Angels.

BY COATES KINNEY. " Are they not all ministering Spirits?"-Heb. i, 14. With sweet voices, solemn warnings, Or the being yet to be, Bands of Spirits hover round us. Like the shore-birds on the sea.

Shore-birds, how they set the heart longing, For the happiness of home ! As around the wearied vessel They in flocks of beauty come; They out venture far and farther In the calm of sea and sky, Singing glad; but when the tempes Threatens and the rocks are high, Then they landway wildly winging, Scream the omens on the gale; Of a shock among the breakers, To the ruin rushing sail.

So these Spirits from yon bright shore, Goldened with the sand of stars-When God's truth has calmed the billows, Of our being's passion-wars-Then these Spirits come to visit, Come to visit and console, Dipping angel pinions round us In the earthly sea of soul-Cheering onward, or else warning Of some thundering tempest nigh, Or some secret rock of ruin On the voyage to the say.

They are round us-round us ever; 'lis their presence in the soul, When affections, like full fountains, Gash from thence without control: When the thrilling heart-cords quiver As a harp's air-smitten strings, 'Tis their sweeping angel-fingers, Or their brushing angel-wings;

When the soul of earth takes pinion For a beavenward faith flight far, Upward through the awful nothing Beckon they from star to star.

Oft they glide down in our slumbers-Those whom on earth we knew, And those who have lived before us-And we wake to live anew; For their voices, sweet and solemn, Though but ripples of the tone Which upbillows music's ocean Ever round the Great White Throne Yet inspire us with more longing For the glory in the sky-

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Of these angels hovering nigh.

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The Catacombs of Rome.

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yellow Tiber. We pass on beneath the beyond all these things-"at length he restfrowning Mausoleum of Adrian, now the ed in peace." the Catacombs. The gallery is 331 yards long, and is occupied almost exclusively with The observations of Dr. Maitland upon it

something like a thrill that the thought came of the first three centuries." rally, a-ked—are they really genuine? It is The following is the inscription: their relies is by no means apt to allay sus- also for his successors." picton or prevent enquiry. But the answer | The fourth has no date, but is supposed is éasily given in the affirmative. We have to belong to the same period. It was raised already traced their history, and shown how by the widow of the deceased. were opened, had collected and published or less. His wife raised this to her dearest husthem, and that it was impossible any for-gery could exist undetected. We may also. The fifth and last is as follows:them with extreme veneration, and placed was executed for the faith. With all his family, has been obliterated. them in a most conspicuous situation. The they rest in peace. Theophila, a handmaid set external evidence is therefore all that could up this." character will speak forth to the world in character, but in the Latin language. The who snatched away me innocent. She lived them in most unmistakeable accents, and curiosity of the learned was excited by the twenty years. Proctus set up this."

of affection has traced after death. good will to all mankind? Listen to the

" Maximius, who lived 28 years, friend of all men " This is all—there is no date, nor any other clue to the history of the individual, but it is sufficient to show, that in the midst of the trials and sufferings of life, he had not forgotten the precepts of his blessed Master. Here is another of the same cha-

" On the fifth before the Kalends of November,

But it may be asked-for the thought immediately suggests itself in connection with the subject-are there any memorials of the martyrs, of those who bravely endured the persecutors' rage, and were covered with glory by yielding up their lives for their Lord? Strange to say, there are but fewbut five in all have been found which can be ascertained really to bear this character. It would seem as if these soldiers of the Cross were absolutely afraid of human fame, and, in striking contrast to the pompous epitaphs which would be inscribed on the tombs of imperishable records in the Lamb's Book of among their friends and relatives. Thus they exhibited the true humility of the Chris-

five mariyrs, which indeed are curious in periods when their mutilated remains were entombed.

The first is that of the young military officer whom I have already alluded to. It dates as far back as about the year 130 .-On one side is scratched the palm branch, on the other the usual monogram of Christ. and the inscription is as follows:

"In Christ. In the time of the Emperor Adrian, Marius, a young military officer, who had lived long enough, when with blood he gave up his life for Christ. At length he rested in peace. The well deserving set up this with tears and in fear. On the sixth before the Ides

"In the time of Adrian"-contemporary with Polycarp, the disciple of St. John-how near it brings us to the days of the Apostles! With what interest the spectator gazes upon with those times! But there are other things which may engage his attention in this inscription. It shows how the Gospel Christian Association, of Halifax, on had penetrated all ranks of society, and that the higher classes, even those in the bloom fidence! of youth, and to whom life was most dear, [Concinded]

