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# Messiah, a Sacred Eclogue.

Ye nymphs of Solyma! begin the song: To heavenly themes sublimer strains belong. The mossy fountains, and the silvan shades The dreams of Pindus, and th' Aonian maids, Delight no more-O thou my voice inspire Who touch'd Isaiah's hallow'd lips with fire! Rant into future times the bard begun; A virgin shall conceive a virgin bear a son From Jesse's root behold a branch arise. Whose sacred flower with fragrance fills the skies, God. Th' etherial spirit o'er its leaves shall move, And on its top descend the mystic dove. Ye heavens! from high the dewy nectar pour And in soft silence shed the kindly show'r! The sick and weak the healing plant shall aid, From storms a shelter, and from heat a shade,

Returning Justice lift aloft her scale : Peace o'er the world her olive wand extend, And white-rob'd Innocence frem Heaven de-

() spring to light, auspicious babe be born. With all the incense of the breathing spring; See\_lofty Lebanon his head advance, See nodding forests on the mountains dance See spicy clouds from lowly Saron rise, And Carmel's flowery top perfumes the skies. Hark ! a g!ad voice the lonely desert cheers ; Prepare the way! a God, a God appears!" A God, a God?' the vocal hills reply The rocks proclaim th' approaching Deity. Lo, Earth receives him from the bending skies Sink down, ve mountains, and ve valleys rise; With heads declin'd, ve cedars, homage pay; Be smothe, ye rocks; ye rapid floods, give way The Saviour comes, by ancient bards foretold Hear him, ye dead; and, all ye blind, behold! He from thick films shall purge the visual ray, And on the sightless eveball pour the day : 'Tisthe th' obstructed paths of sound shall clear And bid new music charm th' unfolding ear : The dumb shall sing, the lame his crutch forego, And leap exulting like the bounding roe. No sigh, no murmur, the wide world shall he From every face he wipes off every tear. In adamantine chains shall Death be bound, And Hell's grim tyrant feel th' eternal wound As the good shepherd tends his fleecy care, Seeks freshest pasture and the purest air, Explores the lost, the wandering sheep directs, By day o'ersees them, and by night protects; The tender lambs he raises in his arms, Feeds from his hand, and in his bosom warms, Thus shall mankind his guardian care engage, The promis'd father of a future age. Mo more shall nation against nation rise, Nor ardent warriors meet with hateful eyes, Nor fields with gleaming steel be cover'd o'er The brazen trumpets kindle rage no more; And the broad falchion in a ploughshare end Then palaces shall rise; the joyful son Shall finish what his short-livid sire begun Their vines a shadow to their race shall yield.

The swain in barren deserts with surprise Sees lilies spring and sudden verdure rise; And starts, amidst the thirsty wilds to hear New falls of water murmuring in his ear. On rifted rocks, the dragon's late abodes, The green reed trembles, and the bulrush nods, Waste sandy valleys, once perplexed with thorn. The spiry fir and shapely box adorn; To leafless shrubs the flowering palm succe And odorous myrtle to the noisome weed. The lambs with wolves shall graze the verdant

And the same hand that sow'd shall reap the

mead, And boys in flowery bands the tiger lead The steer and lion at one crib shall meet, And harmless serpents lick the pilgrim's feet The smiling infant in his hand shall take The crested basilisk and speckled snake, Pleas'd, the green lustre of the scales survey, And with their forky tongue shall innocent

Exalt thy towery head, and lift thy eyes! See a long race thy spacious courts adorn : See future sons and daughters yet unborn, In crowding ranks on every side arise; Demanding life, impatient for the skies! See barbarous nations at thy gates aitend Walk in thy light, and in thy temple bend; See thy bright altars thronged with prostrate kings,

And heaped with products of Sabæan springs From the Idume's spicy forests blow, And seeds of gold in Ophir's mountains glow See Heaven its sparkling portals wide display, No more the rising Sun shall gild the morn, Nor evening Cynthia fill her silver horn; But lost dissolv'd in thy superior rays, One tide of glory, one unclouded blaze O'erflow thy courts; the Light himself shall shir Reveal'd, and God's eternal day be thine ! The seas shall waste, the skies in smoke deca Rocks tall to dust, and mountains melt away : But fix'd his word, his saving pow'r remains: Thy realm for ever lasts, th yown Messiah reigns.

