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(From the Methodist Recorder) CONFERENCE SKETCHES.

just before and around us; we see them fall, thodist ministry." and are startled by their number. It was a the ministers had been exceptionally great during the past year, but when the death roll was the ghosts of our ancestors invoked for purpo-

being nine less than the previous year. The reading of the roll was preceeded by from the lips of ministers who had known the dead: incidents, sketches of character, criticisms on style, terse sayings, and such like fragments gathered up from the past. Such ilustrations were necessarily numerous on Friday, when amongst the many were the names of Dr. Hoole, and Dr. Dixon, Richard Felvus and Thomas Vasey, G. T. Morrison and Dr. Wallace, and Edward Fraser, who began life as a slave, and now wears the crown and heightened by a paragraph of song twice thrown in during the reading of the obituaries, the verses sung being singularly applicable to the names which followed :-

"I the good fight have fought," The victory by my Saviour got I long with Paul to share. O may I triumph so, When all my warefare's past; And, dying, find my latest foe Under my feet at last!

and then followed the long life-history of

Jesus, the name to sinners dear. The name to sinners given; It scatters all their guilty tear, It turns their earth to heaven.

Happy if with my latest breath I may but gasp his name, Preach him to all, and cry in death, Behold, behold the Lamb. Could anything more fitly express the zeal in

whose name immediately followed? On Friday, immediately at the close of the obituaries, the inquiries concerning character nenced, and were continued on Saturday. On Monday the list of supernumeraries was completed, and all new arrangements as to circuits or ministers discussed. All these matters must be gone over before the members of the Stationing Committee can retire for the prepar-

ation of the second draft. Methodism in the metropolis is as good and true as in the provinces - better, perhaps; certainly than the article found by that name in some parts of the country. Yet London chapels are not well adapted to great gatherings; London people are not swift to congregate; when together not swift to catch fire even when the fire has kindled to catch upon them they are not given to burst out into a crackling blaze, so that often during the present Conference contrasts not complimentary to cockneys might have been drawn with Conference scenes in Leeds, Manchester or Hull.

One such contrast was suggested by the service at Mildmay-park Chapel on Monday evening, for the public examination of candidates for the ministry. For crush, fervour of feeling, power of prayer, plenitude of response the meeting in question could " not be named on the same day" with a similar service held in Irwell-street Chapel, Manchester, last year. Yet the chapel filled gradually till there was scarcely a seat vacant, and a very devout spirit pervaded the whole service. The Ex-President presided, and was supported by two Ex-Presidents, Dr. Osborn, and Mr. Prest. Messrs. Walton, R. N. Young, Hartley, Mather, Kilner, and Sutch were also on the platform, and a large number of the ministers were scattered through the congregation. After the devotions, twenty-five young brethren, placed on either side of the gallery, answered to their names. Amongst them were two brothers, Mr. Marshall Hartley and Mr. T. Galland Hartley, sons of the Rev. John Hartlev. The Ex-President offered a few remarks on the character of the service, to the effect that Methodists believed in conversion and in a Divine call to the ministry: that for proof and Nancarrow then, at the call of the Exand call to the ministry. Whoever heard the testimonies of those young men, or reads them, may trace distinctly the process by which God to the men whom God has made a place and an orbit. Two thirds of the men who spoke traced their religious life to parental, most frequently to maternal, influence. Colleges have not so much to do with the making of preachers as home. Then as to conversion: this was clear in every case; not always in the same way; from darkness to light, sometimes with the suddenness of a tropic morning, sometimes with the graduated twilight of these Western climes. Then the vocation; God's call, which sometimes met with a joyful response, but in many cases became reiterated and imperative

to believe that amongst their acquaintances and culture, Mr. Matthew Arnold, the apostle are remitted to the undisturbed quietude of been more vigorous by the blessing of God triends more people died last year than in the year before. Two considerations seem to act the first of the f

soon forgotten, save those who, living, have not made up of Matthew Arnolds. In some learn in some degree their meaning.

