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Religious Miscellany.

MR. GLADSTONE AS A POET.

The February number of he Contemporary Revi The February number of he Contemporary Review contained a pleasant surprise. Besides an elaborate and eloquent dissertation on the famons episode of the shield of Achilles inserted in the eighteenth Book of the Illiad—a dissertation which upholds the old conservative belief that the "manners of the shield do not appear to differ from those of the poem generally"—Mr. Gladstone adds a spirited translation, of which the chief passages

First of all the shield be molded, Broad and strong and wrought throughout, With a bright and starry border, Threefold thick set round about Downward hung the belt of silver, Five the layers of the shield, And with skilful mind he sculptured Rare devices o'er its field. There he wrought Earth, Sea and Heaven,

There he sat the unwearing Sun, And the waxing moon and stars that Crowd the blue vault every one; Pleiads, Hyads, strong Orion, Arctos, hight to boot the Wain. He upon Orion waiting, Only he of all the train Shanning still the baths of Ocean Wheels and wheels his round again.

There he carved two goodly cities Thick with swarms of speaking mer Weddings were in one, and banquets, Torches bl zing overhead, Nuptial hymns, and from their chamber Brides about the city led. Here to pipe and harp resounding Young men wildly whirling danced : While the women, each one standing By the porches, gazed entranced. . .

There a dance, the mighty master, In the broidered metal wrought. Such to rich-haired Ariadne Daidalos in Knosses brought, Spacious Knosses. Youths and maidens Maidens grown of age to wed Hand on wrist, each one with other Through the mazes lightly sped, These are robed in rarest muslin, Those fine-woven tunics wear, Soft with glaze of oil, and glistening These are crowned with garlands fair, Those their golden poniards, hanging

Now with trained feet careering All the troops in circle flies. Like the potter's wheel and gearing, Which for speed he sits and tries; Now each rank in backward movemen On the rank behind them fall.

Charmed with those bewitching dancers, Throngs a gazing crowd. 'Mid all Harps and sings the sacred minstrel : Ever as his notes begin, Tumblers twain are wildly whirling Round the open ring within. Ocean's might, resistless River, Last of all his labor sealed, Rolling round the outmost border Of the defty-fashioned shield.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

The meeting of our yearly Conference is

less observer that the fifty or sixty passengers every Circuit a first-class man, when neither istry, but to our friends everywhere throughout who crossed over on Monday afternoon by the Pictou boat, en route for Charlottetown, formcertainly a feat not easy of achievement. Beed part, at least of such a gathering. The sides, the task of putting a man into half a together for good to them who love God. young, the middle aged, the old, assembled dozen places at once in which he is wanted, here from half a hundred different fields of labor and of keeping half a dozen men out of a place from Nova Scotia, from Newfoundland, from in which they are not wanted, does not add to Great Britain—strangers to each other in the the ease or comfort of the position; for it flesh felt themselves bound evidently by a must be acknowledged that neither our men stronger tie than nationalty or kinship, being nor one Circuits seem implicitly to acknowone in Christ Jesus, co-workers together with ledge that the whole disposal is of the Lord."

characteristic of "The Island." This little curiosity of your readers in reference to it. gem of the sea lay before us arrayed in its We may mention, however, as a piece of ac- sors, with heroic and devoted purpose, traverseves have been directed during the past year

place has been it is true, peculiarly litted for the Conference as well as our deemed it a coincidence worthy of note, and one the Conference as well as our deemed it a coincidence worthy of note, and one sufficiently explicit for the Legislature of the route. The object of the journey was a study commend that the United States sell New the comet's tail. an atmosphere of revival influence, but God Charlottetown friends, to hear Bro. Lathern's that seemed to indicate a common guidance— country to hear and heed.

som as the rose. Above all, must we rejoice in

The best of schemes is only a compromise, a and probably this one is no exception to the that the benefits will be far reaching and perlimited extent.

