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policicic concordence Epworth League odism, as it was then, with its peculiar -doctrine and principles, was a at Carbonear great factor of salvation, nor do we think it ever did, or ever will, produce, or lead to the development of an By request, on this Monday night,

a the College Hall, we had the priv- Omar Khayyam:lege of introducing a series of pa-"Some Folks of a surly Tapster tell," And daub his visage with the smoke of Hell; pers or talks (for the writer doesn't use papers) on the introduction, na-ture and growth, of Methodism in us-Pish!

Newfoundland, Canada, and the world. He's a Good Fellow, and 'twill all Interspersed with music by Miss be well. Diadem Joyce, and singing by the "Myself am Hell." Yes, and a had

gathering, with a solo finely rendered Hell it must be. The rich man was by Miss B. Reid, and a recitation by suffering from some inward complaint Mrs. Leonard Taylor, and Scripture and couldn't get it relieved, he wantby Miss Lizzie Penny, the writer took | ed something he couldn't get, and Charles Wesley's Hymns as a kind of probably is wanting yet.

window through which the nature, or- | Between venial sin, and mortal sin, igin, and growth of Methodism, could so called, there may be a considerable be seen to advantage, as clearly, per- margin, but they are both bad, and haps, as in any other way. The birth need an atonement-penitent, or penof religion in the soul, the growth in al. Yet within a very small radius Christian Character, with its very of that very House of God, was the chequered experiences, family devo- Red Light District, with its bootlegs, tion, the preaching by men whose lips its uncleaniness, and, perhaps, worse were touched, and hearts inflamed than all, that abomination of modern with Celestial fire, beginning with the Society-the divorce court! It may Wesleys, in May, 1738; and soon seem a bold statement, but as a matspreading over three Continents, the ter of fact Hell is inseparable from struggles and triumphs of life and the very constitution and condition death of untold numbers, could be of things. The creation of man, free seen through those marvellously in- to do good or ill, anticipated, and prespired hymns, of which there were pared for it. The perturbation of the some 6,000 by that born poet Charles Planet Uranus is caused by the Planet Wesley than whom none greater or Neptune, some 400 millions of miles more worthy has yet appeared on away, in the comparative darkness earth-either in the workman or his and confines of the Polar Seas, there is a cause and effect, unalterable,

After reflecting somewhat on the while nature and gravitation endure peculiar memory of the speaker, the The cross, where, on Calvary, the man President of the League, Mr. Rich- of sorrow trembled, and wept, and ards, and Rev. J. L. Newman, as well, bled, is the effect of man, and this spoke very touchingly, and most ap- world of sin is the cause. The docpropriately on the old Hymns that trine of endless punishment, is not, among the elder Methodists, on Sal-, with us, a mere dogma; it belongs to vation or Hell, and the future State, a great scheme of revealed truth, were so often sung, and, as represent- which, we call the plan of redemption ing the truth according to their face all of which stand or fall together. value in the Book, as they understood Hell proper is a benevolent arranthem, were, by the most, strongly be- gement. It is the common sewer of all that is abominable, and abandonlieved in. But now, they are being reminded ed, and reckless as to principle, and that they, our fathers, were largely deprayed as to morals; the one com "in fear where no fear was" The mon eddy, where everything that is tyrant Dionysius kept a sword sus- polluted and wretched and filthy, is

pended by a thin hair immediately gathered together, Matthew 13, 41-42, over the head of Damocles, where he The Son of Man shall send forth his sat at the feast, and so the danger of Angels, and they shall gather out of Hell is a warning to be ready for exit his Kingdom all things (scandals) that at any moment. And so, Wesley:- offend, and them which do injury; and shall cast them into a furnace of "At point of time, a moment's space, Removes me to that heavenly place, fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." If we understand the Or shuts me up in Hell." In modern thought, and perhaps, in duty of the Church, it is to descend a way, the old Medieval conception of into the present Hell of men's sins, punishment, has no real existence, nor do we think that the thoughts of or, as St. Jude says: "pulling them hell create so much fear, or wishes out of the fire." It is only by Christ for heaven have so much influence in coming into man's heart, into contact the matter of behavior, and godliness, with the world's sins, can Hell in its as many critics think. The awful as- evil sense possibly cease to exist, here

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