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character, but they were such as were for the green and golden ducks among the readily excused, and will be likely to be hedges. They have laughed at my broken soon forgotten, by those who knew him | Japanese, and taught me better, and for a

During the last few months of his life, turn out my little Japanese friends against he suffered much from an asthmatic and the world. God bless the boys and girls dropsical affection, being often unable to of Niphon."

and compelled from want of breath to sit whole nights in the open air of the portico. In the midst of all this he uttered no mur-muring word, and complained only of the trouble which he occasioned to his family and friends. He waited patiently for the hour of his release. At a family meeting; on the 4th of July last, when ten of his children were gathered around the interest of the source o on the 4th of July last, when ten of his Not an inch of ground that is not enriched. children were gathered around him, and in a way to satisfy Mr. Mechi. after he had greatly enjoyed a season of religious conversation and devotional ex-When every rood of ground maintained its man;

ercises with them, he gathered strength to But things are changed indeed, for now 'tis found pour out the joyful utterances of his soul That every man maintains his rood of ground. at having been blessed with the privilege This is literally true here. There are

of such an interview, before his departure; no fences; few wide roads. A footpath and he expressed his calm acquiescence in leads from the village to the harbor, so whatever might be the will of God concern- that no space is lost. We see small ditches ing him, assuring them that it had long for irrigation, and the crops are most abunbeen his desire and prayer that he might dant. We ascend a height, and look over live no longer than while he might be a plain some thirty miles in extent, with of some use in the world, and that he the sea on one side and a fine range of hills had no concern, otherwise, as to when, or on the other. Beyond these hills is plain, where, or how, he might die. after plain, the inhabitants of which de-He had been greatly troubled on account sire nothing better than to barter their of certain difficulties and dissensions exist-produce for English manufactures. The ing in the congregation of Mingo for the last junks we took for our commissariat were vear or two: but was permitted to rejoice at full of Manchester goods, brought up the restoration of peace, and the harmonious from the South, and an enormous trade settlement of a young and devoted pastor with the North of China awaits the reësover that people. He was then ready to say, tablishment of pacific relations. Descending Now. Lord, lettest thou thy servant de- through large orchards of apple, pear, and part in peace ;" and having been taken plum trees, we ride along a lane with high suddenly worse, on the very next Sabbath green banks on either side. The apples morning after the installation, his spirit are "hanging fine on the trees," wild flowers scent the air, the cukoo is heard in the was released. , Such a man has not lived in vain. "He distance, bees, butterflies and dragonflies being dead yet speaketh." May his mantle are humming and circling round our heads,

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September 2d, 1860, being in his 78th year. He was the only son of Aaron Williams, who was one of the earliest settlers in Washington County, Pa. Both the father and son were for many years Ruling Elders in the congregation of Mingo, during the long pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Ralston, and the latter continued to be one of the most efficient members of that session until the time of his death.

He loved the sanctuary, and although living at a considerable distance from it. he and his family were always there. He sought anxiously the purity, peace and edification of the Church; was an active Sabbath School teacher, and was always among the first in every movement that seemed likely to promote the welfare of the congregation, or the good of the community at large.

In the missionary and educational efforts in which the Synod of Pittsburgh so early embarked, he took a very efficient part; contributing liberally according to his own means, and stimulating the liberality of others by personal appeals, and by the distribution of appropriate tracts and papers. It was his practice, for several years, and while doing a large business with his mills and carding machines, to set apart the profits of one day in each month to the missionary cause. This was his monthly concert contribution. When all this property had been consumed by fire. he lamented its loss chiefly on account of its taking away his means of doing good.

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And in the Saviour it has found What blessedness and peace abound

Here is my heart !---ah! Holy Spirit come, And consecrate it wholly as thy home,

A temple fair and true. Teach it to love and serve thee more, To fear thee, trust thee, and adore-My cleansed heart

Here is my heart !--- it trembles to draw near The glory of thy throne; Give it the shining robe thy servants wear, Of righteousness thine own; Its pride and folly chase away, And all its vanity, I pray-My humble heart.

Here is my heart !--- teach it, O Lord, to cling In gladness unto thee; And in the day of sorrow still to sing, "Welcome my Lord's decree." Believing, all its journey through, That thou art wise, and just and true-My waiting heart !

Here is my heart !-- O Friend of friends, be near, To make each tempter fly,

And when my latest foe I wait with fear. Give me the victory ! Gladly on thy love reposing,

Let me say, when life is closing-Here is my heart !



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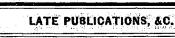
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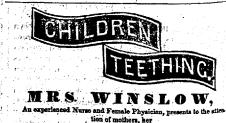
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