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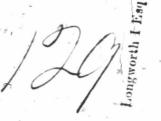
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A PLEA FOR SABLE ISLAND.

Dark lower the angry clouds around its brown High leap the Atlantic's waves along its Winds spend their fury on each coast-bound prow, While the deep-sounding surf, with sullen

Calls to the tempest out upon the main, Raging and howling 'neath a leaden sky With sleet and snow, and fog and hail and

Where death and danger lurk remorselessly. Why doth no cable join it to the main? Why is it left out sadly in the cold? Calls have been made, and now, we

Give it a friendly hand, one strong, kind hold On the firm, favored land on which we dwell. O puissant Fathers of our country !-HEAR! And let the winged lightnings go to tell The news from East and Western Hemi-

sphere. Think of the wrecked, forlorn ones far off Longing to hear one word from friends and

home; Think of the lone ones sitting sadly there, Waiting in vain for news which cannot come Till weary months roll on their wonted way, And breaking hearts are sick with hope deferred:

Shame on us! led by science's blazing ray,-Will not humanity's strong plea be heard? Let it be anchored speedily to our land, Wretched with longing, racked with count-

Take this "dark child of ocean I love" by the hand Standing without, in gloom and doubt and tears !

FULL REDEMPTION.

MAY WE ENJOY IT BEFORE DEATH.

Mr. Wesley says :- "Our fourth Conference began on Thursday, June 16th, 1747. As several persons were present who dide not believe the doc trine of Christian perfection we agreedto examine it from the foundation." The question was asked,-" what is the point wherein we divide? It is describing the great mental conflict, this:—should we expect to be saved from all sin before the article of death," (Christian Prefection.) In the same he says:—"Just then the fountain of are the following: -" Are the promises | ing wounds, saying come in! come in! of God respecting holiness to be fulfil- ...... I fell upon my knees and led in this life, or only in the next?

Does the soul's going out of the body effect its purification from indwelling sin? If so is it not something else, not the blood of Christ that cleanseth us from all sin while the soul and body are united, is it not in this life?

in the next? And is not this too late? If in the article of death, in what situation is the soul when it is neither in the body nor out of it?"

The above queries are exceedingly suggestive, and all point to one answer, that holiness as a preparation my soul, my mind, by body, are washfor Heaven, must be wrought in the ed in the blood of the Lamb." It was soul, before the article of death." If all so strange, so new so unlike anyone hour before death, why not a day? thing I have ever experienced before, If a day why not a year? And if a that I could not utter a word; and then year why not twenty years? If "one the only sentiment of my heart was, day is with the Lord as a thousand day," and if "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask of my being seemed broken up, and if "Te Deum Laudamus, "vouchsafe, on the pockets of our people,—and also fully save the soul that is implicitly and praise. My soul seemed filled sin," is a blessing attainable for three

enemies, might serve him without fear him, all the days of our life." Luke 1: Christ's blood, of the preserving grace of the Holy Spirit, of the absence of lible cure of sinning." We would earnunity of the faith, and of the know- all fear, all disquietude, all uncertainledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect ty, and the presence of abounding love, man, unto the measure of the stature joy and assurance. Dr. Levy is a proof the fulness of Christ; that we hence- minent minister of the Baptist denomforth be no more children, &c., Eph. 4: ination, of the city of Philadelphia; 13, 14. Paul instructs the Thessalon- and a pronounced advocate of the docians to rejoice evermore; pray with- trine of Full Salvation. out ceasing; and in everything give thanks"-duties pertaining to the the circumstances under which he was present life. He prays that they may led to seek the blessing, he says,-In a be "sanctified wholly" and "preserved blameless" to the coming of Christ. sweetness permeating my entire being "Who gave himself for us, that he It was a sweetness as real and as senpurify unto himselfa peculiar people." (not merely to be prepared for Head a memorable era in the history of my Titus 2, 14. "Because as he is, so are ligious experience never, never to be we in this world," 1 John 4: 17. In forgotten. Jesus there and then-all his sermon on the mount, Jesus says, glory to his blessed name! So sweet"love your enemies, bless them that ly, completely and most powerfully curse you, do good to them that hate sanctified my soul and body to himself. you, and pray for them which despite. He melted, cleansed, filled and thrilled the enjoyment of what is the privifully use you and persecute you." In doing this we show ourselves to "be the children of our Father in Heaven;" God! Perfect love is the richest the finding the sum of the children of our Father in Heaven;" God! Perfect love is the richest the finding the sum of the enjoyment of what is the lege of every believer in Jesus, J. M. P. Minudie, April 10, 1879.

