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(FOR THE PEOVINCIAL WESLEYAN.) Stanzas.

" Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth."

Speak, gracious Lord, for my sad heart Refuses every voice but thine .---Descend, and heavenly balm impart, Oh, Comforter divine !

This solemn night, those glittering stars, At this deep midnight hour.

I ask a token of thy love,-The "still small voice " I wait to hear, Oh, speak .---- and hope and joy shall spring, My fainting heart to cheer.

Emblem of death, its sombre peace, This gloom, this silence, seems to me,-How shrink life's vanities before Awful eternity

While from the "better land " methinks, Sweet, earnest voices call to me, Solemn their tones, yet full of love, They breathe alone of Thee.

And countless memories of the past, Strengthen my faith and nerve my heart The mercy thou to them hast shown, Shall ne'er from me depart.

Therefore, confiding in thy love, In sleep, my weary eyes I close, Lulled by the gentle voice of peace. Into a deep repose.

Novels-Their Character and Influence.

BY REV. SAMUEL HARRIS. marvellous turns of fortune which are com-The subject of fictitious reading is acqui- mon in romances, in which difficulties vanish ring a grave importance. The unprecedented circulation of fiction has become one of at the moment of extremity, she had entered the most momentous influences acting on school with the romantic hope that she the popular mind. In the year 1849 it was might raise herself to a level which would estimated that 5,500 different novels were secure his favour, and in the romantic expecoffered for sale in this country; so that, if a tation that means would in some way be man were to read one every week, more than one hundred years would pass before he would be through the list. The purchasers her affections crossed, her hopes disappoint-soaring to the through the list. and readers of these 5,500 novels must be ed, she yielded to a romantic sorrow. counted by millions. The influence of this wrote to her teacher: "When you see the maiden, breathing the trusting avowalapparalleled amount of novel reading de- cold moon shining on the water, think that it mands the most anxious attention. It is the shines on me!" and went out and committed design of this essay to prove that it must be the fearful crime of destroying her own life design of this essay to prove that it must be disastrous. No argument against these books can be drawn merely from the fact the West writes: "I was recently called to beat heaven," and yet the west writes: "I was recently called to family that laughed and applauded in the you hesitate. Subbath after Sabbath have books can be drawn merely from the fact that they are fictitious. The parable, the fable, the allegory, the epic poem, the drama are also fictitious. Fiction is a vehicle of pure moral and religious instruction, and of and infallibly to disting to read fiction. She continued in this course perniaiways and maintibily to distinguish permi-cious fiction from the harmless, otherwise than we distinguish the permicious from the harmless in other kinds of composition. taking care of her children and superintend- thousands around us, those clear clarion-Fictitious works must be judged by the sen-timents which they teach and the influence which they exert on their readers. But to range through all the classes of fiction for he purpose of showing an this principle heart wholly unfit for sharing in the common the purpose of showing, on this principle, heart wholly unfit for sharing in the common what is pernicious in each, would lead to in-duties and cares of life. As she lay on her definiteness and confusion. The modern miserable couch, surrounded by all the novel, however, whether in the bound vol- marks of poverty, her body emaciated by metropolis. Around me, in waves of rehe work.) ume, the pamphlet, the magazine or the protracted ill-health, she raised her bony newspaper has characteristics so marked that it needs no description, and presents a defi- have made myself by novel reading. I have cadence of many instruments moved the nite topic for discussion. Novels also com- ruined my health, and I have ruined my hearts of the people. And as the rich meapose the great mass of fiction also in circu- mind by indulging in that miserable trash. I rthy of be be confined. Substantially similar argu-be confined. cology, se y; and so ty 12 mo. ments will be applicable to pernicious fic-tion of every other class. And even here there is no need of sweeping assertion.— an end to my life. Then Satan holds up first murdered their souls, and then their and melodious instruments, a new strain there is no need of sweeping assertion.— Some novels are stamped with genius and bodies." As I stood by her bedside, I wish-stole forth upon the silence. It was not the by the character and influence of the vast th Schoo escing portunit e subject Oct 14. AN. t week its ample nd varied a Paper : Literaculture Ke., &c issue to A large acy, and than advantageous, unless the mind is preinduceal is pporting ian, and to their a shillingo without plan and for the amusement of the passing hour ; but we do not hesitate to say cious Fiction-A Prize Essay. g the adthat such works exert a most enervating and residence deteriorating moral influence." It is us Three Public Scenes. Subscripto deny that the same sentiments are held by ne will be a large proportion of the most excellent, the BY AUGUSTINE DUGANNE. most candid and the best informed. The SCENE FIRST. riod less very fact is a presumptive evidence of danger which it would be rashness to disregard. There is another reasonable cause of alarm ago-in a mighty building devoted to the ncreasing to the novel reader, which meets us before amusement of the people-were gathered desirable t to the r we begin to enquire into the character of the works themselves. It is found in instances works themselves. It is found in instances their senses upon a grand speciale. Note of ruin caused by novel reading. Says a lords, princes, and gentlemen, fair dames, and writer, "The case I am to state came under blooming maidens, clad in purple and gold, my own observation. In college he was for three years my room-mate. His powers of within the immense walls of the Coliseum, mind were of a high order. He was one of gazing down into the arena. Rome, through the best writers. 8 0 0 3 ned until the best writers of the largest class which upon her seven hills, was represented in this had ever entered that University. He was brilliant assemblage of the beauty and pride afterwards settled as Pastor over a large and of a world's empire, ruled by the one man kinds of easonable In this work he was remarka-ful. After a time he became edi-summer air dallied with clouds of incense o supply bly successful. After a time he became edia very tor of an important religious periodical which he sustained with great acceptance and fore the altars of marble gods. Around the a libera Sill-heads, most happy results. At length, after years of useful labor, suspicion was excited as to his moral character. Upon investigation, disclosures were made which proved him to be a mined man. He have a sub-transformed man. The second seco short no ook bind ges. Methodist

