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works of fiction, to many so fascinating, in which we may find them treated, afford us relieved. Is there any soul in it? Does way to the skies is not strewn with flowers by one circumstance which presented itself.

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Autumn.

BY JOHN MALCOLM. Sweet Sabbath of the year ! While evening lights decay Thy parting steps methinks I hear Steal from the world away.

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Amid thy silent bowers. "Tis sad but sweet to dwell; Where falling leaves and drooping flowers Around me breathe farewell.

Along the sunset skies. Their glories melt in shade And like the love we fondly prize. Seem lovelier as they fade

A deep and crimson streak The dying leaves disclose ; As on consumption's waning cheek, 'Mid ruin blooms the rose.

The scene each vision brings Of beauty in decay ; Of fair and early faded things, Too exquisite to stay.

Of joys that come no more, Of flowers whose bloom has fled : Of farewells wept upon the shore, Of friends estranged or dead.

Of all that now may seem. To memory's tearful eye ; The vanished beauty of a dream O'er which we gaze and sigh.

> [FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.] On Fiction.

Infidelity is one of the prominent features of the present age. It is systematically fostered and diffused in countries adjacent to our own, and by a people linked with, ourselves in hanguage and daily intercourse.* For its promotion, literature is cheapened

and fashioned to the taste of every grade of society. It cannot be doubted that, through such an influence, our standard of morals is placed in imminent danger, and that our best merests are hazarded thereby. dition. Against this evil, it is desirable that the

sympathies of the discreet, and the efforts of listed.

thing more than splendid trifles."*

the elements of the literary atmosphere .--

have been worthy of the intelligence, and

acceptable to the taste, of the cultivated por-

tion of the community. In fact, the attempt

to widen the circle of human experience.

otherwise than by exhibiting life as it is.

Few modern productions of this class would himself."

brought men into such close competition with on which they stand are but slightly disturb- sad defection. To our hearts the soul is each other, that unless we read, and think ed. How singular then the influence that departed. for ourselves, we cannot but fail behind in shot the mountain up 9,000 feet, and yet And the ministry, where are they? what the comforts of this state of being. It is our scarcely disturbed the plain in the immedi- is their spirit? Ah, they are among the duty then to study life as it is, and not in ate neighborhood. The second class of lu- crowd; and their spirit is the prevailing those forms which will never exist. But we must also consider this subject in Now this is the principal feature of the like people;" now it is only reversed, "like

It will not be denied that this department exception; only two principal ranges are right hands. of literature is designed chiefly to amuse-to found, and these appear to have been one And the sermons you hear? They are fascinate. and bear away the imagination to range. One is called the Appenines. It is like the pleasant sound of one who can play

But human nature is totally corrupt, and high, and there is another range still higher, more successful onset be made against 'the our tendencies are rather towards the world- rising 25,000 feet above its base. In this influx of that awful tide of iniquity which all classes of the community, should be en- ly and the base, than towards those things feature, then the moon corresponds with the seems to threaten even to carry the "landwhich make for our true and eternal peace, earth, but with this difference-what is the marks" away ?- Christian Intelligencer.

which have lately flooded the world of books, ample means for imparting the highest bene- the spirit wrestle with God 2. Is it a broken that he may be induced to "give dilgence to Before we left Melbourne we had learned and which play so prominent a part in the fits to those who are under our care. And heart pleading there? No, there is nothing make his calling safe and his election sure." that the sinkings at Ballarat were much deepceived with tolerance, where poetry, oratory noblest services, and the most enduring hap- departed !

