

THE HIGHLANDERS' WAR-CRY AT ALMA.

BY W. A. DENNIS.

"The Highlanders fought well; but as soon as the Highlanders war-cry was heard, away they ran." Long may these noble Scotch soldiers be the terror of all enemies!—Standard.

Over the perilous edge of iron-crowned height Roll the sultry fire-clouds of War! Where the Gaul and Briton their legions unite, To the south the neck of the Czar? With the east and the dying these banks are strewned with the sheaves of the grain— And like thick-growing corn, when the harvest is mown, Are rising fresh ranks of the slain.

But yonder a line of young war-horses stand, Whose hoofs, as a desert could quench, With such bent men of old Scotland stand! The battle is joined, and the conflict猛烈!

Och! The Highlanders!—one of the old guard of course!

And you'll grant me one favour, I know?

Laws! we're not a shot, though your Highland blood rise,

Till you stand but a yard from the foe?"

The hosts of the Tyrant are thick on the height, And like thunders their iron-shod pest? But save, through the white-rolling clouds of the night!

Down the torrent of nations roll, roll—

And high over the storm of the fury comes a "cry!"

When the hills of grey Calmar know—

To the shouts of McDonald, McLean and McKey,

When they dash at the breasts of the foe?

Down the Muscovite stand, when the red hillmen sweep!

Over the crags, in their terrible scorn? No—they were—thay break—aye, they flee, like the wind!

On the hills where these frenzies were born, When one "cry!" and a good one, ye bold Highland bairns!

To give wings to the slaves of the Czar,

Who have quailed at the steel, in the frosty sweat of the brow!

From Athol, Broadbanc, and Mar!

A shout for the battle, my Jaha!—and a tear,

For the sons of the bairns who fall!

And high up in the valley so dear,

Where you never may look on again,

They lie in the grip of dire Poverty's hand,

Who may say as she often has said,

They must leave the green straths of that fair mountain land,

In whose cause your young blood hath been shed.

All's that the race of the brave should earn,

By the hand of that over rugged shore—

And the grasp of valour's hand,

Should re-echo "Lochaber's more!"

Oh! how sweet, ye great ones! their hamlets so dear,

In the womb of the firm-watered gien—

And the Tyrants of Europe will tremble to hear

That "cry!" in the battle again!

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THE BIBLE.

This is a remarkable book—remarkable for its adaptability to the whole wants and condition of men. Well may we ask concerning the book, "Whence is it?"

Coursing as it does so much that dives down into the very depths of the human heart showing up its wickedness, and disclosing even its secret thoughts, we are involuntarily led to the conclusion that it was the production of a superior mind. Being then, so infinitely superior to all human intellect, we are led to seek, for its conception and authorship in the mind of that omniscient Being who knoweth the secret of all hearts. We cannot resist the conclusion that the Bible is of, and from God.

Being from God, we also know that this revelation was made to man for his present and eternal good, requiring on his part reception of the truth it contains, and obedience to the requirements it enunciates.

Having answered the question "Whence is it?" we also let to inquire "What is it?"

It is a book of promise, sweet indeed to the sorrowing and mourning, the penitent and the dying; it is the meal upon which the hungry may feed and receive food and nourishment for his family-edict.

It is the blazing star of heaven, to illuminate the dark and murky path of him who is seeking to enter wisdom's ways, while are ways of pleasantness, and whose paths are peace."

It is the clear which displays to the eye of the sacerdotal bounties of the promised land, pointing out the short and quicksands in his passage to the desired heaven.

It is the book of books to the aspiring saint; for he turns his dimming eyes to the glorious promises of its sacred pages, and feels that they are sure for they are founded on the veracity of John.

The Schoolroom—A writer in the *Advertiser* wrote of the schoolroom as a "plant"—the Schoolroom (Matthew 13) is a plant, and which sown in the spring produces seed again in the autumn. It grows rapidly, and exhausts the soil like tobacco or any other drawing plant; it is peculiarly suited for woodland or hedges, and easily takes up ground generally suitable for the growth of wheat, &c., too luxuriant for the production of wheat. The plant grows large, and 2-1/2 lbs. of seed are required for an acre of land, which it is stated will produce 1-1/2 tons of seed; 2 lbs. of seed per acre, when sown, will yield 1-1/2 tons of wheat, 1 lbs. and 1-1/2 tons of coarse flour, and 2 lbs. of beans; when sown, will yield 1-1/2 tons of flour, and 1 lbs. of beans, and 1 lbs. of oil. The ton and a half of oil will produce 100 lbs. of oil for table use, or 100 lbs. of oil for lamp, and 1 lbs. of oil for manufacturing purposes. The oil is easily extracted from aqua-particle particles, and is particularly suited for soap-makers and all the finer parts of the machinery. The seeds are also valuable as an article of food, growing, when ripe, in pods, and when ripe, will yield 1 lbs. of oil, and 1 lbs. of beans; the oil of the stems is suited for making all descriptions of paper, and the rinds for the manufacture of ropes, mats, cordage, and canvas. The leaves are suitable green food for cattle, and the case of the oil, when ripe, will yield 1 lbs. of oil, and 1 lbs. of beans, valuable for fattening them, and 1 lbs. of the plant not required for any of the above purposes, yields by burning excellent potash for manufacture or manure."—B.

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