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was required to be done ?"

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they repent, they will perish.

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OPPOSITION.

The tidings of this great, uproar reaches

the ears of Luther, and in his indgnation he

exclaims of Tetzel: "God willing, I will

Luther was still a papist of the strictest

sort, yet his heart was deeply sensitive to

what seemed to him to be truth or error.

Presently people would come to Luther's confessional who had been guilty of various

sins, and expecting absolution, not on the

ground of penitence, but on the ground of

the indulgences procured from Tetzel. Lu

ther refuses to absolve them; tells them he

will have nothing to do with their papers of

indulgence, and assures them that, unless

In great alarm, these deluded people re-

urn to Tetzel, and tell him that an Augus-

Then Tetzel bellows with anger, hurls in-

"For Every One that Asketh. Receiveth." MATPHEW VII. 8. O, ask not wealth: The gaudy banble glitters to deceive ;

It hath a thorn to press thee when asleep : It maketh wings, and leaveth thee to weep : Ask not what wealth can give.

O, ask not fame : The empty bauble breaks at every gale ; is mighty shadow stalks in midnight gloom ; It wills its hero, then it haunts his tomb, When all its triumphs fail,

O, ask not love : " The fond heart's idol " breaketh the fon heart:

His smile is oft deceitful, and his power Too oft is felt in sorrow's darkest hour : Ask not his treacherous dart.

O, ask not power: Seek not a burden that must crush thee down. Look at the thrones of tyrants in the dust ; Behold how frail the prop in which we truet ; Ask where their might has gone

O, ask not life : " Not even life itself makes good the name," How oft its victim craves the boon of death, When guilt or corrow yearns to yield the breath Ask not the fitful flame.

Ask for a broken heart : A grief for all the ills thy hand hath done; A pang for wasted life, for useless breath; A hope that triumphs o'er the fear of death ; Ask, and the goal is won.

Ask for a quiet mind: A heart at rest from all the jars of strife ; A humble heart that never soars to fall : A heart to bless the hand that gives its all That priceless gift of life,

Ask for a fount of tears, The heart to sympathize in others' woe; The soul to feel for all the sorrowing here, And power to point them to a better sphere, Where tears can never flow.

Ask for a home in heaven : Poor lonely wanderer on life's troubled sea, When wealth and fame and power are wrecked and gone, And all earth's blandishments for ever flown,

> peopl THE DREAM. The

lege and perjury nine ducats; murder eight, With consummate boldness did these "And have you had no Bible for three theses of Luther attack the great scheme of whole years, brother ?" Thus money poured without stint into indulgence. They thundered against the "No, Minnie," he answered. the coffers of these most wicked traffickers. idea that the pope, on any other man, could "Whose did you read at night, then, Many, it is true, had no faith in pretensions by indulgences pardon sin and deliver from brother ?" so extraordinary and abominable, and the punishment. They affirmed that the doc- "I did not read anybody's, Minnie. ful a traffic amongst them. Yet no bishop, a lie; that the whole system had its founda- that pretty fine dress I have for you." it is said, dare lay a finger on the quackery and deceit of these Romish tricksters. "The saved thus, would certainly perish, and those you not read the Bible for three whole "Twere folly to pretend minds of men were in suspense. They who deceived them; that the true and pre- years?" asked each other if God would not raise up cious treasure of the church is the holy "No, Minnie, I haven't; and I don't some powerful instrument for the work that gospel of the grace of God, and that true know as I have ever seen one since I have

penitence and faith were the only means of been in California." ecuring this same treasure. Here was the beginning of this mighty astonishment, while the tears poured down relieve; and therefore enjoy the suppliant

work. The germs of the Rerformation were her cheeks. At length, raising her eyes, she secrecy, and he promises concealment. But inclosed in these theses. The evangelic said in a low, earnest voice : " O, brother, were you not afraid that God doctrine of a free and gracious remission of sins was for the first time publicly professed ; | would forget you ? a doctrine which, in its legitimate issues, What an appeal to the brother's heart. dispenses with the pope, dispenses with He took the little Minnie in his arms, and human ordinances, and all the badges and kissing her, he said : " I am almost afraid I have been forgetrestraints of Rome, and presents instead the full liberty of the children of God. ting God, Minnie." Thus it was that the pen which, in the The case of Alfred Bell is not a single

