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#### Beligious Miscellany.

PEAGE AS A RIVER. BY MISS L. V. N. "O that thou hadst hearkened to my command

I look on a river whose beautiful stream Unceasingly rolls to the sea: Deep blue in the sunshine its calm waters flow, And its course is triumphant and free.

I see the long swell of its on-going waves, I hear their soft wash on the shore; And it seems, a I listen, as though unto me Sweet teachings of heaven they bore.

The trees that lean, listening, over its edge. Dip their mantles of green in its side; The swallow skims swittly and silently by

To cool his warm wing in its tide. The grim cliffs may threaten, the tempest may

It stays not to parly with foes; But onward, still onward, it floweth in peace, And blesses the land as it flows. O River! the storms cannot hinder thy course.

Though haply they ruffle thy breast; Away from their fury thou keepest, below. Thy volume of waters at rest!

Thy bright billows catch the last gleam of day, the question. The first trembling starlight at even; For though shadows of earth on thy border may poor thing looked up, still sobbing.

Thy bosom still images heaven. O Thou from whom peace, as its fount, freely

Saviour, give me this rest of the heart; Fully, mighty, unshaken by trial or pain, A peace that will never depart!

PAUL AND FELIX.

We know how Paul would bring home the preacher advanced from point to point, the common story of choosing indifferent employ- prayers of a Christian mother have. other he is impure; and when the judgment to science and care. come was pressed forward, he felt as it an

in the middle of the Mount Cenis tunnel. Above, below, and on either side he is shut in. Without a figure, the barriers on all sides are nothing else and nothing less than the everlasting hills. While he is chained to the spot in that dark avenue, he looks along the gloomy | ed by me for awhile ?" telescope tube, and lo, in the distance, a red fiery spark, like a fixed star. It is like an eye, all-seeing and angry, glaring on him from afar. But as he gazes on it, he perceives that it is growing larger, and O, horror! it is advancing. It is coming with inexpressible speed. It is the fiery engine rushing on--rushing over

Felix trembled, and well be might. He has reached that point in spiritual experience on which the Philippian jailer stood, when he "called for a light and sprang in trembling." But alas! he does not seek relief from the terror of conviction where the official in Philippi sought and found it. Instead, of "What must I do to be saved?" it is "Go thy way for this time." Two men may be led by nearly the same path into those soul pangs which accompany conviction of sin, and yet the two men may follow opposite courses in life, and meet opposite rewards in eternity. It is not how you fall into the pains of conviction that fixes your state, but how you get out of them Not how you were wounded, but how you are healed, is the turning-point of the loss or saving of the soul. Instead of seeking healing in accepting Christ his Saviour, Felix sought case by stifling the preacher's voice—quenching the Spirit who spoke in the preacher. - Argot.

## THE POWER OF LITTLE THINGS.

BY EMMA M. JOHNSON. We are all perhaps, too apt to disregard or feel contempt for the trifles which are available to each and every one of us; trifles which seiz ed and used at the right moment, may work out some great good or blessing to a tellow being. The Saviour simply turned his eye upon

Peter, and the disloyal heart broke. In looking about for what we consider worth material or agency, we either overlook or spurn the common things, the little things. We are often desirous of doing good, but wait tor some honored instrument to be put into our use; and thus, in choosing and rejecting, the depths of heavenly love, and bore always availeth much." hands. Not every thing seems suggestive of time passes and we accomplish but little.

as hers? And yet she gathers to her side the minutest things; things which the eye may was it to her a mere sentimentalism, a personal

It was a golden spring day, just such a one ion was administered. orchards were filled with the fluttering white and composed and executed for the silent adblossoms of the fruit trees. In the woods the fore she died she was asked it she feared death, question. But it is painfully obvious that not composed and executed for the silent adblossoms of the fruit trees. In the woods the

more they were to accomplish a wonderful mis- sang.

Upon the steps of a handsome dwelling sat a wretched object, a creature sadly out of place with the purity and beauty of the day; a

and eternity!

The giver went on, but had proceeded but a her faithful admonitions? few steps when she heard a heavy sob a sob which startled her; and hastily turning back she found the drunkard holding the violets close in her hand while the tears rolled over her crimson cheeks.