been mighty in deed or word; the other, that there was evidence of high culture; in none

We begin with Ireland. Methodism in that every year death comes nearer to ourselves. was there anything in articulation or grammar country has had an independent existence for Those who fell before the arrows when we to offend the taste of average criticism. A about one hundred years. During that cen. A GREAT REVIVAL FOR THE COMING were young were just as many as those who fall friend of mine, expressing his delight at the tury, the national lite of Ireland, narrowed in now, but they were further off. We are moved to the front, and the prey of the enemy fall stored my confidence in the future of the Me-

singing a portion of the hymn beginning, astonished. He would have found his descendobituaries of the deceased ministers occupied Speakers sprang up on every side of the floor, cases these were illustrated by viva voce notices to make a remark or venture a suggestion. The occasion was the bringing up of a resolution tee. He indicated that he would take his minister by taking him from circuit work. Mr. resolution. But around the speeches a conrule determining the mode in which an elec-

a change so important required that some no-

But it was evident that an appointment de novo would stand a poor chance of success after a debate which had quickened the attention of the brethren, and aroused a great deal of feeling, upon a subject so important as the secularisation of a minister-taking him, as the phrase runs, from the Word of God, 'to serve tables." that is in such a case, to serve desks Home Mission and Auxiliary Fund, and the Rev. J. W. Greeves be appointed to the post.

Mr. Perks moved the adoption of the recommendation, and Mr. Shaw seconded it. The mendation are mendation, and Mr. Shaw seconded it. The mendation of the recommendation of the r amendment. Mr. Greeves' appointment was gress by which, very probably, and at no disbacked by all the weight of the platform and by many speakers on the floor. Arand by many speakers on the floor. Arguments were advanced for it that would Conference which so long has had the advan—such prayers being commonly accompanied probably have been successful but for the previous debate. But adverse feeling was too strong to be stemmed, and when the vote was to us is that of Australasia. It takes oversight denial and to wrestling supplication. taken the amendment was carried by a large of Methodist Churches scattered over an area as large as Europe, as well as in New Zealand better than no bread, the Conference granted and in the islands of the Southern Seas. It with great alacrity that a young man should has 1,700 chapels, 344 ministers and mission-

observers of atmospheric phenomena agree that and it will not be withheld. the elements of disarrangement, if not confusion, are still around us.

> From the Methodist Recorder. AFFILIATED METHODISM.

Once a year Methodism is called to realise her maternal relationship. Her children send her greeting: she listens and replies. Much formality, more business, little exhibition of emoments, mality, more business, little exhibition of emoments.

"My lad," was the kind answer, "I did not one of his own religious experience. He tells us of his own religious experience. He tells us of his own religious experience. He tells us of long and ardent attachment to evangelical then send you adrift upon the streets. I want to help you. I want—O, may God grant it!

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His fame spread abroad. Louis XVIII decorbeen ever at hand, and abundant too."

in the piece and cut off in lengths. They are of Conference, prevents the significance of ed by fighting its past battles and winning its full surrender of all to the Lord Jesus, and to you are, and how you came here. themselves, "men, real men"-men whose these Addresses from being perceived at the past victories; or weak and palsied and inaccount for this delusion : one that the dead are then, mercifully, Methodist congregations are eternal sleep, catch some of their figures, and which no man's mind can grasp."

