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Christians by the River of Death.

There came a little child with sunny hair, All fearless to the brink of Death's dark river And with a sweet confiding in the care Of Him who is of life the Joy and Giver And as upon the waves she left our sight,

Next came a Youth, with bearing most serene, Nor turned a single backward look of sad-

But as he leit each gay and flowery scene,

What earth deemed bright, torever I resign Joyfully but this to know, that Christ is mine!"

An aged Mourner, trembling, tottered by Then glided on beneath the shadowy sky, Singing-" Christ Jesus is my strength for

Upon his arm my feeble soul I lean,-My glance meets His without a cloud between."

And scarce her last triumphant note had died, Who cant at once his bright renown aside, " Christ for my wisdom thankfully I own, And as a little child I seek His throne."

Then saw I this: that whether guileless Child, Or Youth, or Age, or Genius, won salvation, Each self-renouncing came; on each God smil-

[FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.] Revival Preaching.

of his faith in Gotl? The same may be vival of undefiled religion. 'does he still ask, "Why am I not successful ing at the idea of its abolition, and who cannot speak of the subject with patience Is There wonder at the absence of his success. not be affirmed that assuredly the messenger of the truth will lose his faith in God, and with it his usefulness, unless that faith be increased by constant communion with panied by the assurance of the presence of work of his life to retain such a faith. But if there be a perpetual contemplation of his the heavenly day which glows in the hori-Spirit, and the unceasing prayer of faith, be constantly forming in his mind-the assuraloud, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come

sonal boliness? Shall not that messenger and a charm-holiness to the Lord. He most energetically of all others shall declare that gospel which purities by faith, and which has been made instrumental in his own purification. Said the sainted Whitefield, Without that effect of contemplation he can- glories and sublimities here. There are out spot." A greater than Whitefield asks, tional reason accounting for the absence of enough: but no forests cling to their sides An apostle attirms, "As he was so are we." Does it not follow, that in the absence of should make the enquery, "Which of you countered in declaring his message induced mind.

What did the refined but deistical teachers tributes.

of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries Smiling, declared - " My soul is thrilled with accomplish by their poetry and morality, when placing the philosophy of the schools in the stead of the cross of Christ and its attendant doctrines? They made England THE PLAIN OF THE JORDAN-A WASTE. deistical. True, occasionally a mighty mind, like Young's or Milton's would per-Ere hastened on a Man of wealth and learning, and Priestleys, who preached everything along the coast from the land of the Philis-Who can at at once his bright renown aside. to hear the declaration, "Ye must be born is mountainous, broken and rocky beyond change resulting from the reception of mere I should have excepted, also, the plain of For loss of friends, earth's pleasure and renown, Ezch entered Heaven, and "by His side sat in the Unitarian pulpits of New England, west. This wast plain, some six or eight

said of Luther. Earnest men are always heard at last—they move the moral world—they keep it moving. Faith alone can produce such carnestness on the part of others. If this be the moral world is thought follow we are of this release. In thought follow we are of this release.

gospel has lost his faith in the message. than the music of the piano. He had before lost faith in God. And what Then there is the want of forests.

attention may hereafter be directed. A BRAND PLUCKED FROM THE BURNING.

spirit of ell righteousness, but in a spirit of the understanding could not discover; but away rather than to be condemned with all humble love, "show me my sin, that I may when they are revealed it hath a clear apwash my hands in innocency." From such prehension of them upon a rational account,

its simplicity should repel and not attract. - more it is wounded and entangled. "God's horror.

Letter from the Holv Land.

