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THE DAUGHTER'S REQUEST. (From the Cambridge Chronicle.)

My father, thou hast not the tale denied, They say that, ere noon to-morrow Thou wilt bring back a radiant and smiling bride To our lonely house of sorrow. uld wish thee joy of thy coming bliss, But tears are my word suppressing, I think on my mother's dying kiss

And my mother's parting blessing. Yet to-morrow I hope to hide my care, I will still my bosom's beating, And strive to give to thy chosen fair A kind and courtcous greeting.

She will heed me not in the joyous pride Of her pomp, and friends, and beauty. Ah! little need has a new-made bride

Of a daughter's quiet duty. Thou gavest her costly gems they say, When thy heart first fondly sought her: Dear father, one nuptial gift, I pray Bestow on thy weeping daughter. My eye, even now, on the treasure falls,

vet and ask no other;-It has hung for years on our ancient walls: "Tis the portrait of my mother. To-morrow when all is in festal guise, And the guests our rooms are filling, The calm, meek gaze of those hazel eyes

Might thy soul with grief be thrilling; And a gloom on thy marriage-banquet cast, Sad thoughts of their owner giving, For a fleeting twelvemonth scarce has passed Since she mingled with the living. If thy bride should weary or offend,

That portrait might waken feelings
Of the love of thy fond departed friend,
And its sweet and kind revealings; Of her mind's commanding force uncheck'd By feeble or selfish weakness, Of her speech, where dazzling intellect Was softened by Christian meekne

Then father, grant that at once, to-night, Ere the bridal crowd's intrusion, I remove this portrait from thy sight To my chamber's still secl It will nerve me to morrow's dawn to bear, It will beam on me protection,

When I ask of Heav'n in my faltering prayer To hallow thy new connexion Thou wilt waken, father, in pride and glee, To renew the ties once broken, But nought upon earth remains to me Save this sad and silent token. The husband's tears may be few and brief, He may woo and win another, But the daughter clings in unchanging grief To the image of her mother.

PRIVATE INTERPRETATION. (From the Appendix to a Sermon preached by the Rev. J. V. Van Ingen, A.M., before the late Convention of the Diocese of Western New York.)

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The doctrine of man's dependence upon human testimony, for religious truth, is constantly mistaken for an attempt to erect the despotism against which our Saviour warns his followers, when he says, "Nei-But a reliance for religious truth upon a chain of tesis in fact the only safeguard against that despotism. Efforts at independent interpretation of the Scriptures, issue in an actual self-elevation above Scripture, or in an abject dependence upon some individual

and so, has formed a creed on the basis of impressions, LABOURS OF THE EARLY MISSIONARIES independently of Scripture! So an assemblage of professed Christian men and women, drawn aside from the old paths, by some new theory in religion, shall sit, Bible in hand, before a favourite Lecturer, and, after their independent exercise of private judgment for a few evenings, under his teaching, go away all of one mind; resting in conclusions for which they "call their Father" and "their Master."

ferred upon the author of the discourse, and with a dated Stratford, July 1, 1763. very earnest hope of the best results, coming, as they "Never, sir, did a malignant spirit of opposition

had actually run the race which I was meditating, and the mischiefs designed to be spread by these licentious attained great eminence in all that pertains to Chris- writings."

expound the Word of God, to the people committed to my charge, by the light and strength of my own

"The only question was, as I became fully convinced, To whom shall I go? And I was consoled under this humiliating conviction, by observing, as I thought, that my own experience was not very different from that of others. Very few are able to form a mile of this parsonage, acts daily the office of a and develope a system for themselves. Whether consciously or not, men generally take their religious day, morning and evening, when health or weather views, so far as they have any definite form, by trans-

the feet of my beloved Bishop, and aim at nothing service, except the absolution, as when I attend the in order to do that, I must prostrate my understanding to an authority too near at hand to seem infallible. "Why not be a Churchman? thought I. Would

it not be safe, to let the Church speak her own mind, through one of her unworthiest servants? Would it not be extremely comfortable, to be relieved of the burden and responsibility of enlightening the world with my system of Divinity? Has not the Church a far as his enfeebled health admits, and a generous keeper' of the Holy Scriptures these eighteen hundred years, and yet is her mind a mere Tabula Rasa as it regards their meaning? If so, they probably have no meaning, and she has no 'Master in Heaven.'

