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FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN. On the Restoration of Peace in Europe.

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May War's unsated, sanguinary hordes, With sounds confused, and garments rolled

Deal desolation with their whetted swords. No more may battle-axe and glittering lance Resent a quarrel, or revenge a blow;
No more may brother on his brother glance With all the hate and malice of a foe.

Too oft, alas! traditionary lore Tells of the ruthless frays of ages back, When oracles decreed that foemen's gore When rankling human passions, fierce and

Untutored by the modern arts of war, Were fanned, and taught by rude barbaric song The greatest honour was the deepest scar.

Too oft the annals of the past record The crimes committed in the name of Truth; The waste of wealth which time has ne'er re-

Of stalwart fathers and courageous youth These have gone forth to meet in mortal feud Neighbors who bordered on their own domain To fall with glory, or with hands imbrued Attest their valor by their thousands slain,

Too oft the history of the world has told Of earnest struggles with usurping might: Of heroes, noblest of the brave and bold. Whose arms were wielded to defend the

Who sought but freedom for their country's sons Impatient of their galling yoke and strife, And, when denied, left wives and little ones To win their birth-right, or resign their life

Too oft memorials of ambition speak Of tyrants, lusting for unbounded sway, Whose armies have been led to crush the weak And sweep the bulwarks of their rights away. So cities have been sacked, and helpless age, And guileless innecence, and childhood's

Alike have fall'n beneath despotic rage, And shared the sadness of their country's

Grim demon War! in every age and land What holocausts have smoked upon thy ince Abel fell by Cain's remorseless hand,

Rapine, and wrong, and murder have been With pestilence and famine in his breath,

To scatter east and west, and south and north, Dissension's seeds, and reap the spoils of

Tis but as yesterday, since news like flame Flashed Alma's famous conquest far and wide: Then Inkerman and Balaclava's fame Kindled anew our patriotic pride; And later still the tidings which promulged That Russia from her stronghold had been

Fulfilled the hopes that nations had indulged, And gave a pledge of progress to the world.

Yet while the strains of triumph, long and loud, The bold huzza, the honest hearty cheer; While bells chime out, responsive to the crowd, Sweet sounds that linger softly on the ear; While booming guns, and colors in the gale Proclaim the success of the allied hosts, And mountain bonfires tell the glowing tale To all the dwellers on surrounding coasts.

In-hall and hut; in Castle and in Cot; In stately palace, and in humble bield, The voice of weeping mourns a common lot-The death of dear ones on the battle field. And, shinking from the popular applause Which vaunts the valor of the good a

brave,
Bereft and broken hearts bemoan the cause That gave their kindred e'en a victors' grave,

What recks the thunder of saluting guns To her who wails a loving husband dead? What, to the mother who has lost her sons That martial honours crowned their gory

What to lone sisters who fond brothers weep-What to the tender orphan whose heart

What to the living that their loved who sleep Shall be enblazoned for heroic deeds?

God speed the happy time! predicted long By sage and seer's divinely gifted pen, "Glory to God, good will and peace to men." When arts of amity shall supersede The craft, the cunning, and the skill to fight

When human blood no more for blood shall But all shall share the gospels' love and light.

Lord's :-Take courage brother, friend, where'er thou

Soon shall the marshalled foes put up their swords

And dwell in unity of hand and heart: That time shall come; though yet a little while It tarries till the master sees it meet, And then shall every continent and isle

Pour all their treasures at Immanuel's feet.

Severe, but True.

