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BY MARY E. HERBERT. Composed during a very severe illness. My feet were well nigh over, And I had almost trod The shining shores of the blessed-

The blessed who walk with God. I strained my eager vision, My "Father's house" to see ; I knew that a band of dear ones Were waiting to welcome me.

And glorious thoughts came thronging Of Christ's redeeming grace, Of the bliss I should inherit When I beheld his face.

Forever and forever, The words rang in my ear No more to sin or suffer, A pilgrim toiling here.

But cries of bitter anguish, Thrilled me with sudden pain,-And in its flight arrested. My soul turned back again.

For loving arms enclasped me,-They would not let me go,-And earnest prayer went up to Heaven, From hearts surcharged with woe.

"Spare her a little longer. O, Father, yet delay," Then death, commissioned to forbear, Went grimly on his way.

And so my life continued, By grace, shall ever be . A monument of praise to Him. Who gave it back to me.

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And with a thankful spirit. My task atresh begun; I'll labor till the Master Shall say, "Enough, well done." Dartmouth, Dec. 6th.

SHALL WE HAVE A GENERAL REVIV

We are glad to hear of conversions and revivals of religion on many of the circuits. Why not five thousand converted members be added to the Church before our next Conference? Why should not every circuit in our work be sence of the Lord?" There is nothing to preour own neglect and sloth? Many people have a strong prejudice against special services to promote a revival of religion. They say there nessed before. Shall we fail to have it through should be conversions and accessions to the Church in all the regular and ordinary services. If by this is meant that we should not depend on these services, and need not wait for them in order to have sinners converted. we fully endorse this sentiment. But, if it be meant that special times of spiritual power and in gathering of souls to the Church are not desirable, or are not a result, for the attainment of which we should directly labor, we must repudiate such views. The more spiritual and efficient the ordinary services in any congregation are the more likely is that congre gation to be visited with seasons of special blessing. We deem it a poor way for a church to drift along in selfish inactivity, for the greater part of the year, trusting to spasmodic periodical efforts to regain what it has lost. But unbroken uniformity is not God's order in any department of his works. The human mind has its times of conscious energy, when it rises above its ordinary achievements. The physical system experiences similar variations. So a revival? Rather let us humble ourselves bein external nature, there is Spring with its seed sowing, and Autumn with its golden grain and negligence. Let us fervently seek a larger precious fruits. An army may be weary and active, though not always fighting battles. There are times of training, marching, arming high, for the great work of leading our perishand fortifying, as well as times to put the battle in array and vanquish the enemy,

So in the life of the Church, there are not only times of seed-sowing and growth, but also times to thrust in the sickle, and gather the rich sheaves of harvest. Not only times of preparation and improvement; but also times when the army of the living God should set the battle in array, and bring forth all its resources, for the overthrow of the enemies of our King and Saviour. Whatever may be our opinions on this matter, it cannot be denied that the history of the life of the Church has been

has been enlarged and extended. That it is the bounden duty of ministers has ordained that it should be necessary to shine, nor fear a drought! For happiness, jured strong drink and cock-fighting, and rebels plough or sow, in order to reap, has also ap- nor fear an affliction! pointed means and instrumentalities by which self. If the divine conditions are fulfilled, God will never fail to attest his faithfulness. Sincere and faithful efforts to promote the glory of God are never fruitless or vain. Is for happiness, unhappy always. there any minister of Christ, who reads these words, anxious and doubtful as to whether he room is too small for the parlors, I never have shall witness a revival of God's work, and the company but what they are lost in the parlors, conversion of sinners on his circuit this year? or squeezed to death in the supper room." sion. According to thy faith so shall it be un- they are a constant expense and care."

to thee. Do you sincerely desire the salvation

of sinners? Have you faith in the power and the breeze from off it is very chilly in the brawny leaders waiting below to catch them in "I'll tell thee what it is, friend," he said, putting forth of this blasphemous claim, war mercy of God? Are you willing to work, with spring and autumn."

