the happy are the apples, when the south winds

mot us of the orcharders the corn had guther on, happy are the apples when the south winds

in the happy harvest holds as the sun sinks low,

in happy are the apples when the south wind till the heart was full of feeling; Love had ripene

In the cappy harvest fields as the sun sinks low. a. Lappy are the apples when the south wind

and as lover's fickle on he sworn to faithless maids orehard breath like a mellow over happy harvest fields as the sun sinks low-

- lappy has vest delife as the sun sinks low

Sommunicated.

For the Advantage MEANT SALVATION -No. 4.

THE BEST OF THE ACT AND ESS.

of primary importance to be guarreplying to such an assault. with a clear analytical defi- and spirit" of my article has given of purpose of enforcing my proposition, May we not at fense to Father Blake, and probably which was, that the term of probation

assumption, because of supposed for the action of the General Conference, love. My point was, that the church might, perhaps, have much better served was in greater need of legislative ento-day no more understands my purpose, which was to have the actments upon the law of ministerial destring of predestination as the pro and con, in accordance with the part of our religious journals between Foreknowledge and apostle's advice, "Prove all things; would place the former subject promihold fast that which is good." Such nently before the church, and cause the discussion, if conducted in a proper pulpit to insist upon holiness of heart Lists, the terms sin and regenera- christian spirit, could not fail ultimate-We have no doubt of this, and ly, to prove beneficial in the councils of propose to give briefly our the church; and though now prema- Blake, in the words of Wesley: "Treat The this belief, and then state ture, would bring before the minds of me as you would desire to be treated

was an occasional touch of from the properties conditions, one who was an occasional touch of from the properties and the first properties and the properties of the first pro ungust, by reason of having vio- I have regretted, as being unnecessary me by the hand, and lead me as I am story.—Harpers' Magazine.

REV. J. B. BOBBITT, D. D., EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.]

of thought, to change them; generating from the field,

And so intellectual regeneration is at tives imputed to me by Father Blake.

rained. Next, by operating upon the My allusion to the "Great Iron Wheel"

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re fundamental in law.

conclude this discussion.

my position, after having stated that schism?

personal explanation.

Josh Billings, in one of his proverb

napers, remarks that a man's hind-

sight is a great deal better than his

foresight. I have sometimes felt for-

cildy the truth of this remark. The

more plainly than the ought-to-be. In

was intended to be humorous. I am

the action of General Conference in re-

storing the question about perfect love

necessary. Still, nobody can de-

that the attention of the church should

and life; but only the General Confer- dren?"

In conclusion, let me say to Father

mits of no exceptions."

gretted its form and, to some extent, its to the Discipline, as being un-

our Conference, and asking the reason be called to our doctrine of perfect

question at issue thoroughly discussed, probation. A concerted movement on

The Faith once delivered to the Saints.

TREV. H. T. HUDSON, Corresponding Employ.

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unjust. Not just, because no act has in the Nashville Advocate just before der to quicken my pace: I can go but been performed in accordance with the meeting of the General Conference. Some with the meeting of the General Conference. It is not be able to go at all. May I not remoral law. Not unjust, because no Nobody has yet shown that Dr. Sumact has been performed in ciolation of mers was wrong in endorsing Brother hard names in order to bring me into quest of you further, not to give me moral law. It is not worth the time Tigert, If it be a reflection on the the right way. * * * It would to refine upon these propositions. They good sense of the General Conference to you, and so get more and more out of are as adamantine in justness as they demur to their action, then by all means the way." And may God "prepare us for the let Dr. Summers be "hauled over the

Secondly. The next is a little more coals," for the reflection is the same hearts with his love, and with all joy knowledge of all truth, by filling our lifficalt to make plain, viz: "regenera" whether his opinion is expressed before and peace in believing."