Below, in the Arena, fought, breast to from the love of blood-which has refined Heaven that awaits you if your path be which shut him out forever from the ministry. A political paper in New York city stated breast, in deadly strife, men who had been the brate nature and enalted the debased in-the fact of his fall, and imputed it is his torn from their far-off homes, to "make a telligence of man. Blessed be Horz, which Think of all you value evangelical sentiments. He saw that impu- Roman holiday,"-gladiators butchering each points us forward to a Future of Humanity, your hopes of immortality, your future lot! tation and replied to it in a most touching other for the amusement of fair ladies and manner. He admitted the fact of his ruin gallant gentlemen in the balconies. in tones of deep anguish. He then confessed Below, in the Arena, nailed to crosses the true cause. It was the reading of no- gored by bulls, torn by wild horses, stretched vels. There began his downward career. on racks, were the martyrs who dared to die

the intoxicating cup. I knew his habits in college. He was then excessively fond of reading the works of Byron, Scott, and scores of fluing to and fro, and trampling to death There were first cherished his unhallowed rather than deny their God. reading the works of Byron, Scott, and scores of flying men and women and chilof a similar character. These he dren-till the saw-dust that covered the others read at first, he said, to improve his style of ground reeked with blood, and the clouds of

writing. He soon acpuired a love for such ensanguined motes whirled upwards, and reading, and was at length entirely overcome fell upon the gay lords and ladies in the baland ruined by it. He is now, poor man, in conies. his grave, and gone to his final account.— And the spectators should, and stamped,