"What is it, my poor sister?" was the gen-Perhaps startled at the word "sister," the

"O, the flowers! I know 'em well. When I was a young girl, a good young girl at home, they used to grow in the garden about our house. They've broke my heart! I ain't

cried for many a day before. The tears were real, the feeling was genuine Here was a strange revelation, and the Christian was not slow to take advantage of it. "Rise, and walk with me a little," the said

stretching forth ber band to help ber. So they walked slowly, to accommodate the word on both sides. He would keep nothing halting one, talking as they went. By degrees back. He strikes with a will. He thrusts the the history of the fallen woman was told. She sword in to the hilt. He has no compassion; was the only child of old, good parents. Very for he knows that compassion in this place is early she evinced a dislike for the quiet and conscience of the governor, as the voice of God ment, and getting into gay, coarse company.

"When I saw the flowers in my lap it all to destroy him, wh 1; he had no power to es- seemed as if I was back at the old place, and he intended to make the most of the pleasures Felix is like a man chained to the ground never see them any more; I'm too bad to go would never again speak to him of religion till back to them."

woman at her side, taking notice of her dejec- low him. tion. " you will see the old people once more. Will you give yourself up to me and be govern-

"O. I ain't fit for you," was the answer. "I take you just as you are, for Christ's sake: and we will leave the results to him." There was not much more said, but the

Many looked strangely at them as they passed by, the drunkard still clapsing her violets. And unseen by mortal eyes a host of angels heart was wrung by torturing thoughts. tollowed them

There was a home found for the fallen one in a reformatory; and she was watched and

But for many weeks there was a fearful conflict, a strong appetite waging war against a week spirit. When it was ended the body was almost worn out, and a fever set in, which last-

The next spring our good Samaritan and weak, pale woman took a journey on a certain road. From the station where they stopped they walked to an old farm-house. "O there they are, b'ess 'em! just as I told you," said the sick one, pointing to tutts of

violets blooming all over a garden. But a better sight awaited her. There can to the door a white haired old woman who, shading her eyes with her hand, look long and earnestly at two travelers. She was presently oined by her husband. Another step, and the old woman cried out

' It's Mary! It's our child come home to us Thank God !"-Christian at Work.

OUT OF THE DARK INTO THE DAY.

BY J. M. REID, D. D. Mary Emma, wife of Professor George H. thereafter a clear testimouy to perfect love. Look at nature! Was there ever such work

quest her remains were laid in the college her to drop the flowers from her fingers into Her's was a speaking life, and no dying men go to Church for instruction and enterthe lap of the miserable woman. "Strong instinct!" Nay, rather the influence of the Holy comfort, but God graciously gave them. Spirit upon a pure and good heart, prompting Hundreds of pupils will lovingly cherish ber Spirit upon a pure and good heart, prompting it unureds of pupils with the recital of her life's God. But instead of saying, "Let us worship it to a simple action with was to tell in time memory, and would that the recital of her life's God by singing to His praise," the common last hours would but give efficacy to some of

> " THINE OWN." BY ERNEST WESLEY.

'Thine own," dear Jesus; can this be Is this poor heart still loved by thee? This heart which long in sin had lain, For this, for me, wast thou once slain

Twixt hope and doubt, yet do I fear? I hear thy voice so sweet and clear, · I love thee still; for thee I died; Look up and see my bleeding side.

feel thy love-I feel it balm; It spreads a sweet, a holy calm Through this poor heart, and through my fram

I feel doth course the heavenly flame. Thine own " I am, most blessed Lord! "Thine own;" I trust thy precious word! 'Thine own;" Lord, keep me wholly thine,

Through life, through death, forever thine.

in his breast, murmured, "Thou art the man." Months of pleasure were tollowed by work, was brought up in the strictest school of Calto him of his soul's interest, he answered that saw my father and mother again. But I'll of this life. His mother then told him she "Please God," re-ponded the Samaritan wherever, he should go, her prayers would fol-

Sometime after he left home and went to sea. Soon after leaving port, as he was alone at the wheel, between nine and ten P.M., indescribable feelings of awe came over him, and thoughts of eternity and the necessity of salvation filled his mind, and this when there was no special danger. Night after night, and voyage after voyage, at this hour, such thoughts

he was converted, and, led by God's Spirit. entered the itinerancy. Talking to his mother at one time he mentioned this circumstance. to show in all their ministrations, that they are eye as she said at that hour she was praying for him. She had, from the time in which he gave her that harsh answer, devoted that hour There must be a more intelligent appreciation to earnest prayer for him."

