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Moses.

His voice they heard at eventide—he was marching at their head,

They saw him in their midst, that kingly form,

ed valley o'er,

faith as calm and high,

memories of the past,

sandy desert's blast the Egyptian sea, waters gushing free

pent and the rod Again they hear the awful words-" The Lord. He is thy God."

other days.

Whilst standing by the cold, clay form, of thy own beloved dead

are beating high. They see the dim prophetic light

mark their leader still ; As he stands with the Son of God and Man on Tabor's honor'd hill.

they see the promised land.

a conquering Joshua stand.

yon village graves?

on thy head, Ho! pilgrim! get thee up to day, and grasp thy Joshua's hand,

nai throne, catch the strain.

Dost thou know those mighty spirits who drink

of the living streams at death's dark river,

When then shalt reign in yon bright King and priest forever?

The Pioneer Preacher.

ence might decide, by consideration of gifts dition was a revealed reality.

either in legal coin or in presents, even the they did it with a right good will. As the shadows fell at Pisgab's foot in the starbecause he never could find a woman who had little opportunity to prepare it, and less should be defrayed, as heretofore, by a Speto be separated from her husband, the year admonish, to reform, to win, to entreat by general resources of the Society." From the city of the palms - from Jericho to round, with the exception of one week; and the love of Christ, "By ye reconciled to if he could find one so good, he would not God," this was the burden of their preach-His eve undimmed had swept afar each promis- marry her, for he had not grace enough to ing. be happy away from her. Nevertheless, he With his manhood's might unbroken, and his insisted that it was the business of every man to support one woman. He therefore Like a ticed warrior sleeping, he has laid him gave the larger part of his income to the maintenance of a distant cousin in England, and after her death to some other female.-They weep-oh! bitterly they weep-for But he never approached nearer than this to support the resolution. He said he had

Again—they seem to stand aghast, at the ser- and no more draw on the funds of the con- for the support of the devoted men of God tion. We have five Missionaries in China; He is thy God."

Once more around dark Sinai's top, they see the lightnings blaze;

Oh! they weep to-day in Israel in the light of the meager support and the single life, they were even then at this proportion, and contemplate the subject in this light, I am forcibly reminded of what the great Dr. Duff said,—that when the light of the light Oh! who can tell, save thou, whose heart hath throbbed with words unsaid, that mass, for the purpose of elevation and thou throbbed with words unsaid, that mass, for the purpose of elevation and thou thou thou thou the say of the careless as well as by those who were devoted to God; that mass, for the purpose of elevation and the rescue, and it was like seeking by a few Of the memories that upstruggle from the chaos terpositions, the bare earth, in winter and be needed a home;—he had everything at Too quick for words to bind them down—and maddening whilst they last.

| Too quick for words to bind them down—and maddening whilst they last. | So that bear time the saddle their pillow, the sky their tent-cloth; and oftentimes, when make the could have wished; but all these he had level the Norwegian hills;—or with a fisher tent-cloth; and oftentimes, when make the could have wished; but all these he had level the Norwegian hills;—or with a fisher tent-cloth; and oftentimes, when make the could have wished; but all these he had level the Norwegian hills;—or with a fisher tent-cloth; and oftentimes, when make the could have wished; but all these he had level the Norwegian hills;—or with a fisher tent-cloth; and oftentimes, when make the could have wished; but all these he had level the Norwegian hills;—or with a fisher tent-cloth; and oftentimes, when make the could have wished; but all these he had level the Norwegian hills;—or with a fisher tent-cloth. Not thus they weep in Israel—for their hearts not strikingly for food or shelter, They see the dim prophetic light of a vision sweeping by, infidel; and thus to go forward, year after his beginning to the future yet unborn, they year, with no provision for advancing years, where his son's soul was set at liberty and that this is the actual where his son's soul was set at liberty and state of things? Why is it that we are in liberty and state of things? Yet there is wail in Israel—how can they all ing testimony of God's Spirit. It is manifor his Master. It was only religion that have no access to the Chinese? That may The wisdom of his holy words—whose echoes blacksmith, carpenter, mason, or farmer, when the love of God was shed abroad deed, access to the entire country, but we Oh! they cannot see their Prophet's grave, but ty, but they were thorough students of the large congregation on the words, "To me They mark the Jordan's water's deep, they Book. The Bible was not only studied on given, that I may preach among the Gen-Oh they need it not, for they see at their front rousing from his night's slumbers in the went on to remark]—The sacrifices which open air, as the first rays of morning suffus- his son had had to make were considerable, ed the east with just enough light to see the -arising from the protracted journey, the Dost they morn above thy buried hopes, doth sacred page, was accustomed always, even arrival on a friendless shore, the aversion Jordan dash his spray,
And chill the shrinking, saddened soul, with an undefined dismay;