elector's dream, wrote upon the church door, one. Think upon it, Christian parents. extended over to Rome, and its movements Many a young man leaves home-influences wrought great commotions there and roused behind when he goes out into the world in the lion, and jostled fatally the pope's diadem search of gold. His Bible is forgotten, his and alarmed the votaries of error and super. God is forgotten. A mother may have stition, and incited princess and ecclesiastics prayed for him earnestly, and placed the to rally in multitudes for the support of a holy volume in his trunk with supplications throne that seemed to be suddenly tottering that it may be read daily ; but in the earnest tine monk treats his letters of indulgence to its final overthrow. pursuit of wealth, prayers and supplications

THE EXCITEMENT.

The theses were posted upon the church sults and curses, and lights fires in public door, and challenges was given to discuss squares, declaring his orders from the pope them at the university, and the multitudes o burn the heretics who should dare to opthat looked on were astonished. Yet no one ose his most holy indulgences. Nor did Luther stop here. He ascends dare accept the challenge; none appeared the pulpit, and warns the people. He as a champion to oppose the theses of the teaches them that God nowhere requires Reformer. "Hardly had they been nailed to the church door," says the sprightly his-torian, " when the feeble sound of the hamfrom the sinner satisfaction for his sins; that he only requires true repentance and faith, and a life devoted to Christ; and that mer was succeeded by a thunder-clap which shook the very foundations of Papal Rome; God ever pardons freely, by his infinite grace. "My advice is, that none should threatened with instant ruin the walls, the buy the indulgences. Let the faithful be gates and pillars of the papacy ; stunned and turned from them, and exhorted to a holy terrified its champions, and at the same time awakened from the slumbers of error many life." Then he adds : If some cry that I am thousands of men." "In the space of a a heretic, I pay little regard to their clamfortnight they had spread over Germany, ors; they are men of sickly minds, who have never felt the truths of the Bible, never read and within a month they had run through the Christian doctrine, never understood all Christendom, as if angels themselves had their own teachers, and are perishing in the been the bearers of them to all men." The learned Erasmus received a copy of

tattered rags of their vain opinions." Lu-ther descended from the pulpit, and left the these and exclaimed : "Thanks be to God, hearers deeply affected by his bold dis-courses. And yet his admonitions produced they have now found a man who will give them so much to do that they will be very but little effect. Tetzel continued his infaglad to leave my old age to pass away in Ask for a home in heaven, where grief can mous traffic and his impious addresses to the peace."

" Nor can I dare profess, As beggars often do. Though great is my distress, My faults have been but few; If thon shculd'st leave my soul to starve, It would be what I well descree." How often does the beggar plead the un-

"Twee folly to pretend I never begged before; Or if thou now befriend I'll trouble thee no more; Inbou othen hast relieved my pain, ...nd often 1 have come again."

Men, so limited are their resources, are Minnie stood and looked at him in utter afraid of more applications than they can

> your language must be-"Nor can I willing be, Thy boganty to conceal From others, who like ma, Their wants and hunger feel; And tell them of thy mercy's store And try to send a thousand more.

And he will be delighted with this. to invite all the ends of the earth

"Thy thoughts thou only wise ? Our thoughts and ways (transcend, Far as the arched skies Above the earth extend : Such pleas as mine men would not bear, But God receives a beggar's prayer." -Beauty of Holiness.

Little Mary.

