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Sabbath Evening.

How calmly sinks the parting sun! Yet twilight lingers still, And beautiful as dreams of heaven It slumbers on the hill. Earth sleeps, with all her glorious things, Beneath the Holy Spirit's wings, And rendering back the hues above, Seems resting in a trance of love.

Round yonder rocks the forest trees In shadowy groups recline, Like saints at evening bow'd in prayer Around their holy shrine. And through their leaves the night winds blow So calm and still—their music low Seems the mysterious voice of prayer, Soft echoed on the evening air.

And yonder western throng of clouds, Retiring from the sky, So calmly move, so softly glow, They seem to fancy's eye Bright creatures of a better sphere, Come down at noon to worship here, And from their sacrifice of love, Returning to their home above

The blue istes of the golden sea, The night arch floating high, The flowers that gaze upon the heavens The bright streams leaping by, Are living with religion-deep On earth and sea its glories sleep And mingle with the starlight rays, Like the soft light of parted days.

The spirit of the holy eve Comes through the silent air To feelings hidden spring, and wakes A gush of music there. And the fair depths of ether beam So passing fair, we almost dream That we can rise and wander through The open paths of trackless blue

Each soul is filled with glorious dreams, Each pulse is beating wild, And thought is soaring to the shrine Of glory undefiled! And holy aspirations start Like blessed angels from the heart, And bind-for earth's dark ties are riven Our spirits to the gates of heaven.

Methodism—the Elements of its Growth.

literally becomes a forest. In like manner, threw out branches with depending roots.the community, grew into new churches .--These again were reproductive. This progress has steadfastly continued. It continnes now. Little more than a century has elapsed since it threw up its first shoot, yet rooted in every quarter of the globe, it branches, and to fill the world with its in-

millions of communicants, in so short a period, is a phenomenon unparalleled by any fact in the history of the Christian church prospective greatness, without exclaiming in a spirit of astonishment and gratitude, "What hath God wrought?" without inquiring how have these things been done? What is the secret of this wondrous growth? What are the elements which have wrought sults? Let us seek a partial solution of ments of the Christian life. so powerfully as to evolve these peerless re-

presentative minds, it has always urged the duty of an earnest, undoubting reception of the truth with singular intensity. Its preaching has entrenched itself in the religious consciousness of its hearers, to which it has invariably appealed with an authority which has proved itself irresistible, and commanded, so to speak, the belief of men in the inspira
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in those great theological truths which enlighten the understanding, and teach men to conceive right views of divine things, it has Other denominations have trusted chiefly to If the view we have here outlined of the nature, rather than take it all down, and cans like secret associations, and have a was therefore dreaded by the Popish leadthe effect of doctrinal and ethical disquisi- elements of growth in Methodism is correct rebuild it. It learns of the inspiration with- strange mania for them. He objects to the ers; and one of the most popular auxiliaries tions, without seeking to stimulate their -if Methodism has attained its gigantic in, rather than the oracles of God. The Know Nothings because, like the Jesuits, of Protestanism in France was The Univers hearers to the exercises of faith and love by growth because, aided by the Divine Spirit, direct exhortation and personal persuasion. Methodism has done both. It has unfolded Methodism has done both. It has unfolded faith and love in the individual mind, because their proper place. And nowhere does it as how cunningly the Jestits turn to account the more serious of the French nation, not which they have embarked. the truth. It has also habitually enforced it with tears, entreaties, exhortations. It ment of the Christian life, and because its has struggled to relieve men of their doubts peculiar institutions are singularly adapted and fears, and urged them to cast their help- to the development of that life, it is not less spirits fearlessly upon God in Christ, as difficult to determine the conditions on which on the bosom of ε Father, who is not merely willing, but infinitely anxious to save. The That causes, which have retained their effiresult of this has been a stronger, more ciency through a century, like the past, and bodies of Christians. And this faith and doubted. The same peculiar habits, doclove, being the elements of the true Christrines, and institutions, which have been so tian life, have supplied Methodism with that successful in unfolding the spiritual life of asks for a richer sacrifice—the good name exuberant vital force which has resulted in inilions, of every degree of culture, during more than a century, can but be equally suc-

have also had a direct tendercy to stimulate | bolds fast to its peculiarities, it must continue the Christian life, and thereby to promote to prosper. If it abandons them, out of an

