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Mission of Little Children.

The annexed beautiful and touching ex-

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"Is there Nothing for Me ?" Am I in all the pilgrim train Alone to rest supine; Does not for me a cross remain, Is not its conflict mine ?

I know that Thou wilt those most give Who most for thee deny, And fear I then chastised to live So that redeemed I die ?

Have I no tastes to mortify, No passions to control; Can self-indulgence win the sky, Or comfort save the soul ?

Upon my heart does quiet lie, nd meek ness op my face,-No levity my faith belie, Or petulance disgrace ?

Have I some forth thy word to preach, The burdened soul to free; That mercy to my brother teach, Which thou hast taught to me ?

Thy cross be mine, O blessed Lord ! Its grace divine unseal ! To me Thy patient love award, To me Thy burning zeal!

And if I take the coward's part. And shrink Thy cross to bear ; Oh nail to that same cross my heart. And crucity it there ! -Epis. Recorder.

From the Methodist Quarterly Review, for July 1856.

Sydney Smith.

Review of his Memoirs, written by his daughter, Lady Holland.

HIS RELIGIOUS CHARACTER

sensibilities ; the reconciling sight of Jesus, The Religious character of Sydney Smith, as redeemer, intercessor, friend and brother so far as delineated in his memoir, will pro- the triumph of faith, hope, and love, in their liever in the great doctrines of Christianity, nations of fear and confidence; the oft-reand, to a certain extent, appreciated their peated prayer, "God be merciful to me, a guilty nature, cannot be doubted. Such the growth into the full stature of Christ; tachment to them. To befriend the poor, liver was secreting unhealthy ideas; at best thodism did nothing more than express these silent chambers. well as his kind attentions wherever needed, exceptionable of their peculiarities, and grew out of its promihent thoughts; its bond minds of all : and often too, where he was the only good drawing no line whatever between the inci- of union was simple brotherhood in Christ; Samaritan; these noble and blessed offices dents of a principle and the principle itself, its usages shaped themselves out from its

were mere contributors to the science and the machinery of the solar system, and keep though his-disc were without its shadows. surgery of the dissecting-table. But error comets from using their tails too furiously. But it is not so with men. The light of of false kindness are often as mischievous as Nor had he any more patience with the God is darkened by evil and discolored by close them, and then summon before his Ghost. To think of those unwashed, un- ness and greatness to love and venerate. mind a distinct, full-formed image of Syd combed masses, as tabernacles of the Spirit, ney Smith, we are greatly mistaken if he was beyond endurance. His nostrils setdo not feel that something is wanting to tled the question ; the dirty, greasy creagive that image moral and spiritual complete- tures, smelled of subterranean odours, and ness. Beautiful does that image appear in it would take Gabriel and the resurrection tract purports to have come from a "Disall the gentler and tenderer relations of to make them decent enough to be entered course on the Mission of little Children :" home and fireside, and abroad in the manly on the list of Adam's descendants. The No one feels the death of a child as the pursuits of life, in the field, in the parish, in fanatical herd claimed to know their sins for- mother feels it. The father cannot realize the city, brave as the bravest ; but is it not given, and to live in the daily consciousness it thus. True, there is a vacancy in his the light of a near firmament that illumines of an approving God; they believed in fast- home, and a heaviness in his heart, there is its features? and if, in the serener and ho- ing and prayer; they thought that sackeloth a chain of association that at set times comes lier hours, the beams of a more distant orb and ashes were as necessary in England as round with its broken link ; there are mefall upon it, is it not a halo that soon van- in ancient Judea ; they reproved worldly mories of endearment, a keen sense of loss, ishes ?

