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# Religious Intelligencer.

#### SAINT JOHN, N. B., JUNE 26, 1863.

#### GOING TO GENERAL CONFERENCE. Arrangements have been made with the "Union Line" of steamers, by which all persons going to attend our General Conference, can obtain return tickets from St. John to Fredericton, and back, for one fare (\$1.50.) Tickets to be had at Mr. E. W. Flaglor's Hotel.

OUR OHUROHES-THEIR WANT. ders' Conference of the Free Baptists of New Bruns- abyss-when he saw these systems scattered profusely wick will be in session. On the following day, the throughout space-when he reflected upon their im-General Conference will commence its annual meeting. | mense distance, their immense magnitude, and the In our denomination, it has always been understood countless millions of worlds that belonged to them, that the General Conference should exercise a super- it seemed to him as though the wild dream of the intending and paternal care over the Churches, German poet was more than realized. inquiring into their condition, and devising such "God called man in dreams into the vestibule of measures for their welfare and prosperity as the heaven, saying, 'Come up hither, and I will show Scriptures suggest and warrant. This is the main thee the glory of my house.' And to his angels who business of our Conference. In view, therefore, of stood about his throne he said, 'Take him, strip him the near approach of the session, we are impressed to of his robes of flesh; cleanse his affections; put a new offer a few thoughts on the state of our Churches, breath into his nostrils; but touch not his human and their wants.

formerly found professing godliness, in many in- sped away from the battlements of heaven. Somemaintainance of the public worship of God, or giving Saharas of darkness, wildernesses of death. At

would so well to secure the labors of such. The work which would devolve on the faithful pastor. would not probably always be agreeable; he might Any person sending us Ten Subscribers, with the money- not always find it sunshine. But there is an inex-FIFTEEN DOLLARS-we will send them one copy extra for pressible satisfaction in having a pure conscience, and the approval of God; and he who undertakes to build up a reputation on any thing else, builds on the sand.

It may be, that in the publication of this article, we hazard something. Our anxiety for the welfare Christ, is our only apology. We are on the eve of our Annual Conference, and something should be done Our terms of ADVANCE PAYMENT will in every case in fu- to help the people. The adoption of resolutions will not be sufficient; the employment of a missionary or two will not suffice; there is work enough to demand the laborious, self-denying, every day toil of every preacher; and this would save the preachers as well as the Churches. To render the former efficient, and the latter self-sustaining, are among the first and

great wants of our denomination.

### INQUIETUDE OF CREATION.

Light traverses space at the rate of a million miles a minute, yet the light from the nearest star requires ten years to reach the earth, and Herschel's telescope revealed stars two thousand three hundred times further distant. The great telescope of Lord Ross pursued these creations of God still deeper into space and having resolved the nebulæ of the Milky Way into stars, discovered other systems of stars-beautiful diamond points, glittering through the black In one week from the date of this paper, the El- darkness beyond. When he beheld this amazing

heart-the heart that fears, hopes and trembles. A

It cannot be denied, that many of those bodies and moment, and it was done, and the man stood ready communities, bearing the appellation of Churches, for his unknown voyage. Under the guidance of a are sadly scattered. Where large numbers were mighty angel, with sounds of flying pinions, they stances, but few are now showing an interest in the times on the mighty angel's wings they fled through evidence of that personal piety, which is the beauty length, from a distance not counted, save in the of the Christian and the strength of the Church. arithemetic of heaven, light beamed upon them-a In some places, a few persons have continued to as- sleepy flame, as seen through a hazy cloud. They semble themselves together once or twice on the Sab- sped on in their terrible speed to meet the light; the

# THE RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

THE BIBLE WOMEN IN LONDON.

In our last, we gave lengthy extracts from an in-

teresting paper on the importance and value of female

agencies in the promotion of the Redeemer's king-

curring in connection with the spread of religion,

than the wonderful results which are following the

Onward, I say. Stop where you will, and Ichabod and spiritual objects, and conducted with so much is written upon you. Think that you have done dignity and prudence. Our interest in the Synod has enough, and all the beautiful prospects hitherto be- been deepened owing to our having had occasion to the minister says, "My people have built me a the ministers have been, and how great have been the chapel, and paid for it. I need not think of any thing labours and sacrifices of men who began life in long else." the church stagnates, and becomes a pestiferous miasma. We must always say, "On." For my to a close amid many privations and bardships enpart, I think I can say, in some measure, with the dured in preaching the gospel to their fellow men. apostle, "Forgetting the things that are behind, I After all they will not lose their reward, and that the press forward to that which is before." highest and the best.

#### THREE WISE SAYINGS.

1. When a man sets himself to take care of truth, he accumulates influence, but the moment a man abandons truth to take care of influence, he loses both the truth and the influence.

dom. We have been intensely interested in the nar-2. He who never changed any of his opinions, rative which have reached us of the success which 3. It is less pain to learn in youth, than to be ig- has attended the labors of the "Bible women" in never corrected any of his mistakes. London. Nothing more extraordinary is now ocnorant in age.