Have the headest section page, was accustomed always, even in winter, to read and pray before saddling his horse or breaking bread. Kneeling there on the snow, he committed himself to God's Have the landmarks of thy sunny youth, been care, and sought the inspiration of the Holy washed by Time's wild waves,

Spirit; and he could scarcely renew his
journey until he had carefully read three or
son had told him that he and Mr. Beach Do lightnings trace you troubled skies, have as devoutly and constantly as the Bible; and when they at length succeeded in tak-Are the snows of weary, wintry age descending felt that he had an arsenal from which he

'Tis of the peerless Christ they sing, of the save some." See you eternal summer smile, surpassing all the dreams.

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They were earnest preachers; they felt that the dreams. Why faint'st thou by Jordan's bank, why start bility rested upon their hearts; for they saw by the Holy Spirit of truth and power to be ship they were leading; and on the other ambassadors of Jesus Christ. The confer- hand, the dark, unfathomable abyss of per-

spurious "call," and if their opinion coin nation. Milton and Young were intimate habour was the world; his particular station were terribly graphic in their minuteness. that his communion with God, and the fre- of the earth,—and China among the rest, determined by the Church, in conference It might seem to us, in our cold and calcurepresented; his annual salary, sixty-four lating criticism, as if their descriptions of dollars, according to the Book of Discipline. the good and bad savoured too much of a And this was to include the presents which topographical character, like the minute dethat when, at the Christmas time, thinking reason to believe, that our enterprise is not he might receive. It any grateful sister scriptions by travellers of sights and anishould knit for him a pair of woolen socks, mals in foreign countries. But not so did declared that if a word would have convey- by the Lord. Do not forget that, in this an expression of the warmth of her regard, they seem to their hearers. Many of these ed him there, and away from his labours work, we are not alone,—we are not fightt must be reported to the conference, a price et upon it, and the sum deducted from the ple, fierce in their contempt of everything that word. He had great pleasure in supxty-four dollars. And so, whatever was like lack of downright earnestness, or roseeceived, from whatever source, was to be water sentimentalism. Agreeable metaphydiducted from the prescribed salary; and sical disquisitions, profoundly elaborated if, as sometimes happened, the yearly pre- exegeses of Scripture passages, or any adseals from marriage fees, or otherwise, dress to the intellect instead of to the heart amounted to more than sixty-four dollars, through the imagination, would have done what of embarrassment, not arising from the united efforts of these Allies, we shall the surplus was handed over to the Church, little toward influencing these backwoodsto be paid to some less fortunate brother.—
They must also provide themselves with a horse, riding saddle, wearing apparel, and necessary books, with no coufficient of the country of the

Weslevan Mission to China.