But for novels, he might have been a faith- and clapped their hands, garlands were ful and useful minister of Christ, a blessing waved, and plumes nodded, in token that the to the church, a comfort to his family, and a audience were well pleased with the murderlarge circle of respected friends." A beau-tiful girl of nineteen years, a member of a and that they appreciated the interest of the popular boarding school, left her room in the death-scenes, which, unfortunately, could middle of a wintry night, and drowned her- not be encored. And thus, in the face of self in a neighbouring stream. In a letter the clear heaven, those Roman ladies and to her teacher, a few hours before her death, gentlemen feasted on spectacles of blood, and she left this honest confession: "I have read thanked their Cæsars and their marble gods too many novels for my good. Some, per- for the privilege.

haps, might have read them without injury ; SCENE SECOND. but it has affected me. I look around and In the city of New York, the metropolis see those that are no better and have no wealthier parents, educated. They can of the New World—in a great building cal-stand as high in society as the wealthiest.— fed the Castle Garden, devoted to the amuse-Why is it? Because their friends feel an ment of the people-gathered one night, interest in their welfare. This reminds me thousands of fair matrons and gentle ladies, of things that I have read about." While and elegant gentlemen-crowding the wide prosecuting her trade as dressmaker, she amphitheatre and gazing upon the arena, had indulged a romantic and unreciprocated with anxious eyes, hushed breath, and

affection for a young man just completing his heaving bosoms. And up, around the frescoed arches and professional studies. Accustomed to the sounding walls, rolled waves of glorious music, swelling into harmonious tempest, without the use of means, and relief happens sinking in melodious ripples, vibrating, swaying, through the souls of the vast multitude And high above all swam the wonderful voice of a young girl, who stood with crossed hands upon her breast, and eyes upraised. while the people listened with throbbing forthcoming for her support. But, unable hearts. Up through the vaulted roofs, into

turn from the dreadful Col

She the melodious prayer of that whith -robe " " I know that my Redeemer liveth !" And the people who listened breathlessly

the undefiled and ennobling creations of gen-ius, as well as of depraved sentiments. Nor

Think of all you value here or hereafte when still nobler sympathies shall inspire rule of the same human family that once was aided you, will also place it in the " Lamb's

[FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.] A Sketch.

Light of life's darkness! messenger of peace!

They, were simple words that fell upon my chur yet they wakened many thoughts. I We/were seated in the Sabbath School—a "Juvente Temperance Society" was being formed, and the "Pledge" was passed from Thy soft step steals across our sadden'd hours Waking a music lulling care to rest, And o'er each desert scatt'ring bloom class to class, to obtain the names of each At one young man it paused, who seemed wavering and undecided; and while his Thy bow of promise rises o'er the storm, Arching 'mid tear drops all the future skies. Teacher was reasoning with him, these words were uttered by one anxiously wait-Thro' the dim clouds thy glitt'ring smile is borne, ing the result : "I do hope he will sign-

And at thy whisp'rings doubting trouble flies ! should think so much more of him." Yes, they were simple words, and yet full Reputiful influence ! at whose holy shrine of heartfelt meaning. Pilgrims of Earth, alike we homage pay; It was not the act alone of tracing his Tho' rough the paths, still thy bright star divine

name upon the snowy page, but the noble resolution that act enforced, to " touch not, Illumes each steep and guides each cheering taste not," tamper not with the debasing soul-destroying drink. It was the fearless-Oh! what would be man's weary travel here,

ness of public ridicule, the determination to Where want and isorrow, suff'rings, pai place his name upon that page, even if the finger of scorn should be pointed at him for abide, Did not the angel Hope, outspread her wings, the act, and the mocking jest and laugh And linger blessing, ever at his side ! should often meet his ear,-that was to win her admiration and esteem. She honoured

ver the cradle of our sinless year the glorious resolve to pledge himself to abstain from all that could palsy the nerve, phrenzy the brain, and destroy the immortal

You are pausing young man-for what To calculate the worldly pleasures you must resign? To think of the pleasant taste and

he sparkling beauty of the inviting cup? You are a Sabbath Scholar-you have read the pages of the sacred Bible : you know it caught, is the work of inspiration, that its truths are infallible, unerring ! and it is the voice of of home. God through His prophet commanding you to "look not on the wine when it is red, when

giveth its colour in the cup, for at the last it bitch like a scrpent, and stingeth like an adder." It is the voice of God proclaiming