The oriental world produces a singular tree which, in several of its characteristics, not unaptly illustrates the growth of Methodism. This tree, it is called the Banian Tree, has a woody stem, branching to a great height and vast extent. Every throws out new roots, which descend the produces a singular tree which, in several of its characteristics, of the gracious probation granted to the following depends on its success in characteristics, of the gracious probation granted to the death of Jesus to be the price of the gracious probation granted to the following depends on its success in characteristics, of the gracious probation granted to the following depends on its success in characteristics, of the express purpose of restoring to righteousness as many as would consent to be regenerated by the Divine Spirit, Methodism express throws out new roots, which descend the original probabilities are that the characteristic from the carried by the Divine storing to righteousness as many as would consent to be regenerated by the Divine Spirit, Methodism express throws out new roots, which descend the original probabilities are that the confirmed by a thousand authorities; and have seen facts. One I desire to mentous wind the rough each of the conference it is to be issued from the old site will be retained. We hope it to divide all that was about to happen. The tempest in cheristics, the knew of the confirmed by a thousand authorities; and have seen facts. One I desire to mentous wind the rough each of the confirmed by a thousand authorities; and have seen facts. One I desire to mentous wind the rough each of the confirmed by a thousand authorities; and have seen facts. One I desire to mentous wind the rough each of the confirmed by a thousand authorities; and have seen facts. One I desire to the old site will be retained. We hope in the old site will be confirmed by a thousand authorities; and have seen facts. One I desire to the old site will be confirmed by the confirmed by a thousand authorities; and have seen fa to the earth, strike in, and increase to large trunks, from which new branches grow and new roots are again produced. This pronew roots are again produced. This propression continues until the original tree presume; while they are powerfully moved without it. What formal church would disturbed the serenity of his peace; and them by the sad accident that his only son Methodism beginning with a single society, once both good and just. By its clear entire that semi-negation, and that complementative and touch physical repose. There, once both good and just. By its clear entire that semi-negation, and that complementative and touch physical repose. There, once both good and just. By its clear entire that semi-negation, and that complementative and touch physical repose. The complementative and the co three out branches with depending roots.—
These roots striking into new portions of faith only, of the witness of the Spirit, of the litinerancy implies. The formal church will who ruled the tempest and the sea; and in the downcast Protestant father in the prime yet rooted in every quarter of the globe, it against the return of a believer to his old ancy. Then, without spirituality what are through the tempest, and trembling less they ence. But that would not have answered the The creation of this great spiritual fellow-ship, numbering in all its branches over two

> leading them to heaven.
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> 3. The peculiar institutions of Methodism are also eminently fitted to develop the ele-

The Christian life, like life in all its forms, 1. Methodism has always cherished the is active. Its tendency is to activity. It elements of the Christian life with assiduous always seeks to expend its forces in its legitimate sphere. Repel this tendency, check The Christian life consists chiefly in the this force, and it will roll back upon itself exercise of right affections toward God. and die. To be healthfully developed, it We do not affirm that it includes nothing must be permitted to flow out in fit expresmore than love, because an enlightened un- sion, in praise, in acknowledgement, in acts derstanding, a submissive will, and an obe- of obedience, in works of benevolence, in

soul. Hence, faith and love are the two monitions of wisdom. So, also, the Metho-

istic of its teachings, from the day of Mr. of illustration, and thereby becomes a pow- the tearing up, the hewing the tree itself and leave it to the enjoyment of a "perfect from all things appertaining to their relign-Wesley's conversion until now. 2. While erful means of stimulating the growth of down to its very roots, that plants of grace peace." it has not neglected to instruct its disciples spiritual life. Thus, all that is peculiar to may grow in its stead. Ethics asks for given especial attention to the culture of re- ual, and this adaptation must be regarded as and his cross. It deifies man, rather than the Ex-Governor of Hungary, Kossuth, says periodical press of France really oppose ligious experience—of emotional piety.— among the causes of its remarkable growth. the Son of Man. It seeks to lift up human he noted when in this country that Ameri-

more than a century, can but be equally suc-2. The peculiar doctrines of Methodism cessful hereafter. If, therefore, Methodism insane desire to imitate older denominations, By using the phrase, "peculiar doctrines it will wane into decrepitude and decay. of Methodism," we do not wish it to be under- We do not mean that it may not safely Germany, were able advocates of our characteristic doctrines. They are not novelties, therefore, though viewed in relation to system of John Calvin, and to their distinct, training its members to urge vigorous per-earnest denunciation, many of them are sonal war on the kingdom of Satan, and One day

