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The Day of Rest.

How still the morning of the hallow'd day? Mute is the voice of rural labour, hush'd The ploughboy's whistle and the milkmaid's

The scythe lies glittering in the dewy wreath Of tender grass, mingled with faded flowers. That yestermorn bloom'd waving in the breeze. Sounds the most faint attract the ear-the hum Ot early bee, the trickling of the dew, The distant bleating, midway up the hill.

Calmness sits throned on you unmoving cloud, · To him who wanders o'er the upland leas The blackbird's notes come mellower from the

And sweeter from the sky the gleesome lark Warbles its heaven-tuned song; the lulling Murmurs more gently down the deep-worn glen ;

While from you lowly roof, whose curling smoke O'ermounts the mist, is heard at intervals The voice of psalms, the simple song of praise

With dove-like wings, peace o'er you village broods: The dizzying mill-wheel rests; the anvil's din Hath ceased; all, all around is quietness,

Less fearful on this day the limping hare Steps, and looks back, and steps, and looks on Her deadliest foe. The toil-worn borse, set free

Unbeedful of the pasture, roams at large; And, as his stiff, unwieldly bulk he rolls, His iron arm'd hoofs gleam in the morning ray. But chiefly man the day of rest enjoys. Hail, Sabbath! thee I hail, the poor man's day!

On other days the man of toil is doom'd To eat his joyless bread alone; the ground Both seat and board; screen'd from the winter's

And summer's heat by neighbouring hedge or But on this day, embosom'd in his home,

He shares the frugal meal with those he loves With those he loves he shares his heartfelt joy Of giving thanks to God, -not thanks of form, A word and a grimace, but reverently, With cover'd face and upward earnest eye.

Hail Sabbath! thee I hail, the poor man's day The pale mechanic now has leave to breathe The morning air, pure from the city's smoke, While, wandering slowly up the river side, He meditates on Him whose power he marks In each green tree that proudly spreads the

As in the tiny dew-bent flowers that bloom Around its root; and while he thus surveys, With elevated joy, each rural charm. He hopes—yet fears presumption in the hope— That heaven may be one Sabbath without end.

Graham's Sabbath.

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ting to supply g na a libera ers, Bill-heads ad at shortest said :- I hardly knew what line of observation to adopt, but I suppose I shall be expected, by this Committee, without entering into details, to offer some general remarks on the state and prospects of our mission hear.) It is one important feature of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, that it cares not merely for the perishing heathen; but ed to a distant part of the world; and who in many cases, but for the services of this Society, would be entirely left without the rate into a state of semibarbarism, as known facts abundantly testify. (Hear, hear.) In this department of labour, I am happy to say, that the Society in Australia has alreahear.) With much anxiety and with many tears, he deposited the seed of Methodism in that great island continent, which, in the estimation of many was less than the least of all seeds; but, in opposition to the predictions of its enemies, and the fears of many of its friends, it has not only germinated, but to other colonies and other islands, and now affords shelter to thousands of immortal beings, who can joyfully repose under its re-(Hear, hear.) Australia is doubtless intended to occupy a very prominent position in the world's future history; and to become the land of light and blessing to the southern hemisphere. (Hear,

is proposed to give them; and to maintain Missionaries been in circumstances to avail and perpetuate the doctrines and great dis- themselves of all these legitimate fruits of ciplinary principles of the Wesleyan Con- their labours, their success would, undoubtnexion. (Hear, hear.) It is true that some edly, have appeared much greater than the more of the episcopal element being intro- would at all indicate. (Hear, hear.) There duced into the Australian Connexion, than may not be everything that we could desire we have in this country; and it may be pro-per to make some modifications in matters accomplished; and I am sure, in reference of detail, to adapt the system more fully to to that country, we have great cause to thank far as I have been able to ascertain, there my intercourse with the chiefs, and many of

