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FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN. To an Absent Friend.

A calm sweet summer's eve it was, that eve when first we met.

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And wakens, by its mystic spell, sad recollec-

summer's reign is o'er. The woodland and the shady grove, her presence cheers no more Silent the very stream that ran with tripping

steps along, For Winter's frowns and furious voice, have banished nature's song."

fitful wail along, For me, as twilight steals apace, and deeper

Alike upon the gloomy street, and on the pered wall, With absent gaze I watch the light, the ruddy

embers cast, For Fancy, truant, loves to dwell, upon the pleasing past

brings again to me, Of balmy skies, and fragrant flowers, land melody And, for the tempest's voice. I hear the ze-

phyr's gentle sigh, As, laden with unnumbered sweets, it passeth

Nor yet, forgotten are the friends, who shared those hours with me, For, without Friendship's cheering

For kindly words have magic power, to dwell within the heart, emotions start.

Mirth that can blend with sober thought, and warm affection's smile, And sacred song, and converse sweet, lingering hours beguile.

earth's charms they fly, Each has gone forth to struggle with, life's cold

in those bowers of rest.

Revivals.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY. The attitude of God towards his church whole mediatorial system proclaims this. It silence and its consequences at the bar of is a restorative scheme, a grand effort of the eternal judgment.

church to do this, is the great problem.

tween the spirituality and indenty of the ministry, and the weal or wee of the church. to his works?" And again, "If thou dost to relinquish, proverb, it is a fact. To be sure, it has its xceptions, but in the main it is ever so. A seeking, unfaithful ministry spreads desolation and corruption all sides. Rarely actions. perhaps never—is the standard of piety in a And who can tell what vast results may while the fruitage of a lifeless ministry is al-

were the first to be filled with the quicken- of his thoughts and manners, and ing power, which, passing through them aroused thousands to seek a higher spiritual life, and brought tens of thousands of sinners And firmly cherished in my heart, lingers its to Christ. And the same fact is true of

conveys to others the quickening flame. nistry. Did not worldly ambition and pre- Herald. And thou, beyond the deep, blue sea, again latic pride first lead the Christian church astray, until it transformed her from the Bishop Roberts and the Lawyer. thy ambition fix on this bright abode. Be Hast found the peace too oft denied, to those who idly roam,

And while the chilling north wind sweeps, with

Scotland, in England, and in America, prior

Bishop Roberts was a man of great sweetness of disposition. perfectly child-like and

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which one trembles to contemplate: since of the Methodist Church, and think him a God holds every man accountable for the very able man; do you know him?" use he makes of the power committed to his "Yes," said the old man, "I have known trust. With the due exertion of that power him a good many years, and agree with you

And, as they come forth one by one, what warm his responsibility ceases, let the consequences fully as to his talents as a preacher." be what they may; for he is not accountable "Then," said the lawyer, "there is a I think of tones I may not hear, of forms I may not see,

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I did not hear him, but heard him highly not a soul be saved by his efforts—which, by the way, is almost impossible. But if he

Here again his old friend knew the little

Newton, Watts, and kindred minds, whose discoveries have done so much to increase "Yes," said the old gentleman, "I have Assuredly the world would have sunted immensely by their premature death. But of a preacher."

Shortly after the lawyer descended to the how inconceivably great would have been But, oh! though life has divers paths, though the loss to mankind if Luther and Zwingle, cabin, and going up to his wife, "my dear," nome;
There shall our wandering feet be stayed, and vision of priestly despotism, unbridled wick
"Why husband," said she, "don't you

and ask what would have been the measure to be a very modest man) "I'm ruined." of responsibility meted out to Luther, Zwin- He hastened back to his old friend on gle or Wesley, had they refused to fulfil deck. "Sir," said he, "I owe you an apotheir mission? What, if Luther in Germalogy for my rudeness; my wife says you are ny, and Zwingle in Switzerland, yielding to Bishop Roberts;" and he went on to apolofear of Papal persecution and to a desire for gize, but the good old man seemed to enjoy ecclesiastical preferments, had suppressed the joke finely; told him no apology was their convictions, and thus failed to arouse needed, and to the last insisted that he bethat of unutterable love and tenderness. the heart of the world? Would they not lieved Bishop Roberts was an honest, good With infinite desire to bestow himselt, he have been held to a responsibility too fearful meaning man, but could not preach much. stands offering her the richest treasures of even for calm contemplation? We shudder Southern Christian Advocate. his mercy. There is no reluctance to bless, to think of their tremendous doom, had they no unwillingness to impart, in Him. The been silent, and made answerable for that