The pungent Mr. Ryle, in one of his

guilt, which often marked the character of the crusaders, remains in those who succeed the crusaders, remains in those who succeed them. When the Holy City was taken by down the stream, and at last catch hold of Codes and Armenians for the church, wasting for the doors to front of the church, which is recorded to the church of the church. narble platform of the Temple, now the must have been singularly thorough. butchered in this narrow space, while the number slain in the city was not to be countnumber slain in the city w

blows, having stationed guards in the tow

and at the gates as a precaution ag times

lost in the valleys or emerging again from narrow and deep ravines, standing on the won. Truly, in looking round the church of Christ, a man might sometimes think that God's kingdom had come, and God's kingdom had come, and God's will was being done on earth, so small is the zeal that some unfall come. The standing of the convents belonging to the different sects, some of which are very the zeal that some unfall come. The standing on the mountain ridge like an army ready for fight. Reaching Jerusalem, they find shelter if not accommodation in the convents belonging to the different sects, some of which are very thought the candles of their little chilling the candles of the interval of the sweet breath of praise and the different sects, some of which are very thought the candles of their little chilling the candles of the bond of Christian fellowship the zeal that some unfall can be a standing on the kindles up in the outmost circles, in the collegation and wrath rolled around the single value and up to the mighty dome, of the nooks, and finally in the strata of worshippers crowded into the galleries.—

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Mothers light the candles of their little chilling the candles of the bond of Christian representation and wrath rolled around the kindles up in the outmost circles, in the cells and stalls of the nooks, and finally in the strata of the nooks, and finally in the strata of the nooks, and the zeal that some unbelievers show. It is vain to deny it." So say we it is residual. The design of the bond of Christian fellowship at the candles of their little chilled and love. Men were knocked down and legislative hall or flying as on the manufacture of the bond of Christian fellowship at the exchange, or occupying a seat in a dren, while they carry their own in their land love. Men were knocked down and legislative hall or flying as on the manufacture of the bond of Christian fellowship at the candles of the bond of Christian fellowship at the exchange, or occupying a seat in a legislative hall or flying as on the manufacture of the bond of Christian fellowship at the exchange, or occupying a seat in a legislative hall or flying as on the manufacture of the bond of Christian fellowship at the exchange, or occupying a seat in a legislative hall or flying as on the manufacture of the bond of Christian fellowship at the exchange, or occupying a seat in a legislative hall or flying as on the manufacture of the bond of Christian fellowship at the exchange, or occupying a seat in a legislative hall or flying as on the manufacture of the bond of Christian fellowship at the exchange, or occupying a seat in a legislative hall or flying as on the manufacture of the bond of Christian fellowship at the exchange, or occupying a seat in a legislative hall or flying as on the manufacture of the bond of the

nature, its roots can never be exterminated bably nearly an equal number is added crowds retire.

mingling of sentiments of devotion with the -some screaming, some floating, some of the Holy Fire was attended with unusual the temple and its worshippers. most execrable deeds of inhumanity and standing, and some singing; while others, fanaticism and violence. Godfrey and his associates, July 5, 1099, in the hundred branches of the saplings and be opened. A body of Turkish soldiers was and judgment, and can exert those powers in the name of Christ and under the banner of willows which line the shores, or are hash-drawn up in front of the edifice, and others operating about things invisible and remote the Cross, by turns they gave themselves to butchery and prayers; and when wearied Moab. Not unfrequently fatal accidents serve order. When the doors were opened, many things without the help of sensitive with slaughter, pressed the altar with hands occur in the Jordan; numbers being drown- the people rushed into the vast building in images, then it necessarily follows that it reeking with blood. Godfrey and Tancred, ed through the press and confusion or else great tumult. The crowds, occupying every must be a substance different and distinct advancing from opposite quarters, met in by the violence of the current, which at the foot and inch of the space below, sway to from body, and what is not body is spirit. the middle of the city, leaving the streets season of Easter reaches its maximum and fro as new devotees seek admittance, or Body, which is mere matter, has not the behind them so thickly strewn with the height and strength. A young American more zealous worshippers struggle to be power of thinking or reasoning; or if it had mangled corpses of their victims as to be gentleman whom I knew, sinewy and ex- nearer the orifices through which the holy that power, it would think only of such nearly impassible, the miserable fugitives being intercepted and slaughtered between but despite his efforts, was carried fifty unable to gain a footing below, rush to the the two detachments of the crusaders .- yards or more down the river by a current galleries above, where row above row, and thinking and judging of things purely spirit-Such as escaped immediate death, fled to the he could not resist, and then dashed like a pressed into a mass of half living and breath- ual; that is, of thing which have no signacourt of the Temple, and a few to the Cas- feather upon the opposite shore. How ing fieah, thousands of burning eyes above ture in matter. Such are our ideas of pure tle of David. The former was the next object of attact, and while Tancred was busy secured by the ablution, I am unable to af. and frantic faces below. in the work of plunder, his soldiers were firm; but the foulness of the water a week After awhile the pasha of the city arrived to give a reasonable account how the notion equally busy in the work of death. The after assured me the outward purification with his spleudid suite, and took his place of a God, or of any other spirit, ever enter-

