A METHODIST CONVERSION.

Had we not read it, in a Methodist journal-" published under the direction of the Wesleyan Church in Canada"-we should not have dared to lay the following absurdly blasphemous rigmatole before our readers. It is the account of the conversion of a German, named "Ghost," as given by himself: we copy it verbatin from the Toronto Christian Guardian of the 30th ult. :--

(From Finley's Sketches of Western Methodism.) THE DUTCHMAN'S EXPERIENCE.

When we were travelling the Cross Creek circuit, in 1815, in a region of country which was mostly settled by German Lutherians, and not much regard paid to the Sabbath, or any kind of religion, there lived a German by the name of Ghost. He was one of the principal men of the neighborhood, and had great influence among his German friends. At one of our love feasts we heard him relate his experience, and though it was in very broken English, yet it was told with an unction and a power which melted all hearts, and which thrilled and interested us so much that we have not forgotten it to this day.

There is something peculiar in the German mind and character which shows itself, perhaps, more strikingly in regard to the subject of religion than anything else. They seem to carry out more fully Mr. Wesley's idea of Methodism than even the English brethren themselves When they sing, "they sing lustily;" when they pray, they pray with all their might; when they speak in class meeting or love feast, they come right to the point of Christian love feast, they come right to the point of Christian experience without any circumlocution. Such was the case with our good German brother whose expe-

rience we are going to relate. Shortly after the speaking exercises commenced, he arose and said, "Mine dear bruders, ven I comes to dis blace dare vas nobody here. Den after, mine freins dey comes too, and we did comes along very goot, as ve dot. Ve did drink viskey, and fiolic, and dance, and all dot it vas wery nice; but binebys der comes along into de neighborhoot a Methodis breacher by de name of Jo. Shakelford, and he breaches and breaches, and brays and brays, as you never see de like in all your lives. He says, 'You beeples all goes to hell unless you git conwerted, and be saved from your zins."

"Now, vell den de beeples begins to dink zeriously on dis matter, and dey say ve must do better, or, sure enough, de devil vill get us shust as he says. Den dey gits Christen, and begins to bray; and dey valls down, and brays, and croans, and hollers, and I s to my beeples, Dis till it comes to my neighbor Honnes. Vell, I does not go, and vife and gals do not go, because I said it vas de devil. Vell, however, it gomes so near by mine house, I says I vill go and see vat is dis ting vat makes de beeples so crazy. So von night I goes to Honnes's to see the brayer meeting, and I sets down and sees de beeples come in, and dey all looks shust like dey used to do, and I dot it was all vell; but dey soon begins to zing and bray, and I dot dis is all right. Den some pegins to croan, and valls down; and I says, 'Dis is de devil, and I vill shust go home; 'but ven I vent to rise up I could not, vor I was fast to de bench. Den I vas skeered, and I said, 'Dis is de devil sure gnough.' I looked round, and I dot de door vas growed up, and I vas fast enough. Vell, vell, den I vas fast enough. den I say, 'Mine Got, de devil will git me now, by aure!' I looked more for de door, and bresently I sees him, and I makes von spring and out I goes headformust. Den I gets up, and runs mit all my might till I comes to mine fence; and ven I goes to git over I comes down smack on my pack, and now I says, 'De devil vill git me, py sure!' I lays dare for some time; den I gits up, and climes de fence, anp goes to mine house, and dot I would shust go to bed mitout making any noise; but shust as I vas going in smack down I comes on mine pack upon de floor; and Madalana, mine vife, did shump up and did schream; and Petts and Kate—dat ish my two gale—dey did shump up and scream and holler, and dare I lays, and I says, 'O, mine Got, dis ish de de-

Madalana says, 'No matter for you; it shust serves you right; you would go, and now you prings de devil home mit you to your own house. Petts and Kate dey both cries, and mine vife she scokls, and de devil he shakes me over de hells, and all my sins shust comes up to mine eyes, and I says, 'O mine Got, save me!

"After a vile I goes to ped, but I not sleeps. I says, 'O mine Got, mine Got, vat vill become of me? Shost at daylight I gits up and goes down to my parn, and gits under de hoss-trough, and smack I comes on mine pack again. Den I cries, mit all my might, O, mine Got, mine Got, have mercy upon me! I dut I vas going to de hells. Shust den something say to me 'Di sins pe all vorgiten.' Den something comes down all over me at my head, shust like honey, and I hopens mine mont shust so vide ash I can; but it

were more exposed to the currents of air that swept | filled so full it run over, and den O, I vas so happy as never I was before in all my life! I did shump like a deer, and I hollored, 'Glory, glory, to mine Got!' mit all my might. Mine hosses dey did veel round and shnorted, and I did veel round too, and hollered glory, did the germs of disease declare themselves until and I did not know dem, and dey did not know me.—
after their dislocation from Dewna to Monastir. The Presently I saw my gray hoss, Pob, and I snatched him round de neck, and he did veel round, and I hol-lored, Glory, glory, and bless de Lort!' I love dish hose unto dis day so petter than any. I now am on my way to de himmels, and dare I vill bless Got for his pringing me down on my pack, and for mine vife and mine gals; for dey now goes mit me to glory; so, mine bruders, we vilt all bineby meet in dat goot world, to braise de Lort forever and ever."

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