Does not God hear? ing party. While upon the floor after midnight ger, realizing that he stood upon the very brink himself to his partner, and then awaited her His footstool." time to go home. On the way he broke off his engagement for the next dance, and told

In a few days he was soundly converted, and with him some twenty of his party. Since then his life has been a useful one. But why this sudden arrest in the midst of frivolity? Stone, was born May 9, 1838, and died on the His mother told him that she heard he was to evening of August 11 at Lima, N. Y. She spend that night in dancing, and she determinfound the pardon of her sins while at school is to spend it in prayer for him. She struggled in the the full course in 1863. While in the In- tired, teeling assured of his salvation. "The

### WORSHIP.

In our English Bible there is a word in frewas it to ner a mere sentimentalism, a personal In our English Dible there is a word in the luxury, but a life that went out in constant, quent use which seems to be almost obsolete arrayed " (pause) until I began to despair for which alone possess executive and judicial powsition it is impossible that he cas succeed in never filed out; and out of such very trifles she holy endeavours to be useful. After graduations us something exceeding great and large state of ministers and l fashions us something exceeding great and lovely. Nature rejects nothing; she seems ing she taught successively in the Seminaries at cause time has changed the meaning of the first of his garments on. lovely. Nature rejects nothing; she seems of Springville, N. Y., Beaver, Pa., Cincinnati word or substituted a more fitting one; but I was reminded of another piece of church— for the present the President must be a ministry in the world between being called to ministry. every passing object. So divine is she in her genius, that she lays hold upon the humblest as this on which I write. The gates of heaven | Her sufferings for many months were exwere out. A thousand birds broke forth into a thousand varied songs; and gardens and thousand varied songs; and gardens are truthed by the songs a thousand varied songs; and gardens and orchards were filled with the fluttering white

wild flowers were all abloom, and fairest and and emphatically responded "No." "How there are many notions current among profess- miration of a worshipping assembly—the whole sentation of the society. The power of apdoes it seem to you?" said one. She replied, ing Christians, and manifest in their practices, congregation was allowed to join in the chase, pointing the ministers is to remain with the is the easiest work in the world. It seems Down a public thoroughfare passes a fair, "Just like stepping out of a damp, dark, which are directly at variance with these The author of the "Rector of St. Badolph's" ministers themselves, but the district representation of the stepping out of a damp, dark, which are directly at variance with these happy-looking woman, holding lightly in her pent-up room into the brilliant light of a great Scripture doctrines. The language we use gives a ludicrous illustration, which I beg the tatives to the Stationing Committee are to be audience will vanish in affright. Where the hand a bunch of violets. She held the flowers temple." Visions of her cherub baby were ordinarily and unconsciously may generally be printer to insert here, provided he can lay his elected by the district meeting when the layalmost unconsciously, but all the while an floaring before her eyes, and in the last failing taken as a true expression of our ideas or hand upon it.

gathering to some well-known church, he would have sung the sermon, and made more lieve to be essential to the integrity of Wes- preaching strains the thought and exhausts the Her face at one time shone like that of an anwould infer from their conversation that they out of the "Amen" than any other part. But leyan Methodism. In fact we have only anfeeling of every zealous minister of the Cross. woman still young, but bloated and bleared, gel, and as if the City were in full view, she were going to hear Mr. A. or Mr. B. preach. the triumph of all the voices was in some of the woman still young, but bloated and bleared, since a single of the triumph of all the voices was in some of the work of the triumph of all foresaw would have to be conceded to the there can be anything like hard work in intelligible to the serious of the triumph of all foresaw would have to be conceded to the there can be anything like hard work in intelligible to the serious of the triumph of all foresaw would have to be conceded to the there can be anything like hard work in intelligible to the serious of the poured. Only a drunkard, such as we all meet last scenes in her cham'er. At her own reare the great topics of discussion on their rupt and outstrip each other, as in the 133rd democratic tendencies of the age. Whether lectual processes; they think of hard work alreturn. It would sound strangely or savour Psalm:-The lady with the violets was passing on. cemetery, near the spot where sleeps her much strongly of religious "cant" to speak of the with a sigh over what she thought she could loved instructor, Dr. E. E. Bragdon, and worship of God. Even the minister, who not relieve, when some strong instinct caused they will rise together on that last morning. ought to know better, tayours the idea that