Mosque of Omar, was deluged, ankle deep, with blood; and the mangled limbs of the slaughtered floated on the cristson tide, sharing in the scenes of the "Holy Fire" order and put down roits. A number of could never take their rise from anything while the grim aspect of the victors, smeared from head to foot with human gore, imis not the place to describe an edifice of
then stationed, armed with muskets, beneath
of reason, the reflex acts of the mind, all parted additional horror to the scene. Ten | world-wide celebrity, a satisfactory account of the great dome. And now the ringing of a our abstract ideas, notions of moral good and thousand Moslems are said to have been which would fill a volume instead of a page. small bell in the cupola over the sepulchre, evil, knowledge of truth, simple and comed. It having been agreed that every sol- tine the Great, and after ten years spent in set forth. Presently out came the processeize upon for his own, houses were taken 336. A great part of it was consumed by those of the Panagia, or holy ones. No possession of by the indiscriminate slaughter fire in the year 1808; and being rebuilt and sooner did the people see the banners than of whole families, some being butchered by repaired by the Greek church, it has since they rushed towards them, and it was not the sword and others cast headlong into the been essentially under the control of that without a violent struggle that the bearers streets from the terraces and windows of sect, though an arrangement was made with prevented them from being wrenched from But in the course of the day there was a chapel or church in the structure, and each meantime, by making a liberal use of the ransition in occupation, which makes one at stated hours could perform its rites around butt ends of their muskets, succeeded in ransition in occupation, which makes one at stated hours could perform its rites around of the most starling pages in the history of the tomb and in the tomb. The edifice is forming a passage through the crowd, and and had been forward to be prayed for, When the arms of 300 feet long by 200 wide, and covers, as is the gorgeous procession swept on, the clerhe conquerors had become wearied with alleged, the hill of Calvary and the tomb of gy, dressed in their solemn costume, chant-

the Holy Places; and if the devotees are the stone on which Mary sat when the an-expectation. less violent and bloody, they are not less fa- gel announced the resurrection, and high

vain to deny it." So say we; it is vain to deny it. So say we; it is vain to deny it. So say we; it is vain to deny it. So say we; it is vain to holy places in or around the city, or to at-