Anchor of life! in every changing scene, Unfailing solace ! ever springing free Tho' all desert us, yet we own a charm, While with us lingers, still a trust

And when the shadows of the grave draw near, To moor the toss'd bark to its silent haven : is it possible to establish a criterion by which so fond of it that she would sit up all night changed the people's hearts, and made them shame and anguish-that bowed his head in Then Hope all radiant, makes the passage clean

Election.

ed by the Holy Ghost what countries the should first visit and enlighten by their mi BY ARCHBISHOP WHATELY. nistry ; and many there are that remain in

I cannot but think that an attentive ex- ignorance of Christianity to this day. We -and with these thoughts strengthening you amination of the Old Testament will go far can give no account of this distinction, but our race, still higher aspirations actuate their in the performance of the right, nerving you towards furnishing a key to the true mean-lives; when the Christian love, which sanc- onward and upward — with a bold, free, ing of Paul's and the other apostolic epistles, be assigned why we ourselves, for instance, tifies and the Christian CHARITY, which steady hand, inscribe your name upon that and will furnish an answer, not only satis- in this country, should have received the beautifies all things, may be the type and page, believing as you write, that He who factory, but capable of being made clear to light of the Gospel, while many other rethe unlearned, of the three great questions gions of the earth remain in the darkness of on which the whole discussion turns, viz :- idolatry. The, " calling" and selections of 1st., Whether the divine election is arbitra- us and of other Christians to the knowledge ry, or has respect to man's forseen conduct. of the true God seems as arbitrary as that ydly., Who are to be regarded as the elect. of the Israelites. And as this promise be-

And 3dly., In what does that election con- longed not to some only, but to every one of that nation, whether he chose to avail him-Now, with respect to the first question be- self of it, or to convert it into a heavy curse

fore us. Were the Israelites, who were evi- by the neglect of it, so we may conclude dently God's called, elect, or chosen, holy that every Christian is called and elected to and peculiar people; were they, I say, thus the Christian privileges, just as every Jew chosen arbitrarily or not? This question was to his; but that it rests with us to use

seems to admit of a speedy and complete decision. Moses clearly and repeatedly states that this selection of them was arbitra-just described is the same with that period ry. He often reminds them that they were in the ordinary course of God's provide not thus singled out from the midst of other also a man's being born, for instance, heir nations for their own righteousness, since to great wealth, to high rank, or to a kingthey were "a stiff-necked people," but of dom, of a healthy constitution or of superior God's free goodness, "Who will have mercy abilities, does not depend on himself, but on whom He will have mercy, and will be it does depend on himself whether such adgracious to whom He will be gracious," and "because He had a favour unto him by his making a right use of them, or them." And with respect to their fathers, shall aggravate his condemnation through though Abraham, indeed, was tried and his ill employment or neglect of them." He then who diligently looks to the ana-

found faithful and obedient, there was certainly an arbitrary choice made of Jacob, in logy both of God's ordinary dealing with men, preference to his elder brother Esau, which and of his former dispensations to the Jews, is, indeed, one of the cases referred to by the apostle, who remarks, that "while the tament by the Old, will be enabled, I think, to children were yet in the womb, and had done clear up the greater part of a difficulty which neither good nor evil," it was declared by has furnished matter of dispute among Christhe oracle of God that "the elder should tians for many centuries. By contemplating serve the younger." Nor again, (it should the correspondence between the Jewish and be observed,) could that selection of the the Gospel schemes, he will clearly perceive children of Jacob have been decreed with that there is no such distinction amon Christians as the "called and the unc the "elect" and the non-elect : that the Gos they were in those qualifications-stubborn fpel itself is a call to all who have heard it

