

tice was given of the appointment, and on the arrival of the day the house was densely crowded by an overwhelming multitude, many of them eager to witness the discomfiture of Lee, and ruinous demolition of all his reputation for talent and his popularity in the country. The first hymn was sung, the opening prayer made, and the second hymn sung, when Lee arose and advanced to the minister to receive his text. The passage given was numbers 221 chapter, and first part of the 21st verse: 'And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass.' Rather a hard text this, thought Lee, though he said nothing, to preach on at so short notice. Being well acquainted with the story of Balaam, he proceeded at once to describe his character, descending largely on his avarice and love of the wages of unrighteousness, denouncing in severe language the baseness of the man who could use the prophetic office as a means of gain, and could endanger the very souls of the people of Israel for the sake of the wages which Balak offered. He then proceeded to describe the oppressed, enslaved, and pitiable condition of the ass. He spoke affecting of the patience of the creature under burdens, and spurs, and whippings, and abuses. He said the ass usually endured, without complaining, all the abuse heaped on him. Indeed, except the one in the history of Balaam, there had never been known an instance of an ass speaking and expostulating under ill treatment. He then alluded to the saddle, and then described how galling and oppressive it might become, especially under the weight of a large, fat, heavy man. At this point he cast a knowing look to the minister, who happened to be a very large and corpulent person. Having gone through with an exposition of the subject, he proceeded to the application. He said that the idea might be new to them. Indeed, it had never thus struck him till the text was given him; but he thought Balaam might be considered a type and representative of their minister. Balaam's ass, in many respects, reminded him of themselves, the congregation of that town; and the saddle bound on the poor ass by cords and girths evidently represented the minister's salary fastened on them by legal cords. Its galling and oppressive influence they had often felt, inasmuch as, in some instances as he had been informed, the last and only cow of a poor man with a large family had been taken and sold to pay the tax for the salary of the well fed incumbent of the saddle.

After this most notable and famous discourse, of which I have often heard floating accounts in New England, though I have not seen the anecdote in any written sketch of Lee, no one chose to try his skill at preaching on random and inappropriate texts with short notice, and under disadvantageous circumstances.

THE JEWS.

The following remarks are a portion of a speech delivered in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, at its recent sitting, by Dr. BRECKENRIDGE:

There were, as all knew, very various views entertained in the Church touching the language of prophecy on the restoration of the