Mr. Thomas Cox, of Tipton, (father o the Rev. Josiah Cox, of Canton,) was called to the countenancing of matrimony. When a warm heart in reference to the great Mismemories of the past,

Come thronging back from Egypt's land on the one of the young brethren was so rash or sionary cause, and especially with reference one of the young brethren was so rash or sionary cause, and especially with reference ever, I will just observe, that when I think unfortunate as to become entangled in the to the China Mission, and he feared he about this China Mission, and contemplate They mark, again, the hand that waved above bonds of wedlock, there was a tacit under-should not be able to do justice, by way of it, I confess I feel frequently overwhelmed. standing that he had better "locate," in the speech to his feelings. He had the honour We have heard much of 450 millions of And again they see the smitten rock and its language of the Church, that is, retire from of being the father of one of the Wesleyan Chinamen; and we know, that, as a religiitinerant labour, settle down to some self-supporting occupation, preach in one place, the more earnestly, on that account, asked the work of their elevation and evangelizaference.

As we see, small were the worldly inducements to enter the ministry. Besides the ness, cold, and hunger; to hear the crack of the Indian rifle from the adjoining thicket, lives were spared by the guardian care of a had a very comfortable home, and therefore tapers, to eclipse the light of the sun :—by kind Providence, and by God's special insummer, was to be their bed; three fourths bome that could endear home to him, and fortress of Gibraltar;—by a pocket knife to they were to be rudely repulsed by a mem- say something about his conversion,—he reference to China? Five Missionaries to ber of another denomination, or some bitter was an eye-witness to it,—he knew the so many Millions! What is to come of but faith in the Master who had called them; obtained mercy of the Lord;—it was in his such circumstances to-day? What is the no sunshine of affluence to light the path- own Class; and no sooner did his son reway of declining life; and no comforts but ceive the pardon of all his sins than his soul have so few appliances at work? Is it that the approval of conscience, and the indwell- was filled with a holy desire to do service the door is closed against us? Is it that we fest that one who could be a respectable could open the heart of the individual; and be true, to some extent;—we have not, in-Bible, and they were mighty in the Hymn who am the least of all saints, is this grace horseback, but read daily on bended knee, tiles." [Mr. Cox could not detail the scene in the shelter of a thicket, or in the midst of farewell and departure, being greatly afof the wide prairie. The preacher, on fected with the recollection. He therefore

four chapters of the Holy Scriptures .- had to seek not fewer than nine different They studied the Hymn Book, also, almost residences since they had been in China; and with these two the Methodist preacher ing a house, though at an annual cost of could draw ammunition for any emergency; and yet, even for so large a rent as that, As to our position in reference to this enterand perhaps he was not far from right. __ the residence was one into which, if it were There was, however, a sort of supplement at Tipton, he would be almost ashamed to And gaze by faith- from Pisgah's top on you to these two books, a third volume, which put his head. Such were a few of the diffithey carefully and constantly pursued—the culties with which the Chinese Missionaries Exest they you plain of hight, beyond the etermai throne.

They
mai throne.

They
mai throne. were shrewd, discerning, keen-eyed men, son lest England, he expressed in no mea-Seest thou you crown of righteousness, soon, who detected the controlling motive and saw sured terms his great anxiety to be engag- We believe on the contrary, that the Gospel scon_to be thy own,
Hearst thou the elder's song? Dost thou not catch the strain.

