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Religions Miscellany.

"Till He Come."

"Till He come"-O! let the words Linger on the trembling chords: Let the little while between In their golden light be seen ; Let us think how heaven and home Lie beyond that-" Till He come."

When the weary ones we love Enter on their rest above. Seems the earth so poor and vast, All our life-joy overcast? Hush, be every murmur dumb:

Clouds and conflits round us press : Would we have one sorrow less? All the sharpness of the cross, All that tells the world is loss. Death, and darkness, and the tomb Only whisper, "Till He come."

See, the feast of love is apread. Drink the wine and break the bread Sweet memorials-till the Lord Call us round his heavenly board : Some from earth, from glory some, Severed only-" Till He come." -" The Blessed Dead," by Rev. E. H. Bickerstet

'A Word in Season.'

sudden rush to where a dam-dyke stretched across it, startled me. Hurriedly climbing a stiff which the crowd were running, and saw a others an inealcuable amount of evil. sight I never shall forget. A strong man, up to the middle in the broken water-steadily breasting the flood, was making for the shore, and women, peasants and mill-workers, with wise; and be it likewise. boats and drags, and long poles shod with iron child, that weary with play, had laid down, and gone to sleep on the sward, already speckled with by these words of Hood's :-

land Her father way a drunkard. The horrors

What made the difference between that father and this noble mother? Not God certainly. It was drink-nothing else than drink. Foul parent of by far the larger number of the evils that curse

our country, disgrace of churches, and afflict humade many kind husbands unfeeling brutes; it lessly, naturally, and sensibly. never made a mother loving, but has made mo- But, above all, let all pretence, all mock

produces, who grows rich on the ruins of all de- conversational, and so, natural. The words spok- to an end, The reply is, Never! If Christ be cenev. and love, and human happiness, returning en should flow naturally from the heart's experiand down the banks of the flooded river, and a dressing, if, like some Asiatics, he were a Devil whose heart is empty, informs the church that brac, and dashing through a small wood that ing all we can to stop it? No; so long as we be very glib and fluent, but they are as dry of and without Christ! The missionary is unre-

with pity and wrath, and especially the frantic no poison in the form of drinks. Thus, though, pray than it had before. ster, to droon his own sweet bairn,' soon unde- 2nd, my head is clearer; 3d, my heart is lighter; take the social element, his chief duty should be say, "Thank you fer calling on me."

had described their homes and business to search for in the foaming river and its dark sulstimulants, that make such frightful havec on ed there.-Aids to Prayer. len pools. It was not disfigured; the arms and the virtue, happiness, present and eternal wellhands were pale as marble; but the blood thrown being of their fellow-creatures, astonishes me. into the face, from the head having lain lower They profess they can do without them. If so,

der. Appearing to fondle, perhaps, really fond-excuse for indulging; you will cease to dis ling them for a while, he suddenly seized the boy, courage those who wish to abandon that of the swirling pool below; carried within reach that you had not thought of it, you think of it held on and slimbled up. By this time the man blind, ye should have no sin. But now ye say near him, and calling her by name, he shricks to the nobler part; for supposing it should expose humble home full of anticipations of happiness. ther winnia let me she cried—and cried no more the first instance, even a painful struggle to pass. As the first day of our residence in our new habitable globe -for then he saw a hand rise out of the water, the bottle, refuse the glass, and throw off old and, laid on her gentle head, press it down. The habits, never is a man so Christ-like, as when he moved, my wife, without saying a word, placed hand was her own father's. He never saw fasuffers for the good of others. Then we spproach ther or sister more; their bodies went the same nearest the Son of God. Be filled with pity for way, but as the bubbles of their last breaths poor struggling wretches that need a helping that I would conduct family worship. What way, out as the bubbles of their last breaths poor struggling wretenes that need a neighbor could I do? I was spell bound. I could not c That hand lifted up to press down the lips and which drink is the direct enemy, begin a new disappoint her. She probably knew nothing of head of the drowning child, led many thoughtful page in life! If death should overtake you bemen and loving women to put their hands to the fore its close, won't it be well he finds you deny-Temperance pledge; and, striking the neighbor. ing yourself daily, attempting all the good you Temperance pledge; and, striking the neighbor- ing yourself daily, attempting all the good you hood with horror, made Abstainers by the huncan? Who bears the Cross, shall wear the Cross, shall wear