Were as reary as their number orethren to were as reary as their number or their many of the so called developments which have again to take you with me on ano-yield themselves up as martyrs for their mens, for the reiteration of the same ideas elaborate form. The idea of the crucifix have taken place in the later periods of the consent of Dr. Login, and the Governor- in his very soul, for the time to come, to have taken place in the later periods of the consent of Dr. Login, and the Governor- in his very soul, for the time to come, to have taken place in the later periods of the consent of Dr. Login, and the Governor- in his very soul, for the time to come, to have taken place in the later periods of the consent of Dr. Login, and the Governor- in his very soul, for the time to come, to have taken place in the later periods of the consent of Dr. Login, and the Governor- in his very soul, for the time to come, to have taken place in the later periods of the consent of Dr. Login, and the Governor- in his very soul, for the time to come, to have taken place in the later periods of the consent of Dr. Login, and the Governor- in his very soul, for the time to come, to have taken place in the later periods of the consent of Dr. Login, and the Governor- in his very soul, for the time to come, to have taken place in the later periods of the consent of Dr. Login, and the Governor- in his very soul, for the consent of Dr. Login, and the Governor- in his very soul, for the consent of Dr. Login, and the Governor- in his very soul, for the consent of Dr. Login, and the Governor- in his very soul for the consent of Dr. Login, and the Governor- in his very soul for the consent of Dr. Login, and the Governor- in his very soul for the consent of Dr. Login, and the Governor- in his very soul for the consent of Dr. Login, and the Consent of Thave again to take you with me on ano- yield themselves up as marryrs for their very there excursion, but to quite an opposite part Lord, counting not the co-t. The inscription of the Seiks, things to please God, and find a new kind of the Seiks, things to please God, and the seiks the se of the city. We set out from the same non-was evidently written by those who monotony, point, but instead of driving down the Corso, were themselves passing through the flery we continue our journey straight on until trial. "With tears and in fear" they set we find ourselves crossing the Bridge of St. up the monument, but they felt grateful that Angelo, from which we catch a view of the he whom they loved and honored had passed

Castle of St. Angelo and principal fortress | The next is about thirty years later, unof the Popes, and soon reach the beautiful | der the fearful persecution of the Emperor of the Popes, and soon reach the beautiful der the fearini persecution of the Emperor Pazza of St. Peter, whose sweeping colon-nades and sparking founts are always viewed with pleasure by the stars, and his body rests in this tomb. They are all beautiful, particularly the last. They are all beautiful, particularly the location of a revolting character. What they most months, and 22 days. Mayest thou live sweet last. They are all beautiful, particularly the location of a revolting character. What they most months, and 22 days. Mayest thou live sweet last. There at Candahar, alove the stars, and his body rests in this tomb. They are all beautiful, particularly the location of a revolting character. What they most months, and 22 days. Mayest thou live sweet last. There at Candahar, alove the stars, and his body rests in this tomb. He ended his lite under the Emperor Antonine, sleeps in prace." Can anything be more symbols were formed from his name. They lived 23 years, 3 months, and 6 days." Church, or to criticize its façade, but turn- who, foreseeing that great benefit would result

ing to the right we pass on foot through one of the coldinardes and soon reach the conditionales and soon reach the condiof the columndes, and soon reach the court- true God, he was hed away to execution. O. yard of the Vatican, the termination of our sad times! in which, among sacred rites and the grave has no terror, because beneath and to present the appearance of our English journey. A few steps lead us to the Lapt- prayers, even in caverns, we are not safe. What around her the everlasting arms are laid, and letter P bisecting an X. This seemed to darian Gallery, the object of our visit,— can be more wretched than such a line? and the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and to be the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and to be the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and to be the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and to be the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and to be the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and to be the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and to be the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and to be the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and to be the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and to be the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and to be the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and to be the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and to be the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and to be the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and to be the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and to be the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and to be the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and to be the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and to be the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and to be the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and to be the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and to be the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most common of any, and the dark valley is irradiated by the presence me the most deposited the sepulchrat inscriptions and relations—at length ton must have watched the receding traits name which they preferred. To this is monuments, the precious remains of the ear-they spack in heaven. He has scarcely lived, of life, and have seen her eyes close as it sometimes added on either side an Alpha who has lived in Christian times."

Who has lived in Christian times."

