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[FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.] The Meeting of Friends.

Tune-" Araby's Daughter. Oh, dear to the soul is that moment of rapture, When friends, the long-parted, again re-unite; When warm-gushing tears blend with heart-felt

And words are too poor to express the delight Forgotten that hour of sorrowful parting, Or only remembered to heighten the joy. Though earth may have seasons of bitterest

This surely is bliss without any alloy.

With eyes fondly beaming, each speaks of the That has burned unextinguished for many a

To see the dear face, that with smiles now i

And tell, to that cherished companion, each

Each joy and each sorrow, that marked that long absence. When far, far away, from the friend of our

No power but death from each other should

But Death, ah, the monarch, in secret exulteth, To hear hapless mortals acknowledge his

His power hearts closely united to sever, And vain is their frenzied appeal for delay; His presence can chill the warm fount of

affection. And hands, that in friendship we clasped, become old, While voices, that greeted our presence with

Now silent, forget that glad welcome of old

But a meeting there is, where his presence can Disturb, for a moment, the loving and true, In the "Land of the Blest," with what hallowed

Earthly friendship each spirit again shall Escaped from a world full of sorrow and trial, Our loving companions, with eagerness, wait palladium of religion of the family, as a few To hail us God's victors, the chosen and ran-

And the glories unfold of that heavenly state.

Complain not of dangers and toils of the

To haste on the journey that, sooner or later,

wanderer.

The Maiden and the Rack.

Maria was charged with being faithless to extent, inconsistent without it. of it had often come, and she had asked God to give her strength if the day of trial which The knowledge of Scripture, and the actears.

bloody witnesses, and refusing to yield to afterward. their argaments, or their threats, she was If, then, family worship be so important, stretched upon the rack. Her tender limbs how necessary it is that every christian but Christ!" were extended by the slow revolving wheel, family should maintain it. Indeed, can and though the spirit was willing to bear there, properly speaking, be a christian even more, the flesh was weak, and the poor family without it? If any of our readers girl yielded in the hour of her agony, to con- have not reflected on these considerations, tess the faith she abhorred.

limbs, when she was again brought before enjoyment of this very great privilege.

less to the cause she loved; and though it -Montreal Witness. was sweet to lie on that cold stone floor, and feel that the wheel was no longer dragging her limbs and her life away, yet she was sorry, even then, that she had purchased her deliverance from torture, by a confession of

Calmly but decidedly she told them of her weakness under suffering, how she had hoped and she, a poor, weak girl, had been tempted fruition. to confess. But now she would retract all its power. "Twice," she added, "I have given way to the frailty of the flesh, and perhaps, while I am on the rack, I shall leny what was extorted from me by pain."

They would not give her the luxury of

deny the faith. We know not the strength of their temptation, nor the weakness of gathering strength from suffering, may yet

Family Worship.

reflections will render evident. The parents, after family worship morning, can enter upon the duties of the day, and especially, the difficult task of Then raised be the heart now despondent and training their children, with good hope of a successful result, which they could have no reasonable ground to expect if they neglected to acknowledge God in the family, and

pertains to them, to the Divine guidance. Consider must leef a restraining and beneficial influence from this solemn act, as Shall bring thee, in safety and peace, to abide

Abide

The thistle down, the only ghost of flow well as from the earnest prayers then offered up on their behalf. The petitions that they may be presented from the scene, and the peace of the weaver they have lived in ages past or do now serve. they may be preserved from temptation, will be apt to recur to their minds when the be apt to recur to their minds when the salvation they have nothing to do with me, so penetrating in its research, and salvation they have nothing to do with me, so penetrating in its research, and salvation they have nothing to do with me, so penetrating in its research, and salvation they have nothing to do with me, so penetrating in its research, and salvation they have nothing to do with me, so penetrating in its research, and salvation they have nothing to do with me, so penetrating in its research, and salvation they have nothing to do with me, so penetrating in its research, and salvation they have nothing to do with me, so penetrating in its research, and salvation they have nothing to do with me, so penetrating in its research, and salvation they have nothing to do with me, so penetrating in its research, and salvation they have nothing to do with me, so penetrating in its research, and salvation they have nothing to do with me, so penetrating in its research, and salvation they have nothing to do with me, so penetrating in its research, and salvation they have nothing to do with me, so penetrating in its research, and salvation they have nothing to do with me, so penetrating in its research, and salvation they have nothing to do with me, so penetrating in its research.