> pointment of Mr. E. H. Tindall as junior Chapel Secretary, Mr. Edwards taking the place recently vacated by Mr. Bedford. Mr. Toyne stepped to the front with a resolution declining to accept the recommendation of the Commitclasses, and lead to the formation of an "Old teach. Is it not possible, likely, nay certain, stand on the impropriety of secularising a Catholic" party in Ireland. In the event of that if similar means be used, in a similar changes occurring in the position of religious spirit, that "the same Lord over all, who is Bowden strongly and calmly supported this parties in that country, it is certain that the rich in mercy unto all that call upon Him," Methodists are prepared to use every opportu- will, in like manner, give an abundant blessing versation sprang up on the interpretation of the nity for the advancement of earnest Protest to every portion of His heritage where He is

tion to such an office was to be conducted, and Let us now turn to Eastern British America; t was ruled that Mr. Toyne's resolution was including Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince of SINNERS MAY BE BROUGHT TO CHRIST out of order until this preliminary point was Edward's Island, Newfoundland and Bermuda. May every Circuit contribute its quota of unsettled, a consummation not reached till talk Eighteen years ago Methodism in these Col-precedently large accessions of saved souls to ran itself dry. The President allowed the onies was placed under its own Conference the Courch of God! Conference to be its own interpreter; and the in connection with the British Conference. It What, then, were the agenceies employed so interpretation of the rule being fixed by a now numbers 147 ministers, 40 probationers, snow or names, the debate on the appointment was resumed. Mr. Toyne and Mr. Bowden again took up their position and defended it with great skill of words, sound argument sell of the responsibility of financial assistance cles in the way were of the most formidable message of mercy, and to make known the "Dear friend," said he, "say what you will, with great skill of words, sound argument and admirable temper. They were supported to these, her children, and retain only a character, rendering the subsequent triumph of truth of God—above and beyond every thing character, rendering the subsequent triumph of truth of God—above and beyond every thing else, we must daily realize the cleansing virtue.

You may call yourself the devil's castaway; but And public hurricane, secret week. on their side a large amount of sympathy. But the parent Church has made grants of money the appointment was too strong for the attack; a former resolution of the Conference, adopted dependence but are present year the Gospel all the more memorable. The first the fospel all the more memorable. The first is the devil's castaways whom Jesus came to the palace and cottage wrap, the tract, is "the seed-time of tears, prior to upon our heart, our life, our whole being, by the Divine Spirit, Hollness unto the commencement of this season of blessing."

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ident-Elect of the Conference under considera tion was, we believe a waif of this kind washed westward from our shores. But how the demand for men is to be met when our supply is scarcely up to its usual proportions does not Lord's day; and also that God would gracious-Germans," the unification of political life Time," shews quite conclusively that our great again, and a benevolent looking man, button-Horatii of the occasion were prepared, chang.

We which has resulted in combining the Britneed is more of the spirit and practice of ter-Bowden moved as an amendment that the appointment should be held in abeyance for one year, and Mr. Toyne seconded the

tage of Dr. Punshon's superintendence.

other path, keeping the mind restless until it was obeyed. Many of the suggestions which cropped up during the Committees, anent the individuality and cuiture needed for the modern pulpit, had sufficient answer in these young matters which claim the incessant attention of pulpit, had sufficient answer in these young matters which claim the incessant attention of the restless until it have indicated. Such a survey will justify very truin, of active services in various departments to help you. I want—O, may God grant it! His fame spread abroad. Louis XVIII decortor, and the red ribbon of the Legion of Christian toil, of trusting only in Christ; yet had been ever at hand, and abundant too."

I want—O, may God grant it! His fame spread abroad. Louis XVIII decortor, and the red ribbon of the Legion of Methodism and pound in the world. Tell me your from the Affiliated Conferences of Methodism attention of the Addresses from the had little peace, and saw but very small many triends in the world. Tell me your from the Affiliated Conferences of Methodism attention of the Addresses from the had little peace, and saw but very small many triends in the world. Tell me your from the Affiliated Conferences of Methodism attention of the Addresses from the had little peace, and saw but very small many triends in the world. Tell me your from the Affiliated Conferences of Methodism attention of the Addresses from the had little peace, and saw but very small many triends in the world. Tell me your from the had little peace, and saw but very small many triends in the world. Tell me your from the had little peace, and saw but very small many triends in the world. Tell me your from the Affiliated Conferences of Methodism attention of the had little peace, and saw but very small many triends in the world. Tell me your from the Affiliated Conference and the had little peace and the had li