Was God refresh thy spirit!"

these and pagan memorials, amounting to are so beautiful, that I cannot forbear quotupwards of 3000 in all. On the right hand ing them. "He lives above the stars, and as you pass up the inscriptions and sculp-tures all refer to deceased pagats, on the in this joining together, as things equally left are those of the Christians. They are tangible and matter of fact, the place of hi well arranged, and, placed thus on opposite spiritual abode and the resting-place of his sides, invite the contrast which is invariably body. There are also other points in the inscription we have just mentioned, but is before referred, expressive of 'peace.' The made by every reflecting visitor, and which inscription worthy of notice—the beginning, widely different in sense. It is quoted as another, meaning either hope, I may be permitted to advert to my own expect a lamentation, break out into an as- Byron's, in which he describes the impression spent life, when the anchor is cast after the reminiscences, for I recollect perfectly well surance of glory and immortality-the dewhen I first passed up this gallery. It was scription of the temporal insecurity in which logna, bearing this simple inscription, and pressive of the heaven-bound voyage, as on my first visit to the Vatican. I had gone the believers of that time lived, the difficulty adds, "When I die, I could wish that some well as the palm and crown in token of alone, without guide-book or guide, and was of procuring Christian burial for the martyrs, friend would see these words, and no other, victory. easerly historing to the Cortile di Belce- with the certainty of their heavenly reward; placed above my grave, " Implora pace." All these symbols are very rudely done, dere to enjoy the long-wished-for moment and the concluding sentence for ibly recallin which I could gaze upon the Apotlo and ing the words of St. Paul "as dying, yet be- this suggestion of the noble poet! " Implore they are sometimes mere scratches, and they the Laccoon, when the rude outline of a dove with the clive branch, on a slab in the that Alexander was put to death only on it speaks not of present hope and, comfort, many of the inscriptions themselves, that dove with the clive branch, on a state in the account of his religion, but would imply that but asks for that which the illustrious writer those who placed them were among the poor wall, on the left hand, arrested my attention, the private hatred of the Emperor found in had exhausted life to obtain and had never and humble classes, who had little regard It was before I had visited the Catacomus, and I had in a measure forgotten that any- it a pretext for his destruction. This back- found. How different from the sweet re- for elegance provided that their trust in their thing connected with the early Christians wardness to claim the full merit of martyr- pose of Gemella! I confess that I never Saviour were only faithfully represented, was visible here, and it was therefore with dom for Alexander is highly characteristic

bome to me that I was indeed gazing at the The third dates at the time of the Em-sented. veritable relics of the ancient martyrs and peror Diocletian about the year 303, during confessors. Thence forward I never visited the most severe of all the persecutions, when the Vatican without pausing to ponder over the Emperor fancied that he had destroyed and spell out—for they are very difficult for the name of Christian from the earth, and tians in the Lapidarian Gallery, are equally and symbols of the primitive followers of the uninitiated to decipher-these storied accordingly set up a column with an inscripmemorials of the first centuries of the church. too on it to that effect. There is on the language of hope or confidence, but dark moment upon a few of the considerations But before we proceed to examine the tomb the sign of the cross which is more despair is visible in every line that utters suggested by the subject. I have already inscriptions, the question may be very natu-

in Rome, for a tour of the churches with suffered under Diocletian. The sepulchre is words which a heathen sensualist alone would with which they looked forward to a blissful

diligently and carefully antiquarians of diffe- " Primitius in peace, after many torments a rent nations, from the time the Catacombs most valiant martyr. He lived 35 years, more Why is Maximus so suddenly snatched from me:

add that the Roman Catholic Church viewed "Here lies Gordianus, deputy of Gaul, who

correspond? If they are Christian memorials, it may be said, then the Christian 1650. It is written in a barbarous Greek "I, Procope, lift up my hands against God,

burial of his body with his family in the in the consulate of." -but why were these strange Greek cha- referred to:use Greek letters in their secular transac- Another of the same characterslept Gorgonius, friend of all and enemy of none." native of Gaul, and had learnt in some mea-pland me." tamily with whom she lived, and whom she branch sculptured on it. regarded with tender affection, she was demodern heroes, they preferred to look to the and inserted it, because it not only elucidates set up this."