December 29, 1855. to the pulpits of Germany - we hear lectures of Mount Carmel on the north, and from on science, war, politics, but the coul yearns the sea to the roots of the mountains of in vain to catch the words which " are spirit Judea, and the plain of Esdraelon, between and are life." The ear is strained in vain Carmel and the Jordan, the whole country again "-- "born again" - not merely a the conception of one who has not seen it. truths, but from the direct energy of the the Jordan from the Dead Sea northward, Spirit of God, and personal contact with which is almost a perfect level from the Jesus Christ, the life-giving word, the "life mountains of Moab on the east side of the and yet there is spiritual death. They who miles wide on the west side of the Jordan, hear, hear not of Him who was with the and forty or fitty in length from north to Father in the beginning, and who was made south, is an utter waste, uncultivated, houseflesh and dwelt with men. They hear of less and uniohabited, though once exceedthe man Jesus, the model of human perfec- ingly productive, and now capable of yieldtion, indeed the brightest, fairest being in the Universe beside God. But how far is easy method of irrigation. The vast plain Were an inquiry instituted as to the secret of the power exercised by the life of the of the life of t Apostle of the Gentiles, would not the true there is no Saviour." Jesus must be preach- cropped from the days of Noah, without result be found in the reply—the intensity ed in his Divinity, if we would see the re- the least application of manure. The virtues of guano are exceeded by the virtues

thought, follow we one of this school; wea- STERILITY OF THE HILLS AND MOUNTAINS. Never was anything more foolish or illtrue, it readily follows that if faith be lost, ried of the cross, he searches for some more But as to the rest, such hills, such moun-considered, or as might have been anticipatthe messenger who has been thrust torth by God to announce the terms of the salvation it is possible that he has been thrust torth by despisers of methodism.—N. Y. Evangelist it is possible that he has long preached the nakedness, desolation and poverty! all com- farming in abhorrence, and prefer being of the gospe', cannot possibly succeed; it has been arready seen that he fails in effection it is weakened: he wonders at his former early and cherished fancies, struck me with in it is weakened: he wonders at his former early and cherished fancies, struck me with to the laws of the Turkish empire for a ing the end for which the gospel was instition, he becomes ashamed of its simplicity: barren, rocky and mountainous portions of in summer is so intense, that no American The Sacred Scriptures abound with strik- such music was unknown before. does he still ask, "Why am I not successful he hesitates to tell the wretched prodigal, our own country, from which one turned in the conversion of souls?" As reasonably "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou away in pity of those condemned by indomay the statesman enquire, "Why do I not secure the abolition of slavery," whilst jest-secure the abolition of slavery," whilst jest-secure the abolition of slavery, while the abolition of slavery, while the abolition of slavery is the secure the abolition of slavery is the secure that all other than a slavery is the secure that the slavery is the secure that the slavery is the secure that the slavery is the the realities of the gospel are discarded. He ceases to distinguish between that which He ceases to distinguish between that which I saint responds to this, as having felt it; as lines, will say that they do not express a there wonder at the absence of his success, when taking perhaps the means to prevent success? And may it means to did David, when he said, "Blessed is the did David, when he said was the very Saviour, grappling on life's terrible arena with life are arena with life's terrible arena with life arena with life are are are arena with lif whose life was a fact not a fiction, whose articles-earth and water-the absence or The strange being who started this strange existence was one prolonged encounter with insufficient quantity of which cannot be re- movement, is a female, recently died; and God? Nor can there be faith unaccomactual foes, not imaginary shadows. He alized in America, are great rarities here.— it is to be hoped, your good citizens will be refuses to present such a Saviour, lest the There is a small fountain wherever a village humbugged no longer. Him who thrust him forth. May it not be foolishness of the cross should become a is planted, barely sufficient, usually, to supaffirmed rurther, that it must become the stumbling-block," and he, instead, invents a ply the wants of the inhabitants and their else may be the result, to the advantage of religion of sentiment not reality. He mourns flocks and cattle; but no rivers and brooks, civilization and Christianity in this country. over a perishing world in affected sympathy. except the winter torrents, which disappear Had not Russia been resisted and driven but ceases to point to Him by whom that entirely in summer. In crossing the whole back, every American and English missionworld can be saved." He would weep at its country from Jaffa to the Jordan, and back ary would have been sent home, every love, but shudder to declare, "There is again, I did not see on the routes a quantity school have been disbanded, and Egyptian therefore now no condemnation to them of running water sufficient to rinse the hu-darkness have settled down upon the East. which are in Christ Jesus. The atonement man body, even the body of a child, and the Prophecy and Providence assure us better Ruth's attachment to Naomi, and it seems pressing upward to a higher, purer, spiritual is not to him the light which illumines the only brook I encountered, shallow as it runs, times are coming. atmosphere—if new formations of truth, the moral darkness of the earth; it is not now and through which you could walk with result of recurring baptisms of the Holy the book in which is read the solution of the shoes on without wetting your feet, came problem of man's being and destiny. True, gushing out from the roots of the mounit is still a subject for sentimental display tains back of Jericho, and near Elisha's ance of the presence of the Lord who sent for affected sympathy. But too plainly it fountain. The sound of those waters gushhim forth will be realized. He will cry will be seen that such a messenger of the ing over the pebbles and rocks was sweeter