WM. P. McCorkle. tion." It is certain that this cannot or after their meeting. And besides, take place in an infant. What is "re- much of the time of the Conference was THE SUSTAINING POWER OF generation?" It is to generate varw, consumed in the consideration of the

It is that act of the Holy Spirit in the "Dameron case," An overflowing soul, which, upon specific conditions, christian charity would present an exchanges it from natural enmity to the case for every supposed error, but does assurance it brings of eventual relief, relove of God. Now, let us reduce this not necessarily obligate us to regard ward and happiness. The Christian's to its proper analysis. Before this "re- the members of the General Conference faith in the promises of God-that if generation" can possibly take place in as infallible. A legal argument for the faithful until death he shall receive a any proper sense at all understood, there reversal of a judicial decision is not re- that endureth temptation, for when he must first have been in that subject to garded as a "reflection on the good is tried he shall receive a crown of life," be regenerated, the "natural enuity" sense" of the court appealed from. If -is a great incentive to fidelity, patience a God. What then is this "natural the "reflection" was contained in the and perseverance. For by faith he is entity?" It is of course the "carnal tone of my remarks, my acknowledgmind, i. e. thought, purpose, will; and ment above will, I trust, be deemed the best that this world can offer, and the deceitful or wicked heart, i. e. pass sufficient. And if Dr. Summers is bad its infinite compensations for patiently sion, feeling, desire. All these are evil authority; it those who assail me are to enduring the worst that this world can or "natural enmity." How then does shoot round him and bespatter me with inflict. Thus it was that Paul, "in the

regeneration take place? By the spirit a mixture of mud, mush and mustard, wrecks and perils, in weariness and perating, of course, upon the processes I am compelled incontinently to retire painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold better thoughts, purposes and volitions. Especially would I disclaim the most and nakedness," could yet say, "For I reckon that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in heart, through the intellect of course, in was not designed, as he intimated, to us. he processes of feeling, desiring and cast a sleer upon our itinerant plan.-

njoying, generating other and better This will be seen by reference to the enable it to endure "the sufferings of this present time." The hope of heaven cellings, desires, and enjoyments, and paragraph commencing, "I cannot agree so heart-regeneration is attained. Be- with those who regard the itineracy as in all the trials of life. If it were not ore, all these were "enunty against being merely the bulwark of Methodism, for the gracious ministrations of God's God " Now they seek God. All this Their view of its importance is too Spirit, which afford "present help in s easy and applicable to an adult. But narrow. It is the bulwark of christiane of trouble," we should frequently s it possible thus, (and if not in this tianity," etc. What I meant was, not vay, how !) to regenerate an infant ! to approve of either the vituperation of reward, but must enable us to lay hold only bring us the assurance of future Regeneration necessarily presupposes, Graves, or the billingsgate of Brown- of and become invested with the divine in the subject, material to be regenera- low, but to intimate that the cause for strength, which is offered to every beand, i. c. thought and feeling. But an all this decision on the part of our one- in the Lord and in the power of his liever and by which we are made strong infant has no processes of thought and mice ought to be removed. "The might-"strengthened with all might, teeling of a moral character. It is Episcopal Paw"—this jocose express according to his glorious power, unto all