"But it is not so. 'I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church.' That Church has a Master in Heaven, and He is with her on earth. She has ever known His unchanging mind and counsel for our salvation. She has kept the faith once delivered, and been kept by Almighty power, through faith. She has a system of her own, clearly developed and distinctly set forth in her Book of Common Prayer. Why ther be ye called masters, for one is your Master, even teach with authority, I must be taught by authority. not adopt it? A standard I must have. If I must And what standard can I with so much reason adopt, timony which conducts us safely to its Divine Author, And what I have been driven to by the toil of uncerleader. A gifted and living female writer, whose earher works are still admired, having set out to furnish in its true meaning, and connection to the least the Apocalypse, or of the Prophetic pictures of the must be the teaching of the 'Master who is in HeaMillenium has and find their greatest happiness in dumursingt people I spent four weeks, travelling from place to mission and characteristics.

Him, and find their greatest happiness in dumursingt people I spent four weeks, travelling from place to mission and characteristics. universal restoration; and assigned, as we have read, as the ground of this belief, "an indescribable implete rainbow of revealed truth, is the Church in which place, preaching and place, preaching and oaptizing the people, being care full to attend divine service; many wishing for a plete rainbow of revealed truth, is the Church in which place, preaching and oaptizing the people, being care full to attend divine service; many wishing for a plete rainbow of revealed truth, is the Church in which

IN AMERICA. (From the British Magazine.) [Continued from "The Church" of August 29.]

It will probably be admitted by impartial persons, whatever their own religious bias, that the members are wholly indebted to the professedly original inter- of the Church in New England were far from enjoying Pretation, and not to the testimony of him, whom, for the full benefit of toleration. Not only were they the time, they are (perhaps unconsciously,) daring to subject to direct taxation for the support of independent ministers, but every obstacle was thrown in the The following sketch of a Reverend brother's re- way of their obtaining the full settlement and organizamarks, drawn out in conversation upon the subject of tion of their own church. This may be gathered from this sermon, and kindly granted for the purpose, is in- the following among many similar statements. It is serted here, with a deep sense of the favour thus con- an extract from a letter of the Rev. Edward Winslow,

late. The most indecent reflections upon the vene-"Having been placed, soon after my mind began to rable Society, and the general constitution of the be seriously exercised upon religious subjects, under church, the most gross and flagrant misrepresentations the influence of Unitarian views, I was led to glory in of the state of the church in these colonies, and the the idea of deriving my religious system directly from most false and abusive personal invectives against the the Bible, without note or comment; and often in- clergy, have lately appeared in print among us; and dulged, I am ashamed to say, the fond conceit, that all this at a time when there has been not the least possibly, through some special illumination, my sys- particular cause to provoke such a temper. On the tem, when it should stand forth in its majestic simpli- contrary, wherever the church has been planted, the city and completeness, might happen to be the best conduct of its members and ministers has been so that was ever discovered. I read, and prayed, and prudent and charitable as, at least, to give no just waited for the glorious exhalation to be set, like hea- occasion of offence. No cause has, in truth, excited all ven's bow, in my cloudy mind. Parts of it, I could this virulence, but that the church has everywhere at times discern; sufficient to inspire peace and hope grown and increased, and the prospect is continually for the present moment, but I could not climb to the enlarging of its still further and substantial increase; happy eminence; or rather, did not know where to and its condition is such in the colonies as that since find the Mount of Observation, from which it was to the glorious conclusion of the war and the happy establishment of peace, with such an accession of "Having nearly passed through the period of pre-Paration for the ministry, among the Congregational- hence jealous the church may meet with some furists, I became weary of the endless disputes which ther encouragement, and perhaps enjoy those essential were prevailing, at that time, in New England, about parts of her worship and discipline which we have isms too numerous to mention, and longed for some hitherto been destitute of; and they know not how to quiet retreat, where, with my pride of independence bear the thoughts of our having the same complete considerably reduced, I could sit down under the sha- exercise of religion in our way as they have in theirs. dow of those good old divines, St. Edwards, St. Dwight, They may really thank themselves for no small part St. Bellamy, &c., and be permitted to understand the of that growth of the church at which they are now Scriptures just as they did, without any to molest my so enraged. Their continual disputes and endless self-complacency, or make me afraid of being led astray divisions have driven sensible and serious persons to by those holy men. Whilst thus longing for some take refuge in our happy constitution. They know firm and peaceful ground to rest upon, I was led to they cannot charge the church professors or clergy consider the question, whether the Episcopal Church with having made use of any of their own arts to might not afford me a home congenial to my wishes. withdraw their people, and that we have been wholly I thought I could submit to its forms, and, for the unconcerned, and in no instances intermeddled with sake of order and peace, comply with its directions, their disputes and contentions. The increase the Provided they did not put any insuperable barrier in church has received by means of these confusions has the way of leading a godly and a Christian life. I been by its obvious superior worth and excellence. never forgot the maxim, often inculcated by one of Those venomous pieces which have been published, my earliest and best instructors, - Whatever man and what has been wrote in answer to them, have has done, man can do.' And having soon made the been and will be transmitted to the venerable Society discovery, by searching about among the tomes of the by Dr. Johnson, Mr. Beach, Mr. Apthorn, and those Library of the Institution in which I was pursuing my gentlemen who have chiefly interposed their wise and studies, that a considerable number of honoured names | worthy endeavours to vindicate our cause and antidote