The area of the strain and saw ed in the great Chinese Missionary work, and could be, like Paul, "made all things and offered, if he (his father) would allow to all men, that they might by all means him the portion which would fall to him, that he would devote it to his enterprise :-It will readily be inferred feom this ana- and he even offered, if the Society's funds great issues were at stake. Whether there put on a sailor's jacket, and with his hands great issues were at stake. Whether there was a congregation of three or three thousand work his passage over, so that he might able to prosper and bless the empire of was a congregation of three thousand before them, the same pressure of responsibefore them immortal men and women, whose eternal destiny was to be decided in which is an historiwhose eternal destiny was to be decided in other parts of the field and formula in this matter, and that is that if whose eternal destiny was to be decided was essential. He had attempted to preach ing back on the promises of God's Word, within this brief life, with whom they might never meet again. And they felt that the in it for ten minutes or a quarter of an hour which state that every valley shall be exaltnever meet again. And they felt that the at a time; but, of course, with his present which state that every valley shall be exaltskirts if they failed to declare the whole limited knowledge of the language, be fearskirts if they failed to declare the whole ed to venture at greater length; for, the crooked places be made straight, and they were men of The ministers of the Methodist Church quick sensibilities and intense emotion, and assume the position, responsibility, and of lively fancy and imagination. Before duties of the calling under the impulse and the eye of faith was distinctly pictured the belief that they, each and every one, are haven of rest, repose, and joy, which was specially called, designated, and sent forth to succeed the life of weariness and hardof first-rate talent, and well acquainted with Though everything else should fail and Chinese, to be able to preach to the Chinese shake, though history should terminate its people. His son was labouring on, acquir- annals, though the heavens shall pass away, ing the language in order to preach therein and graces, according to their best belief and conviction, whether it be a real or a and Hymn book, were works of lofty imaginated and Hymn book was at received a what he could, by holding converse with eded with the conviction of the individual, companions of these old way-farers. Their them, and by replying to questions which ministry. At the time to which we refer, and their delineations of the judgment day, the office was no sinceure. His field of with all the solemn array of the last Assis. the office was no sinecure. His field of labour was the world; his particular station were terribly graphic in their minuteness.

That Word affirms that all the ends quent and especial communications of divine shall see the salvation of God. Despite all

porting the resolution. The resolution was unanimously carried. from the Church; and west of the mountains form the Church; and west of the mountains first, its topography, secondly, its chronology, and, thirdly, its psychology, would have been a poor start to make before these peoples. They must have plain, practical truth; and the meeting morning, since I came into this room, I failen to rise no more.

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had grace enough in her heart to be willing inclination. But to illustrate, to interest, to cial Fund, so as not to interfere with the

-I do think that this resolution will commend itself to every individual in the room, and I hope it is understood that this special fund, for the maintenance of the Mission in China, is not intended to interfere with donations to the General Fund. With this understanding, I have great pleasure in submitting the resolution to the meeting. I thought this would be all I should have to -by a tew squibs and crackers to take the ing-rod to capture the crocodile of Egypt or the "right men in the right place," to use a cant phrase, which is just now greatly in vogue,—in connection with the Missionary enterprise; and we have as many as our funds will allow. Who will charge God foolishly by saying that he has given us a mission and has at the same time withheld from the church the means by which Missionaries may be sent forth? I hold that there is a beautiful harmony in all the dispensations of God's Providence, and in the ecnomy of His grace; and therefore I say, that when the field is open, and men are prepared to go forth, to enter the field and to cultivate it, there is with somebody and somewhere the means by which it is to be done; and I hold further, that those means are somewhere to-day in the possession of the church; and unless these means are forthcoming, there will be a terrible reckoning for those who dare to withhold them. prise; is it because we have any want of faith in the appliances or in the instrumentality? Do we believe that the Gospel is not suited to the men of China? Do we suspect that it is not adapted to their condition, as it has been adapted to the condition of men in every other part of the earth? is beautifully adapted to the wants and necessities of man, wherever you may find him .- nav, that it is the only thing that is capable of making this bad world better. Nothing but the glorious Gospel of the blessed God will do the world any sort of good; and the Gospel which has been so very feebleness which marked the comsuccessful in other parts of the world, is the crooked places be made straight, and though the renowned exploits of mortals though the sun shall lose its brightness. though the stars shall cease to shine, though

grace to his soul, more than made up for the difficulties we have heard so much these, and the sacrifices he had made. So about, we have ground for hope, as well as of his home—a home fondly loved—he had an enterprise of folly, but shall be blessed tions of the Lord's militant host are combating this same gigantic system of error : The Rev. Marmaduke C. Osburn said: and as it was a long time ago in the Crimea, I rise, in obedience to a call, with some-