sion, preceeded by the ba other sects by which each had its separate their hands. The Turkish soldiers, in the the conquerors had become wearied with alleged, the hill of Calvary and the tomo of gy, dressed in their solution of the Saviour. A magnificent dome makes a ing psalms, and the "Bishop of Fire," as he was much oppressed, and knew not what to the Saviour. A magnificent dome industry is sky-light, directly under which is the is called, spreading benedictions around, do, but obeyed her father until the next sepulchre in the centre of a large circular being preceded by two acolytes, or servants, meeting was nearly half through, then slipden attack, the whole multitude, washing area, around which are constructed the cha- walking backwards, and swinging their centheir hands, changing their garments, and laying aside their swords, with bare feet, laying round the area, from which with solemn tread around the sepulchre, fore her father missed her; when he found and spiritual songs, proceeded to the Church spectators can look down upon the sepul- when the Greek Archbishop of Petra, and her gone, he went immediately to the meetof the Holy Sepulchre, kissing and embrac- chre and the processions and the worship the Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem entering every sacred memorial with indiscriba- around it. This sepulchre is anything but ed the first apartment of the chapel or tomb, le fervor and emotion. They wept tears a sepulchre; rather it is a little chapel made to make ready the holy fire. The door was of joy and gratitude, and uttered sighs and of marble, about 15 feet in length by 10 in closed on them, and a silken cord, passed of joy and gratitude, and uttered sighs and of marble, about 15 feet in length by 10 in closed on them, and a sinker cord, passed he went directly forward, and took her in solve of charity width, by 8 in height, and surmounted by a through the staples, was held at one among the solve of them. As wherein he was a stranger, "Lord, whereby sine should be preached in his name among and mercy succeeded, those who had plun-small cupola in which is a bell. This cha- a Greek and at the other by an Armenian dered much giving liberally, and sometimes to their own destitution, to those who had the centre is partitioned by a wall in which the chapel, each one being anxious to be gotten nothing. Then, quitting their devo- a small door is made, through which, by among the first to light his wax candle at the tions, and girding on their swords, they re- lowly bending, the worshippers may pass sacred flame which was to break through sumed the work of death, for three days into the western division, on one side of the two holes near the door. The shouts butchering the surviving Moslems, who which is an elegant marble slab towering. The and cries became defeaning, while the crowd were unarmed and powerless, and had sub walls at one side and both ends, and making was so compact and solid that a public mitted to their conquerors. An Arab his- a box rather than a coffin or a tomb, are mountebank actually ran along the people's torian states that seventy thousand Moslems said to cover the identical spot where the heads and shoulders with a boy standing on were butchered in the mosque El Aksa Saviour was buried. Over it some forty his arm! All is impatience and excitement alone! Equally absurd are the ideas of silver lamps are kept burning night and wrought up to frenzy, as the one great heart modern pilgrims to the Holy Land and to day. In the centre of the first division is of the conglomerate multitude throbs with

The Latins patronise all manner of pious natical and stupid.

Vast numbers press onward to the city from every country, however remote, where

Fire is communicated to the throng crowd
Januarius, not excepting the ridiculous one of the annual liquifying of the blood of St.

Januarius, while they deride the miracle of Christianity exists in name, and every sect, ing the area.

Protestantism alone excepted; and the more lit is a tradition among the Greeks and Armenians, that every Easter, or the anni-nians therefore, unite in the observances of the Holy Fire as a gross Greek and Armerous its delegation. These are the innume- versary day of the resurrection, fire comes this occassion, in which the Latins take no rable Papists coming from France and Ita- down from heaven within the sacred tomb part, though the two former sects are no ly, the Greeks by nationality, and the still like that which descended upon the sacrifice without their own jealousies and rivalries. larger number of Greeks by religion, the at the dedication of Solomon's temple, and It happened at this time, that the fire which Armenians from northern Asia Minor and doubtless was suggested by it, which is not should have been communicated from each Constantinople, the Maronites from Mount Lebanon, the Copts from Egypt and Abys- worship of the sects, but contains saving of that of the Armenians an instant sooner Lebanon, the Copts from Egypt and Abyssinia, and the Jacobites from Mesopotamia.

They came by sea and they came by sea and they came by land, many in poverty, filth and rags, and the Jacobites from Mesopotamia.

