake leading a Christian life outside of the Church Christ. Doing is not God's way of salvation, really preach. The seed of the sermon should word you are but a half believer. Do not de- that Christ came into the world to preach it; it no provision will be made for their support with success; that is, in the ordinary circum- but ceasing from doing, and believing what God lie in the text, and then all varying influences ceive yourself with the notion, that it becomes then he sent His disciples to proclaim it every- You ought to support your preachers. They stances which allow one the opportunity of thus in Christ has already done for you. 'God has of experience and reading, and the needs of the you, conscious as you are that you are still ve- where. The people received the word joyfully; devote all their time and strength to this work confessing Christ. Such an experience is filled given us eternal life, and this life in his Son." congregation, should foster and minister to it, ry sintul, not to assure yourself of being receive they sold their possessions and goods, and You engage in business, purchase land, build with doubt, often even to the abandonment of "I do believe that Jesus died on the cross just as air and rain and light serve the tree. ed into full favor. For consider, it is not your parted them to all men as every one had need; houses, make comfortable homes for yourselves, Christian hope, is weighed down with a sense of for sinners; but how am I to know that God has And it is marvellous—the freshness and vari- repentance, not your obedience, better or worse, "they had all things common." But one An- but where is your preacher to get his rice? It ety of these suggestions of the Scripture to a that procures the favor, but the atoning sacri- names, with his wife Sapphira, tried to deceive is a shame for us to be always looking to foreign sympathy either with the church or the world, ... Jesus, the God-man, has ascended into man that keeps his heart sensitive toward the fice of Christ. With Christ, and what he has the Church, and were struck dead at the world countries for money; we must help ourselves

not forgotten. We clambered up the sides weak, vascillating character. Christ and His and they who stoned him laid down their clothes truth is, we must support the Gospel among us. urged our way through thickets, over and church are calling for strong Christians, whose at the feet of a young man named Saul. Saul You know the officers are fearful about the in around rocks, through ravines, interested in strength is joy in the Lord. Half belief ex- saw Stephendie, and soon, by the power of the crease of toreign influence in China. They And in a few days she departed to be with this thing or the other. But every now and cludes this joy, and leaves the soul garnished Holy Ghost, he was converted, and became cannot understand why foreigners send money then the old man would stop and pluck some and made ready for an army of doubts and fears. Paul, the great Apostle to the Gentiles.

CONFIDENCE IN DEATH.

Mr. James Martin, of Liverpool, was con-And there they were growing right under our Rev. V. Ward, and soon afterwards he found China. Sad mistake! They were sent to find pose; and then, when we show ourselves to be feet, as well as his; only we knew nothing of peace with God. He was appointed a leader in the true doctrines, and they returned with the faithful subjects of the Emperor, the officers astonishes us at the wealth of healing of all When he was floating on a plank from off which the true Gospel comes to us from Judea. One members wish the foreign missionary to help human distresses it contains, where we expected several had been washed, as the waves were it the least. Now the man who preaches the washing over him, he exclaimed-

The God that rules on high.

Robertson: "Do not be dismayed or discou- afresh to God. He became a leader of three Formerly we gave money to support idolatry, raged if the reading of the Scriptures does not classes, and worked with untiring energy in the which was talse; shall we not now give more to inquirers at the Christian chapels. But such suggest as yet. Receive, imbibe, and then cause of God. In his last hours of consciousyour mind will create. But our mistake lies in ness he said, "I know nothing about doubts must help in this matter. The missionaries have built on the sand. The reaction is sure to come, in. In all things this is the order; poets are lasting arms he entered into life.—The Metho- it through the empire. creators because recipients. They open their dist Hymn-book and its Associations. By G

THE BIBLE OUR STANDARD

Here, fellow-Christian, is the point of the battle for to-day. Around the Bible you are the Gospel. Why? Because the world is words cut like a knife into the heart of the now called to rally as to a banner. For thirty wicked, men are sinful, souls are perishing. years the life and character of Jesus have been Shall we not try to save them? Can we sit here Ghost! Men often linger, and wait, and doubt, and defeat on that ground. They admit that Christ out no hand to help? China has her systems of 3. And Satan gaining him for a prize, that they are waiting to be drawn, and till they feel He did live, and was man's Saviour. We are Rationalism, for thousands of years, and yet the young man will turn his own influence in the the drawing they cannot come. They say that now called to defend the authority and truth of people grow worse and worse. These religions the great deceiver, and co-operate with him in stretch out his hand by the Lord of life. silence its voice in any degree by consenting by faith. Thanks to God for such a Saviour Stretch out his hand," the bystanders may that it shall be the only book forbidden to be But Jesus is the only Saviour. If so, we ought "Stretch out his hand," the bystanders may make it shall be the shall obeyed without gainsaying. We are responsi- "This is my authority, I bow to this, it is fact of being a companion of the devil and his ble for obedience, not for results. When we greater than all men, and better than all shall they bear without a preacher?" Some want healing, we may leave mysteries; for they books, and I worship its wisdom, obey its may think it an easy matter to preach the Gos-

