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## Religious Miscellany.

### The Christian Household.

And they constrained him, saying, Abide with us. Luke xxvii. 23.

"O only have we man dieh aufgenommen."

O happy house! where Thou art loved the best!

Dear Friend and Saviour of our race,

Where never comes such welcomed, honored Guest.

Where none can ever fill Thy place;

Where every heart goes forth to meet Thee,

Where every ear attends Thy word,

Where every lip with blessing greets Thee,

Where all are waiting on Thy Lord.

O happy house! where two are one in heart,

In faith and hope are one,

Whom death can only for a little part,

Not end the union here begun;

Who share together one salvation,

Who would be with Thee, Lord, always—

In gladness or in tribulation,

In happy or in evil days.

O happy house! whose little ones are given

Early to Thee, in faith and prayer—

To Thee, their Friend, who from the heights of

heaven

Guards them with more than mother's care.

O happy house! where little voices

Their glad hosannas love to raise;

And childhood's lisping rejoices

To bring new songs of love and praise.

O happy house! and happy servants!

Where all alike one Master own;

Where daily duty, in Thy strength pursued,

Is never hard nor toilsome known;

Where each one serves Thee, meek and lowly,

Whate'er Thine appointment be,

Till common tasks seem great and holy,

When they are done as unto Thee.

O happy house! where Thou art not forgot

When joy is flowing full and free!

O happy house! where every word is brought—

Physician, Comforter—to Thee.

Until at last, earth's day is ended,

All meet Thee in that home above,

From whence Thou camest where Thou hast

ascended.

The heaven of glory and of love!

### The Wonders of Grace.

The emotion of wonder is among the most

delightful that we experience; and to the cul-

tivated mind and heart, among the most elevating.

The pleasures of childhood and of the early period

of life, are mainly derived from the wonder with

which the new world of perceptions and experi-

ences into which we have just entered fills us;

and life loses its interest in proportion as we

cease to have anything to wonder at. The nature

and the works of God answer to this capacity of

wonder in the mind of Christ in the

highest adjustment, and the harmonious working

together of great laws, no less than the vastness

and grandeur of the visible creation are

designed to awaken and gratify this sentiment.

While the process of cultivation and the expan-

sion of intellect deprive many objects of their

wonderful appearance, they open up through

science a view to far greater wonders, and furnish

language expressive of wonder only.

But religion, concerned as it is, directly with

the Author of creation, with the very nature of

that fountain whence all these wonders flow, and

with the relations of his intelligent creation to

himself, may be expected to furnish the best and

most abundant material for our wonder. See

how the whole course of true religion is

attended with marvels. The order, the beauty,

the sublimity and the call of Abraham, the history

of God's chosen people was marked with won-

derful interpositions. Our Saviour and his apos-

tales attested the truth of their mission, by the

most astonishing proofs of supremacy over na-

ture. We are amazed as we read of the still-

ing of the tempest, the walking upon the sea,

the multiplication of the loaves, the healing of

the sick, and the raising of the dead. And all

seek in vain to express the emotions which fill

the stone rolled away from the sepulchre, and

the joyful announcement—"The Lord is risen

indeed!" The great events of the Gospel history

## Religious Intelligence.

### Reveries in Scotland.

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Wood gave in the Report of the Committee on

Religion and Morals. It stated, that, though

not in many, in a few places, there had been

a second wave of blessing—a new fresh outpour-

ing of the Holy Spirit. In several congregations

and districts where there had been no revival

before, a blessed work of sanctification and

conversion had taken place during the past year.

Some of the accounts that have been given of

these things were interesting, though not

containing any new features. The sobriety,

solemnity, and good order that characterized

these movements, so full of new life, were ex-

ceedingly gratifying. Dr. Wood said, "The in-

formation received last year from nearly all the

Presbyteries of the Church—all except five—

showed that it had pleased God to visit Scotland

with a wide-spread religious awakening. New

various questions present themselves regarding

that awakening. Has it continued and extended?

What have been its results? What is the state

of matters now? What is the church's duty,

and the duty of individual believers, with refer-

ence to the continued large enjoyment of the

Holy Spirit's presence and abundant working in

the midst of us? . . . The first question, then,

is—Has there been a continuous and extensive

work of the Spirit, since the last Assembly?

And the answer is,—"There has. Of the

forty-six or fifty-seven returns this year, eighteen

reported a distinct and decided awakening in the

congregation and district. None of these eigh-

teen had been reported to the Committee before.

The Committee have returned, during these two

years, showing a work of revival in one hundred

and three of the congregations of the church. And

this is no means bringing before us all that has

been done and is doing. Still, in far fewer places

has an awakening taken place this year than we

had reported last year; and the fervor and activity

of last year have in many places very largely

abated. With regard to the results,—have they

been permanent or evanescent? Permanent.

Now, various things combine to make a time and

work of revival largely in the public eye.

And when all passes away, but the impressions of

real change,—when the revival has fallen on

the general community disappears, and the tran-

sient impressions and convictions subside, and

nothing remains except the real converts, con-

stituting a small minority of the community,—

is a delusion—all excitement; for it has come

to nothing. People are more careless and wick-

ed than they were before. Now, this is a sub-

stantially a revival. The revival has been real, for

it has left fruit. In all places where there has

been an awakening, there have been real addi-

tions—in many instances large real addi-

tions to the living church of God. It is amazing

and delightful to think how many more living Chris-

tians there are in Scotland to-day than there

were two years ago. And more than that: I

believe these times of awakening and refreshing

have produced generally, among believers, a

higher spiritual tone, and led them to seek other

and enjoy higher spiritual attainments. So that

the work is altogether mistaken when it is said

that a revival season is a place when only good

excitement, and has passed without any good

fruit. It is as if in the inundations of the Nile

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spreading of the mighty waters, and then, when

these subsided, were to ignore and deny the

glorious fertility they leave behind."

Teachers, never exceed three minutes in your

prayers. Every minute more is only training

the children to formalism and hypocrisy.

Lines Addressed to a Young Minister.

Ask angels. Would you love to preach

The Gospel of the love of God?

Yes. Soon on earth's wings we'd reach

Your earth, and make it our abode.

With pleasure time's privations bear,

Such glorious tidings to declare.

Oh, wept in thought we visit earth,

And think of God incarnate there.

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