

When the infirmities of age compelled the pastor to relinquish the performance of his most active duties, they were undertaken by Mr. Graff, who had married one of his daughters. He could at last do little more than pray for his beloved people; and that none might be omitted, he used in the morning to take the register in his hand, and to pray, at intervals during the day, for each one separately, as well as for the community at large. A short time before his death one of his daughters writes: "My venerable father sends you the salutation of a friend and brother in Christ Jesus our Lord, and implores the blessing of Almighty God upon you and the labourers of your Society. He longs for the joyful period, when, released from his narrow prison-house of clay, he may enter upon that happiness which is to be acquired only through the merits of the Son of God."

While engaged in writing useful essays on various subjects for the good of his flock, he was suddenly attacked by his last illness on Sunday the 28th of May, 1826; and on Thursday the 1st of June, having recovered strength enough to join his hands and raise his eyes for the last time to heaven, his countenance beaming with faith, joy, and love, he breathed his last, in the eighty sixth year of his age, and the sixtieth of his residence in Waldbach. He was buried under the shade of a willow that had been planted over the grave of his son. His weeping flock followed him in such numbers that the foremost had reached the church at Foudia, the place of burial, before the last in the procession had left the house—a distance of two miles.

THE BIBLE.

[The following passage, though in language somewhat quaint and peculiar, delineates some of the innumerable beauties and excellencies of the

Sacred Volume, in so pointed and striking a manner, that we think our readers in general will be pleased with it.]

A nation must be truly blessed, if it were governed by no other laws than those of this blessed book: it is so complete a system, that nothing can be added to it or taken from it; it contains everything needful to be known or done; it affords a copy for a king, and a rule for a subject: it gives instruction and counsel to a senate, authority and direction to a magistrate; it cautions a witness, requires an impartial verdict of a jury, and furnishes a judge with his sentence; it sets the husband as lord of the household, and the wife as mistress of the table; tells him how to rule, and her to manage. It entails honor upon parents, and enjoins obedience upon children: it prescribes and limits the sway of the sovereign, the rule of the ruler, and the authority of the master; commands the subjects to honor, and the servants to obey, and promises the blessing and protection of its author to all that walk by its rules. It gives direction for weddings and burials; it promises food and raiment, and limits the use of both; it points out a faithful and eternal guardian to the departing husband and father; tells him with whom to leave his fatherless children, and in whom his widow is to trust, and promises a father to the former and a husband to the latter; it teaches a man how he ought to set his house in order, and how to make his will; it appoints dowry for the wife, and entails the right of the first born, and shows how the younger branches shall be left. It defends the rights of all, and reveals vengeance to the defrauder, over-reacher, and false professor. It is the first book, and the best book, and the oldest book, in the world. It contains the choicest matter, gives the best instruction, and affords the greatest pleasure and satisfaction, that ever were revealed. It contains the best laws and profoundest mysteries that ever were penned. It brings the best of tidings, and affords the best of comfort to the inquiring and disconsolate. It exhibits life and immortality, and the way to everlasting glory. It is a brief recital of all that is past, and a certain prediction of all that is to come. It settles matters of debate, resolves all doubts, and eases the mind and conscience of all. It reveals the only living and true God, and shows the way to him; it sets aside all other gods, and describes the vanity of them, and of all that put their trust in them. In short, it is a book of laws, to show right and wrong; a book of wisdom, that condemns all folly, and makes the foolish wise; a book of truth, that detects all lies, and confutes all error; and a book of life, that shows the way from everlasting death. It is the most con-