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[For the Provinc'al Wesleyan.] DOCTRINAL SKETCHINGS. - THE declare omnipotence, but "all-sufficiency,"

is the first condition of true religion, and godliness. Without this there can be no acceptable To take but one other instance. Who

limited understanding of the Divine nature, "God is a Spirit, and they that worship and of the purposes and government of Him must worship Him in Spirit and in

out the Almighty to perfection. Even to ful and true sayings of inspiration laid up the scientific eye, or the philosophic mind, in the Bible. In our hands, that volume is "How little a portion" is seen or imagined complete, sufficient, invulnerable. It is the of Him. Amidst the most stupendous and revelation of God; and this is life eternal impressive of his works, "the thunder of to know Him, and Jesus Christ whom he His power, who can understand?" He hath sent. How proper for us therefore light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, or can see." Yet and revelation in the knowledge of Christ His is not a solitary grandeur, in which may be imparted to us! Nor can there be shutting Himself out from His creatures a better method of beginning the year than He ignores their wants, disdains their sup- by a careful survey of the grounds and naplications, or looks with profound indiffer- ture of our faith. Have we duly consience upon their principles or conduct. He dered our obligations to the great First is not far from every one of us. In His Cause? Do we remember that in Him we hand is our breath, and His are all our "live and move, and have our being?" Is ways. On man, least and lowest of His the fact ever present to our mind. H intelligent creatures-on man, guilty, de- knoweth our downsitting and our uprising. prayed, and wretched as he is hath He and is acquainted with all our ways, and varied necessities, and with the bounties of fore us as the alone worthy object of our His Providence, and the gracious influences every act? Are we come to trust under of His Holy Spirit, He "visits him every morning, and tries him every moment." And the design of all this is obvious. He would have men to "seek the Lord, if its portion, and we may well exclaim, haply they might feel after Him and find The language both of reason and

of revelation is, "Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace; thereby good shall come unto thee. It has very properly been remarked, that in the Holy Scriptures no reasoning adduced to prove the existence of

God. The fact of His being is assumed throughout the volume of revelation. The claims of the true God are set forth in striking contrast to those of the "gods many and lords many" who have received the homage of so large a portion of the are employed towards the "deceived' own imagination which cannot save. The deny Him, are warned to turn from their iniquities, and to flee from the wrath to come and the second contribution of the quiescent and inoperative faith of many believers. come; and the serious of all conditions are the veriest slave of superstition, repudiat- wail of our need. ing that faculty of intelligence which dis-It in that memorable passage in the epistle to be "without excuse," and to be obnoxious to "the wrath of God which is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold the truth in unrighteousness," how much more must they be inexcusable, and to how much more sorer punishment exposed, who utter-God in the world;" and the scarcely half-Who is the Lord that we should serve Him, or what profit shall we have if we pray unto Him? The manner in which, and the persons

to whom, the Divine perfections are revealed, are worthy of our attentive consideration. Rather by illustration than by direct formal announcement does the Lord make all His goodness pass before us.' The heavens declare His glory, and the irmament sheweth his handy-work. The egularity of the phenomena of naturethat system of sun, moon and stars which is above us; of this our planet, with its alternations of night and day, summer and winter, seed time and harvest ; and of these processes by which animate as well as inanimate creatures run on in egular succession from age to age-imoresses us with the immutability and infinite blurred or warped it may be, but the truth is in visdem of God. Nor is His goodness less it.

The argument is short and, we think, cogent es not tender mercy and loving kindness afford at least strong presumption of the truth? wely predominate in our experience?

