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### Religious Misellany.

CONVICTION OF SIN.

This good and expressive phrase seems to have fallen into disuse of late. We hear it but seldom in religious discussion, nor does it often all sin inheres. When the publican called himself and the substance and being of all sin inheres. When the publican called himself and the substance and being of all sin inheres. When the publican called himself and to its fainting translation over the whole earth, and to its fainting translation over the whole earth, and to its fainting translation over the whole earth, and to its fainting translation over the whole earth, and to its fainting translation over the whole earth, and to its fainting translation over the whole earth, and to its fainting translation over the whole earth, and to its fainting translation over the whole earth, and to its fainting translation over the whole earth, and to its fainting translation over the whole earth, and to its fainting translation over the whole earth, and to its fainting translation over the whole earth, and to its fainting translation over the whole earth, and to its fainting translation over the whole earth, and to its fainting translation over the whole earth, and to its fainting translation over the whole earth, and to its fainting translation over the chapel.

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A Scotch comb-maker's wife, whose generous heart is larger than her purse, gave me gentlemen. Among the latter, at the request of the meeting, John Hartley, Esq., High Sheers are a matter of fact in religious of the meeting, John Hartley, Esq., High Sheers are a matter of fact in religious of the meeting and when the secape at once from sin and its curse.

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A Scotch comb-maker's wife, whose generous heart is larger than her purse, gave me fifteen combs, asking, in a half-doubting sort of the meeting, John Hartley, Esq., High Sheers and the secape at once from sin and its curse. experience, and its distinction from any merely intellectual assent to a form of doctrine. Its religious life, conviction has an intimate rela- will tell no tales, and make no complaints; but young hearts were made glad! By what? the welcome given by all classes of the comassigned place in personal religious experience, tion to all that follows it. It is, therefore, an I have heard how you have been teasing and Surely by "cups of cold water," in no wise to munity to the Conference. under the direct ministration of the Holy Spi- unspeakable privilege of grace to be brought to persecuting him at night because he has the lose their reward. rit, is that of the first of the processes by drink deeply of the bitter cup of penitential courage to kneel down and pray to that God Several young misses met in our pastor's during the year was read by Mr. Olver. Such which the soul is brought to know and enjoy sorrow. Out of such exercises spring the most who takes care of him. I have only this to say, parlor, in the early part of the season, to sew documents are seldom free from some melan-

the spirit and the truth of theology. It is further evident that a condition of susceptibility to conviction is not the natural and ordinary dence that men do not believe the Gospel, nor yet from a perverse volition to the contrary, but for lack of the powers requisite to apprehend the truth and to be convinced by its self-

wise and learned of this world grope among come, not, however, by any logical proceeding, but by the clear demonstration of the Divine Spirit acting upon the quickened powers and perceptions of the human spirit.

All the facts brought within the range of the goodness. soul's perception by spiritual conviction exist oul. Sin exists in the soul in all its corrupting and damning force as really and as fully our blindness or our sight of them. The recognition of the guilt of sin is inseparable from the apprehension of its moral turpitude before he holy law of God. Conviction results. herefore, just when the Holy Spirit imparts His quickening power to the spiritually blind and dead moral natures of men. Then the holiness is itself a law of awful majesty and iness before it. This is conviction of sin.

This Divinely-inwrought spiritual state God, and accordingly the recognized defilement a especially bemoaned because it is in His sight, and the guiltiness is infinitely intensified because it is against God. The soul humbled under the sense of sin confesses especially its relations to God. In merely human views of in their relations to our fellow-men are often especially considered while they are viewed as sins against God only indirectly and secondrily; but not so as seen in the light of the Spirit's teachings. David's sin against Uriab as certainly most flagrant, and vet in the nentent confession of the awakened royal profigate and murderer, he seems to forget the hee, thee only [or supremely] have I sinned. 'I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight." The publican, praying in the temple, made haste to confess his sin as against God, and himself to be a sinner because of his ungodly heart and life, and apparently oblivious, at least for the time, of his thousand misdeeds among men, he prayed only for the

sent with me;" a body of death holds the soul could not go to bed without prayer. Then the harm. in the most abject slavery. Repentance and temptation occurred to him, "But can't I pray reformation can come only by the same spirit- as heartily when lying in bed as if I should al power that first brought conviction to the kneel down to pray? and then the boys wont soul, and these, however thorough and com- laugh at me."