rashions, and counted all things but loss, for a weeping over crushed hopes, and a pain of Sydney Smith seems never to have the excellence of the knowledge of Jesus wounded affection over them all. sounded the depths of spiritual experience. Christ; and this was sufficient to demon- But the mother feels that one has been strate that a morbid and heretical enthu- taken away who was still cluser to her heart. Religion as a moral and practical routine; siasm had taken possession of them. A man Hers has been the office of constant minisreligion as a social system to educate and must be deplorably ignorant of the Bible, tration. Every graduation of feature develelevate mankind; religion as a state instru who has not seen the disclosures of this vi- oped before her eyes, she detected every ment ; religion, as a revealed, Divine authovid experience all through its pages. Juda- new gleam of infant intelligence, she heard rity, armed with God's omnipotence, and ism abounds with them, and Christianity the first utterance of every stammering hallowed by God's compassionate love; represents them as common facts in the New word; she was the refuge of its f-ars, the ligion as a theory of the Tnirty-nine Aricles Festament ; but, apart from that, it is cer- supplier of its wants ; and every task of afof the Church of England, he comprehendtainly amazing that any one who has ever tection wove a new link, and made dearer ed and taught. A step beyond, and be reaches "purity of beart," and dwells on it nal a single religious thought to penetrate to her its object, And when her child dies, his brain, or a solitary religious emotion to a portion of her own life, as it were, dies as the "ark of God;" " it is God's, and to enter into his heart, has not instantly and with it. How can she give her darling up, God it will return." But admitting gladly clearly recognised the power of Christianity with all these loving memories, these fond all this, it is very obvious that Sydney to awaken intense conviction and profound associations! The timid hands that have Smith had no fellowship with the profeeling. Such a one cannot forget that the so often taken hers in trust and love, how founder aspects of experimental religion .-very approach of Christianity, as if a mys- can she fold them on its sunless breast, and The agonies of repentance ; the terrible conterious agency moved in advance of its toot- surrender them to the cold grasp of death? viction that cleaves the universe, and opens steps, transferred him suddenly to a new The feet whose wanderings she has watchheaven and hell before the startled eye; the position, and created a sense of relationships ed so narrowly-how can she bear to see strong cries and tears, that utter a language to the invisible and eternal, that he had not them straightened to go down into the Dark gave him; and drinking in, too, the flatter- of that day came when "the Sun of rightunknown, where the crose is unfelt; the vast interests of the soul, when God lets senses, nor does it seize the imagination half her lips and bosom, that she has watched in down the burden of eternity on its keener

and yet, with a turn that the nerves of dening sickness, a hair of which she could sense never felt, and with a living realiza-tion that imagination never approximated, to the darkness of the grave? It was a to the darkness of the grave? It was a bably be reviewed in different lights by dif-ferent persons. That he was a sincere be-the sore conflicts of Christian life; the alter-it impresses, at the same moment, and in gleam of sunshine, and a voice of perpetual reviewed in different lights by dif-it impresses, at the same moment, and in gleam of sunshine, and a voice of perpetual equal fulness, our whole nature, and changes gladness in her home; she had learned from he thought the temporary appropriation of ing to the servant of God as he urgently t into a being of infinite fears and hopes. - it blessed lessons of simplicity, sincerity, pudistinctive bearings on man's fallen and sinner;" the yearning for rest in Paradise; The slightest contact with Christianity, if it rity and faith; it had unsealed within her is nothing more than an intellectual exer- a gushing, a never ebbing tide of affection; cise, is assuredly sufficient to indicate its when suddenly it was taken away, and the compassion, sympathy, charity, and good a person showing an acute sense of God's line of movement, and to convince one that home is left dark and silent; and to the vain time." In an arithmet is an end; and thine expectation shall there is an end; and thine expectation shall works, and other peculiarities of Christiani- violated law, or an exultant feeling of God's awe, dread, anxiety, terror, as they operate and heart-rending aspiration, Shall that ty, regarded as a law between man and forgiving mercy, was a sheer enthusiast. in common minds, by reason of common dear child never return?-there breaks in man, were prominent in his creed ;- and to Perhaps the enthusiast needed medical sensibilities, and through the announced response the cold grave silence-Never his credit it must be said, that his life treatment; perhaps the stomach had usurp- agency of God's special Spirit, are the in- more! The heart is like a forsaken manabounded in beautiful illustrations of his at- ed the dominion of the brain, and a bad separable attendants of its presence. Me- sion, and those words go echoing through its

to watch beside the destitute bed, to bear he was the fool of others, or the dupe of vast and momentous facts. It took its While speaking of the death of children, the light of cheerful hope into lonely and himself. For all such cases he had a most tone and language from the Bible; it was these quaint and touching lies by Lydgate, distressed hovels, to give his substance as summary treatment; and, seizing the most untaught of man; its original institutions an early English poet, come familiar to the