It was to Abram, and with the view tion, all in answer to prayer.

no hope experienced. Possessed of this struction in reference to the nature of God knowledge, however, and in proportion to and the worship which He requires as that the explicitness with which it is given, and woman bred in ignorance, enthralled by the honesty with which it is improved, man prejudice, and thoroughly demoralized by may obtain the grace to walk in blessed her dissolute practices, who came out to communion with his God on earth, and ul- draw water at Jacob's well? And yet hearing the cry of the righteous, delivering tribute something substantial toward making it justly. timately to dwell in His presence, where when awakened by the searching words of them out of trouble, supplying their need, dir
one of the brightest spots on earth. If wives,

4. Are you on amicable terms, as far as you there is fulness of joy and pleasures for Christ-when really anxious to know the ecting their steps, then the only Scriptures and mothers, and sisters, realized what a magic can be, with every body? You spoke an un-It is our privilege to be placed in cir- the revelations made to her! It was her and enjoined us to search, are utterly mislead- fathers, children and brothers, they would Have you tried to repair the damage? That cumstances exceedingly favourable for the ear that lieard, it was her anxious heart ing. If all things are in the grip of inexorable surely never tire in efforts to make it attraction. It was her anxious heart ing. If all things are in the grip of inexorable surely never tire in efforts to make it attraction. acquisition of a right, though necessarily a that realized the inestimable sentence, laws, and prayer secures none of the specific tive. They would seek to concentrate in it all whom, in a moment of excitement, you acted of it. Get a thorough knowledge of your sub- what is left? What! Is man left? And earth.

True it is that none by searching can find | Happy is it for us that we have the faithearnest prayer that the spirit of wisdom the shadow of His wings? Have we in very deed "avouched the Lord to be our God?" Then, only then, has our soul found less care.

"Thee will I love my joy my crown, Thee will I love my Lord my God; Thee will I love beneath thy frown Or smile, -thy sceptre or thy rod : What though my heart and flesh decay, Thee shall I love in endless day!"

[From the Christian Advocate.] PRAYERS FOR TEMPORAL BLESSINGS

human family. "An idol is nothing in the world." And "all the gods of the nations prayer for temporal blessings in this age, and are idols; but the LORD made the hea- in proof of the need of this discussion presented vens." Reasoning and expostulation, then, some illustrations of the prevalent skepticism on worshippers of stocks and stones, who feed the reasons which justify the answer of the on ashes, and trust to a figment of their question with an emphatic Yes. We do this giving, let your requests be made known unto drawn. not chiefly for the purpose of convincing a few profane and the careless, too, who profess decided doubters, but in the hope of contribu-

1. Our first appeal is to the profound convicfully instructed in the way of salvation. tion general, not to say universal, throughout But within the compass of the Bible there lands and all ages, that there is a Mighty is no controversy with the atheist as such. Power above us who has to do with the affairs Degrading himself immeasurably beneath of men, and that he is not indifferent to the

In the darkest days of slavery triumphant tinguishes him from the brute creation, and Frederick Douglass was ever making a fierce and satisfaction for his soul, he is confronted simply with the reproach, "The fool hope for his oppressed race. There sat before hath said in his heart there is no God." him a weird old negress, Sojourner Truth, who raised her skinny finger as though in prophetic to the Romans, (ch. i, 19-20,) where "the admonition, and in piercing tones cried out, eternal power and Godhead" of the one "Frederick, is God dead?" This short confestrue Jehovah are declared to be "clearly ion of faith in God illuminated the dreary scene seen, being understood by the things that like a flash of lightening. The event has vindithe idolatrous world is shown cated the humble Christian as against the lifery orator.

The same faith which confides in God for the deliverence of a race flies to him for personal succor. Sojourner Truth had a child stolen or than a thousand missionaries. One of the earsold into slavery. She vaguely thought she liest results of the present war in Europe has must seek help at a court-house, and that in ly deny the Creator and Lord of the uni- order to accomplish this she must have money. Yet the tendency of all sin is to It occured to her, "God has money;" so she power of the Pope. There was truth in Cromatheism. Practically, they who seek not went straight to him. Her own simple account well's rough jest of inscribing on the muzzles the knowledge of God, who set their affec- is this: "I didn't rightly know which way to of his cannon, "Open thou my lips and my tions on earthly things, who serve their turn; but I went to the Lord and said to him, own passions and desires, live "without O, Lord, of I was as rich as you be, an' you was as poor as I be, I'd help you, know I would; suppressed language of their heart is,— an' O, do help me!' An, 1 felt sure that he he must, in accordance with the present constiwould; an' he did." "A man, seeing her tution of things, accomplish this great result writhing in agony before the court-house, ask- largely through material agencies; so, at least, triends who took up her case and pressed it until her child was recovered."