ly, searchingly, and tenderly. Nor should the weary God also?" gospel herald pay any regard to the popular Ah! we "weary our God when we pour

pulpit should never give any uncertain sound. of the gospel should be able to say, like Paul, rightly? For I have not shunned to declare unto you the whole counsel of God." As a general rule, that minister is most successful in winning souls who succeeds best in rousing the Church personal effort on the part of those who promighty to enlighten and renew the sinful souls of men. Nothing is wanting but the faithful well as to stir the emotional nature. A so use of the divinely appointed agencies, to seligh pressure, and which leaves the Church exhausted and ready for re-action and collapse, commencement, cannot be a genuine work of God. Increase of spiritual life gives increase of power. What weighty and pressing considerations urge us to labor and pray for the salvation of souls! Thousands are sweeping

down the broadway of death, who, if not speedily rescued, must be lost forever. God has called us to be witnesses and workers for his glory in the world: if we are recreant to our trust, we shall be condemned as slothful and disobedient servants. Around us, on every hand, the air is poisoned with the fumes of a plausible, but soul-destroying, unbelief. In many instances the Church is greatly enfeebled by conformity to the world, which causes the enemies of the cross to prevail against her. A large proportion of the children of our church members is growing up without an experience of the saving grace of God. Is this a time for any true disciple of Christ to sit down with folded hands, in indolent indifference? Is this a time for us to quibble and hesitate, about the necessity and probability of fore God, and ask forgiveness for our past measure of the spirit of our divine Redeemer, that we may be girded with power from on

TOO LITTLE JOY AND PRAISE.

ing fellow-men from sin to holiness, and from

the power of Satan unto God .- Christian

"We do not praise God enough." So spake a saint, as, standing before the eternal gates he looked down time's vista of three

score and twelve years. Is it not truth? Has He not commanded sea, and earth, and heaven, ave, and the heaven largely marked by such seasons of special converting power, in which the Kingdom of Christ our hearts gladly join in the grand anthem? for ease-lovers in those days. In a worldly When alone with him or when met with His point of view its professors had nothing to be possible to make a cast-iron pulpit?" children, do we from the recesses of our spirits gain, but everything to lose by it. It was esand members to aim directly at the promotion offer up aspirations of praise, or pour forth sentially the religion of the poor, and to emof a revival of religion and the conversion of moans into His ear? Do we praise him for brace it involved not merely the jeers of comsinners, can be questioned by no one who has health, not thinking of that slight ailment! rades and fellow-workmen, but also the that matter, as parsons go now-a-days." right conceptions of the purpose for which the Praise him for reason, nor think of those great tyranny of masters. Religiously, however, Church exists in the world. If it is right to er talents that He has withheld! Praise him there was an advantage in all this. The early use all proper means to lead any one soul to for education, nor think of those wiser ! Praise converts who embraced the raith were, to say if you'll accept my terms of payment." Christ, how can there be any doubt that it is Him for home, nor think of others palaces! the least, sincere, and their trials and perseequally right to use all suitable efforts to secure For home comforts, nor think of the discom- cutions developed a heroism to which the the salvation of large numbers of sinners? torts! Praise Him for love, nor think of those world failed to render the homage it deserved. There is no ignoring or slighting of the Divine who love us not! Praise Him for kindred left, The little band worshipping in this quaint old agency in the work of salvation, in our expecting God to bless human instrumentality, and loved ones have triumphed over death, nor The women were laughed at for their demure render it efficient in the work of saving souls. moan that death hath touched them! Praise manners and Quaker-like attire, and the men The exercise of converting power, on God's him for children gathered around, nor moan were jeered by the rudy-faced Beniface at the part, is never capricious or arbitrary. He who over that little grave! Praise Him for sun- end of the court as "simpletons who had ab-

In a word, are our hearts full of Him, His Church." Nor were the opposing villagers men may be led to a saving knowledge of Him- mighty acts, His wonderful goodness, His daily, hourly blessings and care, or are they full of ourselves and our own petty needs?

