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which his constant thoughtfulness im-

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Power of Early Associations.

THE FLOWERS COLLECTION

Original.

The Advocate must be Sustained.

BRO. HEFLIN :-- I conjecture from justifying grace. It is of the first imporvarious items published in the "Advo-cate," that the first born and well betoved offspring of our Conference eman- Lord." How can we preach full redempcipation is in a critical condition, and tion with success, until we have gained it likely to live a lingering life and ulti- ourselves? Brethren, we must lead the mately to die for the want of attentive way, and our people will follow. Then we nursing and proper neurishment, in the shall have no difficulty in pointing out way of pecuniary assistance. This those who are sanctified, any more than crisis in the history of the paper ought the justified; and the Church with all her not to surprise any one, but ought to vast resources will be at command, to urge have been expected as a necessary event; an event that no predence or event; an event that no prudence or val in this department of christian expe forethought of the Publishing Commit-tee, industry, energy or capability of to direct especial attention to it is the " a Editor could avoid; its cause is humble aim of this article. Will not

the reaction following all such brethren who feel interested in the subject caterprises, and its remedy must be contribute to the Advacate, so as to have ; regist in the sympachy and co-opera- a full interchange of sentiment for our own tion of the people at large. The ques- mutual benefit as well as for its readers? tion now to be decided is, shall the pa- And who can tell the blessed results which per die ? It is a question of life and will flow from such a work ? death; and, as an inevitable conse- July 29, 1858.

quence, of 'ionor or disgrace, prosperity or decline in our Conference bounds. Let it die, and we lapse into a state of dependence and servility in all that How can I spend my time most proennobles and commands respect and fitably while traveling? This is a secures success, far worse than that question of much practical importance previously endured. The paper in its in these days of TRAVEL. short existence has become a vitalizing Travelling facilities are such, these power in the Church; has detached all days, that tens of thousands of men our special interests from the advocacy and women are "running to and fro," of other papers, and assumed and main- "crossing over," " passing and repastained as its legitimate right, their de- sing," throughout the world every day. fence, advocacy and direction. Now, Some in pursuit of pleasure; some ento let it die, we stand without a slefen-der of our rights, or an advocate for tions; and others laboring to spread our principles, provided since the pa- learning and religion over the world. per has been brought into existence, It is important for every one thus the honorable existence of our Confer- engaged, to inquire how I can most ence depends upon its continuance.-- profitably occupy that portion of my The question now, is not how much it time necessarily spent on the road? will cost-for our honor and our safety Long years ago, fourteen hundred demand its continuance at any cost-but why despond? It must, it will be ted, an officer of a heathen court, while sustained. I believe it is favored by returning from Jerusalem, "sitting in

taken place in that solemn hour-or in every hour since that time-and if we have not rejoiced in "perfection's heights," For the N. C. Christian Advocate, we may in this glad hour. The name of "Jesus" is just as sufficient to elevate to

Selections. parts its only light; and to his own home, and to the young wife whose happiness is dearer to him than life .--The Wife's Mistake. For this, Margaret, Ralph Hale gives The carriage stopped at the door, his days to incessant toil, and willingly and in a few minutes Margaret Hale sacrifices the social pleasures he is so

entered the apartment where her has- eminently fitted to enjoy. band sat wholly absorbed in poring "I have been in these three homes.

over day books and ledgers. With a love that is almost reverence, " Those tiresome accounts still," she his mother and sisters speak his name, exclaimed, "will you never find time and with full hearts thank God for his for anything but business, Ralph? life so filled with the beauty of self-re-Have you no taste for anything beyond nunciation The widow and daughter. whose hearts he has made glad, tell of figures

" Margaret-" but the sadness of his numberless acts of kindness, of his the tone was unheeded, as she contin- delicate and unceasing watchfulness; and daily they ask God's blessing on ued :

