# Where is Rest?

" The dove found no rest for the sole of her foot."-I ask'd the sea whose spacious bosom slept, Unntoss'd by tempests, or the surge's swell Can rest be found upon thy silvery breast, It answered in a low and mourning sound Sent hoarsely onward by the gathering blast, That causes working uncontrolled by me, Proclaim my hour of seeming quiet past.

I ask'd the queen of night, mid heaven's ble In full orb'd beauty, tending towards the west, Can such a front so fair, so mild, so bland Whisper of aught save peace and holy rest? But clouds in gathering blackness soon passed

o'er, Veiling that fair, that beauteous, smiling face, Casting in frowns their shadows o'er the plain Denied that there could be a resting place.

Amid the gloom of night now mustering drear, I stray'd around the dwellings of the dead, And strolled from mound to mound with sacre

awe, Where lay these dwellers heedless of my tread Tho' all around betoken'd silent rest And long repose—this truth in gentle sounds, Broke on the silence of the still hush'd scene, "Not rest perpetual can e'en here be found!"

If rest thou seekest, turn the enquiring eye, And look by faith above you orbs of light, And there in visions, by its ken behold, Those fair and peerless mansions of delight; O list to you seraphic voices tuned, To notes symphonious—for there the blest, Tell that within their walls peace only dwells, lere trials come not-here the weary rest!"

## [FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.] .

## On Dancing.

NO. 1V. " Is there any harm in dancing ?

The only instance of Dancing for amuse oned in the New Testament, was that of "Herodias" whose dancing pleased Herod, and which act terminated in the murder of John the Baptist. See Matthew xiv. life, be given us to be properly employed, 6. 10. We have before shown that Dancing so as to secure a meetiness to another was suppressed by the Senate of Rome 186 and for which we must account at the judgyears before the Christian era, in conse- ment : then such a practice is folly in Europe for more than a thousand years: but the expense in providing for the Ball; the it was continued in the East, and troops of dancing girls are found belonging to every health in attending it; the dissipation of

The revival of Dancing in Europe, was in the fifteenth century, at the marriage of the Dr. A. C. when speaking of dancing says:

Duke of Milan with a Sounish Princess; "Let them plead for it will, I know it to be

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The females engaged in this dance gratified the spectators to astonishment; and from this time, females always scantily clad, have taken part with the other sex, in the dance,

Modern dancing then took its rise in Paris: masters, and dancing girls; who appear at places of public amusement, and have an Solomon who had much experience places of public amusement, and have an of populous towns.

Would you persuade me That a mere dancing girl, who shows herself Nightly, half naked on the stage for money, And with voluptuous motions fires the blood Of inconsiderate youth, is to be held

has spread through Europe and America: a practice of which the Roman Orator said: Nemo fere saltat sobrius, nisi forte insanit.

No sober man dances unless he is insane. The insanity of dancing is thus described by the Rev. John Fletcher, the learned vicar of Madely. " Follow those musical sounds mixed with a noise of stamping, and you find a company profusely perspiring, and violently fatiguing themselves, in skipping up and down a room for a whole night, ridiculously turning their backs and faces to each other a hundred different ways. Would not a man ing day, and laying the foundation of a putrid About 9 o'clock, as the sails were hoisted,

exercise in a confined place?"

an opinion would never be entertained by fellow-passengers to rest, not having spoken those who think of the moral tendency of the of God or committed myself to his care. those who think of the moral tendency of the dance. A Clergyman, once known to the Early in the morning I was waked by a writer was at a Pall of Solution and the same with the morning I was waked by a least the gathered laurels to cast at his Master's were doubtlessly made more beautiful by against Tract Distributers, Bethels, Tempertheir mass of gems, paint, feathers, and other "papilionaceous" appendages: at length, with some emotion, asked: "Who will be fry partner?" A gentleman suspect-but he calmly said, "Those Tracts, sir, are to live as he had done no longer—his wife,

pany. This is a lamentable admission of the table, "Captain," said our young com- yet mild and Christian faithfulness, won the pressed forward to express their friendship

in the sacred scriptures where dancing is mentioned with approbation; acts of religious worship, that is of praise to Jehovah, were intended: but to bring such acts down, and make them matters of common amusement, and yet to quote scripture in defence gised for his men, the captain was puzzled grant attend. At an early hour the passengers have not; but I share attend. At an early hour the passengers have not; but I share attend. At an early hour the passengers have not; but I share attend. At an early hour the passengers have not; but I share attend. At an early hour the passengers have not; but I share attend. At an early hour the passengers have not; but I share attend. At an early hour the passengers have not; but I share at the passengers have not the and make them matters of common amuse ment, and yet to quote scripture in defence

in dancing.

