superior the most of the time to bodily weakness superior the most of the time to bodily weakness by the joys of God's salvation. He assured me, probincial cuestonan. number of times, that he had experienced a deeper work in his soul than he had known before. He conversed freely on religion, and recommended it to several persons who came to see him. He regretted much that he had been too supine as a Christian professor, and declared too supine as a Christian professor, and declared within the bounds of the Connexion, shall pass through his determination, if God should spare him, to speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and act more for Christ than he had speak more and the had sp his determination, if God should spare him, to lone. He felt much interested in the salvation of others, and especially of his relatives and friends. He informed a friend that he felt strong desires to see a person he knew and esteemed to warn him to give up an evil habit, which he feared would be his destruction, and to recommend him earnestly to seek an interest in Christ. During the last fortnight of his life he sank ra-Before this time he had occasionally to be gone to his better home in heaven. He seemed entirely dead to the world; his temporal affairs had been duly arranged a few weeks bebelonging to this life but his final adieu to all sublunary good. Thus calmly and peacefully died Brother Foster, leaving a large circle of relatives and friends to remember his virtues, and regret the loss of a friend and Christian.

T. H. D. Bridgetown, N. S., 26th Jan., 1863.

MRS. JOHN M'AFEE. BARNESVILLE, N. B. knowledge of the truth some years since, during mon Protestantism. a season of affliction in her family. Feeling her through the Saviour's blood, obtained peace with God,—and has since continued to walk in the way of life. Her end was peace. Only a few which lately have become so general among the world, and especially in the plan of redeeming the other doctrines of evangelical Christianity way of life. Her end was peace. Only a few hours illness, she had no fears of death, but different departments of this branch of Christ's grace, showing the divine design in reference to calling her family around her, told of the joy body. Not that Presbyterianism has but just the universal extension of His Kingdom—that she felt, urged them to live to God, and was not, for God took her.

Upham, Jan. 21, 1863.

my rest in heaven."

"Brother, thou art gone to rest,
We will not weep for thee;
For thou art now, where oft on earth,
Thy spirit longed to be."

TO THE MEMORY OF

The Late James L. Woodill.

With joyous step the New Year came, we hailed his face with glee We little deem'd that woe he brought, and woe

to their long home, But never feared that e'er a week thy summons should have come : We thought to weep with other's

spoiler slay? But vesterday we saw thee passed away?

Those hazel eyes grown lustr such wealth of love? That ample brow now blanched with death,

its clustering locks above? Thy hand forgot its cunning? Shall clasp no more? Nor hear again that pleasant

Nor list thy rippling laughter, nor hear thy gentle tread?

tien other periodical periodical

We only saw thee living, and we cannot make

Together we have sauntered about the woodland Where the summer noonday voices their lasy

Have shot our boat acros the courser free. Have climb'd the rocky headland's brow, and

wander'd by the sea: How often, oh! how often, we gether, where Before the household altar.

ling prayer : Together to the temple walked the Sabbath bell-

My brother, oh, my sweet kind friend, how car I say farewell!

The household group mourns thee, beloved, to-day, For manly hearts are swelling with a grief that must have way,

Of stranger-ones who sought thine aid when fo tune angry frowned. And in thy generous, frank response a brother's

And there are those who speak to day of earnest To them to shun the paths of sin, and meetness

gain for heaven: And thou didst seek the Saviour's poor, and gave the hungry bread. And to their sick with kindest hand oft daily

ministered.

We heard thy voice like one who sighs, for Sab-

heavenly home ;" Thy yearning soul is satisfied, life's guerdon thou hast gain'd, For resting on th' atoning blood, faith

soul sustained. And in the parting scene such transport fired thine eve

As if a glimpse of heaven it bliss to die. And now, beyond death's chilling future we behold

Where God's own light the city floods, streets are pav'd with gold. Where scenes of gorgeous splendor strewn, o'er all the broad champaign,

Reposing in the holy light, rich radiance Thou gazest on the face of Him who stooped to

Dost bow in praise before His throne. Who tells thine ecstacy ? A crown of dazzling brilliants,

And all thou hop'd of Christ and heav'n is thine forever now.

WEDNESDAY, FEBR'Y. 11, 1863.

We do not undertake to return rejected articles. We do not assume responsibility for the opinions of

Cotemporary Religious Success. How we ought to view it.

