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THE SACRIFICE OF FAITH. (For the First Sunday 'n Lent.) BY THE REV. J. S. BROAD, M.A.

"And he said. Behold the fire and the wood; but where is the lamt for a burnt-offering? And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt-offering: so they went both of them toge-ther."--GEN. xxii. 7, 8.

"Where is the lamb to die ?" Thus spake young Issac to his father's heart : Ah! who can tell what keen and bitter smart Those simple words apply ? What dark forebodings at that moment ran Across the bosom of the aged man?

Yet not a sigh is heard, Nor word of murmur ventures he to speak ; Obedient to his God, submissive, meek, High thoughts are in him stirred ;

He staggers not; faith bears him firmly on-"God will provide himself a lamb, my son !"

And now the mount is gained ; Beneath heaven's dome they build an altar there, And for the dreadful sacrifice prepare, As God's behest ordain'd Rais'd is the father's hand-heaven marks the deed-

One moment more, and Abraham's son must bleed. Heaven marks the deed, and lo

voice is heard-that hand is stay'd by God-His boly altar must not yet with blood Of human victim flow : "Enough ! I know thy faith; the meed is won,

Since thou hast not withheld thine only son."

O, faith's exalting power, That saves in danger, and in trial guides! God spares his servant, and a lamb provides In that eventful hour: Grateful the sight that meets the father's eyes-That captive ram—a heaven-sent sacrifice!

"God will provide a lamb :" Ages shall pass away, and 'tis decreed A nobler victim on that spot shall bleed, Incarnate God, I AM*!

God spares the patriarch's son, but not his own-Th' eternal Son for sinners shall atone.

Faith sees the Saviour's day+, In figure shadow'd forth upon the mount;

Beholds uprising there a healing fount To purge our guilt away; Nor sees unmov'd; great joy the patriarch feels As that mysterious vision o'er him steals.

The Lamb of God hath died !

spotless victim, to the mount he bare Th' accursed cross, its shame and woe to share, The mock'd, the crucified !

Faith, view thy God; his blood ascends to heaven, It calls for pardon, and the boon is given !

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* John viil. 58.	† John viii. 56.

THE COUNTRY CHURCH-YARD; OR. "TO MY LOUISA." From the "Evergreen,"-American Publication.

At the close of a beautiful summer afternoon, I me, in one of the southern counties of Maryland, surviving friends of former days.

walk with reverential tread amid the grassy tombs, to this season of communion and of obedience to the are in the world? How came these casual motions to hit to walk with reverential tread and the grassy tomos, to hold silent converse with those who "were, but are words of her dying Saviour. "I know," said she, hold silent converse with those who "were, but are "words of her dying Saviour. "I know," said she, hold silent converse with those who "were, but are "words of her dying Saviour. "I know," said she, hold silent converse with those who "were, but are "who are but are bu not," and to reflect upon the shady valley through which all must soon pass, and especially to mediate and my portion forever. I am a poor unworthy creawhich all must soon pass, and especially to include upon my own uncertain sojourn here below. I then seem to hear in monitory tones, "all flesh is grass, Christ died for me. Help thy servant, O seem to hear in monitory tones, "all flesh is grass, and the glory of man is as the flower of the field."— Fresh, blooming, and gay in the morning, it is among the brightest of earth's beauties, scattering its sweet fragrance all around, "in the evening it is cut down and withered;" its glory is no more; its grateful let me never be confounded." perfume is no longer shed forth. And as my eye rests on the sacred mementos of the dead, and I read the whom she loved above all others here below; and as on the sacred mementos of the dead, and I read the silent yet speaking inscriptions, I am forcibly taught, the final struggle of reciprocated affection took place "Punishments," saith a Father, "are the forced offsprings in this land of vanishing shadows, "Prepare to meet she looked with a serene countenance upon him, while of willing faults;" and, answerably, rewards are the children of thy God." Having dismounted and secured my norse to a meet again," said she "and in heaven there will be resemble their parents. So that the deserts of men shall often Having dismounted and secured my horse to a enclosure. All nature seemed hushed into a religious no more parting. Be faithful, dear Edward, in the be legible in the recompences conferred or inflicted on them; silence, save the gentle breathing of the wind, in low holy work which God has called you to perform, and not according to the natural result of their practice, but with a and mournful sighs amid the drooping limbs of clus- you will soon receive a crown of life. Comfort my comely reference thereto; apt to raise in them a sense of God's tering willows. The monuments of the dead were poor afflicted father, and tell him that ere long he will hand, and to wring from them an acknowledgment of his equity around me; their ashes beneath my feet; and I truly embrace his sainted wife and departed daughter in a in so dealing with them. So when humble modesty is advanced felt that " this place is holy ground."

