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ON THE DEATH OF ELIZABETH JORDAN

She hath passed away from life In rest so sweet. Help them oh Lord the stricken ones The blow to meet.

With Christ's redeemed and ransomed She's entered rest, Mourn not as though without a hope

Her spirit joying in release, Has wing'd its flight, Upward in azure skies she stands Enthroned in light.

A death so blest

The gentle, loving heart is still, Now freed from pain. For her indeed to "live was Christ, To die was gain."

Loud through Heaven's eternal arch Glad praises ring, The grave its victory has lost And death its sting

Away from her dark lonely tomb Beyond the skies, We lift the dimming veil that hide Her from our eyes.

The Saviour's love with rapture lights Her heavenly face, We see no more her silent form In death's embrace.

One precious jewel ever more His brows adorn. His tender arms the lamb enfold Till time's last morn.

O Father in our life's last hour To us be given The same calm faith, that hope which looks Direct to heaven.

Thomas Olivers, "Cobbler," Poet, and Methodist Hero.

BY REV. ABEL STEVENS, L.L.D. several towns encouraging each other in vice and at last reached Bristol, where Olivers pass Thomas Olivers, the "Welsh Methodist Cobbler," figures largely in the religious literature ed through some sad and some comical advenof England in the last half of the last centures; but he forever had reason to remembe tury. The writings of Toplady, Sir Richard Hill, gratefully that town, for there a good influence

Rowland Hill, Fletcher of Madely, and John at last arrested him, and turned the whole cur-Wesley mention him often. He is a hero in rent of his life.

C. R. K.

not more than fifteen years of age, Olivers was fire?" When eighteen years old, he was appren

to a shoen ceause of his unconquerable idleness. Dane- was awakened," he says. " I went to the Cathe- the Saviour. ing and convival company engrossed his time; dral at six in the morning. When the *Te Deum* and on the day of his majority "I gave," he was read I felt saif I had done with earth, and Crawford Street, Bryanstone Square, the Sabbath faith, and devotedness, for sixteen years. When that out of sixteen days and nights I spint fifteen can set forth the joy, the rapture, the awe, and themselves, the source of richest blessing to many. An Iriab lady, on a visit to London, commenced retreat from the town; for, corrupt as it was, he hope; he read it on his knees "by day and by derful." It is now in other hands, as this lady them has renounced Popery. was too debased for it. He went to Shrewsbury, night." "This," he adds, " and the Bible were has left town. But it is gratifying to find that

where one of his amusements was to divert his far more precious to me than rubies; and God since her return to her home in county Fermanassociates with his profanity and vulgarity, at only knows how often I bedewed them with my nah, Ged is greatly blessing her in kindred laplaces of public worship. He conference, how- tears; especially those parts of them which speak ever, that in his incredible excesses his conscience of the love and sufferings of Christ. As to se- On the grounds near the Shoreditch Railway wretched life ! If I do not repent and forsake tinually on my knees." He actually became Church is to be crected, there is held an open-air could but hate them as I love them, I should er knee failed, so that it was with 'difficulty he men were present, one of whom, the Rev. T. W then be able to lay them aside ; but till then despair of doing it; for I have always gone to writes, " that I used by the hour together to ascended a pulpit, very suitable for the occasion, church, and have frequently prayed and resolved wrestle with all my might of my body and soul, and preached a very affecting and practical seragainst them, and yet I cannot leave them." till I almost expected to die on the spot. What mon from Lam. i. 12: " Is it nothing to you, He resolved to attempt again to redoem him- with bitter cries, unheard by any but God and all ye that pass by ? behold, and see," &c. ; and self. He thought he would "try the sacra- myself, together with torrents of tears, which another, the Rev. J. Patteson, rector of Spitalments," and borrowed a popular book called A were almost continually trickling down my fields, delivered an earnest address. Week's Preparation, read it on his knees, went cheeks, my throat was dried up, as David says, Among the manifestations of Christian bene- phan Home, into which have been gathered, by was held at St.James' Restaurant, Regent Street. to church, partook of the sacrament, maintain- and my eyes literally failed while I waited for volence, peculiar to the summer season in Lon- Signor Feretti and his wife nineteen young Italed a strictly correct outward life for a fortnight, God."-Harper's Magazine for December. and, returning the volume with profuse thanks, re-plunged into his habitual vices. Subsequent-