We have for some time watched, with deep affairs had been duly arranged a few weeks before, and he appeared to look for nothing more
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helpering to this life but his final adjeu to all

the harvest of which is all to be gathered—its
of its fundamental doctrines be rejected the
present condition, "White unto the harvest"—
others must be abandoned also. If I disbelieve Our departed sister was brought to a saving conferring benefits so incalculable upon our com-

> spurious the results. But Churches, from the Missionary enterprize. listens to the other's description of a sermon heard on the previous day, in which the auditory were distinctly told that without faith in Christ they must perish, and this, adds the narrator, without one word of apology! Chalmers began by his stirring eloquence in prayer, and preachturity. He was, to some extent, to the Church organization of Methodism holds a similar rela-

its native country. portions of Ireland, communicated, as might be supposed, a new impetus to every form of Proteslarged degree. Some most convincing evidences of genuine conversion, attended by circumstances beyond the comprehension of philosophic curiosty, appeared in its ranks; among the written decriptions of the stupendous movement and its strange phenomena, a few from its talented minawakening. One who for months was a spectator-no merely passive one however-of that reto its enlarged congregations, its pleading penito pray for their successes.

ligious Protestant denomination, are at least re-As if an angel's lifted wings his parting should wait not now to enquire whether the reception of diametrically opposed to the religion of the Bible. tality. A solitary suppliant at one time, a pray-

> me I will honour." These facts ought to convey their forcible im-

passing into almost universal adoption, do we instantly and indignantly rejected. In consequence of the official relation which this the people, and in a few cases, of extensive revithe people, and in a few cases, of extensive revithe people, and in a few cases, of extensive revithe people, and in a few cases, of extensive revithe people, and in a few cases, of extensive revithe people, and in a few cases, of extensive revithe best guarantee of that confidence and selfselfthe people, and in a few cases, of extensive revithe best guarantee of the Divine approof the Bible. It has no taken advantage of the massing the official relation which dispersion of the Bible. It has so taken advantage of the official relation which depends the command of the Conference of Eastern British vals. That such evidences of the Divine appropriate them Obituary, Revival, and other addressed to use from any of the Circuits bation may become more common until they behaviorage of the Command of the Company of the Circuits and cyclopædias, sermons, essays, dissertation of both thought and language. Summerfield in their own notice of the pulpit they are all the propriate them with the seeds to the command of the Company of the Circuits and cyclopædias, sermons, essays, dissertation with the seeds to the command of the Company of the Circuits and cyclopædias, sermons, essays, dissertation with the seeds to the command of the Company of the Circuits and cyclopædias, sermons, essays, dissertation with the seeds to the command of the Company of the Circuits and cyclopædias, sermons, essays, dissertation with the seeds to the command of the Company of the Circuits and cyclopædias, sermons, essays, dissertation with the seeds to the command of the Company of the Circuits and cyclopædias, sermons, essays, dissertation with the seeds to the command of the Company of the Circuits and cyclopædias, sermons, essays, dissertation with the seeds to the command of the Company of the Circuits and cyclopædias, sermons, essays, dissertation of the command of the Company of the Circuits and cyclopædias, sermons, essays, dissertation of the command of the Company of the Circuits and cyclopædias, sermons, essays, dissertation of the command of the company of the Circuits and cyclopædias, sermons, essays, dissertation of the company of the Circuits and cyclopædias, sermons, essays, dissertation of the company of the Circuits and cyclopædias, sermons, essays, dissertation of the company of the Circuits and cyclopædias, sermons, essays, dissertation of the company of the Circuits and cyclopædias and cyclopædias and cyclopædias and cyclopædias and cyclopædias a come universal, is our earnest prayer.

litigation against the Free Church in Scotland ed of the sphere of Missionary labour—its extent Such is the nature of Christianity that if one it has ever yet reached. Then shall come the anxiety and solicitude. It has been the peculiar the arduous and toilsome nature of the work to in the atonement I must deny the actual guilt privilege of that body, on more than one occa- be done—the pressing need of labourers, men of of men, the doctrine of eternal punishment, and sion, to stand champion for the general immuni- the true Missionary spirit, who would cheerfully the supreme divinity of Christ. ties of dissenters, especially in independent make any sacrifice, or occupy any sphere, one If I reject the last named doctrine, logic government—total exemption from state-autho- sowing, another reaping—the consummation of consistency requires me to renounce the others rity. From the first, there have not been wanting the whole—the labourers rewarded—mutual and If I reject the doctrine of endless punishment able minds to design, and eloquent lips to pro- mingled joy of sower and reaper—the gathered will lead me to disbelieve every other. The histest, in the communion which has thus been sheaves—and the triumphal shout of Harvest tory of the two most prominent non-evangelical in the same Church, was upon Numb. xiv. 21. The one renouncing the doctrine of future pun It is to the religious movements in the Pres- "But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be ishment, next threw/away the vicarious sacrif byterian Churches, however, that we now wish filled with the glory of the Lord;" from which he then the condition of depravity, then the Deity or now regards its privilege of occasional Revi- necessity for it being universal—that it is unlike The effect of scepticism on the minds of thou J. R. H. val visitation as a thing of yesterday. The any other system, being adapted to the entire who hear the Gospel is fatal! It neutralize records of Ecclesiastical history do not probably human race—that the Gospel in its past history every effort made to awaken the sinner. If your contain evidences more astonishing of divine has amply developed all the essentials of univer-JOHN A. WEBB OF DOUGLAS, HANTS COUNTY. energy operating through human agency than sal conquest, and under circumstances most in-John A. Webb died December 1st, 1862—in a Scotland has frequently witnessed. In the age auspicious, affording strong ground of confidence thunder in his ears the terrors of the law until full hope of a glorious resurrection. We sorrow, immediately subsequent to the Reformation, it in its ultimate triumphs—and that while propa- you sink exhausted in your seat. You weary but not as though we had no hope. He left was not uncommon for Ministers, wielding a gated by human instrumentality, the obligation yourself and him to little purpose. You may parents, brothers and sisters to mourn the loss mighty influence by their genuine sanctity and of co-operating therein being laid upon every preach repentance and faith, but if he does not of a dutiful son and kind brother. He was a preaching power, to see bowed around them, in christian, yet large assurance of success is given believe that except a man be born again he cansufferer 14 months, which he bore with christian rude sanctuaries, or on their native heath, the in the express declaration and oath of Jehovah, not see the kingdom of God, little will be accommended. patience. A few days before his death, a friend wounded and disconsolate. Nor until the same showing the deep interest which the Lord takes in plished. said to him—"John, your race is almost run, results began to appear in circles of fastidious this His great work. These discourses were highly you are near your home." "Yes," he said, "I refinement, did any voice from the divinely- appropriate to the occasion, and were well-fitted Scriptural Education in the Church. am just waiting 'till my Father calls me home to stimulated communion dare to challenge the by the blessing of God to awaken, in all who righteousness of the means, or pronounce as were privileged to hear them, new seal in the