ster he was. Never! Such never came out of traces of heathen times, 'the enemy cometh in knees in anguish of spirit. Nature's womb. We see the fathers and mo- like a flood; and new is the time for us to show thers that God makes in one who perished in the our colors, and meet them in the breach. At this Rothesay Castle when she was wrecked years ago time more than at any other, our example, being off the coast of England. As the steamer lay most observable, will be most influential for same stand with the dreaded Bible upon it, and the most efficient in their respective schools on the coast of England. As the steamer my good. It is when nights fall darkest, and seas my wife seated in full expectation of the evening would it not be well to inquire into the reasons night, one great wave after another came rolling rise stormiest, and there is most danger of ships their doom, there stood a woman with a babe in House is most needed; and, standing on a sunkarms, and her back to a broken mast; and as en reef or lofty headland, should pierce the gloom I should perish in my sacrilegious act. The sins both engaged in teaching and enforcing the obmaternal love—although useless—she wraped it practice of Total Abstinence, you will be blessed day long I could do nothing but broad over the maternal love—although useless—she wraped it practice of a see men, as well as to glorify God. Thousands gall of bitterness within, and the bonds of inclose to her bosom. The sea broke; a wild shrick | would be saved from ruin both here and hereaf-

passion is strong in death ; and one tells how he thinks himself wiser than He who has taught us Heaven, Satan volunteered his. My mitid was and some will probably decline to some again. passion is strong in death; and one tells how he thinks himself wiser than He was not into temptation. A coward- made up. I resolved on suicide. A rope hung made up. I resolved on suicide. A rope hung made up. I resolved on suicide. A rope hung made up. I resolved on suicide. A rope hung made up. I resolved on suicide. A rope hung made up. I resolved on suicide. A rope hung made up. I resolved on suicide. A rope hung made up. I resolved on suicide. A rope hung made up. I resolved on suicide. leasly, trying to save her little one-her last ly spirit! Which is the braver and better man, from a tree in the orchard, with which I purposed will atone for many imperfections and mistakes. drowning thoughts given to it. Her own form he who shrinks from doing what conscience apdrowning thoughts given to it. Her own form sunk out of sight, she held her infant, to the full save us from becoming stretch of her arms, up above the waves. It was a pitiful sight; but what a beautiful contrast to

The Prayer Meeting.

manity, it never made a woman virtuous, but has it so that it shall minister to edification is to made many virtuous woman vile; it never made force people out of conventional ways; to break a child obedient, but has, by rebellious children, up hereditary and stereotyped forms of prayer; brought many grey heads with sorrow to the to charm men into forgetfulness of the machingrave; it never made a husband kind, but has ery of the meeting; so that they shall pray art-

there monstern, that they should not have com- lemnity and devotion be put away. Let no man suffer himself to appear to his brethren to be What although it has wrought no such hate- what he is not; for this is part of the injunction, ful and horrible change on you? It has done, "Let every man speak truth with his neighbor." is doing, and will continue to do it on thousands If this rule be not observed, and the frequent and tens of thousands. Knowing than, can you, tendencies to violate it be not corrected, the ed word! What Christian living near to God as a Christian man, as a man at all, justify your- prayer-meeting will degenerate, and people will cannot thus preach! Would God all the Lord's from you the word of life, will soon be poisoned self before God, and your own conscience, for lose first all profit, and then all interest in them. lending the influence of your example to an in- For, what if people should go to an evening pardulgence so ruinous to the world, and se oppos- ty, not in their natural character, but one strived to the objects for which the Saviour hung on ing to be brilliant, another to be witty, another Calvary? Stand by a low dram-shop door; mark to be instructive, another to be profound? Who the palsied, emaciated, brutalised men and we- could endure the sham? There is need in prayer years to a Jewish Mission, a good woman said, men, and the foul, sallow, ragged children going meetings of men who are willing to stand simply when the application was renewed, " Are the out and in ; and think of the man who stands be- and only on what they are and what they have. Jews not converted yet?" So it is with not a