"What a fine house! "Yes, but the dining

There is no ground for distrustful apprehen- "What charming grounds!" "Yes, but What a lovely water view !" "Yes, but

So have I seen one with all earth can give

during the meeting hour, and the whole court

"Your Louise is beautiful and brilliant, and the cold blasts which pierced the chamber used to scoff at them, but now I find their zeal through and through, and made the boards for God puts my poor service all to shame. They that be with them."

assembled in the place of prayer, and despite they re the best and steadlest o my men. I chief they find their zeal most promoter of the Romish system, and that so high-toned and high-bred!" "Yes, just through and through, and made the boards for God puts my poor service all to shame. The reverses of France have led to the overthem and casements tremble, they felt their hearts And now, wherever I am, something seems to throw, meanwhile, of the temporal sovereignty arrival amongst us of another distinguished. As to the best means of promoting a revival, ried as quick as ever she finishes her education, burn within them, for they had the Master be ever saying to me, 'Build'em a chapel.' of the Roman Pontiff, this event being imme-

apostolic method, "by manifestation of the truth, commending ourselves to every man's the commendation of the truth are any more comment man present there. When I man the touldry it's Build 'em a chapel.' pious sister of the flock suggested the need of If I'm in my parlour it's 'Build 'em a chapel.' pel to the citizens of Rome in their own landary it's 'Build 'em a chapel.' pel to the citizens of Rome in their own landary it's 'Build 'em a chapel.' pel to the citizens of Rome in their own landary it's 'Build 'em a chapel.' Pel to the citizens of Rome in their own landary it's 'Build 'em a chapel.' pel to the citizens of Rome in their own landary it's 'Build 'em a chapel.' pel to the citizens of Rome in their own landary it's 'Build 'em a chapel.' pel to the citizens of Rome in their own landary it's 'Build 'em a chapel.' pel to the citizens of Rome in their own landary it's 'Build 'em a chapel.' pel to the citizens of Rome in their own landary it's 'Build 'em a chapel.' pel to the citizens of Rome in their own landary it's 'Build 'em a chapel.' pel to the citizens of Rome in their own landary it's 'Build 'em a chapel.' pel to the citizens of Rome in their own landary it's 'Build 'em a chapel.' pel to the citizens of Rome in their own landary it's 'Build 'em a chapel.' pel to the citizens of Rome in their own landary it's 'Build 'em a chapel.' pel to the citizens of Rome in their own landary it's 'Build 'em a chapel.' pel to the citizens of Rome in their own landary it's 'Build 'em a chapel.' pel to the citizens of Rome in their own landary it's 'Build 'em a chapel.' pel to the citizens of Rome in their own landary it's 'Build 'em a chapel.' pel to the citizens of Rome in their own landary it's 'Build 'em a chapel.' pel to the citizens of Rome in their own landary it's 'Build 'em a chapel.' pel to the citizens of Rome in the commendation in the commendation in the commendation in the c conscience, in the sight of God." But as in for years." "Yes, she is a plain, quiet little gency of the need, but how were the funds to

if a preacher be only truly pious and devout husband with her ceaseless complaints!" 'em to a worse workman, though I say it." the matter and manner of his preachers wield the solution. Some preachers wield the with mine so broken and lost, I kneeled, and

clamour against doctrinal preaching. Elabor- into his ear that wailing monotone!" The ate argumentative discourses, in which a great world is full of sorrow and of sin, and we are array of arguments is marshalled to prove prone to feel that to ameliorate the one and the great central truths of the gospel should ism? Is God all-wise, and yet we must inbe presented clearly and forcibly at such times. struct Him?—All-just, and we may question Men are enslaved and ruined by sin. There is his decision?—All-love, and yet we fear to a full and free salvation provided in Christ. trust Him? Nay, these constant repinings, There is no way of escape for those who neg- these frettings at God which we misname lect this great salvation. On these points the prayers, are but doubts of His wisdom, or power, or justice, or mercy, or love, or truth; The blood of the lost will be required at the else why do we not lay our hand upon the faithless watchman's hands. Every preacher Everlasting Arm, and walk upright and up-

and stimulating the membership to seek for and groans, wrung out by poverty and sickness, sequel will show. should not these become general? Why should grace to engage personally in the work of leading sinners to Christ. There is a pressing must rise the note of thanksgiving. How sweet first travelling preacher came to Wednesbury and terrible necessity for more general and must be the sound of praise flowing from a Circuit, of which in those days this village visited with "times of refreshing from the prehis kingdom. It should not be forgotten, that