days of the seven prominent ones of Asia till the present era, have never been exempt from a liapresent era, have never been exempt from a liaChurch on Monday evening was an occasion of has imbibed its spirit and cultivates the practice tations, and prayers. But solid instruction or bility to declension. It is not charging the interest. The Hon. J. H. Anderson who pre-Church of Scotland with greater unfaithfulness than Christian bodies in general to say that it has endured its somewhat protracted season of Society's operations for the year was read by The Marting was ably the first speech. The Marting was ably the duties of the dut of Chalmers, describes a circumstance which oc-eurred in Edinburgh about the time when the eurred in Edinburgh about the time when the (Presbyterian) Allison, and Stewart, and M. H. In order We little deem'd that woe he brought, and woe so soon to be;
For former years with pleasures sweet, had filled life's goblet up,
But now, alas, the fennel's leaf is steeping in our cup!

(Presbyterian) Allison, and Stewart, and M. H. Richey, Esqr. The Meeting for Grafton Street Church will be held this Evening. We will be able next week to report the amount of the several collections and contributions, as the proceeds of this Anniversary.

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Progress of Scepticism.

Scepticism in its varied forms has made such advancement of late years in the New England States, as to excite the apprehension of those who cherish an interest in the religious prosperity of that country. We notice in the Zion's of Scotland, what Wesley, half a century earlier, Herald a communication headed, "What shall In thy young manhood's beauty, why did the was to the Church of England; and the distinct be done to check the progress of Heresy? some extracts from which we copy, believing tion to generally-diffused spiritual vitality and them to be worthy the consideration of the friends vigor in England and on the American Conti- of Evangelical truth in these Provinces.

nent, which the Free Church holds to the same " With Satan, the question is now, as of old, concomitants in the Lowlands and Highlands of how shall I unsettle the faith of the children of how shall I unsettle the latti of the outlined at term of ministerial service in the men, destroy or weaken their belief in God, a Church leads to a rather superficial, or at least The astonishing revival which, a few years ago, moral government and a future retribution, or swept like an overwhelming avalanche over many so confound truth and falsehood as to cause a delusive sleep which will lead its victims unconsciously to perdition.

years. Heresies have crept into the church, and are this day strongly entrenched in the hearts of an adversary. numbers of nominal Christians. Many who gaistry are among the richest and the best. It was Lord, whose voices are heard in our meetings ther with us to partake of the supper of the for prayer and praise, are sceptical with regard to some of the essential truths of Christianity. vival, a minister of superior endowments, counted it one of the happiest occurrences of his life, asleep while the process which has led to this that he was permitted to mingle with the events result has been going on, but its truthfulness to which we refer. And now the attention of will not be questioned by those who have attenacquainted with the condition of the church.