may continue to enlighten and bless the had been imparted through their instrumento provide for all their Ministers, to main- ing a King as a nursing father, and a Queen something very handsome annually for George is a Class Leader, a Prayer Leader, purely Missionary objects. (Hear, hear.) a Local Preacher, and a wise governor. Many of our people in that country, as you (Hear, hear.) He is, altogether, a most exknow, have become wealthy; and I am hap- traordinary man; and if he had the advanby to say, that they are exceedingly liberal. (Hear, hear.) In addition to the contributions in support of their own Ministers, they bave, during the last fifteen months, contri- individual. She is a Class Leader, a Praybuted £1,950 to assist in paying for the out- er Leader, a Sunday-shool teacher, a visiter fit and passage of Missionaries to that land; of the sick, the patroness of juvenile educaand they have also raised, for Missionary tion, and a hard student herself in our Norpurposes, upwards of £3,000. (Hear, hear.) mal Institution. She has already acquired The mission property in Australia, consist- a knowledge of some branches of science ing of chapels, schools, dwelling-houses and and, when I left those lands, she was busily sites for chapels, is exceedingly valuable; engaged in trying to conquer the science and, if now brought into the market, would astronomy. In my passage through that realize a startling amount; and yet, upon country I was greatly delighted with what I the whole of this property, there is scarcely saw and heard. It is true that I could not any debt. (Hear, hear.) And it is the de- say that the work is entirely perfect, or that termination of the friends there, to get rid it is entirely free from all human infirmity; of every fraction of debt. (Hear.) They neither need I say that not all are Israel learn wisdom from what we have suffered; who are called Israel, nor that the people and are determined that the cause of God are as far advanced in civilization as they shall not be embarrassed. (Hear, hear.) might have been in some particulars; yet it

that there will be an improvement in our people can give a clear account of the work the United States. finances in New Zealand and Polynesia. I of grace on the heart, and multitudes are sion in New Zealand; yet I cannot but re- met perhaps with the most degraded form of stances in which they were placed at that Missionaries, as in the Friendly Islands, had

ment of his views, so as to explain and upon this subject, and, in conversation with sionary influence. The exertions of our one of them, I endeavoured to present to his excellent Missionaries, and also of their mind the Scriptural duty as it is brought heroic wives, have, to a great extent, arrestbefore us in the New Testament. He re- ed the progress of that evil. (Hear, hear.) ward, and was most warmly received. He plied—"Do you refer to the 'collection for Very recently, in Feejee, fifteen wives of I said-"No, I refer to other a celebrated chief, who had just departed passages," and pointed them out to him. I this life, were doomed to a cruel death. asked for a New Testament, and having Two of our Missionaries heard of this, and read those passages, he required some ex- they were immediately on the spot. The

dy realized a "great reward." (Hear, hear.) It is only about forty years since the first Wesleyan Missionary sent out to Australia received his appointment. (Hear, hear.) With much anxiety and with many sary to address a letter to King George, very important feature of success is, that explaining to him the Scriptural view of there is a general opinion entertained this important subject. He assembled his throughout Feejee, that this new power inchiefs, had consultation with them, and then troduced by Missionaries, is to overturn isters sent to labour amongst them. (Hear, to the Gospel of the Son of God. (Hear, hear.) That may not be accomplished at once; but the thing is admitted to be right in itself, and when King George determines to accomplish an object, I am quite sure all who know him will believe that he will be the common people, but by the princes, and I consider it a most favourable indication of God's love towards that people. I might go on, but our time, I have invested and I am her

hear.) Our people, being aware of this, are attend to it, to the utmost of his ability. know is exceedingly limited; and I am hapevincing a most earnest and noble anxiety; attend to it, to the utmost of his ability.

(Hear, hear.) Having thus very briefly py to state, that there are two gentlemen are increasing the number of their Minisreferred to the ecclesiastical and financial here from Australia—(hear, hear)—gentlereferred to the ecclesiastical and financial

secure, is not an ignorant, but a well condelived and intelligent co-operation. (Cheers.)

I am happy to state to this Committee that our churches in Australia are prepared to our churches in Australia are prepared to receive that new ecclesiastical form which it receives the total manufacture of the country. Had our day of the Lora, to see some to whom I adout the standard of England.

Business the Clarm of Life.

