

vere on a class of critics

When drily plain, without invention's aid, Write dull receipts how poems may be made

the schoolmen may term a possible mit of degrees, to be made to meet with and Would you rear a monument to your own tern hill of life, the shadows deepening into orm; which, if vivified by the genius of the world, suited, conformably to

'assert eternal Providence, ustify the ways of God to man.'

There has been war among the intellinees et God's spiritual creation. Lucifer, loped seeds of ali wisdom and knowledge, en of the morning, has fallen like fire from | heaven ; and our present earth existing as a hold high communion with his Creator, nguished hell, has received him and and to breathe abroad his soul in sympathy his angels. Dead matter exists, and in the un- over all that the creator had made. And heen united to the matter; animal life, to his earthly lineage. It is into the dust of

"There is one of the satirists justly se- animals that die with the standing and re- Do you wish some enduring monument sponsibility of the moral agents that live,- of a dear departed child? "Dig a well." how, in this partaker of the double nature, Set apart, for the spread of the gospel, that was the discrepancy to be reconciled? which would have been devoted to the Bat at some risk of rendering myself obnox- How, in this matter, were the opposite maintenance and education of the child. the voice of experience. Cheer him with bus to his censure, I shall attempt indicat- claims of life and death to be adjusted, or Better spend it thus, than in rearing costly kindly words; encircle him with your strong grat hast the general scope and character, the absolute immortality, which cannot ad- monuments of marble.

n, might prove one precious boon final annihilation and the ceasing to be?

upon the scene an exquisite creature, rich in not crumble. native faculty, pregnant with the yet undeveender of heart and pure of spirit, formed to

embodied spirits vitality exists; but not yet yet, left to the freedom of his own will, that watereth, shall be watered also him-

life yet lingers! and you in the full vigor their debts in feelings." If, however, debts and beauty of manhood, respect the aged! are so paid, what will such men do with drawn to the missionary work by a single Speak gently, hush the rude laugh, check charities ?- Legion, or Feigned Excuses.

arm, and lead him as he descends the wes-

shade into the mortality which, let us extend memory? "Dig a well." Paul and How- night-the white hairs upon his temple althe higher masters of the lyre, the term of previous vitality as we may, ard, and Henry Martyn and Harlan Page ready drifting in the cool breeze which our aims, is painted in such colors, that it is faculty, and at once great poets and must forever involve the antagonistic idea of each "digged a well." They are Artesian comes up from the valley of death.

Honor the aged, that he may leave you wells. We trust many good men and women "At length creation receives its deputed are now digging their wells. They are lay- his blessings on the threshold of the unhe special demands of these latter times, to monarch. For, moulded by God's own fin- ing up for themselves enduring riches; known land. Honor him, and God will ger, and in God's own likeness, man enters building lofty monuments which time will raise up for you friends to remove the thorns from the last league of your own life-jour-

Do you wish a fountain to slal e your own ney; for the sake of the weary one of the thirst? "Dig a well." The person who long ago, who wept for your ingratitude, digs a well not only supplies others, but also whose bowed form struggled with a weight more bright and beautiful as we gaze upon supplies himself. It is an order of Provi- of care or grief which you might have carit, revealing in contrast, more and more, the dence that Christian beneficence shall react ried, while you walked carelessly along, indarkness of our own hearts. I have said for the good of him who exercises it. "He tent upon your own ease and pleasure. Honor the aged for His sake who was old it is with us at conversion, as it is in spring, in all the universe of God has the vitality there is a weakness of the flesh that betrays been united to the matter: animal life to his entry life is a weakness of the flesh that betrays self." This is the very figure we have been using. It is God's idea. "The libe- everlasting to everlasting.