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Or need, or what is best for us, and who blesshis es alike in what He gives and in what he withholds; who can be, who is unquestionably lov-

> SKETCHES OF EARLY METHODISM IN STAFFORDSHIRE.

(By the anthor of "Honest Munchin.") THE SQUIRE'S PULPIT

Up a dingy court, in the suburb of Bs sombre-looking as the parent town, ther stood, at the close of the last century, a little structure so quaint and primitive as to be conspicuous even among a group of homesteads that were wholly innocent of design or plan. Of these homesteads, some thrust, as it were, a leg or an arm menacingly into the street, and others were so retired as to suggest Dickens's idea that they had been playing " hide and seek," and had lost themselves. The specimen of architecture now particularly referred to was in the centre of the village, and was approached from the main thoroughtare by

tortuous passage along narrow courts, under frowning entries, and past an array of back doors suggestive of squallid homes, where reign." Across the narrow gullet cords were flaunting in the breeze, that the court seemed was no vain boast either. doomed to the horrors of a perpetual washingrised chamber, evidently the work of amateurs. rail, and so imperfect in general construction the Squire. as to demand the utmost circumspection to ensure a successful ascent. Yet was this "upper room" often typical of that grand chamber in Jerusalem which was filled with the glory of the Pentecostal host, for it was the resort of a godly little band of Wesley's converts, who earned moments of lessure held sweet counsel in malleable." together, and exulted in the mercy of a new-

who had set themselves up against the State content with words. They carried their per-

paced up and down the room for some mosecution even to the length of physical force. Stones and mud were hurled at the frail temple with such violence as to threaten its overthrow; enswer thee.

sparrows were craftily introduced through shattered panes, and their shrill chirping the Squire were, after the lapse of seven days within was the signal for boisterous hilarity

closeted together in the wainscoated parlour among the noisy blasphemers without. On The Squire was again much excited, and he one occasion the staircase was removed bodily made no attempt to conceal it.

was mightily entertained at the sight of staid Methodist matrons leaping into the arms of referred to.

we must still give the first place to the old and I shall never have any more comfort with present there. When the meeting was over, a If I'm in the foundry it's 'Build 'em a chapel.' diately followed by the preaching of the Gossome diseases, there is a foulness that prevents the best medicines being effective till it is re-

hardly say, that, in these special efforts, much depends upon the zeal, tact, wisdom and faithfulness of the minister who has charge of the fulness of the minister who has charge of the fulness of the minister who has charge of the first moments of his uneasiness and his convictions in the western of the moments of his uneasiness and his convictions in the western of the moments of his uneasiness and his convictions in the western of the moments of his uneasiness and his convictions in the western of the moments of his uneasiness and his convictions in the western of the moments of his uneasiness and his convictions in the western of the moments of his uneasiness and his convictions in the western of the moments of the moments of his uneasiness and his convictions in the western of the moments of the moments of the moments of his uneasiness and his convictions in the western of the moments of service. We are not of those who think that and let others be happy, why weary her kind some better castings out of my way, and give tion.

sword of the Spirit far more skillfully and cried unto God for those things which He has discussion was just about to close without any is a Methodist, said to me, 'A pulpit's of no effectively than others. A great deal depends seen best to withhold! And a voice, as from on the truth being presented lucidly, pointedHeaven sounded in my ear, "and will ye result, when a young sister, who had not use, master, without a building to put it in,' spoken before, suggested in a sweet bashful and this reminded me again of that strange

> of all men are in his hands, and he can make even Squire W---- our friend."

There was of course a general concurrence

places, ask for the same blessing."