safe guard to them through life.

long in learning that the Roman Catholic inconsistency more keenly than when conreligion is a cheat and a lie, and her pure ducting worship before their children and its branches hangs over the terrace walls, mind rejected it with disgust. But she was servanis. So much must this be the case, emblem of the Sayiour and his people; while a timid girl. Gentle as she was pure, and that to have any comfort in this exercise, the crushed clusters pour forth fragrant menursed in the arms of luxury, she was not the easily begetting sin must be given up, morials of that precious blood which was our fitted for the conflict of faith and patience or at all events, contended against to the

she trembled from head to foot, the cold sweat stood on her pale brow, and she was continual recurrence of this means of grace, humble mien and tearful eye, the voice of ready to sink to the earth with fear. She will make as impression on the remains of prayer ascending from full hearts to the pure and nothing makes them so lovely, had heard of this terrible Inquisition. In her the stony heart in the converted, as the canopy of heaven above our heads. Yes, as habitual respect and dutiful dehours of secret study and prayer, the thought continual dropping of water wears away a it was good to be there. I crept forth from portment towards their parents and

will they now determine, in the strength of Released from her torture, more dead than God, to commence family worship at once? alive, she was taken to her cell and suffered Let not another day pass without the perthere to lie, till she recovered the use of her formance of this unquestionable duty-the

the tribunal to sign the confession she had Some object that they are not competent; made in the hour of her extremity. But but, surely, any one, however little gifted,

have no hearts, and thou must perish or leaving the impression on their children's riot he confess. She bore it longer than before, mind, that there is no earnestness or reality Instead of being weakened, she seemed to in religion. To avoid this fearful evil we But who knows his own strength? The mind in an earnest engagedness, upon the But who knows his own strength? The mind in an earnest engagedness, upon the But who knows his own strength? The mind in an earnest engagedness, upon the particle of the chapter read, and the import his parched tongue.

I have read of another man, who sat at was of the petitions presented. Solemnity and its climax, it was of the petitions presented. Solemnity and its climax it was of the petitions presented. Solemnity and its climax it was of the petitions presented. reached, in the wretchedness of her woe, she to render this exercise what it should be, began once more to cry for mercy. But she and no parent should be satisfied till they

her up, and once more left her in her solitary and attentive, and any departures from a cell to come back to life. There in her proper demeanour during the worship of aching misery she had time to think of what God in the family, should be carefully she had done, and why. She had been faith- corrected, until perfect decorum is attained.

A Scene on Mount Hermon. Well might Mr. Thompson (missionary of ly knows, except from a faint and what her soul abjured. Stand up to that, the American Board) say, in reference to the the interview described below, which he was growing old. The boy looks on the permitted to enjoy on his recent visit to youth, the youth on the man, the That day of trial was at hand. She was Hasbeiya, "I came from it with a heart won- man in his prime on his grey-headlonger in recovering from this second torture, dering at its own deep resources." Such ed sire, each man on the other as but she was hurried into the presence of the scenes throw open to the charmed spirit its in a separate existence—in a sepaudges there to sign the extorted confession. scenes throw open to the confession inmost chambers, stored and adorned with rate world; it seems sometimes as pearls, and gems, and treasures infinite, of if they had no sympathies, no whose possession it was never before con- thoughts in common; that each to bear all and die rather than deny the scious; a glimpse of wealth unknown, to be smiled and wept on account of faith sheloved, but the anguish was awful, developed through a long eternity of blessed things for which the other cared

Scenes of diversified interest occur in our were all foolish, idle, and most vain. she had said in the moments of her misery.