> "Ah, welladay ! most angel-like of face, A child, young in its pure innocence, Tender of timba, Gad wrate full guiltless The goodly faire that lieth here speechles A mouth he has, but words has he none; Canuot complain, alas! for none outrage, He grutch th not, but lieth here all alone. He grutch-th not, but lieth here all alone, Still as a lamb, most meek of his visage ; What heart or steel could do him damage Or suffer him to die, beholding the mans And look benigh of his twin eyen ciere ?"

Happy Jacky.

populated locality.

do? My sins ! my sins ! My heart ! my where the common version has wantonness, heart!" Then, rising, her again paces his drunkenness, revellings, long suffering .-At the close of a beautiful summer's day, cell. He sees himself condemned; out- Such Latinistie lingo reminds oue of the the vices of savage tempers. If any one, style of thought and the bold manner which prejudice; and every ray thus diverted or during the month of July, in the year 1847, wardly, by the world, for he is a convict; complaint made by a poor and pious woafter reading these volumes, will calmly they employed in speaking of the Holy destroyed, leaves us so much less of good- a spectator might have witnessed a scene in inwardly, by the "sword of the Spirit," for man of the highthown diction of her minister, one of the numerous cells of the Millbank he is a guilty, undone sinner. The morn- "He holds the hay so high that the poor Penitentiary, England, harrowing in the ing of another day came, when he had to sheep cannot reach it." Or as Cowper exextreme to his feelings, and but little in prosecute again the heavy and hopeless presses it,

unison with the calm and placid appearance drudgery of a convict's duty; but all was "The hungry sheep look up, and are not fed." of surrounding objects, even in that thickly- dark. The night returns; and, again alone, And, as if to make the rack still higher, the

he feels a greater darkness possess his Douay book is sold at such a price as to A young man was hurriedly traversing soul. For many days a sense of "great place it beyond the means of the poor.— the limited space allotted him in his gloomy horror" possessed him, till the blessed Spi The writer of this once went into a Romancell; his countenance bearing the evidence rit, as the harbinger of comfort, urged him ist bookstore, abounding in cheap publicaof a mighty internal struggle, which seemed to go again to his Bible, which, since that tions, tull of litanies to the Virgin, and other even to agitate his whole frame; while the memorable evening, had been untouched. - idolatrous matter. This firm had also pubvengeful epithets and sentences which burst Longing to do something that he might lished a splendid edition of the Douay Bible; forth from him at intervals, revealed the "worthily repent "-for such was the desire but the cheapest copy in the store was offerwicked passions of his tallen nature hurry- of his soul-yet hemmed in on every side ed us at \$14! It takes such wealthy preing him to the formation of designs, which by darkness and despair, he took up the lates as John Hughes, with his seventyonly needed the liberty of his person to sacred volume, opened it, and, with a joy seven New York lots, to purchase such costsecure their speedy and terrible execution. his sorrowing soul will never forget, read ly volumes. Outside pressure, however, But let us leave him for a time, and review the words, "Come, let us return unto the has brought out a cheaper edition, from the history of some years previous, that we Lord; for he hath torn, and he will hea which some of the more scandalous of the may become more fully acquainted with his us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us Rhenish notes are omitted. past career and present position.