This was christian faith; but it was only the full flower of that germ of faith which finds lodgement in every breast. The fact is that where the Bible has never gone men are found seeking the favor or deprecating the wrath of God or of the gods. They believe, distortedly yet really, in answers to prayer for temporal money into the purse, as well as salvation to good. What is the philosophy of this most in- the soul. teresting and omnipresent fact? We hold that it can be no other than the hand-writing of God in the human soul. Every religious be lief universal among men is essentially true

reature is made subject to vanity," that All nations believe in God, in the necessity of and cheering to the human heart as the word iffering is our common lot, that the dis- workship, in a hereafter, in future retribution, usations of Providence are often dark, and these are verities. All nations believe in erplexing, and severely afflictive, yet are supplicating the Unseen Power or powers above e not evidently made for enjoyment, and them for temporal good. Does not this fact

2. How do the Old Testament Scriptures Still, we are not left to the deductions treat this assumption so generally made conof reason simply in our investigations of cerning the scope of prayer? Do they scatter to ne Divine character. God hath spoken to the winds all such notions, as part and parcel nan at sundry times and in divers manners. of the barbarism out of which they propose to out those to whom He addressed Himself lift the dark nations? So far from this, they it on to welcome the truth and imby it. And the same principle in

stowed with boundless munificence. The sick should see assisted rain is withheld not the hour when he shall again stand in its lecting of full memorands or unfinished basis. sition to welcome the truth and imbeen to work. The news that I had preached prophet, or apostle, or evangelist remains to about the prosperity of our meetings, and what at the Princess's palace, and would preach again proclaim or record a single superhuman oracle. When tossed on the term proclaim or record a single superhuman oracle. When tossed on the term proclaim or record a single superhuman oracle. When tossed on the term proclaim or record a single superhuman oracle. When tossed on the term proclaim or record a single superhuman oracle. dis good. If any man will do His or sent, men's unspoken and forgotten thoughts hallowed precincts. When tossed on the temshall know of the doctrine whether are divined, armies are routed, kingdoms are God. The meek will He guide in preserved or overthrown, and multitudinous nent, and the meck will He teach His marvels are wrought by direct divine interposi-

(3.) The successive dispensations of his mercy rounded.

retreat not but advance. truth which saves-how marvellous are Jesus had, and which he frequently expounded influence home has upon their husbands, kind word, and wounded a sensitive heart. into diminished privilege and increasing dark- there will be times when the clouds will part be on the morrow.

petual validity. Nothing can ever supersede machinery of our bodies break down, was Intelligencer. it. It is the everlasting hand-book of the there no place where it could be relieved from Church. The general scope of its teaching on the high pressure to which it is daily subject? the subject will be seen by a rapid glance at That they may achieve the greatest success, it set His heart." He is "mindful" of his words and motives? Do we set Him be- providence of God over the every-day tempor- well calculated to do this, or that can do it so all about the stars, and his fate be the meteor's, ing full of light, and your heart full of God; and words are too familiar to need repeating here. make home happy and cheerful.

> apply to all things. "Ask, and ye shall reespecially with the ancient Scriptures in mind is how these promises are girt about with limita-

thing, by prayer and supplication with thanks- which all true and virtuous hearts are daily own soul?-Dr. Guthrie. but that he " may have a prosperous journey,"

bodies as well as souls, and our souls are acted upon very largely through our bodies. The ifference between poverty and wealth is to some men the whole difference between heaven and hell. A fit of sickness or a recovery from illnsss may save a soul.

It now becomes evident how utterly unscientific as well as unchristian were the sentiments to which we adverted in the previous article concerning the indifference of God to the results of war. There have been battles which have done more for the progress of the Gospel been, what good Christians have prayed for centuries long, the overthrow of the temporal mouth shall show forth thy praise."

