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THE TIDES.

The moon is at her full, and, riding high, Placeds the calm fields with light.
The airs that hover in the summer sky. Are all nelvep to night.

There comes no voice from the great woodlands rout Beneath the shadow of their boughs, the ground, Is not more still than they.

But ever heaves and mouns the restless Deep ; His raising tides I hear. Afar I see the glimmering billow s leap; I see them breaking near

Each wave springs upward, climbing toward the fair Springs eagerly, and faintly sinks to where The mother waters lie.

Upward again it swells; the moonbeams show Again, its glimmering crest; Again it feels the fatal weight below, And sinks, but not to rest.

Again, and yet again; until the Deep Back to his inner caves.

Brist respite! they shall rush from that recess With noise and tunuit soon, And fling themselves, with unavailing stress, Up toward the placid moon.

Host struggle and complain; Through the slow conturies yearning to be near To that fair orb in vain.

The glorious source of light and heat must warm Thy bosom with his glow,

And on those mounting waves a nobler form

And from life bestow.

Then only may they leave the waste of brine In which they welter here, And rise above the hills of earth, and shine In a screner sphere

Miscellancous.

A HUSBAND AND FATHER. A young man and his wife were prepa-

red to attend a Christmas party at the house of a friend some miles distant. " Henry, my dear husband, don't drink

cyes to his tace with a pleading glance.
"No, Millie, I will not; you may trust

blanket as they proceeded.

the way.
"Now don't forget your promise," whis-

pered the young wife, as she passed up the

Poor thing! she was the wife of a man who loved to look upon the wine when it

they had to ford.

the great blanket, to his arms. Over the without a guide,"-Wendell Philips. dark waters the noble steeds safely bore them, and when they reached the bank the mother asked for the child.

drunken father knew it not !

A wild shrick from the mother aroused of generosity. him, and he turned just in time to see the little rosy face rise one moment above the dark waves, then sink, forever.

What a spectacle ! the idel of his heart night. gone gone forever! and that, too, by his own intemperance. The anguish of the mother and the remorse of the father, are little babies." better Imagined than described.

ville and Henderson are dead, but Scot- their own eyes. land still retains a Subbath and a Chris | From a cotemporary we cut the followtian peasantry, a Bible in every house, and ling item : a school in every parish. Bunyan is dead in its "Pilgrim's Progress," Baxter is dead, but souls are still quickened by the cr for ten years for the same offence.—

"Saint's Rest." Cowper is dead, but the These fearful sentences were inflicted by nswly gathered in the "silver basket" of the Oliny Hymns. Elliot is dead, but the missionary enterprise is young. Henry young women, under no extenuating cir-Martyn is dead, but who can count the apostolic spirit who phoenixlike, have started Massachusetts in a strange way." from his funeral pile? Howard is dead. but modern philanthropy is only commendead, but the negro will find for ages a fallen mill, the report says: protector in his memory .- Rev. James

TESTS OF CHARACTER.

A great many admirable actions are overlooked by us because they are so little and so common. Take, for instance, the mother who has broken slumber; if any mother who has broken slumber; if any all broken. The unfor unate girl died toat all, with the nursing babe, whose wants and day. The name of her mother is Mrs.

must not be disregarded; she would fain Mary Ann Hamiltion. The daughter was must not be disregarded; she would fain sleep awhile when the breakfast hour comes, but patiently and uncomplainingly she takes her timely seat at the table .-I hough exhausted and weary, she serves all with a refreshing cup of coffee or ten she should have been receiving an educabefore she sips it herself, and often the cup tion which would have fitted her to be useshe has time to taste her own. Do you creature was, by the neglect of the people hear her complain-this weary motherthat her breakfast is cold before she has time to eat it? And this is not for one, besides herself. Of course, a mother, who but every morning, perhaps, through the would take proper care of four younger year ! Do you call this a small thing !- children, could carn but little for their Try it and see. Oh! how does women subsistance; and the scant earnings of this too much at the party to-day; you will shame us by her forbearance and fortitude poor factory girl had to be taxed for the promise me, won't you !" said she, putting in what are wrongfully called little things! tood, clothing, and comforts of her little her hand upon his brow, and raising her Ah! it is these little things which are the sisters. tests of character, it is by these "little," | Could anything more forcibly illustrate