She abjured the Church of Rome, and defied two deacons, and having threaded the crook-two deacons, and ed lanes of the town, climbed up the steep the one into the other, till, without side of Hermon towards the south-east, when, any violence, lo! as if close togeentering the vineyards, I came to a solitary ther, at last, the cradle and the lodge in the gardens. Four posts, planted in grave. In this, how nature and And then the wretches racked the brave lodge in the gardens. Four posts, planted in grave. In this, how nature and the ground, supported a fixor made of poles man agree, pacing on and on, to any planted came a few fort support the support of the ground support of the support strength was made perfect in suffering. The and platted cane, a few feet above the surface. the completion of a year, of a life. more severe the agony, the braver was her Above this is the lodge, about six feet square, heart, and woman-like she rose above the and as many high, constructed by twisting present, and was a heroine in her martyrdom. Her constancy triumphed. The dom. Her constancy triumphed. The judges ordered the punishment to be stayed. They would not give her the beauty of the size her the size dens for about eight months of the year. dying in her victory, They ordered her to be scourged through the streets of Lisbon We have long known him as a quiet, serious Protestant, and for some time past as Let us not judge too harshly of those who an humble applicant for admission to the church.

After a joyful welcome from our friend, I their powers of resistance. We might fall crept into this little lodge through a small how many stop there in their purwith less. They may be recovered, and gathering strength from suffering, may yet. There was just room enough for us four. I be mighty in faith, and victorious too .- N. sat down upon his hard bed, if a single quilt "Have you conversed with that and pillow can be called a bec. On the pilerring brother?" 4 No; I have low lay the Arabic Bible, Prayers for Every thought of it." Day in the Week, Thomas Kempis' Imitation of Christ, and Doctor Smith's work on the Offices and Work of the Holy Spirit, all Family worship may be considered the well worn by constant use. It is impossible to detail minutely our long and interesting conversation, as it spread over the whole system of redemption. It was more than

ing by their earnestness. One of the deacons inquired what he now thought about it be, if their actions do not corresthe saints whom he formerly worshipped .- pond. But with courage and faith, and love that solemnly to commit themselves, and all that hang my soul with all its hopes on the blessed Saviour alone, I have forgotten the

Where Death has no power true hearts to divide.

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M. M. M. If a family are to be trained in a godly manner, which, doubtless, all admit, the At Lisbon, in the early days of the Inquisition, a young lady, Maria de Coccicao, was to worship God, is, perhaps, the most powerseized and brought before the judges of that blood-thirsty court.

ful single element in that training. In fact, all other godly training will appear, to some towers the hoary head of Hermon.

for prayer! Above us, in solemn majesty, towers the hoary head of Hermon.

Beneath the intellect—have been united by God, and man may not us, in yonder lovely vale, the tall poplar and put them asunder. The highest the Church of Rome. Gifted with an in
A regular observance of family worship lovely oleander unite to guard and shelter state of intellectual greatness is And twice, war bowed to her his sable plume quiring mind, and availing herself of means is an excellent means of correcting errors in the infant Jordan; and many a generous attainable only in connection with to acquire a knowledge of the foundations on the walk and conversation of the parents fountain sends forth its crystal contributions which true religion is based, she was not themselves. They no-where feel their own to the sacred river in which the Son of God

theme as we knelt in prayer. through which she was called to pass. When uttermost.

It was good to be on the mountain side, dren are polite and civil every-brought into the presence of the cruel judges.

The spiritual effect, if the exercise be in that lodge, beneath the olive, among where but at home; but there, are It was good to be on the mountain side. this humble lodge with eyes blinded with

had come to many, should at last reach her. quaintance with psalms and hymns, which In the afternoon, as the old man was com-And now it had come, and she alone and un- are acquired from the frequency of family ing to our preparatory lecture, I met him peculiar charm. defended, (alas! who could defend against worship, are extremely valuable to every on the stairs. Seizing my hand, he said, such accusers) was standing face to face member of the family. Children reared "Ever since you left me this morning, I before the monsters of the rack and faggot under this influence, must, generally speak- have been looking up into heaven; and I fined pleasures of our nature — we ing, have a far better foundation on which see nothing there but Christ." Gazing call it pleasure, although it is akin Again she prayed, and strength was given to build enlightened piety, as well as be more earnestly up into the clear blue sky, with a to pain; for its disinterestedness, She made a good confession before the disposed to yield to religious influences voice which almost frightened me, he re- ennobling character, and beneficial much of the world in it, and as little of spirit- therefrom what God has placed therein. from, and when the Church was no longer