But this questions admits of another application. It is applicable to every minister ing, constantly waiting, to command the ing, constantly waiting, to command the clouds that they drop fatness and blessing upon his people. Would the churches only prove" him, he would certainly pour out a every living minister to a similar responsibility for his omission his full quota of labour "Fifty years hence, and who will hear of Henry." Creminal stream of blessing.

This being conceded, the church has but length fells the voice of the Holy Ghost on the property of the Holy Ghost on the property fells the voice of the Holy Ghost on the property fells to fulfil the conditions on which alone the divine energy can be shed abroad, and the divine energy can be sned abroad, and the that are drawn unto death, and those that scanned the classic page with an eye almost Whoever looks carefully at the history of hold we knew it not; doth not he that poning to his aims, the highest honours of the Whoever looks carefully at the history of the church, will not fail to discover the intimate relation which has always absisted between the spirituality and fidelity of the mitteen the spirituality and Like priest, like people," is more than a not speak to warn the wicked from his way,

but his blood will I require at thine faithful, holy ministry becomes a well spring of life to the church; while a worldly, self-How clearly these texts teach the doctrine

church higher than that of its ministry, grow out of an omitted duty? What would greatness, but with an eye more steadily the fruitage of a lifeless ministry is almost invariably a dead or lukewarm church. to have nursed Napoleon during his sickness ed missionary, stood relatively in the grade On the other hand it is a rare fact to find a at Lyons, had disobeyed the benevolent im-On the other hand it is a rare lact to find a lit Lyons, had disobeted the believe that dead church under a living ministry. It pulse which sent her to his bedside, and that stood. But a higher impulse than earthly fortunates among the vagabonds who accommay be hard to awaken such a church to great warrior had died in consequence?— ambition had taken possession of him, inte; it may put every grace of a devoted The mind cannot grapple with the inquiry. pastor to the severest test, but sooner or What Europe did suffer, by his life, is known. humanity, calling from the dark places of valleys." later it will feel his power and revive under What evils it would have avoided, or what the earth for relief. What but the Gospel his endeavours. If divine grace fill the worse thing might have befallen it, had he can afford it? I hear, at the same time, the heart of the ministry, it will overflow and then died, cannot be told. Even so with our voice of my risen Saviour, saying, 'Go ye spread to others. It is not only in the na- acts and omissions. They take hold of the into all the world, and preach the Gospel to spread to others. It is not only in the nature of things it should be so, but church history proves that, as a matter of fact, it has always been so. Look at all those great his look at all those great look has always been so. Look at all those great revivals, whose record gilds the page of mighty minds from that congregation into preach them in crowded cathedrals?

should feel so little interest in recording company assembled there of the miracle that the farmer who did not take the newspaper —"the only begotten Son of God,"—conscine every instance? Was not Pentecost prein every instance? Was not Pentecost prein inter regard his relation to revivals in his life.

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loved, whose life was so important in the loved and myriads to obtain myriads to obt roused the people of Europe, their gloomy cells bore witness to their mighty struggles after divine light and life, and beheld the appointment of their green to the seed he sows. Animated, therefore, by this faith, he should seek a personal spinal appointment of their green to the seed he sows. Animated, therefore, by this faith, he should seek a personal spinal appointment of their green to the seed he sows. Animated, therefore, by the faith he should seek a personal spinal appointment of their green to the seed he sows. Animated, therefore, by the faith he should seek a personal spinal appointment of their green to the seed he sows. Animated, therefore, by the faith he should seek a personal spinal appointment of their green to the seed he sows. Animated the properties is inserted.

