Che Samily.

FATHER TAKE MY HAND! THE PRAYER.

The way is dark, my Father ! Cloud on clou Is gathering thickly o'er my head, and loud The thunders roar above me. See, I stand Like one bewildered! Eather, take my hand And through the gloom Lead safely home Thy child !

The day goes fast, my Father ! and the night Is drawing darkly down. My faithless sight Sees ghostly visions : fears, a spectral band Encompass me. O Father I take my hand, And from the night Lead up to light Thy child !

The way is long, my Father ! and my soul Longs for the rest and quiet of the goal. While yet I journey through this weary land, Keep me from wandering. Father, take my hand. Quickly and straight

Lead to Heaven's gate Thy child !

The path is rough, my Father! Many a thor he finest orator he had ever heard was a Me- sad. Has pierced me, and my weary teet, all torn And bleeding, mark the way. Yet thy command

Bids me press forward. Father, take my hand ; Then sate and blest, Lead up to rest, Thy child !

The throng is great, my Father ! Many a doubt And fear and danger compass me about, And foes oppress me sore. I cannot stand Or go alone. Father, take my hand; And through the throng Lead safe along Thy child !

The cross is heavy, Father! I have borne It long, and still do bear it. Let my worn And fainting spirit rise to that better land Where crowns are given. Father, take m hand;

And, reaching down, Lead to the crown Thy child !

THE ANSWER.

The way is dark, my child ! but leads to light I would not always have thee walk by sight : My dealings now thou canst not understand I meant it so; but I will take thy hand. And through the gloom Lead safely home My child !

The day goes fast, my child ! But is the night Darker to me than day ? In me is light ! Keep close to me, and every spectral band Of fears shall vanish. I will take thy hand, And through the night Lead up to light, My child !

whiskers. To-day he has grizzled locks and The way is long, my child ! But it shall be hearty, whilst his sermons are mellower, more Not one step longer than is best for thee; kindly and less denunciatory than of yore. I And thou shalt know, at last, when thou sha stand Sate at the goal, how I did take thy hand.

And quick and straight Lead to heaven's gate My child !

quently engaged in what I call fancy prayer, The path is rough, my child ! But oh ! ho but John Rattenbury prayed as a devout man might pray by his own inglenook and his own kith and kin around him—most devotedly and most solemnly—and best of all he led the peo-James Ives, Esq., in the 45th year of her age. sweet

Will be the rest, for weary pilgrims meet, When thou shalt reach the borders of that lan To which I lead thee, as I take thy hand, ple with him. Afterwards the Rev. gentleman We feel that the decease of this mother in

were never good sermons. It also meant gift heard a cry; and, looking up as he saw a lame one of an ex-seedingly impressive characterthese qualities, something else was needed which was likewise the gift of the Spirit, and this something was the called unction. With-out it, scholarship would be useless and elo-quence powerless. Dr. James showed how in Johnny was andly, frichened, and here and of utterance, fluency, eloquence. But besides boy with crutches, who was trying to cross. He and deeply touched every spectator present.-these qualities, something else was needed could only wa'k very slowly; and, while he To see the bereaved, and disconsolate husband out it, scholarship would be useless and elo-guence powerless. Dr. James showed how in all these acquirements the apostles were defici-eut prior to the Pentecostal day, and added that it was the last gift alone which enabled the scholarly Wesley, a keen logician, a man of polite learning and gentlemanly feeling, to set of a bill the set of the state of tand up in the midst of raging mobs in New-, and although it was pretty hard he carried two of her children who preceded her to the castle and elsewhere, and preach so that hun- Johnny across the wide street, and set him Land of Silence, Oh! it is a pleasing hope, a fond desire, that when we mingle with the clods reds of those men who had come out to scoff safely down on the pavement. dreds of those men who had come out to scoff sately down on the pavement. at and abuse the preacher fell on their knees "How can I thank you enough?" said a of the valley, we will repose by the side of

at and abuse the preacher fell on their thees. "How can I thank you enough?" said a of the valley, we will repose by the flat of and or no effort of human reason is necessary to call it apostles, and in an impassioned bur.t of elo- some money. possies, and in an impassioned purit of eior some money. uence declared that with the prospects of such "No, I thank you. I only did as I would forth, or vindicate the propriety of so natural a harvests, Methodist preachers would yet gladly be done by. If my little sister was lame and sentiment. We have thought the Patriach Jaharvests, Methodist preachers would yet grauy be done by. It my little sister was lame and sentiment. We have thought the Favrach da-fing decorum and cold conventionality away in the street, I should want some one to help cob in anticipation of his approaching dissolu-

and go out into the world to preach the Gospel. her across."

it has occurred before, that the Wesleyans said the lady.

