

REMARKABLE PROVIDENCE.

Dr. Cox, in his history of the West Indies, records the following remarkable fact, as he found it inscribed on a tombstone in the island of Jamaica:—

"*Dieu Sur Tout.*"—Here lies the body of Lewis Galdy, Esq., who departed this life at Port Royal, the 22d of December, 1736, aged eighty. He was born at Montpellier, in France, but left that country for his religion, and came to settle in this island—where he was swallowed up in the great earthquake, in the year 1692; and, by the providence of God, was, by another shock, thrown into the sea, and miraculously saved by swimming, until a boat took him up. He lived many years after, in great reputation, beloved by all who knew him, and was much lamented at his death.

A NOBLE TREATY.

The noblest treaty of peace ever mentioned in history, is, in my opinion, that which Gelon, King of Syracuse, made with the Carthaginians. He insisted upon their abolishing the custom of sacrificing their children. Glorious, indeed! After having defeated 300,000 Carthaginians, he required a condition that was advantageous only to themselves; or rather, he stipulated in favour of human nature.—*Montesquieu.*

SINGULAR MARRIAGE.

On Monday week, Patrick Cowen, bachelor, and Sarah Ann Dowers, spinster, were united in the bands of wedlock at the church of St. Dunstan's, Stepney, by Mr. James, the curate. The parties were both young and good-looking, but both deaf and dumb. Fortunately, both had been instructed in the schools instituted for the education of persons thus afflicted, and, by reading the service and writing their assents to the questions propounded, the parties were made to understand the nature of the solemn form of marriage used in the Church. Cowen is a coal-whipper, and is a capital workman.

THE UNDERSTANDING.—We ought not to despise a man any more for the misfortunes of his mind than those of his body, when they are such as he cannot help; nay, rather, we should pity him the more, who is deficient in intellect, than he who has lost a leg or an arm; the loss of the latter may be supplied by artificial means—the want of the former never can be supplied by any means at all.

POETRY.

"GOD PROVIDETH FOR THE MORROW."

BY BISHOP HEBER.

Lo the lilies of the field,
How their leaves instruction yield!
Hark to Nature's lesson given
By the blessed birds of heaven!
Every bush and tufted tree
Warbles sweet philosophy:
"Mortal, fly from doubt and sorrow:
God provideth for the morrow!"

"Say, with richer crimson glews
The kingly mantle than the rose?
Say, have kings more wholesome fare
Than we poor citizens of air?
Barns nor hoarded grain have we,
Yet we carol merrily.
Mortal, fly from doubt and sorrow!
God provideth for the morrow!"

"One there lives, whose Guardian eye
Guides our humble destiny;
One there lives who, Lord of all,
Keeps our feathers lest they fall:
Pass we blithely, then, the time,
Fearless of the snare and lime,
Free from doubt and faithless sorrow:
God provideth for the morrow!"

PROSPECTUS OF THE SECOND VOLUME
OF
"THE WESLEYAN."

THE condition of modern society is strikingly marked by strenuous and diversified exertions for the diffusion of knowledge. Literature, Science and Art are now rendered accessible to all classes and ranks, by means of PERIODICALS, such as Newspapers, Magazines, and Reviews. It were strange, indeed, if the science of sciences—Religion—did not avail itself of such popular and useful auxiliaries. Considering its vast and supreme importance, it cannot be denied that every suitable means should be employed for augmenting and extending its hallowing influence. It touches human nature, personally and relatively; it touches the multiplied departments of human knowledge, at all points; it is the object of every man's enmity or affection; it is the controller and arbiter of every man's destiny; and, hence, should be thoroughly and clearly understood. Added to this, the whole body of nominal Christians is variously divided and distinguished; its several denominations sustain, towards each other, numerous and fluctuating relations; prejudice and error, or unkindness and ill-will, too often suspend or abridge the observance of the law of mutual love; and hence the necessity of some appropriate medium of explanation, correction, and defence. And, besides, it must not be forgotten, that the conventional and civil relations of human society are, in these days, exposed to the liabilities of peculiar disturbance and change; that on such relations Christianity exerts a decided and important influence; and that the elucidation and increase of that influence are now loudly and imperatively demanded. While, then, other Christian Denominations, in this noble and important United Province, have their respective mediums of communication with the community at large, it behoves the British Wesleyan Methodists to hold a similar intercourse with the public mind; and to contribute their quota, however humble, of sound and salutary influence to the maintenance and extension of truth and righteousness. In consonance with these views, the religious periodical, designated "THE WESLEYAN," has been commenced and continued. Before the completion of the present volume, it is necessary to apprise the religious public of its intended management and terms during the ensuing year; and to renew the assurances, already given, of its strictly religious and Wesleyan character. It will continue to be conducted in accordance with the principles by which it has been characterized from the beginning; steadily aiming at the diffusion of scriptural holiness, by inculcating the principles and precepts of the Gospel. Imbued with the catholic and fraternal spirit of our holy religion, it will be the friend of all—the enemy of none. Of error and sin, not differing churches and communities, it will be the open and acknowledged foe. While it guards the character and interests of the Body to which it belongs, its attitude and tone towards other Christian Churches will be decidedly pacific. Nor will its aspect towards the Civil Government be equivocal or uncertain. On the contrary, it will teach and enforce the principles of sound and scriptural loyalty to the noblest of earthly Governments—the Government of Great Britain. Studiously avoiding all identification with political parties, it will be strictly conformed to the venerated Parent Connexion, and be, therefore, at once BRITISH and WESLEYAN: But its principles and procedure are most amply exhibit-

ed and ensured by the following extract from the "Standing Instructions" of the Wesleyan Missionary Committee to all Missionaries acting under their direction:—

"We cannot omit, without neglecting our duty, to warn you against meddling with political parties, or secular disputes. You are teachers of Religion; and that alone should be kept in view. It is, however, a part of your duty, as Ministers, to enforce, by precept and example, a cheerful obedience to lawful authority. You know that the venerable WESLEY was always distinguished by his love to his country, by his conscientious loyalty, and by his attachment to that illustrious family which has so long filled the throne of Great Britain. You know that your Brethren at home are actuated by the same principles, and walk by the same rule; and we have confidence in you, that you will preserve the same character of religious regard to good order, and submission to the powers that be, in which we glory. Our motto is, 'Fear God, and honour the King;' and we recollect who hath said, 'Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers; to obey magistrates, and to be ready to every good work.'"

Such, then, are the purpose and spirit of "THE WESLEYAN;" and it is only necessary to add, that the fulfilment of the foregoing declarations is sufficiently guaranteed by the connexion of the paper with the British Wesleyan Conference.

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