f it should slap with its clubby hand lips of a worthy and venerable member the key that should spring a mine and of the Holston Conference, and I am suffering soul. It inspires it with the confident hope of eternal rest from suffering suffering soul. It is present that the spring is the confident hope of eternal rest from suffering soul. It is present that the suffering soul is the confident hope of eternal rest from suffering soul. kill thousands, or having strength surely not to be blamed for quoting my ing, and invests it with the strength of enough should misplace a switch and clders' jokes-"must be raised at least God himself, to enable him to do and wreck a train, no law-officer would be once in four years to take hold of every suffer his will. There are no trials uno stupid as even to think of arresting pastor." My position on that point as the point as such a faith as this. A man may be in the pastor of this such a faith as this. A man may be in the pastor of this such a faith as this. it, or in any way possible holding it afterwards stated was simply this; it such a fatth as this. A man may be in accountable. Would find do more? cannot be affirmed that the settled pas- take away all the other motives by If so, how? and where is the Scripture torate is useless, or inefficient, (I. c., which to react against authorized in the for it? One more short article will always) or contrary to the spirit of may be so conspired against and persecut-Christianity; neither can it be affirmed his pride and ambition and fortitude are that settled pastorates, under all circum- all gove; but if he have this availing. For the Advocate. stances, would be antagonistic to the anwayering faith in God, through CONSERVATIVE METHODISM." genius of Methodism, or fatal to the which he is "strengthened with might itineraal plan.' This was not a state- by his Spirit in the inner man," he will In the Anyocyre of Sept. 11th, Farment of individual opinion, so much as pair. Away down in the lowest depths ther Blake takes the present writer to a proposition announced for discussion of affliction, when the soul has met with task for certain expressions in his ar- by those who were requested to give crushing disasters, when mighty sorticle of August 7th, entitled "Conser-" "scriptural and philosophic reasons" to rows are upon him and thick darkness vative Methodism." It is not my wish the contrary I wrote as an inquirer is about him, he may still be enabled to to engage in controversy especially after truth, and not as a would be diswith one so far my senior. My respect turber of the peace and prosperity of for I am thy God, and I will help thee. for him whose eulogy has already been Methodism. In scripture it is said of When thou passest through the deep so justly promounced by "the beloved, the righteons man that God "maketh waters I will be with thee; and through the saintly "Markyrs in words so close even his enemies to be at pence with the rivers, they shall not overflow thee." The eternal God is thy refuge, and nuanent and tender, would prevent me him:" and I have somewhere read of an derneath are the everlasting arms." from replying to any argument coming old philosopher, who, being slandered, That faith which can lean on the Al-

posed, as I am, to imquire, fisten and mies will not be believed." I candidly hour, bearn. And beside this general reason, wish that our Methodistic polity could What was it worth to Paul? What I may add another, a specific reason, for be so far perfected that all reasonable has it been worth to Christian believers not re-stating the points made in the grounds of complaint, either on the and martyrs in all ages? Are any ssay which has called forth a reply part of friends or enemies, may be taken weighed down with many sorrows? Any from my venerable brother. Father away, by the adoption of such plans as than they can bear? There is one Blake contents himself with ridiculing may be deemed practicable." Is this source of support left you, which can bring hope and strength to your soul; the discussion of the question, was, in Again, as to that "Procrustean bed," and that is faith. Oh, ye tempest-toss his opinion, premature. Ridicale is not I think the same term occurs in Bro. argument in all cases, and when argu- Tigert's article, which, be it renem- sufficient for thee"; and "As thy days ment is formally waived, and ridicule bered, was endorsed by our venerable so shall thy strength be." Have faith is used instead, it is not necessary to Book Editor. It is, of course, an hy- in his promises .- New York Methoprolong a "premature" discussion by perbole, as well as a metaphor, and

A PRESIDING ELDER'S JOKE

But inasmuch as the "matter, form sorry I didn't select a better joke for the town, N. J., one day was on his way to others, I deem it due to myself that I should be determined by the gifts, Goodluck, a town in Ocean County, to should write a few words in the way of graces and efforts of the candidates," preach to the Society there. He changed cars at Farmingdale, taking the New and "not by an unbending rule that ad- Jersey Southern line to Tom's River, and thence he was to take a stage to his destination. When he entered the Now, I humbly submit that I did not cars the seats were mostly occupied. place 'conservatism' and 'entire sanctifi- He found a vacant one by the side of a cation' in juxtaposition to make both clerical-looking gentleman, made the ridicalous and contemptible.' I am down. As he did so he remarked: "I true love which only those who truly under the impression that one or more always like to get into good company : love can understand. And when God members of our delegation voted against vour appearance?"