to the reprobated, and so concealed even to doned. Hence, we plead for Methodist to rescue his chosen ones from the jaws of ber of that terrible society, the members of since the apostolic era. Who can study the since the apostolic era. Who can study the since the apostonic era. Who can study the simplicity of its beginnings, the rapidity of to lead men to exercise saving faith, and of earnest individualized spirituality, as the power to save, he stepped forth, and in the for an absolute blind obedience towards almost impossible to awaken that simple, condition of the future growth of our church. the amazing power of its influence on Christine amazing power of its influence on Christian life, and the glory of Methodismity in general, its present vitality and activity, its commanding position, and its vantage is seen in the superior growth of exempted from decay. Its bow will abide conscious authority to the warring elements? our denomination. Our peculiar doctrines in strength, and the arms of its hands be How would they mock his impudence, by efficacious in bringing men to Christ and God of Jacob .- Zion's Herald.

Ethics and Religion.

present day, is not the gross thing it was in the last century. It drops the guise it once wore. It ceases to rave at morality nowbut does what is more dangerous, it DEIFIES it. It no longer demands freedom of character, as well as thought, but claims the power to regenerate character, and mould thought and affection. It claims to be a dispensation in itself, more etherial, more intellectual, transcendental, and spiritual than dient life are essential to it, and are, in fact, included in it. But we do essert that love and it must be obeyed. of men to natural religion, to first principles to God, as manifested in Christ, is the principal element of the Christian life. "Love,"

Methodism has always recognized this important principle. It is incorporated into says Wesley, "is the end, the sole end of every dispensation of God, from the begin-tutions are therefore admirably fitted to deplace of the humbling truths of the Gospel ning of the world to the consummation of velop the spiritual life of its members. Look This is the great error and leaning of the all things: and the apostle John observes, at its class meetings and love-feasts: how mind in this age. It has lost confidence in "Every one that loveth is born of God, and they educate the believer to form the habit the Gospel to do its own work! There is knoweth God." So that he who loves has of giving expression to the conceptions of a tendency to rely and glory in natural reliknoweth God." So that he who loves has of giving expression to the conceptions of a tendency to fell and giving expression to the conceptions of a tendency to fell and the power of faith and the raptures of love. How fit gion, rather than revealed; in the power of they are to instruct him, through the expression to the conceptions of a tendency to fell and gion, rather than revealed; in the power of justice, benevolence, and humanity, rather than revealed. of God, has not spiritual vitality.

But this love is the offspring of faith, deself-culture, of resisting temptation, of batby nature and philosophy, infidelity stakes perience of others, in the art of spiritual than the Gospel! On this ground, fortified pends upon faith, grows or declines, as faith tling with himself, the world, and Satan. the last great battle of earth. Here Antis stronger or weaker. The truth which How they lure him to obey that first prompt- Christ takes his stand, and throws up his faith grasps is the germ of love. The di- ing of the religious life, to attempt the sal- magnificent works. It is the Gebastopol of vine message which faith receives, the glo-vation of others, of which every true disciple his empire; which stands or falls just as rious facts to which it gives credence, con- is conscious. How suggestive too, of social the citadel of substitutes and subterfuges. stitute the food which stimulates love and duties are those meetings, providing as they (though of excellent and shining material secures its growth. Without faith, love do an opportunity for the confession of and armor,) comes into the hands of the could not have birth or growth in the human faults, the utterances of desire, and the ad-friends or foes of God. If natural religion. or ethical systems deduced from it, are to grand elements of the Christian life. He distic prayer meeting is an arena for the become the reliance of the world in its great who believes most earnestly, and with the most simplicity, will love most. He who battle-field, in which every member is taught the sun of Christianity is set. It is a stratahas the strongest faith and the warmest love to win souls, to fight for the enlargement gein of the enemy to substitute the old for will have the most spiritual vitality, will of Christ's kingdom. Lay preaching is the new edition of God's truth; the religion grow most rapidly in moral power and beauty.