They came by sea and settling all questions that of the Armenians an instant sooner takes of discussing and settling all questions that of the Armenians an instant sooner takes of discussing and settling all questions that of the Armenians an instant sooner takes of discussing and settling all questions that of the Ar all in the assurance of extracting heavenly Holy Fire is seen blazing through the two been damp, or his lucifer have suffered ingrace from the soil on which they tread, the stones which they kiss, and the Jordan in which they bathe. I have seen steamers die, which having kept burning awhile, be petted of having stolen a march upon his the less of Archivella 1. the last of April and May, crowded with may extinguish and carry home with him, five and even seven hundred men, women and keep to be lit up in his dying hour to tween the two rites which nothing but the and children, as they were going or returning from the pilgrimages, lying about the But, Watch! Watch! ye far-travelled suppress. The numerous lamps which are ing from the pilgrimages, lying about the deck like dogs, exposed to the pitiless storm, and gnawing away upon their dry, thin In an instant from these two apertures in loaves, almost their only food, which would the walls of the tomb blazes out a light like tures with which the church was adorned sooner be taken by Americans for paste-board or leather than bread. It is a disgusting as well as painful sight—this squalid poverty and mortifying superstition.—

The poor creatures often consume all their living in this act of devotion which signalliving in this act of devotion which signal- the crowd presess forward to lift each one again, till at last the scene of the crusaders ises the year of their life and life itself, and from which many return to protract an exwhich first caught the holy flame. Half of in the beginning of my communication, was istence of abject and bitter poverty. There the candles are extinguished by those who re-enacted by the pilgrims in the Church tracts, gives these sentences: "The plain is something, however, wild and poetic in the truth is, that many believers in the present sight of these crowds when they reach the day seem so dreadfully afraid of doing harm land and set their faces towards the Holy been overpowered by the strong, and unable lands professedly to do homage to the Rethat they hardly ever dare to do good.— City. Some on horses and some on mules, and some on donkeys, but more on foot upon, in peril of life, and worse than all, presence of Calvary on which he died, and And some on donkeys, but more on look despoiled of their candles!

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blankets, but poor in anything like christian fire. They are like the Dutch deputies, who would never allow Marlborough to vendering alone, winding round the hills or wandering alone, winding round the wandering alone, with the wandering alone, with the wandering al ture anything, and by their excessive cau- lost in the valleys or emerging again from to their neighbors, till at length the blaze paternal blood. Shrieks of agony or voices

Pilgrimages to Jerusalem—The tend the masses and ceremonies morning brandish theirs in the faces of their neighbors, and others rushing into the lic sentiment in regard to some form of hu- and yet not to forsake them; to go away bors, and others rush, and jump, and dance, vestry, armed themselves with the staves of man woe, or some one mode of accomplish- and yet to be with them; to go, and yet to pulchre. I am not informed of the total and leap upon each other's shoulders, and the sacred banners, which they used instead ing a specific good, as the suppression of in- come to them. They were to be number of pilgrims in any year, but the Ar- bend and twist with all conceivable contor- of other weapons; the woodwork of the temperance, or gambling, or licentiousness, of him their Head, yet orphans they could The history of the Crusades has been menian Patriarch told me that some years tions, rolling their wild eyes, brandishing church was torn down and constructed into you may be prepared to abstract something not be. Another was to written; but not that of the fanaticism there had been from five to siz thousand of their clenched fists, uttering piercing shrieks arms; an altar was demolished and the from his efficiency as a minister of Jesus another; a Comforter from the Father, Hail, balcyon Peace! no more o'er land and which engendered them. This, immortal his own sect only, which must be greatly and incoherent ravings, and not unfrequent- fragments hurled in all directions; while Christ; and the more so, perhaps, in pro- from Himselt; whom, not as in His case in its nature, can never have its history, be- sided by the Greek and Latin churches ly ending in fights, broken limbs, and broken the people in the galleries tore down the portion as he increases his weight of character the world could neither know nor see, but cause it will never have an end. Planted respectively. The population of Jerusalem heads, and sometimes in death itself. At lamps and broke up the benches, and hurled ter in the commercial or political world, or whom they should know, though they could n the weakness and wickedness of human is estimated from 15,000 to 17,000, and pro- length exhausted nature gives way, and the them with rage on the combatants below. gathers glory from his exploits as the unique not see. His own presence with them was but by a regeneration of humanity which to it in favorable years by the supersti- I was gazing upon this scene, from the or two were killed and about thirty-five of passion, his enthusiasm for the Cross—the tell. Blessed were their eyes for what shall scatter all darkness and cast out all tion which draws the pilgrims from all gallery, with mingled feelings of amazement, each party more or less injured, some havenure and well proportioned scheme struck they saw, and their cars for what they Christendom to observe the rites of Easter. indignation, and contempt, when an English ing their arms or legs broken, their eyes out by Omnipotence for the correction of all heard. Better still than even this was to Pilgrimages to the Holy Land and the Holy Places were common in the earliest ages of Christianity; and sanctioned hy Pores and by Pores