It is hardly too much to say that if God intends the salvation of nations or of individuals ed what was the matter, and directed her to he is continually working. It is, therefore, eminently fitting for men to pray believingly for his direct superintendence of all their temporal concerns-personal, domestic, social, and

We close with the declaration of our unque of God might always realize, that "if need be" prayer can bring bread into the larder, and

> THE HEAVENLY HOME. BY REV. J. H. SWOPE.

How few words there are in our language that express so much that is dear, and sacred, home. Southey has very appropriately said of

Ope small spot, Where my tired mind may rest and call it home.
There is a magic in that word! It is a mystic circle that surrounds and virtues never known beyond its/hal-

pest-wrought sea of trade, how great the com-

God,"—a term this which did not merely such sense present and at work in the world as cloudy world. It is an oasis, with bubbling which might have been prevented by a tew by the same gentleman who came with the Prin-preparation for His coming smokes and is when Daniel passed so pleasant a night in the fountains, and laughing rills, and blooming strokes of the pen. so that the father of the faithful might lion's den, and the Hebrew children found the flowers, and grassy lawns, and refreshing 3. Have you paid all your debts? Or have Methodist prayer-meeting in the sky, alike disappear! The cross crumbles, expect, if he would employ them for the fierce glow of the seven-times-heated furnace as shade, in the midst of life's dreary desert. The you made arrangements that your creditors shall the palace, and came home happy in the Lord. the sepulcher sinks, and the throne, well sym A correct knowledge of the Most High best ends, every blessing adapted to life harmless as the dewy heath of morning. Our spot to which the toilers in the dusty shop, or not be wronged? There may be some balance I have heard that my preaching out there was bolized by the rainbow that adorns it. like the reply to this is threefold: (1.) The Old Testa- in the haunts of trade, or in the midst of agri- against you which you acknowledge yourself not in vain, and the Lord only knows what fruits rainbow vanishes away! His pre-existence. His ment is our perpetual lesson-book; "whatso- cultural pursuits, or the excitement of public morally bound to meet, but against which no will come from this occasion. Thus you see current existence. His whole existence, is worship rendered by us, no trust exercised, so unlikely to be favoured with special inever things were written aforetime were writever things were writen aforetime were writever things were written aforetime were writever things were writeever things were written aforetime were writever things were writeever things were writeever things were writeever things were written for our learning." (2.) God changes not. associations with which he may be there surpay him after awhile. You have the ability upper classes; and notwithstanding the opposition the Bible and the Spirit becomes a ghost, in

and show a silver lining.

God." Peter is in prison; and a prayer-meet- And home is one of the figures employed by MR. BRADLAUGH AND THE COLLIER. ing is held for his deliverance. An angel our Saviour in order to set forth the attractions swings open the prison door, he walks forth, and happiness of heaven. "In my Father's unto myself, that where I am there ve may be 4. There is another field of argument, very hand of the blessed Savior himself, in which we home of the redeemed.

> burdens and troubles, but the heavenly home offers an eternal retreat. Nor care, nor toil, nor pain, nor anxiety shall ever find an entrance there. It includes everything pleasant and desirable in the homes of earth, but this is not all. It includes infinitely more. Earth has no home, or mansion that comes nearer to destroyer, and robbed of some of their richest jewels, and brightest attractions, lift up your its exhaustless treasures and glories? It may be that what has been taken from your earthly home, which you so much prized, has been removed to the home above. If so, how strong his gray hairs with sorrow to the grave. the inducements to gain it?

cabin? If so, I ask, are you a follower of selves, allowing them to grow up in ignorance should like to have Nathan," alluding to her Jesus? If you are, look on the most magnifi- of the Gospel, or leave them to the compascent mansion to be found on the earth, and ask sion of others. It is a heavenly sight to be- going." heavenly mansion.