A wholesale merchant in New Haven are often unheeded. Under the influence of irreligious companions, and in the absence used often, in going to his place of business, first decided appearance of the prevail- of Glenraville. In Ballymena, the greater of all the ordinances of religion, great is the to pass through a narrow alley inhabited by ing sensations, northward of Ballymena, number of cases are in Broughshane street, peril to the immortal soul, Would to God, miserably poor foreigners. Very early one that to each, and all such wanderers from morning, as he drew near one of the most the right way would come a gentle admoni- wretched tenements, he heard a sweet, childtion as it came to Alfred Bell : " Where is ish voice singing, " There is a happy land," that occasion a deputation of the converted every house of Sydney-lane. your Bible, brother?" Are you not afraid God will forget you?" The carnest pleading of the little Minnie The bour, the song, the dreadful surround-The target for the little Minnie touched Alfred's heart. That night he ings, led him to inquire into her history. in the course of these services some of the opened the sacred volume, and read aloud He found that a few benevolent ladies had from its pages. formed a Sabbath school in that district, and " Pray for me, mother; for I have wan- little Mary had attended till a wicked pricst ing ten persons who had attended the meet-

dered far from God. I fear he may forget had made her parents take her away. She ing exhibited all the symptoms herefotore me." Night after night, the earnest prayer had learned some of the "Songs for the ascended to the throne of grace. The bro- Little Ones at Home," and she used to arise were suddenly "struck" with great pain two or three months since. Ever till we ther was reclaimed from his wanderings, and thus early to sing and say them when no and weakness of body, a nervous twitching meet in heaven will your dear names be now lives to be a blessing to his home, a one should hear, lest she might forget them. or quivering of the muscles, fearful agony written on our hearts. But why do I say truly Christian man, fearing God and walk- Her little book was taken away, but she of mind, and a torturing sense of sin-as till we meet in heaven? Surely we shall ing in his commandments.-American Mes- begged another, and hid it under the back indicated by loud, impulsive cries for par- be one forever. We are united in the ties

The Beggar's Prayer. 'Knock, and it shall be opened unto you."-Luke xi, 9

It is needless to prove that by this action Erasmus, as he read them, though he our Saviour intends prayer. But see the wished their author more moderation and simplicity and familiarity of his comparisprudence, yet added : " God has sent a phy- ons, and wonder not that the comm

sin, of present danger, and the necessity of was the Rev. Mr. Robinson, of Broughshane. clinging to the Saviour as the sinner's only He took no part in the proceedings, however, It would be still more strange if until the manifestations occurred ; but from hope. ideas so produced were not dissipated by the that time until a very late hour he remained usualness of his application-" This is not removal of the exciting or deranging cause; upon the ground, praying with great earnpeople of Germany were weary of so shame- trine of indulgence as taught by Tetzel was Come, don't bother me now. Let us us find my practice ; it is the tirst, and shall be the but we find on the contrary that the impres- estness over some of the parties impressed. last time of my importuning you." But sions are deep and permanent-abiding in and expressing his opinion that the power of the heart, quickening the conscience, chang- God had been mightily manifested on the ing the whole tenor of life and conversation, occasion. Seven additional cases occurred and producing fruits which are obviously among parties who had attended the assemand indubitably good. The biological the- blage, while on their way homewards; and ory we dismiss without comment. It is a within the following three days the numbers complication of hazy mysteries, so far as it is found " stricken" in the neighbourhood, inunderstood by anybody; and we cannot be cluding twenty or thirty within the town of expected to comprehend a principle of action which even psychological professors admit one bundred and fify. In some of the latter their own inability to elucidate. With re- cases, the cries of the "stricken" party, spect to the belief that the prevailing mani- when suddenly attacked, are described as festations are the result of the Holy Spirit's really frightful, and a gentleman of unques-agency, we might suggest some philosophi-tionable veracity assures us that, in a parcal difficulties, but it is not our intention, nei- ticular instance, they were distinctly heard ther is it any part of our business, to offer at the distance of three-quarters of a mile. He an opinion upon such a subject. Our duties Prayer Meetings have been held in various commands you to spread his goodness and are limited to a faithful narration of known districts of Ballymena every evening of this facts; and we desire to avoid discussions week; and the local excitement in connecwhich might prove injurious to the progress tion with the revivals has been increased by of an obviously religious feeling, or check the fact that some members of the Roman

of the sufferer is, a deep conviction of past The only clergyman present on the occasion

