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GEORGE WHITFIELD.

On the 30th September, one hundred years ago, George Whitfield breathed his last in Newburyport. The Congregationalist gives the following account of his life and work:

He was born in Gloucester, Eng., Dec. 16,

1714, and was the youngest of seven children of an inn-keeper. He lost his father in infancy, and seems to have struggled, if not with poverty, at least with the disadvantages of a low estate, during all his earlier years; after some time at school being remanded home to help his mother manage the inn. Struggling upward, however, with a fixed and earnest purpose, he found a place as a servitor at Oxford, in his eighteenth year. Here he met his destiny in the shape of Charles Wesley, through whose inflence he became deeply interested in religion, not merely, but intensely enthusiastic in all those directions in which the first efforts of modern Methodism developed themselves. Sometimes he would spend whole days, if not weeks, lying prostrate on the ground in prayer, fasting inordinately, and wearing dirty shoes and patched breeches, for self-humiliation. He fretted and humiliated himself once thus into a long and painful illness. Returning driven fifteen persons mad; but the prelate had the sharpness to reply, "I only hope that the madness will continue till the next Sab-

This was in the summer of 1736. The next year he took his B. A., and went to preach for a little at the Tower chapel in London, WOOL PLAIDS, in all the leading Tartans. and soon after filled for a short time a curacy in Hampshire, but in December of that year he was induced by letters from John Wesley, in Georgia, to start for this country. Wesley, however, had returned from the colony before Whitfield arrived, and in less than a year, the latter went back to England to collect funds for a proposed orphan asylum near Savannah. Here he became identified with the outbreak-TWEEDS and WINCIES, Plain and Fancy. ing of a religious movement with whose leaders and whose leading ideas he had long been gium.

At this time, as had been the fact for years before, the Church of England was in a state of semi-stupor from the narcotic influence of dead formality on the one hand, and a added to the number of scoffers. Whatever | we would a thousand times rather see a stir | strength, and yet strong.' may have been true of those who were socially than be gloomily conscious of a still atmosabove them, the great middle and lower classes | phere and not a breath of fresh air anywhere. hand, and to stir the masses to accept it on upon a breezeless day? the other. They overdid some things, and And is it not so with all human affairs? I was in the habit of visiting a decent widow,

Wesley soon adopted. The first attempt was | characterise too many are perhaps responsible | before the fire, and as this fuel burned slowly made at Bristol. As an extraordinary step it for some of the evil that is in the world. was justified partly by the refusal of the Es- Therefore, anything that rouses people from till her return. tablished clergy to open their pulpits to these their lethargy, that makes men wake up to It happened one day that I left my manse, fiery laborers, and partly also by the fact that | think over important subjects, and take sides | and skirting the walls of the old churchyard, in no other way could the crowds who flocked with what they believe to be the right, is a and passing the corn-mill, with its busy sound to hear them be accommodated. For there good thing. There are some inhabitants of and flashing wheel, I took my way down the was an immense attendance, and the novelty our earth, and even the civilized part of it, winding dell to the cottage of the old woman, of the movement kept up the interest. As who do not think at all if they can help it. which stood in its garden, embowered among one historian has described it, "Hills, vales They go on from day to day, taking things trees. But, having met a parishioner with and plains were covered with hearers. The easy, lying still in a drowsy, dead sort of way whom I had some subject of interest to talk trees and hedges were thronged with men -very much like the leaves. They can about, I called a halt, and sitting down on a Preaching, prayer and singing still continued, FRENCH TWILLS, even under the shining stars. Walls and immortal beings. weight of human beings, without in the least can do. Even a bad cause can get plenty of neglecting a call of duty, as by an uncontrol- pit, as the pulpit has over the audience. No the more. If the sheep are sheared it is no the earnest speaker into spiritual symbols. millions of earnest, passionate words will have the spot. tially designed for this purpose."

pleadings. He went far beyond Wesley. No far and wide. and rotten eggs. But, as he went on, he so for their souls.