Has misfortune overtaken you? Have you been deprived of your earthly home? Are you sad and depressed? Litt up your bowed down head, my brother. All is not lost. Thank dealt personally with your children, and spok-God you have a home in heaven. Press for en to them of Christ? If not, begin now the adverse influences of this sinful world. If house "-Rev. G. C. Needham. you will be faithful, though the days may be dark, and misfortunes numerous, the heavenly home will seem to shine the brighter, your longings for it will become more ardent, and when the labor and turmoil of life is overand you stand amid its grandeur and bliss

SET THY HOUSE IN ORDER.

toils, and sorrows and losses. - N. W. Adv.

"Died suddenly!" How often these solema of us. Reader :

1. Is your business in such shape that if you hat was left of Paradise, and though it may be should die to-night it might be settled by your

Just here the suggestion of unbellet is likely and to be perfect, that the Lord appeared and said, "I am the Almighty peared and said, "I am the Almighty of miracles is past, and perhaps God is not in several of our griends from putes be need in regard to the nature, peared, and happiness, and mutual confidence abound, death? Died intestale! is often the precursor wisby, not knowing the turn thing had taken, or office of Christ, His history, condition, and happiness, and heart burnings, and injustice, went out there at the appointed hour; and, led

SAVING KNOWLEDGE.

doctrine of Prayer. In his sermon on the a season, be diverted to some other channel, heart remains as hard as granite or adamant; taking a text which you do not know how to Son. and Holy Ghost be mere names without Mount the incomparable Teacher sets forth than that in which they are daily driven, be may know all about the winds, their courses nothing with greater amplitude of statement Without this they soon lose their vigor and and their currents, and be the sport of passions and illustration than the particular and minute become enfeebled. But there is nothing so as turbulent and fierce as they, he may know ed. Go into the pulpit with your understandal interests of his people. His wonderous effectively, as a cheerful home. Then aim to that blazes for a little while and is then lost, his Spirit will help you, and then you will find quenched in eternal night; he may know all a wonderful assemblage of ideas coming in to They make every singing bird and blooming In every department and activity of life how about the sea, and be a stranger to the peace your assistance; and you will feel the benefit flower preach to us of our loving Father's cease- wonderfully do our thoughts gravitate home- of God; his soul may resemble its troubled of the doctrine of association, of which the reward. As the sailor in distant seas turns the waters which, lashed by storms and ruffled by citers and memory men can make no use. The bow of his ship toward his native land, how is every breath of wind, cannot rest, but throws finest, the best and the most impressive ment are inclusive, not exclusive; they make it his heart thrilled with joy as he exclaims to up mire and dirt; he may know how to rule the thoughts are obtained in the pulpit when the his comrades, "We are homeward bound!" spirit of the elements, and not know how to preacher enters it with the preparation menceive;" "Ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall As the soldier closes the weary campaign, and rule his own; he may know how to turn tioned above. be done unto you,"etc. The natural assumption, sets out on his homeward march, how vividly aside the thunderbolt, but not the wrath of an do the images of father, mother, wife and angry God; you may know all, in short, that that such promises include temperal good, and children, brothers and sisters, present them- man's genius has discovered, or his skill inventthe burden of proof is on those who deny this. selves to his vision, and overwhelmed with the ed, but it you do not know Jesus Christ, if Let them show, if they can, where and crowding thoughts, with deep emotion does he your eyes have never been opened to a saving which chimes in exactly with the words of the when they are fixed in their sockets, glazed by Louis, who was staying at one of our public But specific teachings remove all doubts. In And the same is true of all classes of men who the hand of death? Equally by the death-bed houses, went, as it were, to the bounds of life, tressing anxieties which even Christians are too as they turn their faces from the scenes of tion. What shall it profit a man if he shall she bled until [she quite swooned away. wont to indulge, is inspired to give us an anti-

and presently knocks at the door of the prayer-house are many mansions; if it were not so I the audience with him.