A NOBLE DECISION.

## The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher in his farewell ser- efforts being made there. The plan of this work was

mon to his church, previous to his leaving for Eu- conceived by a pious woman, and it is carried on by rope, said in reference to his first coming to Brocklyn: women, while the full record of the happy results is "I was determined, primarily, to be free. I was only known in heaven. The May number of "The determined to be trammelled by no denomiation ; to be Work of the Christian Church at Home and Abroad," beaten down by no public sentiment; to be smoothed contains an account of the origin of the work of the "Bible women" in London, and also the manner in over and soothed by no social influences; to be intimidated by no forms of power in the commercial or which it is carried on; and we think the transfer of in the political world. I was, in short, very jealous this article to our columns this week, by way of supof my personal independence and liberty against plementing the extracts inserted last week on Woblandishments, and against insidious selfishness, as men in the Church, will edify and profit our readers. brought to bear from the sides of popularity and Previous to doing so, however, we think it necescommercial advantage. I came into your midst, not sary to make some extracts from the report of a Lonperhaps with the expressed, but most certainly with don city missionary, in order that the reader may the felt determination that as long as I preached at have some idea of the field of labor in which these all, I should preach just what I thought the people women are employed, and the apparent hopelessness needed. I said to myself-'I am the doctor, and of success. We make these extracts also from a they are the patients, and they shall take my medi- paper in the May number of The Work of the Churches, omitting some portions which exhibit such cine, or get another doctor !' " awful depravity and immorality, as render them, in

### WORDS IN SEASON.

Presbyterian Synod, which is to take place in a few east end of London, near the docks, says: Go into many of the homes of the poor, if homes days in P. E. Island, utters the following sensible they may be called, what wretched hovels they are! words, which are exceedingly appropriate to all who Houses let out in tenements wherein six, and even are on the eve of attending our General Conference :- more families reside, and where the promiscuous asso-No body of men however grave or "reverend" can ciations of the sexes destroy all sense of decency and meet day by day and transact business without con- decorum. Such a state of things as this, not simply flict of opinion, some exhibitions of temper, and affecting the surface of society, but penetrating its very scenes which are calculated to cause pain for the depth, saps the foundation of the social fabric, yea, the moment. We have seen many assemblies of very very vitals of society, tends greatly to increase a social varied character, and have found that human nature evil which every good man and woman deplores-an is the same in all. Men will persist in viewing mat- evil the gigantic strength and dimensions of which the ters from different points of sight; and it is desirable | Christian philanthropists of this country have unitedly that it should be so. In assemblies of freemen there attempted to grapple with, in order that the fearful will be discussions, differences, and occasionally, ex- and ruinous course of some might, under the Divine hibitions of feeling. Yet we cannot urge too strongly blessing, be arrested. It is with evils of this nature on ministers the solemn duty of watching well their that the London City Missionary has to come in con-

bath for prayer and social exercise; but no regular light with lesser speed came to meet them. In a sayings, keeping carefully their tempers, bearing tact. Day by day he has to wade through this sink pastoral labor is enjoyed by them; the preaching of moment the blazing of suns around them-a moment most patiently with each other's peculiarities, helping of pollution like a scavenger, to open the sluices of

As for the filth of the houses and of the children, hood, or so near as to be within reach of the humble the rags in which they are 'dressed,' the numbers in fellow-labourer. This lady must be, by nature and which they sleep together in the same room, and education, a real Superintendent-a person of tried fore your gaze, melt and dissolve like a dream. When learn how ill-requited in pecuniary support many of the general squalor caused by the mode of living- and active goodness, of sound discretion, of capacity these also must be seen in order to be understood. for accounts, and capable of encouraging, supporting It would scarcely be believed that human nature in directing her sister in the field. The other is a poor this country could sink so low, or that people could but pious weman, whose character is known by pre. live at all under such miserable physical conditions. vious deeds of mercy-one who has washed the

In the district of St. Giles's, Scripture-readers and saints' feet, and is now willing to wash the head and City Missionaries had been some time at work. A hands and feet of sinners and their children. The woman of good abilities, who had been bred from two work together. They have no committee to childhood in the midst of this fearful neighbourhood, distract them with resolutions or formalities, but are was converted by God's blessing on the reading of a left to their own discretion, assisted only by periodi-Bible, given to her by Mr. M'Cree, one of the local cal meetings, of the ladies at the house of the Honor. naries. She soon began to think what she ary Secretary, 13 Hunter Street, W. C., and the could do to help here and there a poor person round women at the General Mission Room, 33 Parker er, though she was poor enough herself. Sometimes Street, Drury Lane. The results are recorded from she offered a little assistance to a woman in her con- time to time in a monthly magazine, called the Book nement, or when any of the children were ill. and its Missions, edited by the lady who first sent the Trouble is a door which the Lord opens for his ser- | Bible-woman on her travels. vants into the lowest haunts of misery and vice. The work is thus two-fold. Professionally, the

