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# Religious Miscellany,

#### Times go by Turns. BY R. SOUTHWELL, A POET OF THE SEVENTEENTH

CENTURY. The lopped tree in time may grow again The naked plants renew both fruit and flower The sorriest wight may find release of pain,

The dryest soil suck in some moistening shower

Times go by turns, and chances change by course. From foul to fair, from better hap to worse. The sea of fortune doth not ever flow. She draws her favors to the lowest ehh . Her tides have equal times to come and go, Her loom doth weave the fine and coarsest web

No joy so great but runneth to an end; No hap so hard but may in fine amend. Not always fall of leaf, nor ever spring, No endless night, nor yet eternal day The saddest birds a season find to sing, The roughest storm a calm may soon allay. Thus with succeeding turns God tempereth all,

That man may hope to rise, yet fear to fall. A chance may win that by mischance was lost, That net that holds no great takes little fish In some things all, in all things none are crossed Few all they need, but none have all they wish Unmingled joys here to no man befall : Who least, hath some, who most, hath never all

#### For the Provincial Wesleyan. Temptation.

would be engaged, when He delivered that me- And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch. not afflict his people for nought; such would not superior to all temptation. be in accordance with the perfections or attributes of His nature. God always works with wisdom, rectitude and love; therefore, unnecessary burdens upon his people would be opposed to these peculiarities of his being. But the ques tion may be asked, why, or for what end, are trials imposed upon the christian? We answer eternal salvation. But could not God save souls

us our utter helplessness, and continual depenmany snares laid by the consummate skill of the great enemy of his soul. The old serpent seizes the opportunity to entangle him more effectually with the glutinous cords of worldly enchant ment. The short-sighted soul, perhaps trusting ing upon the ground of Satanic allurement; he goes on, on, and yet on; he strays from the fold of the Great Shepherd; he rambles up and down upon the barren wastes of worldly amusement, and finally falls into the savage embrace of the wolf of humanity. Even at this crisis, the faithful Shepherd does not forsake him; He makes effort for his salvation. The lost sheep is sought after, and found, and once more brought within the walls of the earthly fold of the Good Shep-Painful experience teaches them their dependence

bousness. How many there are, who like the carred his of Good, and thank God they are not as bouse of God, and thank God they are not as there are. They pass the unpretending the first fruits of great city. We have the promise of spring redeemed in the first fruits of the first fruits

sured, that that grace which enables him to stem universe .- Joseph Parker, D. D. the adverse torrent of temptation without sin, is in reality the grace of God. Thus we hold, that temptation beside being a preservative against Pharissical piety affords the christian the consoling conviction that he is a child of God; an heir of God, and joint heir with Jesus Christ

Further, temptation is of great worth to the son of Zion, as an excitement to the performance of religious duty. It is extremely probable if the chaistian life was one of ease, that much laxity would be observable in the adherence of profession. But in making trial or temptation the lot of all believers we perceive the wisdom of the Great Source of knowledge. He has mercifully made us liable to trial, in order that we is livid purple—or as he is lifted gasping into the No room for coldness or formality here: we are ever to be on the alert: "the powers of hell

surround." How necessary, then, to watch and pray! Watch, ve therefore: for ve know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, at midof that conflict in which His people were, and night, or at cockcrowing, or in the morning: morable injunction to His disciples in the garden The true christian, then, will watch; his eye will of Gethsemane. His omnipresent eye evidently ever be open to observe the subtle approach of pierced the dark mists of time which hung over the warrior of darkness; who comes clad in the the stern realities of the future, as He counselled armour of usurped power, and armed with the the stern realities of the future, as He counselled armour of usurped power, and armed with the His followers thus:—"Watch and pray, that ye wespons of temptation. Watch and pray, will only seven days before, eight captives taken in enter not into temptation." In the sentence just be his motto; knowing the momentous consequoted, the christian can perceive the sum of his quence of such watchfulness: and he will seek spiritual work while passing over the causeway after greater ability to presevere in this selfof time into the city of eternity: he can perceive denying employment. We say greater ability, tiful reflection of the light, are all the types of end it. But the disposition to be wholly Christ's. to contend against " principalities and powers." the enemy with a measure of grace will seek to to temptation, proves, that the Almighty has entire sanctification of the soul from all its imsome great design in contemplation. He does purities, and thus receive greater power to rise ing. He may have everything else; but what