can he substitute? How will he save men? associate trees and grand old primaeval of such an assurance that he cultivate per- He has turned from the cross—he glories forests with hills and mountains, covering no longer in its shame - he exults no longer their sides and waving upon their tops and who manifestly breathes the spirit and re- in the thought that the foolishness of God is crowning them with a certain majesty and flects the image of the Lord from whom he wiser than the wisdom of men. He closes glory. The axe never touched them; the received his commission most readily awak- the sacred volume. The sacrificial blood sunlight never penetrated them, and human en the attention of the crowd who hunger for which stains the pages of the Evangelists feet, as though deterred by a religious awe, the words of lite? They will perceive in him he relies on no more. He will save men never trod the leafy beds around their venerthat which invests Christianity with a glory by demonstrations addressed to the intellect, able trunks, and under the rayless gloom. I by appeals to the sentiment. Ah! he will shall love them better than ever when I see fail. Till time be no more, the preacher them again-these wonderful handiworks of who would specced must reinerate the Bap- the omaignment Creator, and be almost tempetist's cry, "Behold the Lamb of God."- ed to turn Druid. But there are no such "A preacher of the gospel should be with- not be the agent of conversion. An addi- hills enough, and mountains high and grand for the persons addressed. To this last case naked and barren, and awaken only one

future generations to gaze forever upon such

that loss of faith in the efficacy of the gospel will prevent general success in the re
Pel will prevent general success in the re
Divine truth, and debase the Divine power. ed by the Latin Catholics with the Patriarch for himself."—Literary Jour.

A conservative against an enmusiasm: A conservative religion, protecting the community out them, but these wretched holes are never vative religion, protecting the community out them, but these wretched holes are never vative religion, protecting the community of them, but these wretched holes are never vative religion, protecting the community of himself."—Literary Jour.

Correspondence of the Philadelphia Christian Observer

In respect to the Jews, they of all men are the most hopeless of conversion, and if they are converted, they will probably relapse to Judaism, when they have no mercenary motives for professing to be Christians. It is the most bigotted part of them that return to the land of their fathers, and when they have returned, they become ten times more bigotted and superstitious than before. Of one thing I am persuaded : those who wish to Christianize the Jews, or improve their temporal condition, should begin with the thousands in our cities, who are less prejudiced, more open to conviction, more accessible, and less under the control of the Rabbis. The Jews must be converted out of Judea, or nowhere. I do not discuss prophecy; I speak from observation This leads me to remark upon an enter

prise started in your city, I believe, for establishing an agricultural community for the benefit of the Jews. The Jews were to be employed as laborers, and thus taught our improved method of cultivating the soil.-

A Lord's Idea of Methodism.