When all earth is full of murmurs, and dissa-fancy, but sober truth, to say this prayer was sing with fervourtisfaction for annoyances, and disappointments heard.* To those earnest pleadings there came and vexations; is sending forth tears, and sighs an answer immediate and effectual, as the

A few days after this solemn compact the vent this result, except the indolence and the unbelief of the Church itself. The word of God is quick and powerful. The Holy Spirit is mighty to enlighten and renew the sinful souls with the conscience and convince the judgment, as mighty to enlighten and renew the sinful souls with the conscience and convince the judgment, as mighty to enlighten and renew the sinful souls with the conscience and convince the judgment, as mighty to enlighten and renew the sinful souls. The should be an effort to enlighten the conscience and convince the judgment, as mighty to enlight the souls who can be, who is unquestionably loved, leaned upon, trusted and praised.—Constitute of Whitfield's on Bullet, and praised.—Constitute of Whitfield's on the souls who can be, who is unquestionably loved, leaned upon, trusted and praised.—Constitute of Whitfield's on the souls who can be, who is unquestionably loved, leaned upon, trusted and praised.—Constitute of Whitfield's on the souls who can be, who is unquestionably loved, leaned upon, trusted and praised.—Constitute of Whitfield's on the souls who can be a sould be an effort to enlighten the conscience and convince the judgment, as who can be a unquestionably loved, leaned upon, trusted and praised.—Constitute of Whitfield's on the conscience and convince the judgment, as who can be a unquestionably loved. wich-heath, or a faithful fireside talk by Honest Munchin or Francis Ward, had found the path him out of the town."-Mark viii 23. which leads "from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God." The experithat blind man? Yet what Christian is there

"God is the refuge of His saints, When storms of sharp distress invade,"

The Methodist preacher was not unacquaintwash-houses in close proximity, and stretching than one of the little Methodist flock were him several useful hints before he set out on It was mainly of wood, all sorts of old boards his vague and uncertain mission. He saunture and ignorant. Then he puts forth his variously painted, and two or three strangely tered up the avenue with all the ease and digdisproportioned window-frames being pressed nity of a State parson, and felt no trepidation into the service. It was approached by a when a footman in yellow buttons and powder-

with a polite bow. "The same, at your service," gruffly an-

"I hear, Sir," said the preacher, "that you're an iron-founder of great repute, and day by day and night by night in their hard- that you can produce most marvellous things

The Squire looked pleased, but said nothing. " Now, what I have come to ask," continued the preacher, "is whether you think it would ed; how often are we faithless, reluctant, rebel-

"Ave, that it would," said the Squire, after momentary surprise at the strangeness of the that he would give us meek hearts, willing to idea; "a pulpit, yea, and a parson too, for be guided ever by that gracious hand! "Well, then," resumed the preacher, half

smiling, "I'll give you an order for a pulpit, "Cash at three months," suggested the

gratitude of some of your workmen for many The Squire interrupted, "Are you one

them Methody parsons? "I am," said the preacher. The Squire started from his seat, me some unintelligible words in an undertone, and

ments in evident agitation. At length, turn ing to his visitor, he said, not without emo "Call this day week, my friend, and I will

mercy of God? Are you willing to work, with spring and autumn."

their precipitate descent.

after a cordial greeting, "Twe had no peace was declared between two of the leading Europedity and self-denying earnestness, "Your son is a manly youth!" "Yes, but On a chill winter's evening, soon after this for these three weeks owing to you Methodists. pean powers, resulting in disaster and defeat to Recorder.) to bring sinners to Christ? If so, fear not; Thy God will give thee the desire of thy heart.

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"Suppose we ask God about it? The hearts mean to build you Methodists a chapel."