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# First Love Left.

trials imposed upon the christian r we answer at Ephesus with having changed their doctrinal ergy, or sweetness, or skill, or integries, d sills views : but, placing His finger on his heart. He sussiveness, you add the low ! says, 'There is a change here.' You know the trolling power of the soul, you at once turn moral oy another and less severe process: we reply nothing is impossible with God: and further, He chooses to make possible the salvation of man by the means, and His purposes are not to be quest and joy. She cannot be deterred from her purpose by any representation. Tell of the river, shine when the pearl of piety is placed on the and she answers, 'I can swim;' remind her of forehead of character by the converting Spirit. Many considerations suggest themselves to the mind according to the teachings of the word of awful precipices, the guardian walls of capacious The loveliest become more lovely when God gives God; and appear in the shape of reasons, why God in the infinitude of His wisdom, made the pinions, she replies with laughter, 'I can fly;' band only lacks one thing—my daughter only tell her of burning deserts, on which no palm- lacks one thing," is a frequent remark we hear christian life one of trial. We shall notice some of these according the light which we have upon tree throws its shade, through which no river from pious parents. Very true; but suppose rolls, and her courage bursts into uncontrollable your husband or child go up to the judgment the subject. In the first place, God unquestion—enthusiasm as she recounts the story of her past ably intended temptation as a means of showing enthusiasm as she recounts the story of her past indurances. She burns up every excuse. - She calls every land her home. 'The range of the man who discovered the pearl of great price, uence upon nim for support. The benever will sometimes glide unperceivingly into some of the mountain is her pasture. 'She rejoiceth in her "went and sold all that he had and bought it." strength; she goeth to meet armed men; she That is, he could not have his previous posses mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted, neither sions and have the pearl too. He must part with her a spirited, perhaps angry reply. But she moturneth she back from the sword.' A right royal the one to secure the other. My unconverted destly made answer, " If people will come to hear before, and having heard, through Mr. Macfarforce is this 'first love.' If any work is to be friend, you must do the same thing, if you would our minister, is it his fault that he is popular? lane, that I was originally appointed to the stadone in the church-if any difficulties to be surmounted-if any icebergs are to be dissolvedif any cape where savage seas revel in ungovernable madness, is to be rounded, send out men come?" No; but you must surrender your over- "How interested our young brother C——is. and women in whose hearts this 'first love,' weening love of wealth, and put Christ where in our prayer-meetings! How clearly we can go, but he positively refused. While he thus burns and sings, and their brows will be girt you keep your gold. It is not money that damns perceive his growth in piety!" remarked a lady held me fast, another native stood by the side of with garlands of conquest. Our business, then, a soul; it is the greed for it. When a man lives to a Christian sister, as they met one day. Her Mrs. King, who was on my arm, and harangued is to watch our hearth-fires. When the tempera- for money—is wedded to it, sacrifices his consciture of our love lowers, there is cause for terror. It is instructive to mark the many and insidious that he may pursue gold-getting more keenly— in my family some months, and I observed his Mrs. Macfarlane, that I must go, as I had been influences by which the gush and swell of affective money-love become a snare and a curse. principle in little things. I know him to be an appointed to Samoa, they made reply by shouttion are modified. Take the case of the admir- The passenger in the burning steamer, who ran every-day Christian !" er of his minister, and mark how the streams of to his trunks, and filled his pockets with gold This pastor, this brother, were members of the Macfarlane, finding that all her entreaties failed. the wails of the earting total and the pit level of the minister, and mark now the streams of the herd. Followers of Carist often fall into the pit love subside. In the first instance, such an admirer thought that his teacher would ever play drown. He only meant to save his treasure. But timony could be borne concerning all the mem. the crowd, explaining to them that it was quite the harp of comfort or busy himself with abstract it cost him his life. You do not intend to sink bers of that flock. doctrines; but he finds he has miscalculated - into everlasting perdition. You only mean to An every-day Christian! To me the expresenemy; and are in consequence led to pray to enemy; and are in consequence led to pray to that his minister is master of many styles—that clutch all the wealth you can, and fill your heart sion seemed full of significance. Then I thought up his hold, to return to his people and tell them enemy; and are in consequences in that his appeal had been in vain Oh! that Rair Liberty stabbed by the lords of misrule, streams roll, and in their rolling bid the traveller short, and make it your first business to seek rents are professedly followers of Jesus, there is Christian young men in England could have While, thoughtless she laughs at the freaks drink and be glad-and that anon his pulpit is God and true religion. If your business involves no family altar, no recognition of God in the need every moment for divine assistance, in order to steer the ship of the soul clear of the reefs