other evils of his career enumerated, that | thee." with dreadful agonies and pangs," besides lime in declaring the attributes of the Althe great evil of the Church being weaken- mighty, the Creator of the Universe, than ed by so large a separation. What must be the words of Moses: " Give ear, O ve heathe historian's idea of religion, if we judge vens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, from these complaints? As to the first, the words of my mouth." Or those of what would that personal piety be worth, Isaiah: "Hear O heavens, and give car O which was not distinguished by a belief in earth; for the Lord bath spoken." he immediate efficacy of prayer? Can David, in the Book of Psalms, thu there be such a thing as true prayer, with- scribes the omnipotence of God: "By the out something of that belief? It the Lord word of the Lord were the heavens made, Jesus has taught his disciples to pray, be- and all the host of them by the breath of lieving that they shall receive those things his mouth. He gathereth the waters of for which they ask according to the will of sea as an heap; he layeth up the deep in Which of you convince the me of sin?" thonat reason accounting for the absence of cown their peaks; they are treeless, God, and has ever based the acceptableness storehouses. Let all the earth fear profound sentiment—that of desolation. I of their prayers on that belief, then the disciple who has not that belief is destitute of stand in awe of him; for he spoke, and it would, it I could be heard, entreat my country men not to make their now glorious hills by the special ingredient in the spirit of prayer. was done; he commanded and it stood fast. and mountains such, by felling the trees to supply fuel for railroads and factories.

Perhaps Lord Mahon meant what the Duke model has written his magnificent conception model has written his magnificent conception without present satisfaction.

Perhaps Lord Mahon meant what the Duke equivolent, could never, in the long run, be less, selfish, but astute. God help the poor, without present satisfaction. drive hem to the atoming blood. Not in a Shift of self right fourness, but in a some doctrines in the Gospel Could almost wish that both were swept heart, without the prayer hook. Postulated of the power of the Almighty. heart, without the prayer book. Probably ". . . My soul confides In that all healing, and all forming power not have ascribed presumption to Wesley, if he had prayed only out of the prayer book ; hands the go-pel food will assuredly be re- and sees the character of truth visibly stampweived by famishing men. Personal holi- ed on their forehead; as the doctrine of sa- As to the moral and religious condition of for imagining an immediate efficacy in those Dess, the result of faith in God through His tisfaction to Divine justice, that pardon Palestine, it is shadowed out by its physical. prayers. It was only his prayers, (Wes-Son, will beget faith in God: it will tend to might be dispensed to repenting sinners. It is one great valley of spiritual death over ley's,) which it was presumptuous to suppose open up now fields of contemplation, realize For our natural conception of God includes which the spirit of life never passes. It is were attended with immediate efficacy. A the freshness and loveliness of truth, lay his infinite purity and justice; and when the covered thick and deep with dead men's very solemn accusation indeed! And then bare the human heart, and charm the stu- design of the Gospel is made known, where- bones, but the breath of life may enter them. as to the other great evil of "very many dent with the view of the wondrous adapta- by he hath provided abundantly for the ho- Still the different sects and tribes are not persons having been tormented with dreadtion of the gospel to man's every condition. nor of those attributes, so that he both the irreligious: the difficulty is that they all ful agonies and pains," under Wesley's Regard one who has thus lost faith in greatest good without encouraging the least love religion, whether Moslems, Jews, or preachings; it was the very proof of immediate love religion, whether Moslems, Jews, or preachings; it was the very proof of immediate love religion, whether Moslems, Jews, or preachings; it was the very proof of immediate love religion. God. He hesitates to name the name of evil, reason acquiesces, and acknowledges— Christians; and, speaking soberly and de-Jesus in such a manner as to arrest attention. Once it was different. Once he glo- though the primary obligation to believe have truer ideas of God and the spirituality trouble on account of their sins; and that ried in the God of truth—then even the such doctrines ariseth from revelation, they of worship, than both the others, who have opposition and indifference which he en- are embraced with more clearness by the no thoughts of any service beyond genufiec- ley should have sometimes believed that tions, saying masses, channing prayer in there was immediate efficacy in his prayers; him to love it the more. Is he not alarmed The obedience of faith is to embrace an languages which neither priests nor people especially considering that very result, those at the contrast? The same, and yet how obscure truth with a firm assent, upon the understand, making processions at midnight very agonies and pangs of an awakened changed. Oh what will nerve him for the account of a Divine testimony. If reason in the churches, burning candles and wastmoral combat—what will inflame his zeal— will not assent to revelation until it under- ing incense around the churches, and in the had prayed, and which he desired most what will not assent to revelation until it underwhat will stimulate his slumbering energy stands the manner how divine things, are, it faces of the spectators. Armenians, Copts, what will sustain him in the conflicts with doth not obey it at all. The understanding Jacobites, Catholics, Greeks, Nestorians and Spirit in the heart. What a singular conpower of the Lord: the mysterious powers of the world which then sincerely submits, when it is inclined whatever other Christian name there may be submits and solely of is invisible—if of him it may be said, He has lost his talt in God?