These are his ali-

Ardent and tremulous, like flame, ascend-Zeal and humility her wings, to heaven."

period of her apostacy, her ministry has been worldly and corrupt. In no age can a unwonted spiritual influence will act on his living ministry and a dead church be found people, hearts will melt, tears will flow, the and a dead church stand linked in mutual revival will begin to spread, to a greater or the youthful aspirant embarking on the may be said to place you by his side, and to submissive and obedient, what had Paul and corruption; and in most instances the church less extent, according to the measure of cohas been led into her apostacies by her mi- operation on the part of his church.—Zion's imaged in yonder clouds. There is a tem- of his divine benevolence.

Seated beside thy cheerful hearth, doth list to to Jessie's song.

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Seated beside thy cheerful hearth, doth list to led the church into darkness and death, by that you could approach him as a father. Scope, and the purest benevolence be exertified by the had no affected stateliness of manner, cised. It is found in turning men to righter ly teaching anti-evangelical doctrines, whose but looked for all the world like some plain, ousness. They who labour successfully in virus poisoned and killed her spiritual life. respectable farmer. This was, perhaps, one How obviously do these facts display the cause of the many curious, and sometimes intimate dependency of the church for spi-laughable incidents in his history; in which ritual prosperity upon the fidelity of its mi-his person and character were entirely mis-What an impressive lesson of re- taken. We give one of these incidents as capped tower; or, rather, lift it far higher, sponsibility they teach to us who are minis- reported to us. Bishop Roberts was in a to the New Jerusalem, clothed in the ters of Christ. With us is lodged a measteamer, on the Mississippi river, and was sureless power of good or evil. By strict sitting off by himself, on the hurricane deck, "The memory of sweet summer eves," she fidelity, by a proper devotion of ourselves when a gentleman, an eminent lawyer, repersonally to Christ, we can conduct the siding in the southwest, approached him, and church into green pastures and cause her to entered into conversation with him. Supdelight in Christ. Yea, we can stimulate her to buckle on her armour, enter the field of religious man, he began to converse with him spiritual battle, and contend for the triumph in reference to a number of preachers with of the kingdom of Christ! But by selfishly whom the lawyer was acquainted, with sevliving at our ease, by indolence, by pride, by lukewarmness, we can lead her into worldlibe acquainted; finally the lawyer concluded ness, weakness and shame. The possession to question him in reference to the Bishops. of such a power involves a responsibility "Sir," said he, "I have heard Bi hop Soule

fail of fulfilling his obligations, he must ac- Dr., and endorsed all the good that had been count both for that failure, and the evil re- said of him. "And," continued the lawyer, sulting from it, to the church and to the "there was another, an old man, who preached not long since in our place : I think they A man of science once asked, What would called him Bishop Roberts; they say he is have been the state of society if Galileo, a most excellent man, but no great preacher

But, on: though life has divers paths, though wide apart we roam,

It matters little, if at last, we reach our Father's tive missions! The mind shivers at the think he must be a Methodist preacher."

edness, and terrible depravity which the sup- know that old gentleman? that is Bishop Roberts, and he baptized me!" no thought of parting shall disturb, the meetNo thought of parting shall disturb, the meetSuppose we change the question a little,

"O," said the lawyer, (who was reported "

Holy and Unholy Ambition.

Under this impulse, he sacrificed health, lemnly falls the voice of the Holy Ghost on and even life. He trimmed the midnight are ready to be slain. If thou sayest, Be- drowsy in death. Having received, accord-

opes and aspirations of the Christian.

"I hear," said he, "the voice of suffering

atter divine light and life, and beheld the annointing of their great souls from heaven. So in New England, Edwards and Tennent,

tain of felicity which never can run dry.

THE TRUE AMBITION.

ple of God, adorned with moral beauty and grandeur, such as pearls and gems and rainbow tints can but faintly symbolize. Let to the era of modern revivals, the ministry simple in his manners. You felt very soon low, where the highest intellect may find this field shall not only have a calm satisfaction in the work, but shall shine at last "as the stars for ever and ever."