of fire, and whence issue devouring flames. he

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drink and be giag—and that appeal! then, sure I am, it would not have looked upon that around for the hour is sucking you into his maelstrom,

the things of his kingdom. and false beacons of time and sense. Thus we finds that his minister can not only sing the sweet perceive temptation engenders a feeling of desoft songs of love and hope, but can command a legical profit you to gain all ly devotion are strictly observed, yet all the life, sort songs or love and nope, but can command a size of the world, and lose your own soul? This is a ferver, and cheerfulness of true piety are lack-Again, temptation is calculated to make the gers with amazement, that he has carried a sword fearfully dangerous year for men of business; for ing; and one would almost fail to discern likedisciple of Christ a possessor of that pre-eminent which has cloven many a vaunting foe. In course every one. Multitudes are plunging recklessly ness to Jesus in the character of either father or of christian graces, humility. Man is naturally of time the admirer cannot bear this. The min- in for the bauble of sudden wealth; alas! how a proud creature, and ever prone to elevate himister is dealing too faithfully with his conscience. few are seeking the heavenly pearl! a proud creature, and ever product in his lister is dealing too initiationly with his conscience. There are other things besides cover self above what he supposes to be vulgar in his lister is dealing too initiationly with his conscience. brother man. By assiduous exertions he would bles of the law, and that now he is being smitten place himself above the common order of things, with the avenging stones, he decries the minister of sin cannot be had, and Christ's pearl be posand from his lofty seat look down upon (in his who was once his idol, and his fickle love is turnestimation) a somewhat inferior race of beings. ed into another channel. Long ago a drumestimation) a somewhat interior and are desirous headed lad said to me, 'Your sermons make my of brandy is no snare to me if I do not hanker men aspire to working the lofty pinnacle of lit- head ache; but he has never looked at me with for it; if I do, then is there a serpent of damnaor obtaining seats upon the forty plant and to live a smile since I asked whether that was the blame tion coiled in its liquid depths. Sinful pleasures in the sunshine of worldly applause. And mark, of my sermon or his own head.—Or take the that are pleasures—that gratify, and absorb, and this principal is more or less developed in the case of one who has been distinguished for much enchain the heart—will cost you heaven, if you unis principal is more of the high and low, the universal human species. The high and low, the service in the cause of God, and see how the fires give way to them. Their fettters are wreathed deliversal numan species.

Later settlers are wreathed learned and illiterate, have the germ of this tree pale. He becomes prosperous in business. His with roses now, but the fires of the Last Day will of darkness implanted within them. The converting grace of God does not wholly destroy than ever. He toils in the service of self until to eat into the soul like a canker. "I will go to verting grace of those does not start that belt to-night, come what will," said a youth tion to show us our worthlessness and vanity. class in the school is neglected, the grass grows with whom God's Spirit was striving. He went: The believer in Christ is not unfrequently inflat- on his tract district; his nature has become so God accepted his decision, and left him to ed with what is sometimes termed "apiritual perverted thas he almost longs for an occasion thoughtlessness and ruin. He lost the pearl for der the mask of religious zeal. The submission of such persons partially to the power of the evil pride," and led to do in reality vain things, unone, to stand the test of a fiery temptation, is ed his foot in God's kingdom, you could not have righteousness. This is the hardest of all surren-

fore, by their fruits ye shall know them. Not tion and luxury, appeal to us in a thousand voices, him, and reflect obedience to himself.

