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that " unity of the Spirit" of which He is the tions?

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THE ANNUAL ADDRESS in that excessive devotion to secular business spicious effect upon your families. It would wicket gate, while he continues to seek Him ere now. His church will live; but that nation, but need not adopt his inference that our orig- age the hope that the day is not far distant which absorbs the whole week-day life of some purify, at the same time that it sweetened, the whom his soul needs, let him also communicate or people that honors him not will be left in inal progenitor was a monkey, probably an " when every child of Adam shall be free. of you, leaving you little time for private or streams of your domestic life. Your children to his Christian pastor, or to some other Chris- the darkness of abandonment.-Church Wit- African monkey. ENGLISH CONFERENCE TO THE family devotion, and none for the week-evening and the servants of your bousehold would be tian friend, that he wants human help, human ness. METHODIST SOCIETIES.

services; and which by the time that Sunday blessed through your quickened religious sympathy, human guidance. It will confirm DEAR BRETHREN, -According to our use and returns has dissipated all your energies, so earnestuess. It would also affect beneficially his purpose to disclose it. It will bless others WORK AT ARMS-LENGTH.

wont, we again offer to you our annual greet- that you are indisposed for any Cristian work all your social relations. Not driving you to help him.-Christian Weekly. ing in the name of our great Head and Lord, even on that day? Is not another of them dis- into sourceness and severity, it would yet pre-

When the struggles of life are o'er, And shall know them all once more ? And we tread its paths alone? If when the journey is ended, In Heaven we'll know our own

And clouds hide the fair, blue sky, For the tender love of the lost ones. Our souls will vainly cry; Then, sweetly over our spirits, Hushing the heart's wild moan, Comes the whisper of faith-be patient-And, in Heaven we'll know our own.

In the light of this precious thought; When the conflict at last, is over, And the battle of life is fought. If we work in faith and submission The victory shall be won. And in Heaven where rest awaits us, We shall meet and know our own.

Shall those who were dearest here Be dearest again in Heaven?" Or think you when we stand so pear The throne of a loving Father, That His children every one, Shall seem equally dear to each other ? Can any be like our own ?

ourselves, as a people, continued to enjoy the cause we have felt so little of that longing for have declared unto us the noble work that Thou wonder-but there-no matter: blessings of national peace under a constitu- souls which is the best ministerial endowment, didst in their days, and in the old time before This belongs to the great To Be; tional and stable government, a war of gigan- and the surest note of an apostolic succession. them." Come down npon us as Thou didst And, we'll see things more clearly, tic dimensions, between two of the greatest Nor, out of the pulpit, have we at all seasons upon them. Give tongues of fire to us Thy In the light of eternity. military Powers in Europe, has shaken the adequately "watched for your souls, as those servants, that we may proclaim the Gospel Tis enough to know if we're faithful. Continent, stormed and overthrown some of its that must give account." While we have not with "words that burn." Inspire us with that Till the labor of life is done, strongest cities, and deluged many of its fair neglected the work of pastoral visitation, we love of God and man which is kindled at the in the "sweet by and by" in Heaven, plains with blood. Nor, when peace was at might show greater diligence in it. We have cross. And be as "the dew unto" all our

SALARIES OF MINISTERS.

end; for then the flames of a civil insurrection justly claim from us. As we contemplate the "branches may spread, and its beauty be as All things considered, American Churche ay probably congratulate themselves on hav ng the least expensive ministry of any country on the face of the earth. The vast majority of on the face of the earth. The vast majority of English curates and German pastors may be poor, but they are in most cases not poorer than the majority of those among whom they mining. but it thrilled these Islands from end to end; that humiliation before God to which the spirit- of "the years of the right hand of the Most the majority of those among whom they miniser. American clergymen, on the contrary,

EARTHQUAKES AND HURRICANES.