y he was amitten down by dangerous sickness

On getting up again he wept, prayed, went to

urch twice every day, and read books of de

votion at home. "For," he says, "I saw very

clearly that if I had died at that time, I certainly

should have gone to hell." His resolution soon vanished, and again he was grovelling in his de-

acter, he "committed." he writes. " a most no-

torious and shameful act of arch-villainy." They

prenticeship. They journeyed together through

With another young man, of like char-

Move On.

The march of life should never stay All things should onward tend : Man should not clog Progression's way, But strive to move and mend. The waters move in depth of ocean, The streams along the dales; And rivulets with onward motion, Through sweet and verdant vales, Move on !

deemed it best to escape from the town-Olivers The clouds move gently through the sky, leaving many debts unpaid, "as was generally the case," and his accomplice deserting his ap-The earth rolls ever on : Time swiftly in its course runs by, And years pass one by one. Men too should strive to follow them In this their onward way, Permitting naught the tide to stem But ever day by day,

Men may be wiser if they strive-

tain parishioner made it a very study, usually out delay, and gave myself up to God and his nection with the Bible classes and prayer meet- Their condition was peculiarly distressing. They only the last few months that I found myself a anding "twenty or thirty" different ex-ons into one long and horrid oath. When ore than fifteen years of age, Olivers was fire?"

the rival of his "infernal instructor" in this vice, and was considered the worst boy in "those were astonished, as well they might be, at his forth, and thus fresh evangelists are being conchange, "seeing him weep almost incessantly." stantly raised up, some of whom speak publicly, The London City Mission provides missionaries trouble, and would very much like to have spo- Macaulay, we do not remember to have seen or The native poetry of his strong soul barst forth and all of whom, by private converse and loving for them. Efforts are made to give the Scrip- ken to you, but I was ashamed of myself that I read. It is really worth the attention of every but did not half learn his oraft, with his new life. "The first Sunday after I importantly, seek successfully to bring others to tures to "Orientals in London," and also to had been a professing Christian so long and no reader in the land evangelise the Italians, among whom, Signor possessor.

says, "scope to my inclination to such a degree was praising God before his throne ! No words Bible classes have proved, and are still proving the Neapolitan exiles were in London last year, quite happy as regards myself, but my mind is old Republic of Science. He was of humble he visited several of them. Seven of the exiles overburdened with thoughts of others. I have origin. Both in Boston, the place of his birth, had been Romish priests ; nearly all of them to work in a room where there are about thirty and in Philadelphia, the place of his adoption ed into grosser vices, and found it desirable to the Week's Preparation-this time with more this class, and the early result was truly won- accepted a copy of the Scriptures, and one of young people, and there does not appear to me Every Saturday evening, for the last two years, hope that God will be pleased to make use of me "art preservative of all arts," and of which the there is a group of Italians who meet together as an instrument of doing some little good followers, like ships that bear spices and odors

in - Street, to join in searching the Scrip- amongst them and then my weeping will be from the East, retain something of those pretures and prayer. A similar meeting, is con- turned into joy," dible excesses his conscience of the love and sufferings of Christ. As to se-"I thought, I live a most cret prayer, I was for some time almost con-Station, and on the site on which an Episcopal by Madame de La Fontaine. This lady has in its infancy, has already been crowned with en-

gathered together a considerable number of couraging success. "It has grappled more bold. | was equalled by the clearness of his moral permy sins, I shall most certainly be damned. I lame in one knee by incessantly kneeling, and meeting on the evening of each Lord's day, at French women, mostly the wives and daughters ly," says a report just published; " with one of the orptions. Under the name of " Poor Richard " wish I could repent of and foreske them. If I went about limping, and in a short time his oth-eight o'clock. On a recent occasion six clergywere present. Opposition arose, not from the movement." The first idea of it occurred to one of an almanac, a system of homely ethics in I could walk at all. "And so carnest was I," he Reynolds, the incumbent of the projected church, spirit of Popery, but from that of unbelief; and person, in 1849, and in May 1850, a small meet- which the virtues of frugality, industry and temone, in the excess of fury, uttered, in the name ing of seven persons was convened and addres-Now the aspect of affairs is entirely changed,

don, are the various excursions to the country, ian girls, who receive a superior and Christian been held. Provincial efforts have followed, in which are secured to the children of Ragged education. They are thus being prepared to re- Manchester, Nottingham, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Schools and Refuges. One of these was in con- turn as governesses to Italy, to which it is confi- Bristol, Exeter, and Dublin.