and lift up his hands in thanks to God for the however, when a man has nothing to say, he gets a Christian duty and privilege. trade of the day! If it were the Devil he were ad- up and exhorts sinners to repent; or another, worshipper, we could understand it. He does they are very cold, and live far beneath their perishing for ever. The heathen are leaping by what he can to spread the evil. But are we do-privileges. Such prayers or exhortations may thousands every day into eternity, without God. fringed a ravine, I came in view of the point to indulge in drinks which do us no good, and sap or juice as last years's cornhusks. They are mitting in his toil in the high places of the field not only profitless, but damaging. On the con- where you have placed him. Like good Dr. As Amos the blacksmith was working one day, The reasons commonly given for their use trary, there are oftentimes prayers, humble timid. Carey, he has gone down into the pit, and will Young Joseph the idler was passing that way: The reasons commonly given for their use that, the utterances of uncultivated won't hold water.' To talk of gluttony and the half inaudible, the utterances of uncultivated you let go the rope? While there is one land to The door of the shop stood invitingly near, extravagant waste of dress, being as good argu- lips, that may cut a poor figure as liters- be evangelised, one tribe to be taught the truth And Joseph walked thither some new thing ments against the use of food and clothing, as ture, that are nevertheless, not to be acornfully as it is in Jesus, one soul to be saved, we who arms. Her head lay on his shoulder, and her the abuse of drink is against its moderate use, is disdained. If a child may not talk at all till he bave " freely received " must " freely give."

Silent Preaching.

health. And as she lay on the bank—so calm, do they not abandom them? Something like an entered their humble abode, containing two to shine upon us, daily our bread is given; and with her fair young head resting on her arm—excuse may be pleaded for those who honestly rooms, one serving as kitchen and dining-room our water made sure. but for the glassy eyes, the clothes that clung say they cannot want them; but none for these. and the other as a sleeping apartment. The Do you ever weary of getting, my brother not. But it looks so, and can only be explained wife disappeared, and was nowhere to be found. charged. The mystery was soon solved. This was her 5. Constant giving secures a great reward.

With old Bacchanalian customs, the lingering and hypocrisy stung my soul. I rose from my possible recommendation.

Another day rolled by, another sunset came. in my mind in observing Sabbath-school teachers

'Lord, mail my heart with faith and be my shield, And though a world confront me, I'll not yield.'

Step increased my anguish. I ran; my reason In this description native talent and extensive and though a world confront me, I'll not yield.'

Step increased my anguish. I ran; my reason In this description native talent and extensive talent and

myself in the woods beyond. Overpowered by hazard nothing in saying that where the qualifimy emotions, I fell prostrate on the ground. cations named are connected with very moderate love and joy, in Gen. 29: 11; of sorrow, in Acts was paid to us. How long I lay I know not; an eternity seemed abilities and education, they will make a good 20: 37; of peace, in Romans 16: 16; and of The way to kill a prayer-meeting is to make it sounded into that period; a herror of great dark-and useful teacher. Remember, too, the inter-idolatrous reverence, in Hosea 13:2. There ness passed over me in view of my sina. But in ests that depend on the proper performance of are also spiritual kisses, as in Canticles 1:2; the thickest of the darkness, and when despair your duties! The souls you are training, as sensual kisses, as in Proverbs 7: 13; and hyposeemed ready to settle down in endless night, Sunday-school teachers, are now receiving a bias critical kisses, as in 2 Sam. 15: 5. Kisses are light broke upon my soul. There was Jesus in for time and eternity which it will be very diffiall the fullness of the Godhead. I saw and be- cult, if not impossible, to control in after years. he kissed and then slew, (in 2 Sam. 20: 9,) and lleved; I loved, and lived; I aprang to my feet You scatter seed upon a fruitful and virgin that of Judas to Christ, when he kiesed and then of the nerves, the whirl of the brain, and then the happiest of men. From that hour I have soil, and how can you, how dare you neglect or betrayed. It was enstomary to kies the mouth, anxiety of the heart, in creating sermons. How known searcely a moment of doubt or fear. | carelessly perform such a work? Neglect here is and also the beard, which latter is still practised | we try to get the full and exact meaning of the As the old man spoke, the tears fell from his treachery, which makes Zion bleed, and at which by the Arabs. Kissing the hand is not hiblical. text in the mind,—how we try to find its teachery.

sistent life,-American Messenger.