Withdraw thine eye, then, from that cloud

"The golden palace of my God Towering above the clouds I see; Beyond, the cherubs' bright abode, higher than angels' thoughts can be. How can I in those courts appear Without a wedding garment on? Conduct me, thou Life-giver, there, Conduct me to thy glorious throne, And clothe me with thy robes of light, And lead me through sin's darksome night My Saviour and my God!

The Massacre of the Vaudois

This is one of the most fearful episodes in the history of human crime: It was perpetrated against the peasant inhabitants of the Canton of Vaud by the Pope's Legate Cataneo. The tragedy is thus related in a work just published: The Vaudois, feeling that they could not

own, abandoned their poor habitations, placed their old people and children in their rustic carts, with their domestic utensils, and such provisions as they could collect, and driving their herds before them, and singing canticles, retired to the rugged slopes of Mont Pelvoux. This part of the Alps, which has since been named the Visal Brianconnais, What was Jesu rises more than 6000 feet above the level of platform, accessible only over fearful preof platform, accessible only over fearful pre-cipices extends at the mouth of the cavern, the majestic vault of which, after subsiding into a narrow passage, expands once more the should accomplish at Jerusalem." into a narrow passage, expands once more into an immense hall of irregular form. Luke ix, 29, 30. Such was the asylum which the Vaudois had selected. They placed at the extremity of the garden of Gethsemane, an angel was the grotto the women, children, and old men; sent to cheer him in the prospect of his final the cattle and sheep occupied the lateral ca- sufferings?-He was praying. "He was to, they had walled up with similar mate- thine, be done. And there appeared an rials. Cataneo states, in his Memoirs, that angel unto him from heaven, strengthening they had with them provisions for more than two years. All their precautions thus taken two years. All their precautions thus taken the angel Gabriel was sent to assure him, they deemed they had nothing to fear; but the angel Gabriel was sent to assure him, they deemed they had nothing to fear; but the angel Gabriel was sent to assure him, they deemed they had nothing to fear; but they deemed they deemed they had nothing to fear; but they deemed they had nothing to fear; but they deemed they

Cataneo had with him a daring and experienced leader, named La Palud. This captain, seeing the impossibility of forcing the That youthful poet and eminent scholar, entrenchment of the grotto on the side Henry Kirke White, toiled hard for fame. which the Vaudois had reached it, led his His ambition was, that his name might not own men back into the valley; then, with all the platform. Nothing could have been more easy than for the Vaudois either to cipitated themselves down the rocks; those piled up all the wood he could collect at the entrance, and setting fire to it, those who at-Henry Kirk White saw his error in time to while those who remained within, were sines with feelings of regret and sorrow the were afterwards examined, there were found in it four hundred infants, suffocated in their Another Henry toiled in the same path of cradles, or in the arms of their dead mothers. greatness, but with an eye more steadily Altogether, there perished in the cavern more than three thousand Vaudois-including the entire population of Val Louise .panied him, and never egain did the Vaudois Church raise its head in those blood-stained

adds a new bond to that power of affection when the feet of the messengers of salvation which binds you to his cause. And, while were suddenly released from the stocks, and There is a loftier structure, let me say to other duties bring you nearer to Christ, this the heart of the cruel jailer became docile,

FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.

Leaflets. · Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them who tres-pass against us."

Daylight has past away, The hour of dreams is come The time to look into the heart Ere the night rest is won Who looking thus can find No link that must be riven Or say, rejoicing, that they have No sins to be forgiven?

Oh! very few, I ween. Can breathe "Our Saviour's Prayer," And feel they have no need to lean On each petition there.

The Angel who to heav'n bears The records of each day, Hath trespasses for each, and all Some stain to wash away.

'Tis sweet to be forgiven, Even as we forgive Those who by thoughtless acts Our hearts have chanced to grieve. To feel when we return each word With kindly answiring tone,

As we forgive their trespasses

God will blot out our own.

He was Praying.

What was our Lord Jesus Christ doing when the Spirit of God descended visibly upon him, and his dignity was proclaimed by a voice from heaven?—He was praying. resist a force twenty times greater than their It came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased."