### My Spirit's Home. Where is the home my spirit seeks,

Amid this world of sin and care, Where even joy of sorrow speaks, And Death is lurking everywhere O ! not amid its fading bowers My wearied soul can find repose, For serpents luck beneath its flowers. And thorns surround its fairest rose

The home of earth is not for me; Far off my spirit's dwelling lies; The eve of faith alone can see Its pearly gates beyond the skies; The ear of faith alone can hear

The music of its ceaseless song,

As nearer with each passing year

Its angel chorus rolls along. There is the home my spirit seeks, Above the fadeless stars on high Where not a note of discord breaks The silver chain of harmony; Where light without a shadow lies, And joy can speak without a tear.

# Be Prepared to Meet Affliction.

And Death alone—the tyrant—dies;

The home my spirit seeks is there.

Be prepared to meet affliction. It will rob you of its pain; And thou'lt say, when skies grow brighter. Thou hast not been tried in vain. Bend thy head in meek submission To thy lot, where'er 'tis cast; Trust in Heaven, and He will guide thee,

(FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.)

# Thanksgiving.

"How sweet in silent thought to trace.

The riches of redeening grace— To reckon mercies o'er and o er, And find them such an endless sto "If I should count them," said one of old, benefits?" is the language of inspiration,— man was born there." it was that of the royal Psalmist, under a weight of mercies; and has thus been pre-Swift fly the years, and rise th' expected morn; pared for the hearts of the children of God, See. Nature hastes her earliest wreathes to bring: of their pilgrimage, even to latest ages. he hath redeemed from the hand of the

ten? "I was glad when they said unto me, escape if we neglect so great salvation."let us go up into the house of the Lord." Heb. ii, 4. "Who among us shall dwell Surely each returning anniversary of such with the devouring fire? who among us a period will be found, having the indelible shall dwell with everlasting burnings?"ord: the clear and distinct retrospections: Isa. xxxiii. 14. Where the improvement the soul-stirring reminiscences: the melting of that light and conviction under those recognitions: the devotional Ebenezars in- sermons, arresting the soul, and leaving it scribed, not on tables of stone, but on the a conscious sinner, in the hand of Divine fleshy tables of the heart, with adoring love justice seeing and feeling "the wages of and gratitude to the God of all their mer- sin is death?" And what shall it profit a will praise thee:" "Thou hast been favour- own soul?" Reason amazes at an approach able to thy land-thou hast brought back to investigation: thoughts of an overwhelm the captivity of thy people." Revolving ing character crowd the immortal mind years can never obliterate November 1st, and the soul seeks shelter: "Jesu', lover o 1829, from the memory of some of the pre- my soul, let me to thy bosom fly!-" Rock sent inhabitants of the highly favored little of Ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in town of G --- and its vicinity; nor can the Thee!" The great, and now three-fold names of Webb-Matthew Cranswick-Hen- increased proportion of spiritual labour the

with a recollection of the important, deeply corner of the vineyard demands the most devotional, and solemn services of that day, in the dedication of a Wesleyan Chapel to pient of the Gospel, as a prominent feature the service of God. As regards the devoted of the Divine mercy towards it; and as ex-Ministers just named, their record is on pressive, also, of an affecting appeal, "How high—one has been called to his eternal much owest thou unto thy Lord?" Truly home! others far removed; but the benefits we owe our all to the Gospel of Christ. of that date which marks the dedication of We owe much to the Lord's servants who the building, through the prayer of faith, have not shunned to declare unto us "the and manifested presence of the Lord, to His whole counsel of God," neither have countsent servants in succession, have been per- ed their lives dear unto them in their Masmanent; and oft to his worthy people the ter's service, but have laboured on at His promises fulfilled, "Where I record my command in successive years - pressing name I will come unto thee, and I will bless through every difficulty—ofttimes exposure thee;" and with reference to the house of not only of health, but hazard of life, o'er the Lord, "I will abundantly bless her pro- bad roads, broken bridges, in summer; and Psalm cxxxii. Thirty-one Wesleyan Min- winds in dreary winter, in fulfilling their isters have laboured on this (now widely ex- appointments-feeding the flock, or "looktending) Circuit since the erection of that ing after the lost sheep of the house of Is building, with an exception of two, who in rael." If it is written for the encourage-