From the Irish Evangelist.

other, has been little else than a tidal rush of Monmouthshire," is being widely circulated Tuesday was a day for gentlemen "below emigration. So that the harvest of Methodist and is deservedly attracting great attention general impression that the mortality amongst the gangway," as they say in another place. Church work is not to be found in the Green among the religious portion of the community. Isle itself, but in far distant colonies. Yet our The marvellous facts which it records, "and brethren report that there are in Ireland 360 aggregate of one thousand conversions in a called over on Friday it contained 39 names ses of rhetorical appeal. But suppose one such chapels, having accommodation for nearly sixty single parish, within four months," being but ghost to have come unbidden to the sitting in thousand worshippers; 84 ministers' residences, one of several of the most cheering character, question, he must have been considerably and 70 schools. There are also 264 Sabbath- such as call forth feelings of fervent gratitude schools, with more than twenty thousand childto Him who gave the abundant increase. Then Come, let us join our friends above." The astonished. He would have found his descend-ants deficient neither in speech nor courage. ren on the rolls. The tumber of members in the simple, modest, unpretentious style in Society is close on twenty thousand. These sta- which the narrative is related, with the sweet the greater part of the sitting; and in many and even the boys of the family had treedom tistics present a very creditable ecclesiastical devout, and kindly spirit which pervades the "plant," and the stir of new schemes in home whole, give to this beautiful memorial of the missions and chapel debt liquidation shows that Lord's loving-kindness an indescribable charm; of the Chapel Committee, recommending the appointment of Mr. E. H. Tindall as junior Chapel

The "Keogh" controversy may have further nothing even highly coloured: and you are led

thus honoured? What an inspiriting thought,

successfully at Newport? What the secret of not made bare more signally and powerfully.

Next was the organization, about two years ago, of a "praying band," which met "every Friday evening to pray, specially, for a bless-Methodist usage, known as "the Intercession" tant date, the Methodist Churches of Eastern the noontide hour of every Friday being spent British America will be "unificated" with that in prayer for the extension of the work of God with fasting or abstinence. In an ease-loving The next Conference that sends its greeting age, we much require to be stirred up to self-

Growing out of these lively prayer-meetings, came the spirit of brotherly love. A united in the youth's probable history, a tear stood in service was held of different Christian commu- in his eye. mons in the beginning of the year 1871. "to be appointed to assist Mr. Greeves with his aries, 60,000 church members, with 125,000 call on the Lord (1) for the descent of the Holy be appointed to assist Bir. Greeves with his official divises. If departmental vigour and ex-Sabbath scholars. Unlike its sister described Spirit amongst us, and an increase of vital godomicial diffies. If departmental vigour and expansion are to be sacrificed to the persistent and unvarying application of principle, no principle is so worthy of the sacrifice as one derived from the solemn obligations of the Christophia and nineteen candidates received on trial. Yet this young daughter of our home sends over the scenes which soon followed. When the hearer Let me now gather into a final paragraph water to us a plea as a daughter might utter to of prayer shed forth His Spirit, party feeling the "fragments that remain." Mr. Jessop is appointed to the governorship of Wesley Col. thereof a probation of four years was expected of all its ministers: this probation these young men had passed satisfactorily, and were now prepares the Pastoral Address. Methodists having been very jubilant over the recovery of in Australia cannot be appreciated without Have we not something to learn here? May the Prince of Wales, are now to tell the Queen considering that the increase of settlements we not combine an intelligent attachment to our many witnesses." Messrs. Bishop, Kirkham, Gardner, Leathley, the two Hartleys, Macart- so in the prim propriety of an Address to Her Dardner, Leathley, the two Hartleys, Macartney, Mee, Hesk, Nigthingale, Jenkin, Oldfield,