It is said that Henry Martyn was first

remark of the Rev. Charles Simeon on the results of Carey's work in India. His mind began to stir under the new thought; then came the perusal of Brainard's life,

The Image of Christ. and Martyn's soul was consecrated to his The image of Christ, drawn by the penapostolic toils. How many missionaries il of the Spirit, to which Scripture directs Martyn's biography has made, the judgment

day alone can determine. impossible often to contemplate it, without Reader! have you never yet spoken one its irresistibly affecting the heart. As the word for Christ? Have you never inbodily eye that has looked long at the sun, vited one sinner to the Saviour? Then I retains a bright image of it, so the spiritual fear that, though you may at last reach the eye, that gazes steadfastly upon the face of Christ, is filled with light. We carry this New Jerusalem, you will tread those golden pavements wearing a starless crown. A sinimage with us wherever we go, and it blends gle sentence may save a soul from perdition. with all our thoughts and actions. It never - Christian Intelligencer. T. L. C. ceases to be a study to us, ever growing

[FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.] Class-Meetings.

A class-meeting is, as the term signifies, a meeting of a number of persons in a manners;"-so I say to you; relinquish at and on the mountain-side, but upon the

For things by nature felt or reen: Their honours, wealth, and pleasure I neither have nor want."

Manhood, perhaps, is past. Old age arives; but by the strengthening influence of the grace of God, he is forward as ever in romoting the cause of his Redeemer .---His children, the subjects of many prayers, now arise to call him blessed. The members of his class, some as far advanced in years as himself, are steadily persevering in the right way. At length, however, his work is done; the blessed invitation-" come up hither " has been graciously given, and sustained by the same arm which has supported him through life, he plunges into the river of death, lands on the shores of nis eternal home, and so is "forever with the Lord." Who would not be a Christian' Class-leader, do you see yourself in this picture? is it too highly coloured, or is it not? Be all or nothing. As Alexander the Great said to a soldier in his service, who hore his name, but did not possess the energy requisite for a soldier ;---" Relinquish at once my name, or mend your

on the profound apprehen on of the fal is an inconceivable idea. Meanthe scarce reckoned centuries roll by, vacantly and dull, like the cheerless wakes, and can feel thirst and hunger, and days and nights over the head of some unhappy captive, the miserable prisoners of the general law 'increase and multiply,' become aware that there is a promulgated of old to them, stands less firmw change taking place in the condition of ly that the immaterial spirits stood of old; Where a low, dark and yet even they rebelled against heaven, o of islands raise their flat backs and fell. There awakes a grim hope in the thermal waters, the heat glows sullen lord of the first revolt. Ages beyond intensely than of old; the red fire bursts tale or reckoning has this temple of crea-tribles frequently; the dread earthquake tion been in building. Long have its mute ore rarely; save in a few centres prophecies in fishes and in creeping things, rough which sun or moon never vet d. a less gloomy twilight struggles ay through the enveloping cloud, more cheerfully than heretofore ton land and sea. At length there comes on mitacle in which matter and vitality

r action, the great deep no longer in bird and in beast, told of coming man, its a pot ; and though the heavens final object and end. And now there needhut out by a gray ceiling of thick eth bat one blow, and the whole edifice is destroyed. God's purposes marred and frustrated, and this new favorite of earth dashed back to the dust out of which he was creat-

death cut of life,-must not that acute Intel- the world, to possess for its eternal lord and will swallow up his business. To all the up your heart, my poor, depressed brother ! have watched the course of the Di- monarch, not primeval man, created in the dear brethren who are crippled in their re- lift up your heart : let it expand, and fill and ker,-scornful of spirit and full of image of God, but God, made manifest in ligious enjoyments by their daily callings, I overflow with bliss. At the close of your short iy, and yet aware, in the inner depths the flesh, in the form of primeval man. But would recommend the course pursued by journey through time, you will see eternity lect, that what he dared insult- how breaks on the baffled Tempter the sub- Normand Smith : precate, he yet failed, in its ulti- lime revelation? Wearily did he toil,- "When roused to a more entire consecra- ety of your own boundless and endless posand purpose, adequately to com- darkly did he devise, and take, in his great tion to God, falling in with the common no-Standing in the presence of un- misery, deep council against the Almighty ; tion that a life of secular business is incomstery, under the chill and wither- and yet all the while, while striving and relow of that secret of the Lord which sisting as an enemy, has he been wielded as piety, he seriously purposed to abandon it. th him, how thoroughly must he a tool; when, glaring aloof in his proud re- But more scriptural views led him to coneen, and with what bitter malig- bellion, the grasp of the Omnipotent has tinue in business, consecrating it to God. hat the grasp of the Almighty was been u on him, and the Eternal purposes He put on record the ' purpose to engage in him, and that in the ever varying have encompassed him, and he has been my business that I may serve God in it, and of creation, which, with all his working out, all unwittingly, the foreordain- with the expectation of getting to give."failed to unlock, and which, as ed decree :- ' For our God maketh the led age, remained an unsolved wrath of the wicked to praise Him, and the 1. the Divine Master against remainder thereof doth he restrain.' and rebelled, but from whose pre-

