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him be can have no business here. Had I not character as followers of the Lord Jesus; that mighty. Indeed, any stelligent notion of His er, and to submit himself unto the will of God ? wanted to describe the place I would not have which is in agreement with His will and com- perfection precludes such an idea. It is inconwanted to describe the pisce I would not have dreamed of going d.wa. One can visit no other mands as our Divine Head; that which will sistent with His attrib tes of prescience. We place in the world where so suddenly he may be place in the world where so suddenly he may be most effectually tend to the Education, or draw-cannot suppose that G d is subject to future vo-Balaam acted accordingly. The natural sim-any of his creatures since then? The Minister place in the world where so suddenly he may be cut off from human help. Should they strike a ing out of the principles of our spiritual life; litions of which, at any given time He is ignorant. Vein of quicksand, the waters rush in ; imme-and that which will most largely sympathize with He knows the end from the beginning, and is again we find Balaam saying, Deut. xxii, 18-lating to Christ for over fourteen hundred years excepting the physical sciences, it has been the beginning. Then remarked that they diately they roar through the tunnel, they pass the benign and sublime purposes of our R-deem-diately they roar through the tunnel, they pass the benign and sublime purposes of our R-deem-diately they roar through the tunnel, they pass the benign and sublime purposes of our R-deem-they is that they are a saying. Deut. xxii, 18-they roar through the tunnel, they pass the benign and sublime purposes of our R-deem-they is that they are a saying. Deut. xxii, 18-they roar through the tunnel, they pass the benign and sublime purposes of our R-deem-they is that they are a saying. Deut. xxii, 18-they roar through the tunnel, they pass the benign and sublime purposes of our R-deem-they is that they are a saying they have the means of bring-they are a saying they are a say they are a saying they are a say they are a saying they are a say they are a saying they are diately they roar through the tunnel, they pass the benign and sublime purposes of our Redeem-beyond one, they rise in the land shaft, and he ing Lord,—purposes which He cherished smid His displeasure, as if that which merits His ap-and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the ing them eventually to Jesus. He then in a very direct to the the cherished smid to be the cherished shaft, and he ing Lord,—purposes which He cherished smid to be the cherished smid to be th beyond one, they rise in the land shaft, and he ing Lord,—purposes which He cherished smid His displeasure, as if that which merits His ap-will be seen no more. Some say that if one can the agonies of the Cross, and which then sus-probation. The change of the Divine deport-U duction to his hearers,—You duction to his hearers,—You duction to his hearers, which then sus-probation. The change of the Divine deport-to his hearers, and which then sus-probation. The change of the Divine deport-to his hearers, and which then sus-probation. The change of the Divine deport-to his hearers, and which then sus-probation. The change of the Divine deport-to his hearers, and which then sus-probation. The change of the Divine deport-to his hearers, and which then sus-probation. The change of the Divine deport-to his hearers, and which then sus-probation. The change of the Divine deport-to his hearers, and which then sus-probation. The change of the Divine deport-to his hearers, and which then sus-probation. The change of the Divine deport-to his hearers, and which then sus-probation. The change of the Divine deport-to his hearers, and which then sus-probation. The change of the Divine deport-to his hearers, and which then sus-probation. The change of the Divine deport-to his hearers, and which then sus-probation. The change of the Divine deport-to his hearers, and which then sus-probation. The change of the Divine deport-to his hearers, and which then sus-probation. The change of the Divine deport-to his hearers, and which then sus-to hearers, and which t wim well he may be saved. He will swim with tained and gave Him joy. What was the joy ment towards man is somewhat like the motions position that Balaam was a heathen, how could have the volume of inspiration for daily perusal was surprised, in his investigations, by the sinwin well he may be saved. He will swim with the advancing waters, and he will rise in the shaft; but such will be the pressure of the water of the but such will be the pressure of the water of the bar such will be the pressure of the water of the