tian character and usefulness, I resolved to seek ad- And while the adversaries of the church were doing mission into the Church, in which they lived and died their best to injure and cripple it, the number of its in such godly quietness. The only material change influential friends, either at home or in the colony,

medium of my devotions in public worship, and the history but few independent gentlemen of fortune, to the kingdom of heaven as the reward of fidelity in devotions in public worship, and the history but few independent gentlemen of fortune, to the kingdom of heaven as the reward of fidelity in devotions in public worship, and the history but few independent gentlemen of fortune, to the kingdom of heaven as the reward of fidelity in devotions in public worship, and the history but few independent gentlemen of fortune, devotions in public worship, and the history but few independent gentlemen of fortune, devotions in public worship, and the history but few independent gentlemen of fortune, devotions in public worship, and the history but few independent gentlemen of fortune, devotions in public worship, and the history but few independent gentlemen of fortune, devotions in public worship, and the history but few independent gentlemen of fortune, devotions in public worship, and the history but few independent gentlemen of fortune, devotions in public worship, and the world, and came back from the other world, and came back from th directory of my ministrations. It was not until seveand of these only an occasional one was found who our duties as members of Christ's kingdom or Church, deside of it; but when he went round the third time, labors is now one of the veriest hot-beds of rationalral years after I was ordained, that I was led to repose concerned himself in the welfare and progress of the on earth. For, says the Apostle of the members of rived from apostolical institution, to celebrate the the savage people of the island of Owhyhee put him ism and infidelity in the world, that a great majority with full confidence, in the Christian system as set church. Such a one, however, was Mr. John Merrett, Church, "we are the children of God; and if chilforth in the Book of Common Prayer. When I began who thus feelingly laments the indifference of the did meet to pray and praise God; which practice may did meet to pray and praise God; which practice may from this and from still more certain signs, the to preach, it was with the impression that I ought to mother country on the subject :-

"Providence, 20th July, 1768. terpretation and preaching, as 'free and equal' among I need only refer to the several authors who wrote of tial kingdom. But his Divine Parent is pleased to languishing and half dying state.

"July 26th, 1768. "As to Mr. Merrett himself, he is, sir, an English gentleman of family and fortune, lives in great hospi-"I sometimes thought I would humble myself at the same end, and solemnly giving the same public is more than half the year, as regularly together for church, is a noted friend to the clergy, whose house and table are ever open to them, and who are never more welcome to him than when they act most in character; expends yearly (though herein I transgress the laws of friendship) large sums of money in books of piety of various sorts for the use of the poor, a very great number of which, with other donations, pass through my hands; is a constant communicant of, as benefactor to, this church of Providence."

At his death, in 1770, he left the sum of one hun-

The destitute condition, in respect to the means of grace, of vast districts in New England, and the difficulties which beset the missionary in his attempts to

"Hebron, 26th December, 1770.