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3. In deating with skepticism, we must welcome all truth, and duly respect every honest West India Mission has had to contend which doubt. But upon this we may not enlarge. have occurred at irregular intervals which are But the most effective weapon against skep- altogether beyond the control of frail mortals, ticism is the exercise of the faith we wish to and which deserve a passing notice. We refer produce in others This is in accordance with to the earthquakes and harricanes which have

gious and humanitarian purposes at arms- the great law that like begets like. Would so frequently been experienced in many of the length-by the aid of societies or committees, you produce kindness in others? Manifest islands. On the 7th of Jnue, 1692, Jamaca those who come directly in contact with the kindness before them and to them. Would was visited with an earthquake, which swallowpersons succored or Christianizhd being very you produce forbearance? Be forbearing, ed up the town of Port Royal and laid waste a tew compared with the many who have a share Would you produce hostility? Manifest hos- considerable part of the island. In the same in the beneficent undertaking. And, indeed, tility. And so, would you produce faith in country devastating hurricanes occurred Aug. it must be so in many Christian enterprises. others you must manifest before them and to- 20, 1722, Sept. 1, 1734, and in October, 1744. Those who preach the gospel to the Nestorians ward them the fruits of faith. It an intellect. There was another, which did damage to the or the Hindus must be few in number, while ual result simply were aimed at, this would not amount of £300,000, on the 10th of August, those who support preachers and teachers by be so; but, aiming at a practical result, noth- 1751. Several of the islands were visited by their gitts and prayers should be many. The ing can be substituted for this. Without this similar calamities in 1781, 1784, and 1790. same law holds to some extent in the attempt there may be arrangements, expenditures, Three years later there occurred the strange to rescue the tallen in our large cities, and in meetings, addresses, but the work will be superficial. The unleavened mass, untouched which measured three inches in circumference, tenance of hospitals and asylums for certain by any particle with the true leaven in it, will and which laid waste the plantations in every remain unchanged. The whole secret of the direction.

There is, however, not only a resort to be- spread of Christianity over the world, is in this But much more recently, and within the neficence by proxy in cases of necessity, but figure of the leaven. It is fire that kindles fire; memory of living men, earthquakes and hurrialso a tendency on the part of the greater pro- love that kindles love; Christianity manifested canes have been experienced in the West Inportion of well wishers, to do whatever is that spreads Christianity. Talent, learning, dies which seriously affected our mission stadone for the needy or the wretched through conviction from argument, are well in their tions During our own residence in the beau-secondary agencies. There are many minis- places, but avail little. Belief is needed, but tiful islands of Barbadoes, St. Vincent, and ters of Christ who rarely, if ever, come in it must be in the form of trust. It must be Trindad we experienced repeated visitations of personal contact with other sorrows than those belief on the Lord Jesus Christ. There must this kind, the recollection of which can hever of their own out of trouble, or a tolerably plen- which he offers himself to us, and sympathy uar 1844, several o the islands were visited of their own out of trouble, or a tolerably pien-tiful supply of sympathy and help from their with him in all that he proposes to do. In such neighbors and friends. There are scores of belief there is life; and in life there is power; sulted in the destruction of much valuable officers in the churches who know nothing ex- and in the instincts of all life there is practi- property and many precious lives. Most of the cept by hearsay of the nether life within pistol cal guidance. Under such inspiration and such Wesleyan chapels in Antigua were either comshot of their comfortable homes. There are guidance which will be really that of the Spirit pletely destroyed or seriously injured, and it multitudes of ladies who meet to pray, and of God, the best forms of organization and of required an outlay of thousands of pounds to appoint committees to excite the interest of effort will be readily reached. Money will restore the waste places of our Zion. others in some class of neglected persons, and not be wanting. The ministry will be sustain- In 1831 the island of Barhadoes was laid

to raise monies for them, who do not, from ed. The great problem of lay labor, which is waste by a desolating hurricane, which comyear's end to year's end, visit a place of the problem new before the Church will be ptetely destroyed the mission premises at Prowretchedness, or grasp a bewildered and over- solved Denominational lines will be practicalburdened, or sin-entangled fellow-creature by ly oblitereted; and the pallid and protean form The Wesleyan mission and the island generally burdened, or sin-entangled lenow-creature by of skepticism will vanish before the combined were only just recovering from the effects of on Christian churches are as unfamiliar practi- power of light and love. - Mark Hopkins, D. D. this awful visitation when, four years afterward, cally with the by-ways and abysses of life as though all the world were as fortunate as them-

selves. And yet all these people, or the most fellow mortals. The ministers, officers, and his Sabbaths to the Church, has spent week active women devote their time and money, and suffer sometimes many annoyances in enlightening the public, stirring each other's consciences, and drawing upon the material re-