Listening to Dr. James, it occurred to us,

nfluence or not, there was an irresistable power

in Dr. James' discourse we testify. We do

not doubt that on many occasions startling re-

sults .ollow such preaching. And if all preach-

Under the heading, "The Wesleyan Metho-

dist Preacher," another sketch deals with a ser-

time Mr. Rattenbury was upright and stately.

with raven locks and trim-almost military-

vast congregation rose, and volleyed forth a

flood of praise. Rev. gentlemen are too fre-

THE GOLDEN RULE.

of his remarks, observes :---

tion, brought out and illustrated this & ntiment. "But can't I do something for you, my boy?" with energetic force and touching sensibility, -"Bury me not I pray thee-bury me not

as it has occurred before, that the westeyans said the lady. have the most powerful body of preachers of any denomination. This opinion will, per-haps, seem less novel when we remind our rea-haps, seem less novel when we remind we r ders that the man whom Thackery described as nobody want's me." And Willie looked very Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebecca his wife ; and there I buried

thodist preacher. As for the sermon, it ap-peared to embody or express the genius of My father wants a boy in his store; and I will as a spiritual impulse, which disdains question Wesleyan preaching, a firm taith in a divine influence operating through the preacher upon the congregation. Most denominations tacitly and will all his heart. And he was not disrecognize this influence as a promise and a appointed this time; for Mr. Hildreth took when cheered and animated by the prospects truth, but the Methodists never lose sight of it. him at once and liked him so well, that he said which it inspires, we are taught that "hope To them, in the most literal sense, souls are not awakened by the eloquence of the preach-er, but through the presence of the Holy Spir-it. That, whether from the operation of this influence or not, there was an immettable It is spoken of in all their utterances, sung of Providence must have sent him just in the right sets in the grave and points to the skies, and

"HOTEL DE HORSE." Died at Yarmouth, June 29th 1871, Clara I saw this sign upon a livery stable. I have M. wife of N. W. Blethen. Sister Blethen no doubt the man who put it up thought he had whose maiden name was Mossly, was born it sults collow such preaching. And if all preach ers went forth to their ministry actuated by the personal experiences, steady and devoted courage, single-minded purpose, real ability, and true fervour sketched by the Wesleyan President in his official sermon. literature would lay aside its sarcasm and forget to criti-made nicely, and there were washing and brush-inced the renewing power of Divine grace on her twenty-fifth birth day, having been awaken-ed under the ministry of the Rev. Henry Blake, and a generous bundle of hay. His bed was all imade nicely, and there were washing and brush-inced and there were washing and brush-inced and there were washing and brush-inced the renewing power of Divine grace on her twenty-fifth birth day, having been awaken-ed under the ministry of the Rev. Henry Blake, of which church she was several years an exeming and combing and other toilet articles all plary member. Having removed to Yarmouth, she, together with her husband, at once sought ready for use. "Sleeping, eating, and dressing well provi-connection with the Methodist church in that mon delivered by Mr. Rattenbury, at Grosve- ded for, I see," said I to one of the waiters; town. Here she was known as a devoted and nor-street Chapel. The writer, in the course " but what about drinking ? Where's your bar ? active Christian. Taxed by the care of a large "but what about drinking " Where's your bar" active Christian. Taxed by the care of a mage Millinery, Agreeing heartily with Dr. Osborn that the he said with a laugh, pointing to an overflowing attention, she yet found time for her religious treatise style—I went on a recent Sunday eve-ning to hear John Rattenbury, at Grosvenor Street Chapel. It was well-nigh thirty years ago since I had been there before, and then the ago since I had been there before, and then the and fusil oil, and your lordly beasts will turn educational work, and was unremitting in her endeavour to secure a careful Christian educasame preacher occupied the pulpit. At that up their noses at it." "I guess they would," chimed in the waiter. "Sensible horses!" said I. You don't see Of the latest hor eldest hor should be sent "Sensible horses!" said I. You don't see any of them making such fools of themselves; of her desire that her eldest boy should be sent an ample white beard, but he looks hale and they leave that for their masters." to Sackville " Curious, ain't it ?" "Very curious," said I, and I think so still. Through months of severe suffering, she saw

like the heartiness with which the Wesleyan Not at all curious that the horses should do so, the approach of death, and by the serenity of Methodists sing their hymns. There was something startling in the style in which the their good example.—Aunt Julia. Once or twice she was oppressed with tears, but months before her decease she had risen for ever above such visitations. Obituary. When the hour came, tenderly commending

husband and children to the kindness of God

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The cross is heavy, child ! Yet there was O Who hore a heavier for the-my Son. My well-beloved. For Him bear thin

With Him at last; and, from thy Father's hand Thy cross laid down. Receive a crown My child !