the present manifest tendency towards moral Catholic Church, now under the influence improvement and social reform in the com- of the prevailing movement, have obtained the spiritual guidance of Protestant Minis-It is already known that the movement ters. Many cases of very decided impres-

originated at Conner, became strongly de- sion have occurred in the town and vicinity veloped at Ahoghill, and from thence spread of Broughshane ; and, within the last few along a broad tract including the entire line days, similar mysterious operations have of country from Toome to Rasharkia. The become prevalent in the neighboring district

audience were very suddenly and remark ably impressed. Before the following morn

To OUR BELOVED BROTHER AND SIS-TER,-A most welcome and precious letter. from our beloved sister ------ reached us steps at night, all day long carrying it in her bosom. Children of Christian parents think tion with God. The duration of this par-us nearer our home, where as children of of Little Mary when you feel tempted to oxyism is more or less lengthened-in some one Father we shall meet in mansions preneglect the Bible and your Sabbath school. cases it extends over three days, but is always succeeded by peace of mind and reformation of character. The external symp- Though so widely separated, yet do we not toms in one case have been minutely des- meet daily. We believe you have but one

cribed to us. The person affected was a interest, to which all others are subservient married women, of middle age. She ap- -the upbuilding of Zion, with all ber varied in The philanthropic Howard was blessed peared to be greatly excited, and feverish:

happened at Laymore, in the parish of Kil- Ballymyney street, Springwell street, and conriola, about two miles from this town, on Galgorn street. In our next we hope to be the evening of Sunday, the 7th ult. On able to announce that there is a case in

Mrs. Palmer.

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Religious Miscellany "Words that Shook the World."*

never be.

-American Messenger.

INDULGENCES.

Just about this time (1517) a great agita-tion was reigning in Germany. The church had opened a vast market upon earth, and the merchandise which it offered for sale was nothing else than the salvation of souls. ludulgences was the name given to this

merchandise, and the dealers, of whom Tetzel was the chief, rode in great state through the country. As the procession approached a town, a messenger was sent forward promining to the magistrates thereof, "The grace of God and of the holy father is at at your gates !"

Instantly everything was in motion through the town. All ages and classes rallied to meet these merchants of salvation, so that " they could not have given a grander welcome to God himself." Then the whole insmpany moved toward the church ; a large ed cross was erected before the pulpit, with himself joined in the effort to support the the pope's arms suspended from it, and there were singing, prayers, the smoke of in anger with the monk who had used his in great alarm, saying : " Pray do not bring incense, and the sound of organs and other pen so awkwarkly. instruments.

And then presently he fell asleep again Thus the venders of the grace of God. and his singular dream continued ; and the with a sort of triumph, entered the church. disturbed lion began to roar, and Rome and come to naught, if it is, let it go forward." and Tetzel ascends the pulpit. He is a Doall the surrounding states ran to make in-quiry; and the pope demanded that the monk minican of long experience in the traffic, and had grown rich by it, and rolled in lux-ury. He had before been convicted of be re-trained, and demanded this especially levity. "Who does not know," he responds, f the elector, as the monk dwelt in his adultery and abominable proflicacy, and was dominions. near paying the forfeit of his life. But the Again the elector awoke from his dream ; being accused of seeking quarrels ! Why good Elector Frederick had interceded for beseeches God to preserve the holy father, were Christ and all the martyrs put to death? him and saved him. He carried two of his illegitimate children with him, and was beyond decency or shame, and was a fit functionary for the scandalous work in which he was engaged. He had all the facilities of

wicked business. No means come amiss, so that they aided in the accomplishment of his designs. He ascends the pulpit, and proceeds at strength was; that no man could take the but thy will, thine, holy Father, who art in once, and with the greatest vehemence and pith out of it. Suddenly the dreamer hears heaven !"

transpired," says another.