house in which we should remain but a few sin for a season. while her torn limbs had been recovering strength, her heart had rejoiced again in the Lord's grayer in an audible voice; and strength, her heart had rejoiced again in the Lord's grayer in an audible voice; and strength, her heart had rejoiced again in the Lord's grayer in an audible voice; and strength the Lord's grayer in an audible voice; and long to be something stronger than this to sanction the rejection of infants from Meats," &c. hours. Human life is a journey through a faith that forsook her; and now she stoutly this, though there were nothing more, is us downward to the grave in which our long care for its physical wants— ing home he was asked what he thought of tion the rejection of infants from the rite,— commanding to abstain from Meats," &c. refused to deny the truth. She would die a infinitely preserable to omitting the exercise ashes will soon repose. Is it not vain, then, thousand deaths, before she would be false altogether. Besides, that which appears for us to give our whole attention to wealth evils? Pleasures and pains alike style, it was truly beautiful; and I admired prohibition. For in the institution of circumbed to the grave in which our long care for its physical wants—

us downward to the grave in which our long care for its physical wants—

thus asked what he thought of the infinitely preservable to omitting the exercise asked what he thought of the sermon. "I admired," &c., and again in the Second Epistle iii. 1, &c., for us to give our whole attention to wealth evils? Pleasures and pains alike style, it was truly beautiful; and I admired prohibition. For in the institution of circumbed to the sermon asked what he thought of the sermon. "I admired," &c. difficult at first, will soon become compara- and fame? We cannot carry them with us destroy its energies, and there is the preacher's delivery, for it was graceful cision, first believers were to receive it, then days, but in neither place is there the least Brave girl now! And yet how little we tively easy, and the various wants and into the grave.

The rich and poor are alike probably a period in every one's and effective; but the sermon to be a Christian their children at eight days old.—Genesis their children at eight days old.—Genesis their children at eight days old.—Genesis of thei know of our own weakness. Every one has circumstances of the family will be more in the coffin, and all the fame of earth will existence when the soul as earnestly tian sermon needed to be baptized in the spirit of the coffin, and all the fame of earth will existence when the soul as earnestly tian sermon needed to be baptized in the spirit of the coffin, and all the fame of earth will existence when the soul as earnestly tian sermon needed to be baptized in the spirit of the coffin, and all the fame of earth will existence when the soul as earnestly tian sermon needed to be baptized in the spirit of the coffin, and all the fame of earth will existence when the soul as earnestly the sermon needed to be baptized in the spirit of the coffin, and all the fame of earth will existence when the soul as earnestly the sermon needed to be baptized in the spirit of th said to himself, if I were to be called a martyr, I would show them how to die! Maria Grace.

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make no difference in the world to which
desires the repose of the grave, as
the body does the rest and quiet of
The preaching of the cross of Christ, that tyr, I would show them how to die! Maria Grace.

