## church calendar. <br>  <br>  <br> alban, a tale of verulam

Scarcely ten dyys had elapsed since Alban had passed through the streets of Verulam in a festive proces-
sion, and drawn upon him the ammining gaze of the ap-
 cession. Stille a p before the thatconeses and horese topos
were thronged with spectators and a vast $t$ untitude were turonged will spor with him. But very different
rolled along in company wid rolled along in company with him. But very dirifrent
were now its exclamations. Alban was deeply struck
 lessens of that applause which had sod delighted his un-
reenereate earat, and saw the unstead course of the
roord which he was leaving. But above all he acknowledged the unbounded merecy of God, when he rememledged the uubounded mercy a pllendid pagan spectacle,
bered that te then rode
the stoutest champion of heathenish abominations. He the stoutest thampion of heathinenish abominitions. He
was now giving all the testinony in his power to the truth and glory of the true and
deemed by byis heavenly Master worthy to be w witness
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 exceeding blisstulness,
Thus ocupied thoughts, he heeded not the
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 long before they could clear the narrow oultet of the
tomn-gates. When then had emerred, a atrange sight
presented itself to them. The Verulamians found thempresented ditser to them.
selves but an ian a dorpamid an immene sea of Britons
It seemed an arny for numbers; and the foremost line
 Some alarm seized the Romans at first, and the officee
(who was still Lucius) was just about sending for a rein-
 Yorcement, when
vance rom und eneth the gateway, all at once dropped
on the knee in respect tuu saluation, while the foremost
 ban and his guard, and semed to form a guard of hoonou
around him.
Allana thoght that her recognized among them several
faces which he had seen in the hut; nor was he mista.
 and infuential Alban, the chief Roman in Verluan, the
stout champion of Paganism, was standiys ofr $\mathbf{r}$ ulgmen
 that flocked to the gates, that the guard thought it pru-
dent to refuse addinssion. They did not insist bu but waited very patiently win
martyr (should he turn out such) to the place of execu-
tion. No sooner therefore did they hear the shouts and execrations of the multitude within the wals,
tified of the result, they exultingly prepared to condu
him
him ou the road to his coronation.
It did indeed resemble a triumphal procession, exceep
that there was no pomp of war, but only the simple em-
blems of innocence and peace. Alban seemed the conblems of innocence and peace. Aloan seemed the
queror, Lucius and his guard the captives. In a sho
time the whole multitude had arrayed itself and accoon panied him in most regular order. On they marched in
respectul silence, until a stream, crossed by a a arrow
bridge, threatened to break their array. But inmebridge, threatened tiang teak plan already arranged, the
diately, as
crowd defiled off to the right and left, leaving the bough bearers ouly to attend Alban along the bridge. Having on the other side. When they had re-arranged thein
ranks, they commenced the song of triumph, which was sung by the bough-bearers, while the chorus was taken
up in a deep voice of thunder by the whole multitude. up in a d
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 Lucius, the Roman officer, looked surprised at all this
rude pomp. Yet he esaw no reason to put a stop to it;
so far from it he felt himself sensibly affected at the sight so far from the felt himself send
of the simple honours which the people were paying to
their chempion and by the solemn sound of the 'Glory!' their champion, and by the song around him. Thus they
and 'Hallelujah!' which rang
slowly slowly proceeded, unnir
meadow which has been already mentioned as the place pointed place of execution, and here the scafold and block were awaiting the martyr. After a glance throwi
at them, he looked towards his own house, fixed his eyes upon the window whence his dying father had looked He then turned to his father's monument, which was a conspicuous object hence. The sun was shining most
beautifully upon it. "How wondrous are thy ways, 0 beautifully upon it. "How wondrous are thy ways, O
God," Alban inwardly ejaculated; "through what a providential track of events and thoughts hast thou
brought me hither ! Pleasant has been the journey and now thou layest me to rest, like a weary babe.
Thankfully do I hless thy holy name for it.". "Lucius "Lucius we have been frienas;
to receive my last words. You have known me long
and well ; too long and too well to suppose that I have taken up these opinions lightly. You Yourself have of ten complimented me upon a cool dispassionate judg
ment, a wary disposition, and enquiring spirit. Can this
then be but an idle tale for which I am content to die? Think of this, turn it overn your mind when 1 am gone Then, when this hour shall have past away, and I shal
live but in your remembrance, perhaps a kindly feeling live but in your remembrance, perhaps a kindly feelin
may revive, and bring back to your mind your friend nn:m

