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"IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM! LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET 175 CUNNING."-P8, 137 : 5.

### ON "THE GOOD WILL OF HIM THAT DWELT IN THE BUSH :"

Being the substance of a Sermon, from Deut. xxxiii. 16, preached before the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces, in connection with the Church of Scotland, assembled at Halifax, on Wednesday, 30th June, 1870,

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THE last words of the dving are memorable. Survivors treasure them up, and friends long afterwards quote them; but the dying savings of some good men have proved almost prophetic. Thus Wishart, the Scottish martyr, proclaimed from his funeral pile, " He who now looks down so proudly from his lofty palace, and feeds his eves upon my torment (referring to Cardinal Beaton, who, from a window in the Castle of St. Andrew's, gazed upon his expiring victim.) will soon be ignominiously hung from that window as now he wantonly revels there;" which came to pass, for in a few weeks thereafter, the Cardinal was murdered and his body suspended from that very window, as a sign of death avenged, and a prophetic announcement of a good man fulfilled. Latimer, too, one of England's reformers, exclaimed to his fellow martyr, when the flames were gathering around them. " Let us play the man, Ridley, for this day shall see a fire lit in England, which, by God's grace, shall never be put out;" which has been notably accomplished in the light of the Reformation. which yet burns in the heart of the nation, and, notwithstanding opposition. will not soon be extinguished.

These were the last words of good men in whom was the Spirit of God, but Jacob spoke by the spirit of prophecy when he wittingly put his hand upon the head of Ephraim, Joseph's younger son, and preferred him to Manasseh. "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come, and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." Who may deny the spirit of prophecy which was in him when he could thus so wecurately declare the future history of Judah, and their condition when the Messiah should appear ?" And Moses also, that man of God, blessed the twelve