"I am," was the reply, "and for the same reason I took you for one." "Yes. Of what denomination are

do you belong? "I am a Universalist, pastor of the Church at Hightstown, on my way to Goodluck to preach to-morrow.

"Any children?"

"Have you a pleasant home?" "Yes, as comfortable a home as any "Do you love your wife and chil-

"Love them? Of course I do. No man has pleasanter family relations than I have." "Then I wouldn't if I were y "Wouldn't what?"

and uncalled for. It was intended, able to bear," "I sincerely desire to be better informed. I say to God and however, to be good-humored. Now, as be better informed. I say to God and however, to be good-humored. Now, as be better informed. I say to God and however, to be good-humored. Now, as be better informed. I say to God and man, what I know not, teach thou ference of the Canada Methodist Church, Why, then, allow it, when we know For a child is neither just nor the opinions expressed by Dr. Summers treat you, not to beat me down, in or- bear our salutations to that body,

METHODIST MINISTERS AND "TERRIFY YOU BY LETTERS." THE SOCIAL ELEMENTS IN THE MONEY.

So certain is the Church of their coninned disentanglement that she asks the eternal army, "Are you in debt?" She knows of no way for them to meet obligations after entering this field. They have rations, and blanket, and root not in the earth but in the skies. Here they have no continuing city, they see't one to come, and all their work is arged on this basis.

When the Church has satisfied her elf that the candidate can start even. on a course of living from hand to mouth, she takes his most solemn pledge in presence of the assembled conference. ander the charge of the bishop, the high est officer in the Church, and before God's holy altar, that he will devote himself wholly to this work. The Church is clear and explicit. The deand is without ambiguity and the pledge is without reserve. So far as he Church is concerned, there is no expectation that her ministers will ever turn aside to serve tables or amass for-

The theory of the Church is that the unister will start out of debt, and hold s own. She demands his whole time when he is able to work, and she offers to nurse him when he is sick, and bury iim when he is dead. Every minister' life must be measured on this basis.

God does not expect a Methodis ninister to secure much of this world's goods. As seen above, the Church i onstructed to avoid this necessity. Hi for ly is provided for, on the whole lar better than the average of people i this world, and even better than the av eniefly luxuries), but he has good food ood raiment, little or no debt, good so al standing, chances for study, contact to the best society. He is not required to open the door of society with a golden key. It is opened for him by the Church. The things that give money its value are his without money. Culture, books, travel, by some chance, do holly nothing with reference to law, sion fell first in my hearing from the patience and long-suffering with joy."

This, then, is what faith does for the larger per cent of his class than of any large

> It is true that he often hungers for the flesh-pots of Egypt, but experiment shows that only harm comes from that hungering. God seems set against a world. His life-work is planned with another end in view Money never enters in the estimate, of his character. People never ask how much money he is worth, but is he spiritual, thoughtful. s. adious, useful?

We have never known a single case in which the usefulness of a Methodist preacher has been increased by his being them. A man may inherit money, and use it as if it were not his own, but his even then his value turns on that which

many ministers to destroy their influence for good by their devotion to the certisition of or care for money. There is hardly a fault or sin that will kill a treacher's usefulness so unickly as the co vection in the community that he is devoted to money-making. It saps the very foundations of confidence. He may rom such a source, even were I not dis- said, "I intend to live so that my one- mighty Arm can sustain in the darkest be honest; but if he is seeking money with noticeable zeal, men feel that he is sailing under false colors. He can have but one e defend. If that end is money, it can not be couls, and the flavor of his life is worldly .- New York Christian

TAKEN AWAY.

Death came and touched with fey hand my babe. And hid the violet eyes in drifts of snow; Gathered the roses from the dimpled cheeks: But where they bloomed he left a pale rose leaf, In token that my darling aid but sleep. Ah me the sleep that never breaks on earth, He wreathed a smile about the lips, and framed In rings of burnished gold the snowy brow; Then bade us bring the fairest buds in bloom, White stars of Bethlehem, gleaming fresh with dew, And strew them o'er my sleeping angel-babe. In memory of the Heavenly Child of yore; Then raised it, wrapped it in his sable robe, And took it home to God.