How rich a blessing to the Protestant up. In one of the many retired and beautifully The invitation, the promise, as a gleam communities their cheap and accurate Bisituated villages which adorn the southern of sunshine, lighted up his soul, and showed bles have been! The more they are read, counties of our land, his parents resided. him that, dark as the cloud was within him, the more are they valued, and the "low From his birth they beheld in him, an only hope, as "the bow in the cloud," might pricing" of them has caused them to be son, the object around which they allowed dwell therein, and that the Lord would be "more highly prized." Their abundance is their hearts best affections to twine. Though gracious even unto him. But the enemy the chief treasure of the lands where they in the humbler walks of life, yet they gave and the "carnal mind" still resisted; and are found. him all the education which the village the cry. "God hateth the wicked!" con-

school afforded, and seemed but to live to tinued to harass him. The sweet, the preminister to his happiness and comfort. cious grace of God, however, again assured

He, as years passed on, avoided the him that he was not out of the reach of grosser acts of immorality which character- mercy; that there was "a Physician there," ised the conduct of some of his companions; "to bind up the broken in heart"-" a Phyprided himself upon the respectability which sician there," "to comfort all that mourn. this and other circumstances, he fancied, Yet week succeeded week before the morn before imagined. It does not act on the Valley? The head that she has pressed to entered into a business which required a upon his soul, and, scattering the darkness capital, for its successful pursuit, such as he therein, said, " Let there be light, and there and yet, with a thrill that the nervos of dening sickness, a hair of which she could did not possess. Having also sought for was light," and that light was "the light

The morning of a Sabbath day found cer whose duty it was to collect the same, him seated, with his fellow-convicts, listenthe money a favorable opportunity for at appealed to them from the words, "Let not once meeting the pressing claims of impor- thine heart envy sinners; but be thou in the tunate creditors; while hope whispered in fear of the Lord all the day long. For surely time." In an evil hour he yielded to the not be cut off." As oil, when poured on temptation: one disappointment, however, the rough sea, spreads over its surface, and succeeded another, till he found, on the day seems to still and lull its turbid heavings, Returning to his cell, and pondering over resting upon him. "To-morrow you must the subject of their morning's meditations, pay, or else be disgraced," was the con- his heart swelled with desire and grief.stantly-recurring thought. Tossed to and Unable to contain himself, he fell on his fro by contending emotions, pride and fear knees, and broke forth, in the language of crushed the gentler voice of that which was good, and left him a ready prev to the size my incrumentation of the size of the s good, and left him a ready prey to the destroyer of souls. "You have a check," Lord, for thy dear Son's sake! Do this in

The Christian's Influence.

The amazing influence of one christian, who shows in her life the spirit of Carist, is iliustrated in a striking manner in the life of a lady who died not long since is one of the principle cities in the United States .-She had been for a long time afflicted with a drunken husband. At length the sheriff came and swept off all her property, not excepting her household furniture, to discharge his grog debts. At this distressing crisis, she retired to an upper room, laid her babe upon the bare floor, kneeled down over it, and offered up the following petition :-- " O Lord, if thou wilt in any way remove from me this affliction, I will serve thee upon bread and water all the days of my life." The Lord took her at her word. Her besotted husband immediately disap-

peared, and was never heard of again until after her death. The church would now have maintained her, but she refused to become a charge to others. Although in feeble health, and afflicted with sick headache, she opened a small school from which she obtained a bare subsistence : often no more than bread and water. She was a lady of pleasing address, and of a mild and gentle character and a spirit of perseverance,