lake, that he will be propelled with the velocity of the heavenly hosts, the joy of re-entering the rience of the soul. Prayer produces humilis-yond the word of the Lord my God." Had Ba of a cannon ball, and he will be thrown out of glory which He had with the Father before the tion and preparation for the exercise of faith. laam so remained, it is unlikely that any would Balaam. I hope it will be because you can furof a cannon ball, and he will be thrown out of the shaft in a monstrous jet of water and foam. I hope it will be because you can fur-the shaft in a monstrous jet of water and foam. I hope it will be because you can fur-the shaft in a monstrous jet of water and foam. I hope it will be because you can fur-the shaft in a monstrous jet of water and foam. I hope it will be thrown out of the shaft in a monstrous jet of water and foam. I hope it will be thrown out of the shaft in a monstrous jet of water and foam. I hope it will be because you can fur-have questioned the righteousness of the man's in a more reliable and tavorable character of the invalue of the state of the s the shall be escape here, the chances are that he redemption achieved, and its unspeakably great the particular or general operation of the Holy character, or his knowledge of the one living the frail man. J shall be glad to receive any hot hot was a make a mak would be torn to pieces by striking against the results. In this He saw the fruit of His passion, Ghost. When the soul is chastened, light beams and true God. The passages in the New Testasides of the tunnel, or be flattened into a mass the reward of all His pains and woes, in the thereupon, and the whole gospel plan being re- ment which some think prove him to have been me in christian love, against the sides of the shaft, or be rent asunder salvation of myrisds of our lost race. He saw vealed, the individual will is suffered to choose a bad man, as fully prove, I think, that he had a the whirlpool made by the reaction. The cold, nightmare scene was unchanged; His triumphant exclamation, "It is finished," then the travail of His soul, and was satisfied. His finished," this point, trust comes into exercise, when the triumphant exclamation of the travail of the tra in the whirloool made by the reaction. -speaks of some who had forsaken the right

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the other ! Here we left the car and went on foot. We shall be cast down. When the seventy disciples and commended in the Scriptures. Let us not not have left it, and his having done so, if he every student. Quite young children, and older, could see men at work in the distance. This returned to Jesus, and expressed their surprise then suffer discouragement and unnecessary never was in it, could not be spoken of as an but backward children, should be carefully diwas 3,300 feet from the shore. The water over- that even the devils were subject to them through servitude by mistaken views concerning the doc- iniquity and an act of madness on the part of vided between the infant classes and the catehead shoals, and is only 35 feet deep. Then we His name, Jesus replied, "I beheld Satan fall tring of works. Works which precede conver- a prophet. Just admit that he was a prophet chistic classes. All such as by proper stimulants resched the spot where the masons were laying as lightning from heaven," and it is said, He sion, or works which are thought to be condu- of the Lord, and the melancholy statement of bricks. We had to pass a mortar car, and it so rejoiced in spirit. He saw even then complete cive to sanctification or works of supererogation, Peter is explained at once. Jude also-xi verse lar lesson of the school, should be kept in these filled the space it was difficult to get by. My triumph ; and that triumph His church will see. are not thus approved by the voice of Revelation filled the space it was difficult to get by. My triumph ; and that triumph His church will see. are not thus approved by the voice of investation ; - speaks of some who " ran greenity after the simple and easy lessons, until able to graduate thought, high argument, in a word, sterling them in the light of what God in the speces is the department. They to do for his cause. Grant to do for his cause. care about going further. Yes, I must see the whole of it, since I had come so far. We passed whole of it, since I had come so far. We passed that are with Him are called, and chosen and faithful. The victories of the Cross already at. All who prove able to learn and recite readily about ten verses per work, should be arranged arrend with about ten verses per work, should be arranged arrend with about ten verses of puland came to where men were picking dirt and gods that have not made the heavens and the of retribution and reward. Choose salvation and came to where men were picking dirt and shoveling in the hard blue clay. I remember shoveling in the hard blue clay. I remember earth, shall even perish from the earth, and from the n, doubting penitent. Go forward, Christian the ransgressions and execrable proceedings of the transgressions and execrable proceedi shoveling in the hard blue clay. I remember taking up a lump. It was damp but solid. 1 under these heavens." "The earth shall be believer in thy pious and self-denying labours others by reference to the case of Balaam? classes. Those recting, and Bible classes (espe-

tion is not distinct. I know I talked a little. I Lord, as the waters cover the sea." bade them good-bye, and remarked, what I then Come then, thou Prince of the Kings of the earth. happened to think, that God would prosper the work because they were engaged in getting pure water.