> 4. GOD'S LOVE TO MAN.

you are a clergyman, I presume, from loves us, his heart goes out toward as, and with his heart all that he can be stow. All the preciousness of his promises, all the gifts of his Spirit, are at our disposal, if only our hearts are open to quiry, conched in respectful terms, addressed to some prominent member of that the attention of the day of his power. "I am a Methodist, presiding elder receive them in the day of his power. beginning of Christian experience, the fulness of Christian joy. That God should love me, and vet refuse me anything for my good, is as utterly impossi ble as that he should cease to be God. To suppose that Christ can have suffered for me, and yet, in sight of his cross, deny me the needful grace to carry it after him-O rather than think this, let us boldly say at once that he died in vain !- Bishop of Rochester.

explorer of Africa, was weighed a few days since at the World's Exposition in arts keep no his noble work of diffusing Church honors those who question first Wouldn't leave a comfortable home and a happy family in such a storm as this, and make a long and tellow journels, then, justification is that state will probably take place just before the will probably take place just before the will propose of scripture. And if I in the leave a comfortable home and a happy family in such a storm as this, and make a long and tellow journels, and make a long and tellow journels, and make a long and tellow journels, and make a long and tellow journels would be of use in the discussions that this, and make a long and tellow journels, and make a long and tellow journels. The promises of Jesus are not to us like the legacies of one long dead: they are not the words of ministry and laity facts which yourself, upon a Fairbanks' standard scale. His weight was found to be 1631 pounds, or 32 pounds more than when he left the have yet known. Shew me it is so, by the proposition is that state with the promises of Jesus are not to us like the legacies of one long dead: they are not the words of merely a great late. Paris upon a Fairbanks' standard scale. useful information. which may exist in conse-meeting of our next General Conference. Plant plant

Anxiety is the poison of life, the pa- er .- Wm. M. Taylor. m infant, it does not "justithe infant, it does not "justier's hand ?-Blair.

St. Paul was a gentleman. He did not belong to the Old School, but most

"Search and see " th's prodicty of experience was born and gets, without the heart of a single triend reared, and by what arts he has escaped where they can find sympathy of amuseis particular item in "our woes." To ment when they feel sluggist or downthis end, we have made inquiries -sun- east.

Paul, has had no successor in this apos deship or out of it. Nobody will make and receive, should distinguish it. his quality of his a study. No one's

Letter, containing as many queries as pit.

ing to know how sweet potatoes can be minated, or cows be made to stop kickrepriety of taxing dogs, and whether Birley, in Christian Register. eep, while dogs are loose tramps, can be made profitable without a provision in the State Constitution securing to sheep life, liberty and protection. "Much must be left unsung." Yet should we we omitted Letters of Advice, Suggesso handsomely presented to your confilence and regards, or of Letters imploring the loan of money for a few days-

"All these and more come trooping. hazards. All for the want of admiring comfort. Napoleon used to tell his sec-

geological days, most likely.

him .- Wesleyau Advocate. farnishes the interesting information yards are imported." Whether we are should not be violely silenced. Henry M. Stanley, the justly famous Washington this wonderful news would let it be impressed upon those who as-

It believed were bound to be saved, posure and suffering he has experienced are not the words of merely a great are manifest in his appearance. He is philosopher, like the Grecian sage, that we must render hereafter. He dewhom death has severed from all per-The Universalist was fond of a joke. Who was an occasional touch of irony, which to leave it, labor with me a little, take to leave it, labor with me a litt present, though unseen, friend; and, when so accepted, they are full of pow-

FATHER: 'What is this bag made of, Oxhide of leather, pa,"

CHURCH.

