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## Poetrn.

### Sabbath Morning.

BY REV. J. W. CUNNINGHAM. Dear is the hallow'd morn to me, When village bells awake the day, And by their sacred minstrelsy Call me from earthly cares away.

And dear to me the winged hour Spent in thy ballow'd courts, O Lord!
To feel devotion's soothing power,
And catch the manna of thy word.

And dear to me the loud Amen,
Which echoes through the blest abode,
Which swells and sinks, and swells again,
Dies on the walls, but lives to God.

And dear the rustic harmon Sung with the pomp of village art;
The holy, heavenly melody, The music of a thankful heart.

In secret I have often prayed, And still the anxious tear would fall, But on thy sacred altar laid,

Oft when the world, with iron hands, Has bound me with a six days chain This bursts them, like a strong man's bands And lets my spirit loose again.

Then dear to me the Sabbath morn The village bells, the shepherd's voice, These oft have found my heart forlorn, And always bid that heart rejoice.

Go, man of pleasure, strike thy lyre!
Of broken Sabbaths sing thy charms;
Ours be the prophet's car of fire,
That bears us to a Father's arms.

## Religious Miscellany.

# The Knickerbocker on Metho-

AN IGNORED HISTORICAL CHARACTER. A New England book says, in a tone which if it smacks somewhat of sectarian partiality, has also somewhat of generous thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, and indignation. "That here is a man who ordained and sent forth more clergymen than any other prelates in the history of the modern Church, and it is not improbable more than any one in any other age of Christianity; whose diocese was coextensive seven thousand (with a gain for the preceding the Republic: who travelled more in thousand (with a gain for the preceding the Republic: who travelled more in thousand, and twenty-one, and that imperial domain, had it not been for the brave "itinerant" corps of Asbury, which carried and expounded the Bible among its log-cabins, at a time in our national history of the brave "itinerant" corps of Asbury, which carried and expounded the Bible among its log-cabins, at a time in our national history of the brave "itinerant" corps of Asbury, which carried and expounded the Bible among its log-cabins, at a time in our national history of the brave "itinerant" corps of Asbury, which carried and expounded the Bible among its log-cabins, at a time in our national history when it was absolutely impossible for the American Churches to send thither regular or educated elegenment in any other age of the world, that they might have my joy fulling the world, that they might have my joy fulling the world, that they might have my joy fulling the world in a proper than a proper partiality, has also somewhat of generous and who was really the American founder of the system of religious faith which may now be justly presented the predominant, if not the popular religion of the country, from the Aroostook to California; in fine, No reader of Dr. Strickland's volume can Armed hunters, twenty-five or fifty in numthe most important ecclesiastical personage doubt that Francis Asbury was the parameter of the American annals; and yet his name has never been mentioned, if indeed it has been known, by a single writer of American history."

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character—a study for the historian. And then this matter called Methodism has certainly become a curious fact in modern history. Southey, years ago, when it was far less important, deemed it a befitting task to most commanding academic edition. It is most commanding academic editions and also which fills the soul's capation of the most commanding academic editions. less important, deemed it a befitting task to write its history, and Coleridge wrote astute notes on Southey's pages, and delared that when too sick or too ennuyed, in spite of brandy and opium, to read anything else, he could page over the worded of the was not the first Protestant bishop.