At this very juncture, God in his providence had women are Bible-sellers. In order that they may be brought to reside near Brunswick Square a Lady this, they are also 'domestic' missionaries-civilisers whose time had been much devoted from early life to of the London heathen. In this last character they the work of Bible-circulation, and who had recently require support and supplies, and it is the object of prepared at the request of the Bible Society, a well- all the Superintendents to obtain these funds. The nown Jubilee volume for the young, entitled, THE | contribution of the public are acknowledged monthly DOK AND ITS STORY. Very soon after her settlement | in the periodical above-mentioned.

the poor, as she observed them in St. Gile's, and perpetually on the power and providence of God. resolved to attempt the diffusion of God's Word in Prayer is its vital breath-God only can thrust forth those dark and desolate homes. She soon found that right labourers. Up to the present time it is wondersuch haunts of vice and violence were not suitable ful to trace His almighty hand in the bringing tospheres of labour for young ladies of the ordinary gether so many suitable pairs of ladies and Bible f she could discover a person of good character and culine in its evangelical agencies. The mission we decided piety, and to whom the district was already have described promises to assist to redeem it from amiliar, she might be employed in visiting the people, this reproach. In all countries and ages there is work and in selling Bibles to the poor. She inquired for to be done, which can be best done by women, and such an individual Mr. M'Cree at once recommended these recent experiments assure us that a Female the good woman above referred to. The engagement | City Mission fills up a fcarful gap that has remained, was made, Mrs. Ranyard undertaking to superintend after all the untiring labours of the elergyman, the the movements of this humble agent; and the BIBLE | scripture reader, the city missionary, and the district OCIETY willingly providing for it, at her suggestion, visitor. by the payment of 10s. a week.

From this small seed sprang the goodly tree which movement isfound to depend very much on its unsecnow begins to overshadow the whole of LONDON with tarian character. When the lowest class look upon its branches. A very short experience sufficed to the efforts of individual churches, they suspect prosatisfy the original experimenter that 'a MISSION selytism and close their hearts against the approaches LINK' in the chain of evangelical action had been dis- of love. But when they see all united in a practical covered. It was the City Mission, in feminine endeavour to save them, a 'great and effectual door' our opionion, unfit to lay before our readers. This An exchange in speaking of the meeting of the missionary, in describing one of the districts in the form, with Working women for the immediate agents, is opened for the entrance of the knowledge of redeem and Ladies of education and experience for their ing love. Superintendants. Not many months passed away Since its foundation, 40,000 Bibles have been dis-

lisused in the Protestant churches, at least in its the poor, in the darkest purlicus and back streets of application to the sunken masses of society, and a London. But who can sum up the amount of comfort, power which would accomplish more than all the instruction, reformation, included in the efforts of good of the catholic sisterbood, without incurring the this admirable institution ? Without any of the wils attendant upon conventualism, or professioual usual apparatus deemed necessary to benevolent hilanthropy.

With regard to the supply of the Scriptures, it was with its simple facts, upwards of £81,000 in voluntary not easy to obtain admittance into all the homes to donations, nearly £15,000 from the poor people themsell Bibles, though the first woman did sell in her selves in penny savings for clothing, and £3,600 (a first year many hundred copies; but as St. Paul total of nearly £50,000) for Bibles obtained as above speaks of ' by any means gaining some,' so a kind and by penny subscriptions. The amount of the cost of aotherly woman often found an entrance for the the Bibles has been kindly added by the British and Words of Life through the influence of her own loving Foreign Bible Society to the support of the mission in consideration of the work of the women as colpor-

If she met with a woman ill in bed, and the children | teurs. dirty, she offered to wash them, and straighten the m, or, by other little nameless acts through which one woman can show sympathy for another, she drew the heart towards her, and then, at a fitting time, when perhaps the full tale of trouble was being arrived in New York recently, and proceeded on their poured out to a friendly ear, she found occasion to way to Brigham Young's Territory-the Salt Lake. tell of the 'Burden Bearer,' and the 'Friend born for adversity.' Or, perhaps, a riotous child, the plague of the home and terror of the street, put to Christendom), speaks of "the haptized heathenism chool and paid for by the lady, becomes, under milder of many districts in England where the simplest ideas nfluences and example, an improved character. The of Divine truth, and the commonest facts of the scrip-Bible stories and hymns, so new to the little wanderer,

n London, she began to consider the degradation of The success of the whole movoment is felt to depend spe of 'Bible Collectors.' The idea struck her that women. Protestantism has been too exclusively mas.