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of her gentle nature; the nobleness of her benevolent ignorance; ignorant, yet ignorant of our ignorance. As it is in plants which nature thrusts forth from her navel, heart; the refinement and cultivation of her mind; and He was one of this world's philosophers: the very above all, the unostentations and deep-toned piety of last men that ever get to heaven. There are not a she makes regular provisions, and dresses them with strength above all, the unostentations and deep-toned party of last inclusion that ever get to incurches: some of then in and ornament, with easiness and full stature; but if you thrust The Rev. H. Brunt's Lectures. The Bev. H. Brunt's Lectures. ration and love. She, in turn, found such an agreeable nominally Christian pulpits: and they are always a jessamine there where she would have had a daisy grow, or ration and love. She, in turn, found such an agreeable sympathy of taste, and such congeniality of hearts finding for themselves and others some other way to bring the tail fir from dwelling in his own country, and trans. sympathy of taste, and such congenianty of nears unding for themselves and others some They despise port the orange or the almond-tree near the fringes of the "" of St. Peter, 1 vol...... her pure affections upon one so well worthy of her this evangelical kind of faith, and prefer a system that north-star, nature is displeased, and becomes unnatural, and attachment. The father gladly gave his consent for humbles less the pride of the human heart. But starves her sucklings, and renders you a return less than your the union of these Christian lovers; and great was the they will miss of heaven, or Christ has died in vain charge and expectation; so it is in all our appetites; when joy of the youthful minister when he heard the sweet This is the only way. So thought the Lord when they are natural and proper, nature feeds them and makes them On the Thirty-Nine Articles, I vol. ... he would bring the unbelieving Jews to the knowledge healthful and lusty, as the coarse issue of the Scythian clown; Bishop Sumuer's Expository Lectures. But a month had scarcely passed by, ere his joy of the truth. So the Apostle of the Gentiles preach- she feeds them and makes them easy without cares and costly became mingled with a subdued and sorrowful feeling, ed when the Greeks came with their philosophy to passion; but if you thrust an appetite into her which she cled with the paleness of disease, that this fair flower block and to the Greeks foolishness, but it is he must struggle with her for every drop of milk she gives beyond of his hopes was shortly to fade away from earth.- wisdom of God, and the power of God, and you mist her own needs; you may get gold from her entrails, and at Andsoon merciless consumption had made such rapid believe it as a child or be damned. inroads upon her tender constitution, that her physi- This is your case. This is the truth from God to women: but our lives are spent in the purchase; and when you

the clergyman from whom I received this narrative,) with sorrow for your sins you should trust in the Jeremy Taylor. that I was sent for to administer the holy communion atoning sacrifice of Christ as the only ground of salto a young lady who was thought to be near the end vation. You must believe this, just as a disobedient of her earthly existence. I hastened to the bed-side but penitent child believes his father when he offers