Constancy in Giving.

After contributing a small sum for several hind the counter, who sees the misery his trade The speaking in prayer-meetings should be tew. They wonder when this giving will come

1. Christ's cause demands constant giving .- | garden of the Lord where you toil. Sinners are constantly dving, and souls are daily

long flaxen hair dripping with water, almost nonsense. Food and elothing are necessary. Not can speak fluent English he will never learn. 2. Constant giving is not peculiar to Christ's The blacksmith worked briskly from morning which animated much of what they wrote, did loss to me, or to my people. What a confession? swept the stream; her face was turned to the to use them, were to sin against life, health, desky, and while one arm hung down, the other, cency, godliness. But can say man use such an of education, by which all the members of the Daily wants and eravings are regularly met. Is And make what he would, it was sure to be right; resting on his, was stretched right out-pointing argument in favour of intoxicants, unless as a church should be able to contribute of their exup as it were to the heavens where her spirit medicine? All great physicians say, and all exhad gone. The attitude and face were so life- perience shows, that wines, ales, spirits, are not development, the first hesitating, atumbling, un- starve to-morrow, because you have feasted to- The blow that came down made the huge anvil eighth century. It was first paid to Pope Con- and fifty in one day a pretty hard day's work it like, that at first I fancied it to be some girl who necessary, but injurious to health and strength, grammatical prayer of a confused Christian may day? Every department of life, whether secular I have tried both ways; I speak from experibe worth more to the Church than the best or sacred, needs daily ministration! Why should The farmers all round who had horses to shoe, the man on whom all eyes were bent, was a fa- ence. I am in good spirits, because I take no prayer of the most elequent pastor. The prayer the sause of Christ and Christian benevolence be the man on whom all eyes were cent, was a last ence. I am in good spirits, because I take no prayer of the man on whom all eyes were cent, was a last ence. I am in good spirits, because I take no prayer of the man on whom all eyes were cent, was a last ence. I am in good spirits, because I take no prayer of the man on whom all eyes were cent, was a last ence. I am in good spirits, because I take no prayer of the man on whom all eyes were cent, was a last ence. I am in good spirits, because I take no prayer of the man on whom all eyes were cent, was a last ence. I am in good spirits, because I take no prayer of the man on whom all eyes were cent, was a last ence. I am in good spirits, because I take no prayer of the man on whom all eyes were cent, was a last ence. I am in good spirits, because I take no prayer of the man on whom all eyes were cent, was a last ence. I am in good spirits, because I take no prayer of the man on whom all eyes were cent, was a last ence. I am in good spirits, because I take no prayer of the man on whom all eyes were cent, was a last ence the man on whom all eyes were cent, was a last ence the man on whom all eyes were cent, was a last ence the man on whom all eyes were cent, was a last ence the man on whom all eyes were cent, was a last ence the man on whom all eyes were cent, was a last ence the man on whom all eyes were cent, was a last ence the man of the

women weeping, men looking on with faces pale no antidote in the form of drugs, because I take a church has one more man who is beginning to the only cause which needs not daily giving? 3. Constant giving is no hardship. - Hardship! a voice almost choaked with grief, cried, as she good, I have found my own also, since I became have a distinct conception of what such a meettossed aloft her bare and withered arms. 'The a total abstainer. I have these four reasons for ing is to be, and to do; and as it is a mutual insweet lamb, the pur drooned lamb; oh the mon- continuing to be one; 1st, my health is stronger; struction class, a place for religious feeling to presented to them, instead of grudging, they

coived me. It was the body of one that men 4th, my purse is heavier. Go thou and do like- to draw out the timid, to sheek the obtrusive, to Constant giving is no hardship, because it eleencourage simple and true speaking, and to vates the Christian affections; it fosters the joy How kind hearted, and especially Christian apply religious truths to those wants, and strug- of Christian benevolence; it makes men fellow