It remains only to say that the success of this

before it was proved that here was a power long posed of, that is bought by the hard won pennies of Societies, it has elicited, by the force of sympathy

rebels ac certain, ened dur Voluntee bounty 1

I presume informed you tion of the Although th reason to es the enemy without offe tants have destroyed, 1 disgraced th whose duty gency. Im Monday nig the State . M State. On hours after the 7th, 13 marching o day. Othe there is no course of a drilled me service, at The whole and all app duty in the is at a di decline so heads on existed on though al interest of difference in one gra the return land of pr I firmly American of the rev conquer administr on the pa The ne vague an the rebel that it 1

the Gospel has been but rare, and large numbers of the wheeling of planets; then came long eternities of the members of the Church, as well as the uncon- twilight; then again, on the right hand and on the God, or to induce them to attend to the services that sank down, crying, 'Angel, I can go no further, let are there held. In some places even these social me lie down in the grave, and hide myself from the meetings are abandoned, and large neighborhoods are | iofinitude of the universe, for end there is none." without any religious services on the Lord's day. We 'End there is none ?' demanded the angel. And tender hearted, unless the Ministers of Christ are so! suicide, and murder. regret to make these statements--it is humiliating; from the glittering stars that shone around, there but the facts are before us, and the ardent wish and came a choral shout, 'End there is none!' 'End there hope we have of seeing something done during the is none?' demanded the angel again, 'and is it this approaching Conference, induces us to make reference | that awes thy soul? I answer, end there is none to to it at the present time. While a few of our Churches the universe of God! Lo, also, there is no beginare doing well in maintaining the regular ministry of | ning !" - Late Prof. Mitchell.

the word among themselves, and helping to supply the religious wants of the community in which they exist, the reverse is, nevertheless, true in relation to The Primitive Methodists recently held a Mission-

# "ONWARD."

" Lie like a warrior, taking his rest,

a far greater number. They are neither helping ary meeting in the Metropolitan Tabernacle. Mr themselves, nor any others. Under these circum- Spurgeon was present and made a speech, in which stances, it seems but proper and just to enquire what he said some good things relative to Christian proshall be done to revive and help the Churches? We gress. We subjoin a portion of his remarks :--are aware that a difference of opinion may exist rela- It is pleasant to stand at the far end of the vessel tive to the causes which have induced their present and look back, and see the white mark which the this week will doubtless contain. We therefore in the Church and State Review, under the title of state. Could we ascertain and agree upon the real sea; but I stand myself on the forepart of the vessel, cause, it would be easier to ascertain and apply the looking ahead; and I would remind you to-night that we don't see land yet, and that the port is not near. remedy.

We, however, are prepared to hazard our opinion, Our motto to-night, then, must be-"ONWARD." Of and risk the issue. The want of true Christian de- There is SELF-COMPLACENCY, who says that he has velopment in individuals and Churches has been the done quite enough already. He has fought so many defect in our denomination. To every thing that has battles, and won such splendid victories, that he can life in nature, there belongs legitimate fruit; and this afford to fruit is not only the evidence of life, but also neces-

With his martial cloak around him." sary to the maintainance of that life. This is also Then there is friend IDLENESS, who resembles the true in grace. There is development, growth, and ex- Prussian soldier, who never would fight unless flogged pansion in the Christian life. Not merely enlarge-ment of borders, and increase of numbers, but a ment of borders, and increase of numbers, but a of moss, he lays his head upon it and goes to sleep, are generally three or four or more in each congreprogressing toward maturity and true Christian and wishes the work were all done. There is also gation, though only one from each may sit in the We are not going to teil all that was seen, but we symmetry in stature and in form. This growth, or in our friend Mr. INCONSTANCY. He is a member of my Synod or Presbytery. We should not, perhaps, say other words, the means to induce it, has been ne- church, and I should not wonder but he is a Primitive Methodist too. He was the eldest son of old Jacob, glected by us as a body. Born in the excitement of who had good reason to be ashamed of him; for revivals; forming judgments and opinions of religion though he is always seeking to do some new thing he from the first impulse of the divine life, and the soon gets tired of his work and torns to something earliest stages of Christian experience, we were led else. Then there are CovETOUS PEOPLE who don't want to give to the cause of God. If we were to anto suspect what did not suit our mould of religion; nounce that we intended to return the contributions much that is good has been ignored and rejected. that were made to-night, I dare say a good many of Wherever the idea prevails, that first experience is those people would put money into the box. I have the purest and highest type of Christian life; that often thought that if a few of the drain pipes which the farmers use for their land were applied to these progress in intellectual knowledge endangers piety; that the safest rule of action is impressions and feel- any rate, if not their purses. Bleeding is given up ings; and that that only is gospel which stirs the now as a remedy in physics, but I firmly believe in the laws of the church, and comes to the aid of the emotions, the saddest consequences are sure to fol. it as a remedy in theology. I think that a little inferior court in its efforts to advance the spiritual siderable promise. They stopped before one house low. That a leaning toward these opinions has existed to a considerable extent in some of our Churches, grown with riches. Then there is friend CARELESS- members, whether ministers or laymen, are nominaadmits, we believe, of no dispute. Naturally, growing NESS, who says it is no use making all this stir. - ted indifferently from any Presbytery. The Conveout of these, will there be a lack of appreciation of What does he want to hear about "Onward?" He ner of the Home Mission Committee is now reading at intervals, except the women, who never stopped the public preaching of the word and established or- does not see why the Corporation of London should his Report. It relates to the efforts made to preach

week we conversed with a brother who belongs to a Church numbering over one hundred and fifty members, in the midst of a large and tolerably well-to-do

years. A social meeting on the Sabbath, attended by

"There on a green and flowery mount, His weary soul will sit, And with transporting joys recount The labours of his feet.'