and rebellious—continually falling into ido-latry and other sins—forgetting what great things God had wrought for them, and undervaluing their high privilege. truction. He will perceive that though al The divine election then under the old born in a Christian country, and initiated spensation was, it is manifest, entirely ar- into Christ's Church are arbitrarily elected bitrary ; but, in the second place, who were to this invaluable privilege, their salvation the objects of it? Evidently the whole na-tion, without any exception. They were all they make of their privileges ; those namely, brought out of Egypt by a mighty hand, and to which all Christians are called, the know miraculously delivered from their enemies, and received the divine commandments ledge of the Gospel, the aids of the Holy Spirit, and the offer of eternal life; privile through Moses, who uniformly addressed ges of which all are exhorted, but none compelled to make a right use ; and which will

prove ultimately either a blessing or a curse to each, according to the use he makes of them.

election of the Israentes ? To write were they thus chosen by their Almighty Rule? Were they elected, absolutely and infallibly, to enter the promised land, and to triumph to enter the promised land, and to triumph to enter the promised land, and to triumph

ence, since we know how eminently deficient

reference to their forseen faith and obedi-

On the world's threshold calms first manhood' And points him dauntless o'er the throngin

She mingles with the mother's evening strain

Vhere midnight vigils pale the brow of thought

She woos the student o'er the musty tome.

reathes in each line the painter's art ha and soothes the wand'rer with sweet thought round the altar where in early youth Love gently trembling, lights his vestal beams She hangs her roses dew'd with blashing truth

And in the young heart flows in golder

them-not some, but all-as God's chosen, hofy, and peculiar people. But, lastly, what was the nature of this election of the Israelites? To what were

thousand Christians, in a great hall of the Heaven." sounding melody, rolled the harmonic voices of men and maidens, while the swell and arm and said : " See, sir, what a wretch I sures of harmony floated and sank around

pure moral sentiment. But we must judge ed all the young ladies of our land, who voice of a divinely-gifted singer, nor the this class of books, considered as a whole, spend so much precious time in poring over cunningly touched notes of rare instruments; y the character and influence of the vast those 'Gems of Literature,' and shedding yet was it a strain that thrilled the breasts majority actually in circulation; and, thus tears at imaginary sorrow, could have wit- of all who listened; for it arose from the lips judged, novels must be characterized as per-nicious fiction. We ask the attention of re-course of folly." Insanity is also an occasi-unison of a hymn to God. And the hearts nicious fiction. We ask the attention of re-fiecting minds, and especially of those who read, publish or sell these works, to a candid investigation of the justice of this charge. In the outset it is worthy of serious consi-the mouthed the reading. The first charge warmed towards these chil-dren; for the little ones had wavy hair and clear foreheads, and eyes undimmed with ma-sults in crime. "In one city in less than the outset it is worthy of serious consi-the mouthed the reading re-sults in crime. "In one city in less than the outset it is worthy of serious consi-the mouthed the reading re-sults in crime. "In one city in less than the series the read the reading re-sults in crime. "In one city in less than the series the read the read the reading re-sults in crime. "In one city in less than the series the read the read the series the series the read th deration that there is a prevailing belief that three months, three youths were convicted the rosy light of infant confidence. And anovel-reading exposes the reader to danger. It is ridiculously false to say that this is the of a novel." The following remarks refer to It is ridiculously false to say that this is the belief only of the bigoted and narrow-mind-ed. Oliver Goldsmith, himself a writer of ed. Oliver Goldsmith, himself a writer of revenge which, within a few years, have at- smiles were the light of their households. ed. Oriver Goldsmith, himself a writer of roots with a lew years, have at tained a painful notoriety. "Here is a court of his son, thus records his earnest tes-timony: "Above all things never let him Men are on trial for their lives. All the many set of the triangle and t touch a romance or a novel." The article parties involved are intelligent and wealthy. The community is excited. Crowds throng of trooping angels to the throne of Our and fears that have followed you from your calle up? Would you soothe the agonies on Novels in Rees' Encyclopædia, after re-viewing several of the eminent novelists, is summed up as follows: "From this view of are filled with the letters that led to the tra-risters, a wide, dark, unfathomable guif, out the best authors in the highest class of novel gical end of one and the misery of many. of which arose continually a wail as of mor- meeting you hereafter ?- then, pause not. writing, it is evident that the perusal of these works is more calculated to be prejudicial polished manners, and hoary locks. His midst I stood, hearkening to the voices, saw And who would not? Young man! if you than advantageous, unless the mind is pre-viously fortified with sound principles, and the passions and feelings are completely un-der the control of the judgment." Says the Dublin University Magazine, especially of French novels, "These books have become almost a necessary luxury to those who read country has honoured him. He must testi- that these hitle ones, even while they sang would win a lady's regard and admiration mind, I attribute it to the impure works of Eugene Sue and Bulwer.'"-From Perui-cious Fiction A Prize Essay.