- H. N. C., in Our own Fireside. METHODIST PREACHERS AND

PREACHING

The Manchester Sphinz of August 5 con the following extracts :---

The congregation was a somewhat different thodism. At the proper time-viz., at six soaring above the creeds and catechisms, is to ously, and beautifully exemplified. To see her pulpit, and the zervice commenced. There is a high-pitched enthusiasm about Weslevan ser-on to the uttermost summits of faith. a high-pitched enthusiasm about Wesleyan ser- on to the uttermost summits of faith. vices, which, even in the presence of drawbacks,

effectually relieves them from any tendency to monotony. This was enhanced on the

prised as the preacher observed, Christ's last even so to them.' Try and tollow this teach- of children, engaged in singing the beautiful words to his disciples upon earth, wherein he ing of our blessed Lord, and you will be both melodies of her own church, her face radiant promised the Holy Ghost, that they might be- good and happy. And I want you to take care with happiness, and the eyes of her children promised the Holy Ghost, that they might be-come witnesses for Him to the uttermost parts of little Nellie. She is not a strong child, and beaming and sparkling with delight, the spec-His benefactions were extensive, yet without will miss a mother's care. You must be both tator could not refrain from exclaiming, "Sureof the earth. Commencing with the statement that two qualifications, Knowledge and Power, that more will my son " were necessary in order to make the apostles fit that you will, my son."

Willie was sobbing by the bedside witnesses for the Saviour, he proceeded to show "Oh! I will promise you anything you ask, ledge meant a knowledge of the things of which darling mother," said he: "only don't leave ministered, and her children were so noted for they preached, and Power an ability to preach me !" And the poor boy who was not more their gentleness and obedience, that a female them. But knowledge did not mean simply an than a child himself, wept bitterly.

acquaintance with the circumstances of the "God knows best, my dear son; and he will Mrs. Ives's children were born angels. On acquaintance with the circumstances of the earthly life of Jesus, such an acquaintance as the apostles in their companionship with Him will care for and protect you. I can leave my borne to the tomb followed by a large conhad acquired; it meant an understanding of his children in his hands."

individually. That knowledge was given on motherless. No one in all that city cared for taut from the town of Pictou. This is a beauthe day of Pentecost by the Holy Ghost. Pur- him but little Nellie. He was poor, and too tiful spot, and though as yet unembellished, by not appear. suing his subject, the preacher proceeded to young to do hard work; but he must do some- the hand of art or taste, it possesses many nashow what "ability" or "power" meant. In thing to support himselt and his little sister. tural attractions, and forms a fitting site for especially in all that concerned the advance the first place it meant a holy courage which But he searched in vain for something to do. "a City of the Dead" the sleeps in a secluded ment of truth in the world. His intelligence would undauntedly carry the message of the Some people wanted no boy, and others said dell on the banks of the mumuring stream be-Gospel anywhere, under any circumstances. be was too small. Even the crossings were neath the shade of a verdant beach. On whose It did not mean shamefacedness with regard to all spoken for by other boys; and there seem- branches when the choristers of nature rest to ions they severally held. religious or doctrinal matter. In those days it ed nothing left for him to do but starve.

a man should study and master that which he as usual. He was hungry and discouraged. the loved one that reposes beneath it. The the power of His gospel, and was ready to deintended to teach; carelessly prepared sermons. Just as he was crossing a crowded street he scene which took place at the grave-yard, was part and be with Christ which is tar better.

read the beautiful parable of the prodigal son, Israel, cemands more than a passing notice at Prepared to walk with her through and then preached a sermon in which the inci- our hands-the death of one so well known and dents of the same touching Scripture narratives beloved, in the coummunity in which she lived, Her faith faltered not. No fear darkened

were interwoven and expounded. Anything and where her virtues were fully appreciated, her spirit. She stood on the confines of more unaffected simple and earnest I never lis- may well be looked upon as a public loss. The eteraity, but with the assurance of salety, and tencd. The elocution by itself was almost per-subject of our notice, was distinguished in the the pertect rest of soul which a ripe Christian tened. The electulon by itself was almost per subject of our motice, was unstinguisted in the perfect rest of soul which a type control Bible before him), they had been the result of the most careful elaboration and study. The ed. Her thoughtfulness for the comfort and scribable triumph, "I think" writes her huslinks of the theme were taken up with extraor-dinary facility, and each branch of the discourse personal self-denial, evinced the sincerity of saw," giving another testimony to the saving expanded before you as if it were being devel-oped from a mystic scroll. Undoubtedly a debenificence, which were the guiding star of the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlast-