many were the preachers who never realized, dists were the ones to give it to them, and thought he was in difficulty because he followed Mr. Brocklehurst, and I also feel my- Chinaman be true; for he said that a Chi- again the alternation of success; the won- tee to the trouble of a search for some one stipulated sixty-four dollars. Nothing more was a strong fierce demonstrative was allowed a man with a wife than without style of preaching. Men of inexhaustible Mr. Tyerman and precede Mr. Punshon. do, and how to do it. It strikes me, that ley and Whitefield, when a light was kin- was very sorry to find that Mr. Farmer's one, for it was understood in the primitive stamina and voice, they spoke with loud tones However, I proceed to my allotted task, - that would first offer a solution to the diffi- dled in the land, that we trust in God, will health was not so good, -suffering, as he Methodist Church that a preacher had no business with a wife, and was much better without than with one. * * * * Francis one is dead;

They weep to day in Israel, for their mightiest one is dead;

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They weep to day in Israel, for their mightiest one is dead in the land, that we trust in God, will be and with the whole body. Neither did they shun humour in the public is day. They was the was face to face. "Death of the israel, the moving of the moving of the second resolution, which is dead to the was the solution of the dim' day. They was, a good deal of the israel, the moving of the moving of the moving of the second resolution, which is dead the moving of the second resolution, which is dead the moving of the second resolution, which is dead the moving of the second resolution, which is dead to the was the second resolution, which is dead the moving of the second resolution, which is dead to the was the second resolution, which is dead to the was the second resolution, which is dead to the was the second resolution, which is dead to the was the second resolution, which is dead to the was the second Asbury, the master genius of Methodism in by no means sparingly, and with unmistakeand India, as also of many fields, now open, being relieved to such an extent from prewho can expound its mysteries?—an age had, therefore, great pleasure in moving—
and India, as also of many fields, now open, being relieved to such an extent from prewho can expound its mysteries?—an age had, therefore, great pleasure in moving—
and India, as also of many fields, now open, being relieved to such an extent from prethis country, was so devoted to his work that able effect. But polished and erudite dison which the Wesleyan Missionary Society sent embarrassment, would have been a of some equipoise, an age of wonderful "That the cordial thanks of this meeting on which the Wesleyan Missionary Society sent embarrassment, would have been a of some equipoise, and age of wonderful "That the cordial thanks of this meeting on which the Wesleyan Missionary Society sent embarrassment, would have been a long and are hereby presented to the he discountenanced matrimony as a hindercourse they discarded. With no library has never entered; it is highly desirable great temptation. Since Mr. Brocklehurst balance with its Mammon worship, its real are due, and are hereby presented, to the has never entered; it is highly desirable great temptation. ance. He once said that he never married, but what they carried in their pocket, they that all the expenses of the China Mission has spoken, however, "a change has come son worship, and its gold worship, —with its long tried and faithful Treasurer of the So over my dream;" for I have been cansoled revel and its hymn rising up together, with ciety, Thomas Farmer, Esq., for consenting by thinking that, if a man does make a its scoff and its prayer blending as they to preside, and for his kind and able conduct blunder in England, the natives do not make obtrusive and impertinent references and as reason justifies faith in believing, and Mr. Lycett very briefly seconded the to him as he passes along the street. On as Scripture has assured faith to believe, - resolution, expressing his gladness that Mr. the whole, it may be, perhaps, a matter of all tending to the grand and happy season, Farmer had been able to occupy the chair thanksgiving; and I do feel it as such to-day,—that I am not living in despotic earth, and good will towards men." We to the meeting whether they had not had China, but in free and happy Britain; and are not to be discouraged because there is "the right man in the right place." that I am associated with an enterprise not always apparent and uniform progress, The President of the Conference, in su whose magnitude is so vast; the grandeur because the church has not been a history of porting the resolution, observed that some of whose destinies is so extensive; and uniform success. This teaches us, that it is very excellent things had been said at that which is, we firmly believe, in harmony "not by might,"—and this is the great