for the word we presume is no longer an epithet current magazines and periodicals are full of infiof contempt-and the means employed by them delity. The writings of some of our most celewith such marked effect. Evangelists in our brated literary men abound with it. I instance ing opinion among christians seems to regard reader of Carlyle, that his entire theory of reve-Thy gentle lovely spirit grew aweary of life's care, them as the servants of the church universal. We lation, religious experience and a future state, is

these irregular labourers tends to strengthen or The influence which Theodore Parker has enervate the ties by which congregations are wielded for years, so fearful in its power, so terbound to their own Pastors and their ministra- rible in its character, is known to all. No man knowledge. It never was wholly relied on for the gratifying change in religious sentiment rela- the slaughter; and though he is dead, his influof special importance,—the use of means. In periodical which directly promotes scepticism. every case an agent was at work : in each in. The Atlantic Monthly, now our most popular stance, also, the prosperity corresponded with the magazine. A careful perusal of its leading artidivinely prompted solicitude of the instrumen- cles has convinced me that its influence is most deleterious, not only on these who have no ining band, or imploring congregation, at another, ternal evidence of the reality of experimental have been found to be at the foundation of the religion and the consequent truth of the disfulfilment of the promise—" Them that honour on all, without regard to their spiritual condition. Many of its contributors do not believe a single for which, during an eventful century, we have may find some of the most holy and consoling are not supplied with suitable reading, and taught the principal thoughts which had occurred to

Halifax Missionary Anniversary. called "the familiar belittlement" of the most riodical literature, the weekly religious newspa-According to previous announcement the An- sacred truths, thus creating a spirit of general per, the monthly literary and religious magazine, niversary Missionary Sermons were preached irreverence and disregard for revelation. These or the more stately quarterly review. Then there

in the Weslevan Churches in this city on Sabbath heresies are the more fatal, from the fact that is now the productive field of Sunday school litlast. to large and deeply interested congrega- some of the most destructive are embodied in erature, in a greater or less degree Biblical in its tions, by the Rev. John Allison, A.M., of Sack-systems whose advocates demand recognition as character, and tending to the Scriptural educaville. N. B., and the Rev. John Lathern, of this Christians. Denominations repudiating all those tion of the masses. and prayerful interest, the progress of Presbyterianism, in its varied branches, both at home Brunswick Street Church was founded upon tion, call themselves Christians, their ministers placed in the hands of the Church. Let it but walked out, but during two weeks he was comand abroad. As identified with the interests of John iv. 35, 36. "Say not ye, There are yet Christian ministers, their worship Christian worbe worked up to its full power, and grand will pletely prostrated, and evinced a strong desire what is designated in certain circles Dissent, we four months and then cometh the harvest?" &c. ship, and their faith that which will secure peace be the results. Scriptural education among the could not regard the recent painful process of From this passage the preacher eloquently treating in life, triumph in death, and life everlasting.

In order to such an education of a Church or truth. The ministry of the Sabbath and of the merfield's preaching, find it impossible weekly lecture is their common school, to which precisely in what its interest consisted.

they go for instruction in Divine things. Thousands upon thousands in this enlightened Christian land know little more of Christianity, or Judaism, or the Bible, than they get from the pulpit on the Sabbath. How important, then that this source of knowledge should be pure constant and sufficient; that there should be a ministry capable of setting forth, illustrating and defending the great truths of the Bible; not merely portions of them—segments of the circle -but the whole of that circle of truth, as far as this mode of exhibition is adapted to it!

It has been sometimes objected that the short elementary pulpit teaching, suitable rather to the sequent education and drilling of these raw recruits in the knowledge and practice of piety. Something must be done. Heresy is rapidly Perhaps there may be something in this objecextensively in this country now than for many It is no part of wisdom to close our eyes against our own faults when pointed out to us, even by

and all disadvantages in others by themselves. The natural good and evil of this life is wondermarred his character, and quite changed the fully mixed up together. With respect to what effect of his preaching. is called a settled and stinerant ministry, the adman has his mental peculiarities, his tastes, and sed nothing at first and near view remarkable all classes of Christians is directed to Montreal, tively observed the signs of the times and are by and by, his habits; so that a congregation striking or agreeable, yet when irradiated with tents, and its rich sheaves being garnered by It is not an uncommon event for the children years is likely to be led over as large an area of tiful. The portrait which accompanied Holland's different husbandmen with songs of joy and gra- of our prominent members to freely avow their Gospel truth, in that period, as the one which memoir is considered a good one, but it fails to tifude. Conspicuous in the godlike enterprise scepticism, and, in the presence of their parents, has all the time sat under a single minister. Inhas appeared from the beginning the Presbyterian advance sentiments which, if true, would over- deed, its chances are better; for that variety of features and radiated from his eyes. The lan protherhood. In all this prosperity, while we throw the entire structure of Christianity. Inhave admired the energy and promptitude of our deed to be sceptical has come to be considered a most likely take the congregation served by the contemporaries in the ministry, we have not failed mark of manhood, equivalent to holding broad itinerants over a larger sphere than will be accould not fail to associate with the hearer's adand liberal views in opposition to the doctrines complished by the congregation served by a set-Two thoughts force themselves upon us in this of the Bible, which are called narrow, antiquated, tled minister. There may not be so much sysconnection. The augmentation of revivalists— unreasonable and superstitious. Many of our tem about it. The second minister may not take ceedingly flexible and sweet, and harmonized one left it, and the third follow his successor in a perfectly-systematic manner; nevertheless, in with such marked effect. Evangelists in our day, that is, special agents, untrammelled by any regular, circumscribed limits of duty, but devoted to special religious efforts in the most promed to the art. He was, in fine, so exempt from their fields of labor depends much upon it, as well as to the art. He was, in fine, so exempt from their fields of labor depends much upon it, as well as to the art. He was, in fine, so exempt from their fields of labor depends much upon it, as well as to the art. He was, in fine, so exempt from their fields of labor depends much upon it, as well as to the art. He was, in fine, so exempt from their fields of labor depends much upon it, as well as the writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson, justly the arrangements of Divine Providence, which has appointed divers orders of ministers in his composite to the art. He was, in fine, so exempt from their fields of labor depends much upon it, as well as the writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson, justly the arrangements of Divine Providence, which has appointed divers orders of ministers in his composition. ising localities —if they do not exist in every rebut alas it is true! Thomas Carlyle exerts in the ministry, for the edifying of the body of might be, that he spontaneously fell into unison all his works a potent influence against Chriscognized and gladly received by the majority.