## The Pearl of Great Price.

BY REV. T. I. CHYLER. In the royal diadem of England is a pearl of the Saviour's crown. great price. Its value arises from the inherent beauty of the gem, and from the peril and suffering incurred in securing it. Little does its royal wearer known, when she adorns her brow with its soft, iri-descent rays, of the fearful cost at which it was first rescued from the deep. She the perilous plunge among the sharks and sea monsters-or as he gropes on the bottom of the sea to find and tear the pearl-oysters from the boat with the blood gushing from his mouth and

this is one great element in the value of a Gospel to the studies that are more difficul; faith? It cost Christ Jesus the infinite plunge into humiliation and agony—the woundings and the bruisings of the Judgment hall—the gushing streams of Calvary's bloody agony! All the it cost our blessed Saviour Bethlehem's manger, and Gethsemane's woe, and Golgotha's noonday and Gethsemane's woe, and Golgotha's noonday night of horrors, in order that he might offer to effective. Industry and care will produce abun
Jones' stations, "we sailed close by a place where and a Christian hope.

It is not only what Gospel piety costs, but matters it, if he lacks the one thing needful? All mental attainments or intellectual gifts, when measured in the scale of eternity, are as so many ciphers writter on a slate. Suppose you write six of them; they are but ciphers still. But i in the heart. Christ does not charge the saints lo, you have one million! So, if to had ha

wealth?" you inquire-" or renounce my in- Christian !"

their false profession, and leading them to the foot of the cross as humble, poor, polluted sina moral temperature. What holy yows escaped works and his own morality, and esceems his sincere abandonment of heathen superation. of the sensational about the London meetings his sincere abandonment of heathen superation. and again, temptation is or incarculation in joint then succeed in getting redress. But some time after he was holding a station and hearing to the Missionary Museum at Bloomfield street.

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Larzarus, and imply by their self-righteous pre- autumn? Innumerable influences are continual- for posterity to read in one of the folds of her cated to the representative emperors of the auc- this is far from being true. England is greatly ing to rain and when it was not, and for this he tensions, something in these words:-stand ly in operation, which would cool the ardour of marble robes. The Athenians when they disaside, I am holier than thou. But although such our first enthusiasm for Christ. Satan plies us covered it, banished him for implety to their Ti wang miau. Here a Tientain helper was place money contributed by the people to her benevorighteousness passes frequently for genuine in with a thousand treacherous arts; the world al- goddess. Be careful how you write even your ed to preach daily, and hold evening meetings lent institutions is much greater than is given to on the Eastern prairies, and says he to Smith, the days of prosperity, yet, in the days of adver- lures with a thousand transitory charms; our own name on the perfect robe of Christ's right- for prager. The old Manchu, baptised in the similar societies here. It is true there is more 'What kind of a day will it be ? Will it be sity or temptation, the fruit of the tree will grow inborn depravity reveals itself in a thousand va- countries. He offers to you the pearl which his autumn, exerted himself to gather an audience wealth in England and Scotland than in the safe for my complexion to go out?' 'Heaven forth, and it will be known by such. "Where- rying manifestations; pride and selfishness, ambi- blood has purchased; but it must be worn for in this little retired room. The three men who United States. But there is less poverty here, preserve your Majesty,' said Smith; 'it will be every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall and beckon us with a thousand hands. Let men To-day I have stood by the dying bed of a ence from the first. After a few weeks, we were to have a holy rivalry, being provoked by British or a month to come.' So the King went on enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that of rich, deep, manifold experience tell me how sweet girl from my Sabbath-school. Consumpable to obtain a better house in an adjoining example to love and good works. doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." difficult it is to nourish and maintain our pristice tion had consumed away her beauty like the street. This has been open for worship since

is in the possession of; and he may be well as safe from the grasp of the arch-plunderer of the a porcelian vase. She looked as if already robed room since that time. The congregation in fine pray that it may be long before war shall separate like pitchforks.' 'I know better' replied the for the tomb. Bur on her brow shone the pure, justrous PEARL of youthful piety. Jesus set it sirous of receiving baptism." there; and it was growing brighter and more sparkling as the light from the New Jerusalem fell upon it. I expect to see that pearl again in