But there was best his talt in Godd?

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vival of pure religion. Many causes exist It is our wisdom to perceive the great mys- at their head, and the sham Holy Fire kind- and pangs by the assurance of heing person- and the hills melt, and the earth is burned Correspondence of the Christian Adrocate and Journal to destroy such a faith. There is a dispo-sition manifested at the present day to sub-sition manifested at the present day to sub-sition the disposition manifested at the present day to sub-sition manifested at the present day to sub-sition manifested at the present day to sub-sition the disposition of them, the understanding, as partnership in the pious fraud: I turned rency established by law, as genuine and in-sition manifested at the present day to sub-sition manifested at the present day to sub-su expressed lest the exhibition of the cross in in a hedge of thorns, the more it strives the from these scenes in unutterable loathing and fallible as the notes of the Bank of England ness of his anger?"

"Jesus and the Resurrection," "Jesus and ways are above our ways, and his thoughts. The English Bishop of Jerusalem, Bishop as the Church and Casar's regular coin, the two illustrious writers, Shakspeare and Adthe Cross," were the themes on which Paul above our thoughts." To reject what we Gobat is an excellent man, thoroughly evan- possessors of which shall defy all pangs and dison, are indebted to this sublime passage myself, in this correspondence, to the religi-We heard her say My saviour makes them delighted to dwell. What did the fathers cannot comprehend, is not only to sin against gelical, an edifying preacher, and deeply agonies; passing into the kingdom, like the for some of their most celebrated lines. gain for the Redeemer's kingdom who sub- faith, but against reason; which acknow- imbued with the missionary spirit, having Iron Duke, by virtue of the prayer book. Obadiah impressively illustrates the pow- ions of Europe. I come now to say somestituted elegant orations, elaborate discourses ledges itself finite, and unable to "search himself been a pioneer missionary in Aby- under his arm. The holders of such a coin or of the Deity: "The pride of thine heart thing of Italy. I have had good opportuon ethics, for the rugged grandeur, the soul- out the Almighty to perfection."-Dr. W. sinia, which is now a part of his large dio- look down with pity and contempt on an ex- hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the nities of ascertaining its moral aspects, from elevating doctrine of Jesus and the cross? Bates on the Harmony of the Divine At- cese, and for which he is training up Aby- perience like that of Bunyan, for example, clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; Sicily to the Sardinan kingdom, having sinian youth and sending them back as Bible as being, in Southey's words, "the fever of that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me spent at least three months in this most dereaders and teachers—cherishes a Christian a burning enthusiasm, from which "our down to the ground? Though thou exalt graded portion of Europe. sympathy with all good men of every name, church" happily exempts and defends her thyself as the eagle, and though thou set Any moral survey of Italy would natuand for none more than for the missionaries dear children. "Verily many persons thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring rally divide itself into three sections: the of the American Board with whom he is have been tormented with dreadful agonies thee down, saith the Lord." ready to co-operate in every good work .- and pangs, by this most unchurchman like Does not Dr. Johnson evidently imitate the States of the Roman Church; and the No one abhors Puseyism and High Church and undignified system of personal experities passage in his Irene?- Should the North, including Tuscany, Sardinia, &c. ism more than he does, for which he gets ence of religion, introduced by John West fierce North open his frozen wings, bear I entered the King of Naples' dominions an aged Mourner, trembling, tottered by