would please his mother better if he should carried daily a part of education; and perwere evidently much divided, and at length Mr.
Here, too, the soul is taught to apprehend kneel down to pray; and a better thought still dusty thoroughfare, and left it for any thirsty haps, also, it may be taken as an indication of Prest interposed and urged that while so great there, too, the soul is taught to apprehend kneel down to pray; and a better inought still dusty thorough the true nature of sin, as revealed by the word came into his mind, that it would please God. traveller who might pass that way. And our the interest felt among Methodist gentlemen division of opinion prevailed it would be most and Spirit of God. Crimes, in specific forms and individualized, may properly impress the mediately all the thoughtless boys around began unto one of these little ones a cup of cold wa-

briers that grow out of the rank sub-soil of ori- his prayer.

the power of saving grace. And as it is primary, in the order of sequence, among the spiritual exercises of the soul, so according to the power of saving grace. And as it is primary, in the order of sequence, among the spiritual exercises of the soul, so according to the power of saving grace. And as it is primary, in the order of sequence, among the spiritual exercises of the soul, so according to the power of saving grace. And as it is primary, in the order of sequence, among the spiritual exercises of the soul, so according to the power of sequence, among the spiritual exercises of the soul, so according to the power of sequence, among the spiritual exercises of the soul, so according to the committee during the power of sequence, among the the removal by death of one excellent member of the removal by death of one excellent member of the committee during the year. A report from Messrs of the committee, Mr. Isaac H. Clarke, of the committee, Mr. Isaac H. Clarke, of Southwark. The report of the present state that already attend the mission begun in South-east Lonits flagrant turpitade, and its flagrant turpitade, and it

portion as the way of pardon is apprehended, ample. the agony of the sense of guilt is changed into the relentings of holy love for such wonderful

of Jesus Christ shall take away all sins. brings the individual directly face to face with Happy they who, convinced of sin, seek in earnest faith this great salvation !- Christian

> THE YOUNG CADET: OR NOT ASHA-MED TO PRAY

BY REV. R. NEWTON. D. D.

Advocate.

gathered up the fragments" about him in this open, hearty and decided.—Rev. T. L. Cuyler way, and was the means of great usefulness on shipboard. The little fellow was only about eleven or twelve years old. He was the son of fence against his faithful servant, and to a clergyman. His father had got a situation

this wherever he might go.

would please his mother better if he should carried daily a pitcher of cold water to the

soul with the most pungent grief and self- to laugh at him. One called him a Methodist; ter only in the name of a disciple, verily I say It would be an improvement, we think, in the sion. In this the meeting agreed, and, after a for what are called "extraordinaries," includ-

who is acquainted with the religious literature of the early Methodists, or that of the English Puritans of the seventeenth century, is well corresponding form of repentance: not simply deck of the ship. Then he called George up not they "cups of cold water."

value of pardon, always estimated by the con- when evening came again, George knelt down Late on Saturday evening a pious widow in the year, and there has been an increase of Conviction of sin in man is eminently the descension of the grantor, and its practical as usual to pray. There was no laughing or humble circumstances, who had not walked, 9,739 in the number of day scholars. The work of the Holy Spirit. There may be the benefits, will be infinitely magnified by the talking. They were all as still as mice. George save from one chamber to another for years, Sunday-schools continue to make progress; chearest and most comprehensive creed assent- sense of the ineffable baseness and ruinousness had not been kneling long before he felt some- sent me a loaf of bread, with the message, 2,151 teachers and 20,788 scholars have been ed to as correct and scriptural after a strictly logical examination of all the points with their us," and the intensity of our love is measured looked round to see what it was, and found one The lateness of the hour, and our Lord's saytogical examination of all the points with their evidences, and yet entire want of true spiritual conviction. Without the special help of cy and crowning grace; and, in every afterhim, that he too might say his prayers in peace bath day, determined me to leave it until the