Praise is a part of the public worship of introduction is, "The - Psalm or Hymn," and when the minister sits down to arrange his papers and read over his notices the choir sing to the congregation. It would be a misnomer to call this an act of worship. It is only a preparation for the sermon. The lamentable truth is that the greater portion of those who attend church do not think of it or speak of it definitely as going up to God's house to worship Him. If the idea of worship were clearly in their minds the term would be oftener upon their lips. Corresponding to his this is the great and growing neglect of public I-t.s c-o-s-t-i-y moist...ure...shad. worship. It is one of the dark signs of the

where the prevailing idea has been that men are play, modelled after the concert room or the and explanations about the Gospel, and to opera, designed simply for the entertainment one day to fill an appointment in Rome, and for he knows that compassion in this place is unfaithfulness to a fellow-sinner's soul. Felix is compelled to listen, and what is much more, Felix is compelled to listen with secret application of the dreadful word to himself. As the tion of the dreadful word to himself. As the components of the congregation, and designed simply for the entertained one day to fill an appointment in Rome, and have their moral sentiments cultivated and elevated, instead of assembling to praise God for the Gospel, and to have their moral sentiments cultivated and elevated, instead of assembling to praise God for the Gospel, and to have their moral sentiments cultivated and elevated, instead of assembling to praise God for the Gospel, and to have their moral sentiments cultivated and elevated, instead of assembling to praise God for the Gospel, and to have their moral sentiments cultivated and elevated, instead of assembling to praise God for the Gospel, and to have their moral sentiments cultivated and elevated, instead of assembling to praise God for the Gospel, and to have their moral sentiments cultivated and elevated, instead of assembling to praise God for the Gospel, and to have their moral sentiments cultivated and elevated, instead of assembling to praise God for the Gospel, and to have their moral sentiments cultivated and elevated, instead of assembling to praise God for the Gospel, and to have their moral sentiments cultivated and elevated, instead of assembling to praise God for the Gospel, and to have their moral sentiments cultivated and elevated, instead of assembling to praise God for the Gospel, and to have their moral sentiments cultivated and elevated, instead of assembling to the congregation, and having no more retrievant of the Gospel, and to have their moral sentiments cultivated and elevated and elevated, instead of assembling to the Gospel, and to the congregation, and the con the services of the sanctuary, what wonder that elevated to the most conspicuous place in the New Dominion.—Car. Meth. Rec. Rev. V. S., of the Wilmington Conference, the world forgets its God, or goes heedlessly gaze of the congregation, and the style of

> if God intended to save him, he would do it households. Indeed the public and private churches, of which there are so many of every he became a Christian, but to remember that, tar to worship God will not be among those my Father's house an opera-bouse." wno neglect the sanctuary or mistake the nature of ordinances. But, Alas! this busy world with its urgent cares, drives many a family away from its domestic altar: and longcontinued neglect at last deadens the feelings of worship. Nothing is more necessary or important than a revival of the spirit of worship. our moral nature. It gives the inspiration for us feel our relation to the Infinite and Eternal. laughter and with jokes upon his tongue his We need also to have it quickened and aroused to overcome the materialism of the age, which While at home preparatory to another cruise, threatens to turn us into a godless, dissolute, and said he had never been able to account for engaged in solemn acts of worship. If they so it. "The light shone in the good old woman's act as to make their hearers feel they are in a our discipline which made no measure affecting pastoral work can only be done through the what wonder that the people act accordingly on the part of those who frequent the house of God as to the nature and purpose of public Dr. W. K., of the same conference, relates worship. Let Christians earnestly consider that when alyoung man he was one of the lead-that they come together to render homage fit. This rule has been found to work so well preacher nor a pastor. On the other hand, is ers of the gay circle of his neighborhood. He and praise to their God and Redeemer, and had engaged to spend a certain night at a danc- to hear Him speak in His appointed way the messages of His love, and the old joy and arhe was suddenly filled with a sense of his dan- dour of worship will come back to the Church. Sweet experience will take up the language of hell. He felt constrained to promise God of the ancient psalm, 'I was glad when they then if he would let him off and spare him till said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the he could get away from there he would seek Lord'"; and happy multitudes will cry, "We him and serve him all his days. He excused will go into His tabernacle, we will worship at general desire for any change. But, on the ate; to have faithfulness to speak of personal