And paused a moment by the swelling river;

And paused a moment by the swelling river; a convulsive effort to throw off the incubus may be with the history of Palestine, and same pressed down and running over. He this system of personal conviction of being him in the Pleiad's golden chariot, thence opportunity of judging of its general condi-

of false morality and pierce the dense atmo- cient and modern, and carefully as you may has a fine church and small congregation in a lost sinner, which might have been avoid- shall my fury drag him down to tortures." tion from that island to the boundary of the sphere which surrounded them, but the vast bave studied its geography and natural his- Jerusalem, a small organization at Bethle- ed by trusting in the sacraments and prayer In the ancient classics we find passages popes territory. I express but the common mass of spiritual death remained unmoved; tory, all your pre-conceived opinions are hem and Jaffa, at Nablous, and Nazareth, book of the Established Church! Now what descriptive of the descent of Iris and Merand whilst Young gazed on the glory of the confounded and confuted the moment you embracing in the whole, leaving out Jeru- a frightful delusion is this! What multi- cury from heaven on messages of the celes- travellers, that a more wretchedly governed tonement, the people of England were set your foot upon its soil. With the ex- salem, only about 180 adult persons, and the tudes of immortal beings, as capable of realulled to slumber by the rationalistic Paleys ceptions of the plain of Sharon, running schools, about 800 children. The Arab soning in regard to their eternal destiny as none of them can be placed in competition world, it is the very vicinage of perdition, mind seems a most uncongenial soil for di- Lord Mahon, and with the Bible before with this in the Book of Psalms: craments of the Established Church. What did fly upon the wings of the wind. multitudes in this country also are blindly What imagery in any human preduction prisoners, in Naples. It disclosed a state

from baptism to confirmation and the En- had suffered tribulations? vation! Of all delusions under the light of their eyes." ful. With reference to just such a delusion, is declared, hence and beautiful simplicity liorations amount to about nothing. It seems prevailing in the Jewish Church, our bless- of the passage signifies the highest possible that moral dissoluteness is inherent in the ed Lord told the Jews and his disciples that state of never-ending joy and felicity.

Jews, who trusted in their church-member- pressions on the mind. ship for salvation, should see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, and they themselves cast out! The chil dren of the kingdom were then, as now, the believers in sacramental salvation, and the

From the Southern Christian Advocat-The Sacred Scriptures.

"O! fairest of creation, last and best Of all God's works, creature in whom excell'd Whatever can to sight or thought be form'd— Holy, divine, good, amiable, or sweet! How hill thou not! how on a studen los!

And me with thee hath ruined; for with thee

Now let us read in the Sacred Writings not improbable that Milton was assisted in his description by the beautiful copy before us. " And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after Lord Mahon, in his history of England, thee; for whither thou goest I will go; and in the chapter of Methodism, says that a where thou lodgest I will lodge: thy people solemn accusation might have been brought snall be my people, and thy God my God. against Wesley for the presumption with Where thou diest, will I die; and there will which he sometimes ascribed immediate effi- I be buried; the Lord do so to me, and cacy to his prayers." He also says, among more also, if aught but death part me and

very many persons have been formented What can be more appropriate and sub-

His mighty arm, pluck'd from its dark domain This throne of freedom lifted it to light, Girt it with silver chiffs, and call'd it Britain."

the awful majesty of God: hands on high."

been beautifully amplified by Milton.