community, and where no other denomination main- Ah, my friends, I am afraid that his story will be a is very desirable that a church should be at once thing that is made after the image of God down to the tains any worship; and yet this Church has been wondrously short one; and that he will not have to erected. It refers to similiar visits to Harvey, to little child, and the fourness of all was equal. It was without any regular preaching or pastoral care for say with good Dr. Watts-

'But O! Eternity's too short To utter all thy praise."

a very few persons, is the means of grace maintained Put all these gentlemen aside. I think I speak for distribution of the missionaries, for raising local and mouths when midnight had passed and it was far a very lew persons, is the means of grace maintained among them. In answer to our inquiry for the cause of this state of things, the brother referred to, in-the sun, moon, and stars were to stand still. What

each other out of difficulties. Scenes that are quite the Gospel fountain, that the water of life may flow oterable in an assembly of politicians would be down this filthy and morally polluted and almost puscandalous and unendurable in a Presbyterian Synod. trid sewer, in hope of delivering some who are fast verted, find nothing to attract them to the house of left appeared more constellations. At last the man Exhibitions of ill-nature, vindictiveness and party sinking in its mire. Such a sewer as this is Ratcliffspirit by ministers are most deplorable. Every one highway with its gin-palaces and long rooms, conshould examine his own heart and purify himself as tiguous to which are hundreds of houses of ill repute. in the sight of God from malice and all uncharitable- the haunts of the fallen, of ruined innocence and ness. Who will be kind, forgiving, long-suffering, unblushing shame, the scenes of cruelty, horror,

We need not speak of the subjects that will come I have heard the women about here belch out the up at the Synod for discussion this year. We are most horrid imprecations upon themselves and their nfident that all will be met in the spirit of righte- seducers; murderous threats, followed by heavy usness and christian simplicity. Follow then your ministers and elders with earnest thrown themselves over the bridge at the Lordon

Head of the Church at the approaching meetings. Newgate, to find as they have falsely conceived, a May he enable them to decide and devise wisely and resting-place in a dark, watery grave! in accordance with his own Holy Will!

## THE PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

last week. We regret that the Colonial Presbyterian to God. does not reach us in time to enable us to avail our selves of the report of this meeting, which its columns ship makes in speeding in her course across the blue transfer from the Courier of Saturday, the following notice of the deliberations of the Synod.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, a body consisting at present of twentytwo ordained Ministers and Missionaries, has been in course there are some who never wish to go forward. session in this city, meeting in the St. John Presbyterian Church, since Wednesday evening, when the Rev. Jas. Salmon preached a sermon as out-going feeling secure and sure that the Lord his God is with Moderator, or presiding officer of the Synod. The him. The paragraph to which I refer is as follows: Rev. Angus McMaster, of New Mills, has been chosen to that office for the ensuing year. Let us take a experience of one who had seen the hideous heathenlook in upon this reverend body. Several intelligent looking men, besides the Ministers, are present; they sit, deliberate, speak, and vote in the same way as the Ministers. These are the Elders, of which there that the Elders speak in the "same way" as the Ministers : the former are generally men of few words, but of good counsel. The Court has been "constituted,"-- that is, opened by prayer and other religious exercises-the "minutes," or record of the former sitting are read, and the item next on the "order of nsiness" called for. It is, let us say, a Report of the outskirts in a cab, and then they were in the Presbytery, giving a view of proceedings of that deliberative and legislative body for the previous year; the accession or demission of ministers; the not likely the experiences of that night would have fields of labor cultivated or requiring attention; cases travelied beyond the spot where they were gathered. of discipline, questions for advice and other matters. By only a special mercy would they have been granpersons' pockets they would do their hearts good at | The Synod, which is a court of review and not a legislative body, enquires into all these matters, applies the public preaching of the word and established or-dinances of religion. In illustration of this fact, and biter." To his idea loitering is resting. He looks the gospel in thinly inhabited rural districts, or at least in places where only a few scattered. Presby-of the detectives was that it was ten times worse on to confirm it, we may state, that within the present forward to heaven as a most attractive place because- terians are found, or perhaps the committee has Saturdays and Mondays. extended its care to a vacant congregation, or a new settlement. The Report now being read gives details blaspheroed on the 'off' nights, it was not easy to of missionary visits to Glassville, in which an carnest believe what their occupation could be on the other desire for religious ordinances is found, in which it five. There were old men and old women, every-Salmon River, and to the labors of missionaries fearful to hear the words that rolled from the lips of around St. John and in Westmorland, Shediae being the crone who was full of years and spirits, but it the centre of operations. It proposes plans for the was agony to hear the curses stream from the baby