He describes two large counties on the west side

pass. Crossed the Green Mountain, (sixteen miles all their intercourse with the world it is to be seen, over) which begins at the sea, in New Haven, extend- not in parade or ostentatious profession, but in the ing north-east to the river St. Lawrence, and is the purity and elevation of their characters, the practical height of land between the two rivers-Hudson and | piety of their lives, and the influence which their reli-Connecticut. On the west of this mountain lie the gion exerts over their tempers, dispositions, and pasthe towns of Sunderland, Erlington, &c. Here are a sions, over all they are, and all they do, that they are number of very serious churchmen. With them I living for a better world, and striving to make all tarried three days, preached and baptized, much things here work together, by grace through faith, for pleased with their rubrical devotion and zeal for the perfection of holiness and enjoyment which God religion, owing much to Captain Howley, a worthy and good man. From hence I travelled west to ly love Him. Hudson river, and arrived at Fort Miller, fifty miles north of Albany. Here I spent several days, visiting heritors of the kingdom of heaven, experience a fulthe people, preaching and baptizing. Here are wanted two clergymen very much. From hence I continued give nor take away, in the sure confidence with which my journey south-west up Mohock river; preached at Schenectady. From there to Albany, thence to set by mournful and humbling evidences of the cordo, from a strong but modest mind, and a warm and to the church rage with greater vehemence than of do., from a strong but modest mind, and a warm and to the church rage with greater vehemence than of do., from a strong but modest mind, and a warm and to the church rage with greater vehemence than of do., from a strong but modest mind, and a warm and to the church rage with greater vehemence than of do., from a strong but modest mind, and a warm and to the church rage with greater vehemence than of do., from a strong but modest mind, and a warm and to the church rage with greater vehemence than of do., from a strong but modest mind, and a warm and to the church rage with greater vehemence than of do., from a strong but modest mind, and a warm and to the church rage with greater vehemence than of do., from a strong but modest mind, and a warm and to the church rage with greater vehemence than of do., from a strong but modest mind, and a warm and to the church rage with greater vehemence than of do., from a strong but modest mind, and a warm and to the church rage with greater vehemence than of do., from a strong but modest mind, and a warm and to the church rage with greater vehemence than of do., from a strong but modest mind, and a warm and to the church rage with greater vehemence than of do., from a strong but modest mind, and a warm and to the church rage with greater vehemence than of the church rage with the church days; performed divine service among them. This America Precinct is in great want of a clergyman. From hence I went to Woodbury, and spent one Sun- the everlasting covenant. In Christ they see hope of day; from hence to my own house upon November 6th.

'In this excursion I baptized thirty-five infants and buried one; preached as often as every other day, I was in perils oft, and God be praised for my preservation, and that I am alive to pity and pray for those in the wilderness. The spirit of colonization seems worthy of all encouragement from the patron of Great Britain, as thereby very soon his dominion will reach

of future accessions to the best of churches, such as shall be saved in these new plantations, fills me with a principle of enthusiasm which guided the primitive Christians to wander about, being destitute; and was my ability equal to my inclinations, I would choose to spend my life among them, and so fly from the midst of these sons of liberty and property, who imagine his sacred majesty is capable of rebellion against his supreme subjects in America.

Be this as it may, the clergy and church of England want many supports to make them equal (in temporals) with the various sects who ride with whips

"We are curing our troubles, as the early Christians prevented theirs, by our prayers and tears; and we hope deliverance at least, if we quit the mortal scene, with 'Well done!""

He concludes his interesting narrative in the following characteristic manner :-

If what I have done in the preceding half year shall be approved of by the Society, it will add to my happiness, and be a stimulus touching my future conduct in this pauper and contending part of the kingdom of Great Britain. Having no faculty to dissemto the laurels natural to the fond admirers of Hugh Lord, I am, &c.,

> THE HEAVENLY INHERITANCE. (From the New York Churchman.)

(To be continued.)

But this blessing too, as every other in God's gra-serving in them that holy fervour of piety, which they a broad roundly pared plain-no! it is an immense "It is melancholy to perceive the court of Great cious covenant, is conditional; because it is conferred so illustriously expressed in their conversation, and in large ball, which hangs and sweeps along in the im-

guilt is prolonged. as the ground of this belief, "an indescribable implete rainbow of revealed truth, is the Church in which pression on her own mind, of the love of God!" This that Master sits enthroned."

that the mount of observation, entered is their most valued clergyman to reside among them.

"In October I travelled west from the river, in a affections and strongest desires of their hearts. In pathless wilderness, by trees marked and by the com- affections and strongest desires of their hearts. In

> Such members of Christ, children of God, and inness of joy and comfort which the world can neither they repose on their covenant-God. Perpetually bedeeply feeling their utter want of merit, they are still cheered by the sure and surely pledged promises of the acceptance of their humble and sincere repentance, and their cordial and unwavering faith; of the reward of their devout and constant use of the ap-Christian, and that strength which is made perfect in his weakness; and consequently of their being enabled so to pass through things temporal as finally not been a Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief, will be very wonderfully high above our heads.

in Christ has there prepared for those who unfeigued-

FREQUENCY OF COMMUNION. (By Dr. Isaac Barrow.)

embracing any opportunity presented of communicat-

and in prayers; and, when you meet together, it is last to the same point from which he started. not" (as according to the intent and duty of meeting There have been already more than twenty such (Renewed applause.)" that took place in consequence of this step, was the adoption of the external forms of the Church, as the made inheritors of the kingdom describing the religious service of God in their assembles.