It is quite the fashion of the day for Chris-

tians to do much of the work they do for reli-

MISSIONARY GLEANINGS. power so created to bear on those to

vidence and did serious damage in other places.

on the 3rd of September, 1835, a similar tem-A FAITHFUL LOCAL PREACHER .- The West- pest swept across the country and carried desselves. And yet all these people, or the most ern Advocate says that nev. comments in the house in which we fived organ to some of them, are connected at arms-length with one, how supplying Leavenworth Circuit, during a reel to and fro in a frightful manner, we were obliged to flee for our lives and take refuge in days amounting to nine years in preaching, a neighbouring cane-field and wait and watch, and most of this labor has been entirely withexposed to the pelting rain and howling temout pecuniary recompense. Truly the race of pest, as one part alter another of our humble dwelling was completely blown away. When

the storm subsided we had to set to work and repair the desolation which it had been making as best we could, whilst at the same time we

and renew the oft repeated expressions of our cernible in the increase of luxury and of self- serve you from that neutral bearing in the in confidence and love towards you. And this, be indulgence; of habits foreign to the "hard- tercourse of life which is both so cowardly. WE'LL KNOW OUR OWN assured, is with us no mere accustomed com- ness" which befits " the good soldier of Jesus and so mischievous. It would, moreover, inter- Thank God for the faith that teaches, pliment, or matter of ecclesiastical courtesy, Christ," and indisposing you to works of faith pentrate and sanctify all your commercial dealbut the observance of an obligation as binding and labours of love ? And may not a third in ings; leading you to "provide things honest We shall meet our own-our loved ones, as it is congenial. For the pastors and the detected in the growing desire for amusement in the sight of all men," and rendering you inpeople of Methodism stand to one another in a on the part of another section of you; such as, capable of the wild speculation which has of What matter though life be dreary, relationship solemn and tender, a relationship both in the degree to which you indulge it, and late years wrought us such harm and loss. Still which is rooted in the cross, and the respon- in the questionable directions which it takes, is further, and notably, this deepened piety sibilities of which stretch onward into eternity. sadly at variance as well with the ethics of the would blessedly freshen and stimulate the Yea, we are "one body in Christ;" even in New Testament, as with our Methodist tradi- whole of your Church-life. You would then

that "unity of the Spirit" of which He is the blessed centre and bond, and the final cause of Think not, brethren, while we allege these "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" You Sometimes when fate's frowns are darkest, which is "the glory of God the Father." things against you, that we hold ourselves would be more ready to deny yourselves, and Hence we are "members one of another;"- blameless. That feeling is far from us. On to take up your cross, by visiting the poor "lives there in us all one soul ;"--our interests the contrary, we admit with shame, and, dur- and the sick, by teaching in the Sunday-school, are the same; and our joys and sorrows are ing our Conference, have confessed with tears, by carrying the Gospel to neglected populamutual. We cannot come together, therefore, that "both in preaching and living" we have tions, or by some other form of direct Chris for the passing under review of that great work fallen far short of our ordination vows, and of tian activity. Feeling the supreme importance

which is so dear to us and to you alike, without what the Chief Shepherd requires of us. On of this work, you would not allow yourselves. And life and its cares grow brighter reiterating that "ye are in our hearts to die one point, indeed, we are "confident :" in re- to be so preoccupied even by your duties as and live with you," and challenging afresh your gard to "doctrine we have continued to citizens and members of the commonwealth, as love and esteem at least for that work's sake. "show uncorruptness." We have not been to be unable to attend to it. In view at once of And now that, after such review, we are re- seduc d from the simplicity of the Gospel the world's urgent need and of your own ebturning to our respective spheres of hallowed either by the Romanist or the Rationalist in- ligations to the Saviour, you would nottoil, we would salute you as Boaz did the reap- fluences of the day. In the Methodist pulpit could not-" stand all the day idle." Whereers, and say, "The Lord be with you." Do there has not yet appeared what is called a er you beheld ignorance and sin, you would you give us their response, "The Lord bless "developed" theology, bat "that" only which hear the challenge, "The Lord hath need of