2. If the feasts of Bacchus or any other heathen custom as founded on these feasts; be the type of the modern dance: then as every thing connected with heathen worship is hateful to God, and antagonistic to Christianity: it follows, that any act done in mitation thereof must be wrong : and in this

the indulgence of every evil passion, and The young man entered into conversation was so enormous in its character and results, with him, and soon drew from him a history "I do not deny that men are sinners, said that the Roman senate found it necessary to suppress it: and if the same practice would lead to the same consequences but for the presence of Christianity; it must be wrong had visited several missionary stations in for those who profess that holy religion, to different parts of the world, and gave his follow a practice, that is at variance with its principles: pregnant with so much evil, among the natives of the Sandwich Islands. and that ever has the downward tendency. Proud of his nautical skill, he at length

4. If the modern dance took its rise at the licentious court of Louis XIV., and under the demoralizing influence of infidelity, and "I can," answered the hardy tar. and who live in the full light of Protestantism: to follow the same practice, and there- did so." by use their influence in spreading this moral contagion through the world. It is therefore ored me; I'm fast—but I can do it." wrong to dance.

5. If the present time be our probation for Eternity: if time, property, talent, and uence of which, it lost its popularity in extreme; and what excuse can be made for Temple of Brama and Vishnoo, who bring mind and guilty conscience that follows it; large revenues to those Temples by their and the disgrace to Christianity that results

On the 21st of Januacy 1681, the first dance was performed in Europe in which females took a part. It was in the licentious in his senses will dance, said Cicero, a children in this way, or send them to those beathen; shame on those Christians who advocate a cause by which many sons have

whether in the Theatre, the Opera, or at the things, the Apostle referred, when he said : "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. the great City of folly and dissipation.— For it is a shame even to speak of those From Paris still issue troops of dancing things which are done of them in secret." things which are done of them in secret."-

places of public amusement, and have an awfully demoralizing influence on the youth awfully demoralizing influence on the youth these matters, and let these matters, and let the solemnities of eternity and the person was none other than the prayer we have to be a solemnities of eternity and the person was none other than the prayer we have the solemnities of eternity and the person was none other than the prayer we have the solemnities of eternity and the person was none other than the perso man in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these

Eccle. xi. 9.

Again chap. 12, verse 13. 14. Let us ing rays. From the Theatres and Operas of Paris hear the conclusion of the whole matter: "Look yonder!" he exclaimed. "You, condemnation and death; the captain nod-the practice of dancing at pleasure parties, "Fear God and keep his commandments; who have been nursed in the storm and craded to him as a signal for prayer, and we all for this is the whole duty of man. For God dled in the tempest, look at the setting sun again fell on our knees, while we wept over will bring every work into judgment, with and learn a lesson that will make you happy every secret thing, whether it be good, or when it shall set to rise no more. As rose

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### The Christian Traveller. AN AUTHENTIC NARRATIVE.

Having tarried a few days in a beautiful villiage of the West, I embarked in a vessel of sense prefer running ten miles on a useful which was crossing one of the great lakes.—

errand to this useless manner of losing his Three other individuals had taken passage, errand, to this useless manner of losing his rest, heating his blood, exhausting his spirits, and night coming on found us waiting for a

ver or a consumption, by breathing the another passenger came on board. When midnight air corrupted by clouds of dust, by we had cleared the harbour, he entered the the unwholesome fumes of candles, and by the more pernicious steam that issues from the hodies of th of many persons, who use a strong The lamp was burning dimly on the table, The arguments usually advanced in favour of dancing are—1. "Dancing is an accomplishment by which persons acquire ease and elegance in company."

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The arguments usually advanced in favour of the drew a book from his pocket and read a few minutes. Suddenly, from on the ocean and the lakes; and have as often on being disappointed, cursed religion in my heart, and believed that it was all delusion. Now I see the influence of the Bible, and who are often most expert in this art: or among the Arabs; the girls of which country, are reckoned among the best dancers in the world.