all his works a potent influence against ChrisChrist," we doubt not the advantage is, on the with them, and seemed naturally and immedi-Cognized and gladly received by the majority. These generally hold themselves accessible to mainty. Peter Bayne has beautifully shown what whole, rather on the side of the congregation ately to acquire that mastery over them which est efficiency of the ministry. These generally hold themselves accessible to must be perfectly evident to every intelligent invitations from any quarter, while a corresponding a variety of ministers in a given number the highest art can not always command. This

in pulpit erudition. The pulpit is not adapted course; while their "Elders in the Church," cor- mainly, but often inflicts misery also. responding in some degree to our class-leaders may have performed in part the same work

Then, again, in these modern days, when the Church can avail herself of the mighty power of the press, must this great instrument be liberally employed. The minister performs but half his the means which we have long employed, and by the easy and sometimes enchanting the use of which we have long been recognized style of these productions have a wife every star in the manuscript, so that the speaker shall have study and preach well if the people are not not bring home a wife every star. It is not said the manuscript, so that the speaker shall have study and preach well if the people are not not bring home a wife every star. It is not said the manuscript, so that the speaker shall have study and preach well if the people are not not bring home a wife every star. It is not said the manuscript, so that the speaker shall have study and preach well if the people are not not bring home a wife every star. the use of which we have long been recognised style of these productions, has swallowed that to supply will all have a more or less direct re-

ious life. It will be Biblical in its spirit and the respect of his audience, though he should with them: Some business is to be till cling to them tenaciously and hopefully? It Spiritualism has also contributed largely to affords us real pleasure to hear from different the increase of scepticism. It has done this, by Bible, and its tendency will be toward the Bible.

This rule we deem the most essential condition is another meeting near where the affords us real pleasure to hear from different the increase of scepticism. It has some this, by Circuits of a deepening interest in religion among the presentation of infidel sentiments under new Some of it will be directly Biblical—illustrating, of success in extemporaneous preaching. It is their charity by attending, or where the congression is the congression in the congression in the congression is the congression in the congression in the congression is the congression in the congression in the congression is the congression in the congression in the congression is the congression in the congression in the congression is the congression in the congression in the congression is the congression in the congression in the congression is the congression in the congression in the congression is the congression in the congression in the congression is the congression in the congression in the congression is the congression in the congression in the congression is the congression in the c sympathies, affections and inate superstition of multitudes as to impregnate them with the seeds tions, etc., bearing on Biblical and theological followed it even in his platform speeches. of all heresy. It has also produced a very persubjects. Others will be indirectly so, or partly

Montgomery noticed the minuteness of his preempty still more. In these circumstances how nicious effect by what Douglas Jerrold aptly direct and partly indirect—such as religious pe-

> The Press! The Press is a gigantic engine masses will thus attain to a higher standard than If, as we have said, preparation is the most ly you prize his preaching—this is far from flat day when the children of the Church shall all be taught of God.

There may also be named in this connection the Sunday school itself, the Bible class, and chool, but in the Church itself. How would it t not tell on their future stability and Christian character? The primitive Church had its catehumens and catechists. Could we do better than eturn to the ancient methods? The storing up in nemory of " the form of sound words" is no vain work; and if all our young converts were thus something great. Simplicity is an expense the ablest preachers about. This is good pullo-able the ablest preachers about. studies by the pastor, or some other qualified person, once a week during their probation, it ould probably give them a more enlarged and definite conception of Christian doctrines. and of the obligations of Church membership, and do much for their growth in knowledge and

It may be said, perhaps, that the class does, in our Church all that is necessary in this regard. We answer : Perhaps the class should do so, but does not ordinarily.! We trust we shall not be thought heretical, if we say that the class is not doing all that was originally intended or claimed for it—that it is not worked up to the full measure of its capability, and needs That Church, or congregation of Christians, a good deal of remodeling to make it what the may be considered well-educated or instructed in Church requires in these latter days. It answers the Rev. John S. Addy. The Meeting was ably All of these are more or less intimately blended tion of the understanding—exhibitation rather than edification. Class meetings are doubtless useful, but they might be made vastly more so .-

Summerfield as a Preacher.