The action of the Conference on the Majesty. The action of the Conference on the Conference on the Contagious Diseases Acts has so far been met in a considerate spirit by Mr. Gladstone. The provide the means for the erection of chapels in a considerate spirit by Mr. Gladstone. The provide the liner- and parsonages in the larger number of our this memorable awakening was not in any of er of the 100m, and, motioning him to a chair, ancy; three more brethren, on account of age ancy; three more brethren, on account of age or office, being indulged with young subordinates this year. The Rev. John Lomas has circuits; and when these necessities of our these. Doubtless, wherever there is real and calling for collee and bread and butter, home work are met very little ability is sometimes, being indulged with young subordinates this year. The Rev. John Lomas has times left for claims beyond. Nevertheless there will be blessing, much blessing. Still all appetite proved that he had not broken his fart makes a minister, the process also by which Methodism recognises God's work, and gives makes a minister, the process also by which Methodism recognises God's work, and gives make a minister, the process also by which makes a minister of the process also by which makes a minister of the process also by which makes a minister of the process also by which makes a minister of the process also by which makes a minister of the process also by which makes a minister of the process and the process also by which makes a minister of the process also by which makes a minister of the process also by which makes a minister of the process also by which makes a minister of the process also by which makes a minister of the process also by which makes a minister of the process also by which makes a minister of the process also be processed as a minister of the process and the process also be processed as a minister of the process and the process also be processed as a minister of the process and the process also be processed as a minister of the process and the process also be processed as a minister of the process and the process are processed as a minister of the process and the process are processed as a minister of the process and the process are processed as a minister of the process and the process are processed as a minister of the process and the process are processed as a minister of the process and the process are processed as a minister of the process and the process are processed as a minister of the process and the process are processed as given notice that he will retire from the theological chair of Headingley next year. Things our power to make our Australian Church a without any very great or wide-spread work of When he had finished his breakfast he lookpromise fair for a great educational storm; the barometer fell suddenly and sharply on Friday; in sending the Gospel to 'every creature.'" God resulting. The beloved writer of the narrative (Rev. J. Tinson Wrenford, M.A., Vicar missionary church, and to co-operate with you God resulting. The beloved writer of the nar-up with a warm glow to his benefactor. barometer fell suddenly and sharply on Friday; In sending the Gospet to Stand heart.' Whosoever forthere was a further fall on Monday, and all
So there is another call for maternal sustenance, of St. Paul's, Newport,) has been so careful to penny; but you must let me do something had to take his pick and shovel, and lead his saketh not all that he hath cannot be my dis-A complete view of our present subject would little pains to ascertain how close the connectit." But as he glanced round at the respect- bridges. Then it became necessary to induct "Thus was this victory gained. It you so take in the Methodism of France and Canada. tion between his own reception of the baptism able customers who looked scandalized at a them into the various arts of industry, that fam-The latter was ably described by the President of the Blessed Spirit, and the outpouring of beggar in his rags and dirt venturing among ine might be kept at bay. He organized schools, yours. Take the comfort of it now. It belongs in his graphic address at the open session of that Spirit upon his neighbourhood. He has, them, he timidly said: "Please let me go, and substituted good language for the rude dia- to you." Conference, and on the same occasion the however, without attaching his name so it, pub- sir; I am not fit to be here; it isn't right lect learned by being alternately subjected by "If I take you. I take them, too.' In the French work had a worthy expositor in Mr. lished an exquisite little book, bearing the title, that I should sit down with you." Once a year Methodism is called to realise Cook. The report of the speeches then deliv- "All for Jesus," giving a clear and full account

men. They certainly have not been smade up ministers, especially during the early sessions instead of being "maimed and lame and injurtion, he was led by God's grace to make the the man to save you. Only tell me truly who Eden. Flattering inducements were placed place,' a place of sunshine and certainty never ery." before experienced by him,) made an earnest appeal, &c." Now, let us mark the bessed "after the happy school days, what then?" result, and notice how God honours those who

CONNECTION BETWEEN HOLINESS AND USEFUL- and now, sir, no one will employ me. My NESS. It was so with the people, as character, my respectability, my health and Christians are not now contented with the low peat it. That memory, sir, which placed me