In baptism we are made inheritors of the kingdom describing the religious service of God in their assembles. Each have occupied from two to four years. Jest? Were the bursts of feeling that ionowed it in describing the religious service of God in their assembles. Captain Cook, an Englishman, twice in his life went admiration or mockery? Geneva the bulwark of truth!

or Knapp; not as setting forth the system which I leave if we shall have a chief or head, alias bishop, of them through the Mediator of the Covenant. In could arrive to a Christian,) the more ready we should from it. Every where people call that below them was bound to teach upon the responsibility of the over our clergy, &c. The consequence is plain; their Baptism God is pleased to affix His seal to the pledge be to embrace them. If we dread God's displeasure, which they have under their feet, and that above them Church, but as aiding the efforts of my own mind to natural self-conceit makes them upon it think they are that His part of this gracious compact shall be surely if we value our Lord and his benefits, if we tender the which they have over their heads. No one observes lope the system which I had unconsciously adopted not send one without their leave, An amazing mis
Be it not forgotten, however, that this inheritance neglect it; for how can we but extremely offend God All seem uppermost as long as they have the earth take! and giving them a handle, which they have may be forfeited. The pledge of it is in their behalf by so extreme rudeness, that when he kindly invites under their feet, and the heavens full of light or of "In thus honestly aspiring to 'call no man Master,' embraced with the greatest eagerness, to abuse us. only who are true to the obligations which the cover us to his table, we are averse from coming thither, or stars over their heads. I sometimes, unconsciously, put myself in the Master's And the Evil Spirit is so greatly raised, we know not nant lays upon them. Is this the reader's case?— utterly refuse it? That when he calleth us into his The good reader will be very much astonished when chair; but oftener was constrained to let President A. how he will be laid. Whereas, when it was thought presence, we run from him; that when he, with his he shall hear, for the first time, how big this ball is: or Bishop B. officiate, pro. tem., in the office for which proper to have sent one or two, I should think there own hand, offereth us inestimable mercies and bless- for the diameter of the earth—that is, the measure of the measure of the carth—that is, the measure of the carth— I felt myself, as yet, unequal. Indeed, my repeated would have needed no more than our sovereign's will, sistently? Is his mind mainly set on the fulfilment ings, we reject them? It is not only the breach of it taken from one point of the surface quite through efforts upon the 'free and equal' plan, only served to as his office, being intended purely spiritual, could of the conditions on which it is promised? Earthly God's command, who enjoined us "to do this," but a the ball to another point at the opposite side—is about riches and heavenly riches are before him: for which direct contempt of his favour and goodness, most 8000 miles; the circumference of the earth—that is, I must have, or wander hopelessly in a labyrinth of Mr. Merrett's own character is thus described by does he chiefly labour? Earthly pleasures and heav-