"We had such a charming evening him whose life is a blessing to others. at Mrs. C's. Captain Hill related ma- "In his own home, the wife whose ny interesting incidents of his residence love should bless him, whise gentle in Egypt, and Mr. Warren, the famous ministry should comfort at the pethen young poet, read 'Mand,' and some of him, turns e dily dress of the most beautiful passages in 'Aurora' prefers the happiness of others to his Leigh.' I must read to you some of own gratification, because the pressing Romney's 'Great Thoughts on Daty.'" duties of life claim all his waking She went hastily to her chamber for hours, leaving him little leisure for the the volume. When she returned, her claims of society, or for the high intelquiet entrance was unheard by her hus- lectual culture which few attain whose band, whose pen was rapidly moving lives are not wholly devoted to it." over the almost interminable columns "O Ralph, I have never known you ! of figures. With an expression of im- I have so cruelly misjudged you," said patience, almost of scorn, resting on the weeping wife.

her face, she hastily turned away. The old man continued : "Some men "And this is the end of all my talk poerty, some write it in words, and dreams of marriage," said she, as she some write it in their lives. The true reached her room. "He has a taste heroism of which poets have sung, the for drudgery. His pursuits and tastes beanty of self abnegation and of ceaseare all commonplace, and I must go less devotion to duty, which have been from home to find the sympathy I need, their inspiration, Ralph Hale has lived. to find those who would appreciate with The woman who has won the deepest me the books I love, and the beautiful love of such a heart, should reverently in art, for which he has no eye nor and gratefully cherish it as the richest blessing of her life.'

In the room she had left, Ralph Hale In the twilight of that day, Margasat, hour after hour, till his brain was ret was awaiting her husband's return. weary and his eyelids drooped. Then, Amid the bitter self-reproaches that laving aside his books, he remained for darkened the hour gleamed a new and a long time in deep thought. holy light. Higher purposes were " God bless my Margaret, 'he pray- aroused within her. In the future she ed, "and give me strength to bear all would make divinely real in her life things. Give me power to make her the beautiful ideals which had filled her heart with unsatisfied longings .-happy."

Putting far away all thoughts of her She, too, would live for others, and, husband's real nobleness of character, first of all, for him whom she had so jealously preserving the memory of er- misunderstood.

Missicnary Society-M. E. Church, South. A Few Words to Young Converts.

Many things may seduce you from All Methodists are, or should be, inthe daty of secret prayer, such as the terested in their feelings in whatever number and variety of meetings that pertains to the interest and operations you feel bound and anxious to attend, of the Missionary Society of the the consciousness of your ignorance of Church. Some time ago, we published Divine things, and your engerness to an abstract of the last annual report of read the Scriptures or religious books, the Society, setting forth where the or to attend on public instructions, the Society had missions, and what were plea of want of time, as so much of it the prospects. Our missions among the is taken up in various religious doings; colored people of the South, are yield-and most especially will your great ad- ing a rich harvest, while some others versary, Satan, seduce you from it if it are spending their time, and wasting be within his power. Your closet shall their energies, in profitless discussions not be a frequented place if he can as to the principle and practice of slavery. Our branch of the Church, content prevent it.

But what powerful motives draw you to follow the example of the blessed Saviour, and his Apostles, is sending

1. The express and solemn injunc. to and firs, and seeking earnestly to tion of your Lord, 'When thou prayest, preach the gospel to all; and all the enter into thy closet,' etc. This evi- different churches combined are not dends' implies the obligation of having doing more for the elevation and final a place of retirement used for this very purpose, and a time set apart for it. South. She is prosecuting this 2. You will get the most realizing work with an earnestness and zeal worviews of Divine and eternal things, and thy of herself and the responsible work fix most deeply a sense of them in your she has undertaken, and hitherto her mind by this duty. You are then slone efforts have been crowned with most with God. The world's appeals to the gratifying specess.