> EZRA. The Mountains in the Moon.

which we have alluded, it had no existence tains is this-they start up from a plain example death to all true piety? among the ancients. The writer of a ro- quite suddenly. On the earth it is well play themselves, would at Athens have been mountains standing up entirely apart, never grosses their conversation? They may even

more in danger of being confined as a luna- having been connected with any range. The have assembled expressly for religious purtic, than likely to be regarded as a public one named Pico is 9,000 feet high. This poses, and be composed of the men or the benefactor; nor can we imagine that the mountain has the form of an immense sugar women who lead in the Church , and if you productions of the acknowledged genius of loaf; and if our readers can imagine a fair- hear one word of practical, heart-felt piety. Scott himself would have been received in ly proportioned sugar-loaf, 9,000 feet in it will be matter of devoat congratulation, the intellectual circles of antiquity, as any- height, and themselves sitting above it, so as for it is not common. It was not so with to be able to look down upon its apex, they the fathers and mothers in Israel, even a If then it was counted beneath the digni- will have an approximate idea of the ap- quarter of a century since. To this we ourty of an ancient heathen to trifle with such pearance of Pico. There are many other selves can testify; and we remember with productions, is it consistent with the advanc- mountains of a similar description scattered gratitude, even yet, many an impression ed intelligence, and business spirit of the over the moon's surface; and these moun- which their deep-meaning words made on present age? Science and industry have tains not only stand apart from each other, our tender mind and feelings. Would to pushed the arts of life so far, and have but what is still more remarkable, the plains God it were so now! but we see, alas ! a

nar elevation consists of mountain ranges. spirit of the age. Once it was "like priest, its moral aspect-for such, undoubtedly, is mountains upon earth. This phenomenon people, like priest !" They have all togeis also found in the moon, but there it is the ther become vanity; their is a lie in their

scenes of enjoyment other than life, as experienced by the individual himself, can afford, passing through the moon, you will think it dered in New York, and Rodgers, and Mil-Here, then, its greatest evil is seen. It does is, generally speaking, a crack on its surface; ler, and Livingston, and Laidley pleaded not profess to cure "the plague of our but a telescope of ordinary power will at with many tears and entreaties. What is heart," but only to afford an opiate to lull once manifest it to be a range of mountains. the ministry doing now? If they were doing tracts from letters written by relatives in us into an insensibility of the evil of our con- The lunar Appenines may be compared to the their duty as it need to be done, and the rulloftiest range upon earth. It is 18,000 feet pit were now what it once was, would not a

exception in the mo

refinement of our age, would have been re- while we may thus qualify them for the of this. The form remains, but the life is O for a spirit of deep earnestness for the er than at any of the other diggings, but not blessing holiness to spread its mantle over exceeding we thought thirty feet, but here and philosophy, in their highest forms, were piness, we ourselves shall reap a reward, for, 2. Christianity is indulging in fashions, the Christian Church! Heaven is in earn- were holes sixty and seventy feet deep. We "he that watereth shall be watered also and falling away to the spirit of the world. est, that her members at last may be pre- looked down into them, but the bottoms could Dress, amusement, entertainments, fritter sented without spot or blemish. God plan- not be seen. We were bound for that part away its time, secularize its spirit, and eat ning the scheme of redemption,-Jesus weep- of Ballarat known as Eureka, and soon arout its very soul ! At watering-places, in ing, bleeding, dying, to save men with a fall rived at a little eminence, which Tom Bolthe theatre, and among the mazes of the se- salvation,-the Holy Spirit ever striving,- line pronounced to be that spot. In that It is an ascertained fact that there are ductive dance, you may find Christians even Hell is in earnest to accomplish the over- place we pitched our tents five months ago three classes of lunar mountains. The first among the foremost and the most frivolous ! throw of our Zion. Men are in earnest for to day, where it still remains, and where for

has only become fashionable at a compara- consists of isolated, separate, distinct moun- Can their profession be any thing more than the things of earth. O man of God, while ought I know, it will, until we are ready to tively recent period. Whatever may have tains of a very curious character. The dis- a name? Will their course be attended thy name is registered on high, and thy leave the country. We had arrived at the been the origin of that light literature to tinguishing characteristic of these moun- with no evil consequences ? Is not their Father in heaven requires thy talents to be far-famed gold diggings, we had commenced used for His glory, let it be the firm, un- that life which seemed to be one of bright 3. Spiritual-mindedness is almost un- wavering, earnest purpose of your soul, to prospects and happy ease, but which has mance, a medium through which talents of known that mountains generally go in ranges known. Listen when a company of profes-a high order have sometimes chosen to dis- of groups; but we find these isolated lunar sed Christians are assembled. What en-

Winter.