Of Christ's kingtonic 2dy producting the new edition of God's truth; the rengion of nature for the religion of Christ; a system of morality for the faith and humility Now, if we look carefully into the history of Methodism, we shall find that it has, from the beginning, given singular attention to the cultivation of these two grand elements of the Christian life. 1. In its preaching, its literature, its hymns, in its developed introduction of new pastors into its pulpits. its literature, its hymns, in its devotional introduction of new pastors into its pulpits, as the day! How easy it is to fall in with services, in the lives of its founders and representative minds, it has always urged the duty of an earnest, undoubting reception of the course and methods that do not defined one principle or spirituality to carry them out. Ethics ask for the outward; the Gos-

work of human reformation, a test of faith language: or character! Nor should we; for, here the torch, but has a spirit within him that me the following explanation:

Christ in the Tempest.

now, with few exceptions, peculiar to Me- especially must it retain its habit of directly multitude; and when evening was come, he or other, it makes its way to the college, and thren to ply heroically this arm of their en cherishing strong, bold, confiding faith, and said to his disciples, "Let us pass over unto is there carefully recorded for future emer terprise for the spiritual instruction and well-These peculiar tenets have undoubtedly contributed greatly to the growth of Methodism, because of their fitness to promote powerless, cold, dead; a tree dried up at How little did they anticipate the trials and which else we would not do. We dare not faith and love in the hearts of men. By the roots; a soulless statue; a huge form dangers of that night! They risked all in trust our servants, nor our own children.teaching the death of Jesus to be the price without vitality, a prey to fearful corrup- obedience to their Lord, not asking what Our society is undermined by secret agen-God in a light so just, so impartial, so lov- the first. Without this, its peculiar institu- known to him, who, though in human shape whose name is a banner for many. I had to love and seek God, who is seen to be at once both good and just. By its clear enunthat self-negation, and that comprehensive and found physical repose. There, on that possibility of complete victory over sin, it awakens the hopes, satisfies the aspirations, and encourages the efforts of such as seek to let the wants of others be what they may. be Christians indeed. By its theory of the A church must be spiritual to lose sight of in its mother's arms, while his disciples, who Had he professed the Roman Catholic relipossibility of falling from grace so as to itself measurably, to secure the highest good had not yet learned the full extent of his gion publicly, who could blame him for it? finally perish, it erects a strong barrier of the whole, as is required by the itiner power, were toiling to steer the vessel safely it is a matter between God and one's conscisins. Thus its views of truth give it an im- class meetings, love feasts, prayer meetings? should be swallowed up by the raging bil- contemplated object. A secret affiliation mense advantage over those churches which Dead forms, without interest sufficient to lows; they went to their Lord in that hour was necessary; and it was only after the uncertain as to whom he is willing to save, scenes of lofty delight, and means of spirit- they found him a mighty deliverer. Rising bosom, in his only son, the inheritor of his so partial to his selected favorites, so unjust ual culture, too valuable to be lightly aban- calmly and fearlessly from his repose, ready name, fame, and influence, an affiliated memimple majesty of his omnipotence, he "re- their superiors. Was my old friend not buked the wind, and said unto the sea, right in saying: 'We dare not trust our Peace-be still." Could a mere man have own children!"-Balt. Clipper. being peculiarly scriptural, are peculiarly made strong by the hands of the mighty raging on with redoubled violence! Yet this humble personage, to all appearance no more powerful than those around him, was They recognized the mandate of the su- nishing how much quiet, earnest, evangelipreme; and as soon as the voice of command cal labour it has discovered and fostered on The skepticism most dangerous at the

selves at rest at his feet.

of experience, turned to them, and in a tone great capabilities for usefulness. of mild reproof asked, "Why are ye so fearoccasion alone on which they were uttered. They are applicable at all times to all occasions in which the disciples of Christ are prone to give way to feelings of alarm and discouragement, and to loose a sense of the all sufficiency of the Divine Power into thickens around us, causing the timid heart to quake and to feel its helplessness.

"There are swift hours in life—strong, rushing hours, That do the work of tempests in their might." At such times, when we are apt to feel our helplessness, and to tremble in view of impending danger, as did the disciples when they saw the wind and the waves threatening to overwhelm them; then it is that it is the right of every man, in so far as his fellow man is concerned, to worship God as well publicly as in private, according to the dictates of his conscience, Protestant religious service at Carthagena.