We venture to repeat that the solution of the problem is to be found mostly, if not wholly, in what the French would call the naturel of the man-the beautiful compatibility between the preacher and his preaching a harmony that revealed itself in his looks, his tones, his gestures, and all the subtler indications of verbal style. mental aptitudes, and moral dispositions, You have only to suppose him strongly characterized by other traits than those mentioned, to perceive at once that he must have been an entirely different preacher. Had he possessed the same intellectual faculties, but been brusque, or denunciatory, or satirical—had he been tinged strongly with moroseness, misanthropy, or selfconceit, his pulpit characteristics would have ingathering of a crowd of converts than the subpeculiar fame which attaches to his memory: he would probably have gone down to the grave without public distinction. With a mind susspreading. Scepticism and unbelief prevail more tion. If so, we should seek to remedy the defect. ceptible of all graceful impressions, a heart whose sensibility was feminine-yet, with such feminineness as we ascribe to angels, and think of as consistent with mighty though serene strength But there is one thing to be remembered, that | -he united the very sanctity of religion and a all advantages do not go in groups by themselves, simplicity of purpose which saved him utterly from the affectations or artifices that might have

His appearance in the pulpit was expressive vantages, in the matter of which we speak, are of his character, and contributed much to the not wholly on the side of the former. Every effect of his discourse. Though his face expreswhich has ten or a dozen ministers in twenty the fervor of his feelings, it was angelically beauup the Gospel curriculum exactly where the first always with the vibrations of his feelings. His gestures did not violate the rules of the art, but cult work. They need all the encouragement seemed not the result of it. They were unex- and help that their people can give them. Their is the truest genius, genius is not independent But, after all, the Church which is only in- of art, but it is its prerogative often to assume to the communication of all forms of Biblical unquestionably; and the latter is seldom notably successful without the former; and yet the great tions; though such results as those of Montreal since the days of Mr. Wesley has been instruwould seem to afford good argument in favour of mental in leading as many to Christ as Mr. this purpose. Even in the primitive church other modes and forms of instruction were brought ease, even with which it accomplishes what art the "Evangelist" movement. We merely note Parker has led to the world of woe, as sheep to into requisition. They had their teachers and without genius reaches only through slaborate readers, and catechists, whose business it was assiduity. Genius suffers more than it labors, the gratifying change in rengious sentiment rela-tive to revivals. The origin of each of these ence, like that of every strong man, still lives to instruct the people, especially novices and the but it suffers not so much in action as in reacawakenings next presents to our attention a fact and continues its effects. I will mention as a young, in a less formal way than in the set dis-

Though in the delivery of his sermons ther was this facility—felicity we may call it—in their preparation he was a laborious student. He that they may live, and be in good condition to be far more worth having than the London matwas a hearty advocate of extempore preaching, preach. and would have been deprived of most of his most prosperous works of grace. Thus far the functive doctrines of evangelical Christianity, but fulfilment of the promise—"Them that the free forms but half his popular power in the pulpit by being confined to and with feeling—they may expect that Christ work who does not see that his people are well a manuscript; yet he knew the importance of and with feeling—they may expect that Christ work who does not see that his people are well a manuscript; yet he knew the importance of the promise—"Them that the consequent truth of the promise—"The promise of the promise—"The promise of the promise—"The promise of the supplied with the right kind of reading. He study, and particularly of the habitual use of the may be a great evangelist or revivalist; he may pen in order to success in extemporaneous speak. And if they thus pray, they themselves will be lic procession through the streets of London on doctrine peculiar to the evangelical system; and be as great a preacher of repentance as John the ing. His own rule was to prepare a skeleton of pressions to the minds of all true Wesleyans, in the "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," or Baptist, and may gather people into the Church his sermon, and, after preaching it, write it out While God is training scores to bear the crosses the "Professor," the sincere follower of Christ like Peter on the day of Pentecost; but if they in fuller detail, filling up the original sketch with borne opprobrium and opposition,—how are we truths held up to ridicule. The power of such to read as a religious duty, they will be but poorfulfilling our early vows and carrying out the de- writings for evil is terrible; for, as coating of ly instructed Christians, and probably many of outline was, however, that the perspective of the signs of our forefathers? "Hold fast that which sugar enables us to swallow the most disgusting them will fall away again to the world and the entire discourse—the leading ideas from the thou hast, that no man take thy crown." While compounds without nausea, so many a man, devil. The reading which a pious, judicious, and exordium to the percention—should be noted on

n contradistinction to other religious bodies, are which, if seen naked and bare, would have been erence to the Bible and the culture of the religious bodies, good enough to command keep them away what can he do? Visitors are