BY MARY HOWITT.

Nov. 25th.

l'here's not a flower upon the hill, There's not a leaf upon the tree ; The summer bird has left its bough, Bright child of sunshine, singing now, In spicy lands beyond the sea.

There's silence in the barvest-field, And blackness in the mountain glen, And clouds that will not pass away From the hill-tops for many a day, And stillness round the homes of men.

The old tree has an older look ; The lonesome place is yet more dreary ; They go not now the young and old, Slow wandering on by woods and wold; The air is damp, the winds are cold, And summer paths are wet and weary.

POR THE PROVINCIAL WEALEYAN

Letters from Australia.

By the kindness of a friend, we are permitted to make the following interesting ex-Australia :--

On Monday, December 13th, 1852, about 9 o'clock, A. M., our party, consisting of nine Since then we have been from one rush to language or nation. persons, started for the celebrated diggins another, sinking shafts both deep and shalof Ballarat. The morning was fine and our low, but still hope looks to the future, for spirits were high. The first mistake our there is nothing like despair at the diggings.

sh dravman made was to carry us a mil on the road to Sydney, instead of Ballarat, but, very fortunately, he soon discovered his Faith.

Take heed of all such reasonings, suggestions and principles, as tend to beget a despondency and fainting of spirit : but lift up the bands which hang-down, and the feeble knees. "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Let faith say upto any mountain of difficulty. " Re thou removed," and it shall be done. "Where art thou, O great mountain? hefore" this blessed grace, and in the exercise of it, "thou shalt become a plain.

Thy self-will and lusts are therefore strong. because thy faith is weak, and thou, in that regard, makest but a faint resistance ; if thou wert strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might, if thou didst " resist, steadfast in the faith," thou would see thine adversa-

appointments. When expectation is the ries fly before thee. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O highest then frequently is dissappointment faith. Who can recount the mighty acts the nearest. When the sought for treasure and great achievements of those holy souls, seems almost within our grasp, it very sudwho have confided in the power of God and denly deceives us, and we are convinced that Christ Jesus for the subdaing of sin, as well we were only pursuing a shadow. as in God's mercy and Christ's merits for The day after our arrival we spent chiefly

the pardon of it ? These, " through faith," in looking around, and purchasing tools from that I may borrow those expressions of St persons who were going down to Town --Paul, "have subdued kingdoms," even the We visited the Eureka diggings, and for the kingdoms of divers lust and pleasures, and first time I saw the gold glittering in the tin the kingdoms of the prince of this world, to pan as the man washed, who did not seem to which they were once subject. Now like the idea of our looking at his operations. there are many great and precious promises As we caught glimpses of it through the "sluff" there appeared to be a large quanscattered through the Scriptures' which are of sovereign force and virtue for the encou tity, but he observed there was only one fourth ragement of our faith and hope in God. for of an ounce. One of the first lessons we the strengthening of us against his and our learnt from the conduct of others was, to enemies ; but there is abundantly enough in take care not to let any except our own party that one passage ; " If ye then, being evil, know how much gold we were getting ; and when they are our neighbours in digging not know how to give good wifts up to your children, how much more shall your heavenly to let them know, so that one party may work next claim to another for a month, and Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him !" What could our Saviour have each be ignorant of the others gains. Having provided ourselves with licences from spoken moret or our encouragement in a dependence on God for grace and spiritual the Commissioner we commenced operations. strength, and to a quiet, unsolicitous expecand there we toiled for days and weeks, determined to "Bottom" our hole. We did tation of assistance from him? For this so and found gold at fifty feet deep. This promise concerned, not only those disciples that heard Christ preach from the mount. caused what is called a "rush." and in a few but all his disciples and followers, and all days hundreds of people were at work all that believe on him to the end of the world around us. Two months from that time hundreds of pounds weight of gold had been For it is said, "to them that ask him," withtaken out of the ground on that "line." out any limitation to a certain age or people.