The destruction of the ship in which he sain make, is to preach in it a family, and the narrow escape of ship God as well publicly as in private, according to the dictates of his conscience, Protestant religious service at Carthagena.

Protestant religious service at Carthagena. o overwhelm them; then it is that the and to propagate the faith which he holds, Some valuable additions were made to the society rapidly increased, and the much and to propagate the faith which he holds, by every means not contrary to good order, or to that obedience to government which is the books of the Old and New Testament, body of respectability and influence. The the theme of our Saviour's remarks. He enjoined in the word of God." knew its value to the human soul. It gives

no one is free from the agitations which conscious weakness forces upon the mind at cently illustrating the truth of recent tolerant West Point; French Bibles and Testa- diriting lots on the left side were purchased scious weakness forces upon the mind at such times. Faith gives serenity and fearlessness to the mind, and strength to the arm. He is the most trustworthy mariner, who bravely exerts himself to steer his rudder a powerful speech. He compared England societies in the West, with several others of indder, and sit there upon the platforms.

tion of the word of God. An unshrinking occupy itself with single points, to avoid ground. Ethics asks for self-improvement origin in a mind which has no foundation to in the cause of God. M. Monod further faith in the divine word, accompanied by a sameness and repetition. But the itinerancy and enthronement, makes man his own re- repose upon, no confidence in a Divine Pro- stated that he did not believe the Empero simple, unrestrained personal affection for of Methodism keeps them before its congregenerator, and laughs at the idea of self-vidence, who is pledged for the protection had any desire for these persecutions; he God in Christ-"an individualized spiritual gation, the same in substance, but in ever abasement and abandonment; the Gospel from all harm of all who trust him; they va- had reason to know that he was annoyed by life"—has been the most striking character- varied forms of expression and diverse modes commands the cutting off, the plucking out, nish before the bravery of a truthful heart, them, and wished his subjects to be free

Jesuit Influences.

In his recent letter to the N. Y. Times, ble blow which it gave to Popery. The Gospel, indeed, recognizes of human govern- they are a secret organization for political itself. No popular French writer can now

"A gentlemen in the United States, (a ignoring as they do some of the most influcharity and freedom end, and intolerance banker) made a generous gift to the cause ential points of the Roman faith. and tyranny begin. He who makes more of these than of Gospel institutions and peregrinations, to the city where he resided, agencies, commits a fatal error! And he encouraged by his previous sympathy, I ven- ratory committees met on Monday and Tuescheerful faith, a more marked experience, a deeper religious emotion, stronger affections scripture and reason, may continue to be tanding upon himself the local agency of my increase, a test of character and of the continue to be tanding upon himself the local agency of my increase, which was organized on Wednesday, and the past, and who makes the application of these to Christian enterprise, a test of character and of the local agency of my increase. Their determinance is a continue to be to character and of the local agency of my increase. for God, than have been common in other efficient through all time, can hardly be standing, may have a sensibility that would terests. He declared he did not dare to do Sept. 5th. lead them to shrink from using the rack or it from the fear of absolute ruin; and gave

"Scarcely had his gift to me become public the soul, worth infinitely more.—Christian rather embarrassed; the holders of its bonds began to call in for exchange; their numbers having been accused of socialism; and alwent on increasing; in a very few days it was though means have been employed to rea rush. The Bank stood the storm, but it would have been of course impossible to The sea of Galilee is a small body of wa- stand it a fortnight longer. The proprietors stood that Methodism has introduced any modify some of its details, nor adapt por- ter, of no importance to the commercial called for a commission, to look through their novelties into her theology. No. The doc- tions of its governmental machinery to the world, and forsaken now by the busy popu- books; the investigation verified the credittrines of Methodism are as old as the gospel. new circumstances which have sprung up lation that once surrounded its shores. Yet able condition of the establishment, and the were fewer than they had been and that the Jesus taught them. So did his apostles and around it, for we believe some such modifi- it is classic ground for the Christian; for publication of the authentic fact by and by cause of religious liberty was decidedly gaintheir successors through the purest periods cations are becoming essential to the greatest near its shores and upon its waters were calmed the tempest. The banker, however, ing ground. of the history of the church. Many of the efficiency of those peculiarities which give performed some of the most wonderful works traced the alagming rumour from source to Reformers," also, both in England and it power. But we do earnestly insist that of our Saviour, which are related by the his-source, till be at last perfectly succeeded in

the churches which follow the theological class meetings, its love feasts, its habit of ful reader. Let us contemplate one incident neatters go so far with us that we scarcely dare to speak a confidential word at our pri- American Methodists made a deep impres-One day he had been teaching a great vate dinner table, because, by some means sion: and must stimulate our French bre-

Letter from England England, August 31st 1855.