ye have "heard from the beginning." We of thee;" and "whatsoever your hand found Ah ! how will it be I wonder ; Amongst the closing words of our last Ad- still "preach Christ," as against those who to do," you would "do it with your might." dress to you were these: "We are beginning preach science and philosophy: we preach So then, brethren, in concluding, we one an eventful year; even as we write these words the Raler of all is altering the position of na-place and exaggerate the Incarnation. Yet, word of his grace." And do Thou, O blessed tions, and inscrutably advancing his purposes alas ! while our orthodoxy has thus been main- Spirit, Lord and Giver of life, whom by our by the strange/ ministry of conflict and blood." tained we have to humble ourselves because sin and lukewarmness we have justly displeas. That forecast has been terribly justified. of the too frequent coldness with which we ed, return and visit our Zion with the more While, through the goodness of God, we have bave preached the (iospel unto you, and be- copious baptisus of Thy grace ! " Our fathers

We shall meet and know our own. length re established between France and Ger- not cared for the young of our flocks with all "Israel," that it "may grow as the lily, and

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affected us in some other respects.

other Churches, even as it has unquestionably and plead. Our mouth as in the dust we lay, Notwithstanding, we are again permitted to And still for mercy, mercy, pray : report favourably respecting all the external Unworthy to beneld Thy face. and material interests of our beloved Con-Unfaithful steward of thy grace, nexion. Our various institutions continue to Our sin and wickedness we own. show every sign of health and vitality. Our And deeply for acceptance groan. missionary operations, both home and foreign, And now, returning to our sacred work

along with ourselves, have to rejoice over an unprecedented prosperity. Amen. Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference, have been carried on with unabated efficiency for another year, we resolve, on our part, and success. Our Theological Institutions, in God being our Helper, to be "in labour

the common confession; and may God ded unto the Lord. And not on us

Manchester, August 10, 1871. HELP WANTED. Every inquirer, every young Christian needs

its three colleges, has approved itself by its re- more abundant." We will endeavour to desults, as ascertained by the examinations, and vote ourselves to the grand aim of Methodism human help. God is omnipotent, but he saves as witnessed by the bearing of the students in spreading scriptural holiness through the men hy means of men. He began to save them throughout the year. The secretaries of our length and breadth of the land; to "give our- by first becoming mearnate. He dwelt in huchapel affairs report that there has been expen- selves continually to the word of God and to man flesh, employed human members, spoke ded during the year, in the erection of chapels, prayer." We will "study to show ourselves with the voice of a man, shed human tears, was and the acquisition of other trust property, the approved unto God, workmen that need not "found in fa hion as a man." It was to give sum of £228,364, of which no less than £177,- to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of divine help through human instrumentality. 483 has been treely contributed, while £53,120 truth." In our public teaching we will not And he follows the same law to-day. His love of former debt has been extinguished. Our Sunday-schools were never more largely us nothing:" we will bring " beaten oil" into he speaks through human lips, through human of tormer debt has been extinguished.

many, were the calamities of the former at an the assiduity and the tenderness which they cast forth its roots as Lebanon:" that its

broke out, which laid much of the capital of New Testament ideal of the Christian we feel the olive-tree, and its smell as Lebanon.