4. Constant giving should follow constant get ting .- Christians are ever receiving, and why should they not be always giving? What have we that we have not received? Daily God load-Years ago in our Western country a young than the trunk, had left there the rosy flush of the rosy flush of the trunk, had left there the rosy flush of the r

to her limbs, her long, dripping dishevelled, It looks as if they loved their glass and tumbler bride was a simple-hearted child of God, but the Why then weary of giving out a portion of what locks, and the crowd of boys and girls, and of better than their Saviour—than these for whom husband knew of religion only by the hearing of you daily get? "Freely ye have received, freely men and women that stopped and wept over her, Christ died. I should be sorry to entertain such the ear. It was not long before the latter dis- give." The world, the Church, the souls of men, I could have suppossed this to be some happy thoughts of many whom I love and revers. I do covered that at a certain time every morning his have claims on you which must be met and dis-

'It never was in my soul, to play so ill a part;
But evil is wrought by want of Thought, as well as want of Heart!

The mystery was soon solved. This was her hour of secret prayer. Here was a new and no very welcome revelation. One in affection, one ye shall resp if ye faint not." Why stop? Why by ordinance of God in bonds which only crime imperil the issue by a temperary or occasional or death could shudder, between them yawned a suspension of Christian effort? If the racer he led her and her brother to a place where the river, hemmed in by hoved rocks dashes through river, hemmed in by horrid rocks, dashes through shall do others good by it. You will cease to the husband was a stranger. While he was enwith the rush of an eagle, and the roar of thunfurnish those who wish to drink with an
gaged in such reflections every day the silent anon, and gives himself up to self-indulgence, he sermon was preached. At length he could en- soon becomes a bankrupt! "Therefore, my dure it no longer. By Divine grace he was beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, and, more like a devil than a man, hurled him which, like a whirlpool, is sucking them down drawn step by step to faith and repentance, and always abounding in the work of the Lord, forin —and the water anot him away. By God's to ruin; and you will prevent some from ever good providence, it swept the poor boy on to a venturing on the ice which breaks beneath the rock which raises its black head from the middle feet of man. Supposing you did it ignorantly, to die." We must go on living for Christ, toil-A Christian patriarch relates of his own hisof the swiring pool below, carried it; with strong death-grasp now. The excuse avails no more. If ye seere tory: "When a young man I was distinguished has become a Jerusalem, every village a Bethlefor profanity and ungodliness. I married, how- bem, and every house a Bethel : until the sancnas tossed in the other child, and followed ner (or at least admit,) we see, therefore your sin into the jaws of death; they are floating past but remainsth. God help you to shoose the better, into the jaws of death; they are nosting past but remainers. God neip you to encose the better, exemplary piety, and we went at once into our every landscape and the voice of prayer and And toil proves no curse, but a blessing instead.

of Jehovah on my lips a terrible sense of guilt she could," and concluded that it was the best

night, one great wave after another came rolling of this practical result? for in many respects on and swept her deck. In a group that waited being wrecked and sailors drowned that the Light to resist again, and sgain I yielded. A new horarms, and her back to a broken mast; and as en reef or lotty headland, ahould pierce the gloom of a life-time stared me in the face; my soul and they marked a giant wave advancing against with brightest light. Let your light so shine bethey marked a giant wave advancing against with prightest light. Let your agas so same bethey marked a giant wave advancing against with prightest light. Let your agas so same bethey marked a giant wave advancing against with prightest light. Let your agas so same bethey marked a giant wave advancing against with prightest light. Let your agas so same bethey marked a giant wave advancing against with prightest light. Let your agas so same bethey marked a giant wave advancing against with prightest light. Let your agas so same bethey marked a giant wave advancing against with prightest light. Let your agas so same bethey marked a giant wave advancing against with prightest light. Let your agas so same bethey marked a giant wave advancing against with prightest light. Let your agas so same bethey marked a giant wave advancing against with prightest light. Let your agas so same bethey marked a giant wave advancing against with prightest light. Let your agas so same bethey marked a giant wave advancing against with prightest light. Let your agas so same bethey marked a giant wave advancing against with prightest light. Let your agas so same bethey marked a giant wave advancing against with prightest light. Let your agas so same bethey marked a giant wave advancing against with prightest light. Let your agas so same bethey marked a giant wave advancing against with prightest light. Let your agas so same bethey marked a giant wave advancing against with pright light l their part of the wreck, she took the shawl from fore men, that they may see your good works, and bear their part of the wreck, she took the shawl from fore men, that they may see your good works, and bear the good for shall be a seen that they may see your good works, and bear the good for shall be a seen that they may see your good works, and bear the good for shall be a seen that they may see your good works, and bear the good for shall be a seen that they may see your good works, and bear the good for shall be a seen that they may see your good works, and bear they may see your good works, and obeying the strong instinct of glorify your father which is in heaven. By the brought only a deepened sense of guilt, and all success. No more should trivial excuses keep than words, and in the primitive period of any close to her bosom. The sea broke; a wild shrick would be saved from ruin not nere and nerestrose, mingled with the thundering of the billow; ter, were they thus armed against temptation.