the following account of the singing in a cersays, was anything but devotional.

True love is like that precious oil Which, poured on Aaron's head, Ran down his beard, and o'er his robes

In the prodigious effort of this perfor

current poured on Aaron's head and which Ran down his beard and o'er his roles-

His robes, his robes, ran down his beard.

Ran down his ...... o'er his robes
Ran down his beard h-i-s b-e-a-r-d. Its costly moist...... Ran down his beard.... ...ure...beard ..his ..beard ..his ..shed, Ran down his beard ..his ..down his robes.

-Rector of St. Bardolphs, p. times that there are multitudes who never I am not among those who indulge in lame enter the sanctuary or who go only at rare in- tations over the degeneracy of the times, but I tervals from propriety or some unworthy am sure that in this part of the services of the reason. It bodes no good to any country sanctuary there has been a great departure when its people forget God or refuse to wor- from the simplicity and spirituality of God's worship, and even from its very nature. In Perhaps one cause of this growing evil is to numberless instances to which I have been a be found in Christian churches themselves, suffering witness, the sacred service of God's where the prevailing idea has been that men are praise has been turned into a mere musical disthe music made to correspond, it appears to COMMON MISTAKES ABOUT MIN-It is to be feared also that the idea of wor- me that if the Master should come again to ship in the family is being banished from many our world and enter one of our fashionable

ference. In lieu of this we have had from the other man in business. lecture room instead of the house of God, the rights and privileges of our members of any medium of domestic visitation. We often hear Eusebius, of the New York Observer, gives were associated with the ministry in all the festly called of God to minister in holy things tain church he visited in the course of his sum- schemes of the Church, as well as in the quar- prudence so considerate, and with tenderness The singer commenced, "Consider the lilies mission to the higher court if only the right who are as manifestly called of God to preach found the pardon of ner sins while at school be because to the charlotteville, when about sixteen years of with God from nine o'clock till about one or of the field," &c., and when she came to the of trial by their peers could be secured to the and to direct the thinking and the energy of age. She was a "Master of Arts," in regular two, when faith took hold of him, and she felt application it ran thus: "And yet I say unto ministers. As this was a master of such vital congregations; they cannot visit; they cannot source of Genessee College, having graduated she had her desire. She arose calmly and renot arrayed-was not arrayed-like one of nexion brethren, and as we had no serious ob- the preence of a congregation, but bashful and stitution she sweetly drank from the deepest effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man these—was not arrayed—(interlude by the jection to it, we were prepared to yield this silent in private. Every man must keep to his organ—like one of these." And then she went point with the limitation indicated above. The own order; within his own sphere he may back again and asseverated in the most empha- compromise has been made by the admission unequalled, yet outside of it he may be but a tie manner, " I say unto you that even Solo- of the lay element into the General Conference, shorn Samson. mon in all his glory was not arrayed \_\_\_\_ the legislative body of the whole Church, but 