effrontery, to harrangue the assembled mulan outcry, and lo, a great number of pens titudes. He extols indulgencies to the skies. had issued from the long pen of the monk "These" he says, " are the most precious The good elector awoke the third time, and sublime gifts of God." and it was broad daylight. As he tells this " This cross," pointing to the red cross wonderful dream to a few select friends, one before him, "has as much efficiency as the of them exclaims: " O that we had here a

cross of Jesus Christ." "Draw near, and I will give you letters Lord !" duly sealed, by which even thesins you shall "We shall not know the meaning of this hereafter desire to commit shall be all for-

given you." "There is no sin so great that the indulgence cannot remit it. Let him only pay largely, and the greatest sin conceivable shall

e torgiven him " to myself." " Even repentance is not indispensable." "But more than all this, indulgences save

not only the living but the dead." "Ye people of every class, hearken t your departed parents and friends, who cry

was the feast of All Saints, and was a great " Let me unpack it, brother, please," said to you from the bottomless pit, 'We are enday at Wittenberg. The costly relics of the Minnie, "I will be very careful and not to during horrible torments! A small alm would deliver us; you can give it, and will you not ?""

THE FULFILMENT.

" The very moment that the money clinks against the bottom of the chest, the soul esheaven."

and stark blasphemer And the people, so writes the historian. came in crowds. They came not with con-

trite hearts, but with money in their hands. most intimate friends had any intimation of she said : Men, women, the young, the poor, and those his design, and as he fastened his theses who lived by charity. Every one there upon the door of the church, he proclaimed found money. "For particular sins Tetzel had a private

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*Words THAT Success THE WORLD; or Martin Luther his own Biographer, Sketched manly from his own sympt. By Charles Adams.

dream of the Elector Frederic, which occurred about this time. The Feast of All Saints was at hand, and

the elector, having retired to rest, lay muspraying for the poor souls in purgatory, and beseeching the Divine guidance for himself, in a person who wishes to excite attrine order to obtain relief—he knocks. Where are we to knock? "I am ing how he should keep the festival, and was these bold propositions, rejoiced, with un. to a person who wishes to excite attention visit to the metropolis for her gratification. was entirely gone, and for the space of fiftyhis counselors, and his people. mired the theses of the monk of Wittenburg, In the midst of these exercises he fell and writes to the Elector Frederick, that the truth, and the life; no man cometh to asleep, and dreamed that a monk, a true son he "take care of the monk Luther; for a the Father but by me." of the Apostle Paul, was sent to him; that time may come when we may have need of all the saints accompanied him, for the pur- him." And it is said, that even the pope pose of testifying that he was divinely commissioned. They seemed to ask of the favor, and when urged to treat Luther as a elector, that they might be privileged to heretic, replied : "That same brother, Marwrite something upon the church door at tin Luther, is a man of talent, and all that

Wittenberg; and the monk began to write is said against him is mere monkish jealousy." and the characters were so large and brilli-ant that they could be read at a great dis-signal of life. They kindled a new light in tance; and the pen he used was so long that many a cell, cabin, and even parlour. It its extremity reached even to Rome, and was the indolent and corrupt that were wounded the ears of a lion that was couch- ready to heap reproaches upon the Reforming there, and shook the triple crown on the er's name. Many of the pious ones, those pope's head, while all the cardinals and who feared the Lord with fastings and inces ran to support it ; and as the dreamer prayers, thanked God and took courage." Yet some doubted. The prior of his orpope's crown, he awoke in great alarm, and der, frightened by Tetzel, came to Luther

> disgrace upon your order !" Luther is deeply affected; but rallying, he replies, " Dear father, if the thing is not of God, it will And there were more bitter accusers than these. He is reproached with haste and "that we can seldom advance a new idea without an appearance of pride, and without

the pope, and sleeps again. And still his strange dream continues, and he sees all the the times in which they lived, and because princes of the empire crowding to Rome, they brought forward new truths without and all striving to break the mysterious pen. having first consulted the oracles of the old Yet the more they endeavored to break it, opinions." "What I am doing will not be inventing stories for the furtherance of his the stiffer it became; and when they asked effected by the prudence of man, but by the the monk where he found it, and why it was counsel of God. If the work is of God, so strong, he replied that he received it from who shall stop it? If it is not, who can forone of his old schoolmasters; and that its ward it? Not my will, not theirs, not ours;

"Where is your Bible ?"