And thou hast made it thine by purchase since, And overpaid its value by 'hy blood. Then we went back by the masons and those making mortar, and again I was on the car. I

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Mount Allison Institutions. DEAR MR. EDITOR .- You have occasions

of the believer being "meritorious," in the tor was ready. I stepped in it, and again was in sense in which that term is usually employed. published the opinion of visitors to our College the world. Mr. Rose was waiting for me in the and Academy which have fully and intelligently office, and said I had been down only about an after observation endorsed the judgment of the Conference that there is no Educational Instiution in Eastern British America, superior to

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Lines Suggested by the late great deliverance town of Liverpool from fire.

It is my pleasure to be able to confirm that opinion by the testimony of one of the students,

Your sincere cousin, Expositor.

Retained in the Sunday School. BY FROFESSOR E. AKNOLD.

The internal arrangement and management classification, training of teachers, method of out labor. cision of the will is meritorious ; and this first right way, followed the way of Balaam, or went -are, after all, its main attractions. An item of the first importance is skilful clas-

Why did they not take such a case as that of cially Bible classes), should include both sexes, Massillon. It treats of the "dignity" of the David or Judas for their purpose, but that they as in a well-managed, orderly school their influence is decidedly favorable in mutually restrain- limity in these unrivalled pages. had a more striking and lamentable illustration ing bad, and encouraging good tendencies, and

There is no concealing the fact that Balaam was too anxious to secure Balak's offer. He ought permission from the Lord to do so by ursing the children of Israel. In Joshua xxiv, is above stated in regard to the faith and works 10, the Lord says, "But I would not hearken the age may be.

Balaam ; therefore he blessed you still." This sense in which that term is usually employed shews that Balaam would have cursed them for the same Bible lesson, usually about ten verses, behind the "doer of the word," the evangelist, we can compare with results of our verses we can compa -say from ten to twelve. It is carefully memo-Poor Balaam, like Judas and others of ized and recited by the reciting classes, after Many of us remember the bold, practical, evanwhom the apostle speaks in 1 Tim vi is x had a tempting necuniary reward pressed upor him a tempting pecuniary reward pressed upon him upon it; of course these classes must be small, mon. It was a resounding tocsin, summoning rate than the population of the Um better of him, and he "fell into temptation and usually occupying but one ordinary seat each, or American Christianity from its fields of specu-

21 :- ' It is good neither to en to its complicated subjects. He possessed in a remarkable degree that drink wine, nor anything when a stumble the or is offended then abstracted and contemplated in its simple into sin-I am bound by the character and contemplated in its simple and the size it is the siz then abstracted and contemplated in its simple individuality, till it shines with its own in-pel to give it up. We hold that its andividuality, till it shines with its own in-candescent lustre. And he was equally a master ple is equivalent to inspired prove candescent lustre. And he was equally a master apostle Paul sets both before a of the deductive process by which the significance and application of a truth, thus ascertained, are question which we need ask is a such directness and simplicity, that, to his pupils an intemperate use of them? If a such directness and simplicity, that, to its pupils or readers, his discussions of the profoundest Christian obligation to give it ua or readers, his discussions of the period with-subjects seemed always without difficulty, withfair development of the apostle's tax

Yet he was a herculean laborer. He dug out any honest or intelligent man donks. Yet he was a herculean intorer. The day that tuted as society is, a Christian's up the mines of his favorite studies to the farthest tuted as society is, a Christian's up to the later a society is a christian christ reach of their rich veins His works have been emboldens some in the intemption the manuals of American students in "Moral them? The principle laid down by the manuals of American students in the stated thus :- If my induces "We see not yet all things put under Him." working out our salvation is followed by those But Satan, the usurper, the god of this world, acts of Christian piety which are commanded In the set of the tual Philosophy" while a pastor in around, and leads a weak person into sin, I and the indicated and published a sermon on "The Moral leads a weak person into sin, I and the indicated and published a sermon on "The Moral leads a weak person into sin, I and the indicated and published a sermon on "The Moral leads a weak person into sin, I and the indicated and published a sermon on the moral leads a weak person into sin, I and the indicated and published a sermon on the moral leads a sermon on the moral leads a weak person into sin, I and the moral leads a sermon on the sermon on the moral leads a sermon on the preached and published a serie of a serie of the series of the series of the Missionary Enterprise," and three cease that indulgence, whilst the series of t Dignity of the Missionary Enterprise, and Citi-discourses on "The Duties of the American Citi-the for our third the reasons when zen." They show more of the imagination, the me for over thirty years to abtain the zen." They snow more of the many be of liquors as a beverage. Let make poetical qualities or his youther to have my brethren, and especially my methods tween twenty-five and thirty years old when they my brethren, and especially my man were delivered. Chastened beauty manly to weigh these reasons proved that he was a prophet of the Lord. But if he about ten verses per work, should be arranged sermon is one of the very best examples of pul-principle, yet remember that the about ten verses per work, should be arranged sermon is one of the very best examples of pulpit literature in our language. A volume of self for our sake. O let us for the the