#### Holiness.

Good men sigh for a higher state ; not a disknown. Why need any one perplex himself deeply interesting character Mr. King, referring about possibilities, when it is perfectly evident to Mare writes:that he has not attained what is plainly within the way to heaven before he takes the first step. Knowledge is progressive; one cannot comprethe elements first, and then advancing gradually

Religion is not an exception to the general rule in reference to human acquisitions. The of Christianity were at work in their midst. Bible must be studied, experience must be gained and strength acquired. Christians are babes. most precious things cost the most dearly. And then men; grain or mere buds, then the full the conditions of progress, it only makes them in the darkness of heathenism. In going to Mr. God imparts only light enough to guide our war were killed, cooked, and eaten." The light, steps to-day; he does not choose to open to us however, that emanates from the Missionary stawhat it is, that gives it such precious value. The all the book of Revelation at once. Holiness is, exquisite purity of a PEARL, its solidity, its beauthe earnest consecration, the feit acceptance, may

> now, and then he will be not not necessary in the promising field, we again started Taylo, and to state the end of Christian boats to join the ship ; crowds of natives were on is but the beginning of a proper a " life hid with Christ in God." Unswerving devotion to Christ, deep, carnest, all-controlling love for him, with seal, humility, patience and fortitude, should be attained and njoyed speedily; aye, even at this moment God as to accomplish all this. ONLY BELIEVE .-

# An Every-day Christian

"Your minister is very popular; if his meet ing-house was large enough, I suppose it would The sarcastic tone and manner of utterance

mother, bearing that precious title, Christian. Oh, when we shall each learn fervently to pray that we may " walk worthy of the Lord unto all

# Beligions Intelligence.

The London Missionary Society. The Magazine and Chronicle of this institution

or August, says a Congregational contemporary, will be read with much interest. The Rev. Jos. the religious anniversaries extend through the Edkins, writing from Pekin, and speaking of latter part of April, the whole of May, and part "Three of the four candidates are Manchus, hold their annual meetings, besides having thirty-

who have offices in the household of the Princs four sermons preached in their behalf.

siding and labouring in the capital of China. Things look well in India. Referring to Travancore, we observe that one of the Missionaries writing to Dr. Tidman, gives a very hopeful account of things. That indeed is the most sunny spot of India. There are about 20,000 person professing to be followers of Christ.

The South Pacific supplies some facts of a

"Until we were close in we could see no trace reach. If we ascend to a higher plane, we may of human beings, on account of the thick bush, be able to see more of the present and future. which is allowed to grow quite down to the wat-No man can, with reason; ask to be shown all er's edge; but when we were sufficiently near, we discovered crowds of natives under the trees waiting to welcome us. Before we had anchored hend the science of mathematics without taking many of them had plunged into the waves and soon covered. Many of them looked very wild, "Cease, sirrah, your jesting! remember," she "We spent five days on shore, dividing the

the most winning amiability, the loftiest station, the largest wealth, all leave their possessors lack
the cours now. Such a devotion to Christ is essential to rapid growth in Christian virtue. Christ

We anchored in the small harbour on which hand. imports a light and a fullness that is complete; it is situated, on Saturday afternoon. The next Yet pledged is my income, and mortgaged my but this does not end a Christian's progress, it day, Sunday, was a very interesting day; besides only begins a work which is to be completed in Mr. Macfarlane's usual morning service with the natives, we held two services in English, and in No Christian should hesitate to give himself the afternoon a special meeting of the natives, unreservedly to Christ, to consecrate all to him which we all addressed through interpreters. On new and then he will, we are netter fitted to study Tuesday afternoon, after a very pleasant stay in

the beach to see us go.