triumphed over his competitors that he deso-It was estimated that on one occasion he

preached to twice that number. Several times he visited this country, here exhibiting his wonderful powers, and addressing immense numbers. Once (in 1739) he preached to twenty thousand people on Boston Common. But he was not successful in keeping the peace with all good men. He and Wesley separated on the doctrine of pre-destination. Harvard College issued a "testimony" against him, and many of the American clergy distrusted his methods and op-

posed his excitements. It was on his seventh visit here that the end came. He had preached for two hours at Exeter, N. H., on the 29th of September, 1770, and addressed the crowd that gathered around him at Newburyport, on that evening. Next day he died suddenly of the asthma, and was buried—where so many have seen his bones -under the pulpit of the Federal Street church

He surely must have been one of the greatest of orators. Garrick-no mean judgetook pains to study him, and declared that he needed to preach a discourse as many as forty times before he reached the perfection of its delivery. And the same critic declared that he was such an absolute master of inflections home from the university more fully to re- in their relation to human feeling, that he cover himself, he was ordained deacon by the could make an audience weep or tremble, at Bishop of Gloucester, and the next Sunday his will, by the way in which he would propreached his first sermon. The effect of his nounce "Mesopotamia." Yet, with all, he earnestness was so extraordinary that com- was especially an orator of the common peoplaint was made to the bishop that he had ple, delighting in odd illustrations, apt colloqualisms, local allusions, and the peculiar language of the multitude; while his great earnest soul, burning through all, carried to every heart the conviction of the reality of

the things of which he spoke. God gave him a great and honorable work to do in his generation, and he did it well, and deserves the chaplets of honor with which this centennial will wreathe his tomb.

And if the revival study of his character and power shall incite the young preachers of the present day to break away from all mere formality, and throw themselves with intense earnestness into their work, and let all the people see and feel that they do so, the good which may thus be wrought afresh by his example may honor him more than all eulo-

ECHOES FROM THE VALLEY.

in England were very far gone from all reli- We know that it is possible to have too eth nigh, and when the last farewells have their education to this deplorable fact, and and the dwellings of man be blown down. shall be also. Having loved my own, I will their entering into the presence of God in a they were stimulated to devote themselves to But so long as the stir can be kept within love thee to the end."-Cuyler. the endeavor to make religion a more real and moderate limits, is it not preferable to the inpractical thing to its believers on the one activity and want of life which may be felt

sentence was greeted with a shower of stones would be brought to the cross, and find rest By what law of nature, when I lingered on will help to give tone and life to the latter. ren in the way they should go, is to travel that

it was said, of thirty thousand eager listeners. revive Thy work."-Marianne Farningham.

JESUS A COMPANION.

I see two men-whose heads are well frosted-walking together under yonder elms. In heart they have been Siamese twins for thirty years. Neither has scarcely a thought which he keeps from the other. Their love on earth they expect to perpetuate in heaven. They have locked arms-and hearts.

Now, yonder intimate fellowship represents to me the intimacy which exists between Jesus and the disciples for whom he bled. Such a companion should Jesus be to me every day, and every hour of the day. A believer should make his Saviour a perpetual companion, everywhere, and at every moment. Christ offers to walk with us. He says, "Lo! I am with you alway." What companionship so sweet as his? What so bracing, so instructive, so purifying? Who else can so "make our hearts burn within us" by the way?

ful desires—as well as a constant spur to our to yourself and your fellow worshippers. spiritual indolence. Does the tinder of our I will now offer a few hints as to the season, cutting word or an irritating retort? One vice. look from the gentle, forgiving Jesus should | 1. It should be before the ordinary occupareach our neighbor in business? Selfishness arity. will hardly dare to meet him at the com- idea of their unfinished occupations.

always at my side, how can I consent to play 4. The hour for family worship at night the coward, or the cheat, or the trifler, or the should never be late; for if so, the servants trickster? How can I wound Him in the wearied with the day's work, cannot enjoy it. that! For My sake, don't do it!"