ever wrote, tells the child's story, 'that negro slaves? which,' he says, 'no event in my life has was red. | which,' he says, 'no event in my life has | Should those who are such uncomprovanity of human reason praiseth, I "catch But his love for his wife and babe, whom made so deep an impression on me. A mising advocates of true principles, who him napping." Examine him therefore, they both idolized, kept him back, and it little boy in petticoats, in my fourth year are ready to enter into a desperate strife I beseech thee thoroughly, that thou may. the major premise; but we object to the was not often that he joined in the baccha- my father sent me from the field home. A for rights and universal freedom, forget est, being acquainted with his inward minor premise for these reasons: The party passed off pleasantly, the time foot of a rhodora, caught his sight, and he Can anything more strongly show the cold for departing drew near, and the wife de- lifted his stick to strike it, when a voice hearted callousness of a community than he should go. It grieves me to think, and subject caused some misgivings in the minds seemed from the upper chamber to join said it is wrong.' I stood with uplifted such neglect of persons willing to be useful when I ponder thereon, I am verily of of the majority. They sought to which he called a trance—for the space of her husband. A pang shot through the stick, in wonder at the new emotion, till as is exhibited in the case of Margaret opinion that his body is foul, and that the words: trusting heart as she met him, for he was rhodors and tortoise vanished from my Hamilton? The sudden catastrophe which whole mass is corrupt. Cleanse him, intoxicated-he had broken his promise. sight. I hastened home, and asked my has crushed out the life of this poor but therefore I beseech thee, with thy charm-Silently they rode homeward, save when mother what it was that told me it was devoted girl, has but revealed one of many ing physic, from all pollution, that he may the drunken man would break into snatch- wrong. Wiping a tear with her apron, sad cases which do not get into the news- vibrate and circulate according to the truth. es of song, or unmeaning laughter. But and taking me in her arms, she said :- papers, and consequently are unnoticed. I will place him a few days under thy care the wife rode on, with a grieved heart .- 'Some men call it conscience; but I pre-"Give me the babe, Millie, I can't trust fer to call it the voice of God in the soul that it is the duty of a Commonwealth to I entreat thee friend John, demean thyself you with him," said he, as they approached of man. If you listen to it and obey it, provide for paupers and criminals; but on this occasion with judgement, according a dark and somewhat swollen stream which then it will speak clearer and clearer, and these very States which have accumulated to the gift which is in thee, and prove thy-After some hesistation she resigned her a deaf car or disobey, then it will fade out ple, and whose leading citizens are most thy correcting hand upon him, let it be first-born, her darling, closely wrapped in little by little, and leave you in the dark loud in praise of their refluement, intelli- without passion, lest thou should drive him

With much care and tenderness he laid bors under a conviction of having previ- are regarded as preper recipients of public ways, and more conformable to the above the bundle in her arms, but when she ously mistaken your character, or is now charity or generosity, unobtrusive virtue mentioned rules, then do thou send him clasped it to her bosom no child was there! agreeable with misconstruing your con- is left to strugg'e with heartless avarice, home, with the just bill of charges drawn It had slipped from the blanket, and the duct-the first shows a mortifying want and the cold indifference of the prosperous out in the true spirit of moderation, and it of discernment; the latter a pitiable want and wealthy, for the most meagre subsis- shall be sent to thee the root of all evil.