nection with the Boys" Refuge, Whitechapel, an dently hoped they will prove a great blessing. The following are the results in Londo institution admirably conducted and well known In the enumeration of what has been recently Twelve English and two French meetings held ; to us. On Saturday, 21st July, the boys, num- done for foreigners, I cannot but recall to mind 2400 friendless young women attended, and the court of France and at the bar of European bering about 100, were invited by Robert Han-bering about 100, were invited by Robert Han-Testaments, presented to the members of the and tracts slowland in addition to 2000 scripture cards, books, him. He was justly and widely known as an bury, Esq., M. P. for Middlesex, to spend the Testaments, presented to the members of the and tracts circulated, in addition to 6000 copies day at his seat near Ware, in Hertfordshire. musical society of the French Orpheonists, and of Mr. Noel's address; twenty-six females re-Before returning home, they were affectionately which were so thankfully accepted. Let fervent stored to friends, one of these to New York; addressed by their host, and also by two evangelical dergymen. In all the schools and refuges blessing on the good seed of the kingdom, thus " homes ;" one reconciled to her husband ; one is in London, in connection with the London Rag- scattered over every district of France. in the employ of a printer, book-folding; four ged School Union, and the London Reformatory The Bible-women movement is still in pro- married, two emigrated, one placed in business,

union, the Word of God is preyerfully and dili- gress, and is followed by social and spiritual re- two under care of the committee. The average gently brought to bear on the hearts and minds sults truly delightful. One of the Bible-women of the ages of those admitted is not more than of the children, and with blessed spiritual results. in a few sentences, thus reveals the exact charac- twenty-two.

kindred Ragged School treat to that already ter of the agency, and indicates the class who are The number received from the meetings, up noticed was given on a recent day to the children sought out :--- "I believe that our Scripture read- the end of July, is nearly 190. and teachers of St. John's Ragged Schools, ers and city missionaries, so successful among the There are six French women in a

decent poor, are almost powerless among those expressly provided for foreigners. It has been Southwark, at Carshalton, near Croyden, in Sur-Southwark, at Carshalton, near Croyden, in Sur-rey, by Samuel Gurney, Esq., M. P. In like lawless, drunken ones. They need the more pa-rey by Samuel Gurney, Esq., M. P. In like lawless, drunken ones. They need the more pa-rey by Samuel Gurney, Esq., M. P. In like lawless, drunken ones. They need the more pa-rey by Samuel Gurney, Esq., M. P. In like lawless, drunken ones. They need the more pa-rey by Samuel Gurney, Esq., M. P. In like lawless, drunken ones. They need the more pa-rey by Samuel Gurney is a start of the start of t rey, by Samuel Gurney, Esq., M. P. In like Tawless, drunken ones. They ment the popish and infidel training of French wo-manner, 1000 children of the Field Lane Ragged tient, gentle and constant watchfulness of this the popish and infidel training of French wo-their copies of his august features. The Aca-Schools, with their mothers, were not iong since taken by their teachers to Loughton, in Essex, for a day's recreation and enjoyment. Many of the poor children thus cared for had never seen ow. It needs no peculiar dress to make the flog them if they came to the meeting." Mr. the poor children thus cared for had never seen now. It needs no peculiar dress to make the flog them if they came to the meeting." Mr. green field before. Lord Shaftesbury makes an annual appeal for ontributions to help towards the expenses of A for child, has never met my ears." a green field before.