If he was not the first Protestant bishop. could pore over the wonderful story. Comcould pore over the wonderful story. Commanding the masses of the English people more than any other sect, and preaching the theology and using the Liturgy of the national Church: possessing in fact. tant ordained to that office in our syn country. It is not the joy the hational Church; possessing, in fine, every thing essential to the latter except its prelacy, shrewd prophets begin already to hint the possibility of its superseding among the people the Establishment itself, especially if Mackintosh and Buckle's prediction, that the connexion of Church and State in England cannot survive the present century should be found true. And now that the House of Commons has voted against the Church rates, and the hooked nose of Rothsphales, and the hooked nose of Rothsphales, the prediction seems rather proximately threatening. We all know something about Methodism in this country, but not much accurately; we see its chapels in every village, we hear incessantly of its doings in our large cities, and meet its "itinerants" with horse and saddle-bags along the farthest frontiers; one of our most enlightened statesmen (Everett) tells us that no people in the tordination of the sacrament without of the Methodists, that he was thus compelled to statement (Everett) tells us that no people in every village, we hear incessantly of its doings in our large cities, and meet its "itinerants" with horse and saddle-bags along the farthest frontiers; one of our most enlightened statesmen (Everett) tells us that no people in the condained to that office, and sent by the Church and sent of desire, and sent by the twenty-seventh the tw in the nation are more active in education; its "Book Concern" in our city, the largest and richest religious publishing house we are told on the earth, informs us from year to year of the annual numerical increase of the denomination—its million and a half (1,792,332) of actual communicants (North and South) in the United States alone—its increase of a hundred and eighty-six thousand the present year—a single year's gain larger than the whole membership of its larger than the whole membership of its and of several other commanding religious

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the whole length of the country, and he was
time Irish, with a "local preacher," who had
been "converted," among them, under Wesley's preaching, had laid there the foundathe towns and villages on his route. He tions of the sect which to-day covers most rode on horseback till he was too infirm to of the continent. Wesley called in his travel so any more, and then took to his America, and two were sent. At the "Con- has travelled more extensively than any ference" of 1771 Francis Asbury, then but other ever seen in the New World; its frag-twenty-six years old, offered himself for the ments are still kept by Methodists as sacred distant field. Before the year had ended he was "tinerating" through the middle age, be worshipped as heartily as St. Veropionies, and had already become the virtual nica's pocket handkerchief in St. Peter's.— They were but six hundred strong when he ies, and kept them in the very van of the arrived; in about a year and a half they were westward march of emigration. The first the joy of which he was at once the cause reported, in the first "regular American and sixty members and ten preachers; in a grave question what would have been the five years after his arrival they were four moral development (bad as it is alleged to thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, and have been) of the mighty states throughout

an history."

siatical system. From the year of his This man was Francis Asbury—a name arrival till the year of his death, he was alknown and revered by millions of the American people, but quite as little recognized beyond the limits of Methodism as our authority affirms. We have been much credible. Each year he was in the opposite interested in reading a memoir of him, from the pen of Rev. Dr. Strickland, of this city, and are in a mood to say something for the and are in a mood to say something for the ignored veteran. It is inevitable that he During nearly half a century he kept them must, sooner or later, be recognised among driving to and fro over the country, like an army fighting in detachments in every direcepoch; for what is history without a regard tion. He remained unmarried through life, to the religious doings and errors of a that he might be untrammeled in his work. people? Francis Asbury will be recognized He never had a local home in America. people? Francis Asbury will be recognized —if not as his followers claim, "the chief ecclesiastical personage" of our history—yet as one among the chief, and a man not out of this he contributed toward the support of his poor preachers. He often drain in the records of the religious world.

Two particulars are included specially in the read of his selling his cloak, and at another read of his selling his cloak, and at another read of his selling his cloak, and at another read of his poor preachers. He often drain ed his purse for them, and at one time we read of his selling his cloak, and at another read of his selling his cloak, and at another read of his purse for them. siastical, and are inclined to be heretical enough about them to deserve to have been founded the "Methodist Book Concern;" Secondly, that it be full or perfect. By burned at an auto du fe a few hundred years ago, but we admire this old Methodist dist College, and when it was destroyed by burned at an auto du fe a few hundred years ago, but we admire this old Methodist bishop; he is an exceedingly interesting character—a study for the historian. And character—a study for the historian. And the was the chief founder of the first Methodist dist College, and when it was destroyed by fire, he labored and begged till he could directly from union with God, not from out-

Conference" for volunteer preachers for "wagon," a vehicle which, beyond question, celesiestical head of the new denomination. He sent his preachers across the Alleghanted, in the first "regular American" ordination" in the valley of the Missis-rence," at one thousand one hundred sippi was performed by his hands, and it is