BE FAITHFUL AT HOME.

a representation of the heavenly than to fall pare for their class, and who have urged the the floor, to which she had slidden from her infinitely short of the reality. Oh! will not young people to come to the marriage feast chair, as the loss of blood enfeebled her, insentheir own children, for whom they are respon- on the sweet communion with her Maker and sible, are left to the care of others, and no Redeemer. He came and supped with her and eyes to the home in heaven and make sure of kind words are spoken to them about Jesus. she with Him. "I saw," she said, "that I ber of young men and women have found While the father is keeping the garden of was a sinner, a great sinner, but my Saviour Jesus precious to their souls. I saw not a few others, his own garden lies neglected, and his said, 'Not too great for my blood to pardon.' of them full of joy and peace. Some very old

Are you poor? Is your house an humble parents neglect to educate their children themyourself what comparison does it bear to the hold the head of a family gathering his children around him in the silence of the evening, interesting them in Bible truths and Bible history, and thus educating them for heaven.

Christian father, Christian mother, have you

Our Swedish missionary is getting up in the world. We trust it will not make him tall from grace to rise in honor. He thus describes gregationalist. a preaching in the Royal Palace :-

When I was at Wisby, I was invited by you will have ample compensation for all life's Her Royal Highness, the Princess Eugenie. the King's sister, to preach on Sunday, September 4th, at her summer palace, which i about five miles (English) from Wisby, which 2. Is your will made? In the event of your certain quarters, and several clergymen of the olve together. Matthew and his Gospel, Paul but many were gloryfying God, and would wish fort conveyed to him in the thought, there is pulse ceasing to beat before to-morrow morn-State Church went out there on the Saturday and his epistles, perish in the same fire. Nay they had a thousand hearts and tongues to one place where storms never beat, and the noise and distraction of business never ruffle the smooth waters! A home in which virtue, which it is your intention to promote after your matters were. Several of our friends from place the same throught, there is pulse ceasing to beat before the same throught, there is pulse ceasing to beat before the same throught, there is pulse ceasing to beat before the same throught, there is pulse ceasing to beat before the same throught, there is pulse ceasing to beat before the same throught, there is pulse the beat out there on the Saturday in more: take the Bible and you take away the praise His glorious grace.

Lord Jesus Christ. No longer need any displacement of the same through through the same through through the same through through the same through the same through the same through t

cess's message to me, they had quite a lively gone! The manager in the stable, and the star now, but you are neglecting them. Take heed tion of the clergy, we have friends in high deed; or, rather, less than a ghost. Like a Every home should be a place of sunshine. lest death, coming when you do not expect him, places. On Gottland a great work is going meteor, it flashes from darkness and falls into Unless God is ever present in the world, Every one of its members should aim to con- shall put it forever beyond your power to do on, and we must increase missionary force the blackness of darkness. And so of the there next year .- Zion's Herald. Father: take away the Bible, and the Father

TO YOUNG PREACHERS

"God is a Spirit, and they that worship gifts it asks for, but only draws the soul that the joy and pleasure possible. Let a man an unchristian part, deserve better treatment. ject; understand your text in all its connection and heaven, and the universe,—are they all offers it toward God, then Jacob and Moses realize that he has a home, in the full sense of You are conscious of having wronged them. and bearings, and then go into the pulpit de- left? Aha! be it so. But what kind of a man were better off than we, for they dwelt and the word, and it is impossible that he should Had you not better ask their forgiveness, and pending on the spirit of God to give you power is left? A man without a Maker. without a talked and prevailed with a personal Diety; be always unhappy, or burdened with cares. gain reconciliation now? Tomorrow there may to explain and illustrate to the people those Saviour, and without a soul! a man without then the Christian dispensation is a relapse Though in the main his days may be dark, be no opportunity. You know not what shall general and particular views which you have an origin, without a purpose, and without an already taken of your subject, and which you end! The noblest of beings, and yet the 5. Have you God for your friend? If not, conscientiously believe to be correct and ac- meanest and most miserable, -all sensibility, 3, What is the teaching of the New Testa- And it is by finding such a refuge, where you have no time to lose. He waits to be gra- cording to the word of God. But get nothing sympathy and affection, yet sitting desolated ment? Right here this whole discussion burdens and cares may be thrown off, and the cious now. You will soon stand before him. by heart to speak there, else even your memory and in sackcloth, among the graves of dead "only hath immortality dwelling in the to "search the Scriptures daily," and with hinges. The New Testament is the final high tension of life relaxed for a season, that "This night thy soul may be required of thee." will contribute to keep you in perpetual bond- friends, full himself of living memories, ever revelation of God's truth, intended for all after men prepare themselves for success, and also Take Jesus at once to be your Mediator and age. No man was ever a successful preacher moaning for the dead, but without hope of ages. Its precepts and promises are of per- prolong their days. How soon would the Saviour. Set thy house in order.—Christian who did not discuss his subject from his own their return, having no hope, but that he and judgment and experience. The reciters of ser- his children may likewise die and be no more mons may be popular; but God scarcely ever And what kind of an earth is left? and what employs them to convert sinners, or build up kind of a heaven? and what kind of a universe? saints in their most holy faith. I do not recom- Who cares what kind! If a man be a worm (1) its doctrine of Providence, and at (2) its is necessary that the minds of men should, for A man may know all about the rocks, and his mend in this case a blind reliance upon God; if angels be the specters of worms, if Father,