we are hastening. I have read of a man the body does the rest and quiet of who was rich on earth. He fared sumptuwas now firm in her refusal to confess, and again the gentle maiden was stretched on the cruel wheel: again the cords were fastened wheel: again the cords were fastened in though they observe family worship, do it merely in a formal and perfunctory manner, purple and fine linnen. He rode in his characteristic manner of the minister at his ordination, would "determine the purple and fine linnen. He rode in his characteristic manner of the minister at his ordination, would "determine" with Paul, "to know nothing," began facts. Some of the Ministers of the purple and fine linnen. He rode in his characteristic manner of the minister at his ordination, would "determine" with Paul, "to know nothing," began facts. Some of the Ministers of the purple and fine linnen. He rode in his characteristic manner of the minister at his ordination, would "determine" with Paul, "to know nothing," began facts. Some of the Ministers of the manner of the minister at his ordination, would "determine" with Paul, "to know nothing," began facts. Some of the Ministers of the manner of the minister at his ordination, would "determine minister at his ordination, would began the cords were fastened or the minister at his ordination, would be a purple and fine linnen. He rode in his characteristic manner of the minister at his ordination, would be a purple and fine linnen. He rode in his characteristic manner of the manner of the ministers of the manner of the ministers of the manner of the ministers of the ministers of the ministers of the manner of the ministers of the minister at his ordination, would be a minister at his ordination. The manner of the ministers of the m from their sockets by the slow remorseless minded and slovenly, in the duties of read-But death, the common enemy, visited his that they are more apt to ridicule roll of that engine of despair. God help ing the Scriptures and prayer. To such we then now, Maria; the men that have thee would point out the danger they incur of took no gold, no silver, with him. His characteristics and the signs of a corrupt heart pomp, and distinction, were all of the earth. incredulity is the worst. Real phi-In that other world, he was miserably poor, losophy seeks rather to solve than have gained strength by the former suffer- would suggest the propriety of meditation He had no home. On the waves of the to deny. ing, and now was resolved to be faithful previously, on what should be the subjects angry sea his soul was tempest driven. He unto death, and wear the crown of life. of prayer, and a determination to fix the had no pillow but the wave of fire, and in The pursuit in which we But who knows his own strength? The mind in an earnest engagedness, upon the vain he prayed for a cup of water to cool cannot ask God's protection must the proofs of that interest may not appear in as much entitled to be termed christianity. Upon the vain he prayed for a cup of water to cool cannot ask God's protection must the proofs of that interest may not appear in as much entitled to be termed christianity.

that same rich man s gate, full of source. "That was the true light with the world for what those wretchedness of her woe, she mad no parent should be attisfied till they poor. But in time, he died. Angels caught is not reformed is, because every the cords if she would gent effort.

That was the true light with the source. "That was the true light with the covered with wounds. He was poor, very lighteth every man that cometh into the lighteth every man that it indicates either a source. "That was the true light the every man that it indicates either a source."

It is God's world still—the product of his is not reformed is, because every man that it indicates either a source. "The true reason why the world it is not reformed in the contact of the source of the source

Our Progress in Life. What a blessed order of nature

it is, that the footsteps of Time are inaudible and noiseless, and that the seasons of life, like those of the year, are so indistinguishably brought on in gentle progression, and so blended the one with the other, that the human being scarcenot, and that such smiles and tears

"I have thought of it." So said a young lady who had been reminded by a pious mother of a neglected duty. "Ah, but thinking of it does not do it," said her mother. "True," answered the daughter, "I have found that it does not;" and as soon as an

opportunity occurred the neglected duty was performed. "I have thought of it." Ah,

" Do you know the state of mind of that young neighbour who is so constant at the prayer-meeting? Have you had any serious conver-sation with him?" No, I have thought of it," is the chilling reply. No doubt that erring brother has satisfactory; it was delightful and refreshing.

Some of our friend's remarks were amuspenitent neighbour has thought of repenting; but of what avail will

Moral Discipline.

lence. The mind is not disciplined Regave the swords; but not the hand that drew

-Clark's Mental Discipline. Always speak with the utmost politeness and deference to your parents and friends. Some chilcoarse and rude enough. Nothing superiors. It makes the plainest face beautiful and gives to every

Sympathy is one of the most recation.

left behind. His magnificence, and a feeble head, the tendency of

well-known American poet, is entitled to Gray's Elegy in a Country Church-Yard.

The Closing Scene. BY T. BUCHANAN READ. Within the sober realm of leafless trees, The russet year inhaled the dreamy air;

Like some tanned reaper in his hour of ease When all the fields are lying brown and bare The gray barns looking from the hazy hills

O'er the dim waters, widening in the vales. Sent down the air a greeting to the mills, On the dull thunder of alternate flails All sights were mellowed and all sounds subdued.

. The hills seemed farther, and the streams sand As in a dream, the distant woodman hewed His winter log with many a muffled blow

The embattled forests erewhile armed in gold, Their banners bright with every martial hue Now stood like some said beaten host of old, Withdrawn afar in times remotest blue.