In the Eternal City, eighteen centuries which yet seemed an echo of their chant. Think you 'tis a light thing to drag out

and pervading the souls of the multitude. And this voice said: "Benefit work on the street wheeles of life are breaking." A dreakards wife-a dreakards child " make and here the deales of life are breaking. This you show the the deales of life are breaking. This you show the are best post-the break of the soul (immortal in its matter) make sould are source of the soul (immortal in its matter) make sould are source of the sould (immortal in its matter) make source of the sould (immortal in its matter) make source of the soul (immortal in its matter) make source of the sould (immortal in its matter) make source of the sould (immortal in its matter) make source of the sou afterwards settled as Pastor over a large and flourishing congregation in the largest city Casar. The clear brightness of Italian skies into the shelter of your Christian love !"

be a ruined man. He had taken of the in-foricating cup and was guilty of other acts on which sat Nero, madman of Rome,

orrow in the silence of Get groaned and bled and died on Calvary for your salvation, and yet you hesitate. Have you thought when you met the inebriats upon the pathway staggering from

nousands around us, those clear clarion-notes of the maiden's voice— "I know that my Redeemer liveth!" SCENE THIRD. Again, I stood, with a multitude of many housand Christians, in a great hall of the

Years have passed-childhood has emerged in youth, and youth in manhood ; and change, grievous change, has come upon him. The eyes that met his mother's smile in the full confidence of

nocence, are dimmed and blood-shot now. The head, a father's hand had rested on in blessing, is bent in shame and misery. The

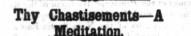
bold and fearless tread that marked him, as he moved in conscious rectitude beside his brother, or that changed to a gentler, slower

pace as he guided his young sister's tottering footsteps, is trembling, staggering, reel-ing now. The lips that murmured "Our Father" in joyous purity, have uttered off since then that blessed name, in impious blasphemy. The mind God gave, has been crushed and squandered. The soul that Jesus died for, has been lost forever. He hath looked on the wine-cup in its ruby Have you thought that you have still a mother's love-that in infancy she taught thy judgments are right."

Troin these—a murmur of love and pity, "Who are these," said the people. "Who are these children, praying to Our Father in Heaven, and yet falling, one by one, into the gulf of sorrow and suffering? And how shall they be rescued from the peril in which they stand?" Then a voice, which was clear and more melodious than the children's voices, and which yet seemed ap echo of their chant. Mad cause has she to value it—for who feels man's degradation more than a mother, or a wife,—a sister or a child. Have not their homes been desecrated often, their firesides made lonely, their affections crushed and trampled on? Think you 'tis a light thing to hear one you have almost worshipped, more bitter even for their truth? Think you 'tis a light thing to drag out

Hope.