was in vain to flee, emphatically poems that might be."-Exchange Paper. in, as in an after age to the pa-

ob. and, with the quiet dignity of afinite, chalenged him either to do or

The Secret of Success. Shall he that contendeth with the

Trace either Whitfield, or Pierce, or Net instruct him? He that reproveth im answer. Knowest thou the tleton, or Payson, in their career, and it will of heaven? or canst thou set the be seen that the road between the pulpit and thereof in the earth?' With what the closet was well beaten. No grass grew in id thoughts must that restless and unhap- that path. They, like Moses, dwelt much of spirit have wandered amid the tangled their time in the mount of communion; and the old carboniferous forests! when they came to their people, they were what bitter mockeries must he have radiant with glory upon which they had been he fierce wars which raged in their gazing-not only radiant with glory, but also waters, among ravenous creatures clothed with power. The same may be said arid with trenchant teeth, barbed sting, of all others who have attained to eminence pine, and enveloped in glittering as successful preachers of the gospel. Other a sole of a shoe. To all appearance the labor here always, yet works as if he were to die thate and scale I And how, as gifts and attainments may secare fame, po- of the tract distributed was in vain. But it to-morrow. after generation passed away, pularity, the monstrari digito, etc., etc., but was not so. The shoe was worn, and after anon the ocean rolled where nothing but earnest piety and instant a time was sent to another shoemaker to be When he is most sensible of his own weakad been, or the land rose to pos- prayer will render a man eminently useful soled anew. The latter, one Sabbath morn- ness, and most dependent on Christian ent seats of the ocean,-how, in winning souls to Christ. Learned, acute, ing, set down to his work. Tearing of the strength, then he stands the safest. ing back upon myriads of ages, profound, eloquent men may defend the out- worn-out soul, he found the tract, and his and when calling up in memory what once posts, or demonstrate the evidences, or muz- attention was immediately arrested by the he is most glorious in the eves of God. When had been, the features of earth seemed zle cavillers, or gather gay and gorgeous of- title : " Remember the Sabbath day to keep Job abhorred himself, then God raised him. scarce more fixed to his view that the fea- ferings to deck the altars of faith; but when it holy." The words were like an arrow When the centurion thought himself the scarce more fixed to his view that the fea-tures of the sky in a day of dappled breeze-borne clouds,—how must he have felt, as he became conscious that the earth was fast ri-became conscious that th

the ground that the living soul has been ral soul shall be made fat." "Give, and it breathed. The son of the soil, who, like shall be given unto you; good measure the inferior animals, his subjects, sleeps and pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your the weariness of toil, and who comes under bosom." Facts seem to confirm these scriptures. A striking instance has just been reported. A gentleman, in 1853, gave £20 to the British and Foreign Bible Society in 1854, he gave £2.700; in 1855, £5.600; and for 1856, he proposed to give a much larger sum. When asked how his charities pereased so largely, he replied, "The more give, the more I get."

We repeat our heaven-inspired motto, Dig a well."-Am. Messenger

Business a Means of Grace. We often hear Christians complain of

From that time it was observable by all who

A Tract for a Shoe.

