

of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord ; when it passed over Jordan the waters of Jordan were cut off ; and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever."—Josh. iv. 6, 7. So again, by Divine authority the feast of Purim was kept among the Jews to commemorate God's delivering them from the power and malice of Haman, the Aggagite. Thus we read in Esther, x. 27 : " The Jews ordained and took upon them and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, *so as it should not fail*, that they would keep these days according to their writing, and according to their appointed time every year." In this passage just quoted, we learn that God directed the Jews to celebrate this feast yearly, so as to be a remembrance to them of the past : and that the children in the time to come might know the power of God in delivering the fathers when they trusted in him.

Now, my brethren, let us just apply God's method of teaching the people to the case presented before our delighted visions here to day. The rising generation see flags fly, and they hear music. They see men arrayed in Orange, Purple, Blue and Scarlet, and naturally being pleased with the proceedings, they enquire of their parents, What are they doing ? why do they wear these colors ? Who is that on horseback represented on the flag ? Why all this expression of joy and gladness ? Then must the information be given them : all this is to remind us that our fathers were under the galling yoke of Popery, and that upon the 12th day of July, 1690, God delivered them with a high hand and stretched out arm, through his servant King William and his heroic followers. Thus, brethren, by this simple July celebration, by the music and banners of this glorious day, the people can receive useful information, which thousands never would receive if the information was confined to the written history of the country.

But, says the objector, why celebrate this day so publicly ? why with music and colors, and with such military spirit ?