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In the duty of every true follower of likely was a remote progenitor, or, in Christ, the love of our neighbor come such candidate for the royal honor of modern speech, an evolutionary germ of next after the love of God. In point of enrollment among these minute men of that school. Any way, he considered fact, the love of our neighbor is the very manners a part of morals. He put the field on which we are to show our love details of conduct under the eye of con- for God - the very soil in which it alon science, and held sentiment to be a can grow. But how can we love this weight of much value in the scales of neighbor, if we do not even know him, tent, and honorable burial. They take judgment. Witness his anxiety, lest he but stare at him in church or street as hould "terrify by letters!" A man if he were a Kahnuek Tartar? Is the who had reached that state was "mighty neighbor whom the Christian is to love nigh" the highest peak among the moun- nothing but an abstract, ideal being tains of life. Evidently it cost him Or rather is he not just this man who something to practice this virtue. Were sits at your right every Sabbath morn not his "letters" more than an offset to ing; this poor widow whose children his personal appearance? Whether he have lately come into your Sunday was "an ugly little Jew," as M. Renan school; this young clerk who boards next calls him, or not, his enemies said that door, and who so modestly steals into his "bodily presence" was "weak," ad- the back pew at evening service? And mitting, however, that his letters were love, is it some unreal, transcendental weighty and powerful." A man as- emotion? Or not rather that which sailed on the score of bodily presence, moves to the cordial hand-grasp, the who had such a weapon as great episto- pleasant smile, the cheery greeting lary gifts, must have been tempted to Yes, the courtesies of friendship, the enlight back. Yet he refused. And that livenment and relaxation of the social piece of self-denial ought to have a place game, the interchange of thought where in the Fifth Gospel, which is the lives mind strikes mind these are among the chief promoters of human happing Have you ever been terrified by let- And conversely, to half the families is ters? Do you know of any man who the land there is, perhaps, no source of has not? Have you read of such a case? unhappiness so great as that they are "Twould indeed be left by their neighbors nurseognized, a help to believe that one such blessed without the kindly glance of an acquaint mortal existed. Report that man at ance to brighten their eye, without a these "head-quarters" and specify where | brotherly hand-grasp to warm their fin-

> bry, multitudinous, pathetic-but in It is the business of a Christian ain. A modern Corinthian, who has church to supply these. It should stand of been terrified by letters, cannot be in the community as the hearthstone of found in Georgia, certain; and we doubt a grand family. It should be the purhe survives, unless it be in Patagonia. veyor of pure companionships, delicate, The only bliss left us is to imagine this benevolent, generous sympathy for the happy Corinthian, who, among his many perplexed, and help for the afflicte. nercies, could count on this -there was All the soc ability, entertainment, and ne man on the face of the earth, who joy, all the generous affections, friendli could not terrify him by letters. 'Tis ness, cheer and aid, that congenial sad to think that this good man, St. minds, moved by the same faith and moving on to the same beaven, can give The cordial and neighborly band

ambition takes this turn. "Be ye fol. shakings after the benediction, expresslowers of me," in not terrifying by let- ing our love to our neighbor, should be ters, is all unheeded, and the con- as much a part of divine service as the a modern Frenchman : "Correspon- God. The week-day meetings for mu- ful if Christian people have even begun dence is the calamity of the 19th cen- tual acquaintance and innocent annusement ought to be held as regularly as forces, that scientists have made in de-As to the many arts of terrifying by the Sunday meetings for prayer and inletters, it's just no use to go into speci- struction. The committee to welcome als. Not only would "time fail," but strangers and make thear feel at home every thing else. Hints were invented in the society they have connected them. for emergencies such as these. And selves with should be counted as imporhints we give. Here is the Question tant as the committee to supply the pul-

hotel, every item particularized, butter, that gathers on Sunday within the salt, pepper, etc., the whole several yards | meeting-house walls, until they are thus Then the Inquiry Letter, wish- bound together in the bonds of friendly fellowship, they no more constitute a kept from frosting, or bed-bugs exter- church than a pile of boards do a home. The ecclesiastical edifice where people ing. Still worse, the Literary Letter, meet on Sunday, without ever-entering asking you to read a manuscript of 1. into any social connections, without Let us learn their hidden uses, and get 2621 pages, much of it to be deciphered forming any friendly ties, without the all the good work we can or, of them not by the eye but by the fancy. Close newcomer ever receiving any word of -Flint, Mich. on the heels of that, the Interviewing | welcome, better be shut up at once and Letters, begging your opinion on the turned into an ice-house. James T