Honor him who feebly walketh With his staff-the white haired sage d will curse the wretch that mod Hoary hairs, with slighted age '

Good News.

ed, and brought, like the old extinct races, their leannes and emptiness, and attribute it heaven?" Why not oftener think of results "But we all, with open face beholding as in leader?" It may indeed; but tell me of an leader. What is the result?—As I said be-under the eternal law of death. Armed all to their business. If they are correct in there? Fear not. There is "good news a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed instance where persons under the care of a fore, the members do not attend; the most under the eternal law of death. Armed all to their business. If they are correct in a morning in which great ocean and the scattered islands declare that God the Cre-ator has descended to visit the earth. The to low or ignoble appetites that he appeals. hitherto verdureless land bears the green It is to the newly-formed creature's thirst for wrong manner. No lawful business-and treasury of God overflows with your wealth, hold ourselves in a metallic mirror, he rule there are exceptions, and there may be before us but, to all appearance, hasty deush of vegetation; and there are creeping knowledge; it is to his love stronger than a christian cannot engage in any other- And it is safe-perfectly safe. Neither would say, it spreads over us its own ef- some here, but they are not common. Per- cay. How will such a man give account of

> light .- Tholuck. open before you, all radiant with the vari-

O, precious Gospel! Will any merciless hand endeavor to tear away from our hearts sessions. Be not proud, indeed-alas, for this best, this last and sweetest avenue the folly of all pride l-but, be grateful, through which one ray of hope can enter? thankful, hopeful, and happy.—Stockton's Would you tear from the aged and infirm patible with a life of eminent usefulness and Sermons. poor the only prop on which their souls can

The Mystery of a Christian.

1. He liveth in another. He is wise in another. He is righteous in another. He is strong in another. 2. He is very low in humility, but very

knew him, that he made rapid progress in of atheism? Then endeavor to subvert the high in hope. He knows he is underservreligion. There was a fervor and engaged-Gospel-throw around you the fire-brands "But enough, for the present, of the ness of spirit, a purity and elevation of aim, ing of the least mercy, yet expects the greatof infidelity-laugh at religion, and make a that could not be misunderstood or conceal- est. mock of futurity; but be assured that for all

3. He is in the world, but not of the eff. He rose towards heaven like the lark these things God will bring you into judgworld; in the world as a pilgrim, but not as of the morning. From that time he found ment. I will persuade myself that a regard no tendency in his worldly engagements to a citizen, His habitation is below, but his for the welfare of their country, if no higher chill his piety, or to enchain his affections to conversation above. motive, will induce men to respect the

4. He is meek, but vehement; meek in the earth. His business became to him a means of Grace, and helped him forward his own cause, yet vehement in the cause of in the Divine life, just as truly as reading God-as Moses, who was dead to affronts, deaf to reproaches, and blind to injuries .the Scriptures and prayer."- Unity Maga-

> but with nothing that is sinful. He will stoop to the necessities of the meanest, but will not yield to the sinful humors of the greatest.

A shoemaker, who had received a tract. 5. He works out his salvation with fear without reading it, used it for the lining of and trembling. He works as if he was to live 6. When he is weak then he is strong.-

7. When he is most vile in his own eves

peaks and in the deepest valleys certain place, and at an appointed hour, once the name patches of it still remain. So the rays of They meet for the purpose of prayer and he requires.