The third evening drew nigh, and with it the congregation.

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In a third evening drew night, and with its sacred furniture.

In a third evening drew night, and books follow them.

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To lift the teacher comes in a quarter or half-an-hour to any nothing of the sales numerous, and books follow them.

To lift the teacher comes in a quarter or half-an-hour to any nothing of the sales numerous, and books follow them. and where the living shivering group had stood, We have temptations enough without creating inevitable table with its sacred furniture. To If the teacher comes in a quarter or half-an-hour group had stood, We have temptations enough without creating inevitable table with its sacred furniture. To If the teacher comes in a quarter or half-an-hour group had stood, we have temptations enough without creating follow them. Our singular pilots seemed to an gowns upon me—how an usher, with a long rod and a walk worthy of a major-general went benot one remained. But the rude shock had not them. We need all precautions, and he who yield again was impossible. Increasing horror late, or takes a seat in some distant part of the not one remained. But the rude shock had not them. We need all precautions, and ne wuo yield again was impossible. Increasing horror late, or takes a seat in some distant part of the danger of our position, as we did and a walk worthy of a major general went because them. We need all precautions, and ne wuo yield again was impossible. Increasing horror late, or takes a seat in some distant part of the danger of our position, as we did and a walk worthy of a major general went because them. We need all precautions, and ne wuo yield again was impossible. Increasing horror late, or takes a seat in some distant part of the danger of our position, as we did and a walk worthy of a major general went because them. We need all precautions, and ne wuo yield again was impossible. In this language of dare to deviate from the coarse they were lead fore and conducted me into the candiestick-of-a separated the mother and her child. The ruling sneers at them as betraying a cowardly spirit, took hold upon me. As I sought no sid from the coarse they were lead of the original part of the original part of the danger of our position, as we did and a walk worthy of a major general went because the dare to deviate from the coarse they were lead or the original part of th

cheeks upon the floor, and his aged form shook saints and angels might weep in sad and bitter Kissing the feet was an expression of lowly and ings,—how we get up and walk the study, and disappointment.

> That guileless and trusting eye that looks up transgression, if you do not lead it speedily to the sanctifying fountain of the Redeemer's bloed. How could you render up your account after such cruel neglect? He that said, " Feed my lambs," is accompanied with a great " cloud of doings of the Church, and are all intensely inuntil you see the flowers blooming sweetly in the

General Miscellann.

Should work all the day through, from morning till night. Hardly stopping to rest, losing every delight." Quoth Amos, not pausing to look up or down,

Such labour, I'm sure," said the youth in re- the dramatic poets.

Since the fall in our worlu hath such wickedness For oftimes doth labour drive sin from our head, Greece. So gentle reader,

I cheerfully work and I happily live;

At night on my pillow, I peacefully rest, And, by night or by day, sing, ' God knows what

But to work with his hands, or to work with his Singing, 'Toil is no curse, but a blessing instead.'

tender regard, as in Luke 7:38. We are told then sit down hastily and scratch a few words that the members of the church at Ephesus wept on a loose piece of paper—then jump up again, sore at St. Paul's departure, " fell on his neck and try to force the mind to work when it is dry, into yours, that hungry soul that waits to receive and kiesed him." The kiese of peace was an and barren, and stiff, and miry, and will not work?