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was glad to return. I was glad no accident hap-

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And wilder winds rushed by on pipions strong And as a conqueror comes with banners high, Death and destruction madly stalked along

Brave hands did battle for their homes so dear. Brave hearts unflinching met the furious foe, mpletion of their studies. But faint hope trembled in the grasp of fear, My friend writes to me from And lips grew white amid the fiery glow.

Up to the skies, shrouded, and stained, and red. cooked the dim eye of hope in vain, in vain Up to the Heaven, above the darkness dread, Rose faith's strong prayer to thee, O God, fo rain.

and free, Came down to hush the tumult and alarm, As when the boisterous waves of Galilee,

At the Master's voice grew strangely calm. Well might a rescued people meet and pray In lowly reverence and solemn fear ;

Well might the praise of that Thanksgiving day Go up in choral anthems, loud and clear ! As Israel's host on every side beset,

Unharmed passed over the Egyptian sea; As Miriam's timbrel, through the ages yet, Trills the loud song of praise and victory ;

So through the stormy waves of doubt and fear, Led by the same strong hand, we, wondering

So would we raise our song of triumph here, And glorify our great Deliverer's name. And the rich mercy of that Sabbath day, Like some fair beacon in our hearts stand.

A quenchless light to gladden all the way. That leads us onward to the Promised Land. M. B. S.

Liverpool, Sept. 26th, 1865.

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WEDNESDAY, OCT'H 25, 1865. Christian Missions.

At this season of the year, on most of the

ary Meetings are held, and the attention of our able blessing to multitudes. I remain, people called, with directness and earnestness. to the great Missionary subject. This theme, we are happy to say, is one with which our readers have been made familiar ; as the Pulpit, the Platform and the Press, has each done its part well in affording Missionary intel.igence, and in presenting, with all faithfulness, the obligations

of the Church in the dissemination of Gospe

Earnestly praying, and confidently expecting that Mount Allison Institutions will long con-Circuits of our Connexion, the Annual Mission- tinue to flourish, and be fountains of imperish-Very truly yours, Halifax, Oct., 1865.

> FAITH AND WORKS. These two vital doctrines of Christianity, have

But few nersons can now be found in christian society disposed to question the right and duty of each, whose enthusiasm has set them before pose to submit the merits of this whole question of christian people to employ the means at their men in apparent if not in real hostility. The command for the christianization of our race. prayerful and intelligent students of the Divine the Lord's decision in the matter. And this, to That the religion of the Cross is essentially Mis- word is however convis ced of their perfect corsionary, will be most readily admitted. To dis- respondence with the general plan of the Gospel habit of so acting, and therefore he must have ciple all nations is a duty imperatively committed dispensation, and refuses to dissever what God had considerable knowledge of God, and interto the Church ; and the promise, "Lo, 1 am bath joined. What then is faith? What are course with God. He did not, as many persons with you alway, even unto the end of the world," are acceptable and meritorious works? The do in our day, who perhaps think themselves is at once an encouragement to the discharge of most disinct definition of faith to be found in far more judicious than ever Balaam was de-

presence and help of the Divine Master ; while chapter of his epistle to the Hebrews, "Now pect of making a good sum by it, and then seek the ready performance of the duty is the con-dition upon which this promise is fulfilled. If as I have heard some say, Balaam was a man of the have heard s