Mr. Clulow's report, as official visitor of trial of our faith, the remembrance of such and quietness. Presently another came, and morning, when I took it where I thought it Methodist Sunday-schools, was an able and gian in all that pertains to the letter; but only love, and of so great saving power, must fix then another, till at last quite a number were would be welcome. "The Lord has sent you suggestive paper, and was referred to with the Divine Interpreter can reveal in the soul in holy confidence as to both the Difound kneeling around him. These boys had a loaf of bread, Mrs. S.," I remarked as I admiration by subsequent speakers. His sugvine power and willingness to save to the utter- all been taught to pray at home; but, when they went in. Lifting up her hands towards heaven, gestions as to the evils of local committees were surrounded by rude, mocking boys, they had not courage enough to do what was right,

It is sometimes said that the deep and agoniring convictions of six of reliable and agoniring convictions of reliable and agoniring conviction and agoniring izing convictions of sin, of which we occaby acknowledging their dependence on God beby acknowledging their dependence on God beby acknowledging their dependence on God besionally hear and read, are the results of sudden awakenings of persons formerly quite careden awakenings of persons formerly quite careless shout religious things. This is no death

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or the results of sudden awakenings of persons formerly quite careless shout religious things. This is no death less about religious things. This is, no doubt, took his stand, determined to do right himself bells made glad music in my ear that morn-sion, and on other subjects, deserve special sometimes the case, but not always. Persons whatever others did, encouraged them to do so ing? And may we not believe notes of joy attention. Mr. Clulow also gave encouraging from debt, there is need of the utmost care to of the most upright lives outwardly, and even too. From that time prayer was never neglectthe scrupulously careful, have been found most ed on board that ship, while even those who noted down in that wondrous book another teaching, and of the extensive use of the Condeeply penetrated with a sense of sin and guilt; die not pray themselves were afraid or ashamvet quite probably the same religious teaching and others pointed down in that wondrous book another teaching, and of the extensive use of the Conference Catechisms, and of direct spiritual good dealt with. Mr. Haworth and others pointed

Lycett, whose own liberality gives him the best he spiritual things of the Gospel and fail to yet quite probably the same religious teaching ed to laugh or mock at those who did. In this ple?" the spiritual things of the Gospel and fail to see them. It is the specially-defined office of the promised Comforter to convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment to sin, of righteousness, and of judgment to sin, of righteousness, and of judgment to so clearly points out the way of deliverance of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment to so clearly points out the way of deliverance of satisfaction at the increase of Wesleyan day-schools, and urging the necessity of denominational lock urged that the surplus funds should be apfulness that lie around us by setting a good ex-

ACKNOWLEDGING CHRIST.

of essential righteousness, in which his own of atonement to take away their sins, they are but we do not say that no one can be saved who does not openly join some Christian church; but we do say that the person who expects boliness is itself a law of awful majesty and tian life the blood of sprinkling is requisite to is a self-convicted coward, and while disobey-take away sin. The crowning promise of the ing his Master's orders has no right to acknowledge Christ "before men," take away sin. The crowning promise of the ing his Master's orders, has no right to expect Gospel is that "the blood [making atonement] his Master's blessing. After fifteen years pastoral observation, we have come to the conclusion that every day spent by the genuine convert outside the church of Christ is almost a day lost; he loses the sense of responsibility that he needs to teel; he loses the opportunities of doing good; he loses in self-respect, in the respect of others; he loses the approbation of him who has so impressively said, "Whosoever is ashamed of me before men, of him will I be ashamed We may be useful by our example, and we when I shall come in my glory." When God should improve every opportunity of doing gives conversion he demands coufession. To good. I was reading lately of a little boy who be effective and useful, this must be prompt.