Perfect Joy. Fulness of joy in the Holy Ghost is an must necessarily be variable; it rises and falls, and, considered as a sensible emotion, can be maintained, in this state of being, at

bodies. Methodism, then, is an important fact, and, for good or evil, pecting the "apostolic succession," we claim made blessed? We will first speak of this such a fact as the historian cannot hereafter in oskill in that; it is clear enough that gives a fact as the historian cannot hereafter in oskill in that; it is clear enough that gives a fact as the historian cannot hereafter in oskill in that; it is clear enough that gives and consent to be up a holy temple. The Bev. John Wesley hope in reference to the enterprize in which governed his he and his colleagues were about to engage. He could not, he would not if he could, and which he wished might govern the could not, he would not if he could, and sected throughout was full of patriotic, and sected the could of all who should be connected the could not, he would not if he could not, he would not if he could, and sected the could not, he would not if he could, and sected the could not, he would not if he could not, he would not if

its measure and constancy, complete or perfect, and it is the fulness of this joy which Saviour :

John xv. 11.—" These things have spoken unto you that your joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." Now, the kind of joy which was to "remain" and object; and this joy was to be " made full;" that is, complete, perfect; for such is the morning of the word plearthe, translated

## Religious Intelligence. From the Toronto Christian Guardian.

# Farewell Breakfast.

This admirable address was listened to a manifestation of true Catholicity. Such a manifestation of true Catholicity was in perfect throughout with the most marked attention, as he was going to, his experience would make him a most valuable and reliable adviser. Assuredly the step upon the facts; we give them only as such; as to facts; we give them only as such; and the most marked attention, as he was going to, his experience would as he was going to, his experience would are the monks of the foundance.

This admirable address was listened to the most marked attention, as he was going to, his experience would hav

tening influence of civilization. We demany concurring indications of the will of pleasure which it would afford him in years lighted to see the thick clouds of mental God that he had been led to cherfully action come to remember that it was this year, night dissipated by the penetrating beams of quiesce in the wishes of his beloved fathers and during the period of his mayoraloty this truth and science. We delighted to see and brethren in the ministry, that he should meeting was held, and this important mission is the evidence of the higher stage of Christian experience. The Bible speaks as distinctly of the fulness of this kind of joy as it does of the joy itself. Hear the blessed of God's truth in the world and in spreadof God's truth in the world and in spreading Christian boliness, they were accomplishing all these objects. "Godliness is profitable to all things, having the promise of the life which now is and that which is sions in this country. A strong conviction retire more than ever determined to identify to come." "Righteousness exalteth a was expressed by this gentleman some time themselves with the spread of Christianit nation." They valued the enterprise of ago, that at no distant day a British Colony merchants and the labours of true, patrotic would spring up on the western shores of gratitude to the mercies which had been bepoliticians; they valued the prowess of arthis continent; and that it was of great imstowed upon them in the past, they would and object; and this joy was to be "made full;" that is, complete, perfect; for such is the morning of the word pleorthe, translated John xvi. 24.—" Hitherto have ye asked John xvi. 24.—" Hitherto have ye asked nermanent atrength and gloy of any nation. permanent strength and glory of any nation.
The mission which they were now forming was connected not only with this rising ProMissionary Committee in London, and the terminated one of rhe most delightful meetvince, but it was connected in its associations result was transmitted to Mr. Wood, to be ings which it has ever been our happiness to with other interesting parts of the world, to by him laid, before the missionary board in attend. We observed just one blank in the mode that any one in any other age of Christianity; whose diocese was coextensive with the Republic; who travelled more in his ministerial labors than either Wesley or Ages of the latter; who was the first Progress and good latter; who was the first Provisite of forgotten Moravian brethren; who was the first Provisite of forgotten Moravian brethren; who was really the American foundation of most of our Western States, and who may now by the same of the system of religious faith which may now by the same of the system of religious faith which may now by the same of the system of religious faith which may now be have a seasoned the production of the source of the country. Now the Good of the same of the system of religious faith which may now by the same of the system of religious faith which may now by the same of the system of religious faith which may now by the same of the system of religious faith which may now by the same of the system of religious faith which may now by the same of the system of religious faith which may now by the same of the system of religious faith which may now by the same of the system of religious faith which may now by the same of the system of religious faith which may now by the same of the system of religious faith which may now by the same of the system of religious faith which may now by the same of the system of religious faith which may now by the same of the system of religious faith which may now by the same of the system of religious faith which may now by the same of the system of religious faith which may now by the same of the system of religious faith which may now the same of the system of religious faith which may now the same of the system of religious faith which may now the same of the system of religious faith which may now the same of the system of religious faith which may now the same of the system of religious faith which may now the same of the system of religious faith which may now the same of the system of religious faith which may now the same of the sy the Congregational Church, and every other Christian Church, were growing with the growth and strengthening with the strength of our country, and becoming increasingly influential in promoting its power and prosperity. He was the other day reading a speech uttered by the Earl of Carlisle when addressing some 3000 operatives in a large manufacturing town in one of his late be a moment delayed. He had heard with On Friday morning a farewell breakfast was given in the St. Lawrence Hall, complimentary to the Rev. Ephraim Evans, D. and his colleagues, the Rev. E. White, E. Robson and A. Browning. The Chair was occupied by the Rev. Dr. Stinson, Present Stinson, Present St. Convents of Austria.