Would we, then, have the coming year one am content now to be so."

about to visit us with unusual displays of His drizzling morning in November, stood a ragquired at once. In times of trouble, when the mercy and grace—the wide-spread spirit of ged, dirty young fellow. He shivered as the moverning and contession, because His arm is raw, damp wind mound around him, finding your tather. out every hole in his scanty clothes, and fluttering his rags. His bare feet, covered with fragments of shoes, were blue and pinched. Friday evening to pray, specially, for a blessing on the services, Sunday-school teaching, and other means of grace, on the approaching Lord's day; and also that God would gracious-ly none out His Spirit on the Church with man as he stood by the door, scanned wistfully Passengers hurried to and fro without a glance clearly appear. A large ingathering of souls ly pour out His Spirit on the Church with man as he stood by the door, scanned wistfully into our societies would instantly tell upon the which they were connected, as well as upon all every face as it went out and came in. Let us number of candidates for the ministry. A re- other Christian congregations in the town." scan his face. Dirty it is, pale and pinched; tables," that is in such a case, to serve desks and day-books. Yet such a new appointment was the very next thing on the order of the was the very next thing and the Proof to the was the very next thing on the order of the was the very next thing on the order of the was the very next thing on the order of the was the very next thing on the order of the was the very next thing on the order of the was the very next thing on the order of the was the very next thing on the order of the was the very next thing on the order of the was the very next thing on the order of the very next thing on the order of the was the very next thing on the order of the very next thing or the order o

ing his great coat across his chest, came out before him.

"Give me a halfpenny, please, sir, and I'll repeat any chapter in the Gospels which you please to name; I'm starving." The gentleman addressed stopped short and

gazed at the speaker. The living reality, of which you have read the picture, shivering and wretched, stood before him; and, as he took "You can repeat any chapter of the Gos-

els, eh? Well, repeat to me the fourteenth chapter of St, John." Every word was utter fixion came from the boy's lips like a lesson

"Young man," said the kind voice, as the rentleman's hand was laid despite the rags and dirt, upon the youths shoulder, "come in here with me. I do not want to give you a penny for those two chapters, for I know where that

He led him into that coffee-shop which had

Thank you, sir; this is far better than the put himself in the shade, that it requires some else for my breakfast, sir: I baven't earned

"hearts the Lord has touched." And, as for time. The time being passed, the Addresses tive on account of approaching age, has never phrase, or rather in Scriptural terms, he was est from the beggar's whine, "you know, I can promotion, until death came when he was in his year before. Two considerations seem to acyoung men to the realm of Philistinism; but detain them a moment on their passage to amount of machinery, the ultimate results of work at Newport," to this entire consecration roses, and the green lawn on which I played, preacher to be unwilling to serve a humble of himself to Christ is in these words. - "On a happy child, with my little brothers and sis- field of labor, for one year or for three? The Sunday evening, February 16th, the preacher, ters. I can see the old school, and the faces poorest place is too good for the best of us, (who had himself on the previous day experi- of my school-fellows; and then, and then" when we work for Jesus and for souls. When enced a glorious deliverance from the buffetings he broke down, covered his face with his hands, the Christian workmen are called to receive of Satan, and been brought out into ' a wealthy and sobbed aloud-" all is darkness and mis-