The inscriptions which I now give I cannot pretend to classity, but will merely state tomb of a presbyter and his wife :-I will now give the inscriptions of these that they all seem to express nearly the same ideas of faith, of hope, and of peace. The Felicitus. They made it for themselves. more particulars than one, for as they suffer- words " in pace," " in peace," " in pace ed under different persecutions, they give, Christi," "in the peace of Christ," or simiin several instances, genuine dates of the lar expressions constantly occur and show that the prevailing feeling was bright and cheerful, with a peaceful and confiding resignation to the Divine Will

A few will suffice, such as,

it was to be " a home."

Another, short and simple,-" Galla rests in peace."

" Nicephorus, a sweet soul in refreshment." " To Adsertor, our dearest, sweetest, most in Lawrence, to his sweet son Severus, the

" Borne away by angels." Can anything

be more expressive of true Christian con-Many more might be added, but those I were as ready as their humbler brethren to give, are to be considered merely as specithe first centuries it presents a much more many of the same ideas.

There is also negative testimony against the first centuries it presents a much more many of the so called developments which sire grew, and at length, with the cordial His word and Spirit are,) he grows resolute many of the so called developments which sire grew, and at length, with the cordial His word and Spirit are,) he grows resolute many of the so called developments which sire grew, and at length, with the cordial His word and Spirit are,) he grows resolute many of the so called developments which sire grew, and at length, with the cordial His word and Spirit are,) he grows resolute many of the so called developments which sire grew, and at length, with the cordial His word and Spirit are,) he grows resolute many of the so called developments which sire grew, and at length, with the cordial His word and Spirit are, and the Cordial His word and Spirit are, and the so called developments which sire grew, and at length, with the cordial His word and Spirit are, and the so called developments which sire grew, and at length, with the cordial His word and Spirit are, and the so called developments which sire grew, and the so called developments which

The following are brief but very expres-

" Aretusa in God." " Victorina sleeps." " Zoticus, here laid to sleep." " The sleeping place of Elpis." " Gemella sleeps in peace."

in which the first words, after leading us to stated in the work, from a letter of Lord or as is thought by some, the close of a well produced upon him by some tombs at Bo- voyage is over. The ship is also used ex-Alas! how little of hope is there given in particularly in the earliest tombs, -i

minded that the whole line of pagan inscrip- of the poor." tions which are opposite to those of the Chris-Now and then there is an attempt to exhibit

2 years and 5 months. O relentless Fortune, who delightest in cruel

" Carus Julius Maximus.

" His mother Fusca, left to sorrow and groan-

be wished, but does the internal evidence of t

the Christian graces of faith, hope, and charles agent when the Church used to hide rity-so far as is compatible with the brief in so high a position as a Roman legate, and given by Maitland, who thus remarks their minds, but still there could be no good herself, used to colebrate her worship, and will not be disappointed - test these old it seem, that the genuineness of the facts is concerned; but the immortal sentiment nothing indeed beyond the mere lament that evidence of such helief in the inscriptions so monuments, try every line—the Christian recorded was at first suspected. It appears which pervades the sentence supplies the they should live in such trying times, when numerous to be found in the Catacombs. man nobleman named Gordianus, his mar- ear, " who gave and hath taken-blessed - and to have endeavoured to take up their the religious belief of those ages. Is the life of a Christian a life of love, of tyrdom under the Emperor Julian, and the of the Lord-who lived-years-in peace- cross and to follow Him by carrying out: It is observable that in a modern grave-

seemed to throw some light upon the matter; losophy of the Romans, which I have before the will of God that they should suffer, and scriptions which intimate the belief of the resisted.

of Aringhi, attention was drawn to an obser-vation made by Cæ-ar in his Commentaries everything. Batta, wine, pleasure, destroy the must have sunk deep into their hearts to that it is a good thing to pray for the dead; the hoarse and plaintive bleating of the suf-

termined that a record of their death should "This grief will always weigh upon me : may be preserved. She accordingly applies to a it be granted me to behold in sleep your revered

the genuineness of the martyr's memorial will arise—a temporary rest is granted you.—was placed beyond a doubt. I have condensed this curious story from Maitland, teen days: buried in peace. Placus her husband

> out the slightest possible doubt. The following is an inscription on the "The place of Basil the presbyter, and his

> Here is one to the wife of a deacon :-

" Petronia, a deacon's wife, the type of modesthat it is forbidden to weep for one who lives in " In Christ. Martyrius lived ninety one years God. Buried in peace, on the 3rd before the more or less. He chose a home during his life nones of October, in the Consulate of Festus."