> What is love, Kate?" said a young gard of the condition of the destitute and rail-way porter, "when does the nine man to his bright particular, the other unfortunate, on the part of those who make o'clock train leave? "Sixty minutes past

unless it is getting married and kissing faults of others, is that rebuke of the Sa-

The cedar is most useful when dead. It No portion of the people of our country eye. is the most productive when its place knows are more ready to criticise and to censure it no more. There is no timber like it .- the faults, negligencies and improprieties teen years imprisonment upon persons Firm in the grain, and capable of the of those of other parts of the Union, than found guilty of petty larceny, is an evifinest polish, the tooth of no insect will are the citizens of the Eastern States .- dence of the high value which Massachutouch it. Diffusing a perpetual fragrance They claim a greater progress in civiliza. setts cets upon the security of property; through the chambers which it ceils the tion, a more refined humanity, and a higher and to impose but the comparatively mild worm will not corrode the book which it appreciation of right and justice, than they sentence of eighteen months incarceration protects, nor the moth corrupt the garment are willing to accord to the residents of upon a wretch who had brought misery which it guards-all but immortal itself, it other sections of the country. Their as, upon four virtuous women, shows that in transfuses its amaranthine qualities to the sumptions of superiority render them prop. that State there is but little regard for good objects around it. Every Christian is use- er subjects for criticism, and as they have morals or the peace of families. ful in his life, but the godly cedars are the shown a disposition to judge the people of most useful afterward. Luther is dead, other States by their institutions, customs vulsed from centre to circumference, bebut the Reformation lives. Calvin is dead and notions of humanity and Christianity, cause of the difference of opinion which but his vindication of God's free and sov- they should be the last to complain if men profess to hold with regard to the ereign grace will never die. Know, Mel- their own shortcomings be exhibited to propriety and justice of negro slavery; and

"JUSTICE WITH A VENGEANCE.-There "go'den apples" are still as fresh as when courts to appease local excitement! In the same prison is a man sentenced for marrying and deserting four respectable

And from the accounts of the recent swful calamity at Lawrence, we take this lanthropists for some time to come; and eing its career. Raikes is dead, but the incident. Describing the condition of some if avarice is the root of the inhumanity, Sabbath Schools go on. Wilberforce is of the persons taken from the ruins of the

> "Margaret Hamilton, aged fourteen in the spooling room. A devoted mother attended her, and when asked what injuries her daughter had received, ther arm degradation, it is certain that avaries is broken and her head is broken, and oh, the great foe of humanity and Christianity; into a flood of tears,) my poor darling is counger children. Mrs. Hamilton has

lived in Lawrence since August last.' From this it appears that a girl fourteen years of age, just at the time of life when is handed back to her to be refilled before ful and agreeable in society—this young of Massachusetts, compelled to furnish the main support of a family of five persons,

How applicable to such inhuman disrean ostentatious display of their own liber- cight o'clock, mum," was Mike's prompt "Love, Joel, well I declare I don't- ality and justice, while they consure the and precise reply. viour of mankind, which tells hypocrits to pluck the beam from their own eyes, before said when he lit on a hot store

HUMANITY IN NEW ENGLAND. they strive to see a mote in their brother's

At the present time our country is cor no, part of the Union is more bitter in its denunciations of that institution than New England; and yet no Southern slaveholder imposes upon a girl of fourteen years but his bright spirit still wakes the earth is a person in the Massachusetts State the burthen of supporting a family, nor Prison under a sentence of fourteen years' does he leave a family of slaves to suffer imprisonment for petty larceny, and anothto carn their support.

> If slavery be so great a wrong as th Abolitionists of the Eastern States repre eighteen months for bigamy, in successively sent it to be, the wrong is manifestly in its inhumanity, and the cases we have presentcumstances. They seem experimening in ed here prove beyond question that there is inhumanity enough in New England to engage the attention of their ardent phiwhich in the South exhibits itself in driing them for money; and in the North in years. This was her first day's work in the heartless neglect which places poor Pemberton Mills. She commenced work females and children in such circumstances that they are forced to vice, crime and degradation, it is certain that avarice is my God! (and here the poor woman burst and as this fiend pervades the whole Union, and destroys the happiness of vast por the main support of the mother and four the demon in its own locality. Let New England exhibit a genuine humanity towards her own people, and other parts of the Union will be ashamed to refuse to follow her example. Actions do better than professions. The story of Margaret Hamilton may furnish a theme for some of the eloquent tongues or pens of New England, and they may find scope for the most withering rebukes of the inhumanity which leaves such girls to toil in obscurity and despair, for the support of little brothers and sisters .- Philadelphia Daily News.