and are in our degree, "perfect as our | sweetest, and the purest love this side these passages, clearly teaching what is implied in Full Redemption, prove The that it is not primarily a preparation for Heaven, but a preparation for our great life-work. We are to let our light shine; but in order that it shine clearly, the eye should be single, that the whole body may be full of light. We are to walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing; but can only do so, when we are emptied of sin, and filled with the spirit. "He that saith he abideth in him, ought himself also so to walk even as he walked." 1 John 2:6. Walking in the light, as he is in the light"-" cleansed from all sin"-having "tellowship with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ," we delight to do God's will on earth, and are ready at the Master's call, to "pass through death triumphant home.

The doctrine of Full Redemption being clearly taught in the word of God, as the present privilege of all believers, we are at no loss for witnesses to confirm the truth. Our difficulty is, not that we cannot furnish sufficient reliable testimony, but that the number is so great that it is difficult to make a selection. Time would fail to tell of Fletcher, Benson, Clarke, all spirit of criticism, all intellectual Bramwell, Corvosso, Collins, Cookman, Mrs. Palmer, Hester Ann Rogers, Lady Maxwell, and a host of others among the sainted dead, who sought | tion, Dr. Watson writes,-This 4th

WITNESSES.

and found this pearl of great price. day, Dec. 1877, is my first anniver-They lived for years in its enjoymentled blameless and useful lives -constantly declared their blissful experience, and finally passed triumphantly reflect upon it, my heart breaks down to glory. We must confine ourselves under a delicious burden of humble now to the testimony of five living and adoring praise to the wonderful

Rev. Edgar M. Levy, D.D. After

pamphlet are, "queries humbly proposed cleansing was revealed. Angel hands to those who deny Christian perfection to seemed beckoning to me to enter it. be attainable in this life." Among them | Jesus stood before me with his bleed.

bowed my face to the floor. For a moment I felt that I was sinking in a great sea, and that all its waves were going over me. But they did not seem to be the waters of death. The congregation was singing,-

"I am trusting Lord in thee," &c.

If when the union ceases, is it not | The spirit of God whispered those precious words: "But if we walk in the light," &c. It does now this instant cleanse! My faith laid hold of this wonderful truth. A strange peace entered into my soul. I exclaimed within myself, "I am free! My heart, "Lord it is done! I am saved!"......

Rev. J. A. Wood .- After describing

Heavenly Father is perfect." All of Paradise. Angels have nothing

The divine fragrance imparted to my soul when the Saviour cleansed and filled it with pure love, I have never lost for one hour, and I trust and pray I never may.

And now after more than six years and a half, during which to scrutinize and test the work of that hour. I am constrained to say, I know the blood of Jesus can cleanse from all sin.

Mr. Wood is a minister of the M. E. Church, and has published two books on Full Redemption-"Perfect love" and "Purity and Maturity."

Rev. Geo. D. Watson, D.D. "When sank down in an act of heart trust on Christ's complete saving power, everything within me became so quiet and still as the grave...... I never felt so "rested" in all my life. "His reet shall be glorious," became a reality. The long battle of will, all anxiety, all personal ambition, all fret, worry and care were annihilated. All my care was literally cast on the Lord .....I had a distinct consciousness that Jesus made my heart sure. I was not aware of anything in my soul but love. I knew that all prejudice, pride, all impatience, were washed away; and I was full of love." After one year's experience of Full Redempsary of the unspeakable Baptism of Perfect Love. What a wonderful year has this been to me! As I pause and Jesus. After having been thirteen years, in the first veil doing the service of God. He who dwelleth between "second veil and enter the most holy by the blood of Jesus," and for one year my spirit has been under the burning of the Shekinah. And because I know that here is room for all, and

the air." (Advocate of Holiness.) Rev. Daniel Steele, D.D. This devoted minister, whom we have had the privilege of hearing preach on several occasions, is constantly proclaim ing Full Redemption by voice and pen. After six years of walking in the light he writes:-"For the benefit of all who are living, where so many years of my own Christian experience was spent, in a dry and thirsty land, let me say that there is a "place of broad rivers and streams," where

"Grace not in rills, but in cataracts rolls."

From this goodly land I have no desire to return to the Sahara from which I have happily escaped. Everything here is on a magnificent scale.

"There is a wideness in God's mercy, Like the wildness of the sea."

my heart was dissolved in gratitude O Lord, to keep us this day without with pulses, every one thrilling and hundred and sixty-five days in the year trusting in the all cleansing blood?