What was Jesus Christ doing when he was transfigured in the presence of his dis-

What was Jesus Christ doing when, in The influence of the Family him." Luke xxii, 41-43.

What was the prophet Daniel doing when it:—

proclaim the promised Redeemer's advent?

sight." Acts ix, I1, 12.

and in Great Britain, Whitefield and Wesley, him until his glory shines in the spirituality these are gone, all is gone. But Martyn's loveth a cheerful giver; and God is able to to avert the sentence; sorrowful and dejective only pasters and friends and neighbours life is found in God, and in the service of make all grace abound toward you; that ye, ted, they met to pour out united supplica- can render. Pastors, friends and neigh-God; sources which never can fail, a toun- always having sufficiency in all things, may tions before the Almighty. "And when bours of families which are taking no newsabound to every good work." As often as Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I papers, or only such as contain nothing good, Who would not prefer to follow the foot- you practise this duty in an evangelical spirit, know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent will you not make efforts to see that every Thus prepared in his own spirit, made steps of the youthful missionary over burning you must be conscious that the best part of his angel, and hath delivered me out of the family in your neighbourhood is induced to local revivals in individuals churches; with mighty through a steadfast appropriating plains, and through benighted cities, with your sanctified nature is called into exercise; hand of Herod, and from all the expectation supply itself with something suitable in the the lamp of life and salvation in his hand, your heart is partially discharged of its re- of the people of the Jews. And when he way of a family journal. It will be for your formly—the pulpit first recives, and then church nearer to Christ, and at the conver- than to mingle in the stormy career of the maining selfishness; your mind is braced had considered the thing, he came to the own interest in the long run, as well as for sion of sinners in every sermon; to preach conqueror, with the wheels of his chariot more for Christian activity; your sympathy house of Mary the mother of John, whose theirs; for it is a law of society, established On the other hand, the history of the with a firm purpose under God to achieve dripping in gore; and his ears saluted alter-Oh! many months have passed since then, and other many months have passed since the many months have passed since th

This is the introduction to the pleasing portion of the narrative; this was the preparative for their deliverance, and for the con- of Scripture on this subject. Think of tha

And what should we do, if we are in trouble?—what if the sorrows or dangers of others occasion anxiety on their behalf?—what ers occasion anxiety on their behalf?—what if we desire to receive those rich spiritual blessings, those heavenly donations, which none but God can bestow?—what, if we long for usefulness in the Church of God, or feel compassion for the myriads who are perishing in sin and ignorance? It is written.

"Ask, and it shall be given you." Mat vii, "Ask, and it shall be given you." Mat vii, 7. May it not often be said, then, "Ye have not, because ye ask not?" In the

tor, how evidently was the promise fulfilled, Isaiah lxv, 24. True, we do not deserve that God should hearken to us; but he is worthiness of Christ, the righteous one, the care and guidance. When Jesus prayed, the father saw before him his beloved Son, his faithful servant, the object of his highest complacency; and the suppliant was for his own sake heard and accepted. But in this he is alone. All others of the human family are unworthy of the blessings they request; and if they receive them, must be indebted to free mercy. Daniel, therefore, in

ness, but for thy great mercies." Daniel ix, favour, the sanctification of his nature, and 18. But we are authorized to ask for bless ultimate admission—a pure and spotless sings in the Saviours name. "Whatsoever spirit—to mansions of eternal blessedness. ye shall ask the Father in my name," said But the Son of God, in the accomplishment points to rugged height,

Where few and far the sunny spots that cheer the traveller's sight.

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As he prayed, the fashion of the higher object of his visit to earth—

Assuredly the world would have suffered tries to do the best he can, but he's not much of a preacher."

The points to rugged height,

Assuredly the world would have suffered immensely by their premature death.