QUAKER'S LETTER TO A WATCH-

I herewith send thee my pocket clock, which greatly standeth in need of thy tests of character, it is by these "little," | Could anything more forcibly illustrate self denials, borne with such self-forgotten | the hollowness of that canting philanthropy | at thy friendly school, he was in no way | ill at ease. But for this testimony a numgentleness, that the humblest home is made which shurts its eyes to the condition of reformed, nor in the least benefitted there. ber of the Western States, now free, would And he wrapped his infant boy in a soft beautiful to the eyes of angels, though we poor families and helpless children strug-by; for I perceive by the lindex of his probably to-day be slave states." fail to see it, alas! till the chair is vacent gling for subsistance, and yet looks abroad mind that he is a liar! that his motions But it is claimed that advanced action The horses were soon prancing over the and the hand which kept in orderly motion to find cruelty and inhumanity to rebuke, are wavering and irregular; that his pulse is necessary, and the majority propose such turf, and pleasant conversation beguiled all this domestic machinery is powerless and which raises its voice in pious horror is somewhat slow, which betokeneth not an action. The argument, sir, in faver of the at the iniquity of the people of other States, even temper; and at other times he wax. report may be syllogistically stated thus: and refuses affiliation with them because eth sluggish, notwithstanding I do fre- The action of our Church in reference WHAT IS CONSCIENCE !- "The very they do not he sitate to use the stimulus of quently urge him, when he should be on to slavery has resulted in good, but the last page Theodore Parker's buisy flingers the lash to compel the labor of indolent his duty as thou knowest his usual name measure now proposed will result in greatdenoteth, I find him slumbering, or as the er good; therefore the measure ought to Should those who are such uncomprovanity of human reason praiseth, I "catch be adopted. spotted tortoise, in shallow water, at the the teachings of humanity and Christianity? frame and disposition, draw him from the error of his way, and show him wherein tagonism to the State. This view of the The laws of all our States acknowledge and pay for his board what thou requirest. always guide you rights. But if you turn most wealth from the industry of the pao- self a workman. And when thou layest gence and philanthropy, utterly refuse to to destruction. Do thou regulate his moacknowledge that they are in duty bound tion for a time to come, by the motion of fair and clear statement of the facts invol- that the outward relation is changed. - a doctor, who, on arriving at the house A man who has treated you with to do anything for the industrious and use- light that ruleth the day; and when thou attention, but now with indifference, la- ful. While vice, crime, and degradation findest him converted from the error of his

Thirteenth Delegated Conference.

TWENTY FIRST DAY. The conference met at the usual hour, Bishop Baker in the chair.

T. C. Murphy, of Philadelphia, obtained the floor, and said :

Mr. President: Compared with many of these venerable men before me, I am ed worthy by my conference a place among her delegates, and there is a degree of responsibility devolved upon me upon this and upon all other questions that are to come before this conference, and to meet

Whatever else it may mean, we conceive herd?

This is the view of our fathers, and the very This is the view of our fathers, and the very view sustained by the report under consid. ia to say what they must do? Or will the In all this legislation, I submit the ques eration. If we return to the report we people of Virginia permit the people of tion, Will it tend to the extirpation of the shall find evidences of this fact. The re-

has remained substantially what it now is: ed in which our Church has not testified in the territory? against slavery as a great evil. and one whose extirpation is to be sought by all correct public opinion. Under its influence year of grace 1860, to propose to do? many thousands of slaves have been set free And what is more astonishing than all and many thousands, who otherwise would this, the Golden Rule is quoted as authorhave been slave holders,, have refrained; ity for this arraying of the Church against and many thousands more, who are still the state! Now does the Golden Rule holding slaves are doing so with conscience require us to place ourselves in contact