of true piety. The same principle which setu-ates us to seek to promote the spiritual well-cessary property or concomitant of faith. It atter promote the spiritual well-being of friends and neighbours, prompts us to long for the conversion of the world. Exercise is necessary to healthful life, whether physical is necessary to healthful life, whether physical is necessary to healthful life, whether physical or intellectual ; and equally so in our religious network, or healthy is the procuring cause of this supernatural light. They knew all about him, except retain cannot understand how, or why, he should for-is the procuring cause of this supernatural light. They knew all about him, except retain cannot understand how, or why, he should for-picity. In familiar tife he could be cheerful of wine at least. This is readily conceded; nor but few among them who have any picity. In familiar tife he could be cheerful of wine at least. This is readily conceded; nor

who speaks from recent experience. He did not my opinion about Balaam, and the "Wise Me write with the remotest thought of publicaton. from the East" who came to Jerusalem to wor-His letter to me was on other business, and he ship our Saviour. In complying with your res not a party to the publishing of what follows. quest, allow me just to say that it is my opinion But it appears to me due to all the persons, and founded on what I have read and heard at vari-

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shall in nowise lose his reward!

Halifaz, Oct. 15th, 1865.

those who may have a natural interest in any of which I have heard poor Balsam spoken of, and the youth at the Institutions in Sackville, and to very seldom satisfied with the character given to hem who may yet be hesitating to which of the the "Wise Men." It is very likely that you will academic or Collegiate foundations in these Co- not be satisfied with my opinion about either. onies they will repair for the advancement and Had I a number of Commentaries and other Books, and time to refer to them, as some of our

Divines have, perhaps I might have a more fayourable, and therefore more correct opinion of Sackville, Oct. 19, 1865 " both parties, than I now have. Perhaps it might "As I am now settled in my regular routine of be less favourable, and therefore more correct college life; have formed my opinion concerning than it is now. You must judge for yourself. it, and can give you some idea of how I may like Some one has said, I think, that in all proba-

o remain here next year, I attempt to write you bility, Balaam was a descendant of Shem, and a few lines. I may say in the first place that 1 that he possessed many just ideas of the true And then the answering drops, swift-wing'd an much pleased with the government of the In- God. There is not much information in that stitution in nearly all respects. There may be statement you will say. Somebody else has said, one or two trifling things which I would like to (see Deut. xxiii, 4,) that " Balaam was the son of see different, yet on the whole I have no fault Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia." Peter says do. Oh, that Balaam had remembered after for the ensuing school, that no teacher may apo find. . . . Having such a company of brethhe was the son of Bosor. (2 Peter ii. 5.) But ren with me here, we manage to get along very as Peter was sometimes at fault, we need not omfortably together. I may say for them, that question the correctness of the former author when I came as a stranger among them, they treated me as though I had been acquainted with tian world that Moses did not write the Book of xxiii, 19. He would not then have committed

them all my life. I believe they are men who Deuteronomy. In Joshua xiii, 22, it is said, as the egregious error of seeking unto the Lord a the inquiry meeting of revival times. The offiwill endeavor to do their part, in the great work I understand it, that Beor, or Bosor, was a second time for an answer destructive of that ers and teachers, or a goodly portion of them, soothsayer, or diviner. I must leave to others which he received at first. "I am very much pleased with Sackville and to shew that this appellation must necessarily be also the people, that is with those with whom I understood in an evil sense. To my mind it inhave become acquainted. . . . I may say that I dicates that Balaam's father was a man accuslike all the teachers well, especially the Doctors. touned to search out things for himself, and there-We have many spiritual privileges which I fore that Balaam was early trained to habits of hought we would be deprived of. Our class and thought, and understood more than many his prayer meetings are very often times of refreshequals in other respects from this circumstance

ing from the presence of the Lord. If I do not At all events I cannot help thinking that as Baleave here a more intelligent and a better man, laam is brought before us in the Bible, he was a my condemnation will be great. . . . I am daily man possessed of more than "many just ideas convinced that it is God's will that I should be of God." I am inclined to regard him as "a here, and according to my present feelings, it man of God," although I cannot connect him will be my duty to remain another year. with the children of Israel, by any genealogical " I am now studying Moral Philosphy, Latin, data. If it should appear that I am in error, Ralston's Theology, Kurtz's Sacred History, it will be a pain and grief to me.