But what saith the Scriptures? Zacharias in referring to the object of Christ's coming says:—"that we be-Christ's coming says:—" that we being delivered out of the hand of our laster this Dr. Levy writes:—"I have after this Dr. Levy writes:—"I have laster this Dr. been conscious ever since, moment by soul all aglow with love to the Law moment, of the cleansing power of giver should feel no inclination to vioperusal of Dr. Steele's, "Love enthroned" and "Mile stone papers." Rev. John D. Pickles, a worthy son

of a worthy sire, publishes an account of how he was brought into the enjoyment of entire sanctification, in the pages of the "Advocate of Holiness" and in concluding says,—"Am I then entirely sanctified? I dare not question. I dare not doubt, with the utmost humility I confess what God has done for me. "Gratefully owning the Healer might redeem us from all iniquity, and sible to my soul, as ever the sweetest divine." I am enabled to say, that on Christ as my sanctifier by promise. ven, but) "zealous of good works." probation, a glorious epoch in my re- and on the 30th I received the witness that the work had been done.

The above are brief extracts from the testimonies of these godly men. They have obtained, and now live in

Ontario Correspondence.

ONTABIO, April 14, 1879. MR. EDITOR,-Your correspondent has written once or twice to you, but instead of his letters reaching you, it appears that they have found their way to the Dead Letter Office. This be found out accidentally, as the Department did not return them but was left to surmise for many weeks, why his letters had not appeared Discouraged by the circumstance, he wrote tendering his resignation, and sug gesting the name of another brother, both apable and willing to assume it duties. But he has had no intimation that even that letter had been received. The most marked event in our Confer-

ence year has been the decease of such a large number of our ministers, most of whom were amongst our most venerable fathers. There was Asahel Hurlburt, an ex-President of the old Canada Conference, followed by John Ryerson, our most God of the Bible. eminent diplomatist, and for so many years co-delegate, and the pioneer of our missions in the Hudson's Bay Territory-Father Corsen, at once the most loveable and comical member of our body. Solomon Waldron, who from being for many years an Indian missionary adopted much of the Indian style. Joseph Mes-more, greatly respected and beloved, William Panip, father of the eloquent pastor of Queen's Avenue Church London. And in the adjoining Toronto Conference, Conrad Vandusen, eccentric, original, but gitted, and Dr. Ansen Green, for so many river early threw off its icy, bonds, and icyears our Book Steward, and once President of our Conference. These were all fathers in our ranks, who, like oaks had grown up around the infancy of Methodism, until the giant boughs had intertwined about its more mature, if not colossal form, adding in their old age, grace and beauty, while by their experience and counsel they still aided to mould its forms for the highest efficiency. To these have to be added the names of some younger brethren. Edmand S. Jones, in the prime Goodspeed, who, once a Wesleyan, entered the ministry of the New Connexion body, and came into the united church, the Cherubim, called me to pierce the in the union of 1874, and has passed away precedented number of deaths need not surprise us The ratio of our mortality must necessarily increase. Such has been the vigorous growth of Methodism in Canada, and the rapid increase ef the ones. knowing that God is calling for all to number of our ministers, that our Confercome and bathe in this uncreated light, ence has been very youthful, but our years I gladly fling this note of praise on begin to tel

Another of our towns in Ontario takes rank among the cities of our Dominion. This gives to the London Conference quite an array of cities-Hamilton, London, St. Catherines, Brantford, and now Guelph, probably Chatham, Goderich and St. Thomas may follow ere long.

The fame of our glorious Niagara, as, draped in all the weird splendor of its mid winter costume, was powerful enough to draw our new Governor General and his royal wife, from their castle home in Ottawa to its vicinity, and thus afford them a burried opportunity of seeing through the windows of the lightning express car by which they travelled—the fairest province of the extended Dominion over which he rules; but did not afford any opportunity to its loyal inhabitants to show their loyalty, or express their joy. With eager hopes we are anticipating a visit to the Province in the early autumn of the year.