where lay the wasted, yet beautiful form of Louisa. terms of reconciliation. You deserve to die-elerter of the Revelation of St. John. Upon my entrance review your life and think of all the good you have to be preached to all: "Go your ways, preach the Gospel to ter of the Revelation of St. John. Upon my entrance he approached me, and informed me that he was a closer ways of the preached to all: "Go your ways, preach the Gospel to every creature." In the parable all are invited to that magni-Plain Sermons preached to a Country Congreclergyman, and that he had sent for me to administer mean to do; and you will prove a very moral man ficent marriage and kingly supper. Christ himself crieth, in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, because he was perhaps; you get into the Church; you may be es-general words, "Come to me all that labour." If all be called the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, because he was perhaps; you get into the Church; you may, and pro-fearful his own feelings were not sufficiently subdued teemed as a converted man; and you may, and pro-teemed as a converted man; and you may, and pro-teemed as a converted man; and you may, and pro-teemed as a converted man; and you may, and pro-teemed as a converted man; and you may, and pro-teemed as a converted man; and you may, and pro-teemed as a converted man; and you may, and pro-teemed as a converted man; and you may and pro-teemed as a converted man; and you may and pro-teemed as a converted man; and you may and pro-teemed as a converted man; and you may and pro-teemed as a converted man; and you may and pro-teemed as a converted man; and you may and pro-teemed as a converted man; and you may and pro-teemed as a converted man; and you may and pro-teemed as a converted man; and you may and pro-teemed as a converted man; and you may and pro-teemed as a converted man; and you may and pro-and exhorted to come, what cause can any man allege sufficient to enable him to perform this solemn rite in this dying bably will, die in your sins and sink to the deepest to excuse his not coming? The buying of farms, or the trying

hour of one who was his espoused wife. He then depth of despair. "What! would you have me believe as a child?" grasped my hand, and in silence led me to the couch precisely so, poor sinner. Whatever thy learning, trembling heart, who, being called, stand still afar off, not "I am happy you have come," said Louisa, in a thy wealth, thy character, thy promise, thy hope; because they will not, but because they dare not approach near; Set faint tone to me, "for I desire once more to obey the believe as a child, or where Christ is you will never

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THE ATHEIST'S CREDULITY.

the sick," and reminded the sick young lady that If anything may be made evident to man's natural reason "there should be no greater comfort to Christian persons, than to be made like unto Christ, by suffering concerning the existence of a being so infinite as God is, we patiently and with thanksgiving our heavenly Father's doubt not but to make it appear that we have great assurance corrections, adversities, troubles, and sicknesses, for of the being of God; but how far must the Atheist go, how He himself went not up to joy, but first He suffered heartily must he beg before his hypothesis, either of the fortuipain; He entered not into his glory, before He was tous concourse of atoms, or eternity of the world, will be granted crucified. So truly our way to eternal joy is to suffer to him? For if we stay till he proves either of these by evi here with Christ; and our door to enter into eternal life, dent and demonstrative reasons, the world may have an end is gladly to die with Christ that we may rise again before he proves his atoms could give it a beginning; and w from death, and dwell with him in everlasting life."* may find it eternal, a parte post, before he can prove it was so Having proceeded through this appointed service, I a parte ante. For the proof of a Deity we appeal to his own entered upon that of the "Communion of the Sick," faculties, reason and conscience; we make use of argument was riding leisurely along a road new and strange to after preparation had been made for the celebration of before his eyes; we bring the universal sense of mankind along the holy ordinance. The solemn feelings with which with us: but for his principles, we must wholly alter the pre when I found myself approaching one of those old we were assembled-the sick chamber-the sacrachurches which the traveller occasionally passes, in his ment then to be administered-the absent father- little particles; we must grind the sun to powder, and by a new journeyings, through this and the neighbouring State the affianced lovers, who were then to partake, for the way of interment turn the earth into dust and ashes, before we of Virginia. The many grass-covered graves told last time on earth, of this spiritual food in commemo-can so much as imagine how the world could be framed. And that not a few of the slumbering dead reposed beneath ration of a Saviour's dying love, and for the strengththe green surface of the church-yard; and the numerous neat monuments, though many of them were much to render the occasion more than usually sacred and space to behold the friskings and dancings about of these little **BLANK DEEDS AND MEMORIALS**, defaced by the ravages of time, gave evidence that impressive. And as the consecrated elements were particles of matter, till, by their frequent rencounters and justthese departed ones had not been forgotten by the presented to her, and she was fed "with the spiritual lings one upon another, they at last link themselves together, food of the most precious Body and Blood of our and run so long in a round till they make whirlpools enough Handsomely printed on superior Paper, and on Parchment. I love to roam, in pensive thoughtfulness, through Saviour Jesus Christ," she seemed to catch a view of for sun, moon, and stars, and all the bodies of the universe to the quiet and consecrated abodes of the dead,-or the promised land, and we all felt "surchy God is in emerge out of. But what was it which at first set these little rather the resting place of the earthly remains of the departed. I delight, at the sober twilight hour, to