car and the eye are no longer made. A Our domestic missions, or those solesca stillness reigns around you - among the destitute of our own color, You bew before a glorious Being, whose are also very prosperous, and doing hely presence you are in the best cir. much good,

counstances for realizing. There is The missions among the Germans of notking to hinder the intense fixedness Texas, Louisiana, and elsewhere proof the soul upon God. There are no mise well. A great number of these circumstances in which you can get so people, have been by these means nigh to God, even coming into the se-cret place of the Almighty, and none form of Christianity, and become worthat will give so great reality to the thy members of the Church. The misthings pertaining to the kingdom of sions among the Indians, also, are doing much good. We mention these facts, that con-

3. No other kind of devotion can be a substitute for this. In all others you tributors to the funds of the Society are associated with fellow-worshipers. may know their contributions have not You are acting with them, and there been thrown away.

will wit be so strict sense of individual responsibility as there must be when the Church South was formed, and its alone and presenting your own case be. first fiscal year closed in May, 1856. fore God. Here you supply your own The amount raised for missions during private wants as a needy and depend the year closing at that date, was \$68,ent being. Here you can gain strength 549.

for daty which no associated form of The following table will show the

St. Louis Advocate.

From the American Messenger.

Pass Him not By.

In company with a youthful convert

aiming to urge the claims of the gos-

One young man, sitting by himself

young friends to give their hearts to

Christ. But he had relapsed into stu-

ly ? Who knows ? Pass him not by.'

mind. I tried him once more. "W-,

Had that opportunity been neglect-

Advice to Preachers.

6. Avoid all high-flown language ;

quote no Hebrew or Greek; aim to be

J. L.

These thoughts passed rapidly in my

OVEY.

The following is from HARPER's • Drawer": The power of early associations is

displayed in a stery of early Texan hunting life that is too long for our use, but in brief we will venture to repeat it:

Dave Harris went to Texas when he was quite young, and became remowned for his break-neck daring exploits with savage beasts of prey, and men more savage still than they. When his father settled in Harrisburg, under a grant from the Menican Government, the buffalocs were ranging over what is now the populated part of Texas .--Dave and a party like him were out one day on a buffale hunt. Riding madly into a herd, they blazed away promiscuously, hoping to hag a fine lot of this noble game. The gallant leader of the herd was badly wounded, and, turning upon Dave, charged furiously, and sent him and his horse flying for dear life over the plain. The sudden bound of the frightened steed threw the rider out of the saddle, but he clung to the neck of the creature and rode on, chased by the maddened bull, and the whole herd pressing after. Dave's friends could only stand and anxiously behold the stampede. It was a race for life or death. Perched on the neck of the mustang, and clinging with the grasp of despair, Dave held on, but his s tuntion grew more and more desperate, and, for the first time in many years, Dave bethought himself, as he was sure to be killed, that he ought to pray. But when did Dave Harris ever pray ? Why, when he was a little boy, at his mother's knee, as he was about to go to bed ; and now the only words of prayer the wild Texan rover could recall were the shild a evening petition,

" Now I lay me down to sleep ;"

and this wraver he put up over and over again, as, Mazeppa-like, he was whirled over the plain, with a troop of mad buffalses thundering in his rear .--While thus engaged in praying, the horse undertook to leap a hole and struck his fore-foot on the other side, which accident dropped Dave back into the saddle ; and, once more in his seat, he managed to elude his pursuers and make good his escape. Dave often told the story, but never omitted to confess that he was frightened, and wished with all his might that he knew how to pray. But, hke a great many other Dave Harrises, he was mighty willing to say his prayers when he thought the devil was after hins, and quite as ready to live without them when he thought the danger was

" full salvation," as it was to admit us to

Providence, and friends will come to its his chariot," read a manuscript copy of aid in time of need. That it would be the Prophecy of Isaiah. A very suitreduced to great extremities in chang- able manner for a heathen to occupy ing it from the credit to the cash sys- his time, while "on a journey." Might tem, we ought to have expected. The subscription list of the Spirit of the But I did not introduce this subject