On slumbrous wings the vulture tried his flight The dove scarce heard his sighing mate's con And like a star, slow drowning in the light,

The sentinel-cock upon the hitl-side crew-Crew thrice, and all was stiller than beforelent till some replying warder blew

His alien horn, and then was heard no mor

Where, erst, the jay within the elm's tall crest Made garrulous trouble round her unfledged And where the oriole hung her swaying nest,

By every light wind like a censer swung;

The busy swadows circling ever near, Forboding, as the rustic mind believes. An early harvest and a plenteous year

Where every bird which charmed the vernal feast Shook the sweet slumber from its wings at To warn the reapers of the rosy east;

All now was songless, empty and forlorn. Alone, from out the stubble, piped the quail, And croaked the crow, through all the dreamy

gloom; Alone the pheasant, drumming in the vale, Made echo to the distant cottage loom.

There was no bud, no bloom upon the bowers The spiders wove their thin shrouds night by The thistle down, the only ghost of flowers

Sailed slowly by-passed noiseless out of sight

Sat, like a Fate, and watched the flying thread. prayer. A delicious breeze among the with a pure and holy heart. The She had known sorrow. He had walked with her

Of his black mantle trailing in the dust. heart and the intellect-have been While yet her cheek was bright with summer

Her country summoned, and she gave her all,

And struck for liberty the dying blow; lined to purity, as well as to truth. Nor him who, to his sire and country true Fell 'mid the ranks of the invading foe. Long, but not loud, the droning wheel went on

Like the low murmurs of a hive at noon: Long, but not loud, the memory of the gone Breathed through her lips, a sad and tremulous tune.

sits so gracefully upon children, At last the thread was snapped, her head was

shroud, While death and win to closed the atumn

scene.

Preaching.

The strong current of the age sets in fa- must be His displeasure toward those who testimony of God was completed, so that vour of a popular religion, a religion with as rashly "put their hand to the Ark," to take none was to add thereto or diminish therepeated several times, "I see nothing in effects, cannot but render it, with uality and self-denial in it as there can be and Surely it is possible that Infant Baptism is blessed with inspired men to warn her: heaven but Christ; I see nothing in heaven all its surties, a source of gratifi- have in it any religion at all. This affects a Divine institution, and even more, there when she must look to the word of God the ministry. They are tempted to blunt the is a probability of it. To me there is moral alone for infallible instruction, and "try the arrows of truth-to keep back from view certainty. We will examine the grounds on Spirits," and teachers by that word: we Human Life.

Human Life.

The sun were a globe of gold, and each star a diamond, the moon a ball of silver, and the earth a pearl of great value, one soul would for a night, we should deem our accommodations of small importance; we should not think of fitting up in a costly manner.

Against other the sun were a globe of gold, and each star a diamond, the moon a ball of silver, and the earth a pearl of great value, one soul would be worth more than them all; and to have their pulpit efforts entertain rather than alarm their audiences; the sould accommodations of small importance; we should not think of fitting up in a costly manner.

Against other find no warning from God against this Giant heresy, Infant Baptism. Against other for it," or to express the reason in the moon a ball of silver, and the earth a pearl of great value, one soul would be worth more than them all; and the same the grounds on which they proceed to cast it away.

It is asserted, that there is no scripture for it," or to express the reason in the moor a familiar language of the day, "there is no be worth more than them all; and the account which they proceed to cast it away.

It is asserted, that there is no scripture for it," or to express the reason in the moor a plant Baptism. Against other Sins, according to our opponents, of the thus saith the Lord for it." But what is tempted rather to have their discourses adment by such statements, "there is no scripture," &c.? Merely this, I imagine the grounds on which they proceed to cast it away.

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The celebrated Dr. John M. Mason of Baptism of infants, or where it is stated that dectrines of Devils, speaking lies in hypo-

among the flock over whom he was made the Church on the day of Pentecost, being with incessant argument, and ridicule, and splendid abode, and hurried him away. He to reduce to believe; and took no gold, no silver, with him. His chatook no gold, no silver, with him.