THE DUTY OF LOYAL CRITI-

The Methodist Church is large and da or Cravat Goose. During the sum be unfaithful to this high endeavor, if influential. Its members love it and des mer these birds seek the more remote sire that all men should speak well of it. tion, Criticism, Rebuke, to say nothing Hence they are pained by criticism, and Bay territory; on the first approach of of Letters of Recommendation, when the the critic is frowned upon and made to cool weather they return southward in writer is evidently ignorant of the party feel that he has not chosen the flowery great numbers, and distribute themselves

Church is right and proper. Its mem- great part of the neck, the quill feathers bers should be loyal, and be ever ready And thus and "thusly" are men ter- or foes. But impatience should not be bird has received the name of the Cravat rified by letters, as if human nature were shown at kind and loving criticism. He Goose; the back and wings are gravisl not loaded down heavily enough, poor who works hard and well to advance the brown, the breast and belly pure white thing, and Adam's fall, "with all our interests of the Church must not be callwoes," must needs be supplemented by ed an illustured fault-finder and a trai- hearing, they are surpassed by no bird this extreme addition to probationary tor because he utters a doubt about the whatever; and they are at all times so hazards. All for the want of admiring authorities of the Church. Let him uttremely rare to surprise them. They Unless we can reinstate St. P. as a ter his opinions. The Church is strong act as sentinels toward each other, and model of perfect manners, we shall have enough to hear him. If he speaks wise-during the hour at which the flock reto give up some of our hopes of earthly ly, heed him, and if he utters foolishness, poses one or more of the birds stand or bear with him in his folly. Better, far the watch. No sooner has the female retary that such and such letters need- better, to treat him with forbearance goose laid her first egg, than her bold ed no reply; they would answer them- than with abuse. For let this be re- mate stands almost erect by her side, and selves in a few days, or his cannon membered-infallibility is not in the the least noise brings from him a sound would answer them. But we are not Methodist Church any more than in the of anger. Should be spy a raccoon make Nanoleons. We are more like the Eng- Roman Catholic Church. The Foard of ing its way among the grass, he walks lish physician who said: "At times, for days, I cannot open one of my letters." There was a "terrified" man! ways be wisely made. The publishing away. If a bear, a congar, or any other How he felt, we exactly know. By way house of the Church may make a blun- large wild animal, approaches, the birds of "diagnosis," he declared that he had der in business. Even the General Conthe dyspepsia so badly that he was not ference-incredible as it may seem-be to the nearest water, swim to the mid equal to the task of reading letters. The guilty of a piece of unwise legislation, dle of the pond or river, and there regood man must have been mistaken. It Mark this, we do not say that it has main until danger is over. From man was the instinct of self-preservation that been—only that it may be. Let us all they cannot escape so readily, whether rose up in his defence, "unbeknown" to confess that "to err is human," and to they betake themselves to the air or the out a man in office is not to make his water, and the flesh of this bird affords judgment faultless. But if men err, a great part of the winter supplies of the J. J. Henderson, Consul at Amoy, why shall we not thank the critic who that "no less than 8,000,000,000 yards for and should be thanked. If he is an of cloth are required to clothe the Chi- editor of one of the Church papers he nese people, and yet only 1,000,000,000 should be told that he is needed, and cumscribed on all sides, and supported

