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try of the garrison champlain, Dr Twining, yet one loves to hear others testify to his faiththat the great change was begun and establish- fulness and g ed. An earnest sermon on the duty of the under these influences often met together in personal use of the Bible arrested his attention. a tent for reading and prayer. A light from On opening the precious volume, the words heaven shone in that tent, and shone from it which speak of the blood which " cleanseth too. One of the number, Captain Craigie, fell from all sin," took forcible hold upon his mind. the week before his friend. Others have sur-With characteristic honesty of spirit, he resolv- vived to express the grief with which they feel cd that the duty of regular reading of the Scriptures should never be omitted. He saw In the midst of all this there was the frequent not yet to what it would lead him; but it was wish "for a brush with the Russians," a duty, and it should be done. With charac- a readiness, and almost a desire, for a soldier's teristic openness and courage he placed a death. It was not only natural courage which on his table, that his brother offi-show that he meant henceforth to the life. Scenes of astonishment arge Bible Michaele and anger, ensued; but He nearly missed the kind of death which the open Bible survived them, and accomplishhe would have chosen; for, on the morning of ed its intended work of banishing from that January 5, he was found insensible. He had the before. Meantime, the great truth which had so vividly shone upon him from its pages became the life of his soul, and free forgive-ness through the blood of the cross was thenee-forth the great truth which had so vividly shone upon him from its pages became the life of his soul, and free forgive-ness through the blood of the cross was thenee-forth the great truth which had so vividly shone upon him from its pages became the life of his soul, and free forgive-ness through the blood of the cross was thenee-forth the great truth which had so vividly shone upon him from its pages but he himself was restored for a few more weeks of faithful service, and for a nobler end. room the language which had been heard in ness through the blood of the cross was thence-forth the centre of his thoughts and fountain of his hopes. Thus the Word of God was the instrument, and the cross of Christ was its "power," and the religion thus formed bore the stamp of its origin in a character eminently simple and <text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text>

very warm and tender domestic affections. On
Christmas-day 1848, his mother received the
letter which accorded a commission to her son.
On Good Friday 1855, a despatch, written by
the same hand, informed her in what manner
the carcer then opened to him had been closed.
At parting, she placed a Bible in his hand,
which was neglected, and even lost: and his
life for several years, first in the Mediterraecan and afterwards in the West Indies, was
that of a young soldier, foremost among his
icompanions in enterprise and amusements, but
living wither for doi in the world. In Jamaica,
the cholera raging around him, and sweeping
of tare of thousands of the inlabitants, awoke
a greater seriousness of mind; and his letters
spoke the language of remorse for particular
errors and deficiencies towards his earthly parents, but not yet of any return to God.
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And life seems but a gloomy waste Of death-encircled years.

We miss them, O we miss them then

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and the liquors themselves were sent by pro-fessing Christians. Then look at our new colonies. Australia

Around God's altar, who With youthful hearts we first did meet, And found the Saviour there. Then hopes were high, and life was young, And all devoid of tears— Alas ! dark shadows from their graves Now point to vanish'd years.

We miss them here : but in that clime Where death is never known We'll hail them with the kiss of peace, And find a tearless home Their father, mother, kindred, friends-The sanctified and blest-Shall sing the sunny years away, And rest, with Jesus rest.

Things New and True about Missions.

Then look at our new colonies. Australia fills fast with men of our nation and faith. It should soon be a bright light of one quarter of the world. Meanwhile Popery strives hard to seize its energies and pervent them for the spread of darkness. Enlightened far-seeing Christian endirective visits on that day, and think and converse on world-ly matters, and read irreligious books and se-cular newspapers? What is your evidence that you are a Christ tan ?—if we may be allowed to ask a reason Christ is energies and pervent them for the spread of darkness. Enlightened far-seeing Christians here mourn the great numbers, re- of the hope that is in you. Have you any, sources, and success of Popish priests there, except that you are a member of a Church, sources, and success of repair prior in the provided which is just none at all? Could you prove and some few dozen of evangelical ministers are sent to uphold the old orthodox faith.— But Popery is the religion of sensuality and ignorance, and liquor is fast pioneering the hate sin? Do you feel that you justly deserve hate sin? Do you feel that you justly deserve hate sin? Do you feel that you prove the prove of your prove that a court of justice on earth? Do you hate sin? Do you feel that you justly deserve hate sin? Do you feel that you prove the prove of form an offended God, there is a loud call to from an offended God, there is a loud call to and some few dozen of evangelical ministers which is just none at all? Could you prove way for it. Last year, for instance, in the co-tony of Victoria, about four gallons of spirits, and six gallons of wine, were consumed for each man, woman, or child, besides an untold quantity of other strong liquors, being several times more than in the worst places of Scot-land and England. Three or four millions of allong of strong drink in one year dispensed satisfied until you have found some convincing allons of strong drink in one year, dispensed satisfied until you have found some convincing the importance of this concert, the urgency mong less than three hundred thousand souls, proof of your title to heaven. Gather such

Concert for Prayer

of it, and some of the topics that should form the subject of contession or petition. To indicate the presence or appraoch of a great crisis, the

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