"What then?" said his questioner, kindly, He dried his eyes: "I went to college, sir, honour Him. It was on that very Sabbath the first boy in the school, proudly thinking evening, the next day after he had received this that I should carry all before me. I tell in with glorious anointing, that the work of in-gather- clever but wicked companions. I was soon to ing really commenced. "The penitents were be found at wine parties, and to be seen giving not counted, but several souls tound peace with wine parties in return. I'm sure you guess God, through Jesus Christ." And from that the rest of my story, sir. I took to drinking day, the arm of the Lord was revealed, until freely, and while intoxicated committed an acthousands were brought to the Saviour, Sev- tion which closed the college gates against me, eral other labourers appeared upon the scene, What could I do?" Home I would not go all of whom were made a blessing to souls, after what had happened. I tried one kind of some of them remarkably so. But the point work and then another, my taste for drink get. Down the hily-throat drops the bee; which strikes us most is, THE INSEPARABLE ting stronger and stronger as I sank lower; well as with their Ministers, The Church- strength gone, all that is left to me is my mees of Christ have, indeed, been revived mory; if I read a chapter or a verse I can relevel of a bare spiritual existence. The sur- at the head of the school would have led me passing blessedness of the "higher Christian to a high position in life; it might have been is sought-yes, and realised by very my greatest blessing; but now, while it is my many of the people of God. The old condi- daily bread, it is my greatest curse. I rememtion, so far removed from that to which be- ber too well every little incident in my past lievers should attain, has become distasteful; history. Ab, sir, it is the drink that has done and now from the heart, gladly, gratefully, it! it has dragged me down from my position lovingly, proceeds the cry-" All for Jesus!" in life to be a ragged beggar; it has broken my Nor can they who have received so much at the parents' hearts; it has bound me so stight in its hands of the Lord remain inactive. "Lord chains that I don't believe that I could burst what wilt thou have me to do?" is the cry of through them if I would, and it will land me in many a willing worker; and in a variety of hell. Now, sir, you know my story; please

return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy And the stars in an ancient silence roll upon him, and to our God for he will abundantly pardon." You tell me that you have fallen Two feet by six for one and all-Outside a Bristol coffee-shop, on a cold, from your station in life; but the Spirit of God The river slides to the misty sea: will set you among princes. Ask God's pardon through the blood of a crucified Redeemer, and Down the lily-throat drops the bee; then do as one of old did-arise and go to

> "Never!" almost shricked the unhappy young man: "I have sworn never to cross my father's threshold again, and I never will. Good the tall thin form had disappeared.
>
> Once again think of that Bristol coffee-house,

fading glories of their flower garden, and laid up for me a crown of life."

our poor, lost boy."

Within the bounds of the circulation of the "We believe there are many pastors scat-

poor, and the climate dreary. First of all he meek and lowly in heart.' 'Whosoever formountaineers in the construction of roads and ciple.' Gauls and Germans. In poverty, Oberlin fulfilling of that promise he has never failed. "My lad," was the kind answer, "I did not bring you here to give you a cup of coffee and never saw Paris or any of the great cities, for has undergirded the sinking soul. When one

"Sir," said a low, earnest voice, very differ- fields of labor. But he resisted all offers of

Why should any thing tempt a Methodist their rewards, not the mitered and the titled will be the most highly honored of the Master, but " he that is least shall be greatest in the kingdom."-Western Advocate.

BEHIND IT ALL. BY REV. T. HEMPSTEAD. Over the sands In a hundred lands The waves with a tremble of earthquake roll: Something is seeking a far-off goal The river slides to the misty sea: Moan the pines on the windy mountain

What is there standing behind it all? n many a dark and ghastly row, The hollow coffins molder and crumble: Ah, little we care and little we know How the kingly brows, day after day, Ashes to ashes, fall away

Dieamily floats the moon on the fountain

Under the snow! Above the snow. Roar of city and factory's rumble, Coming and going and losing and getting, Laughing and cursing and praying and fretting, Dead men in the street, Dead hearts in the ball, Diademed brows, shoeless feet; What is there standing behind it all?

ways, the desire to be useful finds welcome ex- to let me go; you can't help me; I don't want Alike in the icy and orange lands to be raised up in lite again; I'm a wreck, and A mighty phantom forever stands, Swaying the billows and counting the sands Above the coffins the violets blow; Above the coffins the roses glow.

Making sunrise Not in those that are sealed below: To a mystic goal;

Moan the pines on the windy mountain Dreamily swings the moon in the fountain The Christ is standing behind it all.