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of our leading friends would prefer a little statistics published in our annual reports as follows: BUSINESS ENDURANCE. the state of society in that country; but as God and take courage. (Hear, hear.) In mand a change. New and wider fields of and that, perhaps, not his own—with his depths of our hearts, and in the light of the courtes and the courage of the course with the change of the course of th s but one feeling as to the propriety and the people, they sent their salutations to this them: new elements of character are to be try-seat, fast horse, and rash speculations, mockery, a delusion, and a snare. great desirableness of maintaining Metho- Society, expressing their obligations to the developed. Men may have a positive dissecond the example of his sire, who, at his I ask you, reader, Are you a Christian dism intact, and handing it down to poste- labour of the Missionaries, and the sense taste for some pursuits, and success may de- desk of pine and green baize, sat each day Are you, in heart and conscience, a child of rity unimpaired,—(hear, hear,)—so that it which they entertained of the good which mand a change. None of these cases fall sixteen mortal hours at his business, doing God? Are you living as such, sacrificing the Connexion. (Hear, hear.) With respect to the tality. In the Friendly Islands I witnessed financial question, I am happy to say, that a nation which had been born at once, and turns, and nothing long;" they must not exthe Churches in Australia are also prepared its churches enjoying the advantage of have pect to prosper. No form of business is free left off, and leave off where the sires began. are resting on the crucified for acceptance, own collective capacity. Our chapels must tain their institutions, and to contribute as a nursing mother. (Hear, hear.) King on which his own harness chafes; but he ment till life shall end. The plowboy is then the eyes that now see through a glass viduals, as if such were their own private tages of a European education, probably he would have been one of the first men of the day. The Queen, too, is a very excellent

In this way the revenue arising from the is my deep conviction that the work, as a tion of resolute endurance and indomitable business as his fortune was ample, replied, chapels will form a fund for the support and extension of our beloved Methodism in that interesting part of the world. I hope, also, work indeed has been accomplished. The

do not intend to offer any reflection upon walking "in the fear of the Lord and in the Court of St. James, Hon. Abbot Lawrence, work on the epistles when not far from sixthe excellent men who commenced our Mis- comfort of the Holy Ghost." In Feejee, I whose wealth is poured out for all benevogret that the Christian duty of sustaining human nature; that is, degraded by its can recall the time when he had his profeshe cause of God was not, at first, taught to wickedness, but, nevertheless, yielding to sion to select, and the first dollar of his splen- cheerful, and the purple current of life had the converts to Christianity. It might have been prudent, under the peculiar circumunto salvation." There I found that our a calling; he pursued that occupation with refused to go on with the Gospel, as he had period, to take "nothing of those Gentiles;" translated the Scriptures into the language and trying seasons, and the result is before were in their usual vigour. In leaving his but still, I think, the Christian duty ought of the people. Many cannibals had been the world. This case affords an apt illus-regular employment, his mind soon lost its the human heart. Take, for instance, comnot to have been blinked; the thing ought converted; many schools and many places tration of the proverb of the wise man, that tone, and he sunk almost into a driveling pliance with a single worldly custom, e. g. had it not been for the purpose of giving pliance with a single worldly custom, e. g.

The Reverend Robert Young on Australia.

At the meeting of the Wesleyan Missionaries now, and y26th, Dr. Beecham said,—As the morning, they were anxious that the morning the morning the morning the morning, they were anxious that the morning the morning, they were anxious that the morning that the morning the morning the morning that the morning th

element gave him a fortune.

and I hope you will attend to it as far as objects of Missionares are now better undermost young men of his rank and age, loved and Solomon. you are able to do so." At the conclusion stood. There was a time when the people the excitement of places of hazard. He say, "I am a Roman citizen!" Rome was be said—"Your words are straight; this duty has been too long neglected amongst could come all the way from England to bank. He saw the rain of the vice of gamcauses, that comparatively little had been sionary is indeed what he professes to be; gaming house. He changed his company contributed in support of the great Mission- and that his only object is to be the instru- with the change of his conduct, and subse-

chiefs, had consultation with them, and then waited upon me, stating that arrangements should at once be made to sustain the Ministers sent to labour amongst them. (Hear,

Extracts.