Aye, and a noble chapel he did build, too! The cast-iron pulpit was excellent, and the what no one in the congregation doubts, are exterminate the other, and mourn over both, was especially elated by this new idea, add- as he confessed, more to see how the chapel, building was made to match. One of the openand especially how the cast-iron pulpit, looked, "Yea, and suppose we all agree to enter than for any other motive. But the preacher our closets during the dinner hour to-morrow, for the day happened to be one of his own and, at the same time, though in separate workmen, and out of curiosity he listened to authorities have been involved on the Continent The resolution, was not only, agreed to, but He wept like a little child. And when, at the activity carried out by every one of the cious close of the covery one of the cious close of the ciou faithfully carried out by every one of the pious close of the service, penitent sinners were incompany. Many a time and oft, besides, had vited to come and prostrate themselves before they entreated Him "who dwelleth in the Christ, and in view of the whole congregation. highest heavens," to dispose the heart of Squire Squire W---- was of the number, nor did to this good work. It is no slight of he leave that house of prayer until he could

O happy day that fixed my choice On thee, my Saviour and my God! Well may this clowing heart rejoice, And tell its raptures all abroad. Happy day! happy day! When Jesus washed my sins away!

heart that accepts all as from a wise and just formed a part. He met the society in the achievements in iron manufacture, but he used fess to love Christ and desire the extension of

> JESUS AND THE BLIND MAN. "He took the blind man by the hand, and

ences of each (would that I had a record of whose case does not in a spiritual sense resemthem!) were closed at last, the hymn com- ble his? Blind-born blind-yet enlightened by Spirit of God, so that all the Churches may be grace to believe in the Saviour's power to cure, awakened to a sense of their dangers and duthat man had faith enough to go to Jesus and ties in connection with this important matter, trust him. He did not doubt that the hand and that the righteousness of Zion may soon had been heartily sung, and the Benediction which led him had power to cure him on the go forth as brightness and the salvation therefervently pronounced. Still the company was spot, without leading him another step; he did of as a lamp that burneth. oth to move. The secret at length came out, not say, "Why not here-why not now?" He and the new minister was asked his advice. knew that he was well led-well guided-and He heard the whole story, and promised to see on he went fearless through sunshine and sha-Squire W on the morrow, remarking dow, by rough way or smooth, in the midst of I will trust to your faith and prayer for full Bethsaida's crowded street-heedless of all remarks or word of scorn, too thankful that he The Squire lived at a stately house just out- was permitted to feel the grasp of that handside the village. A long avenue of spreading and too sure of the happiness that was before beeches led from the main road to the entrance him to care how far he was led, so he was but door. Through more than one pleasant vista led by Jesus! Can we read this narrative Squire W- could see from the window of without being deeply touched by the ways of his wainscoated parlour the iron-foundry which our lowly and loving Lord? No hand but his doors suggestive of squallid homes, where anything but "mirth and hospitality might was both the source of his wealth and the acme own guided that poor blind man—and as we that I do not regard our success as a fair criteof his ambition. It was his daily boast that he contemplate him gently leading "the blind stretched at frequent intervals, and so constantly from one or other were linen garments than any rival in the three kingdoms. And it and promise stand out before us as finding their true fulfilment here, and the action of our Lord is seen to be significant of his wonday. Towards the end of the gullet were two ed with the character of the Squire, for more drous way in all time with his church as a whole -with his people as individuals. Blind as this they attempted to do more, and by the greatest across them from roof to roof was an impro- workers at the foundry, and they had given poor man-surrounded by unbelievers like those of Bethsaida—Jesus finds us dark by na-

guiding, his saving hand, and leading us apart, and so they were, by the old plan-but they away from the busy crowd of careless and indifferent men, be draws us in solitary thought rickety flight of wooden steps without a hand- ed wig ushered him into the awful presence of to deal with us alone, till the blessed moment when he puts his hand forth again and opens the blind eyes. It has been well said by Tholuck-"Faith is a new sense." This is true in the experience of those who have it-but in order that they may attain it, Jesus has led them by the hand "out of the town," and has dealt with them as he deals with those whom his Fa-

> ther has given him, out of the world. But there is often a difference between ou cases and that of this man. He was willing thankful, happy to be led wherever Jesus pleaslious! "The meek will he guide in judgment, the meek will he teach his way." Let us pray