But the son of God, in the accomplishment of the higher object of his visit to earth—

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asked nothing in my name; ask, and ye shall of a preacher." receive, that your joy may be full." John not forget the alleviation of those sorrows behold, there talked with him two men, ly unto the throne of grace, that we may ob-

Newspaper.

posted themselves towards the mouth of the and kneeled down, and prayed, saying, contained in the following article taken from posted themselves towards the mouth of the cavern, which, after having first barricaded Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup a late number of the Montreal Witness in the son of God a halo of glory, to succour with large rocks the path that led to the grot- from me: nevertheless, not my will, but duces us to recommend it heartily to our and to bless the sorrowing among men, feed numerous readers, at the same time indulg- ing the multitude, giving sight to the blind ing a hope that they will be influenced by hearing to the deaf, restoring the leper, and

they deemed they had nothing to lear; but that within a given period the Messiah in reality they had to fear this very confidence in mere human precautions.

The deemed they had nothing to lear; but that within a given period the Messiah should come to make atonement for sin, and dence in mere human precautions.

The deemed they had nothing to lear; but the great teacher—of his glowing-eloquence, and of his unbounded pity to frail man—again, replied that he did not yet see his fulfil the other gracious purposes for the congregation practising it, but as soon as he will be a soon as he will fulfil the other gracious purposes for the accomplishment of which he had been promised?—He was praying.

What was the whole congregation of reason of the same kind must be our excuse.

What was the whole congregation of reason of the same kind must be our excuse. Israel doing when Gabriel was sent again for reverting once a year at least to the imto announce to Zacharias that he should have a son, who should be the herald to portance of spreading good papers and other sea, unfolds some new and momentous truth

of the people were praying without at the time of incense. And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the lessons, faithful yet unresented rebukes, and It is early morning—the sun is just show-

of terror seized the unhappy beseiged.—
Some who rushed out from the cavern, preprayer is heard; and thy wife Elizabeth line upon line, precept upon precept, here a oft addressed the multitude, a frail bark shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call little and there a little, are exemplified.— launches forth upon the bosom of the placid his name John. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord and persevering visits to the family conveys straight for the opposite side. Jesus and their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the way of divine appointment, and the longer hearts of the fathers to the children, and it is read the better it is liked.

ght." Acts ix, 11, 12. other family will have the globe on which have need of healing."

When messengers came to Peter from they dwell mapped out before their minds. The sun is vast verging towards the westusefulness, that so he might be the honoured condition of every considerable nation in it, must gather around the desert. The

ness to light" by the force of his example, obedience, have devoted their property to angel from prison, came to the house of and all this result for ten shillings a year! say unto him "We have here but five the last century? Were not the ministry to first to receive the hallowed quickening the first to receive the hallowed quickening to first to first to firs

Heaven the result of Redemption.

Our highest conceptions of the felicity and glory of heaven are derived from redemption. Collect all the beautiful imagery version of the jailer and his house :- "At celestial paradise in perennial beauty, freshmidnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang ness and bloom. Think of the crowns and praises unto God: and the prisoners heard thrones of glory, and of the palms of victhem. And suddefily there was a great tory. Think of the city whose walls are earthquake, so that the foundations of the jasper, whose gates are pearls, whose streets prison were shaken; and immediately all are gold, and whose light is the glory of the doors were opened, and every one's hands were loosed." Acts xvi. 25, 26.

God! Think of the inhabitants of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim; the thrones. dominions, principalities and powers; the pressions of the happiness of that place are derived from the consideration that it is a happiness merited by the blood of Christ. cases just mentioned, and in many others re-corded both in ancient and in modern hisheaven itself the great object of holy and -" Before they call, 1 will answer; and grateful attraction is the Lord Jesus, who while they are yet speaking. I will hear." appears in the midst of the throne, as it were a Lamb that had been slain. "Sir, we would see Jesus," said the Greeks to Philip, at one of the Jewish festivals; but iness of our own; but we may plead the with higher hopes than these strangers ever cherished, the believer dies and rises to en-Saviour of all who commit themselves to his of his glorified Lord.—Wesleyan Magazine.

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New Testament Incidents.