From an article in Hunt's Merchant's

therein all their days. Ill health may dewithin the general rule. Men may have rare talents, but if they "are everything by from vexations; each man knows the spot long enough to allow any one to be really

zeal and influence of his father, nor could able to endure a life of leisure and ease, he all the persuasions of the father, turn him had gone uncalled for into the presence of from the mark he had set before him; and his Maker.

ary cause. I conversed with our Missiona-ries on the subject, and I thought it neces-glory to God. (Hear, hear.) Then another ed Englishmen of his age.

as I could not drink a little wine, I would we suffer with Christ. Are we, in one word, Conference, Pastor de Jersey; and of Messes. met at eleven in the morning to prepare its support his resolution by action, was a man Christians? of endurance, and that element is as well To be a Christian is not to subscribe a delegates to Conference and the Stationing displayed in this incident as in the compila- creed, or to chant a prayer, or to sing a Committee. tion of his great work. When Richard hymn, or to come to the Lord's table: it is So far, all the brethren are in the enjoy-Brinsley Sheridan male his first speech in to be changed in heart and nature; so that ment of good health,—although the unusual though not without some difficulty. Parliament, it was regarded on all hands as a most mortifying failure. His friends urged him to abandon a Parliamentary career, in all undertakings, the glory of Christ, of cholera in the city and neighbourhood to though not without some difficulty.

An account of the process gone through instability of the weather, with alternate returns of heat and wet, besides the presence in this matter, would very likely interest of cholera in the city and neighbourhood your readers, as showing the peculiar and are increasing the number of their Ministers that Methodism may take its full share in giving Critical impress to the equation, perhaps I may be described from the institution of the conference for the appointment as a department of the very novel and the proposed of th

enterprise and success may be opened to granite store, his mahogany desk, his coun- God's countenance, all our religion is but a his own errands, and being his own clerk. as such, counting your present sufferings, if

that many begin business where their sires not excel in early life. With great deliber- bid adieu to the toils and vexations of busiation he selected the law as his profession, ness, take the balance of his life to himself, nor could be be deterred from his chosen and resolve to be happy at his ease. We pursuit. While a poor student, not the have watched him in his elegant retreat, tempting prize of fifteen hundred dollars a possessed of "more than heart can wish." year as clerk of the courts, then a large sum, After a few years we have sought and found gained with great difficulty for him by the him not, learning, with sorrow, that, not

his great eulogist, the Attorney General of An eminent merchant of Boston, when Massachusetts, is another marked illustra- asked by some one why he did not quit his ments of that profession, if not its head, in would dry up, and soon with inactivity, life would become a burden. The celebrated Our late distinguished ambassador at the commentator, Dr. McKnight, completed his lent purposes in donations large as the sea, life had been occupied with that great labor. integrity and endurance, through dark days earned his respite, he said. His faculties

stances, being the captain of a small coast- be strange if they should become turbulent ing vessel on the Delaware, and part owner also. Sodom had three great sins; one of of the same. No trait in his character was them was "an abundance of idleness."more marked than his endurance, and this Palestine, in the time of Solomon, contained element gave him a fortune.