The above is an instance of the tomb being of the tomb is ascertained to be in the year back to times when she is supposed to speak child, after his father's death, he had witness unto him the favour of God, the partion of the tomb is ascertained to be in the year back to times when she is supposed to speak selected during the life of the party, and 472. The language, "forbidden to weep with no uncertain voice, and points us to sed the murder of one after another, in that sin, the attaining of life, and by a new, (and, love how constantly it was before the mind. shows how constantly it was before the mind, for one who lives in God," precludes any the traditions of the fathers as the exponents

tions. When it is found, it is in the simple water. deemer in heaven, than to the suffering Son them more particularly. touching? We seem to stand by the death | presented these ideas by taking the two first is bright with faith and hope, and to whom and joining them together in such a way as He departed in the Kalends of February. were in sweet sleep, never more to open in and an Onega, referring probably to the this world; but assured that they would Book of Revelations, and then the whole open upon a scene of endless bliss, they remeant, "In Christ, the first and the last, oiced in the privilege of offering this simple Another common symbol is the fish, which among other reasons for its adoption had The readers of Mrs. Hemans' poetry will this, that the Greek word for it 1294s containprobably recollect her beautiful lyric. "The led the initials of the sentence "Jesus Christ, ountain of oblivion," the motto of which Son of God, the Saviour." The dove with · Implora pace," sounds something like the the olive branch is another to which I have

open this page of Mrs. Hemans, without and the name of their deceased friend or rethinking of the striking contrast here pre- lative preserved in the shortest and simplest form. Most of the inscriptions may indeed But while I speak of contrasts, I am re- be well called "The short and simple Annals

Having thus examined the inscription opposite in character. In them there is no the Lord, we have now only to dwell for a pervades them all, to the bright and cheera question which one is very likely to ask "Lannus. Christ's martyr rests here. He the poor philosophy of the Epicurean in ful hue of their faith, and to the certainty use. Of the former kind are the following: immortality. It was evident amid the vicissitudes to which they were exposed, any belief in Purgatory, and some of the Scripture is the eloquence of things, and not mises, at the close of day? I can similar that this world could give them nothing beyond the ties of domestic life to engage their the clergy have already been given. I might the spirit and mode of the original show- at I look out of the world wat wind affections,-they therefore lived as true "strangers and pilgrims" here, and it was to quote the following passages from Sey- Lion." with a degree of gladness, too little appreci- mour's well-known work, "mornings among With regard to subjects, what I have also of living water, to which the Lumb of He who lately used to the joyful on my bosom; — with a degree of gladness, too little appreciation work, "mornings among. With regard to subjects, what I have all of living water, to which the Lamb of This stone now marks his tomb—behold his ated by the Church in the present day, that the Jesuits," as giving a short but excellent ways deemed the best kind of preaching, is ven shows them the way; reposing they looked forward to that period when the summary of the testimony of the Catacombs neither highly doctrinal, nor dryly practical; arms of infinite Live, who wipes away Here is another, the first part of which 'earthly house of their tabernacle' being dis. in tavor of Protestantism. solved they should gain a home in the "Day after day," says he, "and week perimentality or a con-tant blending of the velociand look up. We shall soon be then house not made with hands eternal in the after week," have I paused in this gallery, doctrine and practice of the gospel strongly As sure as I write and as you read these heavens.' But there is one trait to which I to examine these monumental inscriptions, with the affections and feelings. Many of lines, we shall soon be there. Many a weary have only cursorily referred, and which I It always occurred to me, that if a belief in our northern divines have been sailty defithink is deserving of notice, namely, their the sufferings of the dead in purgatory,—if cient here. Their sermons have had theo-

that the Gallie Druids were accustomed to body, but they make life. Farewell, farewell tions, and that they had the management of the education of youth. Theophila was a ended,—soon yours will be. Farewell, and ap-they had chosen, a powerful body. It is a similar tendency are found in every ceme-other end to them, and was thus gently lowsure the Greek alphabet, but the Latin lan- To revert to a few more Christian inscrip- as the days of Trajan, that the altars of the there is nothing that has which the sheep stood. To the same rope guage she knew only by ear. When the tions. Here is one which I distinctly recois gods in certain parts of the empire had been the faintest resemblance of this, or of any with himself he secured the sheep, give the heavy hand of the persecutor fell upon the lect, it contains the dove with the olive- forsaken in consequence of the number who opinion approaching to any of these to be signal, and both were carefully and sately