manent, the evils only temporary and of a Thursday, but a large portion of the business is done, and cousequently much interest conto our friends residing where the session may mittee made its first attempt to appoint the otherwise nothing at all could have been done. pecially, to the ministers composing this body. report of this Committee is looked for both by sideration, the one calling forth the strongest It is the season of warm-hand claspings, of ministers and people, with perhaps greater in expressions of sympathy being that of Bro. kindly greetings; the time for the contracting of new friendships and the removal of old ones; ty is very great, for upon the wise discharge of trated by a disease which renders his recovery It would have been evident to the most caregive to every man a first-class Circuit, and to strongly, not only to his brethren in the min-The first draft will be laid upon the table at As we approached the other side, however, we the representatives of the different Districts. seemed to shoot at once out into the clear genial Such knowledge is in confidence, however, and

finaly with the blue waters on the one side, adjustment of some of the Districts which have carried on under the direction and immediate and the grain fields stretching away in the distance on the other. The scenery is not strik- tion of business. We understand that Cape don. ing but as we skirted the coast for several Breton and Guysborough at the one end of Ip 1855 the Rev. Dr. Beecham was deputed new power and higher efficiency, and that in hours we saw abundant proof of agricultural Truro District, and Cumberland County at the to visit these Provinces for the purpose of concapability and prosperity. Soon Charlotte- other, are to form separate Districts. Another stituting the Mission Districts a Conference town came in sight, the place to which so many is to be formed in the vicinity of St. Stephen. organization in affiliation with the British Con-At 21 o'clock the Committee for examination lerence. It was then determined, that, for the from all parts of the Conference field, and for of candidates assembled in the larger room of time, our Foreign Missionary work, should be the tidings from which so many thanksgivings the basement. The meeting was a very inter-

those who have been sowing but not reaping celebraties. Indeed, one of the excellencies we have inaugurated. hausting labors have told heavily upon the simply popular. His remarks upon the import- with more distant parts of the Dominion, not and never have they, we believe, been more application down to the present year. physical power of many of the brethren. Not only do some of the oldermen were induced by ing the conscience; and its dignity both in infirmity to put of the harness which they have reference to the nature of its work and its so long and bonourably worn, but a larger reward, were worthy of all commendation. The Parent Body; but also to secure the full connumber than usual of the vounger men, men lecture abounded in fine passages, exhibiting currence and co-operation of the membership cern long a source of solicitude is entering of them and protect them. This opened the He was going to explore the country, he said, who have been strong for God, have been com- to good advantage the lecturer's well known of our church as represented by the official upon a new course, with every promise of finan- way for the presentation of a new view of the make known its vast resources, pacify the Red pelled to choose between a period of rest and oratorical power. It it had any fault, and what utter physical prostration. There are others, is there buman which is perfect, we might men "scheme of union" should be submitted to the With unfeigned gratitude and joy we "To which, Ocray: who need it, but who refuse to ask for it, tion the two frequent repetition of anecdotes judgment of the Quarterly meetings in March acknowledge the special favor and abundant "Yes! So! Much true! Ooray and Big. and all that. Of course, he was sincere in the a short period of relaxation to fit them for already familiar to a large number of his audi- last. Had the vote been adverse the whole blessing of God, in this last of the Conferences Chief understand, and know Utes must go on matter—always was sincere—one of the honthe duties of another year. A peculiar interest ence. But in no one one's hands could the previous action, so far as our Conference was of the United Eastern Provinces. The sessions Reservation some day—raise beef, pony, and attaches to this session of Conference as being fault be so trivial as in Bro. Lathern's. One concerned, would have been nullified and made have been characterized by great harmony. barley—or perish. But young braves no un- and for two or three years worked hard, sumthe last which will be held by the Conference is tempted to think, in listening to him, that he void. The result of that appeal, has however The several meetings both of devotion and derstand; hard to make 'em. Some, too, say, mer and winter—did a vast amount of work. of Eastern British America. For years it has chooses those oft-repeated stories that, by the had a separate and partially independent exisdifficulty of success, he may render it the greatWe regret the necessity of moving in so imof spititual life. An "unction of the holy One" Comanches—enemies of Utes always—will have—vis., that the whole region was worthtence. At the close of this career it is natural er. Under his beautiful rendering we forget portant a measure in the know where to find. Then some night, when less-and reported to the Secretary of War. to look back upon the incidents which have that they are old, and that we have laughed or verse vote. The much esteemed brethren who resources of an earnest and faithful ministry, Utes all asleep, will come like a squaw and kill that in his judgment, the wisest thing we could characterized its short history. We would do cried over them for the twentieth time, and, this, not with pride, for not unto us is, or willing or unwilling, are compelled to laugh not cheerfully acquiesce in the decision; and while compelled under present circumthis, not with pride, for not unto us is, or should be, the glory but with thankfulness, or cry again. We trust that the ministerial we cannot but believe that in this matter the that God has so abundantly blessed our efforts. The little one has become a thousand; to plagiarism, and not the examples. The workmen have been sent abroad into the field, "Pulpit of the Age" may it be the glory of have completed its work, the brethren assem- braced in the annual address of the united pas- "When this was interpreted to Ooray, for