Divine Protection.

that God takes any less interest in the af- Testament,-and their religion so far as it we not demand of those who require us to fairs of this world now than he has done at was of the heart, was as much the fruit of fairs of this world now than he has done at was of the heart, was as much the fruit of any previous period in its history. Though faith as that of the best christians now, and Lord" their requirements? Until they do be criminal; the pleasure for which the ancient forms, the absence of direct and Their light was not so clear, but equally their more quiet Christian neighbours on miraculous interpositions may be explained true with ours, emanating from the same this subject. If they think they should not without assuming that it indicates either a source. "That was the true light which consecrate their offspring to the Triune Je-

They offered to relax the cords if she would contess, and again, poor thing, again the lacked and shricking victim groaned a mise-able assent to their demand. They took assent to their demand. They took

The North British Review thinks the following, from a own necessities. His power rolls it through ed God's people, Congregation, or Church; the heavens, his will keeps every subordinate as much as believers now; and none were force in action, his goodness dispenses rain disowned but those who were either not cirand sunshine, and his compassionating love cumcised, or whose circumcision had, by keeps the fountain of mercy at the foot of transgression persisted in, become uncircum

the cross as full and accessible as ever. cision, Gen. xvii, 14, and Rom. ii, 25-For the sons of God to shout for joy" over the circumcision is become uncircumcision. It new manifestation of himself given in the is, therefore, a great mistake to think that world's creation and arrangement. That the Church of Christ had no existence before interest was displayed and that power exert- the day of Pentecost, or that the Church had ed in the following knowledge of what the ceased to exist either in form or reality prior world was to be through its whole future to that day. The following passages will part in calling forth that interes: and force. with the Church in the wilderness, with the And if he be the same, he must be interest- angel which spake to him in Mount Sinai;" ed now ... what then stirred his heart and Acts vii, 38-" We are the people of His moved his hand. For this period he felt pasture, and the Sheep of His hand."-Ps., and acted then, and the reality can hardly | xvii, 7. "Surely they are my people, childinterest him less than the idea.

Ministers. A farmer is apt to suppose, if he does not are the branches. And, if some of the see his minister at work in the field every branches be broken off, and thou being a wild day, he must be idle or lazy. A mechanic olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and wants to see him in the shop. The merchant with them, partakest of the root and fainess of in the store. The professional man thinks the Olive tree, boast not against the branch-The village church-vane seemed to pale and he might be attending to some profession. So es."-Rom. xi, 16, 17. "At that time ye many persons judge of his industry by the were without Christ, being aliens from the amount of labour he performs in the field, the Commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from store, the shop, or in pursuing some profes- the Covenants of promise, having no hope, sion. But none of these are his appropriate and without God in the world. But now in work. Judge him on the Sabbath. If he Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were afar comes with his mind well stored with Divine off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. truth, and is prepared to present to the people For He is our peace who hath made both one, well arranged, well digested sermons from and hath broken down the middle wall of Sabbath to Sabbath-sermons that are cal- partition between us, having abolished in His culated to interest and edify the church and flesh the enmity, even the Law of Commandthe congregation; don't charge that man with ments contained in ordinances, for to make in being idle or lazy, he is at his work when himself of twain, one new man, so making you are asleep .- Journal and Messenger.

[FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.] The Sentiments Proclaimed by Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief Anti-Pedo-Baptist Controversialists.

against the former part of this series of promised Messiah, and up to our Lord's time articles, having been silent for some time. I at all events, it included their children who am thereby left at leisure to advance to the prosecution of the work in hand. But ere I cision. Further, up to our Lord's advent, it proceed, let me remind my respected readers had been a divinely appointed custom to rethat there has been no reply worthy the ceive those who, from among the beathen, name to any argument or charge heretofore advanced against the Polemics rebuked. There was indeed a contradiction of two things, but in each instance by parties incompetent to deny the charges—the one case was the denial of the implied charge of He had so appointed; if such then we proselytism, by one who has been scarce a He had so appointed: if such, then, was the year in the Provinces, and therefore utterly unacquainted with the proselyting manouvres intending that the children of believers should resorted to in various parts of New Brunswick no longer receive the sign and seal that their and Nova Scotia. The charge therefore parents had received, have given some instands good, and is here reasserted, with this limation of His will, to guard His people

names can be abundantly furnished.