enly pleasures invite him: which have the warmest of can we bear any regard to our Lord, or be anywise miles; the superficies—that is, the whole surface of his affections, the most of his care, and the largest sensible of his gracious performances in our behalf, if the outside of the ball—amount to about 60,000,000 share of his attention and effort? He is warned of a we are unwilling to join in thankful and joyful com- of square miles, of which the third part is land, and given course of conduct that it will lead to temporal memoration of them? How little do we love our own two-thirds are water. loss, injury, or ruin: he is warned of another that it souls, if we suffer them to pine and starve for want of The whole mass together, however, is more than a will occasion the loss of eternal happiness, and the incurring of everlasting misery: in which particular is nance and comfort? If we bereave them of enjoying have measured and reckoned with great care, and he most in earnest in taking heed to his ways? so high a privilege, so inestimable a benefit, so incom- speak of it as a familiar thing. But no man can com-The eye of our Covenant-God is upon all the mem- parable pleasures as are to be found and felt in this prehend the almighty power of God, who bears up this bers of His Church, as His children, and heirs of His service, or do spring and flow from it, what reasonable great suspended ball by His invisible hand, who gives hervenly kingdom, that he may be gracious unto excuse can we frame for such neglect? Are we other- to each little plant thereon its dews and its increase, them. Does He see them the servants of sin and wise employed? What business can there be more and breathes into each babe which is born there the votaries of the world? He will not long bear to look important, than serving God, and saving our own souls? breath of life. It is calculated that there are a thouupon this. Such guilty ingratitude and presumption Is it wisdom, in pursuance of any the greatest affair sand million of men living at one time upon the earth, He cannot long endure. Indignation and wrath must here, to disregard the principal concern of our souls? besides all the beasts, to whom the love of God gives be their just recompense, increased as the period of Do we think ourselves unfit and unworthy to appear their food. But there is yet more to be learned. in God's presence? But is any man unworthy to For, in the second place, the sun, near to us as it The true Scripture view of the baptismal covenant obey God's commands? Is any man unfit to implore appears to be when it first shines from behind the hills and privileges is the source to enlightened and spirit- and partake of God's mercy, if he be not unwilling to in the fresh morning air, is yet more than 95 millions uall minded Christians of sound edification, and of do it? What unworthiness should hinder us from of miles distant from the earth. It is much easier to their purest joys and richest comfort. Solemnly im- remembering our Lord's excessive charity towards us, speak of such a number than to think or reason upon pressed with the abiding reflection that they are mem- and thanking him for it? from praying for his grace; it. So please to mark: if a great cannon stood upon bersof Christ, their hearts' desire and prayer to God from resolving to amend our lives? Must we, because the sun, and a soldier should stand behind it to direct is, that they may walk worthy of the vocation wherewe are unworthy, continue so still, by shunning the and fire it, and should point it at no other man but dred pounds to each of the two societies for Promowith they are called, and not bring disgrace on the
means of correcting and curing us? Must we increase
your own self, yet you might begin cheerfully, the very ting Christian Knowledge, and the Propagation of the holysociety whereunto they belong, the Church which our unworthiness, by transgressing our duty? If we moment it was fired, to build a new house, and eat, driph and shown in its or you might if all anomaly Gospel; and an equal amount to the church at is the body of Christ. They strive to preserve consisestem things well, the conscience of our sinfulness drink, and sleep in it; or you might, if old enough, tentunion with it by all the appointed means, to promote should rather drive us to it, as to our medicine, than get married without any hesitation, and bring up your its chlargement and prosperity, and to adorn it by the detain us from it. There is no man indeed who must children and teach them some trade, and perhaps see sourdness of their faith, and the purity and piety of not conceive and confess himself unworthy; therefore your children married and have grand-children. For their characters and lives. United to its Divine must no man come thither at God's call? If we have if the cannon ball should come in a straight line, and visit the members of the church when thinly scattered Head, not only sacramentally, but by a true and living a sense of our sins, and a mind to leave them; if we always fly on and on at exactly the same swiftness, faith, they heartily receive and own Him as their Pro- have a sense of God's goodness, and a heart to thank yet it must take its flight for twenty-five years from phet to instruct them, their Priest making atonement him for it; we are so worthy, that we shall be kindly the sun before it reaches the earth; though a cannon and intercession for them, and their King, who, having received there, and graciously rewarded. If we will ball has a quick flight, and can go the distance of 600 "Upon the 10th day of September I left Hebron, received them into His kingdom, demands their faith-not take a little care to work these dispositions in us, feet in the sixtieth part of a minute. taking my clerk with me, and arrived among the poor ful allegiance; gives laws and ordinances for the good we are indeed unworthy; but the being so, from our Farther: the sun is not merely a large round shigovernment of His Church and its members; provides own perverse negligence, is a bad excuse for the neg-

(From the German of Hebel.)

light during the night, or by what mysterious path it seed with a fruitful germ therein. finds again the hills from which it set out. When he For a long time the most learned astronomers sees the moon at one time walk through the night thought that the whole immense mass of the sun was pale and thin, and at another full, round, and glowing, nothing but a glowing fireball through and through. he knows not whence the change proceeds; and when Only none of them could understand where this fire he looks upon the stars, each twinkling in the sky got its fuel, and why in thousands and thousands of more beautifully and more joyfully than the other, he thinks he sees all about them, and yet knows not rightly what they are doing there. Now, my good friend, it is not right that we should see such things every day and never ask what they signify. The firand goodness containing an approved remedy for unovertakes him he will never think of evil.

THE EARTH AND THE SUN.

to lose the happiness eternal. Hence, too, their hum- mon belief, the earth with all its hills and valleys is a middle of winter by continual rubbing become first ble expectation and hope of being furnished with the great round plain, like a monstrously large plate. warm, then hot, and at last may break out into a flame. whole armour of God, and enabled faithfully and suc- Beyond the edge of this plain, people fancy there is "I must confess the prospect existing in my mind cessfully to use it, in their required struggle against nothing farther; yet it seems as if the sky was joined the nearer we approach to the sun, the more we must the enemies of their spiritual and eternal welfare. to it like a huge high hollow half globe. There goes breathe upon our hands to keep them warm, and at All self-righteousness and self-dependence they merge the sun by day up and down, sometimes sooner, some- last we are stopped by snow and ice," asks the natural in casting themselves on the alone sufficient merits of times later, sometimes at the right hand, sometimes philosopher, "If the sun be a sparkling ball of fire?" their Advocate with the Father, and making mention the left, of well known hills and houses bringing Thus it is not impossible that it may be a world havof His righteousness, even of His only. In affliction, day, night, summer and winter; and there by night ing to itself a firmament of mild streaming light. their compassionate High Priest, who Himself has we see the moon and stars, which do not appear to