the spiritual sun may penetrate our souls, Christian communion; they relate their A class-meeting should be held, if possi-and still there remain in each heart heights various experiences, their hopes, and desires; ble, in a small room. I have sometimes atand depths, where yet all is cold and hard, and unive to confirm each other in the paths tended a class held in the basement of a How much must still be melted away, he is of virtue and holiness. The question natu- chapel, used for a Sabbath School. The No poverty is there ! Millions of good first aware, who conscientiously yields him- rally arises, " Do all class-meetings produce leader seats himself on a small platform, men have left the earth poor; but never has self to the discipline of Scripture. The the result desired, viz., the growth in perfec- while the members on the nearest seats, one entered heaven poor. Lazarus, the longer we contemplate Christ, the more do tion of the members?" Alas! it is too fre- perhaps three or four yards distant, somemoment before he died, was a beggar at the we discover, how unlike Him we are, how quently apparent that they do not: it is per- times number no more than two or three, gate : but in a moment after death, his selfishness has penetrated our inmost nature, haps frequently quite the reverse ; for though a much larger number belong to the estate had grown so vast, that the haughty how poor we are in humility, in love .- instead of farther enlightening the mind, class. The empty walls echo back the worldling, still surviving in all his affluence, When we enter this school of dicipline, it and drawing the affections from earthly to voice when speaking, rendering it doubly in comparison with him was only a penniless does not seem so. This beholding ourselves heavenly things, the soul is permitted gra- difficult and unpleasant for the young and pauper. O, poor believer! rejoice in pros-in the image of Christ, has the peculiarity pect of your grand inheritance! It is "in-that whilst we more and more discover the and finally, by this gradual process, fall a clear description of his state and expericorruptible, undefiled, and fadeth not darkness in us, upon us, all the while un-asleep in the embrace of the wily adver-ence. Added to this, the leader is one of away." It is really immense, inestimable, conscious, it is pouring its light. Paul has sary. It may next be questioned, "Who those who during his lifetime having been unspeakable, Has it not been your endea-vour to " lay up (for yourself) treasures in his letter to the Corinthians. He says, butable as naturally to the member as the quate qualifications to make a successful

ings among the trees. Nor is the till now death. The wiles of the Old Screent pre- pursued in a proper manner will injure the "moth nor rust" corrupts it; nor can fulgence, so we Christians looking with un- mit me to give the following instances and himself to God? Old age and bodily infirred mystery of animal life absent vail; man falls prostrate before him; crea- religious enjoyments of the child of God. " theives " break through tojsteal it. More- veiled face at Christ, as into the mirror of illustrations. Two men, in a certain society mities will not excuse him. I would not sounds and bays. It is the highest the deepest in-of the garden comes the voice of God. And and does his duty each day, toward God As long as you live on earth, you may add the works of the All Wise. Nor doubt that on that morning of cre-doubt that on that morning of cre-half given to the of the blame of his business. — No, if religion be good in youth, ply, beyond all computation, to all eternity. No doubt that on that morning of cre-half given to the integration of prophecy begins. Victims the blame of his business. — No, if religion be good in youth, ply, beyond all computation, to all eternity. bleed; altars smoke; the tabernacle arises The true Christian, who does all that he Croesus was rich, Solomon was rich, Lucul- might seem to need a special ideal, and so and it, at the time of his appointment as double worth. The body may decay, may cre first united in the bonds of a strange clock, the comprehensive intellect of the desert; the does to the glory of God, is never more law ways, but the humblest heir of God is richer far Mary. But is she, of whom at the most we years have passed since then, and not wishgreat fallen spirit-profound and active be- Mount Zion; and prophet after prophet de- connect his business with God; let him than all. It may be that the stores you have know so little, other than a gentle moon ing to be tedious I shall skip over their inter- Through succeeding years if properly train and the lot of humanity-would have clares his message. At length, in the tull- work for God every day in the week, and already accumulated in heaven, would buy which borrows her light from the sun?- mediate history, and endeavour to give you ed it increases in strength and knowledge, and ample employment in attempting to ness of time, the Messiah comes ; and, in consecrate all his income to the furtherance this town, buy the district, buy our country, Therefore she does not warm us, but both an idea of their present position. The local and why not in holiness? yes and in holiness? thom the vast mystery, and in vainly ask-satisfying the law, and in fulfilling all righ- of his cause in the earth, and he will find buy the world—and still be comparatively men and women, as children, of all ages, all preacher's class, once so promising, com-satisfying the law, and in fulfilling all righattion the vast mystery, and in value as a satisfying the taw, and in tunning at right with how much of wonder, as scene livy to light, abundantly shows forth that the drance, will be a help—a real meins of gant! I would not barter the heritage of abilities—where is it! "It is not!" One eternity in heaven "where knowledge arcceeded scene, and creation followed cre- terminal dynasty of all creation has been grace to him. Instead of letting his busi- the most destitute of Christ, and the flowers of the soul, even member is here and another there: some grows without decay, and love shall never lite sprang out of death, and of old foreordained, ere the foundations of ness swallow up his religion, his religi and indeed I know that some, have turned christian's motto. Such was the motto of their feet from the paths of wisdom; and Reeves, Carvosso, and the immortal Westhe leader meets with another class. I could multiply instances of this kind, that the spirit which actuated them might ley, who were model class-leaders. Would