les- meeting, and he could not forbear giving with this morning's gathering, to throw our- son to which we are to come—that it is "not especial attention to one remark which Mr selves back on our original principles, to authorize thenticate ourselves in the position we have saith the Lord of Hosts." Indeed, we at difficulties in a spirit of unbelief, they assumed; and to be sure, as we always like gather encouragement where other people would appear exceedingly magnified and to be, that we take along with us the fur- despair. We have never despaired of our insuperable; but if looked at in a spirit thering and signal blessing of the God whom race. Not at all. We leave that to infl- of faith, they would be found quite cawe serve. We recognise in all our endea- delity, with its boasted brotherhood with the pable of being overcome. He thought they vours for the conversion of China, no less beasts that perish. We gather encourage- should train up their minds to look at than for the conversion of every portion of ment from the very sin of the fall. We difficulties in this work in a spirit of faith, the world, that it is "not by might or by believe that the power to sink into such a —that the kingdoms of this world would be power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." state of degradation, implies a power to rise; the kingdoms of their God and of His Christ, I take it, that to the believing heart,-to and that creatures who are capable of sin- -as much so as they believed that the sun the heart that is fixed steadfastly upon God ning, are creatures who are capable of good: would rise and shine on the morrow. They with a calm satisfaction and a pure faith in just as, - if you will allow me the illustra- relied on the course of nature because they the fulfilment of the promises,—that is a tion, - travelling in some beautiful land, had had experience of it,-the sun had been sufficient answer to every question which sailing on the bosom of some classic lake, rising and setting for thousands of years, can suggest itself as to the difficulties of our far in the blue depths you see the hoary and they expected that to-morrow would be enterprise, or which can weaken our reso- mountains, the cottages on their slopes, the as that day; but they were also followers of lution to prosecute it with bravery and with crested vines, and the sky which stretches Him who had said that heaven and earth vigour. We do not depend upon any human serene and broad above them; but they are should pass away, but that His Word should agency; and therefore the feebleness of our all inverted, and you feel that the further not pass away, and if they took the testiappliances for evangelical aggression does down in the blue depths they seem to be, mony of His Word as the ground of their not alarm us in the least, simply because the loftier they are in their proper and real faith, and if they looked at the passage of our trust is placed on a higher refuge; and altitude. So, in the shadow of the fall of which one of the brethren present had elowe feel that the spirit of the Lord, whose our race, -all that is dark, and sad, and quently reminded them, -a passage from the work is, and whose the glory shall be loathsome, and polluted, and embruting in the same Prophet who had foretold the will accomplish that work in His own time, man,-you see an inverted measure of the name and birth of Cyrus hundreds of years and by His own means. We have the light, the gladness, the beauty, the power, before he was born, - a passage which Word of God, we know; we have the Ministers who proclaim the Word, and expound bis nature. We believe then, that this Missea the land of China;—if they would it to the people; and we are not at liberty sion in which we are engaged, small as it look at the light afforded in the predictions to dispense with either the one or the other; seems, many as are the difficulties which en- of that Prophet, at the history of the times but we know that both this agency and that will be alike powerless without the promised sands of the sons of China shall yet hang, ing the walls of Babylon, and the mighty energy of the Spirit of God. The Bible is not on Confucius, but on Christ. Thou- city with its inhabitants, and its provisions the sword, you say, and the Minister's the sands of Leang Afahs shall yet rise, repro- enough to last for twenty years, and the hand that wields it; but it is the Spirit, of duced among the native people, to tread in Euphrates, relied upon as its defence, the irresistible energy, that gives it its keenness the footsteps of that celebrated apostle .- Prophet foresaw its ruin, and predicted the blacksmith, carpenter, mason, or farmer, when the love of God was seed abroad deed, access to the entire country, but we would not enter the ministry, unless pressed therein, the individual was immediately have access to some parts of it,—to the immistry, unless pressed to do anything and everything for the dead, standing in the breach where Where will ye find a heart to feel a hand like