Wednesday, 23rd.—At 9 o'clock the Contin- New Brunswick and P. E. Island, and New- gelical aspects of our work. Effective organthe Spirit of enterprize and Christian liberality gent Fund Committee assembled for transaction foundland. The ministers residing within the which has developed so wonderfully of late, of business connected with its department. boundaries of these Conferences will meet anboth in our Conference and Church. This is
The Committee is large, and comprises some
nually. The General Conference composed of the Plains, whether infantry or calvary. due in a great measure to the Home Mission of the best financial ability of our church, both Delegates from the Annual Conferences with an by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, Presently, however, Ocray recovering his dig movement, to which reference will be made ministerial and lay. Its work is important, equal number of lay-representatives will meet saith the Lord of Hosts." more fully bereafter. But with this feeling of but mostly routine, and therefore excites com- Quadrennially in the chief centres of the Dothankful gladness, amid all the rejoicing over sinners in the past or present, there is an unsiners in the past or present, there is an unsiners in the past or present, there is an unsiners in the past or present, there is an unsiners in the past or present, there is an unsiners in the past or present, there is an unsiderion of sadness. Many who meet this year, and by larger accessions of the Church. The instance of sadness. Many who meet this year, and by larger accessions of the Church. The instance of the membership of the Church. The instance of the membership of the Church. The instance of the membership of the Church of the membership of the Church. The instance of the membership of the Church of the membership of the feel as they clasp the hands of old companions in toil that in many cases it must be the last time till they greet each other in their Father's taking its rise in the deep sense of the necessi funds of the Parent society, the mission work in the course. The necessity of the course. The course is not the course. The necessity of the course. The necessity of the course. The course is not the course. The course is not the course. The course is not the course. The necessity of the course is not the course. The course is not the course. The course is not the course. The course is not the course is not the course. The course is not the course is not the course. The course is not the course is not the course. The course is not the home above.

In a few days our Conference will be no more, or, at least it will have entered upon a new phase of its existence. We hope and pray that this charge important and for resolvent and for resolvent and for resolvent and prosperous Home Missions of the Church, "Thanks be unto God who always causeth us kill. Tell Great Pather, Cheyenness and prosperous Home Missions of the necessing that the place of the necessing that the phase is richly raught on the prarie—build wigwam in the mountains—fish in Del Norte. Utes stop not ties of the outlying portions of our own territors of our Church will be placed under the direction of a Board composed of representatives newed strength and higher resolve, we go in one place, and Comanches no find. But the wine is a mocker, and nothing is proof forth in the prosecution of our great mission. Utes settle down; then Comanches come and appropriate the control of the outlying portions of our own territors, and composed of representatives that wine is a mocker, and nothing is proof forth in the prosecution of our great mission. The with encouragement for the future. With remountains—fish in Del Norte. Utes stop not in one place, and Comanches no find. But that wine is a mocker, and nothing is proof forth in the prosecution of our great mission. The with remountains and properties of the with encouragement or the future. With remountains—fish in Del Norte. Utes step not the remountains—fish in Del Norte. Utes step not the remountains and the very experiment of my life to say that every experiment of my l that this change important, and far-reaching as The report of the Secretary is most cheering East and West, will be sustained with continued to triumph." as to the financial aspect, whilst that from and augmen

The best of schemes is only a compromise, a or a part of the year, in addition to those mensays the last seport of the parent society, "for promote the soul-saving purposes of Christ is Great Father do then?" or a pars of the year, in addition to those men-tioned in the minutes. The income from all the financial and ecclesistical independence of sources has increased, we believe, more than in any previous year, being some two thousand It has been agreed on our part to defray for any previous year, being some two thousand dollars above last year. The expenditure has been much larger than ever before, but still there was enough and to spare. God has honoured our faith in Him, and gives wonderful success.

