

Christian Miscellany.

MAKING A PLACE.—There was nothing which used to stir the blood of old Dr. Lyman Beecher so quickly as the manifestation, on the part of any minister of the gospel, of an over-sensitiveness about a "place." "Place!" he used to say, when young men asked him if he thought they could get "places" to labour in at the West. "Place! the West is all 'place;' you can't go amiss of a 'place'—make one anywhere!"

DIFFERENCES.

BY LORD KINLOCH.

Fall not out upon the way;
Short it is, and soon will end;
Better far to fly the fray
Than to lose the friend.

Christ hath sent you, two and two,
With a mandate to return:
Can ye meet the Master's view
If with wrath ye burn?

If thy brother seemeth slow,
Jeer not, but thy quickness slack;
Rather than divided go,
Keep the wearier track.

Quit not, as for shorter line,
Ancient ways together trod;
Joy to read at once the sign
Pointing on to God.

Teach each other, as ye walk;
How to sing the angel's song;
Fill the time with homeward talk,
Then 'twill not be long.

Gently deal with those who roam,
Silent as to wanderings past;
So, together at your home
All arrive at last.

When I think of many a poor hard-working man, toiling from morning to night all the year round for a wretched subsistence, ground down by dire poverty, with neither the opportunity nor the inclination for mental improvement, whose whole sum of knowledge is comprehended in being able to spell out with diffi-

culty the plainest parts of the Bible; when I think of such a person, I thank God that it is only necessary to touch the hem of Christ's garment in order to be saved; that one or two simple gospel truths—such as, "Christ came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance," "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest,"—are sufficient, by the blessing of the Spirit, to save and comfort the soul.—*McMillan.*

BENEFICIAL EFFECTS OF PROHIBITION.

—At a great Congregational Council in Boston, Governor Buckingham of Connecticut said:—"I had the pleasure of being in Washington during the great review, and having been there forty-eight hours, and seen the streets thronged with tens of thousands of men, women and children, and more than 150,000 soldiers, I saw not one intoxicated—not one. (Applause.) That was under the power of military law, for every grog shop and every bar was closed by military authority. But no sooner was that military authority removed; no sooner were those grog shops and those bars opened again, than there was a scene of confusion and rioting, which required military force for its suppression; and in order to prevent disorder in the city of Washington, orders were again issued by military authority, that those places should be closed from 7 o'clock at night until 7 in the morning. Then again peace and order were restored."

I never prospered more in my small estate than when I gave most and needed least. My own rule hath been, 1. To contrive to need myself as little as may be, and lay out none on need-nots, but to live frugally on a little. 2. To serve God in my place upon that competency which He allowed me to myself, that what I had myself might be as good a work for common good as that