NO. 1V. JESUS FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND The grand object of the Savjour's mission urging his petition, disclaimed all personal was to redeem man from the terrible merit, saying,—"We do not present our curse of God's broken law—thus opening supplications before thee for our righteous- the way for his introduction into the divine tain mercy, and find grace to help in time the disastrous effects of sin's blighting curse, and, as his heart melts at the sad picture of human woe, he oft pours the balm of consolation into the afflicted heart. Thus, in the daily display of his miraculous power, while he might have hurled mountains from their heights, drained the ocean of its depths, or the cattle and sneep occupied the lateral casulerings:—He was praying. "He was vities of the rock; and the able bodied men withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, looks away from such grand display of his

> raising the dead. Jesus is at Capernaum, and the fame of reason of the same kind must be our excuse ing with love-standing upon the beach, to listening multitudes-and then, as one by proclaim the promised Redeemer's advent?
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> —It was praying. "The whole multitude of the people were praying without at the family paper by which the same amount of the listening multitudes—and then, as one by one draws nigh, all loathsome with disease, at the word of the Son of God, the sick

right side of the altar of incense. And unobtrusive advices may be conveyed, and ing its rosy tints in the distant east, and the have cut the ropes, or to have slain each soldier before he reached the ground, and then hurled them into the abyss; but a panic of terror seized the unhappy beseiged.— "What are ye now,
But thorns about my bleeding brow."

In sacrificing health to fame, however, then y Kirk White saw his error in time to while those who remained within, were completed to the saw of the saw o reach that higher, purer motive, which comstifled by the smoke. When the caverns having seen the Lord Jesus in the way to takes a good family newspaper, and the "as sheep not having a shepherd;" the Damascus, and humbled himself before the other does not. Which of these family, we strings of his heart's warm affections are Saviour, Ananias was sent to restore his would ask, all things being equal, will grow loosened; and fatigue of mind and body gives sight and guide his steps ?- He was pray- up most intelligent, best informed, best pre- place to deep pity for lost men, and strong sight and golde his steps:—He was pray up most intengent, the state of life, and best fitted to desire to lead them in the way of life. As- and go into the street which is called act their part with credit in any sphere in Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas which their lot may be cast? There is no iour sits, surrounded by his disciples, and for one called Saul, of Tarsus; for, behold, need to answer this question. Whilst the he prayeth, and hath seen in a vision a man, one family will probably scarcely know the and yet move to action the hidden energies named Ananias coming in, and putting his commonest topics of the day, either in res- of the soul, he "speaks unto the people of hand on him, that he might receive his pect to their own or any other country; the the kingdom of God, and heals them that

Christian Eiberality Rewarded. Cesarea, to invite him to a new sphere of and know something of the character and ern horizon, and soon the shades of evening For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have ministered to the saints, and on the Gentiles, what was the apostle doing?—

usefulness, that so ne might be the nonoured condition of every considerable nation in it, besides being familiar with numberless items of information in the arts and sciences, and whisper, "Send the multitude away, that minister Heb. vi 10.

usefulness, that so ne might be the nonoured condition of every considerable nation in it, besides being familiar with numberless items of information in the arts and sciences, and whisper, "Send the multitude away, that the was praying. "I was in the city of especially with lessons and maying for self." He was praying. "I was in the city of especially with lessons and maxims for self- they may go into the villages and buy them-The most marked interpositions and signal Joppa praying : and in a trance I saw a government, the result of the experience of selves victuals." But Jesus, with the intent revivals, whose record gilds the page of church history with its brightest glory!—
We remain a government, the result of the experience of display from that congregation into preach them in crowded cathedrals? Or, church history with its brightest glory!—
With whom began the revival of Pentecost?

Through whom flowed the unction? By whom did the churches of New England rise in 1740? By whose labours came the great Wesleyan revival of his teachings by a fresh the world unconverted, to act with ruinous shall I lay my honours at the feet of Jesus, blessings, even of earthly prosperity, have the world unconverted, to act with ruinous shall I lay my honours at the feet of Jesus, and consecrate my being to the enlightent of the best and greatest men, to which the blessings, even of earthly prosperity, have the world unconverted, to act with ruinous shall I lay my honours at the feet of Jesus, blessings, even of earthly prosperity, have the were three men already come unto make these minds a savour of holy influence may not of pagan nations?"

The most marked interpositions and signal of power divine the best and greatest men, to which indicately the best and greatest men, to which food fighting force to his teachings to the best and greates