handle, and depending upon God to give you something to say. He will not be thus employ-

Sometimes we are granted a passage of life knowledge of the truth, what will that avail you Apostle. Not very long since, a lady from St. that perfect model of prayer, designed for perpetual use, Jesus taught us to call on God for genuine joy is experienced by the school-boy, there is room and reason for the solemn ques- Having been seized suddenly with hemorrhage, some mustrations of the prevalent skepticism on this subject. We wish now to set forth some of dote: "Be careful for nothing; but in every ing home." Oh! home is the grand center to wealth, its pleasures, and honors, and lose his tendants thought breath was gone. Without recall. A skilful physician reached her before

death had completely unclasped the bond which unites soul and body. He staunched the blood. After concluding a lecture, Mr. Bradlaugh applied restoratives, and after some hours she and presently knocks at the door of the prayer-bouse are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you the saints not only for directly spiritual ends, in the saints not only for directly spiritual end also." Here is a home scene drawn by the

infidel, and used to badger me about tending friend who had been with her in the hour of perich in proofs of our thesis, at which we can now only glance: the intimate relations between temporal and spiritual things. We have class-meetings and prayer-meetings; but one ril, the secret of that calmness; what had been and ah! mon, but he did holler." Then turning In that season of prostration, when no outward to Mr. Bradlaugh, with a very knowing look, object made any impression upon her senses, til they have strong exidence of their converand says heaven is my home. The earthly he said—"Young mon, there's nowt like cobs her mind had never been more lively or busy. and says heaven is my home. The earthly home offers him only a brief respite from life's of coal tor knocking infidelity out of a man." Her soul was filled with holy activity and pious of the revival do not belong to us. There It need scarcely be said that the collier carried joy. The Gospel plan of salvation, to which

she had been no stranger in health, had opened to her spiritual vision with a fullness and glory such as she had not before seen. She knew no pain. She heard no mortal voices, saw no We have met with Sunday-school teachers forms of friends, knew not that restoratives children grow up in sin and shame, and bring The plan of redemption. of saving a sinner by grace, was opened to me as never before. I 12 and upwards, have been awakened. There This sin, I greatly fear, is universal, and said to myself, 'Now I am going to know what

the unbridged stream without returning from the third daughter is also anxious. May she the hither side to tell us of the activities within, also be enabled to embrace Jesus in all his fulmay be finishing their work below, and enter- ness and in all His sufficiency, so that the whole ing on the heavenly state, in a like conscious family may rejoice with joy unspeakable, and manner. The obscure recesses into which the that they may all be saved soul. pressed by mortal disease, retires, are not Earnest prayers have been offered at our ward. The house not made with hands eternal Remember the promise: "Believe on the Lord beyond the reach of Him who said, "Lo, I am meetings by young lads, from the ages 12 to in the heavens, is far beyond the reach of all Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy with you always, even unto the end of the 17. "Out of the mouths of babes and suck world." Where He is, there shall His servant lings thou hast ordained strength." Sometimes be; and where his servant—the soul in covenant with Him-is, there will the blessed Son of Man not tail to find him. - Evvangeline in Con-

NO BIBLE-THEN WHAT?