send comfort down from the mercy seat at which He / Il this would be very well if no one knew any betintercedes for them. In death, He who liveth, and was ter, but astronomers, and almanac makers do know dead, and is alive again, will be their sure and certain better. And first, if any one were to set off from Refuge, and very present Help. The covenant grace home in order to go to the end of the world, to the time disgusted, than in reading a speech that was and mercy, thus true and effectual in life and death, farthest edge of the plain, where he might snatch delivered by Dr. Merle D'Aubigne, of Geneva, during will still be with them, securing to their souls pure away a rising star with his hand and put it into his his recent visit to Scotland, and which the Dissenting and unmixed joy in the rest of paradise, and raising pocket, he would choose a proper day if he set off on papers in this country are circulating as a monument them to perfect consummation and bliss both in body the first day of April. For he might journey as far as of wisdom and truth. Did we not aim to fill our and soul in the eternal and everlasting glory of he liked, through Germany, through Poland, through columns with more useful matter, we might insert the Russia, into Asia, amongst Mohamedans and heath-Russia, into Asia, amongst Mohamedaus and heath- whole speech without comment, assured that even the ens, from land upon water, and from water upon land least informed of Church readers would see nothing again, farther and farther still. At last, if he should begin to reflect upon the matter, how long he had already wandered from his family, and how far he had extracts, upon which we wish to make some passing There is one duty which I should not forbear to yet to journey to the end of the world and back again, observations. The speaker begins with the following touch concerning this sacrament; that is, our gladly perhaps all at once something would remind him of narrative, as one that is likely to give him great favor home, and by little and little every thing would seem with his audience:ing therein; the doing so being not only our duty, but familiar to him, -he would hear his own language "Three centuries ago, a man came from France to ble, no inclination to trim between Charles and Oliver, a great aid and instrument of piety; the neglecting it spoken again, he would see a church-tower which he our city at the foot of the Alps, on the border of the a grievous sin, and productive of great mischiefs to us. had seen before; when he arrived at it he would en- lake Leman, and there he reared the standard of truth. The primitive Christians did very frequently use it, ter a well known village, and in two or three hours he His name was John Calvin. (Loud applause.) He Peters, my grandfather's uncle. Trusting in the partaking therein, as it seems, at every time of their would be at home again without having reached the published there with a powerful voice, that man is meeting for God's service; it is said of them by St. end of the world. That is to say, he would have justified only by faith in the blood of the Lamb-that Luke, that "they continued stedfastly in the Apostles' travelled round the earth, just as a man would draw a in Christ Jesus no human tradition, no human sucdoctrine and communion, and in breaking of bread, line with a piece of chalk round a ball, and bring it at cession, availeth anything, but a new creature; and

it should be) "to eat the Lord's Supper," saith St. journeys round the earth, by order of different govern- Did the Professor utter this in seriousness or in

understanding; assisted, of course, by the labours of Britain make little account of religion, and of the on a moral agent, having a responsibility of his own their gladsome suffering for Christ's sake: and the measurable space of the universe, free and without Scott, Henry, et id genus omne, in 'the Comprehensive established church in particular, which, in variety of in the great work of his salvation. Nothing indeed remitting of that frequency, as it is certainly a sign support, as the sun and moon do in their places, under Commentary, but without taking for my guide any circumstances, even for the good of the state, should that he can do can merit heaven; nor without the and an effect, so in part it may possibly be reckoned and over and between the bright heavenly stars. Fardefinite system, as already sufficiently ascertained to be incumbent on them. For dissenters are dissenters; assistance of the Holy Ghost, can he do aught that is a cause, of the degeneracy of Christian practice, into be the meaning of the Sacred Volume. I supposed, as they were in their humours a hundred appointed as a condition of his reaching heaven, or be that great coldness and slackness which afterward did the heat or the bitter frost do not prevent it, it is that I ought to address myself to the business of inand fifty, and two hundred years ago, so are they now.
such as God will be pleased to accept into that celessieze upon it, and now doth apparently keep it in a covered with innumerable plants, and inhabited by all others since the Apostles' time, holding myself them in those times, and their continued behaviour, order that a heavenly inheritance shall be the reward.