TRUST AND TRIUMPH.

thousand,' had succumbed to the powers of disease. The spirit had been purified so as by the pattering rain, and the thin dripping, shiv- fire, and now its poor tenement was fast wastering form that stood outside. Now look for ing away. With undisturbed calmness he heard one moment on another scene. It is the very from his faithful physicians the words, 'We day. Mr. Prest brought up a recommendation from the Home Missionary Committee that a has been too long cold. Should this year of momental too from the Home Missionary Committee that a has been too long cold. Should this year of momental too from the Home Missionary Committee that a has been too long cold. Should this year of momental too from the Home Missionary Committee that a has been too long cold. Should this year of momental too from the Home Missionary Committee that a has been too long cold. Should this year of momental too from the Home Missionary Committee that a has been too long cold. Should this year of momental too from the Home Missionary Committee that a has been too long cold. Should this year of momental too from the Home Missionary Committee that a has been too long cold. Should this year of what has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of what has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long cold. Should this year of the has been too long minister should be set apart for the duties of Secretary of Finance in connection with the Home Mission and Auxiliary Fund, and the Missio

kindly and venerable, is glancing over the fore reason as well as strength fails me. From Times. The fire burns brightly, and is reflect- the first of my sickness I telt that my work was ed from the silver on the table; the urn hisses done, and in view of it, by Jesus' help I could cheerily. Two girls are gazing out on the fast- say, "I have fought a good fight. There is ing his great coat across his chest, came out into the rain. Here was the sort of face for which the lad had looked in vain among the shrewd, sharp business faces which had passed the shrewd, sharp business faces which had passed the shrewd, sharp business faces which had passed the shrewd in th when you thought me unconscious, my spirit "Any clue to poor Robert?" whispered an was wrestling in prayer for the grace to say, elderly lady, laying her hand on his arm; "I " Not my will, but Thine, be done." One pray day and night that God will restore us night, as I was praying, Jesus stood close beside me. His face was just as visible to my "No certain clue yet," answered the father, eyes as is yours, and his voice just as audible and yet there is hope. He has been traced to my ear as any human voice I ever heard. to Bristol, and lost there. God grant that our He said, "I take you to myself." "But, wanderer may be given to us again before we Lord," I replied, "my wife and my children!" lie down with sorrow in the grave. And as to Again the voice spoke, "If I take you, I take the poison which has ruined our lad, while I them too." From that moment all my auxiety have breath I will use it in entreating all the was gone. My peace has been perfect, like a precious souls in the parish to cast it from deep flowing river. I can leave you, frail in em-to give up this cursed drink, for O wife body, with our four helpless little ones to proit has caused more broken hearts, it has filled vide for, and with only a mere pittance of more empty graves, it has peopled hell more earthly goods. Yes, darling, strange as it may than all the other sins which stain the earth put seem, I can leave you, without a thought for vour future, or even presuming a suggestion. You are not alone; only promise me, promise BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS. me that you will accept these wonderful words, just as I have, with an unwavering trust.'

Western, there is scarcely a field of labor so tered over the wide wastes of our land, eshard and undesirable as the one in which Ober- pecially 'in the front,' whose great life burden lin won his world-wide fame. Born and edu- is the thought of leaving wife and children seemed so like a palace to him as he stood in cated in the tamous old city of Strasburg, he without even a "small pittance." This little the cold rain. The guests drew back and eyed was invited to take charge of a wild and deso-incident is given in the hope that such may which te was preparing, and presented himself liar trial in some respects. But through it all before his rude mountain parishioners, in 1767. he tollowed the true light to the utmost of his He tound about eighty tamilies scattered among power. To be 'simply and wholly bereft of the hills and valleys, and several churches, self was his constant prayer. Not alone did forming what would new be called a truly his intellect open to the mystery of that only real Christian philosophy, but his soul listened The people were ignorant and rude, the soil to the Master's call, Learn of me, for I am