which will interest you. One boatful has gone; Mr. and Mrs. Whitmee, Mrs. King, and myself, were left to come in the second boat. Mr. and Mrs. W. were already in the boat, and we were walking down the beach with Mrs. Macfarlane, when, just as we had got to the boat, a number of natives, wild with excitement rushed upon me, My shield cannot shelter a poor refugee; one strong fellow seized me by the arm and held me fast. From their fierce appearance one would have much more readily conceived that they had prested me in this summary manner to club me than for the purpose they had. The whole affair indicated the ill-feeling of the speaker, as he ad- me was a chief who had come with his people Don't muddle the milk, if you hope to get cream; dressed these words to a servent-girl of the min- twenty miles, from an inland district, to sak the ister's family, with the design of drawing from Committee if he could not have a Missionary for possess that pearl of godliness that is your only I do not presume to judge of his sermons; but tion on the other side of the island, he thought assport to heaven.—"Must I give up my this I can testify, he is an humble, every-day he had some sort of claim upon me. We were beach. Mrs. Macfarlane entrented him to let me ence to it, worships it, keeps his heart from God to attend evening meetings, but C- boarded force. When I repeatedly assured them, through impossible for me to stay : until at last the poor chief, with tears in his eyes and a sad heart, gave men, earnestly crying for an instructor to show them the way of life, and have remained unmov. ad. As soon as I was liberated we got into the boat and started for the ship, with sorrowful hearts that we had been obliged to deny these poor people the spiritual advantages they so earestly sought. Gladly would I have submitted to the seizure had it been practicable. It would be an enviable thing to minister the Word of Columbia, disgusted, would listen no more, well pleasing," then shall we receive grace to be- Life to a people so eager to receive it. Would But cried in a rage, as she stormed through the that some of the students at home, who are waiting for calls to spheres of labour, sould have

# London Anniversaries.

heard such a call as that to the Missionary field.'.

A New York paper says :- Some idea may be formed of the great extent of religious and phianthropic movements in London, by the fact that of June ; that seventy-six societies in that time

of Corea, a Manchu Prince, whose ancestor, at These meetings attract so much attention, that the time of the Tartar conquest, received that admission to many of them can only be obtained counters and slips of bamboo. His implements many distinguished clergymen and civilians are

of that Gospel which is peace on earth.

## General Miscellany.

Abraam and Columbia Lank Abraham lolled in his library chair. Consulting "Joe Miller" and "Vanity Fair," But in swept Columbia, careworn and pale, But dauntless and haughty 'mid Fortune's

Come steward," she said, " now explain if you Why I shan't discharge you and try a new man Then Abraam the wily replied with a grin.

" A Dutchman once said in the county of Quinn (The story is old, but in point as I deem)

"My fields with the blood of my yeomanry red The wail of the widow, the orphan's sad eye time between Mr. Jone's and Mr. Creagh's sta- Rebuke the red trifling of lowly or high,

My children are warring along my green alopes-I come for your counsels, your plans and your Quoth Abraam, " Don't swap ; for sure as a gun

This thing, it is certain, must never be done. Your biler will bust if you bother the steam-Taint safe to swap hosses when crossing

You know, my dear madam, I'm honest and sick, to or the apround of the house who visit the " Here an incident took place, a description of

> You erough to John Bull, for French despots You cringe to the Spaniard, and toady the Czar : My shield cannot shelter a poor refugee;

Who walked among Nations, more proud than frind wisely waited till this store of grief was

But let the pot bile, and jest tote up the sticks.

And quelling her tears, she demanded reply,

Things aint at all times,' sex he, 'quite Taint safe to swap hosses

Thieves, clowns and usurpers in council prehave looked upon that crowd of half-enlightened And fraud, force and folly my destinies guide."

Taint safe to swap hosses when crossing

I have kept an old donkey for nearly four years Who brings me but scorn and disaster and tears ! I vow I will drive a respectable team, Though forced to swap hosses when crossing s.ream."