sketches. having made his preparations and committed do this if they want their minister to preach wall them and himself to God in prayer, he seemed to enter upon his public duties disburdened of But this is not flattery. Surely to tell him, to all care. There was no elaborate effect of thought the glory of God in using him as an instrumen or language—no fluttering after lofty flights. in your instruction and spiritual good, how list essential condition of success in extempore disessential condition of success in extempore dis-course, this facility, this self-possession, the result of preparation and of the absence of all ter; and this will be a very great encouragement result of preparation and of the absence of all egotistical aims, is assuredly the second. It may and other labors. He will grow better and bet catechetical instruction. Concerning this last, it him who acquires it as a habit. Who that has ter. has unfortunately become almost obsolete in the Church. We are not certain but it would be a good plan to revive it, not only in the Sunday school, but in the Church itself. How would it of them in his family pircle at the fireside? The right language will come to him "of itself," and At length one of them said it was no wonder. do to put all our probationers, old and young, the right modulation, and if the subject demands through a course in our excellent Catechisms being the right modulation, and if the subject demands it, pathos, solemnity, or denunciation. How they thought little of him, and how could be naturally does he assume the appropriate expression both of voice and gesture. Why, can how that we think a good deal of him, and try we not have equal facility in the pulpit? Mostly him at that. They concluded to do so. He imbecause of the restraints which our powers suffer from our egotistical anxieties, our attempts to do they had good reason to speak of him as one of the property of the proper

especially in public speaking, should study his minister will preach well. Do all the things subject till, as we have above stated, he feels named above, and you will probably have no ochat he has provided lessons which his hearers casion to seek another fiend of labor.—Fre will respect; and then, unanxious about himself, Nation. simply intent on the task before him, enter directly and calmly into it. He will soon lose himself in his subject; language better than he could ever have elaborated in the study will flow from his lips; his sincere and self-possessed country and in my adopted, has satisfied me spirit will be susceptible to the pathos, the seve- that the vital heat of Methodism generated in rity, or the dignity which the different phases of the class-room. In Ireland the quarterly visitahis theme inspire; a natural and therefore beaution of the classes by the preachers was regular. tiful compatibility will usually exist between his and any one who had been absent from class subject and his own mood, and not unfrequently the latter will be exalted by the former to the

affirm, was Summerfield's great pulpit character- the benefit of the Church. career, he bore about with him that "morbid which seems, indeed, a usual pathological accomand decided; yet, in his subsequent religious strength." The best judges, who are familiar with Sun

frequently intercepted the rays of that Sun of character to whom the meeting was without more Righteousness which had so evidently arisen on or less benefit. In Ireland I met very many, and his soul. Indeed, the Lord seems to have led not a few in this country, whose ignorance of his servant, not with the shadow by day, and Bible truth was lamentable; and I have become the glory by night, of the pillar, and cloud, and satisfied that the instruction so much needed by fire, but alternately, amidst perpetual natural young converts, or the less intelligent and regloom, presenting to him the light of the flame flective, cannot be given without some such inthat cheered the Israelites on the verge of the strumentality as the class-meeting. An old man, Red Ses, and the darkness behind that frowned who had been for sixty years a bold and flagrant upon the Egyptians, their pursurers. But God, splendor and the terror-in the hidings as in the revealings of his face—and by that mysterious dispensation, we can not doubt, led him, as the wilderness over Jordan to Canaan, and Jerusalem, which is above."

This was his discipline—he needed it amidst the perilous flatteries of his success. It was robably one of the most effectual causes of that profound humility which was at once the proection and charm of his saintly character. Could we read the inmost history of most of the mighty men of God in the earth we should find that they had been summoned by him to confront, like Moses, the fiery terrors of Sinai, or, like Daniel, call upon him from the lions' den, or, like Paul. to bear with them to the grave the thorn in the

Well-yes-well-all is well! I want a change -a change of form-a change of everything, e said, feebly, as the last struggle approached. 'Al-though-sin-has-entered "-but his utterance failed in the quotation. Night came on; with increased energy he exclaimed, "All's perfection!" "Good night!" were his last words. -Irish Evangelist.

Duty to Ministers.

Ministers of the Gospel have a great and diffidepend upon it. What then can the people do? Wales in this country, has ever since been the What must they do in order to promote the great- subject of general comment and approval. The