their toil and faithful labours previously, ment of the feeblest follower of Christ. during nearly six years, may be considered "God is not unrighteous, to forget your as pioneers to the work—a majority of the work and labour of love which ye have above mentioned number, whose esteemed shewed towards his name," how much more, names are before the writer, exercising pas- may we suppose, will be remembered His toral care; it also includes the important, own servants, his spiritual labourers, toiling never to be forgotten visits of two of the in his vineyard, under His immediate eye, General Superintendents, and those servants in all their fatigues, privations, sacrifices, of God who, on Missionary Meeting occa- (or if need be) sufferings, to the full accomsions, from the pulpit as also from the altar, plishment of their Master's will, in the saltions a body of important, soul-stirring in- no doubt this is written." "Even so hath

walls, O Jerusalem;" with continued spiritual counsel by means of those inner circles of Wesleyan Methodism, so wisely and scripturally instituted for promoting

growth in grace, and keeping the soul alive to its eternal interests, termed Class Meetings: with access to the precious privilege of stated public Prayer Meetings, (those

shall renew their strength,")-all these Gos- safety. pel immunities combined may be considered Whatever you are, remember you are a the highest responsibility, as including every minister .- Gems for Christian Ministers.

privileges, in connexion with that day when God shall judge his people, and the heavens declare His righteousness-when every in-To retrace the divine mercies is not only dividual worshipper in that building shall Scripture injunction, (the sacred pages hear and feel for themselves the solemn sensustain the thought!-who can fathom the

other. In this brief external view only, of

accumulated, and still increasing Gospe

depth of eternal responsibilities accruing: blessings flowing-individual blessings, family blessings, temporal benefits, blessings of salvation, flowing to the little town of Gthey are more than the sand."-Ps. cxix, and the now surrounding Circuit, through 18. It is generally admitted also, that, ac- the dedication of that house to the divine From storms a shelter, and from neat a snade, All crimes shall cease, and ancient frauds shall demand of gratitude imperious. "What of Zion, "the Lord shall count, when he shall I render unto the Lord for all his writeth up the people, that this and that

"Great God thy watchful care we bless, Which guards these sacred courts in yea Nor dare tumultuous foes invade, To fill thy worshippers with dread."

as they journey on through this the house "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom "One generation shall praise thy name to enemy." But to those who have not benother, and shall declare thy mighty acts: lieved the report of the Lord's messengers: they shall abundantly utter the memory of who have not "obeyed the voice of his serhy great goodness, and shall sing of thy vant," still delay repentance, and continue righteousness."-Psalm exv., 4, 7. The to trifle with conviction: with inward feelwriter of this simple article would fain lift ing (the Holy Spirit's operation): witness to heaven the supplicating eye, and ask for text-" What then shall I do when God an heart attuned to that of the sweet singer riseth up? and when he visiteth, what shall of Israel, when he exclaims, "I will offer I answer him?"-Job xxxi, 14. Witness: the sacrifice of thanksgiving: I will pay my " And thou mourn at the last, when thy vows unto the Lord, now in the presence of flesh and thy body are consumed, and say, all his people." If "honor to whom honor How have I hated instruction, and my heart is due," be paid (with thanksgivings to God) despised reproof; and have not obeyed the in the prolonged lives of eminently useful voice of my teachers, nor inclined my ear characters; and in the celebration of Jubi- to them that instructed me! I was almost ees, marking the origin and progress of in all evil in the midst of the congregation nstitutions and societies, which under the and assembly."-Prov. v, 11, 12. Twenty manifest heavenly guidance and blessing six years probationary existence (space have diffused incalculable benefits, spiritual and temporal, to the fallen race, promising life and salvation: every saving truth of a never-ending revenue of praise to the God God unfolded and pressed home on the sinof the Bible, from future generations-If ner's heart, by the Spirit of God, as also the arts and the sciences, which in this our the voice of the sent messenger, beseeching, day involve such interest, as subservient to in Christ's stead "be ye reconciled to God." man are found having their registry; shall One thousand three hundred and fifty-two the children of Zion be unmindful of the Sabbaths afforded in mercy! Two thousand