THE LIFE STRUGGLE The world knows no victory to be compared remember only his sin against God. "Against for him on board one of those ships where boys with the victory over our own passions. The are put in order to be trained and educated for struggle of life is between the flesh and the and done this evil in thy sight," was his deep officers in the navy. The little boy's father spirit, and the one or the other finally gains the and done this evil in thy sight," was his deep and penitential cry. So, too, the returning prodigal, who had outraged his father's kind-less and authority, came with the confession, and had told him to be sure and do less and authority came with the confession, and had told him to be sure and do less and authority came with the confession, and had told him to be sure and do less and authority came with the confession, and had told him to be sure and do less and authority came with the confession, and such coveted "First Draft of the Stations" animation, and sparkling with brilliant antithe-assemble was in print. This morning the provincial passes and illustrations, he moved an amendment to the effect that Methodists should exert thement itself was doubtless being eagerly studied selves in their several localities to prevent the wening, and had told him to be sure and do clared in favor of this earth with its sinful pashis wherever he might go.

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Methodism. Rumour says that the committee in name of the serveral localities to prevent the interpretation of the new Education Bill from becommendation. when this little lends went on board the long and earnestly in his Lord's service—after had by no means fewer difficulties to meet than to the interests of Protestantism on the other. large company of other boys; some of them having done more for the spread of the truth usual. Some circuits, it was found, had sought were older and some younger than himself. I than all other apostles, still felt that he was a to secure what seemed an unfair proportion of George Lidgett, Dr. Rigg, and Mr. S. R. Hall They were cadets and midshipmen who were to human being, and liable at any time, through the more brilliant and popular talent of the replied. be his companions, and who were very fond of the weakness of the flesh, to lose all. "I keep Connexion; and perhaps, on the other hand, be his companions, and who were very tond of the weakness of the least, to lose and the companions, and pernaps, on the other hand, as boys generally are. He got under my body," says he, "and bring it into some ministers who had no engagement were expected, showed great fulness of knowledge fun and play, as boys generally are. He got under my body, says uc, and oring to some ministers who had no engagement were expected, showed great fulness of knowledge on with them very well till the time came to go subjection, lest after I have preached the gospel known to have wishes about their appointment both of the principles and details of the subject True conviction carries with it, as necessa- on with them very went in the time came to go subjection, it was difficult to meet. Let us hope that where in hand, and advocated their respective views rily implied, a deep sense of our utter helpless—to bed in the evening. A bell was rung as a unito others, I should be castaway.

It was difficult to meet. Let us hope that where in hand, and advocated their respective views the proposals of the Committee have occasioned with much earnestness and ability. Mr. Holden before God. The revealed holiness of signal for the boys to go to their pertus, as the God's law casts the dark shadow of sin upon beds are called on shipboard. The boys were aged and long-tried servant of God, what care disappointment it may be removed by the alone appeared in favour of a secular daythe highest forms of merely human virtues, so laughing and talking, and playing tricks of va- and diligence ought we, my brethren and sisthat the humbled soul confesses the need of pardon even for his holy things. But not as our little friend was named, looked round to pardon even for his holy things. But not as our little friend was named, looked round to inguarded not? Our part of that some of the best preachers in Methodism were alike anxious to remove mere sectarianonly is sin revealed in the soul in the forms of see if none of them kneeled down to pray bethickly set with snares for our feet. The sehave hitherto been known only in obscure cirism from the schools. The only difference only is sin revealed in the soul in the forms of see if none of them kneered down to play be the schools. The only difference gult and uncleanness, it is also and especially fore going to bed, but not one of them did so. duetions of passion, the allurements of vice, cuits; and to the preachers, that often their was as to the method in which these objects the utter want of moral virtue. The discovtred sin is seen to be a law in the enthralled

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and Mr. Hall preferring a plan apparently soul, controlling its impulses and dictating its of him all the day, how only he could preserve devious ways, and blessed indeed, is that man at first with reluctance.