It has been agreed on our part to defray for the green to defray for the present certain expenses connected with the present certain expenses connected with the present certain expenses connected with the present day, even in the present day. to an enterprize in reference to which many had British Dominions in North America will cease; proach of the Church. The measure of agtheir doubts, and all perhaps their fears. vious to that time. On Tuesday morning at Nearly \$11,000 have been received thus from Indians, and to the immigrant settlers through-9 o'clock there was the first gathering at the all sources, and nearly \$10,000 expended in out those vast regions, will be carried on by always an occasion of deep interest, not only Charlottetown Church. The Stationing Combe held, and to our people generally, but es- brethren to their various fields of labour. The for the interchange of kindly courtesies and the drawing closer all the bonds, which, as a brotherhood, bind us together.

Ty is very great, for upon the wise discharge of its duties, depends to a large extent the prosperity of our work. Its path, as may be conceived, does not lie along a bed of roses. To discredit to ancestral distinction, and disloyalty

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THE CONFERENCE OF EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA. TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,-The Conference in which we are now assembled is one

Originally planted in these Colonies by William Black and his coadjutors and succesholiday robes as if to welcome our approache cidental information, that a part of the work of ed the length and breadth of the land to make

an atmosphere of revival influence, but God chariottetown friends, to hear and seemed to indicate a common guidance—that seemed to indicate a common guidance of that seemed to indicate a common guidance of that seemed to indicate a common guidance of that seemed to indicate a common guidance of the seemed to indicate

us seals to our ministry. Every District has could not be exhausted nor even treated in desticks, holding the stars in His right hand— nations, is seeking control of Public Education, regions that most overland travellers never see. have considered my recommendation favorably come up with the song of triumph. Increase of detail, he exhibited great skill and judgment that the Australian Methodist Churches, withmembership, or of those on trial, or of both in seizing the saliant points—and presenting to out any thing of concerted action beyond their opposition to the Canada school system. We his office, had access to points not easily letters from the Q. M. Gen'l. So, I suppose has gladdened our hearts and caused us to take courage. Many brethren can tell of hard learners and caused us to take points—and presenting to our any taing of concerted action beyond their opposition to the courage action to the courag fought battles and triumphant victor; s and comparisons between him and other pulpit principal and similar in details to that which be a common right and an inalienable heritage. to report, much that does not come under the enjoyed the joke hugely, and presently added

seed has been sown on many neglected places, the age and the power chosen of God for the and often the desert made to bud and blos- upholding of truth and right.

the several Annual Conferences of Nova Scotia, do not overlook the great spiritual and evan- laughed outright. When he reinterpreted it to

and the widely extended missions to the native These arrangements have been effected in a Society, looking at the wonderful growth and development of this her giant child of the West, invoking the Lord's continued smile and blessing upon Canadian Methodism, may well thank

to the Great Head of the Church, relax in Mis sionary work and enterprise. The great comligation are realized and acted upon can we The little cluster of those fragrant flowers, hope for the continued and abundant blessing Watt to me memories of the woodland bowers. of Him who, for the accomplishment of his purpose, the gospel is preached to all nations. promised, "Lo I am with you always even to The happy footsteps chased the golden hours,