We have seen a heap of dead leaves lying or more comforting than in a sick chamber, or years of age, an early hour enables them to be growing skepticism on the other. Deistic quite silent and motionless, attracting no at- in the room that has grown suddenly dark present. The exposition at night might be raliterature had reached its climax. The church | tention, doing no good, being simply trodden | under the wing of death. "Christ comes to | ther longer than that of the morning, not only preaching of the times was cast in the mould upon; but suddenly there has arisen a fresh me in the watches of the night," said a ripe because the minds of the servants will be of cold moral essays, and, being read, its ser- breeze, and instantly they begin to fly about old saint who had lain for months on a bed of more at ease, but their retirement for the mons left the multitude unaffected. There in all directions, and to look almost as if they torture and pain. "He draws aside the cur- night coming soon after, few intervening was something more of life among dissenters, had come to life again. They are stirred by tain and says to me, It is I; be of good cheer; events will occur, and they may therefore be but the strifes and enmities between the High | the wind, and whether they were dead leaves | be not afraid. Then there is a great calm. | led to dwell with more profit upon the pas-Church and them had a harmful effect, and in November, or bright green ones in May, Here I lie, pained without pain, without any sage of Scripture which they heard.

never be deserted. When the last hour draw- feres with your established custom

WAS IT CHANCE?

they made many mistakes, as beginners and There is such a thing as falling asleep while as paralysis made it impossible for her to experimenters do. But before long-and it is seeming to be awake, and perhaps few things attend church. She was tended by a very an interesting fact that it was appreciably are more painful to see than the supineness dutiful daughter, who, working at a flax-mill through the influence of Moravian brethren, which cares for nothing, but is content to let in the neighborhood, toiled hard, and conwhom the Wesleys encountered in their early things go on as they may. Idleness, inert-tented herself with plain dress and simple fare visit to this country—the new endeavors be- ness, absence of all stir, these things have that she might help to maintain her mother. gan to be attended with symptoms of remark- perhaps as much to answer for as sin and Before leaving the cottage for her work, she malice and vice. It is as much the duty of was in the habit of heaping up the refuse of On Whitfield's return, in the year 1739, he every one to prevent wrong as to atone for the mill in the grate and kindling it. She introduced field preaching into England, which | it, and the languor and want of heart which | placed her helpless mother in a chair right away, the old woman was kept comfortable

> conversation went on. However, it occurred audience. It is wonderful how much good a little stir again and again, till, with a feeling that I was The audience has an influence over the pul-