General Miscellanp. Macaulay on Franklin.

he had worked as a printer ; nor had he failed to be one spark of good in any of them. But I to derive great mental advantages from that cions cargoes which they are employed to dis

perance were extelled in aphorisms of ingenious sed. The meeting was not repeated. But the tereness. His growing fame soon obtained for subject still occupied his mind ; and, at the close him offices of trust from the colonies and the and the fathers and husbands are soliciting that of 1859 it was brought by him before the minds Crown, and when, owing partly to criminal in "re-unions," may likewise be formed for them. of two friends. They sought counsel from God, terference, and partly to criminal neglect, diffi-Madame de La Fontaine presides over an Or- and; early in February, 1860, the first meeting culties arose between the colonies and the Crown, he exerted himself to prevent and then to conciliation passed away. He then stood up for war with the same serene courage with which he had stood out for peace. He was one of the committee that drafted the "Great Declaration He was now sent to represent the good cause at

eminent man of science, and as the Columbus of electrical discovery. The French nation is fond beyond all other nations of striking effect and picturesque contrast. And naught could be more striking or picturesque than the spectac now presented

A Quaker diplomatist was to appear at the most artificial of courts- a new Archimedes was to come from the land of the Mohawk and the Natchez-a Solon from a republic of vesterday was to recall by his wisdom and appearance th sages of the ancient republics. Haughty courtiers bent with emotion before him. Brilliant

Southey's romantic life of the great Methodist founder; Coleridge gave him a few annotations, and it can hardly be doubted that his curious hiswith a " back-slidden Methodist," now a drund tory was one of the chief of those attractions of ard. He sketches the scene characteristically Southey's book which enabled the great High- His lordship's wife " had been a religious wo gate thinker, as he tells us himself, to read and man, but was eaten up with the cares of the re-read it, with ever-increasing entertainment, in world. There was also a lukewarm Moravian in days of illness or ennui, when no other volume the house. With these I had various disputes could interest him. "A member of the House could interest him. "A member of the House of Shiriey and Hastings" often recognizes the believe. One day the Moravian and I quarrelimportant "cobbler," in the voluminous Life and ed so highly that he struck me; and as he was Times of Selina, Countess of Huntingdon. Wes- a tall, husty man, I know I should have no ley inserted his biography in the old Arminian chance in fighting him. However, for a whole hour, I cursed and swore in such a manner as is the Lives of Early Methodist Preachers.

he Lives of Early Methodist Preachers. A curious biographical study is this Meth-hell itself; and what was the greatest aggravaodist Welshman; a genuine character in his tion, it was all in confirmation of a lie. For sterling individuality ; a unique example of poetic genius, and one of the most remarkable instances of moral self-redemption on record. His would persecute the man-and though I wished, autobiography is marked throughout by candor, perhaps not less than a hundred times over, that autobiography is marked throughout by candor, and a native simplicity and directness which, to gether with its striking facts, render it the most dramatic of those numerous sketches of early "Itinerants" which Wesley published, and from which the history of Methodism derives its most significant and most interesting materials.

To the religious world he is known chiefly labored to break it off, yet, on the smallest ocby his great hymns, and as a champion of the controversy which divided the Calvinistic and yea, I daily and hourly did it without any provo-Arminian leaders of the Methodist movement. cation whatever, and frequently not knowing Weakey pronounced him "a full match for Top what I did." We cannot doubt poor Oliver's lady ;" and the latter is still recognized fluency in profanity after this sketch of it ; for the as the giant Calvinistic polemic of that day. as the giant Calvinistic polemic of that day. Southey acknowledges his ability and spirit in the contest. He was also a man of genius, as his