All men who have succeeded well in life and a race of women who could both planation. Fhat explanation being given, he said in the way of explanation—"Your Missionaries interposed, they entreated, and he said in the way of explanation—"Your Missionaries interposed, they entreated, and he said in the way of explanation—"Your Missionaries interposed, they entreated, and have been men of high resolve and endurated and have been men of high resolve and have been men of high re words are straight." Then turning to the in the most heroic manner they succeeded in life fond of gaming, the passion increased the days of Israel's prosperity. Gold and Rev. T. Buddle, who was with me, he said saving the lives of ten out of the fifteen; and with his years; he knew that he must at silver were abundant; the mountains were -"But what does this mean? If I say the not only so, but they gave such an impresonce master the passion, or the passion terraced up to their summits with fruit, and —"But what does this mean? If I say the New Zealanders will provide for their own Missionaries, does Mr. Young intend to go away and leave you and me to make the whole matter straight with the people?" I whole matter straight with the people?" I whole matter straight with the people?" I whole matter straight with the people are two others. The subject of our Annuitant Society, was a soil beneath their feet; but all is desidate, there are two others. whole matter straight with the people? I that land. (Hear, hear, h wish to bring before you the Scriptural duty, wish to bring before you the Scriptural duty, that I would mention. The one is, that the liam Wilberforce, in his early days, like cormorant sit now in the palaces of David as a measure of economy both of time and Newcastle, who, as Treasurer of the British as a measure of economy both of time and Newcastle, who, as Treasurer of the British as a measure of economy both of time and Newcastle, who, as Treasurer of the British as a measure of economy both of time and Newcastle, who as Treasurer of the British as a measure of economy both of time and Newcastle, who as Treasurer of the British as a measure of economy both of time and Newcastle, who as Treasurer of the British as a measure of economy both of time and Newcastle, who as Treasurer of the British as a measure of economy both of time and Newcastle, who as Treasurer of the British as a measure of economy both of time and Newcastle, who as Treasurer of the British as a measure of economy both of time and Newcastle, who are the properties of the British as a measure of economy both of time and Newcastle, who are the properties of the British as a measure of economy both of time and Newcastle, who are the properties of the British as a measure of economy both of time and Newcastle, who are the properties of the British as a measure of economy both of time and Newcastle, who are the properties of the British as a measure of economy both of time and Newcastle, who are the properties of the British as a measure of economy both of time and the properties of the British as a measure of economy both of time and the properties of the British as a measure of economy both of time and the properties of the British as a measure of economy between the properties of the British as a measure of economy between the properties of the British as a measure of economy between the properties of the British and the properties of the British as a measure of economy between the properties of the British and the properties of the British

Are You a Christian?

try and employment to stand still on the di- great is not necessary, to be celebrated is humbly we trust, but steadfastly. al-plate of life, while men grasp at shadows. not necessary; but to be a Christian is ne-Men of genius without endurance cannot It is this passion which separates the busi- cessary. All else can be dispensed with, succeed. Men who start in one kind of burness past from the business present, by so except an answer to the question, "What have now been meeting for three days. The must I do to be saved?" And until that first in order has been The modern merchant, with small capital, question is settled, and settled in the very

With so wide a contrast, it is not strange you suffer, not worthy to be compared with French law does not recognize the right of It is employment we all need-employ- looking to the glorified for the happiness, cannot know how much his neighbour suf- happy in his turrow, and the hours pass dimly shall soon see face to face; those fers. It is said that a Yankee can splice a swifter than the weaver's shuttle, while the hands that hold trembling the cup of sorrow rope in many different ways; an English matron and maid sing amid their daily will soon wave the palm; those heads that duties. No success and no wealth can make are now bowed down beneath a burden of method he does his work well. Life is not long enough to allow any one to be really We have seen a boy grow up to the full stature of manhood, take his stand by the been heard in the night in agony, "Wretch-The history of eminent men in all pro- side and as one of our richest men; his ed man that I am! who shall deliver me fessions and callings proves this. The great elegant city residence and suburban abode from this body of death?" will yet be heard taken in any subsidiary forms, can obtain statesman, Daniel Webster, was a great law- became the envy of men-his horses and his again saying, "Unto him that loved us, and yer. His boyhood was marked only by equipage the most perfect in our midst. washed us from our sins in his own blood, uncommon industry; as a speaker he did We have seen him, with his fortune made, God and his Father, to him be glory and

"Art is long and time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout and brave
Still, like muffled drains, are beating
Funeral maroles to the grave.
Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any late,—

Sin and its Tyranny—An Illustration.

When a sin is let in as a suppliant it remains in as a tyrant. The Arabs have a fable of a miller who one day was startled by a camel's nose thrust in the window of the room where he was sleeping "It is very cold outside," said the camel,

only want to get my nose in." finally the whole body. Presently the mil- be a too high price paid for the profits to be ler began to be extremely inconvenienced derived; the cure would be worse than the at the ungainly companion he had obtained evil! in a room certainly not large enough for

shall stay where I am."

His success is the best comment on his en- Bacon, I think, who said that "all rebellions say, with your private devotions. So it

The French Conference. NIMES, SOUTH OF FRANCE,

Thursday, 6th July, 1854.