singing of birds, and the wind and the clouds, the cause of good and evil will have been in- built from the hearth some feet up the open, not simply auditors, but worshippers of the again with water even more fresh and sweet White, Black and Colored Mantle Cloths, were made to explain the text; and sometimes fluenced by them, is more than we can say. wide chimney, having its foundation eaten true God, whose truth the minister proclaims. If we do not clear out the old just such a natural figure seemed providen- Only there will be plenty of results from the away, had fallen, and precipitating itself for- In order to the inspiration of the audience mercies they will grow musty and prevent stir that has been made-results that shall ward, surrounded the helpless paralytic within upon the pulpit, the people must be in the the new ones from being sweet when they Whitfield was pre-eminent in these popular last through years, and influence the world a circle of fire. The accident took place some house of God, not only in an orderly and a come. Old misers and covetous people dry Is there no need of stir among our churches? but no ear was there to hear, nor hand to help. frame of mind, and with ardent desires of sings; they never, by parting with the old, proached him. Even Hume said it was worth It is wonderfully easy to settle down into an Catching the loose refuse about her, on and heart to know the truth, and practice it. prepared the way for God to replenish, rewalking twenty miles to hear him. He spoke easy and a careless state of feeling even with on, nearer and nearer, the flames crept. It Many church members, who criticise the pulextemporaneously, and with a spirit so mer- regard to religion. Warmth dies out, and was a terrible sight for the two Wigtown pit from Sunday, seem to forget lent, with new manifestations of his faithfulcurial that it rose in sympathy with the grow- coldness and lethargy takes its place. We women-martyrs, staked far out on the sands that they sustain a very important relation to ness. ing excitement of the audience. He would cannot but confess that much more might be of Solway Frith, to mark the sea-foam crawl it. They are not, even in the house of God, Morever, brother, those who try to reserve sometimes weep so that he could not for some done than is done for the spread of the Gospel nearer and nearer them; it was more terrible as intelligent and understanding critics, which, their strength for home work, usually grow time resume utterance. He would gesticulate and the kingdom of our Lord. Oh, that some still for this lone woman, in her lone cottage, perchance, might help the pulpit, but as spiwith amazing earnestness, stamping and shout- thing would awaken us! Then we should not without any great cause to die for, to sit there ritually dead fault-finders, entirely forgetting strengthened, if it were to store up the blood, ing; all with a sweet and silver voice. In be sleepily content that so much labor is in and see the fire creeping closer, drawing nearer that they should be identified in spirit with but by sending it forth as it comes in it abides Camburlang people were carried away from vain, that so few persons are added to the and nearer to her feet. By the time I had all the services of the sanctuary. his sermons, overcome and helpless with feel- Church. If men were as earnest upon this entered, it had almost reached her, where she The pulpit should be inspired by intelligent, tereth, and yet increaseth." Generosity is econ-Grey and White Cottons, Prints, Swansdowns, Tickings, ing—as the wounded are carried out of battle. Ing and wounded are carried out of battle. Ing and wounded are carried out of battle. In the wounded are carried out of He once undertook to preach in Moorfields, and weary, and heavy laden would not go ing down on the fire as it was about to seize minds, and devout hearts, demonstrating the where a great number of mountebanks' stands groaning under their heavy burdens until life her clothes and burn her to a cinder. Ere it fact, that they are there as real worshippers, had been erected in fair time, which were is wholly dark to them; they would hear the caught, I had time, and no more, to make one deeply interested in its utterances, and pray-Every description of Cotton and Linen Goods, thronged by immense crowds. Choosing for glad message of salvation, they would be told bound from the door to the hearthstone, and ing for the blessing of God upon the word his text, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians," of Him who says, "Come unto Me," and by seizing her, chair and all, in my arms, to pluck spoken. Then there will sweep up from the

the road, was I moved, without the remotest What is meant by the inspiration of the audi- way occasionally themselves.

Cannot we make a stir? Cannot we at idea of her danger, to cut short, against all ence is well expressed in Acts x. 33: "Now, lated the shows, and made himself the centre, least pray until we get the answer, "O Lord, my inclinations, an interesting conversation, therefore, we are all here present before God, and hurry on to the house, which I reached to hear all things that are commanded thee of ing deep, in these simple but grand words:
"My father is at the helm."—Dr. Guthrie.

HOW TO CONDUCT FAMILY PRAYER.

Study the characters of your children and servants; get acquainted with their trials (for who has not some trouble of heart?) and learn what are their chief failings; you can then known to be of an infidel turn of mind. The judge what are those points upon which they sinner listened unmoved to the well-turned most need instruction or comfort, and suiting sentences and the eareest appeals; his heart your exposition to their circumstances, much good might follow. On the contrary, if you enter upon family worship wholly unprepared, | daughter, whom he tenderly loved; and he en-Christ's presence with believers is one of and go through it as a form, no interest is creathe best protectors under temptation-one of | ted, and you may expect to see your family the best stimulators to duty. Jesus is "made | seated round you with a vacant look, which unto us sanctification. His spirit is a spirit of proves the mind regardless of what is going

holiness. And when we live in daily com- on. Do you ask how you can manage things munion with him, we can not but grow holier | differently? I answer, as love begets love so ourselves. Yonder friends catch each other's do seriousness and a devotional manner, and ways insensibly. So may we hourly grow look upwards for the spirit of prayer and praise tears gushed from the eyes which had looked to be poured out upon your little company in | upon the beauties only of seven summers, as in The sense of Christ's immediate presence is a constant check upon our appetites and sin-be "that of fools," but a profitable service both should I not love One who has so loved me?"