2. But dancing is so fashionable, and is part of a sentence cush or an expert such as a sentence cush or a sentence cush o the greatest accomplishments among savages, The youth arose, laid his book in the chair, 2. But dancing is so fashionable, and is part of a sentence, such as, "mercy," "dying After this, for three days we regularly introduced into almost all companies; that a heathens," "sinners," &c. Presently he attended family worship, and had much in person would be thought ill-bred, who re- seemed in an agony of spirit for those swear- teresting conversation on various subjects used to dance upon invitation.

That this originally heathen, but modernthat this originally heathen, but modernized Parisian practice, has become general, is indeed to be regretted: it is no less an a sacredness in this place, and I was selfevil because it is general; and better to be thought ill-bred, than do wrong; but such the name of Jesus, and had retired with my

writer, was at a Ball of a fashionable charac-ter; his Reverence wandered for a time "Here! whose tracts are these?" followed amidst the crowd of living beauties; who by other voices in threats and imprecations A few hours before we arrived in port we

ed of infidelity, and who probably loved the mine. I have but few, as you see: but they he said, was a Christian, and he meant to

gised for his men, the captain was puzzled for an answer; but after a little hesitation replied: "I might as well attempt to sail against a head wind as to think of such a thing."
"But I mean all I said." added the young

"Well if you think it possible you may

try it," said the captain.

" As soon as breakfast was over, the oldest view, therefore, there is harm in dancing.

3. If among the heathen, dancing led to self on the quarter deck to smoke his pipe. boasted that he could do anything that could

"I can," answered the hardy tar, the God-dishonouring system of popery, has will not be out-done; and my word for it." corrupted France to a proverb; it must be "Well, when a sailor passes his word, he for those who have a better faith; ought to be believed. I know a sailor who resolved that he would stop swearing; and

> "Ah," said the old sailor, "you've anch-"I know you can," said the young man "and I hope you will anchor all your ship-mates' ouths with yours."

Not a word of profanity was afterwards heard on board the vessel. During the day, as opportunity presented itself, he conversed with each sailor singly on the subject of his soul's salvation, and gained the hearts of all.

By this time I was much interested in the young stranger, and determined to know more of him. There was nothing preposes-sing in his appearance; his dress was plain; had, by the blessing of God, in a few short

went on deck and sang a hymn. It was a hung upon the cross, and for us guilty sin-happy place, a floating Bethel. Instead of ners, he died." 

"Look yonder!" he exclaimed. "You, that sun this morning to afford us light and comfort, so has the Son of God arisen to him: and as that sun withdraws his beams. and we are veiled in darkness for a season, so will the Sun of righteousness withdraw his offers of mercy from all who continue to neglect them. But remember, that season is one that never ends-one dark, perpetual night."

The captain, deeply affected, went into the cabin, lit his lamp, took his Bible, and was engaged in reading till we had retired to rest.

In the morning, as soon as we were seated at the breakfast table, the captain invited but it offered sufficient light for me to disco-

feet, and in all his movements aimed to show that eternity was not to be trifled with.

dance himself, yet thought the ball-room no place for a Clergyman; sarcastically replied, "your books in your study."

3. But social entertainments would be very dull without a dance; how would you apend a long evening? you cannot find interesting conversation for the whole com.

I have but few, as you see: but they are you see: but they are very good, and you may take one, if you go and live with her; and added, "I have had ministers as passengers in my vessel bute, but you were all too busy last night." Sabbath days and week days, but never before have I been reminded of the family altar where my departed parents knelt."

We were soon called to breakfast with the captain and mate. When we were seated at showed that our friend had, by his decided, I

As soon as he rose from prayer, a gentleman, whose head was whitening for the grave, said, "Sir, I should like to converse with you. I profess to be a Deist. I once

age, and will listen to you; and, as you proceed, may perhaps ask a few questions; but I cannot debate, I can only say that I must love Jesus Christ. He died to

the old man, "but I don't believe in Christ." "Will you tell us how sinners can be saved in some other way, and God's law be

We waited in vain for a reply, friend proceeded: "Not many years since I was an infidel, because I did not love the truth, and was unwilling to examine it.— Now I see my error; and the more I study the Bible, the firmer is my conviction of its

truth, and that there is no way of salvation but through a crucified Redeemer."

As the passengers sat engaged in conversation, one of them at length turned to our young friend, and related the circumstances in the neighbourhood, while in a fit of intoxication. To this all paid the strictest attention. The captain joined them to hear the story, the conclusion of which afforded an opportunity for the stranger to begin his work. He was the fearless advocate of temperance, as well as feligion, and here gained some friends to this cause.