BY EMILY.



mercies." "Afflictions," says another, "are God's hired labourers to break the clods and plough the land." sited. "With a mighty hand, and with a will I rule over you," was the threat de-nounced against the disobedient Israelites; of the fulfilment of which numerous instan-Believer! is the hand of thy God heavy ces are recorded in Scripture ; and one most upon thee ? Has He been breaking thy cis- striking is before our eyes-the forlorn and terns, withering thy gourds, poisoning thy sweet fountains of earthly bliss? Are the world's bright spots outnumbered by the dreary? Has one tear been following selves and on their children." Still, how-

another in quick succession ? Thou mayest ever, whether obedient or rebellious, they have to tell, perhaps, of a varied experience were all of them the peculiar and elect have to tell, perhaps, of a varied experience of trials. Every tender point touched— sickness, bereavement, poverty— ΔLL ! Be still! If thou art a child of God, there is no exemption from "the household discipline." The rod is a father's; the voice that speaks may be rough, but the hand that smites is dition of their conformity to the commands gentle. The furnace may be seven times He had condescended to give them. But heated, but the refiner is seated by. His whether they would thus conform or not, heated, but the refiner is seated by. His object is not to consume, but to purify. Do not misinterpret his dealings; there is mer-cy on the wings of "the rough wind." Our choicest fountains are fed from dark lower-ing clouds. All, be assured, will yet bear yet "the bright light in the clouds." Aged Jacob exclaimed at first, "All these things Jacob exclaimed at first, "All these things are against me;" but at last he had a calmer blessing, absolutely, but to a privilege and advantage—to the offer and opportunity of Jacob exclaimed at first, "All these things are against me;" but at last he had a calmer and juster verdict, "His spirit revived !"— "At evening time it was light." The saint on earth can say, regarding his trials, in faith and in trust, "I know, O Lord, that thy judgements are spirit." The saint of the spirit and of the spirit and th thy judgments are right. glory can go a step farther, "I see, O Lord, that they are so !" His losses will then be shown to be his riches. Believer 1 on a shown to be his riches. Believer 1 on a shown to be his riches. Believer 1 on a that they are so the believer 1 on a that they are so the believer 1 on a shown to be his riches. Believer 1 on a that they are so the believer 1 on a that they are so the believer 1 on a that they are so the believer 1 on a that they are so the believer 1 on a that they are so the believer 1 on a the beli The saint in disobedience, rested with themselves. And discipline" was it too severe? Less would not have done. Like Jonah, thou never off in the wilderness for their disobedience. wouldst have awoke but for the storm ! He Now to apply these observations to the

any other virtue, believing it to be the crowning one, leading to parity and peace. And cause has she to value it—for who feels may have led thee to a Zarepinch, (a place of furnaces,") but it is to show the tits to show the there may have led thee to a Zarepinch, (a place of furnaces,") but it is to show the tits of the son of God!" When was God evers onear to thee, or thou to thy made lonely, their affections crushed and trampled on? Think you 'is a light thing to hear one you have almost worshipped made the subject of rule langhs and jests, made the subject of rule langhs an

Nothing can form men to a fitness for bringing honor to God, or for being singu-larly useful to the world, but this. We shall never design great things for God or our generation, much less execute them well anless we are under the influence of a better spirit than our own. But if filled with the Spirit, we shall be able and ready to do all things which we are called to: the weak will be as David, and David as an angel of the Lord."

To be filled with the Spirit would make us proof against the most powerful tempta-tions. All the terrors of life would be little things to a man full of the Holy Ghost : as was plainly seen in Stephen's case, and in many of the noble army of martyrs. Satan will gain little advantage by all his vigilence and subtlety, where the all-wise and gracious Spirit is present as a constant mo-

To be filled with the Spirit would put us into a fit posture of soul for daily commu-nion with God Every institution of Divine worship would be attended with plea-sure and delight; we should engage in it with pleasure and delight; we should enwill come into his garden, and eat his pleas-

tion, in distress, in peril, in famine, in na-kedness, we shall have meat to eat which the world knows not of, and be able to joy