Ripley's Sacred Rhetoric, &c., besides the usual I base my favourable opinion of the man's course of writing essays, and declamation alter religious knowledge and piety, on certain passnately. . . I take a good degree of exerages in the Old and New Testament. That he and I are with our native glens.) a satisfactory was a man whose favour was desirable, and exposition of the 2nd of Matthew. According cise and do not suffer from studying over much. My health. thank God, is excellent since I came, whose displeasure or curse was to be dreaded,

and I hope my heavenly Father will continue may be gathered from the fact that Balak sent this inestimable blessing to me." to him at such a time, and for such a purpose. How could Balak understand, as he says he did that whom Balaam blessed was blessed, and whom he cursed was cursed, if he had not been noted for wisdom, benevolence, or some other attribute calculated to make an impression fav-E. BOTTERELL. ourable to him. But take Balaam's own state-

> ment as recorded in Deut. xxii, 8, when he said to Balak's messengers, " Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as the Lord The Pulpit. shall speak unto me." If you consider this state-

ment calmly and impartially, you will, I think,

find it wonderfully suggestive of the most adhad in every age of the Church such a distinctive mirable and favourable considerations of Baprominence as to have enlisted ardent advocates laam's character and piety. I see in it a purto the Lord; and a further purpose to abide by

this obligation, and an assurance of the essential the Bible is that of St. Paul in the eleventh thermine on acting because therm was a fair pro-

wards uttered for the information of others

lation, polemics, and formalism, to its more legi-Territories was 23,191,876. In 1860h In 1850 th four lads upon one seat, and four girls upon ano-timate fields of evangelica lwork-work on the ed 31,433,322-an increase of 35.581 nto which many others fell, whose religi ther. In each Bible class, the lesson, instead of highways, on the frontiers, in the suburban abys-in ten years. In January, 1852, the particular of the suburban abysrelation to God no one will question Ralaam relation to God no one will question. Balaam was a man of like passions with many protessing being recited, is critically read, and then closely being recited, is critically read, and then closely ses of vice and poverty. It was throughout a of Upper Canada numbered 952,994. demonstrative plea for practical Methodism. ary, 1862, it increased to 1,456,681-att christians of the present day, and I am not quite these classes may be much larger in numbers, Wesley, Coke, and Asbury would have shouted of 53.01 per cent. In other word, and But it appears to me due to all the persons, and founded on what I have read and heard at vari-interests concerned that the following extracts ous times, and in various places. Like yourself, ar offer made us, for a similar service, whether of the discourse have to make a similar service, whether of the discourse have to make a similar service, whether of the discourse have to make a similar service of the discourse. In other words, states have to make a similar service of the discourse have to make a similar service of the discourse. a large square pew, or a triangle, formed by St. Paul would have should there, and Christ in ten years, in round numbers, difference of the state and the st bave given his benediction to the preacher. sons to every hundred of her population, U mind that the Israelites d d not belong to the locse long seats, the teacher using a chair. After about half an hour spent thus by these Wayland loved Methodism-practical Methodsame church as Balaam. There is another idea stasses, a space of fifteen to twenty minutes ism, at least. One of the best eulogies upon it of hers. which presses itself upon me in favor of Ba should be occupied in a general review of the in the Centenary of 1839 was pronounced by him laam's true prophetic character, and that is the esson, to bring out and harmonize the wisdem in the Contents of Methodist church of Proviuse which God made of him. Just real over of the hour. This should be led by some well dence. Religious sentiment, without, however, er Canada; but even there the Sum have carefully the 23rd and 24th chaps, of the book

qualified person-the pastor, if possible, or some a tinge of religious sentimentalism, was deep f Numbers, and say is it possible that God other person notified days before, as much of would ever make such use of a heathen, of an the interest and life of the school depends upon the secret of his practical, working piety. Huand pervasive in his whole nature; and it was enchanter, or evil disposed person ? Did ever this review. Critical discrimination, much vauman being utter such lofty sentiments, such mility, charity, zeal, made it necessary that he riety and tact, should distinguish it, holding ublime predictions, such holy aspirations, such should work, himself, for the satisfaction of his every eye, every car, every heart, with intense divine truths, who was not, so to speak, possessed own moral nature; and, working himself. he per centage increase of the United State interest, and impressing the gist of the lesson of God himself? Can you in all the Bible find came to see that the demonstration and power of upon every heart and conscience. any two chapters which so clearly and fully force Christianity is in its work-that the spirit works home upon your convictions the words of the

A preparatory meeting of an hour or more in us to " will and to do."-Methodist. apostle, "Holy men of God spake as they were each week, should be held by all the board of moved by the Holy Ghost," as these two chapters instruction, for the critical exigesis of the lesson

Moderate Drinking among Chris- States! This is a great result const dismissing the first messengers, what he after pear before his or her class uninformed. tians.