times moved in its centre by the pious rage. guards of soldiers to protect them from the fire at the same time they practice it; and vanced, and with their bayonets drove the the present age, and not very unlike some extent which no man could reckon? The The influence, however, is not uncertain; and it is doubtful which is to be more deprecated—pilgrimages to Mecca or to Jeru
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The influence, however, is not uncertain; and order was of the concomitants of insanity. One man light of His countenance, the blessing of ven, is only the effect of the phosphorus have poured out their precious treasures to
We writches from the church, and order was a solitude. Will tell you that the fibres of lust have per
His words, the purity of His example, all to be removed;

It was a terrible scene, indeed as infernal vaded and encompassed both the world and influence of His example, all to be removed;

on an estrade supplied with cushions in the ed into the minds of men, if there were nei-

The Father and His Danghter. During a series of religious meetings,

held in the school-house of a small village. a very little girl became much interested for the salvation of her soul. Her father, a hater of holiness, who lived next door to the place of meeting, finding his little daughstrickly forbade her again entering the "house of prayer." The poor little girl ping out without his knowledge, and getting ing, where she was on her knees, with to shut out from his daughter's heart.

Singleness of Purpose.

To do great things in his profession a minister must have a deep seated passion for his appropriate work—such, that singleness of aim shall mark his whole career.— day in which it was reared up, and abode times or the seasons, which the Father hath Division of labor is not less a point of economy in great moral enterprises than in Shekinah; which touched the lips of Isaiah; tinued, passing at once from curious quesever concerns man calls on the preacher to only in her public but in her family shrines, "But ye shall receive power, after that the make and preserve with the state and the when the Lord will create upon every dwell-Holy Ghost is come upon you." What progress of science and literature, of general politics and religion, does not require him to stand forth as a leader in every field; nor to explore all events and causes with the scru- In the promise of a baptism of fire they Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samatiny of a philosopher, so as to become a uni- would at once recognise the approach of ria, and unto the uttermost parts of the versal expositor. An ambition to shine in new manifestations of the power and pre-earth." every circle, to appear competent to the sence of God; for that was ever the purof friendly recognition. That was a hasty pleased: hear ye Him."

We have no hint that he ever spake, during avowal, therefore, once made by a youthful John said, "I knew Him not: but He the forty days, of other kingdom, royally, or pastor in a cabinet of minerals, when he that sent me to baptize with water, the same reign. Not to rule over cities; not to spesaid, "My wholesoul is in geology." And it said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see culate on the designs of the Father and the was a fine rebuke which the avowal met the Spirit descending and remaining on destinies of the Jew; but to go into the with from a minister venerable for age, who, Him, the same is He which baptiseth with whole world, tell every creature the story with from a minister venerable for age, who, laying his hand gently on the young man's shoulder, and smiling rather soberly, said, "My young brother, I thought a minister of the minister of Jesus Christ should have his whole soul ab- heard the word, and pondered. The next of provinces, but of "righteousness, and

Now, it is the nature of enthusiasm to be exclusive. The spell is broken by a multi-power, saw his works: signs, and wonders, and spell is broken by a multi-power, saw his works: signs, and wonders, and saw his works:

legislative hall, or flying, as on the wings of the wind, from city to city, to regulate pub-