temper catch fire? Are we provoked to a and other circumstances suitable for the ser- not accomplish, the tender sentence of his child

be enough to seal the lip and to smooth the | tion of the day commences, in order that worldruffled brow. Are we ever tempted to over- ly business may not interfere with its regul-

whispers, "Other people do so; it is the cus- 2. Morning prayer should not be too long; tom in our trade." But what will Jesus say? for if your domestics have no relish for the How will our account-books look to him when means of grace, a long service is a great temptahe audits them? A Christian who does not | tion to them to "abhor the offering of the | less simplicity, that I OUGHT TO LOVE ONE WHO keep Jesus with him in the counting-room Lord," for their minds will be restless at the HAD SO LOVED ME."

And so on through all the circle of daily to open the service with two or three verses life with its varying occupations, and its ever- of a psalm or hymn. This tends to comfort rising temptations. If my loving Master is the mind, and prepare it for the word of God.

house of His friends? A low, sweet voice Besides a late hour prevents any friend, who seems to be often saying to me, "Don't do may be spending the evening with you, from sharing in the privileges of your domestic al-Nowhere is the presence of Jesus more real, tar. Where there are children of ten or twelve

5. Great regularity should be arrived at The man who locks arms with Jesus will and be very jealous of any thing which inter-

6. The utmost punctuality should be obsergious influence or feeling. Through the bles- much stir; the gentle breeze may increase to been spoken to the sobbing wife or child, this | ved. If a bell rang five minutes before the sing of God upon the young Wesleys, their a hurricane, and instead of harmless dead never-failing Friend will sweetly whisper— servants came into the prayer room, it would attention was turned at an early period of leaves mighty forest trees may be uprooted, "Fear not! I am with thee. Where I am, ye give them notice to assemble, and prevent

hurried spirit. 7. It helps to secure attention, if each child and servant has a Bible and hymn-book with which to follow the service.

8. Servants must be led, if possible, to feel that family worship is not a task but a pri-9. Servants, as well as masters (particularly

where there is a large establishment), should guard against conversing together to the last upon light and indifferent subjects, but should enter the prayer-room in a serious state of mind. How rich a blessing might families expect, if their sacred services were performed in a sacred manner! If the flame on the family altar burns bright and clear, the Lord would be honored with one breath of praise-would be implored with one breath of prayer-and He who declares himself 'the God of the families of all the earth,' would own such a family as 'His peculiar treasure.'-London Christian Observer.

THE PULPIT INSPIRED BY THE AUDIENCE.

invested with a high degree of sacredness in | with when finances are in a low state. I wish the minds of the thoughtful and devout. That | we could keep ourselves; and if there must be anxious to receive the preached Word. A scarcely be called living men; nothing moves bank of thyme, we entered into conversation. there should be upon the pulpit a divine afflasolemn stillness, in the presence of the beauthem, nothing interests them, they care for Ere the subject was half exhausted, the widow tus, will be readily admitted. There are ches help them. We must shut the door against ties of nature, pervaded the meetings, which nothing. But they ought to be thankful for rose to my recollection. I felt, somehow, that several kinds of inspiration which help to all outsiders and look at home. often extended until late in the evening. anything which arouses them from their slum- I must cut it short and hasten away on my constitute the full power of the pulpit. Not berings and bids them know themselves for visit. But the idea was dismissed, and the least of these is the inspiration of the ple give till they get into the habit of it. It