Alfred Bell, when the fever for emigrating

to California was at its height, did not escape the contagion, and, though not nineteen years opened." Joseph or a Daniel, enlightened by the old, nothing would do, but he must leave a

till the things to which it relates shall have found State. sister, and go to dig for gold in the newly God be merciful !" said the elector. " I shall never forget the dream. I have mother and sister greeted him with warm thought of one interpretation ; but I keep it embraces.

" I have something pretty for you in my trunk, Minnie," he said to his little sister.

It was on the morning of the 31st of "You see I have but little baggage. That October, 1517, that the Elector Frederic one small trunk has been with me through awoke from the dream just sketched. It sunshine and storm."

church, incased in gold and silver, had been tumble any of your nice clothes ;" and takdisplayed in their magnificence before the ing the key from Alfred's hand, she proeyes of the people, and a plenary indulgence ceeded to take out carefully, one article after was granted, that day, to all who visited the another, and put them on one side, until she capes from purgatory, and flies free to church and confessed themselves. On the came to the bottom of the trunk. She paused

evening of this day a monk went boldly to a moment, and, seeming to distrust herself, In such a strain as this spoke this bold the church, and affixed to the door ninety- she put her hand first upon one article and five propositions against the doctrine of in- then upon another; then looking up earndulgences. That monk was Dr. Martin estly in her brother's face, while she still dulgences. That mouse was Lr. martin estry in net oronate international dulgences. That mouse was Lr. martin estry in net oronate international dulgences. That mouse was Lr. martin estry in net oronate international dulgences. That mouse was the second s

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"Where is your Bible, brother ?" "I have none," he said, quickly. himself ready to defend them the next day, " No Bible, Alfred ?" said Minnie, as she

at the university itself, against all opposers." Great indeed was the attention which Bible, brother ?"

sician who cuts into the flesh, because with-sician who cuts into the flesh, because with-written on the sphiot of one great whole. My heart assures me with a wife of a singularly congenial dispo-her pulse was quick, there was an hectic one great whole. My heart assures me

senger.

When are we to knock? "Morning, and

ought always to pray and not to faint." For what are we fo pray? We may in everything, by prayer and supplication make known our requests unto God. But we are supremely to implore all spiritual blessings for the soul and eternity. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. How are we knock? Importunately-

we cannot knock too loud Prayer is nothing unless it be sincere and earnest. God will not regard the address

we ourselves do not feel. Jacob said, "I will not let thee go except thou bless me; and he prevailed. How? Perseveringly. The Lord does not always appear to our joy. "I waited patiently for the Lord," said David. "And at last he inclined his ear unto me, and heard my cry." And "blessed," it is said, "are they that wait for him." But though it be a good thing for a man not only ducing an instantaneous conviction of sin, exhortations wherein she was to hope but to wait for the salvation of God, it is often no easy thing. The delay is trying in itself ; but circumstances may render it more so. While standing at the door, the weather may be foul; or those passing by may laugh and insult, for they are full and have nothing, or, he may be weak and ready to faint. And what, while thus exercised can keep the man knocking and waiting? Nothing but a sense of his wants. They are so pressing that he must succeed or peris necessary to preserve him from abandon ing his suit, and saying, "What, should I wait for the Lord any longer ?" More-

however, is desirable and attainable; and here is "nough to say to him, " Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thy heart : wait I say on the Lord" Here is the promise_" It shall be

But how shall I plead? I knock and pleasant home, and a kind mother and a little long for andience-and yet I draw back, and seem afraid to be seen. For, what can I say? What does the beggar say? He is After three years, he returned, and his not at a loss. He knows a fine dress is not necessary-it would be contemned. Yet he can express his meaning, and his wants and

and say-

"Encouraged by thy word, Of promise to the poor, Behold a beggar, Lord, Waits at thy mercy's door, No hand, no heart, O Lord, but thine, Can help or pity wants like mine " Yet add-

"The beggar's usual plea, Helief from men to gain, If offered unto thee, I know thou would'st disdain; And pleas which move thy gracious e Are such as men would score to hear-

There are five of these pleas urged thers, which you must completely reverse How often does the beggar plead for former condition-He has seen better days, and once had a sufficiency for himself and others.