which the power of faith can alone impart. was the insidious suggestion : " alter it; thy fulness of mercy, and let not thy wrath When she undertook a make the nine a ninety, and you are free." burn against me forever." Such were the make the nine a ninety, and you are free." burn against me forever." Such were the prise, she was discouraged by no obstacles, and appalled by no difficulties. She resid-Darkness covered his soul; the light was gone; and, though alone, with a counte-nance pallid with the anguish which pos-sessed his soul, and a trembling hand, the sessed his soul, and a trembing made, the thee." "Snake thyself from the dues, allow, labor. Her benevolent heart was pathed deed was done. The money was received; and put on thy beautiful garments, O cap-but almost immediately, too, was the dis-crepancy in the amount detected Appre-learn to do well." "Thy sins are forgiven to see the grog shops opened upon the Sab-bath. She undertook the almost hopeless task of closing these sinks of pollution on From his spiritual birth to his natural desth the Christian's life is a continual doubted proofs of his guilt, he only asserted the Lord! His heart burned within him; the Lord's day, and successed, and to the clear and un-desth the Christian's life is a continual doubted proofs of his guilt, he only asserted the life, the vigor, the zeal, the liberty of suasion, flowing from lips of kindness, and his face to heaven, till he shall set his foot fourteen years penal servitude repaid the the new birth entered his soul. The stony clothed with that power which always aca heaven, there is no condition wherein the deed of guilt he had committed. For days heart became a heart of flesh. Comfort complishes the true spirit of the gospel. But she was not satisfied with seeing the front doors and windows of these houses closed. both hands to keep pride and security down reality. He beheld his former fondly anti-boundary of his spirit, no longer solitary; She would, therefore, upon the morning of both hands to keep pride and security down reality. He belled his tylind its a dreary for Jesus was there—ay, Jesus was there; and the "possessed" was "clothed, and in shops through the dwellings occupied by other; no place which the Christian can existence only before him, every hope and the possessed was clouded, and he shops through the dweilings occupied og call privileged ground. No duty can be had vanished. Sorrow supplied the place his right mind," sitting at his feet. The the keepers, where she otien found them enperformed without wrestling: the Christian of mirth; and former joyous scenes gave and, though years have passed, he still folgaged secretly in wickedness. She would then remonstrate with them, until she per-He wrestles with a body of flesh; he cannot grew more hardened, as the fact, "I am a lows the crucified; while his changed desuaded them to abandon it, and attend pubgo on his journey without it, and much ado to go with it. If the flesh be kept high, consideration, till thoughts of revenge, at ledged by all around him in the title of portment and lovely example are acknowlic worship. In this manner she ebolished almost entirely the sale of liquors upon the Sabbath in the worst part of the city. She also looked after the poor that the gospel might be preached to them. She carried The Douav Bible. with her a number of those to pews which The English translation known under were unoccupied. And upon the Sabbath this name is the only version in the lang- mornings she made it her business to go out uage authorized, to any extent, by the into the streets and lanes of the city, and Chuch of Rome for common use. Yet even persuade the poor to come in and fill up this may not be read by the laity, according vacant seats. (Go, my sister, and do thou to the canons of Trent, except under the likewise, and then there will not be so many directions of a spiritual superior, and under vacant seats in your church, nor so many a moral obligation to understand what is poor that need not the gospel.) By her read in no other sense than that apostate perseverance and energy, she would remove church assigns to this text, and expresses in every objection, until she had brought them the numerous notes and comments invariably to the house of God. She was incessant printed with this version. The translation and untiring in every effort for doing good. We left him pacing his cell, breathing uself is not so inaccurate, but that friends She would establish a Sabbath school and examine if measures were not strained too ble beauty of natures. Ine man taised of der; it was a new examines if measures were not strained too ble beauty of natures. Ine man taised of der; it was a new examines if or his own advantage. Sydney Smith bigotry; but what bigotry is so blinding as energy; it was a fresh baptism from the saint to be a saint? Sin will lust against forth curses and vengeance. At length his of the Bible, both in England and in this superintend it until she saw it flourishing, country, have repeatedly offered to print it and then deliver it into the hands of some