

A professor of the Druse creed was with me a few days ago, and in the course of conversation proved the truth of the statement that Druses believe in the transmigration of souls. He said, "When a man does his duty, and acts uprightly, his soul, after death, passes into a member of some good family, but if he be wicked his soul enters one of the lower animals. When I was first a man I had a dispute with a neighbour about some property, and upon finding that he would not restore it to me I became angry and shot him dead, for this crime my soul passed into a donkey, belonging to a cruel man, who made me work very hard, and constantly beat me; after eight years had elapsed I died, and my soul entered the body in which you now see me!"

I have plenty of clerical work at present, as I assist the Rev. C. Gribble, Chaplain to the Embassy, and frequently hold services in the Hospital and Prison. Our little chapel has lately been much enlarged and improved, and now makes a very good temporary church. We shall be glad when the Memorial Church is commenced.—Believe me, yours very sincerely.

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### THE LENT JEWELS.

#### A JEWISH TALE.

In schools of wisdom all the day was spent:  
 His steps at eve the Rabbi homeward bent,  
 With homeward thoughts which dwelt upon the wife  
 And two fair children who consoled his life.  
 She, meeting at the threshold, led him in,  
 And with these words, preventing, did begin:  
 "Ever rejoicing at your wished return,  
 Yet do I most so now: for since this morn  
 I have been much perplexed and sorely tried  
 Upon one point, which you shall now decide.  
 Some years ago, a friend into my care  
 Some jewels gave, rich, precious gems they were;  
 But having given them in my charge, this friend  
 Did afterward nor come for them, nor send,  
 But left them in my keeping for so long,  
 That now it almost seems to me a wrong  
 That he should suddenly arrive to-day,  
 To take those jewels, which he left, away.  
 What think you? Shall I freely yield them back,  
 And with no murmuring? so—henceforth to lack  
 Those gems myself, which I have learned to see  
 Almost as mine for ever, mine in fee."

"What question can be here?—Your own true heart  
 Must needs advise you of the only part  
 That may be claimed again which was but lent,  
 And should be yielded with no discontent,  
 Nor surely can we find herein a wrong,  
 That it was left us to enjoy it long."