 affected; he put his hand over his eyes and was silent.
aftect Alban then looked round upon the crowd of britons, which formed an immense circle round the block-
"Bretlren," he cried "I come to die for the truth as it
 At these words the whole multiuad reid down on then
knees, and engaged in praer. Lurius and bis men
vere lef standing in mute astonishment, looking like clump of forest trees amid a boundless expanse of copse-
wood. wood. It was now the afternoon. The sun, which colld only now and then sloot forth a partial gleann troush
the thick mass of colouds which was couns rapidy
long the face of the sty, at this moment as if if he $h$. Reserved himeself purposely for this momed a flood of full $r$ ra diance upon the assembly. It was greedily received
with upturued faces, sa a g gad omen of the realm of
briolt bright and unfading Ighth to which the martyr was hastening. One deep Al|lelia arose, and then all was

He now advanced to the block. Having thrown off care by the leader of the bough-beearers. The Preshyters of the Church next came up to him, and gave him
the last kiss of peace in the name of the Church of Vent
 like the throne of an eastern king than an engine of
death. Within the circle, which was respectully yeft empty around it, the boughs were laid prostrate on thi
ground, and the road to the block had been stro farevell look at this affectionate assembly, and for the hirst time descried in its foremost rank the wild Pritish boy, the servant of the old Druid. The lad was looking strangely wivided beatresten eastrandy whith a countenance and spiritual joy.
Ue seemed to court some notice

his body.
This was Alban' s last act; in a few moments the as liscended, and he was crowned with matyrdom. The fathtur gater or bough-bearers stood round the their buugh, and oorered with the e cloaks and mantles. At night they buried him on the spot where he tad fal
len. Within the enimg year the gras sad groun ovee
the tomb, and the former companions of the saint ofter wrestled or threw the coit unvitingly over his grave.-
But his last and constant friends had not neglected to set certain marks whereby to distigguish the spot; a often at night, when the Verulamians were shat uf
vithin their wall, the fiuthrul would assemble round the grave, and join in rendering thanks to God who had Then them passed twenty-five eaurs over the marty's ob scure restiop-place, when a pplendid Chur bh, rich in al Wie spot. With the customany solemnities it was name of dedicitain, were seen walking side by side, in the

 lar spots; but Ido think that the mind nust be ocil can remain ummored. Go to to St. Alban's with a mind
fill fully prepared, by prerious information, to admit and
entertain the admonition of the spot, and dam sure
that as jou stand orer the recorded depository of the
 he glorious list of God's mighty mercies showered upo your native island, dow from the day of the blood o
this marty to the present time: from the day when
your country wasan obscure extreme corner of the world with the light of the Gospel faintly glimmering for the
first time in in to to this hour when she stands at the head of the civilized world, the bulwark of the pure faith or
Christ, and an abundant fountain of spirituai truth to
 which he hath giviven to ocome atferer this firtstand venera-
ble name, and in the glorious pile, which reords his services in the cause of our faith, and at the same time
strongly impresses us with a sense of the mencies whic
 ongs and supplications of its aceustomed offices.