... . . . In his han t He took the golden company are prepared In God's eternal store, to circumscribe This Universe, and all crested things; One foot he centred, and the other turn

-an experience superscribed and minted. The careful reader will easily perceive that

vine truth, and no where is the Gospel so them, are at this very day in England stak- "He bowed the heavens also and came oppressed and tormented traveller. You powerless as around the manger and at the ing their all for eternity on the assurance down, and darkness was under his feet. And will recollect the sensation produced in that they are safe from perdition by the sa- he rode upon a chariot and did fly; yea, he | England, some months ago, by a letter of

> relying on the same sacramental efficiency of can compare with that passage in the Reve- of things, under the Government of King Episcopal ordinances, being taught from lation, where the Almighty extends his Ferdinand, (King "Bomba," as he is famichildhood that the scal of "our Church." mercy and compassion to the righteous, who liarly known to American newspaper read-

> charist, is the seal of regeneration unto sal- "And God shall wipe away all tears from die. This imbecile and abominable old the Gospel, that of being saved by the This form of expression is often used by English and French intervention, to change Church is in some respects the most dread- the inspired writers, and implies more than somewhat his policy; but its popular ame-

> the children of the kingdom should be cast | We meet many passages in political writ- society. The annals of no state present more outer darkness, where there would be ers which greatly affect our passions, and at deplorable examples of royal morals; the eeping and gnashing of teeth." He told times, produce extraordinary emotions by men on the throne have been excelled, if posthem that many should come from the East new and unexpected association of images. and West and North and South, and sit down This excitement, however, soon subsides, ed it, in cruelty and licentiousness; and a in the Kingdom of heaven, who never so because the incidents related are founded modern Suctonius might fluid in the Neapomuch as heard of "our Church," nor trusted on fiction, but those in the sacred volume, litan annals royal enormities comparable to in it; and that there would indeed be weep- being established upon the firm basis of those which make unreadable the pages of ing and gnashing of teeth, when they, the truth, leave deep, lasting and precious im- the ancient historian of the Casars. The

Affliction-What it Teaches.

The Clove, Feb. 1856.

How fast we learn in a day of sorrow! Scripture in a single day, than in years be- ers by its scenery and its collections of art, did David, when he said, "Blessed is the tithe of the truth.

the mind goes on upon a sick bed, or under opportunity to rise; but they are watched the pressure of grief! And, O, what great everywhere, and a suspicion is enough eviand wondrous things will even some little dence of guilt to consign them to a dungeon. trial whisper in the ear of a soul that is The prisons are filled with victims, and, on "learning of the Father!" In some cases this profit is almost unfelt, government, chizens hardly dare speak in at least during the continuance of the pro- whispers. In a conversation with some cess. We think that we are learning noth- French gentlemen at my hotel table, on ing. Sorrow overwhelms us. Disaster local matters, connected with the governstuns us. We become confused, nervous, ment, an appeal was made to our landlord. agitated, or, perhaps, insensible. We seem He whispered back, in a foreign tongue, to derive no benefit. Yet, ere long, we "Gentlemen, you are Frenchmen and Ame

begin to feel the blessed results. Maturity ricans, and can converse with some safety, voice of God, a keener appetite for his word, when we are safe; there are spies every a quicker discernment of its meaning; these where, in the coffee-houses, in the purlicus are seen realized as the gracious results of of the theatres, at the corners of the streets, chastisement. The mind has undergone a in the passages of the hotels. We must not most thorough discipline, and has, moreover, speak on these subjects." I found, on furmade wondrous progress in the knowledge ther observation, that our "host" was not a of Divine truth, through the teaching of the whit too cautious.

Necessity of the Sabbath.