would not enter the ministry, unless pressed by the irresistible "call;" and that those who did consecrate themselves would be men of nerve and men of power; for they when the stood, rejoicing in the field is actually its defence. The wall of China, already resistible "call;" and that those who did consecrate themselves would be men of nerve and men of power; for they were not men "of education," in the popular sense. Their book knowledge was scanpierce to the dividing asunder of soul and dom great, and highly favoured among the ment of political weakness and terror; it spirit;" the Minister fits it to the bow-string nations of the earth. There is nothing at and draws the bow "at a venture;" but the all to discourage us in the aspect of any pornorth were feared; but the time came when Spirit directs it to the sinner's heart, and wings it with the power of God. We talk

came down from on high. It was "a day of

small things." This scanty success of the

Redeemer's ministry has sometimes struck

me as being marked and singular. He

might have diffused around Him the majesty

of his own Omnipotence; He might have

ordered it otherwise; He might, by the

word of His grace, have disarmed all oppo-

sition; He might have gathered around Him attractions which would have brought empires to His footstool; and yet He lived in obscurity, He died in shame; and the And were the world of devils full, All waiting to devour us,
We fear not,—true and dutful,—
They cannot overpower us;
Prince of this world in vain,
Hound us his darts may raiu.
No harm he can us do,
And he shall perish too.
One little word shall slay him. mencement of Christianity itself, we may be encouraged in our arduous and holy calling. will look from the earliest times till now. The Rev. John Scott remarked, that after you will find that there has not been appa- the admirable speeches which had been ad- to testify their sense of the value of Mr. rently uniform progress, but there has been dressed to the meeting, it struck him very Farmer's services. an alternation of progress and regress appa- forcibly that they should do well to study rent in the triumph of the Church of God. with great care two parables of Christ's, received that expression of approval of hi In the earliest ages, when the Apostles went especially in connection with a contempla- services as the Chairman of that meeting. forth on their evangelical enterprise, heathen tion of what they were doing in the great He had felt it his duty to undertake that temples were deserted, heathen altars over- work of missions,—the parable in which responsible position, but he assured them. thrown; Christianity seemed to have its Christ likened the kingdom of heaven to a though he had come among them in weak own way, and seemed to exalt itself upon grain of mustard seed, which a man planted ness, he had felt the influence of that blessed the ruins of falling capitols and desolated in his garden and which became a tree so Word which said, "Iron sharpeneth iron. shrines. But, aithough this was the case, great that the birds of the air lodged in its and so doth the countenance of a man his afterwards there was a gradual decline, and branches; and that in which it was likened friend;"—he had felt less difficulty in occua gradual corruption crept into the church to leaven, which a woman placed in certain pying the chair, from what he had witnessed of the living God. She soon "forsook the measures of meal and which ultimately there on that interesting occasion. He fountain of living waters," and sought to leavened the whole lump. It was, indeed, thanked them for the support they had given hew out for herself broken cisterns which a very small portion of leaven which they him, and especially to the cause; and he could hold no water." The labour of years were at present prepared to give in these congratulated them on what they had heard, was directed to it—misdirected intellect, and Missions to China; but the leaven which as well as on the results of that meeting. ambition that was above restraint—power they had sent out was able to spread; and He had pleasure in informing them that that spurned all control—all gave them- it would spread, and, as surely as the Sa- there had been that morning collected in the selves to the work; and the result was, that viour had spoken it, it would leaven even room £711 3s. in aid of the China Mission, Christianity came out of the crucible beaten, the whole lump. It was not for them to and he believed they owed much of their ground, powdered, mutilated, into Popery. It was, after all, but the simple made intriit would be, before this leaven would Chrisit would be, before this leaven would Chrising the past-year to the influence exerted cate at incalculable cost; and the precious, tianise the whole mass; but as had been on their minds by the appeals by publicawith infinite pains taken, marred and de- cheeringly told already, the mass would be tions which had gone forth, and, spoiled. Well, then came the alternation Christianised, for the mouth of the Lord venture to say, none of which were more success again. Then came the era of the had spoken it. If the friends present would deserving of notice than those of his friend Reformation, when, from the cloisters of but apply these passages to their hearts, Mr. Arthur, on the subject of Proportionate of Germany, and from the Alpine snows of they would never get discouraged; they Giving. He hoped the friends would again Switzerland, and from the plains of sunny France, there arose voices which shook the Lord of Hosts was with them, and that subject in those books. He hoped to be throne of anti-Christ, and which brought their labour neither was nor could be in spared to see the day when there should be first a blush and then a mortal paleness upon vain in the Lord. He proposed the last an exertion in the way of giving commen