BY THE REV. R. A. FYFE. D.D.

In every large society there should be held. "God is not a man that he should lie; neither on Sabbath atternoon, say about five o'clock, a until after Bishop Colenso has satisfied the Chrisvantages of both the ordinary class-meeting and

> are there. The pious, the penitent, and many of the merely thoughtful of the students are taking a glass. Nay, they may, in the estima-I have also been often pained, and sometimes here, and whenever practicable, the pastor is nade to wish for a better exposition of the 2nd hap. of Matthew, when hearing about Christmas there. Sunday school singing, and one or more imes. The Wise Men from the East, spoken of prayers for the righteous interests of the school. begin the meeting; when, if large, the classes as a set of magicians, or astrologers, who had no retire to their respective class-rooms. The class knowledge of God or of true religion, and who exercises keep up the true Sunday-school spirit. were, in fact, little better in the estimation of and directly tend to lead the thoughtless to penisome, than so many "spirit rappers," or " Hintence and to salvation, and the whole to Chrisdog jugglers." But no one could tell how it was tian activity.

that they understood the indication of the Star. Special cure is taken to win Sunday school st or why it was they were induced to follow if all lents to these meetings, and make them feel at the way to Jerusalem. It was my good fortune ome there, and prize the impressions they there on one occasion, to hear from a minister who ceive. In short, these class-meetings bring had been a Missionary in the "Holy Land" for ut the very quintessence of Sunday school inmany years, (and who also seemed to be as famili fluence, and distil it gently upon the very soul of are with certain parts of Mesopotamia, as you the student.

Why should we let our children stray from to him. Balaam formed a very important link in the Sunday school for want of due liberality, dilithe chain, and Balaam's prophecy-Num, xxiv gence and skill in retaining them ? Where will 17 "I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold hey go ? Alas ! alas ! I need not answer ; you him, but not nigh : there shall come a star out ave let them out for the devil, and he uses diliof Jacob, and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel, cently his faculties. &c.," was made the key to the exposition of that Is it not more philosophical-I had almo chapter. It is ten or eleven years since I heard

will not understand it as verbally correct : The minister represented Balaam not only as a Pro-ing, right on to Jesus' arms and well sustained phet, but as the tea her of a class or school of membership in the Church of his love? O for Prophets in Mesopotamia. After uttering the

> Dr. Francis Wayland. BY REV. ABEL STEVENS, D D.

It fed and animated their devotions. It was The loss of such a man as Francis Wayland is he who is temperate in all things. This sounds handed down from generation to generation of is a national calamity. He was one of the few very well, and the sentiment it contains is worhanded down from generation to generation of is a national calamity. He was one of the few very wen, and the containers it contains is work the is increasing in population and the third of the of our consideration. But a grave fallacy the western world means wealthrealising the fulfilment of the prediction, and through the allotted term of human life, and In the state of things in which we live, the highseeing in an Incarnate Saviour, the promised had done his work, and done it preeminently est type of man is he who benefits or elevates his bright future for the country, when Messiah. Hence when the Star appeared in well, yet the continued personal presence of such fellow men most. Men are spared upon earth the East this class of Students understood all a man among the living is a blessing, by the conabout it. They had been long anxiously wait-ing for it, invously expecting it; and therefore ing for it, joyously expecting it; and, therefore, public activity.