contest. He was also a man of genius, as his poetry and music attest. He produced the sub-limest lyric in the hymnology of our language the house. But the scene suddenly changed. poetry and music attent in the hymology of our language in existence, and under the direction of a com-bardy less sublime. His prose writings are per-spicuous, vigorous, and often eloquent, if not al-picuous. The introduction to his Scourge the the direction of his spicuous of God will show many worganization has sprung up in the East of the met a music attent to be open-air Mission, for some years in existence, and under the direction of a com-mittee, of which John McGregor, Esq., of the spicuous, vigorous, and often eloquent, if not al-picuous. The introduction to his Scourge the use of which dense. He met a mul-the singing, and a joyful sound it is when nearly the distinctly understood that the day of God will show many the source of the Very devil whose name was spicuous a distinct to the scourge of the to be open-air Mission, for some years in existence, and under the direction of a com-mittee, of which John McGregor, Esq., of the spicuous, vigorous, and often eloquent, if not al-the singing, and a joyful sound it is when nearly three thousand voices join in singing God's three thousand voices join in singing God's spicuous, vigorous, and often eloquent, if not al-ways elegant. The introduction to his Scoarge to Calumny, (addressed to Sir Richard Hill, in defence of John Wesley.) alluding to the dis-parity between his own social position and that of the baronet, would be creditable to any Eng-to the baronet, would be credita lish writer of his age, not excepting Burke or Junius. His exuberant soul gave strength and go and hear what he has to say." He was too fic, as the word ^a fair," ordinarily signifies and fullness and sometimes majesty to his poetry, his prose, and his preaching. He was a "sturdy Welshman"—as sturdy in his virtues as he was at first in his vices. The late: but went the next night three hours before the time. The text of the great preacher was:---if is the time. The text of the great preacher was:----pring forest ply their trade of fortune telling, and for several days vice and riot prevail. One hun--latter were so enormous that while we mad of

latter were so enormous that, while we read of around Olivers, arrested his attention from a dred preachers-all lay volunteers, headed by them in his bluntly honest and self-indignant sort of stupor; and though, as he says, " when the Rev. Charles Stovel, of Commercial Road, autobiography, we were astonished that such re- the sermon began he was a dreadful enemy of and the Rev. William Tyler, of Spitalfield probacy could be awakened even by the thunders God and of all that is good, and one of the most went forth to Fairlop, and the results have been of Whitefield—that such imbruted humanity could rise, and, at last, soar heavenward, hymn-ing to all coming area the american term of the most of a gratifying character. "Never did they see the time it was ended his life was changed for-the time it was ended his life was changed for-the time it was ended his life was changed foring to all coming ages the scraphic strain of "The God of Abraham praise!" Such an ex-ample of the power of both genius and religion is to record some of the scattered facts of his his-tory, reminding the reader, who may not reliable teristic, and essential to the curious story. "Such a man was impossible; but it was reader, and month is highest form it is a miracles, teristic, and essential to the curious story. "Mever were there heard so many 'Amens' and "Never were there heard so many 'Amens' and sical and mental constitution." Come Just as you are, to be accepted and as a sical and mental constitution." Come Just as you are, to be accepted and as and so thorough a revolution in the moral character to record some of the scattered facts of his his-ther or state of the theory that this restoration of the sould teristic, and essential to the curious story. This effort has led to the regular organization teristic, and essential to the curious story. The setting mental constitution." ("Never were there heard so many 'Amens' and so thorough a revolution in the moral character to record some of the scattered facts of his his-ther or curious story. This effort has led to the regular organization teristic, and essential to the curious story. This effort has led to the regular organization teristic, and essential to the curious story.

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More virtuous if they will; And who within this world would thrive Must aim at higher still ! Let bigots stand by follies old. The wise will pass them by ; Weak minds may cling with subtle hold, But strong ones valiantly Move on

Like waters rolling to the ocean. Down mountains piled on high. Like clouds forever in commotion That move across the sky-We will forever onward press, Thus fetterless and free ; And deeming virtue happiness Our watchword ever be. Move on !

Religious Intelligence. Monthly Summary of Religious

Movements in London. BY THE REV. J. WEIR, D.D., ISLINGTON Author of " The Ulster Awakening," &c. Open-air preaching is now in full operation in

there is a way to the pit that is bottomless." "

contributions to help towards the expenses of men, or child, has never met my ears." "Our success is as great as ever; but the ex-these treats, as he justly considers that the anti-cipation and the recollections of these always ex-arisen—the Young Women's Home Society. homes for each girl rescued. This arrangement ercised a moral influence, and increase the power of the teachers over the special class to which to afford opportunities for the Christian and do suing 100,000 copies of Mr. Noel's 'Address to they devote their labours.