Winceys, weight of numan beings, whence in the same interest and trouble to them, for another and cleaner coat disturbing the devotions. Nature herself followers if its supporters are eager, active able impulse I rose to my feet, and made haste man can speak with the same interest and trouble to them, for another and cleaner coat is supporters. seemed to be in alliance with these holy men; men, full of energy and life. And even a to the cottage. Opening the door, a sight profit to his auditors under all circumstances. is sure to grow. It does not hurt cows to and often her phenomena were converted by good cause cannot be independent of it. What met my eye that for a moment nailed me to A Christian congregation is something far milk them; let them be milked dry, they will different from an assembly of persons in the give the more next time. Nor is there any-CLOTH and VELVETEEN JACKETS, An approaching storm, the setting sun, the been spoken this week, and how materially The erection of mill-refuse which had been lecture-room, or in other places. They are thing lost by dipping a spring dry; it will fill minutes before I entered. She had cried out; reverent manner and spirit, but in a teachable up and die, having known old and stale bles-

just in the nick of time—one or two minutes God." What an hour was that in the life of later, the flames had caught her clothes, and Peter! Did not the circumstances surround-I had found her in a blaze of fire. Be it mine ing this man of God constitute an element in to live and die in the belief of a present and the inspiration of his heart and mind? What presiding, as well as a personal God; in the a moment to utter the two great truths confaith which inspired my aged friend to thank tained in the next two verses, that God is no him for her wonderful deliverance, and the respecter of persons, and that God is a reboy to explain his calm courage on the roar- specter of character. May all Christian ministers be favored with such audiences. - Herald.

HE DIED FOR ME.

A minister in one of our large cities had prepared and preached, as he supposed a most convincing sermon for the benefit of an influential member of his congregation, who was was unaffected. On his return from church, he saw a tear trembling in the eye of his little quired the cause. The child informed him that she was thinking of what her Sabbath School teacher had told her of Jesus Christ.

"And what did she tell you of Jesus Christ. my child?" he asked.

"Why, she said He came down from heaven AND DIED FOR POOR ME!" and in a moment the

The proud heart of the infidel was touched. What the eloquent plea of his minister could had done, and he retired to give vent to his own feelings in a silent but penitent prayer. That evening found him at the praying circle, where, with brokenness of spirit, he asked the prayers of God's people. In giving an account of his Christian experience, he remarked— "Under God, I owe my conversion to a little child, who first convinced me by her art-

The minister, on returning from this meet-3. Where a family is musical, it is cheering | ing, took his sermon and read it over carefully, and said to his family and to himself: "There is not enough of Jesus Christ in this discourse."

SAVED.

A lady of good social position in Cleveland, Ohio, while on her way to a meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association, saw as she passed a drinking saloon, a young man about to raise a glass of liquor to his lips. Following instantly the motion of the Spiritwould that Christians always did this!--she left her companion at the entrance, and stepping in, said to the youth,-

"Oh, my friend, stop, don't touch it !" Startled by the appearance of a well dressed lady in such a place, he turned, and asked-

"What brings you here?" "To save you from ruin," she replied.

"What do you want of me?" he again asked, confused by the unexpectedness of the scene. "I want you to let me take your arm, and go with me to the Young Men's Christian Association meeting," she answered.

"But you would be ashamed to walk with me," he said. "Not in the least; I would be rejoiced to

go there with you," she replied. Unable to resist her persuasive manner and heart-felt interest in his welfare, the young man left the untouched glass, and went to the meeting. Here prayer was specially made for him, and her act of immediate obedience resulted in his conversion. He became not only a Christian, but one of the most active workers for the gospel in Cleveland.

OBJECTION AND REPLY.

MINISTER.—The benovelence of my people has been much strained during the past year and will be this year. When the deputation for Missionary Society was with us last September, the brethren drummed my people so much that they got subscriptions which I fear will leave us very bare in our home department. And then, many of our friends help other societies, so that I fear our church income will suffer. I wish it could be possible to keep off all poachers from my preserves. A pastor's cares about temporal matters are often very The pulpit is a power in the world. It is heavy, and deacons are not nice men to deal

Reply.—Nonsense, brother! Let your peodoes not injure bees to have their honey taken

You will find it a good rule to keep silence while angry, for words spoken in anger are sure to bring regret.

he commenced his "opposition," and his first prayers, by entreaties, by loving hands, they her from the jaws of a cruel, fiery death.