of the property of those little rooms in our for free circulation, without the notes, pro- suitable person, and then go and establish own Bible-privileged land. A sudden vided the Romish ecclesiastics would autho- another. She gathered together a Biblethought flashed across his mind, that he rise its use among their people. This offer class of apprentices, which she taught herwould open the Bible, repeat his intentions has always been promptly rejected. And self. Her pastor one day visited it, and the rejection shows that the hostility of the found half of them in tears, under convicpriests is not so much against the version tion. She was faithful to the church and issued under King James' commission, as to impenitent sinners. It was her habitual against the naked text in any form. They practice to reprove sin, and warn sinners dare not let the lion out of his cage, unless wherever she found them. At the time of they muzzle his mouth, and muffle his claws, her death, she had under her care a number and hold him in a chain, and watch his mo- of pious young men preparing for the ministions with anxious jealousy. If the pure try. These she had looked after and and unmixed word of God is so very dan- brought out of obscurity. As soon as their gerous to the souls of men, is it not strange piety had become sufficiently proved, she that he should have spoken it, first to the would bring them to the notice of her chris-Jews, and alterwards to the Greeks, in their tian friends. She persuaded pious teachers own tongue wherein they were born ? Why to give them gratuitous instruction, and pidid he trust those nations with the Bible in ous booksellers to supply them with books, their vernacular speech, instead of revealing In the same way, she procured their board it in some antiquated dialect, which could in the families of wealthy christians; and "Revenge is sweet." The word again only be made intelligible by means of the she formed little societies of ladies to supsounded forth, "What shall it profit you?" learned paraphrase of a corporation of priest- ply them with clothing. There was probasoaded on by despair, ne replied, "I will ly expositors? Surely the common people bly no person in the city whose death would **LOG IN HISTORY.** "The prayer of the patriarch, when desired to behold the Divinite for complete dimension," retorted the sacred word, than are the "simple faith-the sacred word, than are the "simple faith-On the foregoing beautiful parative taken The Douay Bible is thought to follow we make the following remarks: somewhat closely that of old Miles Cover- 1. It is contrary to the letter and spirit of dale, printed in 1535, and one of the six christianity to wish to be supported by passed by; and so it lates with our search ed the Spirit or convincing speech. which King James instructed his translators others, when, by our own labour, we can for him in the wrestlings of the world. "What ! the whole world, and then at last The main and yet it is sad to think that on the prosenes of so much in its sublime embodiment in the general in the brightest forms of humanity. A distance in general in go it the strife, and its ready to exclaim: imagination can picture the scene. Look! indignation can picture the scene. Look! varies at all from the common version. indignation can picture the scene. Look! varies at all from the common version. indignation can picture the scene. Look! varies at all from the common version. indignation can picture the scene. Look! varies at all from the common version. indignation can picture the scene. Look! varies at all from the common version. indignation can picture the scene. Look! varies at all from the common version. indignation can picture the scene. Look! varies at all from the common version. indignation can picture the scene. Look! varies at all from the common version. indignation can picture the scene. Look! varies at all from the common version. indignation can picture the scene. Look! varies at all from the common version. indignation can picture the scene. 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Look! varies at all from the common version. indignation can picture the scene. Look! varies at all from the common version. indignation can picture the scene. Look! varies at all from the common version. indignation can pictu "uole, godly, useful minister of Christ. Let us not be misunderstood. Critics are morally responsible for their reviews of of taste and culture, for the sancti from us be the hard and culture, for the sancti for mus be the hard and culture, for the sancti for mus be the hard and culture, but the sancti for mus be the hard and culture, which is the translation, being made from billity the uncertaint of common things, and religious phi-billity the uncertaint of the sancti for mus be the hard and culture, which is the translation, being made from billity the uncertaint of the sancti for th The solution of the sanctity of human reputation. Far from us be the hard and callous issen-sibility that would regard the talents and virtues of great and noble men, as if they