The unity and consolidation of the several branches of Methodism, into one strong and My children's voices singing at their play, influential church, is an essential object con-Heavy banks of fog lay along the Nova the opening of Conference, before which noth of more than ordinary importance, and constitute the plan of Union. As churches Instead of prairie stretching fair and wide Scotia coast and over the strait as we lett log is known, it being a secret Committee, extracted and over the strait as we lett log is known, it being a secret Committee, extracted and over the strait as we lett log is known, it being a secret Committee, extracted and over the strait as we lett log is known, it being a secret Committee, extracted and over the strait as we lett log is known, it being a secret Committee, extracted and over the strait as we lett log is known, it being a secret Committee, extracted and over the strait as we lett log is known, it being a secret Committee, extracted and over the strait as we lett log is known, it being a secret Committee, extracted and over the strait as we lett log is known, it being a secret Committee, extracted and over the strait as we lett log is known, it being a secret Committee, extracted and over the strait as we lett log is known, it being a secret Committee, extracted and over the strait as we lett log is known, it being a secret Committee, extracted and over the strait as we lett log is known, it being a secret Committee, extracted and over the strait as we lett log is known, it being a secret Committee, extracted and over the strait as we lett log is known, it being a secret Committee, extracted and over the strait as we lett log is known, it being a secret Committee, extracted and over the strait as we lett log is known, it being a secret Committee, extracted and over the strait as we lett log is known, it being a secret Committee, extracted and over the strait as we lett log is known and over the strait as we lett log is known and over the strait as we lett log is known and over the strait as we lett log is known and over the strait as we lett log is known and over the strait as we lett log is known and over the strait as we lett log is known and over the strait as we lett log is known and over the strait as we lett log is known and over the strait as we lett log is known and over the strait as we lett log is known and over the strait as we low the str doctrinal standards. Our ecclesiastical organ- And vonder at their feet as evermore. izations are framed according to one pattern. means of missionary agency, during the first We sing the same glorious hymns. We proatmosphere which is always, we hope, a your reporter is not at liberty to gratify the period of its growth, in which the apostolic claim alike a present, free and full salvation. We have a common mission, "to spread scrip- By the cool orchard where the robin's note tural holiness throughout the land." The same mportance is attached to distinctive provision And thro' the forest emerald shadows still, The long low beach of red sand contrasting the Committee, this year was a division and redue time not only the Wesleyan and New Connexion, but other important Methodist Churches may be comprehended in the one United Methodist Church of Canada. We have been compelled to look at a united

Methodism from a national as well as ecclesias the tidings from which so many the basement. The meeting was a very fine base ascended to the Giver of all good. As esting one, and the result calculated to fill the ciety; and it was also stipulated that in control tical point of view. This great country of ours we draw near and catch glimpses of the various heart with deep thankfulness and earnest faith sideration of the large number of dependent has entered upon a new history. Its vast and objects, when we see the churches upon which in the future. No less than seventeen young and Home Mission Circuits placed under our varied resources are being rapidly developed. we can almost fancy the cloud of His presence men presented themselves as candidates to be care, we should receive financial assistance It must soon become the home of many milwe can almost landy the cloud of the product of the the birth-place of so many souls we feel almost from Newfoundland who do not come up for ed relation has continued for nineteen years. that we should put the shoes from off our feet examination here, constituted a class of thirtyas we step upon this holy ground. It was five, the largest number that has ever been realmost like entering into the upper chamber ceived, in our Zion into our Conference work. when the cloven tongues of fire had sat upon There was a marked variety of physical development of the Atlantic tongues of the had sat upon the Atlantic tongues of the disciples. We were not permitted to see opment, of intellectual power and of spiritual nual Conferences—to constitute the Wesleyan the Pacific, constituting the most numerous and the disciples. We were not permitted to see opment, of intersection power and of spiritual number of constitute the westeyan the thronging multitudes, who so oft had experience, but the same spirit of devotedness Methodist Church of Canada. Former argathered here to be baptized with the Holy to the great work of saving souls—the same Ghost and with fire, nor to hear them speaking common desire to spend and be spent for God. with other tongues of the wonderful works of It was the general feeling, we believe, of the become a part is designed to be permanent. It God; but we could grasp the hand of those Committee, that in ability and devotion to the who had led the armies of the Lord to glorious cause and adaptness to our work; it was instanced by incomplete the cause and adaptness to our work; it was instanced by incomplete the cause and adaptness to our work; it was instanced by incomplete the cause and adaptness to our work; it was instanced by incomplete the cause and adaptness to our work; it was instanced by incomplete the cause and adaptness to our work; it was instanced by incomplete the cause and adaptness to our work; it was instanced by incomplete the cause and adaptness to our work; it was instanced by incomplete the cause and adaptness to our work; it was instanced by incomplete the cause and adaptness to our work; it was instanced by incomplete the cause and adaptness to our work; it was instanced by incomplete the cause and adaptness to our work; it was instanced by incomplete the cause and adaptness to our work; it was instanced by incomplete the cause and adaptness to our work; it was instanced by incomplete the cause and adaptness to our work; it was instanced by incomplete the cause and adaptness to our work; it was instanced by incomplete the cause and adaptness to our work; it was instanced by incomplete the cause and adaptness to our work; it was instanced by incomplete the cause and adaptness to our work; it was instanced by incomplete the cause and adaptness to our work; it was instanced by incomplete the cause of the ca victory—the reapers who had gathered the victory—the victo

From different parts of our Conference field ""Why don't our Great Father's blue-coats

for good. And yet this can scarcely be expected. Where there are so many changes, and so many interests affected, it would seem almost impossible that some should not suffer.