where failure was the result of inconsistency fall on more of those now in their stead. and a want of proper consideration, but I How are they to receive it? By going to forbear, and invite your attention to a glance God pleading their own helplessness, and at the brighter side. Several large classes imploring his strength and the influence of are now under the other leader's care, and the Holy Spirit to accompany their feeble his anxious solicitude for their spiritual efforts.

improvement is a matter of pleasing con-templation. Not only in numbers is this done. Precious souls are committed to your success apparent, but in the spiritual state care, hungering for the bread of life; eterof the members, most of whom are teachers nity-bound souls, for whom you will have in Sabbath-schools, and several have gone to give an account. Content not yourself forth to the work of the ministry. It is to sit down in idleness and say "Oh, I have glorious to think that in the destitution not the talents of brother A. or brother B., which exists in some of our societies at pre- and therefore I can never be such a leader sent, we can present such an instance as as he is." Do not deceive yourself; it is this. Would that they were more common ! not talents you require, but grace; for that It may be said: "These men probably you must go to JESUS. And when you once have not an equal share of talents: the one possess it, in its fulness and power, humbly, is fitted for the situation naturally—the yet confidently permit me to say, in the other is not." I reply by asking this ques- words of an eloquent divine,--- "In God's tion. "Is it possible that a really converted name, Lassure you of success."

man, well versed in Scripture, a constant A CLASS-MEMBER. attendant on the worship of God, and above all much given to prayer, is incompetent to

The Journey of Life.

Ten thousand human beings set forth together on their journey. After ten years, one-third, at least, have disappeared. At the middle point of the common measure of talented man; but conscious of the impor- lie down, and rise no more. At threescore "Strong" for strength. Let us take a view duced to a handful of thirty trembling paof his exercises in the performance of his triarchs. Year after year they fall in di-

MAN-poor pensioner on the bounties of

Are these feet soon to tread the courts of duties :- In the first place he endeavours to minished numbers. One lingers, perhaps, a heaven? Is this tongue soon to unite with heavenly beings in praising God? Are acquire a knowledge of the different dispo-lonely marvel, till the century is over. heaven! to beings in praising God? Are acquire a knowledge of the dimension dup to the source of mine soon to look on the sitions of his class-mates—their peculiar look again and the work of death is finished. beavenly beings in praising God? Are acquire a knowledge of the dimension dup to the source of marvel, the the century is over the source of the source of

who has been redeemed by the blood of the man who, when he has really passed from death unto life, dedicates himself solemnly Son of God should be pure. He who is an heir of life should be holy. He who is at- to the service of his Redeemer, becomes a life, but half are still upon the road. Faster tended by celestial beings, and who is soon, member of a class, and in the course of time and faster, as the ranks grow thinner, they he knows not how soon, to be translated heaven, should be holy. Are angels my at. tendants? then I should walk worthy of my lance of his trust, and feeling at the same and ten, a band of some four hundred yet companionship. Am I soon to go and time his own insufficiency, he flies to the struggle on. At ninety these have been re-Are these feet soon to tread the courts of

become a guide to the pilgrim ?" It is not possible : natural talents, though highly valuable, have nothing to do with this. The REASONS FOR BEING HOLY .- A man

Christian religiou And every pious heart will say, Rather let the light of the sun be extinguished than the precious light of the He will comply with anything that is civil,

Gospel.-Dr. Archibald Alexander.

The Gospel Precious.

repose in peace? Would you deprive the

dying of their only hope of consolation?

Would you rob the world of its richest trea-

sure? Would you let loose the flook-gates

of every vice, and bring back upon the earth

the horrors of superstition, or the atrocities