France in ashes, and which was only finally abashed. We stand rebuked also as we recall Wilt Thou not revive us again? Wilt Thou

stayed by the sacrifice of tens of thousands of the fervent piety and the heroic labours of our not fulfil that "promise of a shower" which

s citizens. Happily, we were kept as a nation ministerial fathers, "the early Methodist has descended upon us during our Conterence

rom interference in this momentous conflict; preachers." Yes, brethren, we join you in in drops so refreshing? O let this be as one

and, no doubt, the engrossing occupation of our ual Connexion call: us. We unite with you High!' Grant us to see thousands of souls ad-

attended, or better conducted. And with re- the sanctuary. By a more luminous " mani- sympathies; he extends the human hand to litt gard to our day-schools there has been shown festation of the truth" we will seek more up the fallen; with it he binds up the broken a good measure of that quickened activity strongly to "commend ourselves to every heart; he wipes away tears.

which we solicited at our last Conterence, in man's conscience in the sight of God." We True to God's method, Bunyan view of the new circumstances created by the determine also, by the grace of God, to give a Goodwill as showing Christian the way. And passing of the Elementary Education Act. more watchful oversight to the objects of our in the engraving, the artist has caught the spirit One hundred and forty-six new schools were pastoral care. We will strive to keep a strict. of the scene. Christian has just been plucked opened at Christmas last, which, with three or er eye on those members of our societies who through the wicket gate, out of the reach of four since opened, make a present total of nine remove from place to place; and, tollowing Beelzebub's arrows. Faint, laggard, anxious, hundred and three Wesleyan schools, of which about eight hundred and fifty are receiving the after such as wander into the wilderness, if to Goodwill's directions, he tries to follow his benefits of Government inspection and annual hapily we may find and restore them. On the pointing finger. "Dost thou see this narrow grants." When to all this it is added that the children of our families and congregations we way?" iuquires his kind-hearted guide, "That number of our regular worshippers is increas- resolve to bestow a more kindly and a more is the way thou must go. It was cast up by ing, that in most circuits the temporal comfort strenuous attention. And since we know that the patriarchs, prophets, Christ and his aposof ministers is receiving greater consideration, the pastoral office is of small power except as tles, and it is as straight as a rule can make it. and that, as a community, we are obviously it is enforced by holiness of life, we will en- This is the way thou must go. And so Chrisadvancing in intelligence and in social influence, deavour to cultivate a deeper personal piety; tian hastened on, helped by man.

expansion and outward progress, and the cheer-ing fact of an addition of nearly two thousand members in our foreign field, and of some thou-members in our foreign field, and of some thousands in connection with the affiliated Conter- regard to your own spiri: and action during pathy and encouragement. A lady, who had we presume, than the same qualities in the cle so far after the form of a sermon as to in- creatures who were suffering under a system of gerate its significance as the main index (f our a better understanding of them. Be more reg-spiritual vitality as a people. No: when we ular in your attendence at the class-meeting, you to rise and pray for me." She did so. Her prayed: "Give me neither poverty or riches; turned by their gentle hands; any hiding away absence of this influence, in vain would British. have made allowance for the exceptions which and prepare for it by a more studious self-ex- pastor called the next day, and soon the hus- feed me with food convenieent for me."

more clearly connected. Hence we cannot but in the knowledge and love of Christ. Strive But, some one says, "This is the duty of reasonable requirements? Who can preserve mourn over the report this year of a diminished thus to leave the lower levels of the spiritual the minister." So it is, and the most precious manhood and independence-qualities so necesdepression operating upon our societies. Be- shall breathe a freer air and be braced for to look into his tearful eyes, to talk and kneel not rated as a man? sides, we have been wont to look upon the greater activity. It will be your wisdom so with him, is the sweetest duty the minister year awakens solicitude lest our efforts for wine:" it is the direct gift of God, and given We sing it. Let us do it. year awakens solicitude lest our efforts for the salvation of souls should have been slack-ened. We sing it. Let us do it. It any reader of this paper sees in the case, be starved at their work? Not long; for be

year has not been without its injurious influence even our own God, and the God ot our fathers, on all the thirsty land let thy grace be poured are, as a rule, the poorest men in their respec-tive congregations, unless they happen to have charity is designed. We have no inclination to depreciate organiupon the spiritual life of our own as well as hear and forgive us as we thus together cry out. Let every one of the Churches of Christ, too rare occurrence-to dispute the palm with argue a superficial observation to put light east bour and success which has scarcely a parallel The hurricance which visited the Bahamas in