Age, under such treatment, declined for the purpose of telling every one from 5,000 to 3,000 in less than three how he must spend his time. Fellow months, and its very existence was jeo- traveller, you and I are responsible to pardized ; but Mr. Gorman with char- Gop for the manner in which we spend acteristic courage, met the loss for a His time. season, till reaction could take place. This subject was forced upon my

not the same be done for the Advocate? Will not the Publishing Committee, the saw? I saw two men, riding in a bugto its support, bear it upon their heads absorbed in their game as the Tories and hearts, till the public has time to were when Francis Marion and his men breathe, to think clearly, and then they came upon them one night, seated will not ? The old subscribers will all come back, and many new ones. This one of them, he would probably have paper is not my special favorite; and died, like a poor Tory died that night, in the position I now occupy, to me in- with the cards clenched in his hand. dividually it has, and can be, of no sort of advantage. It has not always spo- playing cards ! Alas ! alas ! that men ken my sentiments, or done the things should not think it enough to spend I thought best; but what of that? _____ should not think it enough to spend What paper ever did or ever will? _____ and about grog shop hotols in such Shall I or any man sacrifice a great sinful sports; but they must disgust Church enterprise to private pique or every sensible man, in open day, along personal dissatisfaction ? Such an one is unworthy an honored place in the Poor follows they are INTELLECT Church, or a respected name among AL BEINGS! Methodists. I would suggest the following as a plan of immediate relief: Let each Minister pay in advance for five years subscription. That will sustain it, till the public can come to its JAMES H. BRENT. relief. Roxboro', July 15, 1858.

and it is now on a firm basis. Shall mind yesterday, by seeing "something around their camp fire. If I had shot Gentlemen travelling a public road Poor fellows, they are INTELLECTUA

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"On a Journey."

For the N. C. Christian Advocate.

ALEXO. For the N. C. Christian Advocate. Conjugal Fidelity and Shrewdness.

middle of the twelfth century, laid siege

to Weinberg, a small town in the territory

FROM THE GERMAN. King Conrad III, who flourished in the

.... For the N. C. Christian Advocate. Christian Perfection.

of Wurtemberg. The Duke of Wurtemberg, who was shut up in the town with Is this doctrine of Christian Perfection his wife, held out against the beleaguerers as highly esteened by us as its importance with heroic courage, and finally yielded demand <? Have we any bester excuse for not being sanctified wholly, than we could The King determined, in his rage, to de have for not being justified ? Is not "Christ vastate every thing with fire and sword, crucified" as willing, ready and able to only allowing the women to retire, and grant the one as the other, since they are permitting each to take with her the arti-equally the purchase of his blood and the cle she most valued. The Duchess, who gilt of his love? Why, then, do so few was as shrewd as she was faithful instant-testily that his blood cleanses them from 1y seized the opportunity to deliver her all sin? Many Methodists seem never to husband. As he was the most precious think of this state as the one in which article she possessed, she bore him upon God designs them to live and glorify his her shoulders, the other women of the town name. Some even doubt its attainable- in like manner carrying their husbands .ness in the present life, while others look When the King beheld the wit and the upon it as a high christian accomplishment, worth of these wives, he abated the harshto be enjoyed by but few, rather than as a ness of his determination, extended forwork of prime n-cessity to all who would giveness to the husbands, and spared the make their "calling and election sure."

If there is any departure from the us-ages of original Methodism in our day, may it not be ascribed to the cause above alluded to? Because, to every entirely

sanctified soul, keeping our rules is "easy" at the prayer meeting, let it blow hot or and "light," They are "ways of plea- blow cold?

santness and paths of peace." Are we, Answer .- Because I go upon the prinas ministers, altegether without excuse? ciple that if it is right to have a prayer Do we, upon all suitable occasious, hold meeting, it is the duty of the church to at-up this great truth, not merely as scriptur-tend. If it is right for one to stay away al, but as clearly revealed in our hearts for small causes, it is right for all, and the " by the Holy Ghost given unto us?" How meeting will be likely to fall through. If can we rest a moment without the evidence it is the duty of one to go, it is just as in our souls of full salvation, especially much the duty of another; and therefore after the solemn obligations under which I can seldom see any good reason to break we brought ourselves when we were receive through this general principle, and stay ed into her ministry? We solemnly de- away.