The Evangelical Alliance in many ways obeyed at once by the wind and the waves. is accomplishing a great work. It is astowas passed from his lips, they laid themthe continent of Europe,—how many good the continent of Europe,—how many good Sept. 6, seven new auxiliaries were recogregimentals. The appearance in the pulpit

partment of Haute-Vienne.

vet; among many reasons, from the fact that its literature, though not directly lavouring the gospel, did so indirectly, by the formida-Romanism while seeming to uphold it, and

The French Wesleyan Conference is now in session in the city of Paris. The prepa-

The Committee of Privileges had brought before it a few cases of the denial of religious liberty in the south of France. It is now about a year ago since the chapel at Andure was closed by the civil power, the preacher and people worshipping there move from the minds of the authorities this therto been in vain. It was, however, the general conviction of the committee that the estrictions upon their Methodist operations

Committees on the Worn-out Ministers and Widows' Fund, and the infant Book Concern also met. The Rev. Abel Stevens was present at the meeting of the Book Committee. His statements of the gigantic achievements of the press in the hands o

The Conference was opened by a praye

progress having marked all the operations of every department of the French work. and in America, was organized in 1766, by Not, as yet has the French Conference a few Methodist immigrants from Ireland been favoured with a deputation from the one of whom-Philip Embury-was a Wes-British Conference, or a visitor, although so leyan local preacher, and a house-carpenter. near: this has arisen not from any want of An elderly lady, then recently from Ireland. parental esteem on our part, but from an apprehension that the more perfectly indepenour brethren then have to fear from the in- the cards, hastened to the house of Mr terference of the civil authorities. This Embury, and exhorted him to use all his year, however, the French Conference has influence and efforts to reclaim her straying had a distinguished visitor in the person of the Rev. Abel Stevens, of New York, who his own house, situated in Augusta street, is now in Paris. On Saturday last he was (then Barrack street,) the lady then pledgformally introduced to the Conference by ing herself to collect the congregation. Six the President, and received with every demonstration of esteem. Mr. Stevens then a suitable exhortation from Mr. Embury, delivered a long and eloquent speech, in enrolled their names in a class, and resolve which he dwelt on the origin and rapid pro- to attend regularly at his house for religious gress of Methodism in the United States, instruction. Shortly after, a more commo ascribing the moral triumphs that had been dious room was obtained in the neighborwon to the copious outpourings of the Spirit hood. Whilst worshipping in this room, of God, the faithful preaching of Methodist during singing on one occasion, a man in doctrine, and the system of itinerancy under full uniform made his appearance among the direction and control of a scriptural epis- them, to their great consternation. This

American Bible Society.

men it has encouraged and supported in nised; of which two were in Arkansas, one of a man thus attired, with his sword lying An incident so astounding to human credulity, yet so clearly palpable to their senses, done to extend and to systemize the missi- Texas, Illinois, California, and one in Ore- attention, and excited curiosity. Soon after could not fail to produce a corresponding ef-onary's labour there. To the continent, in-fect upon the minds of those who witnessed deed, circumstances have directed for some Rev. J. C. Fletcher, in Brazil; from Dr Webb, the old sail-loft in William Street, it. "They feared exceedingly and said one years its special attention; and the wise and Antonio Ildefonzo Gomes, of Rio de Janeiro, (then Cart and Horse street,) was secured, to another, What manner of man is this, that sympathizing help of the Alliance to Christon his being made life-director of the Ame- for the better accommodation of their increaseven the winds and the sea obey him?" tian labourers there, are alone sufficient to rican Bible Society; from Rev. J. B. Scoulling numbers. There Mr. Embury and But Jesus, ever ready to improve the lessons vindicate its existence, and to establish its ler, with a present of a valuable work for Captain Webb continued to preach with the library; from Rev. D. D. Lore, Santa great success. About this time they enter-During the Great Exhibition in Paris the Fe; from a lady, a Catholic, wishing to tained an idea of building a house for public ful? How is it that ye have no faith?—
These enquiries were not designed for the conference, attended by ministers and gen
Conference, attended by minis tlemen from various parts of the world, which sisting of the Gospel of John and the book, persons engaged in erecting the first Methocannot but be productive of good. The re-ligious condition of continental Europe was China, in regard to the work in that coun-Lupton, a very respectable merchant, proved earnestly discussed; and it is a source of un- try, and the advantage of publishing the himself the chief agent and support, whose mingled gratification to note the fearless manner in which the great principles of reRev. Mr. Doty, at the Amoy Mission, statand the maxim, it is said, was, "The church first manner in which the great principles of rewhose hands they have confided their salva-tion. In the voyage of life, we meet with many dangers and trials, that take us by sur-prise, and find us unprepared. While anprise, and find us unprepared. While, apparently, surrounded with safety and securities resolved to transmit a firm yet courtained the safety and securities resolved to transmit a firm yet courtained with safety and securities resolved to transmit a firm yet courtained with the purchase Bibles for Sweden; from Mr. feet. The projectors of this enterprise entry, the black cloud arises, and the tempest following excellent resolution:—