formed us that a large portion of the Church did not was a glorious miracle for Joshua would be a dreadful Home Missionary as are detailed in this Report; he here, who is not either a thief, or learning to steal. crowned with a glorious summer, and that summer's sets the young to learn that catechism of which the Presbyterians are so justly proud, and which has fluence of the great Father of lights, who is always established Presbyterian bodies in Great Britain and of the devotion and heroism of the London "Bible poor or rich; and those who felt they had not the

blows. Erring women, tired of existence, have prayer for the presence and blessing of the great docks, a place almost as notorious as the gallows at

I have seen families ruined and mothers brokenhearted. But, blessed be God, I have seen, through the instrumentality of the City Mission, virtue restored, homes made happy, the intemperate unen-The meeting of this body took place in St. John slaved, the infidel reclaimed, and sinners converted

> Perhaps, in further describing the state of morality and religon in St. George's-in-the-East, I cannot do better than insert an extract from an article published "London in the Nineteenth Century." I do this the more readily, because, from my own personal knowledge of this part of London, every 'nook and corner' of which I am more or less acquainted with, I can endorse all that the writer states. But I would also add, that whilst the writer needed three detectives to protect him, there is not a 'slum' where the missionary cannot go alone with the Bible in his hand, -"We have quite lately had brought before us the ism of London from nightfall almost till the fourth

small hour. It was proposed to see not only all that was bad, but to see it all in its very worst. Whitechapel was reached before the evening was old, and three detectives did the honors of the introduction may at once say that nothing like the reality of the scene could be ever told. The intention was to miss nothing, and the experience of the police decided that this would be the best achieved in St. George'sin-the-East. Neither by night nor by day is there any lull there in the occupation of the thief in the horrible dens of those tainted streets. They reached presence of crimes that have scarcely even names. A moment of separation from the police, and it is ted their lives when they lost their clothes. As they went on, the police pointed out the thieves who were of mark, and those who were mere beginners of conequal, but in the competition the men were clearly surpassed by the women. Everybody blaspheme at all. It occurred to those who went that night to

If everybody swore and cursed and scoffed and

moment, you would be surrounded and stripped."

hands and face, insisted on by the teacher, become a sible." pleasand habit, and then better clothes are sought after. A new want of comfort is introduced into the miserable abode-a want which despair and sin had crushed ; and if, just then, the child or Bible-woman societies, whose head quarters are in London :carries in the tidings that a Lady will take their pence and save it up for clothes and bedding, the news will be hailed with joy. They can spare a penny, they say, and it soon mounts up to what will buy a sheet or under-garment, a pinafore or a

These friendly calls bring the Bible-woman and her neighbour acquainted with each other, and the Christian visitor never forgets her Master's message, speaks of the forgiveness of sin, reads from the Book, and prays, and invariably ends by persuasions to the nmate to buy these good words, and have them for her own.

A mission-room is soon established in every dis- an Italian graveyard :--- "Here lies Estella, who transtrict, and thither the people are induced to bring their pence for Clothing, at a stated hour every week. The Superintending Lady meets them, and by degrees, and has gone thither to enjoy it." little groups of mothers are formed, who, while sewing the garments which have been cut out for them, listen to the words of life, and find that there is really a way out of all their misery, and quarrelling, and Bibles annually printed exceeded the number of all want, and dirt, and wretchedness. For them 'a blue other books put together ; and that the book having beyond," a way into the heavenly, through Christ the widest circulation next to the Bible, is John Bun-Jesus. We adventure not to number the souls saved through this mission; but God in heaven keeps a record of those who have been led to come and listen,

room has its trophies of grace.

A class, whom no preaching could have reached, not even by the action of the best and bravest of home nomination. Since that time they have multiplied missionaries, is thus brought to sit, clothed, and in until they now number 145,000, and have a Mission their right mind, at the feet of Jesus. It was a fund approaching £10,000. The liberality of this woman's idea and work to reach the women, by body is the more extraordinary because of the geneindirect efforts such as we have spoken of; but it must be always borne in mind that the industrial- ral poverty of its members. The progress of the part of the mission is secondary to the spiritual-it Primitive Methodists in numbers and benevolence wielded by truly Christian women, longing for the for them a glorious future as an evangelizing body. salvation of souls, that it becomes an influence for good over their poorer neighbours. Let us not be A bill being now before the British House of deluded by the apperance of a house 'swept and Commons to compel the closing of public houses on garnished,' if the Spirit of the Lord is not there. We the Lord's day, an active canvass has been underread that seven devils can return to the civilised abode taken to ascertain the wishes of the people on the