In the other instance of contradiction, let unltitudes of His people would fall into the capable of contradicting, so as to make proof so, and this practice is contrary to his will. on my part necessary, are ominously silent. how can it be accounted for, that He has

proceed to take up, in the first place— least intimation
I. Sentiments or opinions on Infant Bap-practice? tism.—They reject it with abhorrence. They attack those who practise it, indiscriminately.

to mistake, and so universal is the belief, specific warning? And loving neighbours smoothed her careful that the fact has become stereotyped into a proverh that the fact has been that the fact has been the proverh that the fact has been the fact that the fact has become stereotyped into a There was no instance of aggravated Sin proverb—"to err is human." Admitting by which the Children of Israel generally

which in so many words, commands the faith, giving heed to seducing Spirits, and 11-16, and this rite so instituted was prac- were unfaithful, or our opponents are sin-The preaching of the cross of Christ, that is Christian preaching, and no other deserves Christianity. I say "the more full development of Christianity," because I am not of facts. Some of the Ministers of the Bapence prior to that period. The Old Testament believers were true believers in the tice, in no one instance gives the slightest Messiah or Christ, and this constituted them intimation of such an error originating or There is no good reason for supposing as much true christians as those of the New prevailing. In view of these things may

He is the same Being, as when he caused circumcision verily profiteth if thou keep the the morning stars to sing together and all law, but if thou be a breaker of the law thy

career. His eye saw our era which did its prove what I assert: "This is He that was ren that will not lie : so He was their Saviour."-Isa. lxiii, 8. " He came unto His How to judge of the Industry of own, and His own received Him not."—Jno. i. 2. "For if the first fruit be holy, the lump is also holy, and if the root be holy, so

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peace. Now therefore, ye are no more stran gers and foreigners, but fellow citizens of the Saints and of the household of God, and are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and

corner stone."-Eph. ii. 12. The church of God, then, existed under every dispensation, and in its extended sense The opponents who entered the field embraced all the professed believers in the had received God's appointed seal,-circumrenounced their idolatrous and sinful practices, to the rite of circumcision, and to all church privileges; and also to confer on their

children the same rite, and all privileges of All this, of course, our Lord knew, because

additional observation, that instances and from mistake? More than this, did not it be borne in mind that the only parties custom of Infant Baptism in every age : if With these monitory observations, let us left no warning on the subject, nor given the least intimation of His displeasure at the

They abuse, and ridicule the ordinance, and also forsee how far this practice would prethose who teach and practice it.

They reject it with abhorrence. That they do this needs no proof, as they glory in it.

vail, even among sincere Souls, and, as our opponents admit, among true Children of God? If so how can, it be accounted for We therefore observe that they have a right that He not only gave no warning, but, acto do so, if they think they have sufficient tually gave such descriptions as have lead grounds, only they are of course accountable thousands, and tens of thousands, of devout to the living God. It has nevertheless ap- readers of those writings, to conclude that it peared to me an adventurous step to discard is His will that they should consecrate their what God himself has instituted, viz., the Children thus to God? And if Baptism of public acknowledgement, by a rite ordained, Infants be so great a "Sin," " The greatest of the interest of the children of believers in error of Popery," The great hindrance of his gracious Covenant promises; and more- the spread of pure religion," and the " great over what the universal Church has practis- door by which the world is let into the ed from time immemorial, without a plain Church;" then is it such a thing as is not Life dropped the distaff through his hands warrant from Scripture. All men are hable known in the Bible, that there should be no

> this obvious truth, it becomes a momentous departed from God, against which they inquiry, "what, if after all, Infant Baptism were not warned; while they were also is a Divine institution?" It is assuming blessed, and to be blessed, with inspired tremendous responsibility to reject it; for it men of God, to warn when they should be may have God's approval, and if so, what tempted to depart from thim; but, when the

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