It was ascertained on investigation that one agent of some human organization. Hi, a privilege which no tongue could worthily encouraged by Popes and by Patriarchs, as well as connected with the belief of merit and the assurance of salvation, it is not strange that Europe was at it is not strange that Europe was at times moved in its centre by the roles and often attended by their priests, and often attended by their priests, and often attended by their priests admit the impostrer of the Pasha admit the impostrer of salem. In both cases they begin in a spirit gether. Reaching the bank of the sacred and a truer lucifer than that is not to be as the world can present or the imagination the church and that the Gospel, as a whole, and this expedient for them! "It is expedient for them!" "It is expedient for them! "It is expedient for them! "It is expedient for them!" "It is expedient for them! "It is expedient for them!" "It is expedient for them! "It is expedient for them!" "It is expedient for them! "It is expedient for them!" "It of Phariseeism, and are often prosecuted river, they shout, they sing, they pray, they found. Such are the common scenes on this well conceive. Had the "holy fire" been does not supply the caustic which can silent dient for you that I go away: for it I do not and ended in crime. The strange com- exhort, and plunge into the water pell-mell occasion. At the last Easter the exhibition from heaven, it must have consumed both ly eat these vibres away. Some human la- go away, the Comforter will not come unto

their diminished usefulness as ministers of a presence of the Spirit would be more. spiritual and holy religion. But the mischief is not thus circumscribed. The com- minds with the hope of a greater joy than munity have a general sense of what is pro- even His own countenance, the Master laid priety in the clergyman. They expect him down His life. Stunned, dispersed, and make full proof of his ministry; and can desolate, they felt themselves orphans innot without diminishing respect, behold him deed. Their Master ignominiously executed, and neither the word of John nor His not to say of doubtful dignity. Whether, in own word fulfilled: no Comforter, no bapour own country, within the last forty years, tism, no fire! Soon He re-appeared, and, the clerical office has not been depreciated as they were met together for the first time in standing and power by an intermeddling since His death, once more stood in the with the affairs of Cesar, is a problem.— midst of them. He breathed many them

The Promise of a Baptism of Fire.

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Judea, shaking the hearts of the people One injunction, however, He laid upon them, with a call to repent, they said, "Surely this must be the Messiah for whom we have They were to go into all the world, yet not waited so long." "No," said the strong-spoken man, "I am not Christ; but one the city of Jerusalem till ye be endued with mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose power from on high." Apparently more shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall ready to interpret "power" as referring to baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with the hopes of their nation than to the king-

some idea of material burning to any people | Israel?" but Jews; but in their minds it would awak-

temple of nature, and command the keys, altogether know; yet he knew that he was habited by a race nationally detested by not alone of a few of its apartments, but of full of grace and wisdom, and in favor with their countrymen; and finally "the utterall its recesses and labyrinths, may be left God and man. He felt that himself rather most parts of the earth." to the pretensions of a Gorgias, but cannot needed to be baptized of one so pure, than neither to seek distant spheres first, nor to be entertained by any preacher of the Gos- to baptize him; but he waived his feeling, confine themselves always at home; but to pel. Nor can a single pursuit be placed in and fulfilled his ministry. As they returned any prominence by the side of his own proper work. The labors of his own field will bodily shape, as a dove, came down and he had before placed in their view—the filltask all his powers. Even many enterprises, rested on the stranger. At the same time ing all the earth with the news of grace, whose special aim is kindred with his own, a voice from the excellent glory said, "This news that repentance and pardon were opencan receive from him little more than a look is my beloved Son, in whom I am well ed to men by the power of his atonement.