" But," said he at length, " though alcho hol occasions an immense amount of crime and misery in our world, I recollect one instance of murder with which it had no con

He then related, as nearly as I can re nember the following story: "In a populous city in the E man who seemed to live only for the good of others. He daily exhibited the most per-fect benevolence towards his fellow men; hours, totally changed the aspects of our feet benevolence towards his fellow men; crew. The tiger seemed softened to a lamb, sought out for the poor and needy, and re-

" where was that ?- When was it ?"-It was a melting scene. Knees that sel- "Who was it?"—was heard from several dom bowed before, now knelt at the altar of voices. "It was in the city of Jerusalem,

confusion and wrath, there was sweet peace | Every eye was fixed upon the young man the table and read the account of Christ's condemnation and death; the captain nodthe condition of sinners, and for the sake of Christ, besought God's mercy upon them here again was a floating bethel.

comfort, so has the Son of God arisen to secure salvation to all who accept and love gotten, and he evidently did not forget that there were immortal souls around him, hastening with him to the bar of God. Daring the day he conversed separately with each individual, except an elderly gentleman who had followed him from seat to seat and showed much uneasiness of mind; the real-ities of eternity were set before us and the Holy Spirit seemed to be striving with many

As the mantle of evening was drawing of such an event by the true sayings of God!

as if imploring the Spirit's influence, and then briefly explained the nature and reagether, to recount the tollow of combat, and

have sinned all my days."

by the deep sighs of the aged penitent. There was something in an hour like this, awfully solemn. Heaven was rejoicing, I doubt not, over a returning prodigal. As he

sation.

But to answer the question at the head of these papers "Is there any harm in dancing?"

1. It has been shewn that in all the places in the sacred scriptures where dancing is mentioned with approbation and the sacred scriptures where dancing is mentioned with approbation and the sacred scriptures where dancing is mentioned with approbation and the sacred scriptures where dancing is mentioned with approbation and their mouths filled with curses. The captain at length he inquired of the captain, if he were willing to have prayers on board.

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"I have no object of his life? When Christians among sailors, and they meant no harm by, it." to hear the songs of Zion float on every breeze: "Alleluiah!" "The kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ."

We can look upwards to the stars of night, and has infected the very springs of our hand see the faithfulness" of God "established" in the material heavens—"This day they stand as thou ordainest." But these are feeble types and symbals of brighter constellations in the spiritual firmament—the corrections, and penalties, all managed by notions of fatality; does not make God the collections of fatality and collections of fatality; does not make God the collections of fatality and collections of fatality and collections.

the unfaithfulness of the believer never alters, tendencies to vice strangely mingle. The circumstances which cross our path, as well and can never alter, the faithfulness of God!

then looking round upon us, he said, "He held by an infuriated mob, and he was conjurney! The "abiding" friend is left! He is always the same! "He tainteth not, neither is weary!" His faithfulness is a tried faithfulness! His word is a tried word! His friendship is a tried friendship! He is always " better than his word !" with usury !

Did not thy word of love Come brightly bearing through the gloom, A peace branch from above! Then sorrow, touch'd by thee, grows bright, With more than rapture's ray, As darkness shows us worlds of light

When I think that at this very moment the eye of that faithful Saviour-God is upon me—"I will both lay me down in peace and suspected as if he were a felon. He consleep; for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell cludes that he may be a bondsman or a

## Union of Good Men in Heaven.

BY REV. ROBERT HALL. If the mere conception of the reunion of good men in a future state, infused a momentary rapture into the mind of Tully; if

may we be expected to feel, who are assured around us, our friend requested an interview How should we rejoice in the prospect, the with the aged man. Yes, yes," said he, "I have been wish- nity with those whom we loved on earth; ing all day to see you, but you were talking of seeing them emerge from the tomb, and with others."