work, warning and teaching every man establishing was visited to get the vote of the householder. Out schools, and organizing new efforts for the promulga- of 60,000 thus visited, 44,000 voted in favor of the tion of truth; but the poor Daughters of the Lord bill. The working men were the most generally and Almighty have not been banded together hithertoat least in Protestant countries-to do what they can | earnestly in favor of shutting up all places on Sunday among 'their own sort' for carrying the Bible and where liquor is sold. its message to the people. The new mode of its presentation is acceptable to the poor; they are not afraid of an unofficial looking poor woman-one often joying a revival season. A few Sabbaths since sixbearing on her countenance the marks of sorrow and teen were received into the church, thirteen by bapcare; they feel soothed by her sympathy, they tism and three by letters. are encouraged by her own tale of what the gospel has done for her, they are persuaded, without knowing it, to look up, and try a better way; they have the prevailing habit of telling stories to children in lelt aforetime only condemned by exhortations, but Sabbath School addresses-stories that may be very these kind looks and words comfort them, and quicken them to a new life, for the seeds of truth lie dormant This story telling mania is a poor business at best,

Then, on the other hand, the Superintending Lady and it should be guarded with great caution. ] finds that her really benevolent wishes for the help of stories must he told, let them be to the point.

the poor are less frustrated by having a neutral ound for meeting ; she can quietly talk or read with them at a convenient hour at the mission house, re- Canterbury met on Tuesday morning. In the Lower moved from the noise of children needing cuffs and House, the report of the committee appointed to inscolds 'to make them mind their manners,'-with. | vestigate Bishop Colenso's book, was brought up. out interrupting the washing, or expecting the It condemned the book altogether. The report was entrance of the husband to dinner or to tea. The adopted. Here Satan holds his seat, and, apart from a few mothers can give their attention without fearing re-Christian missionary efforts which are put forth here, all is darkness and death. Surely the missionary marks on the untidiness of the persons or apartments, and a quiet hour is secured for religious instruction in who has to labor on a spot so unhallowed needs con-Our readers will find the sermon on our first page a pleasant way, which, as we often have heard acstantly to watch that his own garments be not defiled, and, furthermore, he needs the sympathy and knowledged, bears its influence through the week. The Female Mission has likewise commended itself Nonconformist minister of London. It will be seen prayers of the Church, that God may uphold and to the public. The immediate agent was undenomi- that he takes a bold line of argument, and is bent national; she proved to be a 'missing link,' and upon enforcing what he considers to be the teaching The reader is now prepared to form a juster estimate riveted the chain, which binds heart to heart, whether drawing us on towards himself, until we are swal- with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland-and the women"-of the nature of the "Domestic Female vocation to go forth into the streets and lanes of the all parental duties. We envy not the parent who city, or to guide the feet of those who went thither, could rise from its perusal, even if he differed from yet glady gave their money to the service of the the proposition with which the preacher sets out, Lord; and hence came the £10,000, which last year without having some startling questions suggested to The idea has now spread abroad, commending despised little ones of Christ's flock. ment of the enterprise. A few ladies and gentlemen joined her in friendly councils, many of them well the year 35 girls were married at 15 years of age, one -Lord Shaftesbury being President in the circle. over 50; five widows married the second time at 19, He very early predicting that this movement would and 23 married again after 70; 28 women over 70 have results that would surpass those of the electric were married, one of them to a man under 30; two

PARAGRAPHS.

A horde of British Mormons, numbering 800, I A London monthly Magazine (Evangelical are repeated and sung at home; the clean-washed tural history, are equally unknown and incomprehen-

> The following are the incomes during the last year of the leading Missionary and other religious

Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, .... 293,326 Church Missionary Society,..... Bible Society,..... London Missionary Society,...... 81,924 Baptist Missionary Society,..... 27.189 ndon City Mission, ..... 86,761 Ragged School Union, ..... 5,908 Irish Church Missions,... Primitive Methodist Missionary Society,..... 22,724 Colonial Missionary Society, ..... 5,281

Total, ..... £721,095 The following purports to be an epitaph in ported a large fortune to heaven in acts of charity,

A well informed speaker at one of the religious anniversaries in London, said that-" The number of yan's "Pilgrim's Progress."

The Primitive Methodists of England originaand, listening, to receive the gospel; and every mission | ted in 1810, from ten persons in Staffordshire, not one of whom was known to belong to any other deonly the means to the end, and it is only as a power during the period they have already existed, indicate

From very old time, the Sons of God have been at subject. Liverpool was canvassed, and every house

199 The Freewill Baptist Church in Bangor is en-

120"A writer in the Boston Recorder warns against interesting, but which contain no real instruction.