Large manufacturing town in one of his late be a moment delayed. He had heard with pleasure that they were not likely to be the only labourers in that field, as arrange-only labourers in that field, as ar

> (Episcopal), Rev. Dr. Ryerson, Chief Superintendent of Education in Upper Canada, Rev. R. A. Fyfe, D.D., (Baptist), and Rev. J. Roaf, (Congregational). In addition to these we observed a large number of Clergymen and leading laymen belonging to the several branches of the Christian Church in the city, and several from a distance. The company numbered between two and three hundred. After partaking of an excellent breakfast, the large company present sang the hymn commencing.
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> was felt, she would be great indeed. And if these sentiments were cherished and action might ask, and which it was the will of an infinitely wise and beneficent Being to be stow.
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> The Hon. Mr. Brown expressed the gratification he felt in being present upon that interesting occasion. He referred to the first time he had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Evans, fifteen years ago, and the little expectation be then had that they should meet in such a hall as that, and on occasion. to another handred. After partaking of material present sing the was not mere and religious excellence. Measulay utterface and religious excellence in a recellent breatfast, the large company present same the hymn commencing, in sweys at the weaks make."
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> The bawess declare the present and states and the time might come the beautiful the present and the congregation in the beautiful the present of the considerable that time would never come to be cause the glory of ancient nations had been unable to because the glory of ancient nations had been dealed to be a second on the present on this cossion; but his possest away. But he seemed to have for sufficient the present on this cossion; but his cossion; but his cossion; but his present on this cossion; but his present the beautiful present of the present dependence o

ingence. And Francis Asbury must be, in the technical sense of the phrase.

In this transfer proposation was not a three three that be considered it "a fabby white sense of the phrase all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: one of his mottos was—"Friends of all, the beloved brethren associated with him; peated expressions of approbation from the let them ever shout for joy, because thou de-enemies of none." Another motto cherish- he felt the cause which had called them toge- audience.

A little before four o'clock the official members of both the city circuits met at the Adelaide-street Wesleyan church, from whence they escorted Dr. Evans to the cars, where they bid him an affectionate farewell.

# Convents of Austria.

There are three kinds of aristocracy: there is the aristocracy of birth, the aristocracy of the Chair were seated Rev. Dr. Evans, Hon. George Brown, M. P. P., Rev. Richard Jones, Chairman of the Toronto District, Rev. Dr. Green, Rev. Mr. Marling, (Congregational), Rev. Dr. Lillie, (Congregational), and on his left the President was supported by J. B. Robinson, Esq., M. P. P., Rev. J. Douse, Co-Delegate, the Worshipful the Mayor of Toronto, Rev. J. Sanson, (Episcopal), Rev. Dr. Reveron, Chief Superintendent of Education in Upper Cana-