> "Accomplish, Lord, thy sovereign wil Thy wiser purposes fulfill; Mine own I do restgn. Into thy hands my soul commend, On thee for life or death depend :

wants of man? How may his capacities- The field of gratification which it displays is of a mental and moral kind-be filled ?"

To a believer in revelation, the answer is

prove injurious. The blank is filled up with iging impressions-the intellectual storehouse with rubbish. Why, then, should we "spend money for that which is not bread,

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following remarks, on what is deemed an what is "seen and temporal," favours our -Literary Journal. auxiliary to unbelief-as it will be shown forgetfulness of God and of futurity, while it that the nature and tendencies of fictitious ministers to the increase of our depravity.

its most important feature.

The Present Day Preaching. writings are necessarily pernicious to right Cruel then must that kindness be, which principles and practice. Now, that a spirit of emulation appears way our thoughts from the vanity, and yet which the Church is sought to be edified to have seized universally the human mind, dread importance of this state of being-this now? Is the ministry what it ought to be? it becomes a most solemn and necessary en-quiry, "What will assuredly satisfy the fiction does this—it has no other design.—

at hand, "This is life eternal, to know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom

being is blank—all its knowledge has to be life, evincing the sway of our "Father in His creatures—to make human history ap-pear to be solely the product of human beings. This is the old error—the fatal mis-

"spend money for that which is not bread, and our labour for that which satisfiesh not?" But though the human mind is originally blank, it does not present a hard or unfeeling enrace to be written upon—the "tables of the heart" are "fieshly," easily impressed by all active agencies. The solut resolute to "approve things that are by all active agencies. The solut resolute to "approve things that are by all active agencies. The solut resolute to "approve things that are by all active agencies. The solut resolute to "approve things that are by all active agencies. The solut resolute to "approve things that are by all active agencies. The solut resolute to "approve things that are by all active agencies. The solut resolute to "approve things that are by all active agencies. The solut resolute to "approve things that are by all active agencies. The solut resolute to "approve things that are by all active agencies. The solut resolution to the does not cat the does not cat the does not do the serve thing with his earling resolution to the does not do the serve the dollings to the arrow into the does not do the serve things that are excellent :" such as most certainly will con-and block of anter the line time serve things that are excellent :" such as most certainly will con-and block of anter the constant does, the majority of these are completely thrown off the track, and then the diggers are at aloss to know which his earling roto-should resolve to "approve things that are excellent :" such as most certainly will con-an absorbing power by which is and resort to be most awberges and block of anter the does not cat the does not do the serve the which his earling roto-the which his earling roto-and block of anter the does not do the serve the which his earling roto-and block of anter the does not do the serve the does not do the serve the does not do the serve the his earling roto-and block of anter the does not do the serve the his earling roto-the do sord the dower tor the dower to the most awbrane and bloc pure or noxious atmosphere, but cannot de- "search the Scriptures"-by their light, let termine that it shall have an effect upon our system contrary to its nature. If, then, shown, negatively — their "influence upon thos who read them must be evil also. No resolution that we can form—that our views is colution that we we have they shall not be straitened, and when they resolution that we take the shall have an effect upon our them enter upon the interesting studies of the system contrary to its nature. If, then, shall they, be "taught in the way of wisdom, thos who read them must be evil also. No resolution that we can form—that our views is device the shall not be straitened, and when they resolution that we can form—that our views they shall not be straitened, and when they they shall not be straitened they the difference of their fueling. The straitened they the straitened they the nod

resolution that we can form—that our views and purposes, nay, the whole character of will afford a cure. If we receive their press on our mind, it will be transferred to bic memory, and perhaps endeavour to remove such and perhaps endeavour to remove such natural association of ideas, will insidiously weave it into the conformation of the heart. " Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his