> JOHN II. JAMES, President. LUKE H. WISEMAN, Secretary, both ends neet. is he who stands in the according to Commissioner Wells' Report, ranges from \$3.50 to \$8.00 per day. Take the

owest rate, and you get more by \$400 in the from one part of the town to another to conowest rate, and you get more by \$400 in the suit together, is better than indifference, it self-denying missionaries who have been sent of need. Witness the manifestation of genuine course of a year than the average salary of the American clergyman. The average salary of the 61,000 clergymen of the United States, in-pel, until there is added to it some real, and on the the some real, and on the the some real, and on the the field is now of the solution of the sol luding the few large salaries paid in the cities, about \$700 ! and there are more than 20,000 conflicts of the bruised and the wounded. who receive less than \$500 per annum? What an amount of wretchedness and misery this ing Spirit among men, came himself into the statement represents, we care not to enlarge world, and when in the world, instead of mere-upon. world, and when in the world, instead of mere-ly organizing beneficent agencies, touched the mate the amount of spirituar good realized by A loud call is once more made on British

And this is but a partial statement of the wretchedness he came to heal with his own the tens of thousands of happy redeemed and Christians to come up to the help of their case. No statistics tell us what becomes of person, the servant may not be above the above the sanctified spirits who have triumphantly passed brethren in Antigua and other West Indian is-And this is but a partial statement of the case. No statistics tell us what becomes of person, the servant may not be above the the 'clergyman's family when he dies, or him-when he is old or disabled. The "rainy day" comes to him as it comes to the day-laborer, but unlike the day-laborer, he is unable to make the least provision for it. He is of aff men most miserable. No are in trouble. A triendly face, a kindly grasp of the heard a view of the metry of the

Salaries have increased somewhat, it is true; They connect the poles of the battery-and Salaries have increased somewhat, it is true; but they are paid in a depreciated currency, and the average rise of all articles in the mar-ket is fifty per cent. more than that in salaries. They connect the poles of the battery—and othing else does. Regeneration, in all de grees of its meaning, spiritual, moral and so-cial, is by the flow of life into life. If there is muching on earth the vicions, the poor and lands of their exile, we have learned to sympa-The devil, or some other evil spirit, has in-vented a most soothing justification of all this the sorrowing need more than anything else. thize with the long-neglected and down-trod-at Freetown, Bethesda, Sion Hill, Seatons and

rented a most soothing justification of all this more than Bibles even, or hired Bible leaders den African race, and with the dear men of Sawcolts are all destroyed, together with the advancing in intelligence and in social influence, deavour to cultivate a deeper personal piety; that hasteries of the believers in a culpable striving to be "examples of the believers in a culpable striving to be "examples of the believers in the believers of surely it were a conspicuous and a culpable striving to be "examples of the believers in in an Unirstian congregations, there are pro-ingratituce, did we fail to mark these tokens of word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in bably those who want human help. They need der to be kept pure. It must not be made a the instructed, the pure, and the strong. Bread die to be kept pure. It must not be made a simply saves so much hunger: the man or word in the Wart India the Mart India the ingratituce, did we fail to mark these tokens of the divine benediction, or omit to praise Him by whose tavour we have been made to stand by whose tavour we have been made to stand by whose tavour we have been made to stand so strong. But now, alas! over against all this material But now, alas! over against all this material But now, aias: over against all this material prayers. Let us have them. If the Apostes with the political and social questions of the bring in twice that amount with half the labor there is no Christian life to beam now and then day, and confined their attention to the faith-

dition by this test considered singly, we are more time for private devotion. "Search the lossed upon his bed, until finally his wife asked ually minded than rich ones? The most tavor- with their visitations; any among the outcasts mately snapped asunder the chains of bondage places of Zion, for many of them is we been dition by this test considered singly, we are personally seeking to reclaim, any among the outcasts mately snapped as under the chains of bondage places or zoon, for many or taem us we used that it is scarcely possible to exag-gerate its significance as the main index (t our a better understanding of them. Be more reg-

crushed by want of money to meet the most

The final result is not doubtful. Unquestion-

The history of the Wesleyan mission to the of our poor people who were reduced to a state I had to provide sustenance and shelter for score West Indies presents to the view of the Chris- of abject want, having lost their trail tenements some day laborers—a circumstance, alas! of zations for benevolent purposes. It would tian philanthropist a record of evangelical la- and their all by the trying visitation.