ever on the elert to gather up and make use of every passing object. So divine is she in her every passing object. So divine is she in her every passing object. So divine is she in her every passing object. So divine is she in her to gather up and make use of most accordance with the sentiment expressed by it one particular pulpit. In the world between being called to ministry and being suited to one particular pulpit. In the world between being called to ministry and being suited to one particular pulpit. In the world between being called to ministry and being suited to one particular pulpit. In the world between being called to ministry and being suited to one particular pulpit. In the world between being called to ministry and being suited to one particular pulpit. In the world between being called to ministry and being suited to one particular pulpit. In the world between being called to ministry and being suited to one particular pulpit. In the world between being called to ministry and being suited to one particular pulpit. In the world between being called to ministry and being suited to one particular pulpit. In the world between being called to ministry and being suited to one particular pulpit. In the world between being called to ministry and being suited to one particular pulpit. In the world between being called to ministry and the world between being c genius, that she lays hold upon the humblest and smallest matter by which she creates her and small smallest matter by which she creates her and smallest ma preceptress. In several of these institutions ship." The Old Testament saints speak of And then the tenor, "I will wash"—And then has been introduced, which, though it has been introduced, which, though it has been introduced, which, though it has been people. Questions of culture, of physical abilmost beautiful things.

Not to every one has been given the silver and the gold, but to each a heart to feel and t and the gold, but to each a heart to feel and among sion in the pastorate, and many others. have a mind to think, and some little things within loved by her students, and so faithful to their glorious and invisible King. When the together, crying ont in concert, "I will wash." us as the constitution of the Generaal Conferious within loved by her students, and so faithful to their glorious and invisible King. When the together, crying ont in concert, "I will wash." souls that we doubt not many will rise up in Psalmist would arouse the hearts of God's No one would imagine that this singular and ence. I refer to the introduction of a new electate into account in wisely judging the souls that we doubt not many will rise up in Psalmist would arouse the hearts of God's each werewith to work good.

Perhaps I cannot better illustrate and en
Perhaps I cannot better illustrate an Perhaps I cannot better illustrate and enforce the subject of this paper than by relating force the subject of the su force the subject of this paper than by relating a little incident which took place some time and the palming in section so a Christian congregation of the palming in section so a Christian congregatio tessor Fisk, Dr. Dennis, and others, a neavenry season in her chamber while the holy communiterms set forth very clearly the idea that the season in her chamber while the holy communiterms set forth very clearly the idea that the season in her chamber while the holy communiterms set forth very clearly the idea that the season in her chamber while the holy communiterms set forth very clearly the idea that the season in her chamber while the holy communiterms set forth very clearly the idea that the season in her chamber while the holy communiterms set forth very clearly the idea that the season in her chamber while the holy communiterms set forth very clearly the idea that the season in her chamber while the holy communiterms set forth very clearly the idea that the season in her chamber while the holy communiterms are season in her chamber while chief purpose in a religious assembly was to "I will wash my hands in innocence, so will I ber, not exceeding the number of the stewards great fields of truth, and that liberty they use the interests of our Church. She greatly elected, by a popular vote of the society withas this on which I write. The gates of heaven were opened, and all the floods of sunshine were opened, and all the floods of sunshine were opened, and all the floods of sunshine were opened. treme but there was a smile on her face that the has made it obligatory on all to the several parts were made to chase each other large circuits this new element will be relative— of the country or the world. Both classes of person, one greatly beloved by all who knew

visitor from another world to join the crowd had they been allowed their own way, they we have sacrificed no principle which we be- thought, unsuited to a solitary heart; but true ing less, and that our laymen are coming for- stand. the ear-splitting combination of the several there are incidental evils and dangers connect- numbers are not added yearly to the list of voices hardly bore a resemblance to that oily ed with this movement cannot be denied; but church members. This is how a man of statiscy in human history; and probably the most .. As a church we are clearly going down; the and preventing the evils is, not to place the last year sixty-eight persons joined us, and

> and endeavor to control and guide it. ing himself with zeal and assiduity to the duties Robert Moffat! who when he was added to the of his office. He has since the Confernce visit- church, Africa was added-a world was aded the Eastern British American Conference in deed. Success is not a statistical quantity. the distant province of Nova Scotia, and now Notwithstanding all the mistakes that are he is on a missionary " prospecting " tour in made about ministers, there is no work enthe North West. He left Thunder Bay at the trusted to men so glorious, so paintul, so joywestern extremity of Lake Superior for a tramp ous, so disappointing, yet so gratifying, as the of two hundred and fitty or three hundred miles work of preaching the unsearchable riches of inland a few days ago, with a view. I under- Christ. stand, to resuscitate a defunct Indian mission in that far-off and inhospitable region. I must remind your readers again as I have often done before, that "this Canada of ours" is a country of magnificent distances, and that church officers-especially Presidents and missionary superintendents-who do their duty efficiently