great gitt-that a gift not vouchsated to many her existence. Misery never appealed to her ing." in vain, and many a time and oft, has her kind-John Rattenbury came from the old stock; | 1y hand, and feeling heart contributed to the

he was fashioned in the mould of the men who relief of the erring and unfortunate, when the worked with the Founder himself and who leapt objects of her bounty were perfectly unconsci-Death comes to us all unbidden, and, as so to speak, into the pulpit because they telt ous of the source from which their gifts and dothat a mightier than they had so willed it. In nations were derived. The Methodist church, often imagine, without giving warning of his a debate during this Conference I noticed that to which from infancy she was warmly attach- approach. He seizes remorselessly upon the a great stress was made upon the paramount ed, has lost in her a warm and generous sup- most valued and highly esteemed as well as necessity of the maintenance of this old fire porter, and the exertions which she made, even upon the worthless and wicked. In the one

tains a descriptive sketch of Dr. James' sermon altar sof Methodism. Writing outside their in the days of her declining health and strength, case however in the way of warning, and causat Oldham-street Chapel, from which we make pale, and as one unused to their ways, but to promote its interests, and perpetuate its exbale, and as one unused to their ways, but to promote its interests, and perpetuate its ex-istence among us, will not be forgotten by her ing with the survivors the assurance that Point deBute, Sept. 25, 26, 27-Bro. Wat I say amen to the spirit of that debate. Keep fellow-worshippers and those with whom she whether by a sudden death stroke or a more current the "go" with which you started. It took sweet counsel in the House of the Lord, lingering sickness, the departed has given good

Feraley lecturer. Mr. Pope's audience might ever that "go" were needed, it is needed now. verily, "the memory of the just, will be held evidence of being a disciple of the Lord Jesus, be described as the aristocracy-the flower of Of essayists we have not a few. Of fancy in everlasting remembrance." But it was in and is consequently removed from a world of Methodism; the President's sermon was listen- preaching and collegiate gymnastics we are the discharge of the duties of a mother that the sin and suffering to a condition of holy rest in ed to mainly by middle and working class Me- getting weary. If the mystery of godliness, virtues of her character were most conspicu- Christ.

One of the latter has been taken from our o'clock-the President, Dr. James, entered the remain a power in the world, the world must in her own happy home-the true theatre of a midst during the past week-Stephen Newton

He was as well as usual on Wednesday principles of early piety, which were the untaillast, and died early on the following morning, ing spring of her personal happiness when here, in the 77th year of his age. Although for some and which yielded the prospects of her immortime past he had been infirm and his eyesight

"Willie," said Mrs. Page, as she lay upon tal destiny, was a sight which the eye of Chris-

ejaculatory manner in which, in his prayers, he besought the presence of the Holy Spirit. The text for the sermon was taken from the first chapter of the Acte of text for the sermon was taken from the first by keeping the Golden and you would that men should do to you, do you over and see her at the head of a happy group the changes which fall to the lot of many others. Is the Popular Sewing Machine of His christian life and unassuming manners had secured for him a large share of the affection and respect of the community in which he lived.

> the very gate of heaven," and so successful were Granville Street Baptist Church, and in hearty her ministrations among them, and so kind sympathy with it in all its enterprises. His and loving were the admonitions which she ad place in the Church was always filled when health permitted, and although so quiet and retiring, yet he was at all times ready to join friend of hers once said, that she verily believed in the social devotions of the church.

contributing editorial articles adapted to procourse of sorrowing friends. They were deheavenly life, and of its influence upon them A very few days passed, and Willie was posited in the new Cemetery, about a mile disas in other things which he did his name did

He took a warm interest in public

chant their morning melody, they will uncon- His work is now done. He had born hi meant scholarship undoubtedly; it meant that One day, he was searching for employment sciously sing a requiem over the remains of testimony for Jesus and given evidence of



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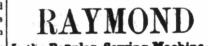
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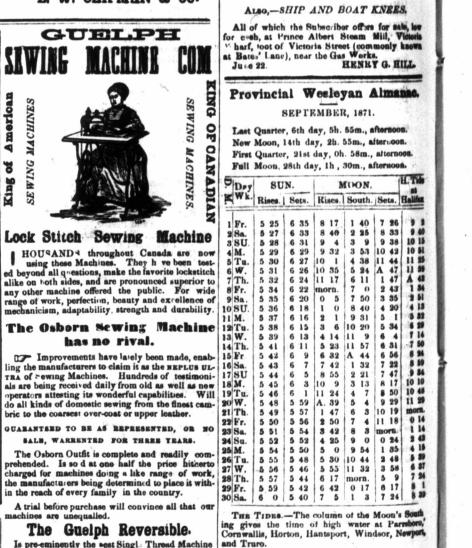
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