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I confess for myself, at once, and with all frankness, that the question is, the Bible-I, of course, gladly accepted. She sent her or atheism, anti-theism, or Pantheism; anything evening. On several evenings we were obliged carriage for me on Suaday morning, and I rather than deism. Take away the Bible, and by the earnestness and anxiety of the people words meet our gaze in the newspapers! They preached in her drawing-room to about fifty or you take away all the angels. Not a single to remain in church till after megnight. On suggest most important inquiries to each one sixty persons; and, bless the Lord! with great cherub, or seraph, not a single throne, or do- one of these protracted Sabbath evening meetliberty. The Princess played on the cabinet- minion, or principality, or power, not a single ings as many as fourteen young men took part organ herself, and she seemed to be very much morning star, or son of God, is left. Gabriel in the devotional exercises, young men who pleased. Afterward I was invited to dinner. vanishes as a phantom, and Michael melts into air never prayed till the revival visited us. It was ever so humble, to its possessor there is no survivors, without unnecessary loss to your esever so numble, to its possessor there is no are lost, and vast trouplace upon earth that ean compare with it. tate? Immense sums are lost, and vast troupromised, and she was to send her carriage for you take away the elect succession of inspired were among us some that wondered what these When separated from it, he turns to it in his ble and expensive litigation are involved by me; but in the meantime our opposers had men. Not a single patriarch, or priest, or things meant; some were in grave doubts

retires into an impenetrable seclusion, infinite ly more oblivious than was ever imagined before. And then when the earth is exhausted of As to your making or composing sermons, everything inspired, and heaven of everything substance. - who cares what kind ! - The Book

> (From the Presbyterian Witness.) REVIVAL IN COW BAY, C. B

At our request the Rev. D. McDougall has urnished the following account of a blessed Revival of religion experienced within the bounds of his charge. Other congregations have been similarly blessed:

"The Lord has indeed done great things for us. He has truly accomplished a great work of grace among us, in the conversion of careless sinners and the edifying of Saints. This work of God's spirit began here last March, about the time of our first Communion Session. It is still in progress. There is still a great deal of thirsting after the Word of God. I know there are many very anxious yet. Every meeting is well attended; and such are there impressions, that the house of God is often a witness to their tears, sobbing and crying. Oh! how the

Our congregation consists of English and Gaelic speaking people—with one exception-a kind, good-hearted Frenchman, who promises to be very useful, and who was once a Ro man Catholic. In the spring the awakening seemed to prevail chiefly among the English speaking people. But during the summer it prevailed nearly altogether among the Gamlio people. There are probably but few of the Gæelic people who have not been under religi ous impressions. How many of them have come to Jesus, and rest on him alone for salvation, it is impossible to say. There is much diffidence and reserve in the minds of many that are awakened; they are slow to tell their experience to any one, until they have attained to something like an assurance of faith, or unsion. And also many who have been subjects were young men who labored about the Mines all summer, and also some persons who were in the habit of attending our meetings from neighboring congregations that were among the subjects of the spirit's quickening power and grace. So that in consequence of all these who have studied hard on Saturdays to pre- were being applied for her relief. Lying on and other circumstances, it is impossible to ascertain the number of conversions, or to know the full extent of the revival. This will not you whose homes have been invaded by the and partake of the heavenly food, but, alas! sible to all around her, she had been carrying be fully known until the day of judgment—when all secret things shall be revealed.

Yet I can say this much, that a goodly nu women, and some children, about the age of are some families in which two, three and even and hope that they have undergone a saving sion of her three sons, the youngest 12 years of How many of our believing friends who cross age and the oldest 18 years; and two daughters

a young man engages in prayer, who is unable to read or write, and wrestles with God with such power and earnestness as that the audi ence is melted down to tears. No one can resist the conviction that he is taught by the

spirit of God. There are seven prayer-meetings held every week, some of them are cottage prayer-meet ings-besides the exercises or services of the Sabbath, and a Bible class on every Monday

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