origin, the sacred source and medium of seven hundred and four sermons, portions their long-continued blessings in the estab- directed to by the Holy Ghost, and exlishment of the preached Gospel among pounded as in His sight, with whom we have them? A people who once "sat in dark- to do: who hath enjoined, "Teaching them ness and in the shadow of death," "to whom to observe all things whatsoever I have light' was caused to spring up," whom commanded you, and lo I am with you." "the day spring from on high hath visit- Add to this those more than ordinary means ed;"-shall these be unmindful of the era afforded, such as revivals bear witness to; ed;"—shall these be unmindful of the era afforded, such as revivals bear witness to; when the nearest distance of their centres and worshipped Him: and when they had and worshipped Him: and when they had of that signal mercy of the Lord, vouchsafed to them in the building of an house wherein to worship, and the dedication of that house to worship, and the dedication of that house of God to bring down a more powto his service and glory, May we not erful effusion of the Holy Spirit, on the unrather suppose their language to be-"I saved around them; thus, as it were, going will remember the days of old, the years of into the highways and hedges, to compel the right-hand of the Most High: I will them to come in, that the house of mercy shew forth all thy praise."-" If I forget might be filled, and their souls eternally thee, O Jerusalem, let my right-hand forget saved: these energies also enforced by the her cunning; If I do not remember thee, let most solemn reiterated expositions, from my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; the statute book of heaven, declaring, "For If I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief we must all appear before the judgment seat pencd before, and had there been no science birth of the Messiah." Can their own experience be forgot- of Christ."-2 Cor. v, 10. "How shall we

gar-ever be forgotten, as interwoven Lord has been pleased to afford this little

vision: I will satisfy her poor with bread." drifting snow, pelting hail, and piercing star.

From the Wesleyan Methodist Magazine. The Star in the East.

been found a delightful duty—a salutary privilege of every traveller in the way to Zion, every believer in Christ and child of Cod. says a popular writer, "no doubt was the ed, and then appeared again. When first sign that God employed to call attention to seen by the Magi, it was west of themselves, a new fact, to show the place where Christ and in the direction of Jerusalem: hence was born, and to lead the wise men to visit their steps were directed to the holy city. Him who was born King of the Jews." - Arriving there, they announce the fact: The idea is fascinating, as the conjunction Herod and all the inhabitants are thrown system would present a spectacle to arrest and Scribes are summoned by the King, and it will not bear the test of even a slight in- born; the Scriptures are appealed to, the vestigation. If tried by the New Testament description, or by a few of the sim-

as a theory of the merest fancy.

First: In order to affirm with safety that precise period of his birth must be known. ogers to have taken place four years ized with that event: for as conjunctions are not things that tarry, we must know the particular month in the year, and the exact day of the month, when our Lord was born, before we are able to speak with confidences. Would be idle to show how inapplicable all this is to the planets Jupiter and Saturn. If the disappearing and re-appearing star of Scripture be supposed the same as these planets in conjunction, then we are driven before we are able to speak with confidences. The would be idle to show how inapplicable all this is to the planets Jupiter and Saturn. If the disappearing star of the rule, after a probation of two, eight, and twelve months respectively. Then in the oratory, before the whole community, he made a profession of his intended perspectively. tail is not in our possession, no individual leged phenomenon at the time of the