clared that we were going on unto perfec- Question -But do you always feel like tion; that we expected to be made perfect it ? in the present life; and that we were groan- Answer .-- I am sorry I do not; but as

ery slight difference in their tastes and A hurried step in the entrance hall, pursuits, Margaret cherished the spirit then on the stairs, and the next moment of discontent till it embittered every she was clasped in her husband's arms.

hour of her life, and sent suffering she. had never dreamed of to the heart of her The Three Warnings. husband, who would gladly have sacri-

ficed every earthly good for her happi-A young man, of the name of B-----

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residing in Manchester, had for many A sudden and severe sickness came to, years been notorious for his profane and her while Raiph was in a distant city profligate way of life. Three times One day, during her slow recovery, the had he been laid upon what appeared, aged minister who had baptized her in to human judgment, his dying bed .her infancy, was sitting by her side. Three times had he most solemnly de-" Margaret," he said, after stead- clared his repentance, and vowed that fastly watching her troubled face, "you if it would please God to restore him are very unhappy; I have seen it for a to health, the remainder of his life long time. I should not recognize in should be dedicated to his Maker, his you my once cheerful, happy child .- Redeemer, his Sanctifier. Three times May I not know what great sorrow has did a merciful and long-suffering God come to you ?"

Then with sobs and tears she told sooner were his fears allayed, and prehim all her unhappiness. sent danger past, than he again return-After a short silence the old man ed to his sins, "as a sow that is wash. spoke again ; and there was sadness, al- ed, to her wallowing in the mire." 2 most sternness in his voice : "Years Peter 2: 22: and like the unclean ago, Margaret, a New-York merchant spirit in the parable, (Luke 11: 26,) became involved in a speculation, whose "The last state of this man became failure suddenly took from him the ac- worse than the first.'

cumulated wealth of his years of com- Once more he was laid upon the bed mercial enterprise. There were a few of dangerous and protracted illness : years of weary, vain struggling to re- the most dreadful anguish took possesgain what he had lost : then deep des- sion of his mind ; no prayers, no conpondency, a lingering disease, and versation appeared to impart one modeath. His wife and four children ment's hope or comfort. One day, were left penniless. The child, a boy when in an agony of despair, he asked of sixteen, had finished his preparatory the Rev. J. N., who was sitting by his studies, and was about to enter college. bed side, to request every member of By this stroke he found his prospects his family to retire into different rooms for the future clouded ; but, with a no- to pray for him. His friends immedible self-forgetfulness, he turned cheer- ately quitted him for this purpose, and fully into the way fate had marked out he was left alone. While they were for him, and walked resolutely in it. engaged in prayer, (and, as it afterwards

"He obtained a situation with a mer- appeared at the same moment,) these chant, who had known his father, where awful words were presented to the his faithfulness and untiring devotion minds of each, ' Because I have called, to his duties won the confidence of all and ye refused ; I have stretched out who knew him. During the first years my hand, and no man regarded ; but of her widowhood his mother had taught ye have set at naught all my counsel, a private school for young ladies ; and and would none of my reproof ; I also it was the boy's highest ambition to re will laugh at your calamity; I will lieve her of the necessity, and give her mock when your fear cometh.' Prov. the rest her feeble health required. I 1: 24, 26. Instantly, and as they excannot tell you all his privations, his pressed it, almost irresistibly, they willing sacrifice of every recreation, his arose from their knees, and rushed incontinued self-denial that he might to the chamber of the unhappy sufferlighten the burden of those so dear to er, when, as the door opened, the same fearful words, "I also will laugh at him.

"Year after year success crowned your calamity, I will mock when your his efforts. In the village where his fear cometh," were shricked out rather mother had passed the years of her than spoken, by the dying man. In childhood, and the first years of her an instant all was still; the silence of married life, he purchased a pleasant death succeeded to the scream of agoresidence for her; and then a lucrative ny, and the spirit had fled to its everbasiness being opened to him in the lasting destiny. 1 Cor. 10: 11, 12.