## the dervise.

It was on the confnes of the desert, amid sterile and
almost inacecesible rocks, that Ben Achmet, the Dervise, led a life of austerity and devotion. A cave in the rookk
was his dwelling. Roots and fruts, the seanty produc or, and the funtio the part of a neigbboring cliff slaked his thirst.
He had formerly been a priest in a magnificent mosqua
and scrupulously conducted the ceremonies of the Ma and scrupulously conducted the ceremonies of the Mainjustice of those around him, he abandoned the mosque,
and his authority as a priest, betaking himesef tot the de sert to spend dis days as an anchorite, in sanctity, self Yeur derotion.
Years rolled over the head of Ben Achmet, and the
fame of his sanctity spread abroad. In seasons offrouyht he suplied the trayeller of the desert with water, from abode to attend the eick and confort the dying, in the villages that were seatered around, and often did
stanch the blood of the wounded Arab, and heal him of his wounds. His fame was spread abroad. His name
isppired veneration, and the plundering Beedouin gave up hiis booty at the command of Ben Achmet, the Dervise. Alaba was an Arabian rober; he had a band of lian large numbers of slaves, and $a$ treasure-house wells sored
with his ill-goten wealth. The sanctity of Ben Achmet arrested his attention; his conscience semote him on acconat of his guilt and he longed to be as famed for
his devotion as he had been for his crimes. He sought the abode of the Dervise, and told him his desires.-
"Ben Achmet," suid he, "I have five hundred cimetars ready to obey me; numbers of slaves at my command;
and a goodly treasure house, filled with riches; how to add to these the hope, of a happy immortality?"
Ben Achmet led him to a neighboring cliff that was
 from the rround, and to follow him up the cliff. Akaba,
taden with then tones. cold cearecly move, to ascend
the clift with them was imposible. "I cannot follow
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Akba- ren "Let go another stone, then," said Ben Achmet--
Akabar andily dopped anoher ston, and with great
dififulty, clambered the cliff for a while, till, exhausted dificiulty, clambered the cliff for a while, till, exhausted
with hthe effort, he again cried out that hecould come
no tarther. Ben Aclimet direceted himim to drop the last stone ; and, no sooner had he done this, than he mounted with aese, and soon stood with his conductor on the sum

 slave at it itery, , and restore thy ill-gotten wealth to tits
owners it it seasief for Akababo onsend this clif with
the the stones that tie at its foot than for him to jourrey richese in his possession."
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 possessions consist of power, pleasure, or riches, they
must besachifecd rather than be allowed to thinder us
in our heavenly course rember in our heavenly coursc, remembering that "it is easier
for a camel to go through the eye of neede, than for a ich man to
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## popisi treason.

In 1575 , one of the Irish Lords being engaged in plotting an insurrection agginst his sovereign Quee
Eilizaeth, went to Plilip II. king of Spain, on who Pope Pius $V$. had conferred the dominion of the Queen, ane sugn went to Rome, where, fter some time, he obbers who then infested Italy, on condition that they should ondertake an expedition to Ireland for the es-
altation of the see of Rome. An army thus composed was headed by batituar Bishop of Killalo in Ireland,
 Elizabeth wero promised a plenery parano of their sins. This expedition, howevere, entirely failed; but the same
titular Bishop, a few years aftervards, i s found introcucing supplies of men, money, and arms from Spain, for
the relief of the insurgents. ming the title of Arebbishop of Armagh, came wisthor-
ders from the King of Spain, that the Trish should re-
 Yuam, was sent afterwards by one of the Trish clieftains to the king of Spain, whom he exhorted to o ivvade
and subdue reland. When the next insurrection rooke out, wefind Macrogan, a titular bishop and vicar of the
Roman Pontifi jssuing an excommunication against al who should give quarter to the prisoners taken from the
Queen's army. Maerogan caused all such persons to be put to death in his presence; $;$ and he hat last fell in
battle against the royal army, leading $a$ troop of horse

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Regeneration is a real thing, and a heaven wrought thing wich cannot be frittered away by the grinding process of a Ger-
an nelogy, without at the same time stamping in the dust and
sattering to the winds all that is holy, and venerable, and pree attering to the winds all that is holy, and venerable, and prei
in Cliristanity . 1 besech you, therefore, trifle not and mper not with the doctrine of regeneration-are ye changech
ceatures-are ye new creatures-ach ye-ob, tit isternity which
nggs upon the answer-can ye see the kingdom of God? I will ar nothing of the difficulties of answering these interrogationsLeaven, of seeing, that is joy and rapture, things to be desired
ings to be longed for, in the descriptions which the Bible has
隹部ses be insipid to you? are they insipid now? and sis it weariI speop you whetheri it be heossibe that you can see the kiggom of
Gon, and $\begin{aligned} & \text { send you to your closets with the words of your }\end{aligned}$ aviour ringing in your cars, "Except a man be boo
annot see the kingdom of Goo." Rev. H. Melvill.

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 arms under them, and iimmediately raised them out of nothing
and ohids sthem up in thei beeings. If he shoolda take his eve hasting arms from under them, they would lose their beings again,
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he ground, so long as you hold it, it will keep up; but let go
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