The best of schemes is only a compromise.

The best of schemes is only a compromise of the Church be various district.

The best of schemes is only a compromise of the church best only and multiplied as rapid may be composite that these cherished anticipation.

The best of schemes is only a compromise of the church best tongue creave to the root of my mouth; if I answered: prefer not Jerusalem to my chief joy."

General Miscellanu.

LINES

On receiving a boquet of Mayflowers from Nova Scotia home. Where f r the birth days of the long ago, We watched the violets and the may-bads blow While weaving visions of the scented flowers, And as I turn time's silent pages back, And present moments seem to fade away; I see the dim woods and the mountains side The restless waters greet the rocky shore Again I rove the happy woodlands wild, Where long ago I wandered when a child, In summer yet in balmy breezes floats, Or gathering berries on the breezy hill. O happy time before the eager feet, Cross o'er life's threshold to its busy street Before the world has soiled the lustrous page Inscribing maxims of trifling age; So childhood passes like a gush of song, Thro' the dim chambers of the soul along I hear its music in the chambers deep. Where watchful memory will never sleep, And pausing oft amid the busy round Of life's sweet duties listen to the sound. And so I lay the fragrant flowers away. To fade and wither like the fair spring day. While yet the garlands with the blossoms bright, Entwine sweet memories with radiant light And o'er the mountain and the sobbing sea,

I greet the one who plucked the flowers for me While life's sweet blossoms o'er her pathway shed Bloom fair and radiant where ber teet shall tread. SUSIE E. FOSTER. "ACROSS AMERICA."

in retrenchment. Its length was over 15,000 Mexico, and all the region round about, to

ty. God has honored us as a Church by giving one of his best efforts. With a subject that who still walks in the midst of the goiden can- to dominate over the political destinies of remainder by steamer. Much of it was over 'I must say, the government don't seem to The record of our Educational Institutions has observation of every-day travelers. The precan, at least, rejoice with those who do rejoice. of the Rev. gentleman's lecture was the powers | It was thought necessary, in a movement of been for the past year one of great satisfaction sent work is the record of the journey thus but was suggested by an o'd story we used to As a consequence of the wide spread outpouring of the Spirit during the past year, exwhat was really excellent and that which was change, bringing us into closer relationship history have they been so liberally patronized.

At no period of their taken, supplemented by such additional facts hear about Gen. Summer. You knew Summer, what was really excellent and that which was change, bringing us into closer relationship history have they been so liberally patronized.

" But our Great Father will prevent that

ization and abundant resources are all insutter, which lasted several minutes. Evidently ficient without personal godliness and the action that it is a bey had little respect for the average soldier nity, replied :

affectionately we warn you against conformity courts; and, if found guilty, will hang him. was beneficial, came the habit of drinking on

gressive power, the resources of the Church for spiritual conquest, must be ultimately deterthen he seemed somewhat dazed. Doubtless and of supreme devotion to the Saviour. We any white man for killing an Indian, let alone covet for the ministry and membership of our our Great Father's brother, after what he had Church alike, the spirit which finds expression in the inspired declaration: "If I forget thee of O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her forth, he appeared to catch some glimpse of the presence of the ghosts with whom I unning If I do not remember thee, let my idea, and atter pondering it awhile, sorrowfully held such awful converse. I can now survey

make them now.'