CHINESE MISIONARY ANNIVERSARY

FOOCHOW, CHINA, Nov. 23, 1869. In the hope of affording a better inside view of Chinese Methodism by this means than by When our feet slip, He will hold us up, any other at my command, I have determined When we are in trouble, He will stand by us, to furnish as accurate reports as I could obtain tenses will come. We must still preach. When When we are sorrowful, His comforts wil of just what was said and done by the native refresh our souls: ignorant, He will teach us; Chinese themselves during our late annual nue to proclaim the truth.

We had three anniversaries, one of the Bible your hand once set to the covenant, you your- Society, one of the Missionary Society, and one self sealed unto the day of redemption, the of the Anti-Opium. These were all most spimark upon your forehead, the white stone of rited meetings, and would have done credit to membership in your hand-all that you want any Conference in the Connexion. The gradoing in you as a child of God will be done, cious influences of the Holy Spirit were most

In the hope, also, of awakening a more general interest. I have divided these reports among different Church papers, and earnestly request and might of their own before they apply for that each paper will copy them all. I do not His. This is all wrong. The beautiful hymn ask this for anything I say myself, but for what converted Chinamen say.

> CHINESE METHODIST EPISCOPAL MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.

Brother Sia Sek Ong presided, and opened

the services by announcing the hymn com-"From Greenland's icy mountains which was sung with spirit by the audience

after which he led in prayer. After prayer he read the forty-ninth chapter of Isaiah, adding some appropriate expository remarks. Brother Hu Sing Mi then read the report o

The Chairman then called on Brother Ling Christ among the people here. A great work tian experiences, and to hasty admissions into

LING CHING TING'S ADDRESS I am not able to speak very plainly in the can not, therefore, please Him that you should Foochow dialect, and at best I am but an indiftake up with anything less than full salvation, ferent speaker. It is not because I think myself nese to the Saviour, and, on the other hand, are young, and need patient and careful guida good speaker that I now appear before you: My dear friend do not be deceived with any the Church calls upon me, and I must obey. representation that full salvation, immediate You have noticed that at every annual meeting honest, loving, and meek, and then they will say salvation, is not for such a one as you; that it this subject of missions is discussed. Why is that Christianity is good. It is easy to preach and is hurriedly voted into the church. Who were modesty in you to be content that you this? It is because Christianity contains the the Gospel in places where there are faithful shall by and by be saved, when you become word or doctrine by which men are saved.— Christians, but it is impossible to make the better than you now are. "This persuasion Where is this word found? In the Bible. See heathen believe that Christianity is good when ometh not of him that calleth you," In other 1 John, i. 1: "That which was from the beginwords, an enmey hath insinuated this; it is not ning, which we have heard, which we have seen profess to be Christians. And when you thus perience? Many of these persons must be

re that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will our hands have handled, of the Word of life." cape guilt and punishment? give ye rest." He says: "If we confess our This Word is Jesus, the Saviour referred to in sins, He is faithful and just to cleanse us from the Chapter of Isaiah read by the Chairman this Those who preach the Gospel to you must eat. cumbering of the church roll with names that all unrighteousnuss. The blood of Jesus Christ evening. This doctrine is most precious .- They give all their time to the work of the minis- are only ciphers or worse, must be attributed cleanseth from all sin." He says that it does Money cannot buy it. Western nations have try, and are thus prevented from earning money much of the inefficiency of our church.—Na-

Several were with me; among them an old man some improved condition of yourself that ground days. Stephen was stoned to death; but in his know that while you worshipped idels you gave trine." But no! the doctrine survives, it spread of the Gospel in China; are you willing

> In the Han dynasty, one of the Emperors our connection with foreigners. Let us show sent his great officers to the West to seek for them that foreign Christians send their money the true doctrines. When they reached India here to bring us to Christ, and now that we they found the Buddhists, who told them that know the Saviour, let us try to support our-Buddh was the great Saviour. The officers ac- selves. This will convince our officers that we sus. There are many false doctrines in China; with their heathen neighbors, and then these

> hundred years ago there were only about five them. Sometimes the case is carried before Methodists in the United States. When Philip the Mandarins, and then these members try to Embury began to preach, the American Metho- get the aid of the foreign Consul. I know there dist Church was not in existence. Now see how have been some cases where this policy has many Methodists there are in America. This seemed to be successful. Foreign aid has enashould encourage us to try and build up Metho- bled the Chinese Christian to gain his case, and dism in China. To do this we must give money. support Christianity, which is true? Every one prosperity is not genuine. It is like the house