But man is formed for action. and all the nowledge which he imbibes is Educational. designed to prepare him for present and future usefulness. Now, of the truth we canhis attention to fictitious representations of life. Such an unmanly proceeding would be totally inconsistent with the vocation of sons of their being, and the claims of their even such a being. This is not a mere opi-nion-it is borne out by the fact that the with opportunities of reading, and endeavour refined Greeks-to whom "life and immorto interest their minds in what is truly valu-

FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.] Closet Musings.

mistake, and we were soon really on the gold is until he finds it. The new chum is way to the gold fields. It is perhaps unne- as successful as the old digger. When we cessary for me to enter into a detailed ac- first came up we were told of two new chums No. 3. A single eye and firm purpose essential to obtaining count of the beautiful country we passed just from England, who bottomed one hole,

through, and its strangely fine scenery; first, the beautiful fields of grain, extending for and started for home in a week's time. Worldly honours fall not like the gentle Has it lost none of the power once being-ing to it? These are not questions which claim an answer from mere curiosity. Their consistence is a consistence of the single object to interrupt its consistence is a consistence of the single object to interrupt its consistence is a consistence of the single object to interrupt its consistence is a consistence of the single object to interrupt its consistence is a consistence of the single object to interrupt its consistence is a consistence of the single object to interrupt its consistence is a consistence of the single object to interrupt its consistence is a consistence of the single object to interrupt its consistence is a consistence of the single object to interrupt its consistence of fiction does this—it has no other design.— The field of gratification which it displays is one of adventure—of unhallowed ambition— where everything is regulated by the Epica-are actually engaged in the work of preachthe only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." But we wish to view this guestion with relevence to the *means* where-by we attain the fulfilment of our desires, rather than to the *end*. Can we profit by works of fiction? May they not implant to expand the intellect, and purify the affec-to expand the intellect and commend thing but a thin control expanding commend the model and style of preaching commend the model works of fiction? May they not implant within us, or at least strengthen, the holiest mer artfully disguised. The very fact that the model and style of preaching common find the same evil—though perhaps to be is of the truth." All that is unreal should be discarded—shunned—simply be-cause it is false. The holiest that there has been a great change effected to expand the intellect, and purify the affec-tions, we find the same evil—though perhaps to the preacher of the same vil—though perhaps to be is of the truth." All that is unreal should be discarded—shunned—simply be-cause it is false. The holiest that there has been a great change effected to respond the interests which they are field to sober. Various and significant as are the circumstances of real being is blank—all its knowledge has to be sure; and it is not denied that there has ing; the other enduring and eleman. The form bowin had soon tackied its noises, a goodly number around him, marking on through that sentiment causing wise and been, in many ways, a vast improvement former vanishes like the morning cloud be-and we were once more off. That day we and pegging out their claims. But as every effectual laws for the suppression of vice being is blank and that by the exercise of its own acquired, and that by the exercise of its own heaven," over the affairs of men, and the acquired, and that by the exercise of its own powers. And, though its capacity is limited, yet such is its natural activity, that it be constantly apprehending new ideas. Fic-titious works, then, while they engross the time and the mental effort which might be the divine truths of revelation, by thus gene-tang all right affections toward God and time and the mental effort which might be employed in realizing the truth, cannot but His creatures—to make human history apstars for ever and ever." Would you, hum-perfectly level, in a high state of cultivation, cases thousands, nock to the spot; then man, by shadowing forth and ble follower of Jesus, win a prize, more supporting a little settlement. We camp'd follow disputes about claims, not generally to the Sabbath of Heaven

beings. This is the old error—the fatal mis-take—of those who "did not like to retain God in their knowledge, neither were thank-

by all active agencies. The soul possesses an absorbing power, by which it partakes of every surrounding influence, and is "chang-ed into the same image." We may, there-fore, select our associations, but we cannot by any means, choose the effect that they shall have upon us—as we may breake a by any means, choose the effect that they shall have upon us—as we may breake a by any means, choose the effect that they shall have upon us—as we may breake a by any means, choose the effect that they shall have upon us—as we may breake a by any means, choose the effect that they shall have upon us—as we may breake a by any means, choose the effect that they shall have upon us—as we may breake a by any means, choose the effect that they shall have upon us—as we may breake a shall have upon