"I have no right to say, That though 1 now am poor, Yet once there was a day, When I possessed more: Thou knowset that from my very birth I've been the poorest wretch on earth."

with a wife of a singularly congenial dispo-out such a one the disorder would become incurable." with a wife of a singularly congenial dispo-spake as never man spake, comprises every-the found a balance in his favor, and pro-thally closed and bloodshot, and her face was And many eminent men, as they read thing in one word-knock. The allusion is posed to his wife to spend the money on a streaming with perspiration. Her appetite "What a beautiful cottage for a poor family six hours she was unable to taste anything

The Wife of Howard the

Philanthropist.

Where are we to knock? "I am," the might be built with that money !" was the but water. After the first four hours of Saviour says, "the door." "I am the way, benevolent reply. The hint was immedi-the truth, and the life; no man cometh to ately taken, and the worthy couple enjoyed she became more composed, but remained that greatest of all gratifications, the satis- prostrate for nearly three days in the posihim." And it is said, that even the pope himself regarded them with some degree of favor, and when urged to treat Luther as a

munity.

Religious Intelligence.

From the Ballymena Observer Religious Revivals in Antrim.

This remarkable movement, which was ary scenes-illusions certainly, but of a very first exhibited at Connor and Ahogill, is now extraordinary character. Among other things extending throughout the town and neighbourhood of Ballymena with the most astonisbing celerity, accompanied by symptoms, and followed by results, for which none are power had endowed her with capacity to

able to account upon any established theory comprehend the meaning of every word in -whether of bodily suffering in its action it. It is an undoubted fact that she repeatupon the mind, or of mental operation in its ed with literal accuracy, and as if reading opinion is that the movement is attributable quotations from the Volume, a very large number of quotations from the Old and New Testaopinion is that the movement is attributable to the supernatural action of the Holy Spirit ment-applying them in an appropriate -that it is God's work upon the heart, pro- manner in connection with the prayers and

accompanied by an appalling sense of im-pending danger; and resulting in a thorough faded in her progress towards recovery, and conversion to a life of faith, and works of entirely disappeared on restoration to her corresponding holiness. In this opinion the ordinary health.

During the following month the movegreater number of the local Protestant clergy appear disposed to concur-and some of ment made considerable progress at Laythem have taken a very warm and leading more, Clinty, and the neighbouring towninterest in the proceedings. On the other lands; and, on Sunday evening hand some of the Roman Catholic popula-tion say that it is the work of the devil— people, many of them from Ballymena, conthe proof being that all of that persuasion, gregated at a prayer meeting in the open air, ish. Nothing, but hope. This hope may heretofore affected, have renounced the Ro- near Kilconriols. The audience arranged be sometimes very weak. But a degree of man Catholic faith; and to the consterna- themselves upon the green slopes of a spait, if it only amounts to a mere possibility, tion of the priests, the movement has this cious worn-out quarry pit; and the services week spread into districts of the country ex- were opened with prayer, conducted by some

tensively inhabited by families of their com-munion. Some medical gentlemen who members of lay deputation from Ahoghill munion. Some medical gentlemen who have had frequent opportunities of witness-ing the physical agonies, which are a re-markable feature in nearly all the cases, markable feature in nearly all the ailment of a type hitherto unknown. They occurred among the audience. The patient