Catholics, which, for obvious reasons, is emitted machinery move! We would tell melanchots on Good Friday. Among heathen nations, it was usual to throw

with profane lips. Kissing the hand is first heard thermometer at 12 degrees, and the wind very terested in the success of the work assigned to of among the Persians. Xenophon relates that high, I was standing over the fragments of our you. Never yield to the temptation that your it was dustomary for them to hise whomsoever broken and blackened furniture which had surwork is small and unimportant, for it might well they honored. Kissing the feet of a Prince was vived the fire. During the night our house had fill an angel's hands. If it is unproductive, you a token of subjection, which was, at times, car been burned to ashes, and all my letters, and te his home at night, to assemble his household, to give than to receive," and constant giving is should not rest; but labour, and strive, and pray, ried so far that the print of the foot received the papers, and little tokens from my friends, had kiss, conveying the impression that the very been burned also. And with these-all plausadust became sacred by the royal tread. When ble sermons! So I had not a sermon or shirt in Demosthenes was carried into a temple, he kiss- the world. The labor of fifteen years was all ed his own hand by way of adoration; and when gone! Two of my ministerial brethren came supplicating the Remans for peace, the Char- along and used to aympathize with me. What thaginian ambassadors "kissed the feet of the did they know about my feelings?" "We are

with a cross, which is kissed, (and not the toc, as stalks left by the side of our path. They are the have not been required to do so-a slight incli- fresh, is gone. We are ashamed to look at them still common on the continent of Europe and in over which we may not mourn. God forgive us? Though Amos said nothing, he saw the boy well; the East. It was interchanged by the early The other day I got into a fit of sermon burns

But busily shaped he, and turned round his shoe, Christians, in their sesemblies, as a teken of ing. In looking them over, I found also that I While hither and hither the shining sparks flew, their love one to another and took place just had some parental feelings left—and thus we At length said young Joseph, "It seems to me Hebrew practice, and the still existing custom "Here, r with the world are now usually attended. To probability I shall ever use it again.

In a fortnight would kill me, if once I should London, in which some Mahemmedans gave tes- and I made it with great labor and care, in the Not a bit of it, lad: you'd grow active and which they were sworn-as the Jews on the it. I went and preached it with all the power I are presented, the Queen kieses them on the God! I can't burn you! cheek. The most recent historical record of the "What next? Why, here is the sermon which

of Denmark to his son, whom he kissed three the last time I ever saw him. I was ashamed of it times on his public acceptation of the throne of then, and have been ever since; it was so info-

Wreck of the Anglo-Saxon-Singular Incident.

A gentleman belonging to Greenock, who was mong the saved from the wreek of the ill-fated screw steamer Anglo-Saxon, describes, in a letter Young Joseph the idler walked thoughtful away, to a relative residing in that town, a remarkable circumstance connected with the landing of one failure. What's the twittering of the sparrow of the boats belonging to the ship. The letter is been good enough, I would not have cared; but dated St. John's, May 1st. He says : The last time I saw Capt. Burgess-the com-

lower the small-boat, in which were embarked twenty-two men, one lady, and myself. We left wrote out carefully, to preach in the school-house, the ship without food, water, compass, or suffi- in a remote corner of the town. I call it my There are few facts of more diversified and cient clothing. We were knocked about in a 'school-house sermon,' though I have never ontrasted significance than that of kissing. It dense fog all day, not knowing whither we were preached it but once. I wrote it as a model for denotes as well the tenderest affection as the drifting. Toward eve, however, we spied a cliff. myself, by which to make achool-house sermons. most profound reverence. If its origin were off Belleiele, when we steered for Cape Race, I wonder how it would read in print? I never sought, it might be found in the foundling and ca- which we made. Approaching the shore, we saw heard from it, and presume it was like a dipper resaing which a mother expresses for her babe. a man carrying a gun, and accompanied by two of water poured out on a rock-making no im-But there are other theories of learned men, con- large Newfoundland dogs. He evidently saw us, pression, and neither softening nor washing it had a symbolical character; and though this imthan words, and in the primitive period of so- dashed precipitately into the sea, hewling dread- preach-how strange everybody and everything ciety, actions formed a large portion of the means fully. Having swam out close to our boat, they seemed-how kindly he received me after moreof intercommunication between mankind, be- then turned toward the shore, keeping a little ing service how he insisted on me preaching for action, a kiss was naturally the symbol of affect ing us, without a food how being uttered by pulpit, just large enough to contain one man-That it is a custom of remote antiquity appears creek, where a safe handing was effected. No ser a stood on my feet or my head -now the only