he esteemed them, of Christianity. could make -- in barbarous Latin, written with port, for our Divine Au hor gave you to me as a Emperors, and well trained to arms, that it the primitive Church " Greek letters equally barbarous; and thus the genuineness of the martyr's memorial the genuineness of the martyr's memorial the granted voi. such a flune of civil war, as might have length, but I think enough has been said to others; for this you may be mentally or tasked all the resources of the empire to exhibit the leading features of the subject. physically disqualified; but duty does call extinguish; -and perhaps all those resources. It is for us all to consider the lessons taught upon you to hold fast to the rope while the inscription but also throws strong light In this last we behold the confident ex- might have failed in the attempt. This is by those primitive times, and if we learn to others go down, and to pull as occasion may Life, leaving their earthly fame to die away upon the scenes that occurred in those repectation of a resurrection, expressed with.

The inscription out also throws strong right upon the scenes that occurred in those repectation of a resurrection, expressed with.

> into the Catacombs by their heathen fellow subjects, instead of opposing them, and when the arm of power required it they did not refuse to bare the neck to the uplifted sword. Again,-in the language of these simple records we see how closely they adhered to too there is something for us in the present

of Man on earth. Indeed such a represent. On one point, namely, with reference to proceeds to say,ation would have been totally opposed to prayers for the dead, a question has been the cheerful feeling with which they contained in consequence of the peculiar lander to the peculiar templated death, and the better land to which guage of some of the tombs. I give several telligent young Mussulman whom he had new creature. - William Whately. they were going. The skilful exhibition of the inscriptions, which are supposed to the agonized sufferer by the Italian artist bear out this view.

Happized, and whose history was remarkable. He was born in Persia. Being of a restless

" Mayest thou be in peace and benediction. bed of a young Christian, whose countenance letters of his name in the Greek language. O Sufsuarus! He lived 30 years more or less

But surely there is nothing in these be-

yond a natural exhibition of feeling, and heathen fellow citizens. " May the earth not unlike it only imbued with a more Christion for the departed soul. There is one inscription however which is of a more doubtful character, it is supposed to belong to the middle of the fifth century, and is as follows:

" Gentianus, a believer, in peace: who lived 21 years, 8 months, and 16 days. Also in your

Mary does not once occur. So say those may not believe in vain. familiar in every charch in Rome.

entire freedom from hostile feeling towards a belief in the efficacy of any praying to or logy enough in them, and were well metho- get there at last. And the longer and more the authors of their calamities. One would invocation of the departed saints, was held dized; but there was little in them to rend tedious the way, the sweeter will be our reof course expect that no thought bordering among the Christians of the Church, in those or to meit.—Jay.

in humble resignation to Him they submitted. Church of Roine. There is a request to. Among some men who were employed on ractors used? Some years after the time!" "To the D-vine Manes of Titus Claudius Se- What a practical illustration is all this of the passing traveller to offer a prayer for the beach below, was one whose name was righteousness. We must recollect that they peace; there is a request for the assisting the top of the bank, and baving fastened one mentioned by the younger Piny, as early tery in Roman Catholic countries. But ered away to the narrow platform upon had embraced the pernicious doctrines, as found among the innumerable inscriptions drawn up. By such means one was saved There is no question then, with the dense collection of inscriptions thus argues unan- to pull on the rope. and compact body which they presented, swerably that these opinions that have been Now, my dear readers, there is a practistone-cutter to have the monument executed, countenance. My wife Albana, always chaste having members in every rank of society, of late years so universally received in the cal lesson contained in this simple act -a and gives him the inscription—the best she and mades, I grieve over the loss of your sup- many of them among the best soldiers of the Church of Rome were wholly unknown in lesson for all who are interested in the Re-

is referred to in the quotation from Lord in their faith, in their hope, and in their de- has given you. Let your prayers, your in-Lindsay's work which I have before given. votion to the cause of their Divine Master, fluence, and your substance be with those But the very reverse of all this was the it will not be in vain that we have descend- whose aim it is to reclaim such as have case, they permitted themselves to be driven ed together into the Catacombs of Rome.

Striking Conversions.