## ISTERS.

angel with a flaming sword were approaching came back to me," continued the woman. "It anyhow, and if he was to be damned hereafter, wership of God are so vitally connected that name, he would use his scourge of small cords ministers are always at liberty to converse with of the Hebrew—even before the words "letter, wership of God are so vitally connected that name, he would use his scourge of small cords ministers are always at liberty to converse with of the Hebrew—even before the words "letter, wership of God are so vitally connected that name, he would use his scourge of small cords ministers are always at liberty to converse with of the Hebrew—even before the words "letter, wership of God are so vitally connected that name, he would use his scourge of small cords ministers are always at liberty to converse with of the Hebrew—even before the words "letter, wership of God are so vitally connected that name, he would use his scourge of small cords ministers are always at liberty to converse with of the Hebrew—even before the words "letter, wership of God are so vitally connected that name, he would use his scourge of small cords ministers are always at liberty to converse with of the Hebrew—even before the words "letter, wership of God are so vitally connected that name, he would use his scourge of small cords ministers are always at liberty to converse with of the Hebrew—even before the words "letter, wership of God are so vitally connected that name, he would use his scourge of small cords ministers are always at liberty to converse with of the Hebrew—even before the words "letter, we have a letter, we have a letter, we have a letter, we have a letter with the way at liberty to converse with letter with the way at liberty to converse with letter with the way at liberty to converse with letter with the way at liberty to converse with letter with the way at liberty to converse with letter with the way at liberty to converse with letter with the way at liberty to converse with letter with the way at liberty to whatever affects one acts with almost equal and say to those who are called to conduct the anybody who may call upon them. In my first there be light " were spoken, an intimation power on the other. The household that gath- worship of the sanctuary in some such words pastoral settlement an old lady with a small which our wise men told us was manifestly abers morning and evening around the family al- as these: "Take these things hence; make not competence said to me, "I have nothing to do, surd. But the record of Moses proves to be In my last I dwelt chiefly upon the constitu- a banker, a surgeon, or indeed any man in bus- life ought to have ceased; but his discoveries tional changes in the structure of our Church iness have received such a proposition? Yet have been surpassed by those lately made on in this country resolved upon at our last Con- a minister, especially a young minister, has to board H.M. good ship Challenger, which ference; I proceed now to give your readers appear pleased that anybody should be so well having been equipped with special machinery It is indispensable for the right cultivation of some account of the other great measure which disposed towards him. The mischief in his for the purpose, has dropped the sounding line engaged the attention of the Conference, and case is that most of his working hours are and dredge all moral and spiritual greatness, by making which was also disposed of-so far as it could spent in his house, hence unreflecting people be disposed of-by the vote of this body: the soon come to suppose that when a man is at union with the New Connexion Methodists, home he is of course prepared to receive his The distinctive peculiarity for which that body friends. The fact is, the minister is not at has contended, in this country as well as in home in the sense usually attached to those that Professor Wyville Thompson (chief natuand frivolous people. This work of revival England, from the beginning has been the prin- words—he is in the study, he is at work, and must begin with the Church. Ministers need ciple of direct lay representation in the Con- be ought to be no more interrupted than any

first organization of our Church a provision in II. It is a common mistake to suppose the effect until it had been submitted to the quar- such words as these: "Our minister is an exterly official meetings, and had been endorsed cellent preacher, but he is no pastor." What by two-thirds of them, thereby giving our mem- is meant by being an excellent preacher? If bership the power to veto a very large part of the minister preach merely beautiful sentiments the legislation of the Conference if they saw in beautiful sentences, then he is neither a that we have really, especially within the last the minister grapples with the main difficulties twenty-five years, had little or no friction. The of life—if he breothe the consolations of Christ utmost harmony has generally prevailed be- into the hearts that are drained by grief, it be tween the ministers and people, and, so far as speak immediately to the engagements, disapwe were concerned, although there was here pointments, hopes and fears-then truly, and there an individual among both our minis- though he never cross your threshold, he is ters and members who contended for lay repre- pastor after Christ's own heart. Very few men sentation on speculative grounds, there was no are qualified to undertake the domestic pastorother hand, we had no jealousy of our people; or family sins, and he must have a judgment we believed that many of them understood the not surpassed even by Solomon's to applyChriswants of the Church as well as the ministers, tian precepts and denounce Christian judgaud that they were just as loyal to it and as ments so as to do good without spoiling it by anxious to promote its interest. Already there bitterness or conceit. Some men are manicommittees which managed the great financial within the home circle; they can speak with terly and the district meetings, and there really so healing that their service becomes invaludid not seem to be any objection to their ad- able to the Church. There are other men also