a great charge provide ornaments for your queens and princely Seven Sermons on the Divine Authority and cians recommended an immediate change of climate you, whoever you are in this lower world. Having have got them you must have more; for these cannot content less debilitating than that in which she resided. In broken the holy law of God, his curse hangs over you, nor nourish the spirit.-A man must labour infinitely to company with a maiden aunt and her betrothed lover, you. Condemned already you are waiting the cay get more than he needs; but to drive away thirst and hunger, she commenced her travels, proceeding by short and of execution. A plan to save you from the death to a man need not sit in the fields of the oppressed poor, nor lead Plain Parochial Sermons on Important Subjects which you are doomed has been proclaimed. It is armies, nor break his sleep, and to suffer shame, and danger. It was a bright morning in early summer, (continued very simple. It includes no more than this, that and envy, and affront, and all the retinue of infelicity. - Bishop CHRIST'S INVITATION. "Come all that are thirsty." God's mercy is great and general; he hath no partial respect unto any person; no Her annt was bending over her, gently vibrating a fan; nally to die. Christ has died that you might live.and a young gentleman was standing near, reading A simple fact but your soul trembles on it. Take it He calleth Jew and Gentile, young and aged, rich and needy, aloud from the New Testament the twenty-first chap-as a child and you are safe. Try to be a moral man; bond and free, man and woman. He commanded his Gospel

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of oxen, or the marrying of wives? They have base minds that are withheld by these means. But, if any have a fearful and a them God pitieth, yea, unto them especially, or rather only unto them, he saith, "Come you." Be thy sins never so great, Ser fear not to come; for he that calleth thee hath stretched out his arms of mercy at length; they are wide open to embrace thee: mercy is ready to all that will receive it; and to them that need it mert mert met and a comfortable locus to all that need it most, most ready. A comfortable lesson to all

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pillars, and contained the simple eiptaph,

"TO MY LOUISA."

I gazed around me to see if the inscription over some adjacent tomb might not afford me some satisfactory information concerning "My Louisa;" but I the spot where I was standing. I had again begun to to the Paradise of God. a middle-aged gentleman clothed in black, come out consecrated of the venerable church. I approached him, and bowing, told him that I was a stranger in this neighbourhood, and would be glad to receive any information respecting the tenant of that lonely tomb about which my curiosity had been excited. He informed me that he was the clergyman of the parish, and invited me to accompany him to the parsonage, pointing

to a neat little house, not many rods distant. I received a most cordial welcome. After having par- life through Jesus Christ. the clergyman.

Her mother died while Louisa was yet an infant, if so I will be baptized immediately." leaving to her daughter the inheritance of an untarher form and features so exactly resembled those of give so much evidence of an unhumbled heart." her sainted mother, he would sometimes imagine that his lost companion was restored to him. No pains or believe as a child ?" expense was spared to have his daughter instructed in the useful and ornamental branches of knowledge; and at the age of seventeen, Louisa was the beau ideal of way. all that is interesting and lovely. To her cultivated mind and amiable disposition, was added the bright child. example of the Christian character, adorned in its The efforts of her father in endeavouring to perform in nowise enter therein." of God, "They that seek me early, shall find me."

clergyman, who had recently settled in the neighbour- another conversation in which Mirza makes this re- truths, must lay their account with being soon and perseveringly hood, became acquainted with Louisa. The loveliness mark: "The truth is, we are in a state of compound charged with being troublers of Israel .- Rev. J. G. Dowling.

words of approval fall from this parent's lips.

easy stages, until she reached this region.

dying command of my Saviour, 'This do in remem- come.

brance of me.' I desire ere I leave this world, to =

partake of 'the spiritual food and sustenance of His

I then commenced the "order for the visitation of

of the fair invalid.