them. A stranger entering an American church timate on the good accomplished by such in the annals of the Church since the days of 1867, and which destroyed the beautiful chapel them. A stranger entering an American church on Sunday morning, may be tolerably sure that the poorest man in all the assembly, the one who has the most desperate trouble to make benevolent man or woman is too far removed by one of those storms which are so common our readers. Nor will the noble and spontaboth ends neet, is he who stands in the pulpit. There is not a respectable mechanic from the object of good will, a sharer in too within the tropics, but under the direction and neous flow of Christian liberality which that who wouldn't reject indignantly the salary which small a degree-perhaps in no degree at all guidance of Him whom "winds and seas." In calamity called forth soon be forgotten, blesswho wouldn't reject indignantly the salary which he receives. The price of mechanical labor, -in the misfortunes of others, If giving this comparatively short space of time what a ing as it did both the givers and the receivers. money for a committee to spend, or consulting together in fine rainient, or riding in luxury and what blessed results have followed the in particular, have ever been prompt and ready considerable entering into the darkness and ing portion of the wide field is now eighty-five. exhibited on the occasion of the distress which

men most miserable. Nor are matters improving. They are worse than ever before. The ratio of salaties to the worth more than money which buys bread, or than ever before. The ratio of salaties to the than ever before. The ratio of salaties to the than ever before. The ratio of salaties to the than ever before. The ratio of salaties to the than ever before. The ratio of salaties to the than ever before. The ratio of salaties to the than ever before. The ratio of salaties to the than ever before. The ratio of salaties to the than ever before. The ratio of salaties to the than ever before. The ratio of salaties to the than ever before. The ratio of salaties to the the ratio of the the Royal Mail steamer, it appears that damage done to property and the loss of life

have to be recognised in this as in all practical questions, nothing can be better established than that there is a close relation between our class-meetings and our religious life. The baramong the foul odors ot filthy lanes and crowd- philanthropists have laboured, and in vain sympaty and aid of no ordinary character is ometer is not a surer test of changes in the atmosphere. Cause and effect are nowhere pointed conditions, seek to grow in grace and but also when the prayer meeting is held. By such a diligent observance of the ap-pointed conditions, seek to grow in grace and BE MET 2 iags, no one rejoiced more than their triends Wesleyan mission properties have suffored far

1. WE must not be afraid of it; skepticism by religious services, which can be torgotten destroyed. Contributions will be thankfully number in our classes as the sign of a spiritual life and rise to its higher planes, whereon yob of his duties. To take the hand of an inquirer, sary in the preachers-when he feels that he is may indicate power, but not of the highest by those who witnessed them. On the night received by the Wesleyan missionary secretaorder. It often indicates weakness. The preceding the day alluded to thousands of our ries, Bishopsgate street." And we may add highest form of power is in affirmations and people were assembled together in their respec- that any Wesleyan minister in the Connexion returns from our classes as indicating the mea-sure of our evangelistic success. Viewed in this light, therefore, the return for the past

But it is also in order to your greater relig- of Christian a picture of himself, if he needs is merciful and kind. Of old, he allowed not inferences. Much of what it is called science they had never suff before, "Praise God from before the Committee have had time to issue Where then are we to look for the causes of lous influence and usefulness that we exhort human help, let him ask for it. Let no talse the ox that trod the grain to be muzzled; will is mere inference. When Darwin observes whom all blessings flow." This great event any formal appeal to our societies and congrehessened spiritual vitality and feebler evange-listic action? Is not one of them to be found er piety would exert an immediate and a con-ter him. While he continues to knock at the He will remove the candidetick as he has dene

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