The General Education

CUPS OF COLD WATER.

There is a pleasant story told of a man livplete, cannot avail to cancel any of the guilt of But then the thought occurred to him that it ing on the borders of an African desert, who

over the whole earth, and to its fainting tra- fined to certain parts of the chapel.

occur even in exhortation or prayer. Its disself a "sinner," it was not so much an historAnd yet the brave little fellow would kneel A lady, whose home looks out upon our the many anxieties of the year he had by no given towards the erection of the Westminster and in some instances the earnest representa use is a fact of unfavourable significance, not cal reference to his past actions as the announce- down and offer his prayers to God. He never beautiful common, called to ask me it I would means wasted away, but was still strong and Chapel. only indicating a lack of depth in the current ment of the results of the diagnosis of his deep- complained of the conduct of the boys. But tell her of some poor and sick persons to whom well, and all joined heartily in the thanksgiv- After the usual vote of thanks to the officials religious life, but proving also that the relision on the diagnosis of the gious thought of the times has accepted that philosophy sins appear as isolated acts of boys were behaving in their cabin at night, and books. The names of two were given, and the opening prayer. low standard as the average and prevailing measure of the personal religion. That the measure of the personal religion. That the great deep of the depraved and pollu
word deep of the Holy Spirit sin is went and told the captain.

Now it happened that the captain was a good its way to the old man's abode, also the green the Ex-President; Mr. Olver, the Education ease was quite otherwise formerly everyone ted soul: the troubled sea that easts up mire pious man, and he resolved to put a stop to tea and white sugar-rare luxuries-for the Secretary; Dr. Rigg, the Principal of West-

Leave the heart under the bondage of selfish- and Mr. Jenkins. ness and depravity, and science and the free-In nearly every community, there are a few or make any change of circumstances heal the a their fulness outside of that state of the Christian experience, is not confined to the ini- halting, timid, irresolute persons, who have a private and social miseries of the times. There tial stage of Christian life. Rather, indeed, as trembling faith in Christ but who do not come may be political freedom, and art and knowall the other graces of the Spirit increase with out decidedly and confess him. They may be ledge, where there is no piety found, but amid tage derived from the maintenance of intimate the recognition of that truth. The divine ma
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the soul's progress in holiness, so this also. Christians; but the world is not allowed to know it. They carry dark lanterns. "Shining claiming, amid his wealth, while his heart ached school. Dr. Scott add a seasonable warning claiming, amid his wealth, while his heart ached school. lesty and holiness are not affected by either comparatively faint and superficial, have come lights" they certainly are not. No one is the under the royal purple, and his head throbbed against those questionable forms of amuseat length to realize in their own hearts a great better for their clandestine attempts to steal under the kingly diadem, "Vanity of vanities ment by which Sunday-school festivals are deep of iniquity requiring to be purged away along quietly toward heaven without letting any and vexation of spirit." With a conscience sometimes disgraced. -a body of indwelling sin to be repented of one overhear their footsteps. Now this is a miand taken out of the soul. And this is preciseserable. (we are almost ready to say contemptibe subdued—with the foot in the grave, and the
nious, and there seemed no reason to expect ly the experience that yields the richest and ble) mode of living—this concealment of the hand stretching forth into an unknown eternity, that the meeting would assume a controversial most abundant fruits. When believers, for colors when danger threatens; this following and groping in uncertainty to find some clue to tone. This, however, was soon to be. Mr. whom there is now no condemnation, because along after the church, with a vague hope of life and hope beyond the tomb—can man be Bedford, in an elaborate and very effective they are freely forgivea, come to feel the burbeing counted in among God's people when blessed until the power of the living God has speech, urged that it was the duty of Methoddual consciousness. The just-now, self-approdual consciousness are distributed to the faithful.