ble until the effusion of the Holy Spirit while in the time of his flesh:-

Our God is a strong tower, A sure defence and weapon He aids us by his power Whatever ills may happen: The old and evil for This foe withstand no mortai can

This fee withstand no morta; can We soon shall be oer ridden, But for us fights the proper Man Whom God himself hath bidden Dost ask the champiou's name: Christ Jesus is the same. Mighty our sult to save, From Sata and the grave.

Tis He the field hath taken

The resolution was unanimously carried. the brow of the Man of Sin himself. Then resolution with great interest and thankfulthere came again the alternation of appa- ness on his own part; and he was sure the providence presented to the Church. its living power, dying out of the church,— every possible way; and when it was pro-

about difficulties; and, in our seasons of der which we mourn to-day. Certainly, it ment of the past, but not a defence against mistrust and depression, we may sometimes chastens our gladness; and yet while it future aggressors. The parable of the tempted to regard them as reasons for chastens, we know that be tempted to regard them as reasons for abatement in effort, or for failure of faith; but we have only to go back to the commencement of the great original Missionary neturn and solemn covenant that we will proof against the leaven; and so the time and solemn covenant that we will proof against the leaven; and so the time enterprise, even to the advent of Christian- render ourselves up living sacrifices, "holy, would doubtless come when the leaven of ity itself. We remember that the converts acceptable, unto God, which is our reason- pure Christianity would be placed sufficientto the personal ministry of the Lord Jesus able service." We want more faith amongst ly among the mass of China that converted were very few, and very scanty: that He us-more firm faith-unreasoning faith- men there should every one be a Missionwas as a "root in a dry ground;" and "there not unreasonable faith,—we will have nother any to his brethren, and so leaven the entire was no form nor comeliness" about Him; ing to do with that-but unreasoning faith mass. They had, it was true, great reason that "He came to His own, and His own re- in the promises of God. We want to have to lament the smallness of their means for ceived Him not;" and that in the midst of our souls sustained by the indomitable hero- the great work they had undertaken; but the prejudice, the ignorance, and the wick- ism of brave old Martin Luther; we want that was not a fair, at any rate not a rationedness against which He had to fight, the also to encourage ourselves in our holy call- al, way of surveying the subject. He never progress of His cause was very inconsider- ing by some of the strains that he sang liked mere arithmeticians to interfere with moral or spiritual questions; and yet there was such a thing, after all, as arithmetical progression, which was indeed a slow thing; but they should take geometrical progression,-for instance, doubling an amount, and doubling again, and so on. It was by a process of that description that the conquest

of mind and spirit by God's grace should be considered. He looked at these things habitually through that kind of medium; and so looking led him to see grounds for hope as to the future success of the China Mission. He perfectly agreed with what had been said respecting the Chairman,that he was "the right man in the right place." That, he believed, was the general conviction of the Committee as well as of the friends of the Society, and he had therefore great pleasure in supporting the vote The resolution was then carried unani

mously, the large assembly rising en masse The Chairman said, he very gratefully

rent disaster—a gradual decrease in the lus:re of the Puritan and Nonconformist ing if they only knew all that he knew. Mr. vened the lump, with a far greater degree community,—religion in its vitality, and in Farmer had served them on all occasions, in of extension and success than ever had been