> HU YONG MI'S SPEECH said: Why are we all here to-night? Because we have important business before us. If so, we ought to listen. What is our duty in regard to the missionary cause? Our duty is to spread Ghost, his soul is, as it were, on fire, and his ple-must beg them to hear, beg them to come

pel. They think of honor, leisure, pleasure, money. Such a person will not preach long .-When troubles and discouragements come, he stops; he cannot endure trials. But the true preacher is prepared for all these things. He knows in whom he has believed; in dangers and sorrows he has proved the doctrine to be true. power and confusion were not lacking. Sometimes when we preach, people get angry. What then? Shall we give it up? No. Of ther they will bear or forbear, we must conti-

The preacher is sometimes exposed to danger from another quarter. It may happen that persons will try, by kindness to the preacher, to gain him over to their views, so that he will very kind to him. Better for the preacher to trust this good leaven now hidden in the meal have the frowns than the smiles of such people. Better, oftentimes, to meet with trials than to receive praise. We may do more good by enduring persecution than by preaching. And grace we find the name of the Rev. H. D. how shall we treat those who oppose us? Shall Moore, the pastor of the Vine-street Congregawe speak harshly to them, or prosecute them before the officers? No! Such a course may, indeed, frighten them for the time; but it will nesday last, he gave his testimony frankly and never draw them to the Saviour. At times we clearly, and at mgm ne product the subject, which we did not hear; but, from spread faster; but let us remember the example the report of it in the Cincinnati Gazette, we of the Apostles. They shed their blood for the truth; we have not yet done so. If the Apostles had refused to shed their blood, it is probable we should never have heard the Gospel .-But the Gospel is spreading in Foochow. A great and rapid change is going on. Formerly no one knew anything about Christianity. and it was mentioned only in derision. Now every one has heard of it, and the great majority of the people assent to the excellence of its teachings. Idolatry is waning. Christianity is taking hold of the people, and I believe that there will soon be a general movement toward shall soon begin to gather in the harvest.

Let me now say a few words to the member of the Church. You are all concerned in this you may hinder the work by your wrong-doing. Show to your heathen neighbours that you are

underrate and neglect, even ignorantly, without serious damage and loss for themselves. Who shall feed them? The

to China to help us. They are concerned about

in consequence of this, a great many persons in certain places have entered their names as

What we need, in order to success, is the aid of the Holy Spirit. If he is with us the word On being introduced, Brother Hu Yong Mi will spread with amazing rapidity. You remember how it was on the day of Pentecost. Under Peter's discourse three thousand were converted. When a man preaches with the Holy hearer. May God fill us all with the Holy

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much has been said in the secular papers, is probably as great as it has been at any time

aggregate of conversions is quite respectable. The meetings have been peculiar in some rera pects. The preaching has been such as adapted to children. This is found to be the most effective preaching for adults. The exer cises in all the churches-Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregationalist, &c., have been very much after the style of the old-fashioned Methodist revivals. The warm exhortations, the lively singing, the fervent prayers, and the earnest talking to the unconverted in the congregation, and the enquiry meetings, and social meetings, all remind us of the zeal and spirit, and life of the Methodism of our childhood. There has been perhaps not quite so much noise as in the old-style Methodist revivals, but the zeal and

Another striking peculiarity is worth mentioning. Our brethren of the other denominations are not only effectively using our methods but they are coming right up to our standards of experience. Holiness of heart and life is a common theme. Entire consecration is preached as an imperative duty and a high privilege Witnesses to the blessings of "perfect love" are rising up where once they would not have be afraid to preach the whole truth, lest he may been tolerated. In this we rejoice. We care not to theorize on the subject, but gladly hear give offense to the friends who have been so that the work of holiness is reviving. We

will diffuse itself through all the lump. Among the witnesses to this high estate in tional Church. In the morning prayer meeting in the Second Presbyterian Church, on Wed Wesleyan doctrine of Christian perfection And the sermon was well received. The membership under Brother Moore's ministry will soon be found walking in the light. God grant that this good work may go on till all the churches in the city shall realize this baptism of power from on high. - Western Advocate.

- 14 PROFESSIONAL REVIVALISTS

The efforts of professional revivalists contri bute directly to superficial and mistaken Chris of preparation has been accomplished, and we the churches. Their success is measured by the number of their converts, and this must be made in some way as large as possible. A feverish excitement is produced, whether noisy ance; there is given little or no religious teaching worthy of the name; the candidate testifies that he felt "bad," and then "felt better," that has seen and felt these things, and has any icalousy for his Master's name and cause has not been pained again and again by these utterly meaningless recitals of so-called religious exdead-weights and sources of coldness and cor-Again, you must support your preachers .- ruption. To these hasty admissions, to the