constitutional susceptibility of the sufferer, producing temporay aberration of mind in near Carncoagh. Some excitement imme-School Presbyterian minister also, who sat some cases, and in others a species of what may be called hysterical excitement; but they admit that this condition of the body may be used as an instrumentality for the prostrate, some of them utterly helpless, and of his confirmed convictions of the truth of feelings make him eloquent. Begin, then, Spirit's work upon the soul. Another theory for a time to unable to utter anything but the doctrine, and asked the prayers of the spirit's work upon the soul. Another theory ascribes the impressions to an exciting but natural influence psychological, biological, or mesmeric—whereby the inner or spiri-tual life is spontaneously awakened by a combination of circumstances, each acting upon the other, and resulting in the develop. upon the other, and resulting in the develop- eagerly surrounding some particular case- present life, and to use his own words, said ment of phenomena heretofore unwitnessed. the friends of the several afflicted parties he "was under conviction for the blessing." The fact appears to be that all scientific in appearing in a state of mind bordering upon An Elder, also, from Dr. Cheever's Church, vestigators are more or less embarrassed distraction. Some members of each group of this city, testified with as much unction, by sundry peculiarities perceptible in the were praying with or over the person im- clearness, and power as I presume the holy

operations, and by a marked uniformity in pressed; others were in like manner singing Fletcher ever did, of his realizations of the power of Christ to cleanse from all sin. Our Catholic parties allege, the movement be a in a fearful state of agitation; strong men venerable Dr. Bangs added his testimony to work of Satan, then Satan is manifestly were shedding tears, and the entire assem- the whole, and referring to the Baptist min-"divided against himself," for in every case blage appeared under an influence of the ister's experience especially, observed that the result is conversion to a life of piety, most solemnising character. We understand he never heard a more lucid testimony. and earnest co-operation with others for the that, in all, thirty-two cases of decided im- And thus the work goes on. Praise the promotion of God's glory and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom. If the ex-the ground; and, in each instance, the par-pression, or " conviction," occurred upon pression, or " conviction," and in the work goes on the law work goes on Lord, and let every thing that hath breath pression of the ground; and, in each instance, the par-We are in expectation of sailing for citing cause be an epidemical affection of ties were carried away, removed on cars, or

the brain producing a temporary derange-ment of the intellectual faculties, it is ex-ceedingly strange, and an entirely new fea-at six o'clock; the munifestations com-our son accompanies us.* Our hearts were ture in the character of such diseases, that in every case the one paramount and exclu-sively engrossing idea presented to the mind

the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ we can say we are one with you and one in Jesus n this regard. Truly can we say of Zion.

"Beyond our highest joys We prize her heaven y ways; Her sweet communion, solemn vows, Her hymns of love and praise.

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For her our tears shall fall For her our prayers ascend; For her our cares and toils be given, Till toils and cares shall end." We cannot tell you how much pleasure

She had never been taught to read or pray, some of the statements in your letter gave and was unable to distinguish one letter of us. Specially were we rejoiced to hear of the alphabet from another, yet she prayed with intense fervency, and exhorted the peothose who stand fast in the Lord. We have ple to repentance with the most astonishing no greater joy than to hear that our children abide in the truth. Will you, as far as conaccuracy and fluency of speech. This case venient, present our hearts' warmest regards like many others, was accompanied by vision to these, and to all those with whom we took sweet counsel when with you, and whose names will ever be indelibly written on out she maintained that a Bible, traced in charhearts. Our daily prayer is that each may acters of light, was open before her; and that, although unable to read, a spiritual appear in Zion before God, and when the day of coronation comes, that a crown, glittering with many stars, may be awarded to each, shall be a cherished anticipation with us. This will honor the Saviour, our crowns are to be cast at his feet while in humble prostration we shall rejoicingly join the universal acclamation of the redeemed,-" Not unto us, not unto us, O Lord, but unto thy name be the glory." We have had the privilege of seeing cessantly

many saved since we saw our dear brother and sister -----. We have within a few days returned from a visit aboad, from two lifferent places in Pensylvania, and were permitted to see over two hundred newly

added to the Lord and to the Church. "To Jesu's name give thanks and sing, Whose mercies never end; Rejoice, rejoice the Lord is King! The King is now our triend.

We for his sake count all things loss, On earthly good look down, And joyfully sustain the cross Till we receive the crown."

How we should love to have our Haliax friends look in upon us some Tuesday

who gave in a glorious testimony of the affirm that it affects the brain and nervous in this case was a young woman of the neigh-system—more or less in proportion to the bourbood, who had been slightly affected A Congregational minister testified clearly Fletcher ever did, of his realizations of the