Reader ! these warnings are for you ! "At the time of his removal here, take heed, lest you fall after the same accident revealed to him the fact that example of unbelief. Now is your day the widow and invalid daughter of one of grace ! trifle not with your present whose fortune was, by his father's ad- convictions, lest you quench God's Hovice, risked in that unfortunate specu- ly Spirit; in mercy to your own soul, lation which had so changed his own "seek the Lord while He may be life, were living in extreme poverty .-- found, call ye upon him while He is To him they are indebted for the pleas near." Isa. 55: 6, 7; so shall ye obant home that now shelters them, and tain mercy, and find grace to help in for the delicate, thoughtful ministration time of need. Heb. 4: 14-16.

British Messenger.

amounts raised annually from that time worship can possibly administer. Suid an able and devoted minister of to the present :

Dant all above and beyone i manaber of					1
the gospel, 'Though I visit a dozen or	For the year	ar ending	May.	1847,	\$ 73.697 00
twenty families in a day, and pray in	11 1	- 14	64	1848,	62.613.00
	41		56	1849,	65,495 00
every house, yet I feel this cannot take				1850.	85,973.00
the place of private communion with	6.4	a.L.	**	2851.	113,80100
God. I must go to my heavenly father	46.5	(56	1852.	123,163.00
on my own personal account, and re-	14	1.6	**	1853.	166,90100
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fresh myself by secret intercourse with-		48	64	1~55.	164,33671
him, or my soul will pine and be	8.6	44	+1	1856,	172,65453
wreiched in its emptiness."	- 44	4.5	14	1857.	212,202 19
4. You need that acquaintance with	- 44	45	48	3858,	204.325 19

your own heart that secret devotion on- Thus it will be seen that the increase ly can give. In such contact with a has been gradual, but more than one hely God as is thus furnished, the soul hundred per cent. in ten years. Ten cassot but have impressive, humbling years from this time, if the Church be views of its own unworthiness. It is in true to herself, the amount raised anthe presence of and close connection nually will not be less than half a millwith the glorious luminary of the uni- | ion of dollars.

verse, and it cannot but be itself illu- The Church is growing and prosperminated by its beams. ing in all her interests, and a great and Beloved young disciple, the argu- glorious work is before her.

ments for the duty now urged multiply as thought is fixed upon it. Let the above suffice. The importance of regular, daily, secret prayer, a time and place, cannot be too earnestly urged upen you. Many a strong man has fallin the freshness and glow of his first en through a failure here. Many a love, I was visiting from house to house, beautiful flower has pined and withered. for it had not struck this root deeply into the earth. Let nothing seduce you pel upon every individual. from this imperious duty. Suffer no in the village tavera, presented a pecuother religious duty to take its place .--Put it in the fore-front of your most deeply felt obligations. It will give if had thought he became a Christian in a deeply felt obligations. It will give, if former revival, and then exhorted his faithfully performed, life and spirit and joy to all other religious duties. It will ric, and powerfully aid you in rapidly pidity, and fallen into open, flagrant strongly knit together the spiritual fabattaining Christian manhood. 'Whose Has not the grieved Spirit left him ut-

is wise will observe these things."

Death of an Old Disciple.

is not your soul as precious as those of The Doncaster Gazette, England, says others who are now anxious for their that 'the last link between the venerasalvation ?" His countenance grew ble founder of Methodism and the pressolemn, and tears started. He was the ent generation in Doncaster has been subject of thorough conviction, and of severed by the denuise of Mr. Thomas hepeful conversion, followed by credi-Naylor, who lately expired at his resi- ble evidence of true piety. dence in the Horse-fair, Doncaster .--He associated himself with Wesley ed, confirmed hardness of heart might when the latter visited that town, have ensued, and that young man's and had heard from his eloquent soul have been lost for ever. lips the message of glad tidings, as delivered in the open air in St. Sepulchre-gate, and in the presence of the poor. The rate-book of 1783 has

