

They went on, and at the distance of quarter of a league farther, they arrived at another field of barley. The troops immediately dismounted, cut down the grain, trussed it up, and remounted. The officer upon this said to his conductor, "Father, you have given yourself and us unnecessary trouble; the first field was much better than this." "Very true, sir," replied the good old man, "but it was not mine."

#### ANECDOTE OF DR. BLAIR.

The eloquent Blair, when concluding a public discourse, in which he had descanted with his usual ability on the amiableness of virtue, gave utterance to the following apostrophe: "*O Virtue, if thou wert embodied, all men would love thee!*" His colleague, R. Walker, attended the same pulpit in the afternoon of the same day, and addressing the congregation, said,— "My reverend brother observed in

the morning, that if Virtue were embodied, all men would love her. Virtue, my brethren, has been embodied; but how was she treated? Did all men love her? No; she was despised and rejected of men, defamed, insulted, scourged, led to Calvary, and crucified between two thieves!"

#### REMOVE THE EXTINGUISHER.

Dr. Taylor, of Norwich, said to John Newton: "Sir, I have collated every word in the Hebrew Scriptures seventeen times; and it is very strange if the doctrine of atonement, which you hold, is there, and I have not found it." "I am not surprised at this," said Newton; "I once went to light my candle with an extinguisher on. Now, prejudice, from education, learning, &c., often forms an extinguisher. It is not enough to bring the candle; you must remove the extinguisher."

### THE MISCELLANY.

#### TRAVEL TALK.

The various forms of salutation are amusing. The Englishman says, How do you do? The Arab, God grant thee his favours! The Persian, May your shadow never be less! The Greek, Rejoice! The Roman, Vale! The Scotch, Hoo's a' wi' ye? The Irish, Long life to your honour! The German, Wie geht's? The Frenchman, Comment vous portez vous?—how do you carry yourself? The Spaniard, Como esta usted? The Italian, Come sta? The Chinese, How do you eat your rice? The Egyptian, How do you sweat? The Russian, Rab vash!—your slave! In England, in old times, Save you, sir, &c.

#### DISINTERESTED BENEVOLENCE.

A traveller in Asia Minor, at a period of distressing drought, found a vase of water under a little shed by the road-side for the refreshment of the weary traveller. A man in the neighbourhood was in the habit of bringing the water from a considerable distance, and filling the vase every morning, and then going to his work. He could have had no motive to do this, but a kind regard for the weary travellers; for he was never there to receive their thanks, much less their money. This was an example of disinterested benevolence.