Lead me now and always, Even to the last,
Till the way is ended
And the darkness past:
Till I reach the gl ry
I was born to share:
This its crown and centre,
That my Lord is there! ROMANISM AND THE PRESENT DUTY

At a recent meeting of the Acting Commit-

tee of the Scottish Reformation Society the following resolutions were unanimously adopttant community has been directed to the late they have ever been able to raise by any other They have sown in tears, and their successor

meeting of the so-called Ecumenical Council plan. Had it not been for the adverse circum- are now reaping. at Rome, which terminated in a resolution in stances to which I have referred it would have At Minuangodda the minister pointed out the favour of the personal infallibility of the Pope been much more. Some who were giving before old woman at whose house the late Rev. R. S. -thus claiming for him one of the attributes of only \$5 a year now give 25 cents a week. Some Hardy commenced his evangelistic work in the God, and filling up to the letter the Apostolic who gave \$10 a year now give 50 cents a week. cluster of villages which now form the Minudescription of the 'Man of Sin,' viz., that he was One who never gave over \$25 a year now gives angodda Circuit. This woman remarked to not only to 'oppose and exalt himself above all \$1 a week, besides furnishing ten cents a week Mr. Hardy, "Sir, as there is no one else wilthat is called God and worshipped,' but to 'sit for his little boy to give. in the temple of God, showing himself that he

the best medicines being effective till it is removed, so there are often in churches jealousies, prejudice, bitterness, guilty conformity to
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in the history of Christianity and the development of the divine plan as foretold in prophetic Scripture; and that it is the duty of Prolong as he has."

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"You're right," said a third, "an' he can't own the hand of God in overruling the actions "I've had a pulpit cast," said the Squire, of kings and nations for the fulfilment of his the eastern province of Cape Colony and Kaf-

> 3. "That whilst it is the duty of all Protestants and Protestant Churches to rejoice in the events above-mentioned, and to take the England, and spent eleven months principally call to duty, and so, Churchman as I am, I advantage of the new opening thus afforded for in London, Glasgow and Edihburgh. Sailing proclaiming the truth of God in Rome itself— to the West Indies, he laboured eight months it would be a most serious mistake to suppose there, and at British Guiana. Last year Mr. that we have now seen the end of the Romish Taylor went over to Australia, where he spent nearly fourteen months. He had the satisfacslightest relaxation of our efforts in opposition tion of finding out that sixteen of the young to it. On the contrary, whilst Romanism, as a men converted during his first visit there were spiritual system is now advancing more impious now travelling ministers in connection with the claims than ever, there is reason to believe that the very difficulties in which the Romish moted by our party political struggles-by the influx into this country of Jesuits from the Continent-by the perversion to Rome of some of our aristocracy—by the influence of a portion with the arrival of Miss Hardy (now Mrs. party in England-by the state of the education question—by the Irish Glebe Loan Bill of last steamer to Ceylon. Mr. Taylor is accompansession of Parliament, and other recent grants to Rome—and by the general ignorance which local preacher, of Westbury Circuit, Tasprevails amongst professing Protestants in this mania. He commenced his labours at Galle country, in regard to the unscriptural nature on the day after his arrival, preaching twice

> and resisting the efforts of Rome-in enlightering the people of this country, by means of the At Amblamgoda he met a very devoted and tural principles of Protestantism as opposed to Romish superstition and idolatry-in liberally What Christian is there who does not envy supporting institutions established for the promotion of such objects-and in earnestly praying that there may be a great outpouring of the

> > RAISING MONEY-THE ENVELOPE PLAN

> > An exchange inserts the following letter from

You wished me to give a report of the suc cess of the Envelope Plan which we adopted here the first of August. I will do so. It is proper, however, to say that it was introduced Mr. Wallace held special services at Galle, here under the most adverse circumstances, so rion of the value of the plan. It should be remembered that this church is pecuniarily weak. Until I came here, one year ago, they had never raised by subscription or pew rent raised over \$300 a year. When I came exertion raised by subscription \$750. I would felt that they were doing their best alreadydid not raise the amount needed. But when we got the envelopes, many felt that they had better not change their mode of contributing till the end of the year.