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Mr. Bunting, in his own racy way, and with the committee we den of indwelling sin, and to know themselves heaven's prizes are distributed to the faithful, reached, disenthralled, enlightened and gladmony, and he now sees his sinfulness and abhors him self; and, seeing that the Divine abhors him self; and, seeing that the Divine things of God. In every stage of the Christic acknowledge Christ before men," "How can a man be just with God?" "If a was seconded by Mr. Hartley; whereupon Mr. ings worth having. The blood of Calvary must

THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE COM-

(From the London Watchman.)

BURSLEM, Tuesday Evening. The Preparatory Committees of the North Staffordshire Conference are at length fairly in progress. The Stationing Committee, consistng of the President, the Ex-President, and the

greatly beautified Conterence Chapel was well by Mr. Fowler in a characteristically eloquent nigh filled. Probably this may be attributed speech. partly to the special importance just now attaching to the subject of education; and per-

abhorrence. But these are but the outside another said he was the Parson. One threw a unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." arrangements for these Committees, if the gensymptoms of the deep-seated disease that book, and another threw a pillow at him. But But cups of cold water are not given in Atrirankles in the soul; these are the weeds and the little fellow still knelt on till he had finished can deserts alone. A spiritual Sahara spreads to sit together, and it mere visitors were coninterest was brought to a close.

ar bill slipped into her hand at parting: were not they "cups of cold water."

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A Scotch comb-maker's wife, whose We have said that, as the initial form of the "Now, boys," said the captain, "George none would not like them. And so fifteen opportunity offered, expressed in suitable terms

A digest of the Minutes of the Committees new day-schools have been established during become accustomed to expect and the prosperity of the work should tell of large extension. Still some in Aldershot and the neighborhood; and espec-

resulting from our day-schools.

in characteristic speeches by Mr. Geo. Lidgett

Dr. Scott, and Mr. Napier, of Manchester, dom of earth cannot wash the Ethiopean white, then spoke well on the subject of Sunday-

ing sinner, and what your own Declaration of Bill tor extending their day-school operations, independence to a soul burdeaed with sin, and and that the Committee should form plans friends all round, protested against any defi- Chapel Building Fund. man die shall he live again?" "No: the Holden gave the first sign of disagreement, Church must make all other and earthly bless- urging that for Methodists to commit themings worth having. The blood of Calvary must drop into the cup of worldly freedom, or that to play into the hands of the Papists and Pusey in the neighborhood in which it was placed. There were localities to which Mr. Lidgett lay home missionaries. This clier. freedom even is a bitter draught.—William R. ites, and that they should rather bend their cation. Mr. Holden's speech was able, and ents. We also admired his frank admission that he had been convinced by Mr. Clulow's

piritual results of religious day-schools. ite that almost every member of the Conference rejoices to agree with him if he possibly the door, into which a man or woman might slip the local preachers should be stimulated by Secretary of the Conference, with representatives of the Home and Foreign Missions, of the resolution would be regarded as committhe Theological Institutions, and of each of ting the Connexion to the denominational systhe thirty-four Home Districts, met on Thursday morning. Their work was not completed result would be to promote the interests of until yesterday at noon. Six hours later, the Popery; and in a speech delivered with great much-coveted "First Draft of the Stations" animation, and sparkling with brilliant antitheworking of the new Education Bill from becoming purely secular on the one hand, or inimical great was the spiritual destitution of the local and scholastic training was in some cases a him-

The speakers on both sides, as might l at first with reluctance.