boratory can furnish a more active and you." Well, but would they not be better searching article. Another proclaims that with Himself than with the Comforter all Christendom has forgotten the great No; just the contrary. They would be commission, and that she can do nothing better with the Comforter: He would lead successfully for her own safety and purifica- them into all truth; whereas now they are tion, until the millions of Pagan lands are constantly misapplying the words of Carist. evangelized. A third has found out that He would bring all things to their rememdollars and prayers will be thrown away brance; whereas now they often forgot in a upon the poor heathen abroad so long as day or two the most remarkable teaching, the clank of fetters is heard on the poor or the most amazing miracles. He would heathen at home. And so of each and take the things of Christ, the things of the every point, either great or little, around Father, and reveal them unto them; wherewhich is closely contracted that great and as now they constantly misapprehended His noble passion that ought to be spread out in relation to the Father, and that of the due proportion over the whole gospel eco- Father to Him, misapprehended His person, His mission, and His kingdom. Again, Now, when occupants of the pulpit, alike He would convince the world of sin, of rightwith the laity, are drawn into various wild cousness, and of judgment to come; and speculations, connected with gain and social this is not as one teacher limited by a local order, and human perfectibility, and into personality, but as a Spirit diffused abroad heated crusades against this or the other hu- throughout the earth. And he would abide man organization, and thus, as we have seen, with them forever, not for "a little while." lose their balance, we find, in the direct in- Whatever, therefore, Christ's personal prefluence on themselves, sufficient cause for sence and teaching had been to them, the

Having thus strongly pre-occupied their With that word, doubtless, both peace and power were given; yet it was not the baptism of fire. During forty days he con-versed with them on the things pertaining to the kingdom of God, assigning to them the work of proclaiming and establishing When John the Baptist was going round that kingdom to the ends of the earth .-dom of grace, they asked, "Lord, wilt Thou This last expression might have conveyed at this time restore again the kingdom of

He had said nothing of a kingdom for others whom the people of God were en other thoughts. It would recall the scenes Israel, or in Israel. His speech had been praying for. So enraged was he, that when their father Abraham asked him who on a higher theme, and of a wider field he raised her from her knees, she looked up shall I know that I shall inherit it?" The all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And with a heavenly smile and said: "It is too answer came thus: he was standing under ye are witnesses of these things." Such, in This was too much for the the open sky at night, watching by cloven various forms, are the words we find him hardened sinner, he too sank on his knees, sacrifices, when, "behold a smoking furnace uttering concerning His own kingdom durwhile he was prayed for; and very soon he found that Saviour he had in vain attempted those pieces" of the victims. It would they asked him if he would at this time recall the fire which Moses saw in the bush, restore again the kingdom to Verael, he which shone, and hallowed even the wilder- shortly turned aside their curiosity. What ness, but did not consume; the fire which the Father's designs were as to Israel came in the day of Israel's deliverance, as a nationally; what the times when they might light on their way, and continued with them be again a kingdom-were points not for throughout the desert journey; the fire them. They had better work, and nearer which descended on the Tabernacle in the at hand. "It is not for you to know the physical operations, The acquaintance, al- which flamed in the visions of Ezekiel; and tions about the future of Israel, and unfulready alluded to, which sympathy with what- which was yet again promised to Zion, not filled prophecy, to his own grand kingdom: In these words he traces the circles in

Jesus Christ should have his whole soul absorbed in the 'glorious Gospel of the blessed God.'"

Excellence in a pursuit springs from a certain enthusiasm—an enthusiasm which controls the intellectual and moral nature of man, and to a great extent even his physical. Was Napoleon great? His greatness was the offspring of a mighty control over all his nature. Now, it is the nature of enthusiasm to be spread not by the arms of a second Joshua, but by the "witness" of the baptism which John could not give—the baptism of fire. They were joined by others. For months, for signs observed in heaven, but in spiritual power imparted by the Holy Ghost, and operating in superhuman utterance of heaven, it is the nature of enthusiasm to be When, therefore, you see a preacher often they received not the baptism of fire!