Resolve to be brief, as this is an age the following entry, under the head of St. Sepulchre-gate without the bar, of telegraphs and stenography. 2. Be pointed; never preach all north side : 'Owner, Mr. John Wesley; occupier, William Aldam; description round your text without hitting it. 3. State your proposition plainly, but of the property, house and stable. --Rateable value, £1 6s. 3d.' This clear- do not stop long to particularize. ly identifies the spot where Wesly first 4. Avoid long introductions ; but preached the word of truth. Mr. Nay- plunge into your sermon like a swimmer lor had been a member of the society into cold water. 5. Condense; make sure that you upward of seventy years, sixty of which were earnestly devoted to the duties of have an idea, and then speak it right out, in the plainest shortest possible

What is this World ?

a local preacher."

simply a preacher. A dream within a dream-as we A dream within a dream—as we grow older each step has an inward do avail yourself of help from any awakening. The youth awakes, as he source. But, in using helps, be sure thinks, from childhood ; the full grown you never make stilts of them, when

terms.

Hood on Dueling-

Jom Hood describes an intended dusi which was prevented by an amicable arrangement node upon the ground. The partiesfections of Miss Lucy Boli, find it necessary to appeal to arms : But first they found a friend spiece,

This pleasant thought to give-That when they both were dead they'd

Two seconds yet to live.

To measure out the ground, not long The seconds next forbore ; And having taken one rash step They took a dozen more.

They next prepared each pistol pan Against the deadly strife, By putting in the prime of death Against the prime of life.

Now all was ready for the focs, But when they took their stands, Fear made them tremble so they found They were both shaking hands.

Said Mr. C. to Mr. E., "Here one of us must fall. And, like St. Paul's cathedral now, Be doomed to have a ball.

"I do confess I did attach Misconduct to your name; If I withdraw the charge, will then-Your ramood do the same ?"

Said Mr. B., "I do agree ; But think of Honor's courts-If we be off without a shet There will be strange reports.

"But look ! the morning now is bright, Though cloudy it begun ; Why can't we aim above, so if We had called out the sun ?!"

So up in the harmless air Their builets they did send ;: And may all other duck have That upsnot in the end. The above is specially dedicated to divers and sundry honorable M. C 's who have been keeping the t legr ph operators busily occupied by getting up "splurges" and "reconcilintions.

> From the New York Observer. His Strength.

Pealm 71: 16. "I will go in the strength of the Lord God."

Without his help we could not go at all. In him we live and move and have our being. I am weak and weary, ready to faint and fail, and the way is rough, and steep, and long, and I have not strength to overcome. I have tried to go alone, and have fallen. "Hold Thou me up," or I shall fall

..... At the Prayer Meeting.

Question-How is it that you are always

West he came here.

to their daily comfort.

"Now, when the commercial world ing after it. How long did we conceive feelings are variable, I dare not trust them. man despises the pursuits of youth as your own legs are far better. again and perhaps perish by the way is clouded, and disasters crowd thick SIN .- We think to bind sin by our own this journey to be? In what part of our I take counsel of my church obligations The tempter is near, and never misses 8. Accept the Father's blessing; you lives did we expect to find the rest of faith rather than feeling. If I do not feel like and fast upon him, as upon others, his cords, as they bound Sampson ; but when visionary; the old man looks on man- are his servant, and can do nothing a chance to take me when I am at the and love? When were our groanings to going, I shill not probably feel more like anxious thoughts turn to the mother the strength of sin appears, these cords hood as a feverish dream. Is death the without it. weakest. My own strength is all weakit hy staying away. There is always a and suffering sister, in their little vilcease and our juy to be full? last sleep? No-it is the final awaness, and I must go in the strength of Brethren, such is the power of Divine blessing to be found at the prayer meet- lage home, whose comfort depends upon will Lecome as flax, burned with fire. Stop when you are done .- Western kening .- Sir Walter Scott. the Lord God. Hardcastle. Watch. Grace, that all these things might have ing. him; to the other lonely fireside, to