He acknowledged that he had tried to be jured, but refined and perfected, with every Universalist: and though he could not tear wiped from their eyes, standing before rest in that behalf, he never until the previ- the throne of Gad and the Lamb in white ous evening, saw his lost condition. " And robes, and palms in their hands, crying with now," said he, " I want you to tell me what a loud voice, Salvation to God who sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb, forever The young man raised his eye to heaven and ever! What delight will it afford to onableness of repentance and faith, accom- labour of the way, and to approach not the panied by a few striking illustrations in house but the throne of God, in company, in proof of the justice of God in condemning, order to rejoin in the symphonies of heavenly and his mercy in pardoning sinners:

The old man saw the plan of redemption dors and fruitions of the beatific vision.

so clearly, that he burst into tears, and exclaimed, "O, my soul! O how have I sing; and if there is a law from whose operated Call Levi in I fool in ned against God! I see it-I feel it-yes, ration none are exempt, which irresistibly conveys their bodies to darkness and to dust. "Oh yes, yes, if I had a thousand hearts there is another, not less certain or less ne should have them all," was the answer. powerful, which conducts their spirits to abothe young man turned away and wept. des of bliss, to the bosom of their Father The young man turned away and wept. des of bills, to the boson of the moral administration of the world. They have been only and their God. The wheels of nature are is the established and ascertainable connections. They have been only been only and their God. They have been only been o stood alone and wept, he reiterated again that interminable ocean. Meanwhile, heaand again, "Yes, I will serve God; I will I ven is attracting to itself whatever is con-After a time his feelings became genial to its nature, is enriching itself by the

ven with both hands raised, he broke out in singing:

There shall I bathe my weary soul In seas of heavenly rest, And not a wave of trouble roll. Across my peaceful breast."

And then again he wept and said, "O, yes, Jesus precious Saviour."

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The time had come for our young friend to leave us. By his zeal in his master's service, he had stolen our hearts, and each lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."

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The time had come for our young friend to leave us. By his zeal in his master's service, while everything which against. Here are mainly found the materials out of which a special Providence arranges its combinations and works its disciplinary designs. The miscarriage of a letter, a casual meeting with a stranger, a shower of the prospects—in the excellence of the company—and in the vast superiority of the account that the following important particulars:—In the goodness of the road—in the excellence of the company—and in the vast superiority of the account the fortunes of a whole life in the following important particulars:—In the goodness of the road—in the excellence of the company—and in the vast superiority of the account the fortunes of a whole life in the following important particulars:—In the g

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keeping God in the kingdom of grace.—

More particularly striking is this when taminations. Were the purpose other than These mountains (nature's best emblems of the fact of man's sinfulness is taken into emoved, "but" says their almighty Maker, and spiritual glory of his first estate has sities, and had dropped into the grave at last,

my "kindness shall not be taken from thee!" been lost. Sin is in the world. It abounds
We can look upwards to the stars of night, and has infected the very springs of our naand can never alter, the faithfulness of God! providential discipline to which he is subas in us by the gracious influences of Hi
My, soul! anchor thyself on this rock of jected in this life of probation, is a scheme Spirit; but His working does not supersed the Divine veracity. Take hold of that of balanced checks and stimulants. It is our own, in the kingdoms of nature, providence and grace. No Turkish predestination the end." He loves them in life-loves them seemingly inexplicable phenomena of our sinews of personal endeavour, or

thee on the precipice, when about to plunge headlong down—employing sometimes con-training, at others restraining grace—mak—Himself unnoticed, he walks about and suring this thy brief history, "Kept by the veys the strange circumstances which prepared from for sagacity, for activity, for calculation as well as for prayer and trust in God—his own glory, and thine own good? These elements so far from being antagonist I love to think of thy faithfulness, O thou him to be the principal personage on the is- ic, ought never to be disjoined and peace and quiet had succeeded conussion and blasphemy.

After supper he requested of the captain the privilege of attending worship in the cabin. His wishes were complied with, and soon all on board, except the man at the soon all on board, except the man at the best how he lam were assembled. The captain brought to the esteem of all, yet he had enemies. He took no part in politics, yet many feared that he was making friends in order to secure to him self the reins of government. Others in early life by his father, with a request to himself the religious sentiments, considered the sick and the afflicted: and, thou wert faithful! Thou hast the esteem of all, yet he had enemies. He took no part in politics, yet many feared that he was making friends in order to secure to himself the reins of government. Others in early life by his father, with a request to himself the religious sentiments, considered the sick and the afflicted: and, thou wert faithful! Thou hast the esteem of all, yet he had enemies. He took no part in politics, yet many feared that he had enemies. He took no part in politics, yet many feared that he had enemies, and dying sinners, and thou hast his generosity was a cloak of ambition, and the faithful still!