him who raised a dying hand to press down the country, the good of mankind, dares to be singu- took a last look at my bride and my home, and way, as many do who give fair promise of use- the kiss of homage, in Esther 5: 2; of subjection, noble dogs. An alarm having been raised, a

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Burning Old Sermons.

kisses to the sun and to the moon, as well as to burning! Twenty years ago, on a very cold the images of the gods, fearful of touching them morning, the earth covered with snow, and the

glad to find you have so good spirits." " Yes, The kiss of homage—the character of which it's all I have deft-except my family." I had s not indicated in the Bible-was probably upon lost all! But before the next Sabbath I the forehead, expressive of high respect, which had two new sermons. I have written many was formerly, if not now, in use among the Br- since-but I say nothing about their quality ! On the whole, I don't think the loss of these-The Rabbins, in the falsely delicate spirit perhaps twelve hundred sermons-was any real

not permit more than three kinds of kieses - But I took up my pen to write about sermons those of reverence, of reception, and of depar- that we burn ourselves. Every year or two I ture. Kissing the foot has been exacted, by the arrange all my old sermons, and have a time of sovereign pontiffs as a mark of respect since the burning. Two years ago I burnt one hundred stantine by the Emperor Justinian, on his entry was! Why burn them! O if you knew how into Constantinople. When the ceremony takes frigid, and dry, and powerless they seem, you place, the Pope wears a slipper embroidered would never ask that question. They are muller is generally believed.) Recently Protestants withered leaves out of which all that is green, or

" Here, now, why should this be spared? Ah !

of the Oriental churches) the men and the wo- I remember. I preached that at the ordination men set apart, the kiss of peace was given by of a dear brother in the flesh, as well as the the men to the men, and by the women to the spirit! His was a lovely spirit, in a sickly, feewomen. However, the peculiar circumstances ble, lame and suffering body. What a bright have vanished which gave proprety and empha-eye he had! The first scholar in his class at ais to such an expression of brotherly love and Yale-a most industrious one-what might be Christian friendship. It was also so far a mark not have been! But in nine months from his of respect among our forefathers, that for one ordination I was called to see him die, to presch nerson to write or say that he " kissed the hand" at his burial, and to lay him in the graveyard of another, was a formulary of equivalent import among his loving, weeping flock. No! I can't with the expressions of obelience and servitude burn that sermon. There are so many tender with which our communications and intercourse memories connected with it,-though there is no

this frequent allusion is made by Shakspeare and Well, here is one on 'receiving the kingdom of heaven as a little child.' I well recollect On a trial in the Court of Queen's Bench in writing that. I was to preach before a college, timony, they were required to kise the Koran, on hope that some young men would be saved by Pentateuch and Christians on the New Testa- could command. The result was, no young man ment. At the corenation of Queen Victoria, the was converted, nor did I ever hear that any one peers of England did homage by kissing the was in the least moved or interested by it. But sovereign's hand, as high officials are also re- last year, when at the West, a lady came to me, quired to do in acceptance of their appointments. a stranger, and with a beaming face to'd me that This coremony of kissing her hand is requisite her daughter happened to be present, and my on the part of gentlemen when presented at poor sermon—useless to the college—was the court for the first time; but when young ladies means of her conversion! Thank God! Thank

theme upon which we write, is that of the king I preached before Dr. Taylor, of New Havenrior, and so unlike those which I used to hear him preach when I was in college. Whatever may be said about his speculations, there was a majestic power in his preaching which is seldom equaled. I have heard him when he seemed to of a hundred pounds. He must be a very strong or a very conceited man who could preach before him, or before Lyman Beecher, and not make a it was neither good nor great-as I now remem-

mander of the Anglo-Saxon—he was assisting to ber. Yes—go to the flames. "Ah! here is a modest little fellow that I