1. They must pray for the ministers. In all with the resolution taken to have the royal martheir qualifications and labors they are dependent riage celebrated at Windsor. All former royal on Christ. He himself says in the Word that marriages had taken place at St. James's Chapel; structed from the pulpit will always be deficient it intuitively, reaching its results without its the Spirit, whom he sends, "distributes to every and the removal of the wedding of the Prince labors. Labor is an important aid to genius man severally as he will." "He breathed" on of Wales, the most interesting of them all, lookthe anostles after the resurrection, saying "Re- ed like a piece of malicious spite, to deprive the ceive ye the Holy Ghost;" and on the day of citizens of two things they dearly love, -s holi Pentecost he, according to his promise, gave the day and a spectacle. What the reasons are for Spirit abundantly to qualify them for their work. preferring Windsor have never been told, though And again he says, "Without me ye can do noth- they may be easily guessed at. Half the Ger ing." If so, then prayer should be offered by the man potentates are coming over to the wedding Church that spiritual gifts may be granted them, and there is no accommodation for so many and also prayer that they may be assisted in the them but at Windsor; and at Windsor, there exercise of these gifts. "Brethren, pray for us," fore, to suit their convenience, the wedding must says Paul, "ye also helping together with prayer." be. But the Queen, in her forethought, ha And further pray that they have bread to eat, so provided a treat for the Londoners, which will

> family, in the prayer-meetings-pray sincerely confined space between Buckingham Palace and will furnish such ministers and bless their labors. this, the Prince and Princess are to pass in pubprepared to do other duties toward them.

> now and then, how can they expect their ministers to preach well or have much success? "I of Scotland was bringing home the last Danish lost my prayer book," said one minister when Princess that married into our Royal Family, he complained of for his poor preaching.

there? A little rain, snew, mud, cold; if these that the Edinburgh people stood is need of any

Montgomery noticed the minuteness of his pre-parations in nearly two hundred manuscript much against wind and tide must the minister preach and labor. What encouragement can be There was one respect in which Summerfield have? How can his "heart be encouraged" and was a model for all public speakers; namely, in his "hands strengthened" to put forth vigorous the ease, as we have described it, with which he efforts in his work? "Now therefore are we all the ease, as we have described it, with which he here present before God, to hear all things that usual anxieties of preparation in the study; but, are commanded thee of God." Let the people

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something great. Simplicity is an element of the ablest preachers about. This is good philo

A Leader's Experience.

My experience as a leader, both in my native loftiest elevation of thought. This, we again membership. I think this worked very much to

I have met with conversions in the class-room An incurable malady reminded him that he and have often known of instances where a tem nust work while the day lesteth, for the night tation has been broken, a dark cloud dispelled ometh. He was incessant in his labors, preach- a drooping soul encouraged and revived, and a ng often from five to ten discourses a week, feeble one strengthened; but I have not known pesides frequent addresses, in which he was re- of any case of backsliding while attendance on narkably happy. He delivered about four hundred sermons in the first year and a half of his under my personal observation I have remarked ministry. Throughout his brief but laborious that those who were regular in their attendance grew in grace, while those who fell were those feeling," of which Montgomery speaks, and who neglected the class-meeting. I have therefore come to the conclusion that Methodism with paniment of genius. His conversion was clear out class-meeting would be "shorn of it

I commenced meeting in class when about flicts, and Holland has justly remarked that sixteen years old, and have now been over thirty "the light of spiritual illumination in him- years enjoying that privilege. For nearly twenty whatever may have been the case in others-did | years I have been a class-leader, and during that not uninterruptedly shine 'brighter and brighter time have met with a great variety of character. unto the perfect day; but clouds and darkness In some cases much ignorance, but in no case a sinner, came into my class once, and, when who is 'love,' was equally present to him in the spoker to, said he thought he must have felt as Satan did when he came among the sons of God -he had no business to be there. When next he came he told me he felt like a man who was best mode of guidance, through the sea, and the walking in a bad road, full of stumps and stones and holes with just light enough to know they were there, but not enough to shun them. He soon found more light, and has never been willingly absent from the class from that time to the present. To him the class is a necessity, and always a blessing. I really believe that that old man could not have been led into the light, and kept walking in it with the steadiness which has

marked his course, without class-meeting. In Ireland many societies are without regular preaching, or have it only once in two or three weeks: but they are kept alive through classmeeting. It is here, as there, the foundation of every Church. Round my present residence a few years ago I could not find a dozen Methotained conflict, retired, at last, to his tent to die. dists, and no M. E. Church was nearer than a mile, although in the city of Brooklyn. I have seen within five years three Churches grow up, and in each case the beginning was the class Now I can reckon up more than one hundred and fifty members close round me, and they al

The plain and pointed remarks of a faithful eader may sometimes drive persons away; but I find it works well to make the class-room enough to thaw the cold, and clear enough to force the blind and willful wrong-doer out .-Christian Ad.

The Approaching Marriage.

(London Letter in Edinburgh Witness.) The announcement respecting the arrange ments for the arrival of the future Princess Londoners, let it be said, were not at all pleases riage. At the best, that would only have allowed If they thus pray for them in the closet, in the the royal parties to be seen as they passed in the the day of the Princess' arrival. This will be a But if they neglect to pray for them except sight such as has not gladdened the eyes of the wrote to the magistrates of Edinburgh to make 2. The people should always be at meeting. all fitting preparations for her reception, adding, What encouragement can a minister have to in quaint phrase, that a King of Scotland did