The last Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society, gives an account of the conversion of Dhuleep Sing, the son of Runty - In this place I lay my bones; space your the written Word, there is nothing in them jeet Sing, the samous "Lion of the Puntears, dear hu-hand and daughters, and believe savouring of human tradition. In this view laub," whose kingdom was conquered by Lord Hardinge, after so many fearful enday to consider. When the profound theol. gagements with his long-trained and formi- Holy Ghost doth plainly show uself; for it ogian wishes to give us what he esteems the dable army. This young son had never for becomes a Spirit of adoption within him, the By the mention of the Consulate the date true teaching of the Church, and takes us gotton the awful scenes of his youth.—As a very earnest-penny of salvation, sealing up long period of bloody anarchy that preced- in truth, considering the difference of turmer idea of purgatory having been entertained, of Christian doctrine, it is well that we have ed the Seik invasion of British territories, times,) a strange work, persuading him that and this too in the latter part of the fifth it in our power to oppose practice to precept. When, at last, he was dethroned, Lord Dal- God is reconciled usto him, and butt acceptand that we can carry him to these speaking house placed him under the care of an able him for His child. As it made him able to Having given these specimens of the tablets, and show him how much superior an excellent man, Dr. Login. In 1851, take unto him words, and go unto the Lord, Christian inscriptions, I will now turn to the light there was, and how much more of when Dr. Login had occasion to come to craving to be accepted graciously; so it symbols contained upon the tombs, to seve- cripture truth, in the poor and unlearned Calcutta, Dhuleep Sing was left at Futty brings him word again from Gol, that he ral of which I have already incidentally of those very days, than in those who were ghur; and, as his companion, an educated shall be, yea, that he is, accepted graciously; It would naturally be supposed that the but who were too often entangled in the cross would be the most supposed that the but who were too often entangled in the cross would be the most supposed that the but who were too often entangled in the cross would be the most supposed that the but who were too often entangled in the cross would be the most supposed that the but who were too often entangled in the cross would be the most supposed that the cross would be the most supposed that the but who were too often entangled in the cross would be the most supposed that the cross would be t Cross would be the most common symbol, mazes of human wisdom. It shows us that gether; and very soon Dauleep wrote down prayers oft-times,) so strongly and undoubtbut although it is very frequently met with, the nearer we approach the fountain of liv- to his guardian, and said that he wished to edly assures him of being heard that he yet it cannot be said to be the most in use ing waters, the less desire we shall feel sto become a Christian, and to break his caste makes no more question of it whether he among those who set up the earliest inscriptrust to the broken cisterns that can hold no at once. Dr. Login urged him to pause, and lives, yea or no. From which assurance of to do nothing that he would not deliberately spirit, (having tasted the sweetness of God's form of two straight lines,—subsequently to There is also negative testimony against adhere to. But months passed, and the de- grace, and felt how good the consolution of those who looked more to the glorified Re- instances, but it will be as well to refer to was baptized. It was an important, as well disposition, enabling from to avoid evil, and as a most interesting event. The writer do good; so having put his own neck under

> He was born in Persia. Being of a restless officers. It probably was one of the Scriptures thus carried into Aighanistan, that this young man acquired. He was struck with the contents, and came to the Amerithe Mussulmans of this land."- Z. Herald. you; their profession brought them all to

Sermons and Preaching.

This seems strongly to favour another ment and division. I am aware that the but as their deaths were compensated with ogma, namely that of prayers to the Saints. former may be found without the latter, and eternal glory, yours will be rewarded with The inscription is found in the Lapidarian intelligent and reflective minds may recog- eternal shame and misery, unless you mend Gallery, and its genuineness cannot be dis- nise it; but as to the mass of hearers, con- your manners." puted. But suppose we concede this;—it cealed method is much the same as none. is the only one among the many thousands And why should it ever be conrealed? The Consolation to the Bereaved.—Dr which have been brought to light, and if we lower orders peculiarly need it; it relieves Judson thus wrote to a friend in the nour admit it to be the exception, surely by all and quickens their attention; it aids their trial: "So the light of your dwelling he the principles of sound reasoning we must apprehension and understanding. It also gone out, my poor brother, and it is all directly conclude the rule to be the other way.