The General Education Committee met this while Mr. Bedford and Dr. Rigg urged the wismorning. The gathering of lay gentlemen was dom of attempting to take the utmost advanlarger than we remember to have seen before tage of the Government Bill for the increase of at this Committee. The body of the large and Wesleyan schools. They were also supported

The opinions and sympathies of the meeting were evidently much divided, and at length Mc.

made in their department, and its improved an allowances are "lumped," such lumping ought ministration during the forty years he had been connected with it, and stating that he had been any other expenses, of an extraordinary kind. affectionate and respectful sympathy. All were fective speech. He gave statistics showing the that in addition to £60,795 applied to the retions and enlargements, so that the aggregate ted here. The total amount of debts discharged during the last sixteen years, is over

sultory and less exciting than yesterday; still gestions. Now that so many chapels are free sustain their income and to employ it advantageously for the support and extension of the The first resolution, expressive of satisfacpropriated chiefly to chapel extension. Mr. tion there of great inferiority to the other leadtheological institutions, and maintained, what legitimate and stronger motives for exertion are we think most Methodists will agree to, that surplus chapel income should be appropriated to the furtherance of both circuit and Connexional objects. Mr. Bedford pointed out that

selves to the denominational system would be which would best aid in gathering in the people These include the renting of preaching rooms characterized by great courtesy to his opponin which an "elegant Gothic chapel would atpiety and zeal of some men, not suited, perhaps report that he had previously undervalued the hear in. Two Ex-Presidents, Mr. Hall, and Barlow, of Bolton, spoke of the advantages of He was followed by Mr. Arthur, whose arriin the arrangement of the interior of a chapel. in evangelistic effort within their own borders, val in the Committee had been greeted with They insisted that sufficient and suitable accommodation should always be provided for ributing to the Connexional fund.

> there should be a graduated charge for seat other ways. rents, beginning at a low amount, so that the independent poor might be accommodated. the erection of the Scott Memorial Chapel at talent. Westminster shou'd be completed. Mr. Kay Some remarks incidentally made were mis thought it was not generally understood how understood as intimating that careful mental

> was Mr. John Chubb, whom we were sorry not F. Newton, Mr. Arthur, Mr. Hall, Mr. Jenkto be able to hear. Those around him seemed ins, and others took part, All recognized the highly to appreciate what he said, but scarcely advantages and the necessity of a careful intelmore than a single sentence was audible at the lectual training for ministerial work, and very other side of the chapel. That one sentence, pleasing testimony was borne from different

test in favour of long sermons. During the morning Dr. Osborn introduced Isbours of the students in the Theological Insthe subject of the establishment of a Connex-titutions. In the neighbourhood of Richmond ional Fire Insurance Society, and recommend-several chapels have been erected, and socied it to the consideration of gentlemen present. eties formed through their exertions. Mr. Holden and Mr. Barlow at once responded. A resolution proposed by Mr. Hargreaves offering, the one £1,000, the other £500, to- and efficiently supported by Mr. M'Arthur, wards a guarantee fund. Mr. Holden also drew attention to the necessity for increasing promised to contribute largely towards the ex- the minimum stipend of the ministers in circuits pense of working such a society. Mr. Bedford receiving aid from the Contingent Fund. It gave the result of the consultations of the Com- was proposed to raise this to £120, exclusive mittee on the subject, and stated that the great of medical expenses, coals, taxes, &c. This difficulty had been the formation of a sufficient amount Mr. M'Arthur hoped would soon be guarantee fund. After business-like observa- further raised. Mr. M'Arthur also reviewed tions on the subject by Mr. Utley and Mr. very effectively the sphere of home missionary Haworth, the consideration of it was adjourned labor both in town and country, and closed an

vision of the grant from the Contingent Fund other respects as were enjoyed by the Roman

ited sum at their disposal, had been obliged in All hands were held up in favour of the next almost all cases to reduce the grants recomnot be more frequently done. In conversation Dr. Osborn pointed out that the large increase Chapel affairs were brought under review this vears rendered necessary a corresponding inlaymen, though numerous, was not so large as James deprecated the tendency in some circongratulating the Committee on the progress calculated on a very frugal scale. Where these made in their department, and its improved ad-allowances are "lumped," such lumping ought