Now, sir, we very cheerfully conceive

First. It would bring us in direct an-

laws of the land a brief answer must suffice. to the performance of their reciprocal glories of Heaven. His parents fully be-If we choose to keep as free as we can duties, but they never interfered with it lieved him to be dead; the passing bell from the evils of slavery, how do we thus as an institution of society. If this be was wrung; his coffin ordered and made; violate the laws of the land? Do the laws true, it follows that they did not under- and on the third day his friends assemof the land require the members of the M. stand the Golden Rule as the editor of bled for the purpose of following him to E. Church to hold slaves? How do we Zion's Herald and other brethren of the the grave. The elergyman of the parish then violate the laws by declining to hold majority understand it. then violate the laws by declining to hold majority understand it.

them? Must we practice every evil which Christianity acts directly upon this relafore the coffin lid was screwed on, and the laws permit lest we be charged with tion of master and slave by destroying the finding it to be warm, he at once expressed violating them ?"

Short calls are best," as the fly emancipation, then we submit the question | But I object to the report and resolu-

larray the Church against the State, where son; not only because it places our peo can we look for protection in what she ple in the position of rebels to the state. METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. may regard her dearest rights in other respects? Is the general Conference pre-pared to take this attitude before the world? He was aware brethren would deny that. Is she prepared to take the position of di- They will claim it only applies to those rect resistance to the civil power? If she who hold slaves for purposes of gain. dees, I submit the question. Where will But how can we understand that? Will she find an example for this?

ant Churches of America. She will not selves of it or be expelled from the Church ? but a young man; yet I have been deem- find it in the New Testament. The great Now will it be likely to have that effect founder of our religion never arrayed him- upon them ? I know they have been deself against the civil institutions of the coun- nonneed, and by those too who have enten try, nor required of his followers to act of their bread and been supported by in direct resistence to them. Now what their means. I know there have been will be the result of this thing? If one false representations made of them. For this responsibility in part I have risen to denomination is authorized to array her- more than a century and a half my family self against the civil power, then all the have resided in what is now known as a The report commences sir, by presenting denominations are. If she is authorized free state, and not one of them has been a question, and it is one of the greatest to array herself against one law that she connected with slavery. Two years ago that has ever been presented to the consid- deems obnoxious, then she may against Bishop Ames put me on a district within eration of the Methodist public. That every law. I ask, sir, what will be the requestion is, What shall be done for the ex- sult of this? It does not require much I have had abundant opportunities to tirpation of the evil of slavery? It is not foresight to see that the sword of Casar know their condition, and I solemnly dea new question. But what is its import? will be mightier that the crook of the shep- clare that I never saw more distinct marks

that it looks toward me aimination of the actual amount of slavery and a mitigation tical organization to array itself against brethren from abroad had never done. of its evils. Though our legislation and the State, it is clear it is only to be done by They have come between the trader and of its evils. Though our legislation and the trader and administration can bear legally only upon that portion of the Church which is in the his victim again and again. They have ourselves and our members, yet it bears States respectively concerned. "No interupon them only in view of accomplishing ference from abroad," is the doctrine of dition of the slaves, even though they this object. But it is desirous to act America; and what is true of the general number but about fifty thousand, than the this object. But it is desirous to act through them, upon the community, by government is true of the state governments one million of Methodists living in the creating a corresponding public sentiment. They are jealous of their rights. They one million of Methodists living in the non-slaveholding states. But what effect which in the South exhibits itself in dri-ving indolont slaves to their work, or selland preparing the slave for his liberty will not anow of interference of will this have upon that portion of whenever in the providence of God it shall lately in Virginia. Will the people of slaveholders? Will they consent that the New England permit the people of Virgin- imputation be cast upon their brethren New England to say what they must do? If, then, there be a jealousy respecting "For seventy-six years the question at state rights, how much more will there be the head of our present chapter on slavery a jealousy in regard to those Churches who violate their civil obligations, and cs What shall be done for the extirpation of pecially when it is done by those living bethe evil of slavery?' During all this pe. youd the territory concerned, and in spite

> Where will the result of this be found What will be the effect of it upon the lawful and Christian means. Nor has our states respectively? This was not the acknowledged antislavery position been action of our fathers. They regarded inproductive of good fruits. There is no the laws of the country; and what was power in the truth, when faithfully uttered done upon the subject of slavery was only o influence the conscience of mankind .- to affect them so far as was consistent The testimony which our Church has borne has done much toward the formation of a left for this General Conference, in the