because a minister does not succeed in one poof ministers and laymen in equal numbers, but many instances that there is all the difference

angel was breathing upon them, in a moment moments her voice resumed its tone, and she sentiments. Judged by t is we cannot say [There was no piece of cathedral composition It will be seen that we have made pretty prayer which cannot be represented in words. that the prevailing idea of a religious assembly which the choir of St. Bardolph's did not conon the Sabbath is one of worship. Were some sider themselves competent to perform and, make a union possible; but at the same time ing—a fluent gabble, uncharged with a single the change bodes good or evil, there is no use together in connection with muscular exercise; closing our eyes to the fact that the distinctions bat how a man who is studying the Bible can between cleros and laos are constantly becom- be working hard is more than they can under

ward more and more prominently in all the V. It is a common mistake to suppose that councils and activities of the church. That the ministry is unsuccessful because great this is true of every great movement or tendentical mind will talk about his pastor's work :effectual way of guarding against the dangers vear before last fifty members were added; Church in opposition to it, but rather graceful- this year we have but a single addition to the ly to submit to the inevitable, take hold of it, church! The sun of our prosperity has set!" Who was the solitary individual added to the Our esteemed President, Dr. Rice, is dovot- year of supposed desolation? Perhaps it was a

Even philosophers are occasionally rather too hasty in their conclusions. Dr. Lardner. some thirty or forty years ago, demonstrated the impossibility of steamers crossing the Atlantic. Other savants carefully calculating the continued increase of pressure as we plunge deeper and deeper into the waters of the sea. they could not endure the darkness to which they must needs be subject at a certain depth So, in fact, life was not to be looked for or thought of in the "deep, deep sea." To be sure, in the second verse of Genesis we read I. It is a common mistake to suppose that impregnating them-such is the true meaning so I shall often call upon you." Truly my pun- the truth after all. Within the last two or ishment was greater than I could bear. It did three years Dr. Wallick had already succeeded not occur to the old lady that probably I might in firling up some weird looking creatures have something to do. How would a merchant, from depths much below the point at which all

though without finding any azoic (or lifeess, ralist to the expedition) was induced to deliver a lecture upon them. There is life in ocean's profoundest depths, and where no ray of light could ever penetrate. Well saith the royal Psalmist: "Oh. Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom has Thou made them all. The earth is full of thy riches; so is this great and wide sca, wherein are things creeping innumerable. Praise the Lord !"-Rock.

DOCTOR CUMMING ON THE CON-FESSIONAL

Dr. Cumming addressed a large audience in the Newbury Townhall vesterday on the Confessional. The Doctor criticised the conduct of those clergy who are endeavoring to Romanise the Church of England. He appealed for aid for the Protestant Reformation Society. reminding his auditory that there was nothing more certain than that Romanism was rising in England like an advancing tide. He was no prophet, nor the son of a prophet, but he concluded that we were on the verge of a tremendous conflict, and that the whole army of Roman Catholics were preparing to replace the would spare the life of Coupt Bismark, who was a poble character, and that Germany, and perhaps Russia, would join England in the struggle against the Papal attempt. He did not claim to be able to perceive the future better than others, but he read his Bible, and he saw gathering the clouds of a terrible conflict, which he hoped would be the last before here broke upon the world the everlasting sunshine and joy and peace which was the beri

### Obituaru.

Esq., aged 65 years. Our dear sister died as in Jesus-loving and obeying her Saviour and Lord-wishing well, and doing good to all around her. She was always ready to do her part in supporting the church of her choicespecially kind to the minister and his family. She had many friends-and her end was peace.