My soul! never suppose, amid the faith-leasness of earth's trusted friends, that thou longliness if the result of the wiscent that he is confined and suspect-tys and aged to every hand. He has a certain degree of life, we are not left without sufficient gui-tys and saints; by youthful sinners, and aged to live it appears that he is confined and suspect-tys and saints; by youthful sinners, and aged to every hand. He has a certain degree of life, we are not left without sufficient gui-tys and saints; by youthful sinners, and aged to life, we are not left without sufficient gui-tys and saints; by youthful sinners, and ag loudly of the restraints laid upon him. It is observed that the persons by whom he is surrounded pay him all respect and deference; while they are at the same time watching and guarding him, and ready, if he go beyond prescribed limits, to resort to bolder measures. This personage, it is further observed, has in his manner an air of the observed, has in his manner an air of the constant with respectful attention to the dictates of the constant with respectful attention to the dictates of the constant with respectful attention to the dictates of the constant with respectful attention to the dictates of the constant with respectful attention to the dictates of the constant with respectful attention to the dictates of the constant with respectful attention to the dictates of the constant with respectful attention to the dictates of the constant with respectful attention to the dictates of the constant with respectful attention to the dictates of the constant with respectful attention to the dictates of the constant with respectful attention to the dictate of the constant with respectful attention to the dictate of the constant with respectful attention to the dictate of the constant with respectful attention to the dictate of the constant with respectful attention to the dictate of the constant with respectful attention to the dictate of the constant with respectful attention to the dictate of the constant with respectful attention to the dictate of the constant with respectful attention to the dictate of the constant with respectful attention to the dictate of the constant with respectful attention to the dictate of the constant with the cons dignity which impresses the spectator with awe, while he has also an air of restlessness and discontent which moves him to pity.

What reasonable conclusion can the traveller those events which lie beyond reach of hudraw from this strange combination and man agency."-Southern Chris. Advocate jumble of seembing contradictions? He

knows not for a time, what to think. There are times when he is confident that this individual, on whom all eyes are fixed, is a kind; but then he sees him watched and suspected as if he were a felon. He conprisoner; but this conclusion is confounded when he reflects that a certain freedom is permitted him, that great honour is paid not occur to him that the opposite and seemingly inconsistent phenomena may be com-bined in a consistent result, in higher unity; but should the idea, occur, and he prosecute it sufficiently far, it will at once conduct him to a solution of his difficulties, and the truth may now open to him and show him in this personage a fallen monarch, with remains of and with only a certain degree of freedom and authority allowed him. In particular, should he meet with some one who relates the previous history of Napoleon, dwelling he feels now as if the mystery was unfolded, and that all difficulties have vanished.

The scheme of a special providence thus adjusted to the acknowledged condition of mankind, and which requires nothing less than infinite wisdom and power to carry it on, embraces arrangements as vast as general laws, and at the same time as minute as the individual wants of the meanest of God's responsible creatures. Uniformity and variety, certainties and contingencies, the set-tled order of things and the fortuitous occur-But overlying this whole region of establish-ed cause and effect, there is another in which ven with both hands raised, he broke out in pacious bosom whatever is pure, permanent singing:

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channel by some such apparently trivial ignorance, and of the imbecility of the mind that makes it. What! do our fashionables dance, as the poet's boy whistled; "for want of thought?" This reminds one of what Plate seve of the Greeket she is a cannot add the express their inendship panion, as the Lord supplies our wants, if gratitude of many and the esteem of all.

We soon found ourselves in a canal boat, whose unwavering purpose it was to live for our great of the gratique of moral discipline, where were about thirty passengers of various ages and characters; and my curiosity of head to carrence. The nice adjustment of these for ception of the providence of God we must would like to ask his blessing on our repast."

The Divine Providence.

