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## POETRY.

For the Christian Messenger. The Good and Right.

BY MARION HARVEY. Shadows falling darkly O'er the path of life, Tired eyes vainly seeking

For the good and right.

Oh! for light to guide us Through life's tangled maze Oh! for light to bear us Over thorny ways.

Been so far withdrawn? Light divine that cheered us Gone,-forever gone? Sick and faint and weary,

Has the hand that led us

Waiting, sore opprest, For the nearing haven, Calm, eternal rest.

Star divinely beaming, Star of hope and love, Draw our earth-worn spirits To sweet rest above.

Send thy silver radiance Through the solemn night Light the way which leads us To the good and right. March 31st, 1876.

### RELIGIOUS.

The N. Y. Hippodrome Convention.

connection with the meetings under Messrs. Moody and Sankey, and held in the Hippodrome, New York, was attended by a large number of ministers and others. It appears to have duty but because they delight to go, it been carried on largely in the form of would be a great help to a minister in questions, and answers given to them by Mr. Moody and others. We give a few of these as specimens, and as suggestions for our brethren.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Mr. Moody said: I have come to the conclusion, that if we are going to have successful gospel meetings, we have got to have a little more life in them. Life is found in singing new hymns, for instance. I know some churches that have been singing about a dozen hymns for the last twenty years, such hymns as " Rock of Ages," "There is a fountain filled with blood," etc. The hymns are always good, but we want a variety. We want new hymns as well as the old ones. I find it wakes up a congregation very much to bring in now and then a new hymn. And if you cannot wake them up with preaching, let us sing it into them. I believe the time is coming when we will make a good deal more of just singing the gospel. Then when a man is converted let us have him in these meetings giving his testimony.

churches?

saying, "Wait until the good time minutes he can't at all. Give out the comes to favor Zion." The point is to subject a week ahead, let the minister make the good time come anyway. take five or ten minutes in opening, Go to work. They have got no and then let the different ones take calendar in heaven. God can work part. That would be greater variety. one month as well as another, and he is always ready when we are ready.

and there is no special feeling among took part they were very interesting, the people, would you call in outside and when he didn't they seemed very help? Would you commence the dull. effort by calling in at once outside help?

Mr. Moody-That is a very important question. If I were a minister in a community or a church, and could not get more than one or two to sympathize with me, I would just get them around to my study, and we would pray and go forth in the name of the pose of a prayer-meeting-the conver-Lord and say, "We are going to have a meeting," and there will be an interest break out. Three men can move any town. If you are going to wait until the whole church gets aroused, you will have to wait a long time. Get

as many as you can, and God will stand ple to pray and speak in the prayer- him. Nearly all the conversions in have him instead of an instrument, but if by you.

Q. Is it best to put a test question

in a church, asking those that are anxious for their souls to arise, or rather go to another room?

Mr. Moody-I think so. If any man is going to be saved, he is going to take up his cross, and if it is a cross, I would like to ask him to do it. What you want is to get them to do something they don't want to do, and it is a great cross generally for people to rise for prayer: but in the very act of doing it they are very often blessed. It is letting their friends know that they are interested, and are on the Lord's side. I have found in the last three years that it has been a great you took it into your own hands. help to us. In fact, I don't think I should attempt to have meetings with- he don't obey, what then? out the inquiry-room. People are sometimes impressed under the sermon, but what you want is to deal with them personally. Here and there one is converted under the sermon, but for will come and take his place. every one converted under the sermon hundreds are converted in the inquiry-

PRAYER-MEETINGS-HOW TO CONDUCT THEM.

Mr. Moony then introduced the other topic of the morning - How to conduct prayer-meetings and make them successful? I have noticed, said he, in travelling up and down the country, and after mingling with a great many ministers, that it is not the The Convention recently called in man than can preach the best that is the most successful, but the man that knows how to get his people together to pray. If we could only have our prayer-meetings what they ought to be, and people go, not out of any sense of

> I find it a great neip in prayer meetings to get the people right up close together, and then get myself right down among them. I believe many a meeting is lost by the people being scattered.

Another important thing is to see that the ventilation is all right. Sometimes I have been in rooms where I think the air must have been in there five or six years. You cannot always trust the janitors to take care of it. The people get sleepy, and you think it is your fault. Very often such a thing is the fault of bad ventilation. See that you get fresh air-not too hot, and not too cold, but pure.