infer from this that seven-eighths of The Methodist Church needs Metho the Chinese people don't wear any dist critics. It will never do to say that encroachments. In this state men have clothes, or that native manufacture sup- statements made or measures proposed a right to do whatsoever the laws perplies that proportion with necessary by even the highest officers in the arments, is not clear. If the former is Church must be unquestioned. Let the do what they forbid, he would no longer the case, the subject deserves immediate critics live. Criticism, even if now attention by Sunday schools and by and then it be the fruit of ignorance or those benevolent ladies who spend their jealousy, is far better than no criticism spare time in making raiment for the at all. It looks as though we were in heathen. That seven-eighths-about the wrong when we betray undue sen-350,000,000-of the Chinese are with- sitiveness in the face of an adverse comout clothes may well draw a tear and a ment. Let us hear all sides of the quesnickel even from Kearney himself. But tion, and let us learn from either friends licentiousness and tyranny .- Methodist for the Frandulent State Department at or foes if they have aught to teach. And Recorder. and then approve, rather than those who. for the sake of policy, approve every The promises of Jesus are not to us thing without a question .- Methodist.

---God demands an account of the past mands an improvement of the present, and this we must render now .- W plows can be run on an ordinary plow

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BY EGBERT L. BANGS.

Suppose an ignorant Hottentot should ick up a finely finished rifle that some xplorer had lost. He might use it as a dub, and would doubtless consider it a ment improvement upon his own rude verpous. But its real capabilities he would never suspect. What would be think if its owner should appear and entertain him with an exhibition of its hooting qualities? The tea-kettle boil ed every day for centuries, and the cup that cheers but not incbriates' was enjoved at countless firesides. By and by thoughtful observer caught a new idea rom the steaming tea kettle, and where should we be now if deprived of all the wonderful aid that steam gives us? Lightning, too, is as old as the rainbow, to take it and make it our servant. We tre perhaps only just beginning to learn he hidden uses of electricity. Marvelas it seemed and marvelous it was that messages could be sent by electricity almost as fast as thought can be sent, and so far. And now, the very tones of the voice and the notes of music are sent from one place to another, by the same subtle power. Steam and electricity are as old as the world, but the uses they can be put to, the work that can be got out of them, we have not half learned yet. We have, however, learned much about the hidden uses of known physical powers. The rocks that made Hell iate so dangerous were blown up at the ouch of a child's hand, but that little hand held the key of the situation. Have we learned as much about the hidden powers of spiritual forces as we have of shysical? Not yet-but we are learn ng something. The wonderful power of praying men in ancient times seems bnost incredible. Like a miracle, it is

something outside of and beyond our ex-And yet, when we come to study the conditions under which such marvelous results were secured, we find as the foundation of success simply faith. Both faith and prayer are well-known spiritual forces. All Christians talk about them, but how little have we done towards getting from themall that could be gotten. They should be remembers newers in th of redeeming the world, but it is doubt to make the progress, in applying these veloping the hidden uses of physical expression "co-operative prayer," Why co-operative prayer as in co-operative industry of any kind? Why is it that we look so confidently for blessings to we recognize the bower of Christian co-operation, specific objects, are key Christians are concentrated upon them of concentration as soon as the week of prayer is over? In faith, love, and ficient power to win a world to Christ

THE CANADA OR CRAVAT

There are many varieties of wild inited States is the one called the Cana districts of Labrado, and the Hudson over the Northern, Middle, and Weste n Within certain limits this love for the States. The bill, the feet, the head, a and the tail, are black; there is a small to defend it against the attacks of rivals white patch on the throat, whence this In kecaness of sight and acuteness of

immediately betake themselves in silence inhab tants of British Ame ica.

The state of liberty is that alone which has its proper limits. It is cirby laws calculated to prevent men from making, and secure them from suffering, be possessed of liberty, because all his power. And if all could do the same thing, all would be in a state of licentiousness. Liberty, then, has its limits; and those limits are the laws which protect it equally from its two deadly foes,

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