"He seemed to think there was no use trying to get such an idea into their heads, and fled. I had a beautiful home, but the demonstration communicated to them some short answer, which apparently satisfied them. "Again, after much deliberation, he warily

" Suppose pale-face steal pony from redman, what will Great Father do?' " To which Gov. C .:

" He will compel the pale-face to restore the pony. And if the thief can't be found, and his red children prove their loss, the Great Father will pay for it in goods or money.' "This seemed to give great satisfaction,

when he first interpreted it; but presently the for the Greater Bear, or traced imaginary lines chiefs became excited, and a hot discussion apex of a triangle with its base on the Pointers spread among them. Kit Carson said, as well from either Dipper, or guessed at the as he could make out they were canvassing and the Pole Star. Even the throne of the faramong themselves, whether on the same prin- off Cassiopeia ia invested with an unwonted inciple, the government would not compel them terest, and eyes unused to such exertions pick to restore or pay for what they stole from the out the outline of the Charioteer, or count the whites; and as their theits were evidently much drops that trickle from the crooked sword of the larger; they speedily directed Ooray to Perseus, dripping with the Gorgon's. And dodge this question without further talk." A very queer but lucid plan of retrenchment

in New Mexico was suggested by Gen. Sher- flame of Capella is not dimmed; Alioth and man. It is quite pertinent to the discussion of to-day, when a bill has just been introduced and Dubbe still point to the northern pole. to admit this territory as a State 'He (Gen. Sherman) said the Quartermaste

enormous cost of our posts on the Plain, in the eyes of Christendom are nightly turned. New Mexico, etch and begging him if possible From what depths of space this comet came, to suggest some plan that would reduce expen- and whither, after circling the sun, it will purses., etc. 'At first,' said Sherman, 'I paid no sue its travels, are questions no man can anattention to these letters, because I could no swer. But the course it will pursue while help the matter. The Posts were there-es- within our ken has been the subject of careful tablished by order of the Hon. Secretary of calculation, and a communication which we War-and he knew it. Moreover, the people present to-day invests it with more than its it, if they did boast a 'heap.' Above all, I was will never be near enough to this world to ordered to keep them up, and I always obey alarm the timid; its closest approach is not orders; so what could I do? So, at first, I much, if at all, nearer than that of the planet A very entertaining book just published by did not answer his letters, but let him write Venus when she is least remote. And as the beldon & Co. is Across America; or, The away. But finally they got to coming so thick rain of meteors which the theory of Schiaperelli Great West and the Pacific Coast, by Gen. and long that one day I sat down and replied connects with comets applies only to the heads James T. Rusling. Gen. Rusling was ordered that the Posts were all there, and ordered of those bodies, we may consider ourselves by the new department, in 1866, to make a there, as he knew, and we were bound to sup- out of danger on that score. The horrid hair tour of inspection of the military depots and ply them, no matter what it cost. But that, that shakes down bolides and aerolites if not posts, houses and routes of supply from Fort in my judgment, of the whole vast region there, pestilence and war, will not approach us. But

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'He told this with infinite gusto, as if he Bull Sumper, in old times, because he was so

Skins, induce immigration, settle up the country, and thus do away with our costly Posts estest men I ever knew. So, he went to work,

'Sumner, they say, recommended this seritorate to the beloved people of our charge, we the first time he lost his savage dignity, and ously, and thought it a good thing. But I

HOW A CLERGYMAN WAS RUINED BY

clergyman, then a victim of intemperance, and

Comanches go on Reservation first, then Utes by her stratagems. It found me in the ranks

But you ask me how this ruin was wrought. flee to the uttermost parts of the earth, as did, and the anger of God will follow you. mined by the level of self-denial, self-sacrifice he found it hard to believe, that we would hang the demon of delirium seized me, and the serpent of the still feasted on my quivering flesh.

the field and measure the losses. The prime "'Yes! So! Ooray comprehend! Much of my life was wasted. I had a high office good! But my people no comprehend. No and an unspotted character. This demon of wine dragged me down, and the drunkards life was mine. I had no means, but my riches entered, and the light faded from its halls. I had beautiful children, but this monster took their dimpled hands in his-

[From the New York Tribune.] THE COMET.

Never since the tervent imagination of Hevelius recognized the figure of the Giraffe in the northern sky has that insignificant constellation received such attention as at present. Never before has so many watchful eyes sought yet those silent stars look down upon us just as they did upon our forefathers; the golden Algol have not changed their places; Merak But a stranger has come among them; a thin, vaporous, ghostly stranger, scarce discernable General during the summer had written him to unassisted vision; fainter than the merest several letters, calling his attention to the wisp of cloud upon a noosday sky; to whom

would have them there, and I could not help previous importance. The head of the comet

It is far easier to shun the occasion of sin than the sin when the occassion presents it.