

does not harmonize with our preconception,—because it is the heart of a *little child* that is “opened,” and not the demonstrative transformation of a prodigal youth ?

A gentleman, inspecting a large farm in England, was especially impressed with the excellence of the sheep ; with great earnestness he said to his friend, the owner, “Do tell me how you manage to raise such splendid-looking sheep as these ?” His answer was, “I take care of my lambs, sir.”

Let Methodism do this with her *little ones*,—let her have faith in *them* and *Him* whose purchase they are. —“Why should the foe thy purchase seize ?”—and their Divine lover, in a way unprecedented in her history, will make her “righteousness to go forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burneth.”