Holy Supper.' "

She then embraced for the last time on earth, him Bishop Stillingfleet.

A monument near the church, and much less im- 'Thanks be to God who give hus the victory through when liberality is blessed with increase, and avarice is cursed A monument near the church, and much less in-paired by age than the others, arrested my attention. our Lord Jesus Christ." And then she sweetly with decay of estate; when craft incurreth disappointment, and paired by age than the others, arrested my attention. It was a plain marble slab, supported by four urn-like smiled as though the celestial glories had burst upon simplicity findeth good success; when haughty might is shather view, and felt that

" No smile is like the smile of death, When all good musings past Rise wafted with the parting breath, The sweetest thoughts the last."

She sank to her pillow while the arms of her faithsought in vain for the least explanation of this brief ful Edward still encircled her-the angels kissed away record, for no other grave was within some yards of her last breath, and conveyed her enfranchised spirit

" IO MY LOUISA."

cuss the first principles of the Christian religion .--- Isaac Barrow. thankfully accepted his kindly-offered invitation, and Mirza Seid Ali came also, and the three sat down was soon in the midst of his happy family, by whom I and spoke of the new birth and the way to eternal

The good missionary related to them his own relifollowing brief recital from the lips of my new friend gious history, how he had read the Bible, prayed for It loves not its humbling truths-its mysteries which baffle Her father was a wealthy planter, who justly possessed tism and the gift of the Holy Ghost, Mirza Ali said, vours to establish a different system not derived from revelation, the reputation of being a scholar and a Christian.- " Can you assure me that the Spirit will be given me;

"Yes," said Martyn.

most attractive graces. She had been faithfully reared the almost perfect parallel in the Gospel, where the There is doubtless a plausibility in the charge; there is that in

the engagements made at her haptism, were thus We have seen wise men looking after the Saviour, inquiring, and perhaps disputing; and those whose covert blessed and crowned with the fulfilment of the promise and though, like the wise men of the East, they seek maxim it is, that the less men think about religion the better, diligently, they find him not. This Mirza Ali was a have a grievous distaste for every thing which brings it into About the eighteenth year of her age, a young learned and ingenious man. Henry Martyn relates life and prominence. Those therefore who revive forgotten

THE DEED AND THE RECOMPENSE.

he held her frail form in his arms, and addressed words good deeds; and God, who formeth both, doth commonly order of consolation to his sorrowing heart. "We shall it so, that the children in their complexion and features shall world where he shall spend an eternity of bliss .- to honour, and ambitious confidence is thrown into disgrace; tered, and helpless innocence is preserved; when the calumnious tongue is blistered, the flattering lips are cut off, the blasphemous throat is torn out; when bloody oppressors have blood given them to drink, and come to welter in their own gore, (an of ordinary understanding may be able to defend the orthodox accident which almost continually doth happen); when treacherous men, by their own confidents, or by themselves, are betrayed; when retaliations of vengeance are ministered, extorting confessions like to that of Adonibezek, As I have done, so God hath requited me; deserving such exprobrations as that of and was contrasting them in my mind with the ever- tion, now repose her earthly remains, over which the Samuel to Agag, "As thy sword hath made women childless, the past three years,-to aid the completion of a Church now and was contrasting inclusion in my mind with the ever-lasting glories and blissful life of Heaven, when I saw a middle-aged gentleman clothed in black, come out murderer and blasphemer having suffered most grievously, as he exhausted building fund, to carry a much required object into entreated other men, so died he a miserable death," (2 Macc. effect-will be unnecessary. The work will contain near * Exhortation in the "Order for the Visitation of the Sick." ix. 28); by such occurrences the finger of God doth point out 400 pages, 8vo., and will be sold to Subscribers at 6s. 3d. and indicate itself; they speak themselves immediately to come Reference to the Rev. A. N. Bethune, Cobourg; the Rev. MIRZA SEID ALI AND HENRY MARTYN. Aga Ali, of Media, came to Henry Martyn to dis-

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