instincts ; and in all its relations it showe were his delight, and for them he was ever he branded them as fanatics, whose rantings, prompt to resign any pleasure and endure superstition, and severities were the offspring to right-minded men, that it bore the stamp any inconvenience. So far as we can see, of distempered heads or hollow hearts. A of God.

these cardinal duties were discharged for grosser instance of injustice, a more humili-If Sydney Smith's discernment had not ut-Christ's sake. There is something in his ating exhibition of ignorance and moral un- terly failed him, it would have satisfied his simple-heartedness, in his generous sacri- appreciativeness, we do not know, than this judgment, that those things in Methodism, fices, in his persistent earnestness, in his phase of Sydney Smith's character. He which he found so much cause to condemn, fruitful ingenuity in devising ways to do saw and felt the evils of the Established were striking illustrations of its Divine origood, that impresses us as a different senti- Church; he admitted that its disease was gin. Could any exhibition of pungent thought, hep conviction, poignant sorrow, truthful ment from worldly philanthropy. Vice was chronic; he was an unflinching supporter of sternly rebuked; corruption in high places liberality and charity in all things; he loved | confidence, inspiring rapture, be more natuwas vehemently assailed; sceptical writings to witness the progress of society, and no ral, taken in connexion with the circumstan-and irreligious books were indignantly con- one laboured harder, in certain ways, to ces then existing? Consider the parties, demned ; and, in some instances, men, contribute to it ; and yet, while evangelical the time, the occassion ; view all the antecethrough his instrumentality, were brought Christians were accomplishing, under his dents; and these peculiarities, if such they to a knowledge of the truth. Then, too, he own eyes, and at his very door, what he so can be called, are a most significant, relialaid bare the weakness and worldliness of much coveted to have done; while they ble, and impressive testimony in its favour. the Established Church, and challenged its were sending a new stream of life into the Had they been absent; had the occassional zeal to practical efforts for the regeneration decayed vitals of the Church, and quicken- hyperboles, extravagant attitudes, and wild of neglected multitudes. It was near " dy- ing the lower classes of England into the outbursts, never appeared, the evidence ing of dignity," and he urged a more effec- consciousness of manhood; while literature, would not have been so strong and convincive and aggressive style of preaching. Pu- commerce, and legislation, all bore marks ing that Christianity was working mightily seyism had none of his sympathies, and of their energetic presence, and showed that on the hearts of the people. There were nummery was his contempt; ecclesiastical Christianity was advancing towards its en- no irreconcilable phenomena in these maniabuses had no mercy at his hands, and thronement, in intellect and life; he must festations. If they had never run into excess; bishops, if their measures or actions were obnoxious, were made to feel his sharpest logic and his most scathing wit. Such cou-sharpest shafts of wit, and the barbed arrows tage as this brought its penalties, and no of ridicule, into the hearts of many of Eng. an unaccountable phenomenon. man knew better than Sydney Smith that land's worthiest and purest men. We say Any great emotion, if its power is adehe was paying a dear price for his advocacy nothing of the taste that could select the quately expressed, may appear extravagant,

f correct principles; but no expostulations most pervertible passages from evangelical and even insane, if we have not the key to from time-servers, no forfeiture of honours, works and hold them up to public derision. its comprehension. It may be the most his earnestness. Looking at the man in a similar use of the Bible. Satan himself n l grief over the death of a tenderly-loved at the number of the control of the Bible. his carnestness. Looking at the man in a similar use of the Bible. Satan himself n I grief over the death of a tenderly-loved yet then is the Christian wofully yoked with to every human being, till, as a Cain, he this complexion, he assumes the dignity of is a master hand at apt quotations. A tew child; and yet if the cause of that vehement it in duty. Thus we see the Christian is stood forth the avowed foe of all mankind, moral heroism. There is breadth, as well withered leaves, crumbled, blackened, passion is unknown, the mind is not preas power, in his movements. There is no mouldy, from the boughs of an oak, do not sudden pause in the midst of his career to convict it of death; nor do ugly worms on tion. And precisely here lay the difficulty war are laid deep in the natures of both, to the evening of the day on which our narponder over prudential calculations, and to flowers disgust a botanist with the vegeta- with Sydney Smith. Methodism was a woo- which can never be rooted up till the devil rative opened. examine if measures were not strained too ble beauty of nature. The man talked of der; it was a new exhibition of Divine cease to be a devil, sin to be sin, and the

never put himself in one scale and duty in that which shuts up one to his own little Holy Ghost; men's thoughts were driven the other, but, with facts on one side of the loop-hole, and never permits him to move a out of their old channels; men's eyes were beam, he weighed obligations in the other, hair's breadth toward a more commanding opened on singular scenes; men's hearts