Again: The impression conveyed is, that so that, to the naked eye, the two planets would exhibit the appearance of one large of a guide to the very house where the inand magnificent star. But these things are fant Saviour was to be found; a purpose not identical. At the moment that two which no object in the higher regions of the heavenly bodies have the same longitude, firmament could accomplish. "It went be they are in conjunction, though they may fore them," conducting the travellers withthey are in conjunction, though they may be separated by a considerable distance in latitude: or they may have the right ascension, and yet be distant many degrees in declination. On the 22d of May, 1702, Limits and Saturn were in conjunction. Jupiter and Saturn were in conjunction, Child with Mary His mother, and fell down But, were we to admit the conjunction to myr

of astronomy at all, it might possibly have been regarded as a sign of something extraordinary: but as conjunctions are natural events, occurring at known and certain intervals, the one in question could not have been regarded by the "wise men" as anything more than a natural fact, though of A Lecture before the Young Men's Christian highly interesting character. For several evenings before, the planets would be seen gradually approaching each other; and a few evenings later receding: a process altocies !—and the language be, "O Lord, I man to gain the whole world, and lose his gether too slow to answer the end specified, which required some sudden appearance, like that recorded by the Evangelist. Not to say, that the monthly conjunctions of the

to call attention to a new fact." 2. The supposed brilliant object could and spread. Our next business is, to en- smile."

latitude, and the extreme north declination out of the deserts, into the populous neightous which Saturn can attain is about 26°. out of the deserts, into the populous neightous neightous find the latin ceased to be spoken by the laity, chers assumed the form of the auto-da-fe,

be vertical at a spot about 5° 43' south of in the West. This form is called a Cenobium, under the guidance of the local bishop. But upon," longed for modes of gratification, dif-3. The planets in conjunction could not Many exist in all parts of the christian world, might choose their own abbot. Subsequent- soon found within itself other employments have concentrated their devoted energies to bear on the Gospel mission, and bringing from the sacred treasury of God's word the question, "Doth God take care for the sacred treasury of God's word the guestion," Doth God take care for the guestion of the important connexion with this subject, puts the question, "Doth God take care for the pupil as also from the sacred treasury of God's word the first an parts of the emission word, by any possibility "lead the wise men to generate the form the sacred treasury of God's word the question, "Doth God take care for the begging friar.—

Bethlehem." In consequence of the diurnal rotation of the earth on its axis, from west are the most numerous. Mount Sinai and Hence the act of Gregory was only the things new and old for our "furtherance in oxen?" and then answering his own em- to east, Jupiter and Saturn, like the heaven- Carmel, and every important place, has its entering wedge which by the 11th century years later, in 1517, we find Tetzel, a dothe Gospel," laying before the congrega- phatic interrogatory, we find, "for our sakes by bodies generally, mount the borizon on monastery. Mount Athore, an Island in had separated the monks entirely from the minican, on pretext of raising money to the eastern side of the heavens; and, sup- the Egean more than 6,000 feet high, lately power of the local bishops, and brought them complete St. Peter's church at Rome, deformation, proving our obligation to become the Lord ordained, that they which preach posing them in about 26° of north declinathe Lord ordained, that they which preach "fellow helpers to the truth," have thus rendered those congregations insolvent debtors to the Gospel of Christ, through the Wesleyan Ministry. Accountability for a Wesleyan Ministry. Accountability for a legisles of the bread of the preached the words of the mention of the words of the mention of the mentio plentiful, faithful dispensation of the bread of life, through the preached Gospel, under light and in about the plentiful, faithful dispensation of the bread whole): "We then, as workers together with him, beseech you that ye receive not meridian of a place several thousand miles monastery of Megas Pelion, or Great Pelion, This, though often voluntarily assumed and other closed it. The one opposed monkery, folding the doctrines of Christ in a present, the grace of God in vain!" The tributary to the west of Bethlehem, whilst to an is built on the coast of the Gulf of Corinth recommended, was not enjoined on the ear-

through faith, "they that wait on the Lord filled with arms, which keeps it in perfect motions, as well as with the constellations, midst of all the beauties of nature. While ries, yet it was not made obligatory upon now decayed and tottering to its base.