The rarer occasions therefore we now have of perimagine that there are any creatures who hang with responsible for the system, which I might be enabled especially within these few years, for the full proof of faithfulness in the Gospel-covenant, and that the forming this duty, (the which indeed was always their heads downwards, and are in danger of falling to set forth as the true meaning of the Word of God. thereof. And it has grieved me that our clergy at same covenant shall prescribe conditions for attaining esteemed the principal office of God's service,) of enjoy- away from the earth and down into the air. That is I consulted the Book of Common Prayer, just as I New-York, &c., have been so indiscreet to beg Dr. to that reward, provide grace for the performance of ing this benefit, (the being deprived whereof was also a very ridiculous idea. Every where bodies are kept consulted the works of Robert Hall, Andrew Fuller, Chandler to write a piece, as it were, to ask dissenters' the conditions, and secure the acceptance and blessing deemed the greatest punishment and infelicity that to the earth by their own weight, and cannot fall away

them with ample means for maintaining the warfare lect of our duty. In fine, I dare say, that he who, suspended floating ball, like our earth. But who can tain opinion, and the heat of controversy, I find to be of the Connecticut, containing several thousand souls, in which He requires them, as his faithful soldiers and with an honest meaning, (although with an imperfect by thinking comprehend its greatness, which from such the peaceful haven of the truth, to which it was not in one of which—viz., Gloucester, there was a teacher servants, to fight manfully under His banner against devotion,) doth address himself to the performance of an immeasurable distance sendeth forth such a strength only my privilege, but my duty to resort. The prin- of the sect of Independents, but not one of any de- sin, the world, and the devil; and has in reserve for this duty, is far more excusable than he that, upon of warmth and heat upon the earth, and blesses every ciple I aspired to act upon from the beginning of my nomination in Cumberland. He then proceeds:— them elevation to the higher honors, glories, and joys whatever score, declineth it; no scrupulous shyness thing upon which its gentle face shineth? The dia-"On the east side of the river are many settlements of His Church in its triumph and perfection in heaven. can ward us from blame; what then shall we say, if meter of the sun is 114 times greater than the diame-Millenium, has ended in a profession of belief in a brivereal restance to the discharge of all their filial obligations. Inheritors of the Prophetic pictures of the Master who is in Head people I spent four weeks, travelling from place to the teaching of the 'Master who is in Head people I spent four weeks, travelling from place to the teaching of the 'Master who is in Head people I spent four weeks, travelling from place to the place to the teaching of the 'Master who is in Head people I spent four weeks, travelling from place to the place to t set without striking against it; pay, were it twice as far from us as it is, yet it might wander round the The gentle reader, when he is sitting with his own earth as it liked. So big is the sun, which is sent family party, surrounded by well known hills and forth from the same Almighty Hand which sows the trees, feels himself very comfortable and perhaps tiny poppy seed upon the earth, with its form enclosthinks of nothing which may be farther off. When in ed within the shell, and makes it grow and ripen; and the morning the sun arises in calm majesty, he knows one work is as incomprehensible as the other; at not whence it comes; and when it sets in the even- least, we should not know which to choose as the easiing, he knows not whither it goes—where it hides its est, if we had to make either a sun or a little poppy-

> years, it did not go out, at last, like an extinguished lamp; for learned people do not know everything, and sometimes are only able to guess how matters go.

However, to the astronomers and other clever people, it now seems that the sun may be like our earth, mament is a great book about God's almighty power an obscure and temperate—nay, even an inhabited globe. That as the earth is surrounded by a refreshbelief and sin, and the stars are the golden letters of ing atmosphere or air, so the sun may be surrounded the book. It is all a mystery which cannot be under- by an enlivening light; and it is not necessary that stood without an interpreter; but he who once can this should convey to the sun itself an unbearable read in this book, this psalter, and does read therein, and destructive heat, since its rays first give signs of will thenceforward never find time too long when he warmth and heat when they mingle with our earthly and buried one; preached as often as every other day, travelled 700 or 800 miles, in a way so uneven that travelled 700 or 800 miles, in a way so uneven that of the body of the overtakes him be will record that out of the body of the overtakes him be will record the body of the overtakes hi earth. For the earth has a great quantity of hidden heat within itself which only waits for something to To all outward appearance, and according to com- kindle it and draw it out, as two cold bodies in the "How happens it that, when we ascend a high mountain,

GENEVA AND SCOTLAND. (From the Calendar.)

Seldom have we been more amused and at the same

he made of our little Geneva the Bulwark of truth,

of his successors are Socinians and worse than Sowell be conceived a great means of kindling and pre- learned know as follows-that the earth is not merely | pile was lighted for the heretic Servetus he is now