To form anything like an adequate conception of the providence of God we must working in perfect harmony with the calculations and consider the vast diversity of individual business." of thought?" This reminds one of what Plato says of the Greeks; that it was the custom to introduce dancing girls at the entertainments of those who were incapable cook was on deck, and informed the sailors, We must observe how each one of of faith as is the record in the sacred oracle these is a unit, totally distinct from the rest; that "all things work together for good to -how he presents to our notice a separate them that love God." For every man there identity;—how he is possessed of a person-al history, and forms the centre of a little may tend to restrain his evil propensities, world of hopes and interests. We must not correct his peculiar liabilities, deliver him overlook the fact that each one possesses a from the dominion of vicious principles, show this world are becoming the kingdoms of complex system of body and soul, a vast di- him the emptiness of worldly good, chasten versity of capabilities and necessities, a wonderful mechanism of distinct physical, intellectual, and moral elements. Now, that on the Faithfulness of God-A each separate individual of the species thus better life. Do you marvel at the suffering circumstanced, should be noticed and cared in the world? Do you lament over the hard for; should without a moment's intermission lot of human life, subject to disappointment claim and receive the Creator's notice and in its brightest hopes, wailing over the grave It has been well said, that "the universe around us is a parable of grace." "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so doth itll now, without any confounding of one in its brightest hopes, waiting over the grave kindness; and that such a process should have been going on from the day of creation ject to vanity, and groaning for deliverance? The answer is, this very arrangement is the the Lord compass his people!" But firmer with another,—what a view does not prethan even these types of immutability in the sent of the vastness, minuteness, comprehenkingdom of nature is the word of a covenant- sion and discrimination of the divine regards. that we may hasten our escape from its conteadfastness) may depart, and the hills be the consideration. The moral excellence ed pursuit and indulgence of his evil propen-

> declarations of an unchanging God—"Thy word is forever settled in Heaven."
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> What a gracious assurance amid our own unfaithfulness, "The Lord is faithful!"—that while it exhibits the pains taken by our headarkness—" Having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them even unto offspring, at the same time it clears up the dination of whatever comes to pass, cuts the in death—loves them through death—loves them into glory!
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> Art thou not at this hour a monument of God's faithfulness? Where wouldst thou have been had not the magnet of his grace kept thee, and drawn thy fugitive affections towards himself? From how many temptations has he rescued thee—laying hold of thee on the precipice, when about to plunge man, he has to gather all his information in the accomplishment of its unwarranted experience of the precipical presidence is sinews of personal endeavour, or binds with chains the free, self-determining will of man. The true theory of a special Providence smites the image of unconditional predestination at the latter of the image of unconditional predestination and lays in the dust its head of gold, its iron legs and its feet of clay. It is equality opposed to the enthusiasm which imagines that it is only necessary to trust in Providence smites the image of unconditional predestination, and lays in the dust its head of gold, its iron legs and its feet of clay. It is equality opposed to the enthusiasm which imagines that it is only necessary to trust in Providence smites the image of unconditional predestination.—An intelligent visitant, let us suppose, from a remote island of the ocean, or a distant planet of our system alights on the isle of St. Helena, at a time when Napoleon was confined to it. Totally unacquainted with the previous history of that wonderful man, he has to gather all his information of the chains the free, self-determining will of man.
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### A Philosopher Corrected At the late anniversary of the British and

Foreign Sailors' Society, the Rev. Mr. Lawrie (Wesleyan Missionary from the South Seas) said that he wished it were in his power to say that English sailors were the only persons who in other lands sunk the Christian character. He had met with a and power in his manner and character. It is possible that the traveller, after perplexing himself for a time, may give up all idea of resolving the mystery. Perhaps it may not occur to him that the conceiled of the conceiled o Thomas Gisborne, who was a truly Christian gentleman, at Paramatta. An English tian gentleman, at Paramatia. An English philosopher was present, who had visited New Holland with a view of ascertaining what kind of beings the aboriginies were. He set about examining the craniums of the blacks, and having examined all the bumps of their skulls, he pronounced them to be personage a fallen monarch, with remains of former grandeur, confined here for a time, and with only a certain degree of freedom and authority allowed him. In particular, and a young man who had become the subject of pulmonary disease was then dying a Christian. He invited the doctor to accompany him on the following morning, stating that specially on his greatness and degradation, him on the following morning, stating that he is prepared to credit his informant; and he could produce an argument quite new to him in his investigations. He accompanied him, and on entering the room where the young black was lying, he (Mr L) said to him," Now, Thomas, relate to this gentlm what you were, what Christianity for you, and what are your hopes and views concerning another world." He gave as clear an account of his heathen, wretched, polluted condition, as any man could do in few words. He then detailed the operations of the Spirit of Christ upon his heart, giving him to feel that he was a sinner, and needed rences which transpire every day and are beyond the reach of ordinary sagacity—these are the mingled elements out of which the divine government forms its combinations in the moral administration of the world. There is the established and administration of the world. There coming into direct contact with his antagoist and asked him whether he ever saw a monkey die like that young man. One might easily reaping is the result of sowing. Results of guess what he looked like. With some this kind may be calculated and provided for difficulty he obtained this answer from him: "Sir, my philosophy stands corrected by