hey devote their labours. In the absence of the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon on in houses of business.) in their hours of leisure. mestic improvement of young women (engaged men connected with our Christian Young Men's ed to honor. To both master and pupil philoso-the distribution of the second s the continent, services have been kept up at This institution will doubtless grow into a fe- Societies. the continent, services have been kept up at This institution will doubless grow into a lo-Exeter Hall by several preachers. One of these male mission of the greatest importance. It will furnish a native agency for a particular class, *i.e.* a band of female missionaries to win other young suitable and solemn close to his lengthened campaign in the metropolis as well as in other places women to Christ. From what we have seen of a the wretched immoral state to which it is leading in the south and west of England. He dealt similar home, opened for female day-workers, at our country. faithfully with the habitual attendants on the 43 Crawford Street, W., where the Bible-class "It ruins the peace of thousands, and saps

Hall, and on Mr. Spurgeon's preaching, who were "yet unsaved." "You like Mr. Spur-tended by hundreds, and where so many had the brethren to pray for the few weak the brethren to pray geon's preaching ; you come regularly ; you been converted, and then became helpers and laborers engaged in this work who are only like his manner and earnestness, and the elo- workers, we cannot doubt that rich blessings strong as God helps them." quence that God has given him. You will re- will follow the extension of this class of homes.

quence that God has given him. You will re-collect that Bunyan says in the 'Pilgrim's Pro-grees," 'I discovered that there is a way to hell, even from the gates of heaven.' If there be a place where sin carries nike it is sitting. Open-air preaching is now in full operation in place where sin can be piled upon sin, it is sitting under the guidance of Hon. Mrs. Kinnaird. As to the general results of London revival Gentlemen," an appeal for practical co-operation. As to the general results of London revival, I Besides this, an "Address to Men on the Social

and around the metropolis. Freeding in the under an earness and coupling in the coming to the knowlege of Christ Jesus. hibition formerly issued by Sir B. Hall having "Perhaps you have heard the gospel scores for thankfulness and joy. Taking in a period of lated. It is marked by a terrible fidelity of have a deep conviction that there is much reason Evil," by Mr. Noel, it being extensively circubeen removed by the Hon. W. Cowper, his suc-of times from the lips of the beloved brother ten or eleven months-to use the language of statement and appeal, and under God's blessing, cessor as Commissioner of Woods and Forests. who preaches in this place. I ask you to judge the Revival—"We pause and reflect on the won- it will, we trust, not only reveal to many a titled fluency in profanity after this sketch of it ; for the honest confession has an unmistakable smack of Mormonite and Socialist lecturers occasionally for yourselves, won't your condition in hell be derful past;" and as to the present, we believe or wealthy tempter his appalling guilt, but lead

that is not is remnant after in the revival in London, "I'd go uses to the total provide the solution of the s Mr. Radeliffe's closing appeal was very solemn. writing to me as to a work of grace in progress winced and converted every night." His "sing-and as he was being driven along First street, he Mr. Radelines closing appeal was very solemin. "There is an awful tempest of hail, fire and brim-stone, coming upon the unconverted; I hear the whistling of the storme, and standing here when he says: "The quiet unimpassioned char-

ing with pardonable inconsistency, the name of Poor Richard.

phy was not the mystic divinity of Plato, nor

Nightingale. Her Mission was to relieve human uffering and to advance the good of man's estate. Of these principles Franklin's long cathan the lightning rod was invented for its in ocuous descent. The maxims of Poor Richard were meant not only for the Quaker tradesman

precepts for the higher warfare of life. Nor did his philosophy deny his choicest fruits to the philosopher himself, for he was serene and self-reliant in that hour of triumph;

when he entered Philadelphia with a loaf of bread under his arm ; when he listened unmoved to the the center of all admiration in the splendid court of Louis.

Zealous theologians have attacked the orthowould have envied beyond all the gifts of for-

down the people. "I've a want votanteer a worn by two young indices." A set of its wrath, upon made a charge at the object of its wrath, upon to-day the Holy Ghost compelling me to speak, to-day the Holy Ghost compelling me to speak, is to character of the people is so different to the impres-sive character of the Irish and Welsh, that we has opened the way : He has let down the ladder into Exeter Hall that you may be saved. Oh: is and mental constitution."