Another difficulty was that we have one wo prominent persons who always oppose any hing new. They set themselves against this lan, and many were frightened by them. Under this difficulty it was adopted, but not more than two-thirds of the contributions were changed to the new system. It was therefore not so a spirit of great and increased liberality may popular as it should be. I think it will do much tter another year.

But after two months trial with these difficulies we find the following condition of things

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3	4.6	**	2	44	6
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Add to this \$250 which still comes on the old wards the interior; but in the earlier days of subscription plan from those who would not the mission the visitation of the villages was change their mode of contributing, and the ag difficult. In spite of these difficulties, the Rev. gregate per year is now \$904.68, which is an Messrs. Hardy, Daniel Pereira, Newstead and advance of \$154.68 on the greatest amount others, laid the foundation of a glorious work.

labouring in the Wesleyan Mission stations in "and very beautiful it looks; but when we own purposes, and the advancement of his own fraria. During Mr. Taylor's visit to Southern Atrica, within the space of seven months, it appeared, after a careful examination by the

> Australasian Conference. According to an arrangement made with our chairman, Mr. Taylor arrived at Galle on August 6 last, on his way to the Methodist Episnot on his programme, but having met Mr. Scott at Galle, he accepted the invitation to visit South Cevlon on his return from Austra-Scott); both were passengers in the same ied by Mr. Wallace, a blind gentleman and a almost every day for about ten days. Leaving Mr Wallace to continue the services at Galle, Protestants, to combine together in watching here a week preaching through an interpreter. His next visit was to Amblamgoda Circuit. Taylor very much to visit his station and hold services; so he went from Amblamgoda to this Church mission station. The church was crowded with bearers. Nearly a hundred souls were converted during the week of special services at this station; and the church there received such power as it never possessed before. Mr. Taylor next visited Caltura, and went on to Colombo, where he conducted services for about a fortnight. He preached in our chapels in the Fort, Pettah, Colpetty, in the Baptist Chapel, and in the Wolfendahl Church (Dutch Presbyterian). The Ceylon Observer has had a very apprecia-

Last Sunday Mr. Taylor addressed the children of several Sabbath-schools at the Wolfendahl Church. Pantura was visited by him. and preparations are being made to hold a grand meeting, commencing from Monday, the Matara, and Goddapitiya, and Caltura and Pantura. He was joined by Mr. Taylor at Pantura. These services were much blessed. Several Budhists were converted, backsliders were restored, and a number of nominal members experienced the great change at these gatherings. At almost every circuit the doctrine of Christian holiness was presented very clearly, and seekers of this great blessing were not consent to renting the pews. Everybody and counsel. The presence of the Holy Spirit invited to come torward to receive instruction was manifest, and several ministers and mem bers were enabled to rejoice in the attainment of "perfect love." Signs of progress are visible in every circuit. Our native ministers are now very familiar with the revival services, and the experience of the past two or three years has, taught our people to pray for a repetition of the scenes yearly witnessed at Morottoo. There is a great demand for missionary work, but the labourers are few. The staff of English missionaries is inadequate. When God is thus blessing our district, I trust be given, that the Committee at London may be enabled to send out at least two additional English missionaries.

In visiting the Negombo, Seedua and Minuangodda Circuits in July last, for the purpose of holding missionary meetings, the members of the deputation were much cheered with the cordial reception given both by ministers and people. The large congregations at Kuruna and Seedua, and the interest manifested by them in the work of God, evinced that the labors bestowed upon them were not in vain. Our cause has gained a very firm footing in the villages near about Negombo. At Seedua the members were doing what they could in building a new chapel. Signs of progress were seen in every direction. There are now ex-This would amount in one year to \$654.68. cellent roads branching off from Negombo to-

ling to hear you, what is the use of your visit-The plan is growing in favor. although there ing us?" "Mother," said he, "you and I are some, in spite of these figures, who still make up two; we can worship God." Mr. Hardy not only continued to visit the village,