Have once in a while a thanksgivingmeeting. It wakes up a church wonderfully once in a while to let the young converts relate their experiences. What are you going to do with these men that talk so long? I would talk to them privately, and tell them that they must try to be shorter. And it is a good thing sometimes for ministers themselves not to be too long. Sometimes they read a good deal of Scripture, and talk until perhaps only fifteen min-Q. Would you start a meeting when utes are left, and they then complain beone else, talks too long. Just let the When a man takes part he gets greatly interested himself. It was pretty true Q. Suppose the minister is interested what the old deacon said, that when he

Q. Suppose one, two or three brethren come to the prayer-meeting, and there are thirty sisters, how are you

going to get along? sisters take part.

Q. What should be the main pursion of sinners, devotion, or the edification of saints?

Mr. Moody-I should say that the prayer-meeting ought to be for the edification of saints and devotion.

meeting?

and my practice another. I have always advocated open prayer-meetings, came so large we often had mentalking and talking and not saying anything, and others who had come hundred miles just to be present at that meeting, and so we have had to put it circus building where it was held, and it is given out as a hymn. into the hands of those on the platform. Still, I stick to my theory that it is better to have an open meeting. You sometimes get things that grate upon your nerves, but at the same time you get things that you would not get if Q. If you tell a man to be short and and watching for souls.

Mr. Moody-I would have a bell. Q. Suppose you drive him away by the converts.

that method, what then?

Mr. Moody-Let him go. Five men Q. What does the Scripture teach

that women should do in prayer-meet-Mr. Moody-It teaches that they

should pray like all the rest of them. WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

who said:

well introduced by Dr. H. C. Fish, just redeemed from spiritual ignorance, requested me to open this discussion, in their new life should therefore be except possibly that he is familiar with | this training in the Bible. In relation to the fact that for a long time I have had the training in the worship of God, the something to do with the inquiry-meet- speaker contended that the convert ings of about 1,200 souls, whom I have should have perfect freedom in talking had the joy and privilege of introduc- with his Father, and should receive ing into the ristian church of New- the encouragement of the church in his between and handling niture negative room, places in the church's ranks, and accomministry where the inquiry-room has plish their share of its work. It was not been an important feature. I in- the pastor's duty to study the converts tend in the future to make much more capacities, and to assign him to the of it than I have ever done, and never | duty for which he was best fitted, and to have a service-unless it be an un- not, as was frequently done, where no usual case-in which the inquiry does judgement or discrimination was exernot form a part. I believe we are ac- cised, try to fit "square blocks in round customed, all of us, to set our nets and holes." Addresses followed by Rev. not to draw them. When I was at the Drs. Deems and Pulmer. Sea of Galilee I forced my oars in as far as I could, and the fishes ran up in plenteous numbers to see what was going on, but I did not carch a single one. The next day a friend of mine caught one fish, and the sea was full of them. Jesus said, "I will make you fishers of men." Wiere there are such multitudes of souls, we ought to catch some of them. I think the place to eatch souls is the nquiry-room. One Sunday night I as saying from my pulpit that hand-icked fruit was the best kind of fruit that the orchardman does not pick up ie fruit that falls on on the ground anout it away to keep late in the seasonbut he gets the fruit that is picked ce by one, apple by apple, from the ough carefully, and puts it away tekeep. I said handthere is no special interest in the cause Deacon Smith or Jones, or some picked fruit is wit we want. An old woman who he been going to my Mr. Moody-Certainly I would. A minister strike the keynote of the church a great hile when she heard good many are folding their arms and meeting, and if he can't do that in ten this began to ork. The next night she brought herusband to the meeting. He said: "Fetwenty years I have not darkened t door of a church of God, but my we has been teasing me so much all da to come here to-night I had to come "Yes," the old woman said, "I ought I would try and

> at home and k him." Dr. Bootaddressed the meeting, after which Moody said:

do some of theork you told us about

last night. Mhusband was the near-

est to me, andthought I would begin

in the gallewhere they can watch for music to the human voice. Q. Do you believe in calling on peo- him after meeting and talk with whose voice was strong enough, I would hour would bring us to some place or

that church during the last fifteen not, I would have some one who could Mr. Moody-My theory is one thing months had been made through that in- play theorgan in the proper key, and then

saw men talking to other men here and there. I said to the secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association who got up the meeting, "Who are those men?" He said, "They are a band of workers." They were all scattered through the hall, and preaching

I do not see how men can preach without inquiry-meetings. I like to see

DR. STEPHEN H. TYNG, JR, said the failure of young converts in the past was, he thought, chiefly attributable to joy. Its construction has now been the lack of systematic training for work | completed and the ceremony of its by the church. There were three distinct departments in this training: First, the training in the Word; second, training in worship; and third, training in the work of the church. Young converts needed to be instructed in the Inquiry Meetings .- This subject was text of the Word, for having been but they could not be expected to be fa-I do not know why Mr. Moody has miliar with the Bible. The first step ession of their faith. efforts to address the Almighty. As them have con hrough the church was a body of workers, the