would not rather preach to witness the effect tent at the mercy seat. Come, timorous dis-commenced to rain, but it would not do for "shyers," as they are generally called, than soon be baffled and beaten back by the winds pure or noxious atmosphere, but cannot de-termine that it shall have an effect upon our them enter upon the interesting studies of which they witnessed, than any influence ex-termine that it shall have an effect upon our them enter upon the interesting studies of which they witnessed, than any influence ex-termine that it shall have an effect upon our them enter upon the interesting studies of which they witnessed, than any influence ex-termine that it shall have an effect upon our them enter upon the interesting studies of which they witnessed, than any influence ex-termine that it shall have an effect upon our them enter upon the interesting studies of which they witnessed, than any influence ex-termine that it shall have an effect upon our them enter upon the interesting studies of which they witnessed to an atmosphere which it

and perhaps endeavour to remove such works from their families, nevertheless, take no interest in providing good books in their place, or in recommending their use. How

ture usefulness. Now, of the truth we can-not comprehend too much. It is suitable at every turn of life—it will do us "good and not evil" in every juncture, and at every not evil" in every juncture, and at every extremity. But of what value can falsehood be, where life is a reality, and existence, in its lowest forms, necessarily full of **earnest** desires and powerful effort? Did we regard men but as "living to bit was, for we could not disbelieve our dray-that they should be fascinated with such desires and powerful effort? Did we regard man but as "living to himself," and only for the short space which is allotted to him on earth, it would seem to be a strange infatu-ntion that would lead him to devote any of his attention to fictitious representations of life. Such an unmanly proceeding would life. Such an unmanly pr

rising upon all sides that it is only too true ! and the temptations of Satan in the form of of the searchers for and removers of the pre-We have elequent men, popular men, excuses for not living near to God. Away clous metal. A little further and there doing nothing. But here every one will firmness in the following words, part of a We have elequent men, popular men, excuses for not living near to God. Away clous metal. A little further and there doing nothing. But here every one will infinite line burst in the following words, part of a burst upon us a sight which caused feelings with sources are through with such pretexts! Are the difficulties of burst upon us a sight which caused feelings the Christian course greater than the obsta-ship is even increasing year by year; and cleaseney by year; and cleaseney but not destroy, the pro-burst upon us a sight which caused feelings but not living near to God. Away clous metal. A little further and there with such pretexts! Are the difficulties of burst upon us a sight which caused feelings the Christian course greater than the obsta-ship is even increasing year by year; and cleaseney but not destroy, the pro-ter of the monitor of

refined Greeks—to whom "life and immore thiry" were not yet "brought to light, with orter server low on the programmers of the server lighter departments of literature." It is solve content to the productions as belong to the latter investigations of science, the server lighter departments of literature." It is solve considerably startled "whoch index on the correction as doubtful whether these "remove and a door of the server lighter departments of literature." It is solve considerably startled "whoch index on the correction of the server lighter departments of literature." It is solve considerably startled "whoch index on the correction of the server lighter departments of literature." It is solve considerably startled "whoch index on the correction of the server lighter departments of literature." It is solve considerably startled "whoch index on the correction of the server lighter departments of literature." It is solve considerably startled "whoch index on the correction of the server lighter departments of literature." It is solve considerably startled "whoch index on the correction of the server lighter departments of literature." It is solve considerably startled "whoch index on the correction of the server lighter departments of literature." It is solve considerably startled "whoch index on the correction of the server lighter departments of literature." It is solve considerably startled "whoch index on the correction of the server lighter departments of literature." It is solve considerably startled "starter lighter departments of literature." It is solve considerably startled "starter lighter departments of literature." It is solve considerably startled "starter lighter departments of literature." It is solve considerably startled "starter lighter departments of literature." It is solve considerably startled "starter lighter departments of literature." It is solve considerably startled "starter lighter departments of literature." It is is to a continteget work. There were head to son the correction

The Sabbath a Friend.

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