Mr. Prest supplemented his report by an efthankful to see Mr. Bedford again, in greatly progress in home mission work since the reorimproved health, and to hear him read, apparently without fatigue, a lengthy report, being detail instances of special success during the were surprised as well as gratified to learn ially of the striking evidence given by the sailors and marines of the Royal Navy at Malta of duction or extinction of debts, so large a sum their appreciation of the efforts made for their as £228,799 had been expended in new erecterrible and urgent need of increased evangelisamounts expended on trust property had been tic effort, both in London and other large towns, £289,594, being an increase of £27,501 on the and in the rural districts, and the distress expressed by Mr. Prest at being unable to comply with many loud calls for help was sympathree quarters of a million. The exact sum is who had begun his report by stating that the ncome of the fund had been upwards of £25 .-700, closed by expressing his conviction that it ought to be at least £100,000 a year, and his coufident hope that this sum would yet be reach-

We cannot refer in detail to the various speeches that occupied the attention of the Comnittee for nearly five hours. It must suffice if we note some of the points raised. Sir Francis Haydon effectively pressed the claims of the ing Nonconformist denominations. Yet more found in the spiritual destitution of great parts the employment of such income for the support of the ministry was no new thing, but had to a recent report of the City Mission, to provide the sanction of Mr. Wesley.

The subject of chapel architecture was also full church and chapel accommodation for Lonreferred to by several speakers,. Mr. Holden don, it would be necessary to erect 1000 addideclared his preference for the "plain, old- tional places of worship, each to seat 1000 perfashioned Methodist meeting-houses" over what sons. In London there is a population of a he termed " new-fangled and quasi-Gothic cha- million and a half among whom to Methodist pels." The object of Methodist preachers was preacher is laboring. Meanwhile, as Sir Frano teach and convert, not to cultivate senti- cis well showed, every chapel we build in Lonment; hence the acoustic properties of a cha- don is not only a direct blessing, but becomes pel were of the utmost importance. In pass- immediately reproductive, bringing in a considing, he paid a deserved tribute in this respect erable revenue to Methodist funds. Hence no not a little good-humoured hitting of his money for the purposes of the Metropolitan

nite style being prescribed to those who build A paragraph in Mr. Prest's statement led to chapels. Mr. George Lidgett laid down what the understanding that the Cmmittee of Manappears to us the true principle, when he said agement are considering the propriety of engawe should adopt that style in each chapel ging in new plans of aggression in London thought the "old, gloomy warehouse style" from Mr. Hall and others on the desirableness was best adapted; there were other localities of utilizing for home mission work the tact, the tract. It was quite possible, too, he contend- for regular ministerial work. Various plans ed, to erect Gothic chapels easy to speak and for aggressive effort were also dwelt upon. Mr. Mr. Prest, dwelt upon the need of great care circuits employing some portion of their strength

the poor. Mr. Prest advocated free seats near Mr. Fowler, of Wolverhampton, urged that unobserved. Mr. Bierdly, of Manchester, ad- combined aggressive work, by multiplying cotvised not only that free seats be provided, but tage meetings and out-door services, and in

Mr. Arthur insisted upon the necessity of recognizing the diversity of gifts among the Mr. J. Robinson Kay, and Mr. Ingram workers for Christ, and endeavouring in the found opportunity to urge that the efforts for best possible way to utilize every kind of

ty in which it was proposed that the chapel drance rather than a help in home mission work. should stand.

Among the other speakers of the morning subject, in which Dr. Osborn, Mr. Pocock, Mr. This led to an interesting conversation on the however, is worth preserving, for it was a pro- parts of the country, by laymen and ministers, to the praiseworthy and successful missionary

excellent speech by expressing a hope that pressure would be brought to bear upon the Government to secure equal privileges for Methodist army chaplains in visiting prisons, and in