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The two Houses of Convocation of the province

believe in regular preaching, or in systematic pastoral catastrophe for us. Suppose the seasons were to visits the sick, the aged and the dying; reads to them There is not a woman who is not a sinner, or who labor; and that some of the preachers who occa- stand still and never to change, that dull winter were the consolatory promises of the gospel, and offers up does not mean to be one. Were I to leave you for a sionally visit them, ignore system and order. This never succeeded by spring, that spring never was fervent prayers by many an humble bed-side. He has been one of the fruitful causes of the present promise was never fulfilled in the ripeness of autumn, scattered and unspiritual condition of our Churches. where should we be then? Onward, then; nature done so much for Scotland and Ulster, and generally The Scriptural means for development and growth | demands it. Everything God has made demands it. | he acts as the friend and counseller of many of the have been undervalued and neglected; and so zealous The very sun itself stands not still, but speeds on in scattered settlers who enjoy no regular pastoral care. have some been for spirituality, that they have for-notten that in religion there is a form as well. It is wondrous course towards some greater centre. He is himself the satellite of some greater luminary; We await another Report. It is on the Union of Presbyterians in New Brunswick--or rather of the gotten that in religion there is a form as well as a and we must feel the mysterious influence, though Synod now in session, the foundation of which was spirit ; a doing as well as an enjoying ; and that we may be as suns, for we have all satellites about laid in 1844, the year after the disruption in Scotland, over much zeal for spirituality may quench the us, and yet we have all to feel the higher mystic in- and whose moral affinities lie more with the nonspirit.

What our Churches now want, is Scriptural teach- lowed up in his life and light. Onward, too, according "Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Bruns- Missions," as they are called-than he would, even ing, discipline, and order. Spiritual revival is the to the analogy of grace within. Who talks about wick in connexion with the Church of Scotland." first requirement. By this, we do not mean merely standing still? No one but the babe in grace. The It is proposed that both Synods unite on the basis of from the interesting narrative of the work itself, a series of revival services, and an increase in num-bers - but we mean the adoption of Scriptural mean the mean the scriptural mean bers; but we mean the adoption of Scriptural mea-fitted his his ploughshare to the instrument, he has same sense, but which owing to the existence of pa-St. Giles. Ten years ago there were whole streets in distress and sickness, which, but for help so granted, for many a coming day, and probably shape many sures for the teaching, training, growth, and develop- done the ploughing. Ah, no. Let not he who put- tronage in Scotland and the collisions of the civil with that neighborhood (for example Charles Street, might have perished unnoticed and unknown. ment of the spiritual life in the Church. To teth on the armour boast as he who taketh it off. the ecclesiastical courts, have led to difficulties and Drury Lane), where it is believed that there was "strengthen the things that remain, and are ready to die," is the first thing to be strended to Buttom the dead post into the ground, and drunkard. When a sinking population has reached gradually led to devote her whole time to the developdie," is the first thing to be attended to. Pastors and it will not grow. Why? Because it is dead. But Brunswick. The Report urges the advantages of the a certain depth in the abyss of sin and misery, the teachers are needed-not merely preachers, to spend the living tree will grow. And if the genial shower proposed union, the steps taken towards its consumma- women become far worse than the men in respect of one or two Sabbaths a month in holding a meeting or and healthy dew shall come upon it, however at first tion, the difficulty of bringing it about owing to the drunkenness. They resort daily to the gin-shop, to known in connection with every good word and work, of them to a man of 45, and one of them to a man two, and preaching something as little adapted to the sight it may appear dead and withered, it will soon non-existence, at present, of any committee in the escape from low spirits, and to drown their recoilectstate of the people, as a lesson in geometry would be within. And this is also true of the whole Church of the Report, and directs the committee still to They then become quarrelsome and wasteful; and to a child in the alphabet, or a disquisition on the God. Each saint goes to swell the sacramental host prosecute its labours. But it would take us too long to afterwards the men drink in order to escape from the telegraph, -- and now, after six years, no fewer than men above 80 married men and on the interview. simplest rule of language would be to a Greek scho- of God's elect, until it becomes like the garden of the describe in their bearings all the doings of the Synod ; remembrance of their homes. Mebody can imagine, implest rule of language would be to a Greek scho-lar; but men of experience, of Scriptural knowledge, of Christian liberality, and self-denying consecration of Christian liberality are the Christian ministry. Are there to the work of the Christian ministry. Are there God could stay his hand? No; he must preach the say, that we have felt no little interest in the proceed- out of temptation, because they lear that if they went their being relatively well chosen, and spiritually of marrying were found to be put down in not more

strengthen him.

not men of this class among us? The Churches Gospel in Spain also, and perhaps even in Britain ings of a body of men, directed to such grand moral home they should beat and possibly kill their wives. one accord. One is a lady resident in the neighbour- than half of the marriages of the year.

SERMON ON FIRST PAGE.

one of much ability. The preacher is a distinguished of God's word in relation to the most important of of his thoughts and actions in reference to the often

The English marriage returns for 1862 are just published from which it appears that in London during 190 Bible women every day issue forth in London on when above 70, and two women above 80. In one