There has not been the usual amount of charch building going on during the pre-To glorify Jesus I must say that my sent year as formerly. No doubt this is spirit which led to the venturing upon some enterprizes a year or two ago,which has left, despite great promises at upon struggling trustees in many places. raising the wind at the dedication, and who thus prompt the people to incur a debt of many, many thousands of dollars in the erection of very costly edifices, weep in secret, that instead of being able to devote their whole energies to winning souls, they have to become financial agents, and all their visits to their flocks, instead of being pastoral, are connected with schemes for lifting the church debt. Many new comers prefer to go to plainer churches rather than attend one crushed with a load of indebtedness. There is a general feeling of great unfairness being from regular sourges, viz. : Subscriptions practiced in this respect. One man builds and Collections, Juvenile offerings, the i fine church, makes a great name, boasts of what great things he has done, slips away to another beautiful and easy station, and shifts the whole burden upon the shoulder of his unsuspecting successor, whose salary must be cut down, and nis time occupied, and his soul hampered, by the circumstances of the embarrassed church. "I could a tale or two unfold." A most unfortunate misunderstanding

has arisen between the trustees of one of our new churches in a flourishing western town, and its pastor, in which they went to the extreme measure of closing the doors of the church against him. But Presidential authority quietly stepped in, and the doors were reopened, but the official members abstained almost entirely

A revival of great and sweeping power of spreading over the town of Chatham It broke out in connection with the visit of Mr. Hammond to the town a month or two ago, and at last accounts had resulted in one thousand persons having professed faith in Christ as their Saviour. Our devoted chairman, himself one of our best workers and most successful revivalists, is putting forth all in his energies in this glorious season of refreshing. Other circuits are feeling the pulsations of the movement. Methodism in the adjoining city of Detroit does not impress us as being remarkably aggressive. With a city of one hundred and thirty thousand inhavitants, I doubt whether they have

as much church accommodation as our comparative small city of London, with its population of 30,000. An infamous infidel lecturer here a short time ago attracted an immense audience at 50 cents apiece to hear him ridicule Christianity and vomit forth blasphemies against the Here our quondam friend Rev. W. Stephenson, ejected from the Central Presbyterian church, taking with him a large

number of auberents, is building himself a new interest, and expects ere long to have a new church erected for the congregation, who now weekly occupy the Hall wherein he ministers. The winter, we are told, lingers still in some parts of our Province, but with us, in this Southern peninsula, we have scarcely had a severe snow storm since Christmas, and but little sleighing since early in February. Our gained its liberty, but the lake remained in bondage much longer. Two weeks ago navigation opened, and our lighthouse

Lake Erie its flashing light. Much interest centres about this point Amhurstburg at present. It is the most feasible point for either bridging or tunneling the Detroit river, and it is said that Vanderbilt has given out his contract for a million and a half of money, and in a few days will begin preparing of a beautiful manhood, and John B. to tunnel the Detroit river by sinking immense tubes of boiler iron below the bed of the river is to commence. Said tubes to be carried over by four feet of solid mason work. Detroit is powerfully affect ed by the intelligence. It takes the car-

flung again across the crusted waves of

rying trade away 20 miles from its doors and leaves it practically an isolated city. Hoping that better success may attend the sending of this letter than any former Believe me, yours H. R. R. S

REPLY TO "W. A."

MR. EDITOR,-Allow me a few words in reply to " W. A." I am not at all surprised that our brethren on Domestic Missions should feel very keenly their financial position. We all deeply regret the present condition of things. But let no blame be attributed to those who are entrusted with the management of our missionary finances. They certainly are not in any way to blame. Your correspondent seems to be under the impression that the Central Board retained a portion of the annual income of the society towards liquidating the debt. This has not been done. On the contrary the apropropiations have been in excess of the income and the result is a debt of \$6000. The income has been decreasing, while the expenditure, owing to an increase of missions, has been increasing. Take for example the figures for last year—income \$141,475. Expenditure \$150,973. Here we have a deficit of over \$9000—increasing the debt by that amount. Now when I state that the appropriations for the present year are about \$10,000 less than the expenditure of last year, although we have more missions to support, the reason why "W. A," and other brethren have smaller grants, will be apparent.

And yet the Board certainly would not have been justified in appropriating more than what was estimated as the probable income for the year. If the Board had been disposed to have done so, they were prevented by the action of the General Conference, as will be seen by the following resolutions:

1. That in making appropriations, the Central Board keep within the limits, of the income of the preceding year, trising Grant from the Indian Department, and for the present the grant from the English committee.

2. That the income arising from legacies and other miscellaneous sources be left at the disposal of the committee of consultation and finance for the reduction of the debt.

The income from legacies, &c., is of course fluctuating and uncertain, and it is therefore an unsafe basis of calculation. But if the amount from these sources for last year had been included in the appropriations for the present year it would not have made any material change in the Yours truly, grant

A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL BOARD. April 18, 1879.