very time the expectation of the promised

of these most magnificent planets of our into a great excitement; the Chief Priests the most careless eye. But, unfortunately, inquiry made where the Christ should be plest references of astronomy, it disappears written by the Prophet, And thou Bethle-

hem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the Princes of Juda: for out of thee conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn took shall come a Governor, that shall rule My place at the time of our Lord's birth, the people Israel." It was after this that the According to the popular notion, that great Herod to that village; and it was not till illustrious strangers were despatched by event occurred eighteen hundred and fiftyfour years ago; though it is now agreed by star, which had disappeared as soon as the end was gained of bringing them to Jerusaearlier. On the supposition that the year earlier, which lem, re-appeared: for, "lo, the star, which lem, re-appeared of the star, which l has been correctly ascertained, still we need they saw in the east, went before them," to something much more precise, before we their delight: for "when they saw the star, can venture to affirm that a conjunction of they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." It the two heavenly bodies named synchron- would be idle to show how inapplicable all before we are able to speak with confidence to one of two suppositions: either that Juon the point. But as this accuracy of dehas sufficient ground for affirming the alof the rays of light were temporarily suspended, thus concealing those from view,

though they retained their place. But who the conjunction was one of apparent contact; will gravely defend either of these notions? 3. It was a star that served the purpose

The only conclusion is, that the whole fully. also to admit the apparent union of the planets, yet the brilliant object could have accomplished none of the ends specified:

1. It could not have served the purpose of a sign, "to call attention to a new fact."

The only conclusion is, that the whole thing was supernatural: that, strictly speaking, it was no star at all; but rather a luminous object of starlike form and appearance, divinely prepared for the occasion, "and of a sign, "to call attention to a new fact."

The only conclusion is, that the whole thing was accomplished early in the union of Benedict enjoin the duties of prayer two hours a day, manual labor seven hours, and reading the rest of the available time. The Sabbath was wholly given to reading and prayer. From the propose of lanceted the power of lanceted the power of lanceted the propose of lanceted the power of lanceted the power of lanceted the propose of lan

Wynberg, South Africa, 1854.

Monasticism:

ITS RISE AND INFLUENCE.

Association, of Halifax, Delivered Tuesday evening, 11th December, 1855.) BY REV. DAVID FREEMAN.

[Concluded.] III. THE NATURE OF MONASTICISM.

company."

"Dear the remembrance of the just.
"The untenableness of the notion is at once Twill nourish when they sleep in dust,"—

And now to the living,

"The vineyard of the Lord, lefers his labourers lies.
And lo, they see the vast reward That waits them in the akies."

G., N.S., Nov. 1855.

The Bible in a family, is like an arsenal filled with arms, which keeps it in perfect.

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1. The narrative implies a new phenometric leading from one cranny to non. The "wise men," coming from a region in which early astronomy flourished, and the face of the heavens was diligently observed, must be supposed to have been acquainted with the older planets, and their motions, as well as with the constellations.

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put forth is the following:—From astronoings of a Divine influence, these wise men alarge, open, irregular, paved court, around draw them wholly into his own interest.

buildings for offices and habitations. This will give an idea of all Greek monasteries,

Prior in the West; but in the East he was mandrite, or chief of the sheepfold.

was definite. Children under age were not sension. - then new statutes and a stricter admitted without the consent of their par- rule. While in England this downward ents. Husbands and wives could not enter course resulted in destruction. unless mutually agreed; nor until the law Thus while voluntary poverty has always of Justinian were slaves admitted without been the glory of monasticism, mendicancy their masters' consent.

examined as to his vocation, and told how to the Holy See. orbits, and then replaced; or that the laws which regulate the reflection and refraction by the council of Chalcedon. Crimes were faith, had been overshadowed by the papai the incorrigible were expelled; but repen- in the 8th and 9th centuries.