on its appearance, they hastened to follow it as He was one of those rare cases among great Yet is not the Cher then bound to use his efforts aur clea of their intellectual and moral character. gition to put him eff and to keep binself, in the be found whose customit is to regard Aggressiveness is a prominent characteristic which is the most common definition of this an inclement, upproductive region, and grateful for its appearance. On arrive of this works or heard much very best atticle for dois g this work? I think an inclement, upproductive region, and grateful for its appearance. Aggressiveness is a prominent characteristic of this work? I think an inclement, upproductive regent of this work? I think an inclement of the productive regent are of the productive regent are of the productive regent of the productive regent are of the productine regint are of the productive regent are of the prod

sesson, fruit Kaye exhibit den at Richt Canada had added fifty-three to every hun GRAPES .-So much for Upper Canada. The comprise es shown by the size of a varieties. so much to boast of In 1852 the populate Lower Canada was 890.261. In 1862 im were exhibit stated to have been 1.138,430-an incm department" ten years of 27.88 per cent. against § The Corn, ye taking the increase of Upper and Lowe Apples-Nin Drize \$16, B. J 12 of each sort, together, against the increase of the \$ the two periods of ten years mentione that the increase in population in C been five per cent. greater than the ville ; best barr the gigantic efforts made by the State Pears-Six e opolise the emigration of the work Richmond ; the H. Gough, Win figures, it will be seen, are so far atim Borts, \$4. du Quinces-B. Plums-Best (Rickards, Ha

Another reason why the common use of religion they compare the program in they compare the program is the program in the program is the program in the program is the progr Another reason why the common use of intoxshould be given up, is because AS CHRISTIANS, from 1852 to 1862. But the they are, almost without exception, lowered in igration to the he estimation of others by the babit. It may in mind that few years preceding 1850 was with in mind that th be that they lose nothing as 'good fellows' by the emigration to the United States ion of some, gain their reputation as social, good years preceding 1862 was large-additional social which renders total increased rated natured companions ; but as Christians sink even n the secret opinion of those who are disposed tion on the part of Canada all the mere able

to defend moderate drinking .- No christian man A further comparison of statistics ## -especially no minister-can therefore use liquors without experiencing serious loss. He fact that Lower Canada, slow as the toses a certain amount of religious influence or power; in other words a certain amount of his rate than any single State in the means of usefulness. It may be said that on this a like period of ten years, with, when with the tone of society is artificial and wrong, exception, Illinois .- And with regards nd that it has been created by extreme temper- Canada, the result is still more satisfast nce men. I think I might safely question the make a single comparison-Upper Co orrectness of this opinion. It is not often the ten years, increased its population from use that the tone of society is too high on mo. to 1,456,680-an increase of 53.01 # ral and religious questions ; the reverse is almost New York, during a like period, income without exception the case. But my present ob- population from 3,097,494 to 3,880,754

ject is mainly to state facts. The many, what- crease of only 25.29 per cent! Com ever may be their professions, do feel that it is the increase for ten years of the whet aconsistent for a professed follower of Christ to Western States, including Illines, use intexicating liquors. Let a prominent mem. Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnera ber of the church-a deacon or a minister-go Missouri, Kentucky, Kansas, and p to the bar and ask for a glass of ale or spir- of Nebraska, the rate of increase its; and those who hear of or see the act will say Canada, for a hke period, fails of his That is your Christian ;' or, ' We did not ex- population of those States was find pect anything like this.' The wrong surely does 1860 it was 10,117.663-or an interest not consist merely in taking the liquor in the per cent.; while, as we said before, the ar room. If it is felt to be perfectly right and increase of Unter Cunada is 530 F proper to take it in private, why not in the bar But manifestly the proper way to oom? The truth is, all men know that ardent progress we are making is to compare pirits can claim no spirituality, but the reverse, of the United States, Territories I ask then, should Christians for the sake of gra- the whole of Canada, and according fication; thus throw away their power to bene- parison, as has been already shows, a increased her population, in ten years fit others religiously?

cent. greater than the United State It has been said that the highest type of man of the annexionis They also int developed by the government to its fulled How cash a suderate drinker reform a drunkard?

lety of passenge el was run ash Canada and old country settlers to fast the life ; b THE RESOURCES OF CANADA o fast, that she In foreign countries a number of persent to her made for their an

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said more natural-to lead them through the the exposition, and as I give it from memory, you regitimate influences of the attractive Sunday -chool and Sunday class and school prayer meeta deep, intelligent care for the ' lambs' of our -----

prophecy in Num. xxiv, 15-19, he went home beloved Zion !- Northern Advocate. possessed of the magnitude and grandeur of the prediction, and communicated it verbally or otherwise to his class or school. It became the

um of their religious hopes and expectations,