Righter, with an account of a visit to Russian resolved to transmit a firm yet courtained with safety and securities. The death of the safety and securities are solved to transmit a firm yet courtained with safety and securities. The house was 42 by 60 feet. The projectors of this enterprise entry the black cloud arises, and the tempest of the safety and securities are solved to transmit a firm yet courtained with safety and securities. The safety and securities are solved to transmit a firm yet courtained with safety and securities. "That this Conference, consisting of sian prisoners to distribute the Scriptures, success crowned their efforts. On the 30th Christian brethren assembled, in the provi- and encouraging statements as to the sale of day of October, 1768, Mr. Embury delivered dence of God from various countries, and different denominations, entertains the judgment that it is the right of every man, in so 1657. Grants were made of a pulpit Bible house occupied as the parsonage stood partly A commencement is to be made with the for a Coloured Church in St. Augustine; in front of the church, and was a building danger and trial. Without it no one is safe, to the Children's Aid Society; to the Meth lery had no breastwork nor stairs to ascend Pastor Monod, on this subject, delivered odist Tract Society, South; the poor Bible to it. Boxs, however, would mount by a

Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations,

The second annual Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and British Provinces, ast mibled in Cincinnati, on Wednesday last .-

he Cincinnati Enquirer says: Some forty-six delegates from various sec ions of the Union and Canada were present more delegates are expected to arrive, and before the Convention adjourns, several fundred will, perhaps, be assembled. The

these Rome proper would like to extinguish. remark that it is composed of delegates from associations located in various sections of the United States, extending from Maine to California, and embracing the British Provinces. They are now seventy in number. and embrace more than twenty thousand

Their design is to collect, in their different localities, the young men, in order to give, by union of action, to those who are earnestly desiring to do good, more extended and efficient means; and to bring others, especially those coming as strangers to cities. within the sphere of Christian influence; to surround them with pleasant and useful associations, and thus save them from the dan-

To accomplish these objects, each indi vidual association pursues its own course.-Nearly all have established reading-rooms and libraries of well-selected books, where members can pass their evenings profitably, and which are open to strangers. Some of them establish mission Sabbath Schools, which the members engage in teaching.-Others employ city misssionaries, whose enire time is devoted to reclaiming the vicious nstructing the ignorant, and finding out and eporting to the society the wants of the poor. Some of the associations use all these means combined.

The Old John Street Church.

The New York Herald, of August 17th. 1855, gives a very interesting account of a meeting of the members of this church admeeting, and a sermon by the Rev. James | verse to the effort to sell the premises (which Hocart from the most appropriate text— have become exceedingly valuable,) and Lord, increase our faith." By the desire build clsewhere. The probabilities are that

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ent our French Conference is, the less will severely rebuking them and throwing away copacy. He also portrayed the rise, progress, and present state of your Book and Tract concerns, and your Scholastic Institutions, exciting the wonder and delight of his and shortly after appointed to his post in Albany. He labored with great fervor and success in the infant society at New York. to whose aid he had hastened upon learning At the meeting of the Managers of the American Bible Society, held on Thursday, at that time, appeared at all times in their