> sional visitors who transgress." ing the day every irrelevant word was pro- truth with great effect. hibited within the walls. The brethren of the Holy Trinity, founded by Innocent III., which had long slumbered in luxury within kept silent always, in their church, in the the dark recesses of the cloister. It rose

connected, as to its import, with some reve-Had no conjunctions of these planets hap-lation made to " the Magi "respecting the studying the scriptures and chanting psalms. and established a mendicant or preaching Prayer and reading and labor were required order. Francis did the same; but being Nunc lege, nunc ora, nunc cum fervore la- the Albigenses, their favorite text was Ps. bora. Sic erit hora levis, et labor tile levis. 94, 16: "Who will rise up for me against "Now read, now pray, now labor fervently. the evil doers?" self light."

often filthy and disgusting. Gregory Na-zianzen, in his life of Basil, thus describes at first was to discover them, to convert it: These are the "beautiful indications and them, or if this failed to arraign them be-I have now glanced at some of the causes arguments of a life devoted to God. Filthy fore the ecclesiastical courts. But their Monasticism, -namely, its pre-existing and disordered hair, naked feet, imitating cruel work was sometimes retarded by a on and planets would often present a forms, contempt of the world, fear of perset the apostles, fit and moderate tonsure, clothmore striking appearance than Jupiter and cutton, and ignorance of christian duty. - ing repressing pride, girdle adorned by net the civil authorities to execute a harbarous Saturn in any case, and be just as likely Other motives, doubtless, existed; but these glect of ornament, a scanty cloak, steady sentence. are sufficient to account for its rapid rise walk, eyes not wandering, and a gentle

rent spot in the heavens as a Geminorum, Quarantina, the scene of our Lord's tempt- men. But in the 4th and 5th centuries it monks, but also over the people. Thus they could be of no more value as guides ation. "It is pierced all over with the caves became common to all orders of men. Af- the banner of the inquisition was made to to any particular house than that bright of the ancient anchorites, which look like ter this time monks aspired to ecclesiastical float over the prostrate liberties of Europe. pigeon nests. Some of them are in the honors; and candidates for the priesthood It was a black banner, bearing on one side most extraordinary situations, high up, in sought preparation in the cloisters. In a green cross between an olive branch and never appear to occupy that spot, and never can be vertical at Bethlehem. In order to

In the third place, Pachomius put three

In the third place, Pachomius put three be so, the declination of the planets and the into a cell; but subjected them to rigid this distinction arose between the lay and judica causam tuum." Arise O Lord, plead latitude of the place must agree. But Beth-lehem is situated in about 31° 43' of north And fourthly, Basil brought his disciples gained the ascendancy. The amount of Hence, in less than a quarter of a centu-

Were this planet, when at extreme north under a code of rules; enjoining poverty, education passed from them to the priests, and their empty purses were filled with condeclination, on the meridian of Bethlehem, charity, and obedience. Vasil's rules were who henceforth hid the key of knowledge. fiscated gold. instead of being overhead there, it would afterwards adopted in substance by Benedict, At first the monks of each province were But avarice, strengthened "by that it feed or a community; and it is the most common. in 601 Gregory the Great enacted that they ferent and more direct and more rapid. It

folding the doctrines of Christ in a present, free and full salvation, with participation of the ordinances of the Lord's house, twenty-six years: in addition to these mercies, all pastoral care, according to the word of the word of the word of the pastoral care, according to the word of the word

and the position of the principal stars they in this place, Curzon, an English traveller the clergy throughout the papal dominion The order of Jesuites, founded by him in

contain; so that no new star of any remark- monastery above, a distance of 222 feet. the monks until the Council of Trent in able lustre could appear without being noted, But he himself preferred to climb a ladder 1545. Thus a principle which had indeed For we have seen His star in the east, and are come to of the well-known heavenly bodies. At that of the well-known heavenly bodies. At that Barlaam, which stands on the summit of an rule, was enforced by the supreme pontift, Many conjectures have been advanced Messiah prevailed almost universally in the isolated rock, on the flat space of an acre that he might separate all inmates of the