and determined his course. But the errors point of observation? And he talked, too, were convulsed by unwonted excitements; of a false system were around him, and of delusion; alas! there is no delusion so and hence, such minds as Sydney Smith's viewing the circumstances about him, the so silly as that which consists in mistaking a looking on its surface, and spiritually incomassociations of his position, and the sphere manikin for a living being; and of this was petent to penetrate deeper, yielded to their of life in which he acted, it is not surprising he guilty, when he turned scenafully from prejudices, and denounced it with the freethat he should have been injuriously affected. evangelical Christianity, and rested his dom which ignorance gives to its chieftains. Tried by an evangelical standard, Sydney hopes on counterfeit institutions of the day. It was only on such subjects as Methodism, Smith certainly does not satisfy us. If not In the same spirit he vehemently opposed missions, and collateral topics, that he ever worldly-minded, he has too much of an at- Methodism. Selecting his points of attack, resigned the liberality and generousness of mosphere of worldliness. There was no- and keeping them only before his eye, he his nature; but here, "his nobler self is hing wrong in his intimacy at Holland repudiates the entire system, by virtue of gone," and he suddenly shrinks to the small-House, nor is he to be blamed for enjoying his dislike for what offends his taste and ir- est dimensions of a man. Had he been a good dinner, whenever it came in his ritates his sense of refinement. The strange himself in all his relations ; working out, in way. His wit and humour were God's narrations of inward experience and out- his own simple, straight forward, manly gifts, and he generally used them in an ward trials, which Methodists had publish- ways, the grand ideas within him, and allow-

miable and unobjectionable manner. Ex- ed, are either insufferably stupid or shock- ing himself to be seduced into no illusions, hilarating as his spirits were, they never ingly profane ; while the introduction of Sydney Smith had, perchance, been saved transcended the bounds of refined cultivated supernatural things, in which some of them induged, is quite an overmatch for his chari-of poisonous? liquor, but the white foam of a stream, that irrigated and refreshed the landsmark there is the unit of the analysis of the stream of indecape through which it flowed. Table-pleasures were valued more for the mind than the body, and his wonderful powers of conversation were not wasted on triffes.— lead of such raving madmen. What will All his friends represent him as most charm- the doctrine of Providence prove in their dedicated to the advancement of freedom, able women, who courted his acquaintance shoal spots, lashed by the waters, are thick the mind without enlarging its ideas, stimu- to face, was denied; but he was able to gain the whole world, and lose thy own for the zest of his lighter talk here testime. This trails and alouded her down 27 for the zest of his lighter talk, bear testimo- with strife, and clouded by dense New- lating its aspirations. and exalting its aims. ny to the edifying and ennobling qualities of foundland fogs. Providence was not to be Where our best sympathies have thus been

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then it is wanton and will not obey; if low, first vaguely floating in his imagination, "Happy Jacky." then it is weak, and soon tires. He wrestles assumed the character of a longing, unwith a body of sin; this mutters and mur- quenchable, and intensely-malignant thirst murs when the soul is taking up any duty ; for vengeance on his prosecutor. His solisometimes keeps him from duty. It is true tary hours, when no eye but God's was indeed, grace sways the sceptre in such a upon him, were spent in plans for the de-soul; yet the unregenerate part takes advanvantage when grace is not on its watch, to prosecutor, on his release; while the feeling disturb its government, and shut it out from of hatred, like the bursting forth of some

grace, and grace draw upon sin whenever eye fell upon a Bible, which is ever a part they meet. - Gurnall.

## Last Words.

"Talk to me now in Scripture language of seeking revenge, be the opportunities alone," said a dying Christian. "I can sooner or later, take an oath for the pertrust the word of God; but when they are formance of the same, and then, with a drop the words of man, it costs me an effort to of his blood, seal the whole. The book was think whether I may trust to them." This opened, laid on the table, when these words was the testimony of one who died in the met his eye, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and

morning of life. "Charles, bring me the Bible," said a lose his own soul? or what shall a man dying father. The weak sufferer laid his give in exchange for his soul?" Light thin, pale hand on the blessed book, and from on high shed a gleam of its awakening power over the dark sin-stained soul and said. "I rest in Christ." aid, "I rest in Christ." power over the dark sin stained soul and How pleasant are the last hours of the seared conscience of this poor wretched

Christian? And how often have they borne sinner. He was arrested; the bands of the to the trembling the assurance that death temptation were loosed, and his terrible has no sting, and the grave no victory ?- resolution was shaken. Satan, however, Who would not bear the cross on earth, to rushed to the conflict, and hissed in his ear, wear the crown in heaven?

"Who, if his God be there, Would hesitate to tread death's parrow vale, And die to live forever?"

he desired to behold the Divinity face convicted sinner. "And what if thou shouldst passed by; and so it fares with our search ed "the Spirit of convincing speech."-