Dr. Samuel Johnson was once requested to drink wine with a friend; the Doctor proposed tea. "But crink a little wine," said his host. "I camot," was the reply,—

Are we in Christ? Do we walk after the flesh? Are we proposed tea. "But crink a little wine," spiritually minded? Is Christ in us? for the Spirit of Christ, and not after the flesh? Are we proposed tea. "But crink a little wine," spiritually minded? Is Christ in us? for the spirit of Christ, and not after the flesh? Are we profitable; but on their proceedings I need not enlarge, as their recommendations and decisions will naturally come into review in christ proceedings I need not enlarge, as their recommendations and decisions will naturally come into review in christ." Lucas and Hocart, the two latter as official

experience of life. It leads men into unsafe tant spot we spend the whole day in gather- pear in the chamber at Jerusalem, and there and ruinous speculation; it seduces them ing flowers, till night come upon us, when speak peace and comfort in times of trouble, from fast anchored property to the mirage we can no longer travel, the guilt is entirely and on the eve of important labours; to Magazine by Matthew Hale Smith, we take that glitters. It allows the hands of indus- our own. To be rich is not necessary, to be Thee we look, and on Thee we do rely,

or, as we term it, La Commission des Im meubles. It had for its special task, this year, to enquire by what means Chapel and House property might be best secured to

Your readers are already aware that the the glory that shall be revealed? If you associations like our's of purchasing, in their property. Hence the difficulties and the

ecurity attendant on such transactions. The Committee have this year made a review of the whole of our property, and obtained legal advice on each separate case. conclusion has been that no clause inserted in the Deed of Purchase, no precautions for our Connexion a legal title to the property purchased. The safest way is simply this: that the purchases be made by one, and only one, of the Ministers, as if it were his own property, and that it be left to his honor and that of his heirs, whether or not they will be honest enough not to apply the proceeds, or even alienate altogether the property, to their own private use. Such is the actual state of French law in such a case

The only remedy would be this: to obtain an Imperial Decree recognizing our Conference and Connexion, and thus conferring on us the right of holding, as a body, property personal and real. But it will likely strike your readers, that such a time as the present is hardly the most fitting for such an application; and I may add that even were there the shadow of a chance of our obtaining such a recognition, it would very likely be at the expense of our liberty of action and independancy. State trammels would

Evidently, the better plan is to hire ra-"If you are inconvenienced, you may ther than to purchase: it involves heavier leave," said the camel; "as for myself, I expenditure, of course, but it is the most simple, quiet way of proceeding. I would

His success is the best comment on his endurance. Stephen Girard, at the age of forty years, was in quite moderate circumber be both destitute and idle, and it would not be both destitute and idle, and scriptions in the classes and the interest of such sums as may be, from time to time, in the Treasurer's hands. Happily for us, we have, as yet, no claimant on this fund, and so we try to nurse it with a Thursday, 6th July, 1854.

On Friday next, (to-morrow,) the Third in the classes amounted to the small sum Annual Conference of the French Metho- of £8 for 1852. One advantage in the dist Connexion will, please God, open its smallness of this amount is, that it leaves sessions at Nimes. I have now the plea- sufficient space for increase; and yet, such

present annual gathering.

On account of our peculiar position, and ten advice of the Rev. J. P. Haswell, of expense, it was agreed at our last Confe- Society, most kindly tendered advice, and rence, that our District Meetings should, for even revised our rules. Still, we were not this year, meet immediately prior to the ses- sufficiently au clair, as we say, to come to a sions of Conference. Accordingly, the North- final decision; and have requested the Conern District Meeting has been held at Paris, ference to name a special Committee for on Monday, the 26th June last and following this twofold purpose: first, to examine how days; and that of the Southern District at far the proposed rules and regulations are Nimes, on Thursday, the 29th of the same adapted to our peculiar situation in France; month; the former having for its Chairman and secondly, what are the measures to be Pastor Lucas, and the latter, Pastor Gal- adopted to render our Annuitant Society legal, both technically and fundamentally.

Meanwhile, the Preachers' subscription

On Tuesday, (yesterday,) the BOOK-ROOM COMMITTEE

report for the Conference. It appears that the preliminary step, viz.: the obtaining a license from the Prefect of Police in favour