Again mendicity was stigmatised by the smaller chapel, refectory, kitchen, the tower earliest monks: but it was promoted in moof the hoisting windlass, and other separate dern times to subserve the interests of Rome. The fathers of the desert were indeed poor. Poverty was one of the vows of Baexcept that instead of the surrounding pre- sil, and Benedict. But it was more than ipices, sometimes high stone walls to keep compensated by industry. It is interesting ut intruders are substituted. Within the to observe the effects of this. Coupled someenclosure are sometimes seen beautiful gar- times perhaps with fraud, and stimulated by avarice, it often became the road to wealth-The head of a monastery was called Hence many of these establishments acquiralled Abbot, Syriac for father; and the came lax in discipline, and morals, and then hief of a number of monasteries the Archi- experienced a reform. Hence their history The law of admission into these societies unvarying picture of vigor, prosperity, dis-

The candidate had to stand four or five was considered such. But in modern times days before the gates supplicating only for the principle of begging has been adopted to admission. On persevering, he was receiv- convert the holy brotherhood into an army

rude and difficult was the path to heaven. Between the years 1000 and 1200 mona He then listened three times to the teading chism had become divided into many rival

severance, moral improvement, and obe- The Waldenses from the earliest times dience. Returning to the world was not shut up in the valleys and mountains of Piedpunished by censure, corporal infliction, and throne during the palmy days of monachism

tance secured readmission even for the But when in the 10th and 12th centuries third time. "In the church of a monas- the institutious of monkery had become tery in Mount Nitria stand three palm trees, weakened by divisions, and corrupted by on each of which hangs a whip, one for avarice, these champions and martyrs for monks, one for rogues, and one for occa- the truth began to show their buoyancy, and to rise up from beneath their oppressive load. The monks of St. Benedict slept in the At the same time the reformers of a pure same dormitory, where a lamp was kept constantly burning. Strict silence was observed during the hours for sleep, and dur- up and began to unsheathe the sword of

speak in a low voice, humbly and respect time in the character of begging and preach-

of all the subsequent branches of this order. less rigid in discipline than his contempo-As to labor, the statutes of the order of the rary, failed in his success. As these monks Chartreuse contain the following injunction: went forth begging and preaching against

So will the time be short, and the labor it- About 10 or 12 years after the death of St Dominic his disciples spread themselves The personal appearance of a monk is over the western world, in keen pursuit merciful prelate, or by the reluctance o

The Council of Toulouse, therefore, in 1229 empowered these myrmidons to connot have served "to show the place where Christ was born." The immense distance obtained a glance at this in the lives of its obtained at the duct the trials themselves. That body of the heavenly bodies precludes the pointing out of any particular house in a town or early founders. We there see that in gening out of any particular house in a town or eral it made three successful advances. The These, therefore, suggest themselves as the the foundation of the inquisitorial court. illage, even when vertical at that place .- simplest form was, that of hermits, where fourth topic of consideration. Like the The court of inquisition was established by The bright fixed star a Geminorum, or Casone dwelt alone, Paul, the simple, was one chameleon, this institution changes its color Pope Gregory the 9th, and flourished durtor, when on the meridian of Bethlehem, is of this class: and many others still exist. | with every varying hue of light and shade. | ing the reign of St. Lewis, of France. In nearly vertical there: yet, if viewed by the naked eye from every house in the village by collecting his disciples into a neighbour-stolid aspect as at first. But in the West, burnt in Champagne in the same flames. at the same moment, it would appear to be hood of separate cells, where each monk where it has been influenced by a more ri- This was done in the presence of 18 bishops. as exactly situated over one house as over dwelt alone. This form is called a Laura gorous climate, a more active popular spirit, "It is a holocaust agreeable to God," exanother And if Jupiter and Saturn in con- or street. They are often established on the and above all by popish intrigue, it has claimed a monk who witnessed the executact were (notwithstanding their real differ-ence of position) to occupy the same appua-good example is seen in the mountain of Monasticism was at first confined to lay-Nonasticism was at first confined to lay-

\* Saturn is chosen as having a farther declination than suspended by a rope let down from the cording to Bingham entirely prohibited from monasticism. It could be anything to suit