On other points there cannot be the slightaway what they hear. And how desirable

gone out, my poor ness there, only as you draw down by fault
some faint gleams of the light of heaven est question. In the whole Lapidarian Galis it that our people should keep in memory and coldness has gathered round your hearth lery for instance, the name of the Virgin what is preached unto them, and that they stone; your home is probably desolate, your

who have examined the inscriptions most. Persons of education may be approached derer over the face of the land. We have carefully. This is a very striking fact, and through mere intellect, but the poorgeneral both tasted of those bitter cups once and presents a strong contrast to the images and ly are like those whose heads are in the r again; we have found the n bitter, and we ceremonies with which the traveller becomes hearts. They are like poets, who feel be- have found them sweet too. Every fore they think. They attend no: to feel, stirred by the finger of God becomes **. Again—such language as "in peace," but must be made to feel in order to attend. to the humble believer. Do you reme at in Christ," "in refreshment," "borne When will preachers remember the observa- how our late wives and others used to away by angels," is totally inconsistent with tion of Rollin, - that "the eloquence of the ver round the welf-curb in the miss proofs against the practice of celibacy among of words, and therefore it is that so much of them sitting there, with their am long enlarge upon all these points, but I prefer itself even in the planness of the translar now writing. Where are ours now?

but distinguished by what I should call extineir tears with his own hand. Let us

Pull on the Rope!

sentences of an inscription—will be clearly whose strange monument was set up by a "The remainder of the inscription has been will towards them and this would develope used to bury her dead in the Catacombs. The river S— which empties into the developed. Is it so?—Draw near and you Christian female servant. So strange did destroyed, as far as mere perishable marble uself. But there is nothing of the kind,—there ought to be, and there should be, some Bay of Fundy, has in one place a bank rising to the beight of a hundred and fifty tect. Over this bank a flock of sheep were unce character will stand the scrutiny. It was ed however that about ninety years before loss. Like a voice from among the graves, they could not even bury their dead in peace. The absence—the total and perfect absence, hurried, and of course it was thought all were not wanting in life, it will not be found the discovery of the tomb a manuscript was broken by sobs yet distinctly intelligible, fall They seem to have been living examples of -of everything of the kind, seems to argue killed. There was a small clay projection, wanting in the simple annals which the hand published narrating the conversion of a Ro- the few remaining words upon the listening the pure principles of the blessed Redeemer, powerfully that no such things entered into however, about one fourth of the distance down, upon which one was caught, and to all appearance, must there remain to bunger strictly the precepts He has given. There yard in any Roman Catholic Country, there and die. But from its perilous situation, it Catacombs by one of his household. This Here is a specimen of the fashionable phi- was no reproach to their enemies,—it was always expressions in the monumental in- called for help in tones too plannive to be

collected from the Catacombs. The whole -by having a Nelson to venture, and others

deemer's flock. Daty may not call mon wandered from the fold of Christ; and when the great Shepherd shall have gathered around him his friends, to rejoice over the sheep that was found, those will be held in grateful remembrance and duly honoured. who cheerfully assisted in putting on the

THE WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT .- The the gentle and easy yoke of Christ Jesus, he "I heard lately from Mr. Kay, the Prin- finds rest unto his soul; and thus Christ is

would only have presented to them images ... Farewell, O Sabina! She lived 8 years, 8 and enterprising character, he commenced thousands Magazine for 1797 contains the local control of the same of t Mohammedanism? The explanation is cu-Mohammedanism? The explanation is curicular forms of the surface o

> perhaps a turn of expression which may have been insensibly borrowed from their can missionaries at Lodiana, but did not give were wanderers upon the earth, and so as an expression which may be a missionaries at Lodiana, but did not give were wanderers upon the earth, and so as a can be a considered with the contents, and came to the Amerithem satisfaction. Still be came on, from place to place, as an inquirer, till happily he that they could call their own; neither, as I rest light on thee," is a common phrase upon met with Mr. Kay, who appears to have presume, have you. They were does not met with Mr. Kay, who appears to have all but those of their own profession, and their own profession are their own profession. the pagan tembs, and these expressions are dealt with Mr. Kay, who appears to have all, but those of their own profession, and end unbke it only imbased with a more Christian and end of their own profession, and end of their own profession are their own profession. o truly humble, and manifested so much I believe are you; they were unat erable tian spirit. They are considered too as that was truly hopeful to the missionares at fixed in the principles they professed, and I rather the expression of a wish, than a peti- Lodiana, that he was baptized. Since then dare swear so are you; they were often hur he has given fair promise of being a burning ried into jails and prisons; all of which so and a shining light to his countrymen and ferings, I presume, have been undergone by timely death .; and if you continue in you course, so will yours bring you. But in the point, beloved, you differ mightily; for the prayers pray for us, for we know that you are in I never considered an essay a sermen, or apostles ascended from a tree into heaven, a sermon an essay: I always loved arrange- where, I am afraid, you will never be found

tering around the well-curb of the for