THURSDAY MORNING,

Mr. Sankey opened the question, " How shall the Service of Song be conducted in the Lord's Work?" He

I shall not go into any long disquisitions on the subject, but I will speak upon the practical bearings of the question, How can we use the power of

Singing is a great power. Why the little book that contained some of our songs published in England, has taken such a hold of the people, that the sale has equalled 5,000,000 copies. They have been the translated into many languages. I think I have seen the bookin twenty or thirty languages.

In the church I wouldn't have an choir. You knew our success.

the minister, so that they can counsel sent our bedding and trunk, etc., to together. The singing should be under the control of the office bearers and extra expense. We were shown into a the minister. I would also remove all compartment that was separated from the screens from before the choir. the others only by iron bars. The seat Let them be in full view of the people. was a hard board and of course with-The choir ought to be taught to listen out springs. We had a leather valise to the sermon.

the people can follow him. Bring in A man was speaking about Christians | new hymns now and then. The quesbut when our noon prayer-meetings be- recognizing each other in heaven and tion of introducing new tunes into the some one said, " I wish he would service of the church is a very imporwhom we did not know coming up and preach about recognizing each other on tant one. Now and then a new tune earth," In one place where I preached should be introduced. The best plan I where there was no special interest, I have found is that the tune should be looked over the great hall of the old sung as a voluntary frequently before

#### Educational Items.

GIRLS' SCHOOLS IN JAPAN .- A girls' school was recently established in Tokio, Japan, at the opening of which the Empress made the following ad-

"Upon hearing last year that this school was about to be established in order to foster the growth of education for girls, I was unable to contain my opening has been performed. My earnest desire is that this school may henceforth be prosperous, and that I may eventually see the beautiful fruit of female education appear in profusion throughout the whole of the land."

EACH SCHOLAR in the Boston Latin school costs the city \$240 a year.

FRANCE has one school for each five hundred inhabitants, and thirteen scholars in each hundred souls. In 1872, thirty per cent. of the population could neither read nor write, the greatest ignorance prevailing in the western departments.

Of the twelve hundred teachers employed in the schools of New York city, over eight hundred are women. Yet the lace than four hundred man manaira other words, the women teachers do more than two-thirds of the work for less than half the pay.

Iowa does not seem inclined to encourage compulsory education. A bill lately introduced into the Legislature, requiring children between seven and fourteen years of age to attend school at least twelve weeks each year, was indefinitely postponed.

# FOREIGN MISSIONS.

A letter from A. V. Timpany

Mr. Timpany gives the readers of the Canadian Baptist some further account of his tour in India. He was proceeding in a northerly direction, and as it is desirable that we should become as well acquainted as possible with India, where our Foreign Missionary work is being done, we copy his

"At Hourah we met some of the

brethren going the same way as ourselves. Some for Allahabad, some for artistic quartette choir. They can't Delhi. We were not rich enough to praise God for the congregation. I travel first-class, or get second, but would have, instead, a large Christian took what is called "intermediate class." choir. We have made it a rule in our The ticket for 450 miles was about meetings to have only Christians in our \$5.50. We were green as to Indian Railroads and learned a little by the I would have the choir seated near time we reached Benares. We had Secunderabad over 2000 miles, to save for our pillow and a dressing gown and A large organ sometimes drowns the rubber coat to otherwise comfort ourvoices of the choir, so I would advise selves. It was beautiful moonlight that a small organ be used. It is not and too cold as soon as we were well If the miters would encourage the fault of the organ but of the player. out of the low flats of the Ganges for their membe to be scattered among If a large organ can be played softly, just us to sleep much, and when we did man's meeting, and go on and have the the audience never mind their pew loud enough to lead the people, it will sleep it was not of grassy mounds or but sit back the door if need be, or do very well. But nothing is equal Eden's bowers that we dreamed. When day dawned we were passing the faces of saudience, it would be a In a prayer-meeting, if you have a through a beautiful country. There good thing. Scotland I met a man Christian man who is a good singer, I were low rocky hills with fine fertile who with twife would go and sit would have him lead the singing. In valleys between, and here and there among them they said, to watch for regard to an instrument at the prayer- we looked out in the distance upon the souls. Whithey saw any one who meeting, some are opposed to it and boundless valley of the sacred river. seemed impsed they would go to some not. It I had a good singer, one We were riding fast and every half

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