Perhaps Lord Mahon meant what the Duke Mason, an eminent British poet, after this ally ordained by the Sabbath law, or its fully the character of its priesthood—heartheard a confirmation of this testimony, which is not a little curious. A postmaster was it is abetted by such a priesthood. known to have long made it a standing rule, In-the correspondence I am now having that no horse should leave his stable for with Zion's Herald, I detail some of the enwork on the Sabbath. Some anti-Sunday ormous religious impostures which are practransitarians, delighted with the report of tised in the churches at Rome. They are The prophet Habakkuk thus describes this man's constant practice, were desirous as abundant in Naples also. The modern of his evidence, as a conscientious observer mythology—for such it really is--is practi-"God came from Teman, and the Holy of the Sabbath. Great, however, was their cally evil and only evil. It is essential and One from Mount Paran. His glory cover- surprise, when they found out that the post- universal idolatry. "Mariolatry" is as rife ed the heavens, and the earth was full of master repudiated all religious feelings on here as ever idol-worship was in classic Italy. his praise; and his brightness was as the the subject, and gave as his simple reason, The Virgin, in wood, stucco, marble, is not light. He stood and measured the earth; that he had found it essential to his cattle only everywhere in the churches, but at the the mountains saw him and they trembled: that they should have one day's rest in corners of the streets, and in niches on tho the overflowing of the water passed by; the seven, and that he knew his own interest too fronts of prominent buildings. You are deep uttered his voice, and lifted up his well to let them be cheated out of it. scarcely ever out of sight of one; and at A part of this solemn description has of the day of weekly rest, still stronger are all over the city—not as part of the city

Nahum the prophet thus describes the the stem—upon the rain-drop that refreshes displayed the Lord:

Letters from Italy.

Condition of Italy - Naples - King Ferdinand -

MR. EDITOR,-I have thus far confined

ers,) which made the blood of Europe cur-Bourbon has been compelled, by the fear of Neapolitan government and Neapolitan

present king is abhorred by his subjects .-He expends his revenues in fortifying his coasts against any possible invasion from England or France; as if all the fortifications he could contrive for his petty termtory could avail against such strength .-It is as if affliction awoke our powers, and His people, occupying the richest soil in lent them new quickness of perception .- Europe, are impoverished to the last de-We advance more in the knowledge of gree; and his capital, attractive to foreignfore; we learn "songs in the night," though is cursed and deserted, with detestation, by

matters relating to the priesthood or the judgment, patience in listening to the but you must excuse me. We know not

Naples is thronged with beggars, soldiers, and priests. The latter are the finest-looking gentlemen to be seen there. They appear well fed, and round and rosy. Dr. Farr, one of the first physicians in costume—the three-cornered hat -long, England or in any other country, pledged, black, single-breasted coat-small clothes, before a committee of the House of Com- with gold buckles-black silk stockings and mons, his professional character to the decla- buckled shoes-very like the English cosration that the most extensive researches he tume of the last century—gives them an air had been able to make into physical nature of extreme neatness, if not elegance. They had brought him to the conviction that the look, also, intelligent. They are mostly Sabbath law is stamped no less imperishably from good families, many of them being the in the Decalogue, than it is on the constitutyounger sons of noble houses. Educated, at tion of man and heast; and that though, of first, in the best society, and then in richlycourse, no mere physical investigation could endowed colleges for their profession, and determine the precise amount, or the parti- ranking next in the state to the governing cular times and seasons, much less the day, classes-fich in resources, and influences. of suspension, there was wrought into the and leisure - they know both how to value fabric and framework of organized life a necessity for periodical suspension even of and prerogatives. I have learned to hope ealthful toil; and that the suspension actu- less for Italy since I have learned more

Strong as the above argument is in favor night lamps are lighted beneath these statues found in the Bible, both in the Old and the lighting but superadded to it, as an aid to the idolatrous devotion of the people.

One extrordinary feat is observable, viz. None Livery for Himself.—God has that images of the Virgin are suspended over written on the flowers that sweeten the air on the breeze that rocks the flowers upon the step. "The Lord is great in power; he hath is way in the whirlwind and in the storm; But there may be lack of faith in the Revealer, and to the quality of the ob- which they have no ideas of Christian duty, morality attached to them, together with a mighty sun which warms and cheers millions bar, with a lamp or taper burning beneath it morality attached to them, together with a mighty sun which warms and cheers millions bar, with a lamp or taper burning beneath it dry, and mighty sun which warms and cheers millions both day and night. Other shops often have message itself. We dwell upon the fact ject. To believe only in proportion to save the horrible scene of the sham cruci-