#### The President tells a Story to a Colored Barber.

Oid Abe jokes and laughs as hearty as

have just been received were part of this audi- and wealth is more equally diffused. We ought a splendid day. It will not rain for a day The two countries are the two great Protestant met a country fellow riding on a donkey, who Temptation, then, is calculated to show the disciple of Jesus the nature of the righteousness he cour cattles if we would keep our treasured love. Through her thin pale countenance the said to the King, 'Turn about, your Majesty, if soul seemed to shine like a lamp imprisoned in been diligent attendants at this new preaching-in the work of evangelizing the world, and we you don't want to get wet, for it's going to rain weather numbers about sixty, and many are de- us from concert of action in promoting the spread King; 'I keep a private astrologer, and he says it won't rain.' The King kept on, but presently it began to rain a young deluge. 'This is really delightful,' said the King, as he hurried back to town to his palace, wet through to the skin, and looking more like a half-drowned rat than a decent King. 'Smith, what do you mean?' said the King to the astrologer. 'The stars and things said it would not rain,' said poor Smith. Vacate,' said the King, and he sent for the man who rode the ass. 'What is your name?' he asked, and how did you know it was going to rain?' 'My name is Johnson, and I knew it was going to rain because my donkey lowers his ears whenever it is going to rain.' So the King ordered his Billy Seward secretary to make out the papers appointing the jackass to the vacated office; and, Burke, ever since that day, all the donkeys of a country think they have equal claims to get office, and I am bothered to death about them. I don't want you to be regarded as a donkey, and so I won't appoint you."-

#### Power of Kindness.

At the annual meeting of the London City Mission, Rev. Canon Champneys said :

I remember once a valued friend of mine, barrister, now passed away, who spent his Sundays in visiting an hospital. He told me that on one occasion he sat down by the bedside of one of the very poorest' the most ignorant, English that he ever heard. No word seemed to be in its right place. It seemed as if that which should have been a jointed and vertebrated entence had been separated at every joint, and thrown together anyhow. My friend was a man of the most tender spirit—a man whose tender Three years of your follies have brought me to spirit radiated from one of the most striking faces I ever saw ; and I can well understand how he looked when he sat down by that poor man's sympathize with them on that which they can derstand so well—their bodily sufferings—to show that we are not indfferent to what they are suffering as men ; and then, after speaking a few kind words, he was proceeding to say something further for his Master, whom he so dearly loved, when he saw the man's face begin to work convulsively. The muscles quivered, and at last, he threw the sheet over his face, burst into a violent flood of tears and sobbed aloud. My passed, and then the poor fellow emerged from under the clothes, his face bearing the traces of tears that had flown down it. When he was able to speak my friend asked him,

" What is it that has so topoled you ? I hope that I have not said anything that was painful o you. What can have moved you so much?" And as well as the man could sob out he sob-

" Sir, you art the first man that ever spoke a kind word to me since I was born, and I can't

#### Anecdote of a Priest in Donegal. One night, a good many years ago, I was sit-

ting by the fire after preaching, in a mountain hamlet in the county Donegal. Amongst those present was John A-, a poor Protestant, who lived near. John told me the following story, as having occurred a short time before. He had a poor widow sister. John lived near, and John bought for 10s., a small mountain sheep from a Roman Catholic neighbour. When John saw the sheep, he pronounced it defective, and proposed returning it, on the condition the money should be restored to his sister; but the man refusing to do so, the sister had to keep the sheep, which died soon after. The priest of the parish, a very tyrannical man, lived about two miles off, and to him John went for redress. On arriving at the farm-house where the priest lodged, the man of the house advised John not to apply then, as his reverence was in a very bad temper, having been just then engaged in horsewhipping some people who had displeased him.
But John said, as he came so far, he would venture. He knocked at the pariour door, when he heard a rough voice asking, "Who's there?" "I am here, your reverence," says John. Come in," says the priest. So John entered one of Dr. B.'s men" (the Protestant Rector), " I am, your reverence." savs John. " Then." says his reverence, " Dr. B. has no love for me." Withen," your reverence," said John, " I think there is no love lost, for your reverence has no love for Dr. B." " What do you believe, at all ?" said his reverence. "Withen," said John, " I believe all the articles of the Christian Faith?" "Do you believe the Apostles' Creed?" said the priest. " Indeed I do, your reverence," said At his reception one evening last week in the believe it?" "To be sure I do," was the reply. White House the negroes were as thick as black- "Then, if so, your reverence, 1 wonther you berries in Jersey. Among them was a colored teach your people to pray to saints, and angels, barber named Burke; he was an applicant for and virgins, when the Creed tells us of only one an office in the New York Custom-house. The God." John then saw him moving his hand tomanner, and said, "Burke, you want an office. ment due to his heretical impertinence, but did