> > les understood it, or they did not. If they did, they must have been governed by it under all circumstances. If they A STRANGE STORY .- In a village near did not, who of us can understand it? Newark, England, in an old thatched house,

inward relation. The master and slave the opinion that the child was not dead, Now, sir, here is a fulse issue raised when they are converted become brothren and after ordering the postponement of the and presented to our notice. It is not a in Christ Jesus; but it does not follow funeral, sent his servant on horseback for ved in the case. During the past number That relation is determined by the laws confirmed the assertion of the minister, and of years there has been no little agitation of the land and public sentiment. The instructed the boy's mother to moisten the on this question in the North, and its re- slave can be freed only in process of, and boy's lips with wine and water twice a day, flex influence has been felt in the South .- in conformity with, the civil laws. It is She did so, and on the seventh day he And they have been compelled to enact impossible for the master to clevate his showed signs of life by moving; on the laws more and more stringent, while in slave to a social equality with himself in eighth day he could hear the conversation some of the states manumission has become the face of the law and public sentiment of persons in the room; and on the ninth a legal impossibility; and that is the case surrounding him. The influence of the day he was able to open his eyes and rise Porter" asked an old lady of a in some of the border conferences. If Gospel acts upon society by giving a tone from the supposed bed of death. Since there is any one here who doubts the fact, to society; and the only reason why it that time his health has been delicate, but I have in my pocket a printed extract of has not been done more rapidly is the he has continued to occupy the grazing the laws there that will establish the fact. course of unprincipled demagogues and land adjoining his cottage, and has kept Now if our Church requires manumission other agitators who have incensed the cows after the manner of his forefathers. of the slaves, and if these laws forbid people by the course they have pursued.

if this General Conference is not asked to tion under consideration for another rea- we learn, and not by their weaknesses.

it not be necessary for all who are expo-She will not find it among the Protest- sed to this presumption to purge them-Whatever else it may mean, we conceive here:

that it looks toward the diminution of the But if it be ever proper for an eclesiasple. They have been doing what ou: of vital Christianity than among that peodone more for the amelioration of the conevil of slavery ?

But I object to it on account of the slave himself. His condition cannot be improved if he be manumitted there, And he cannot be manumitted there. If his master would give him his free papers to-day and tell him to go, he would be riod, and more, there has no day interven of the remonstrances of those residing with- liable to be apprehended to-morrow and sold again into slavery. He objected to it because it withholds from them what these brothren regard as the Gospel of Christ. There are thousands of slaves that go weekly to hear the word of life. And if these resolutions pass it will be impossible to go among them and present to them, according to the teachings of this document, the word of life. I could not consent to do it, or they to hold Church fellowship with me. Now if this be the argument, and the minor proposition be not tenable, will our brethren consent to place us in a position antagonistic to the state ! It is an hour of deep and serious interest, and I earnestly call upon you, brethren, to be careful what you do upon this subject.

to array themselves against the civil laws ly for nearly three hundred years, there of the country, they must have proclaimed lives an old man who has nearly completed the doctrine. They were surrounded with his 86th year. A person who had occaslavery in its most hideous and revolting sion to visit him the other day, was not a forms. Paul could not go to Athens little surprised on hearing the old gentlewithout passing by where slaves were man, in course of conversation, express his bought and sold, and one of the first acts belief that he was not only going to Heavof his ministry at Corinth was to heal a on, but had been there once since his first slave; yet they never denounced slavery introduction into this world. From the per se. They denounced the slave-trade, account he gives of the matter, it appears or, as it is called in our version, "man that when he was about 11 years of age, stealing," but never denounced it as a civil he was in an apparently lifeless statecontrol it by the principles of the Golden nine days, and it was during that time, he "To the charge that we are violating the Rule. They exhorted masters and slaves thinks, he was permitted to behold the went in to look at the supposed corpse be-

Enr It is by the mistakes of men that