

CHURCH CALENDAR.

August 16.—Ninth Sunday after Trinity.
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30.—Eleventh do. do.

SCRAPS FROM MY JOURNAL.

NO. III.—HELIGOLAND—THE ELBE—CUXHAVEN—STADE—BLANKENESE—ALTONA.

Bonaparte, when he was confined in St. Helena, made the profound observation, that Great Britain is largely indebted for her tremendous power to a chain of naval positions, with which she encircles the globe.

His meaning was, not that England spreads, as every one knows, her banner over large and fertile lands in every clime; but that she holds a number of regularly connected rallying points, which are but as specks upon the ocean, and overlooked by all, save the sagacious politician; but which, in reality, control the trade and fetter the policy of all nations.

Thus, she has St. Helena and Ascension, in the Atlantic; Gibraltar, Malta and Corfu, in the Mediterranean; the Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, Singapore and other commanding places, in the East; and such a chain of works in the West Indies as enable her to control the Gulf of Mexico. She has also Bermuda, whence, with Halifax, she can at pleasure invade and destroy the whole Atlantic seaboard of the United States; and Jersey and Guernsey, whence to take a peep at the trade of all the North of France.

These observations, however serious the consideration which the subject of them deserves, may seem to be out of place here; yet they have been immediately suggested by the first object of notice in this scrap.

In approaching Hamburg by sea, we find, in the Island of Heligoland, a very striking instance of these commanding positions. We passed it at about four miles distance, in a very squally day, in the end of May, and, as the fog at intervals cleared off, or the rain flew past, it appeared to our view to be simply a naked table rock, rising precipitously from the ocean on every side, and crowned by a lighthouse.

The Island of Heligoland proper, consists of the high rocky land already mentioned, which is really as precipitous as it appears, and of what is called the low land; which land is invisible from a distance.

Shortly after passing Heligoland we lay to, and waited for daylight and a favourable point of the tide to run up the Elbe to Hamburg. Very fortunately the wind and weather had changed during the night, and we were blessed with as brilliant a day as could have been wished, for the display of, to us, the first scenery of Continental Europe which we had witnessed.

From the first approach to the river, houses and villages rapidly succeed each other; and the Elbe itself, to me who had not then seen the Hudson or the St. Lawrence, was a noble stream. The navigation of it is however somewhat intricate, being marked out by long lines of buoys, and, in consequence, every vessel takes a pilot. Many of these reside at Cuxhaven, which, being the first village of any number of houses that you meet with, I shall describe, and the description will answer very well for most of the others.

by the Corporation of Hamburg, and are still governed by one of its Senators.

Cuxhaven looked to us something new, something quite unlike to any thing which we had yet seen. It is wholly different from any thing in England, or, so far as I know, in America. In America, every thing in towns and villages goes by rule of square and compass. In England, a degree of uniformity is preserved even in irregularity: there is, at least, sufficient correspondence in the design to prevent the parts from jarring.

From Stade, upwards, the scenery still continues rich, and becomes more varied. The rising grounds of the Hanoverian shore approach and recede alternately, and, being well clothed with copses and orchards, carry away the palm from the opposite bank, till within about five miles of Hamburg, when Holstein bestirs herself and comes forth in her beauty.

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As if in contrast with these lofty dwellings, there are built upon occasional slips of level land, low down by the river side, long lines of pilot's houses, with rows of lime trees planted before them.

Just as you are upon the point of losing the beautiful heights of Blankenese, they are taken possession of by the city of Altona, which is built upon their terminating slope. Looking at it from the river, the houses seem rising one above another, like jars in a cabinet, as Lady M. W. Montague says of some city in the East; and, as here, they are also of every hue, colour and shape, the parallel will hold on the banks of the Elbe, as well as on the shores of the Bosphorus.

RIVIGNUS.

LAST HOURS OF SIR WALTER RALEIGH.*

The close of the life of Sir WALTER RALEIGH was as extraordinary as many parts of his varied history; the promptitude and sprightliness of his genius, his carelessness of life, and the equanimity of this great spirit in quitting the world, can only be paralleled by a few other heroes and sages.

We may pause with admiration on the real grandeur of Raleigh's character, not from a single circumstance, however great, but from a tissue of continued little incidents, which occurred from the moment of his condemnation till he laid his head on the block.

cheerfulness of his invariable presence of mind: nor could those have arisen from any affectation or parade, for we shall see that they served him even in his last tender farewell to his lady, and on many unpremeditated occasions.

I have drawn together into a short compass all the facts which my researches have furnished, not omitting those which are known, concerning the feelings and conduct of Raleigh at these solid moments of his life; to have preserved only the new would have been to mutilate the statue, and to injure the whole by an imperfect view. Raleigh one morning was taken out of his bed, in a fit of fever, and unexpectedly hurried, not to his trial but to a sentence of death.

The last night of his existence was occupied by writing what the letter-writer calls "a remembrance to be left with his lady," to acquaint the world with his sentiments, should he be denied their delivery from the scaffold, as he had been at the bar of the King's Bench.

"Even such is Time, that takes on trust. O'er youth, our joys, our all we have, And pays us but with age and dust; Who in the dark and silent grave, When we have wandered all our ways, Shuts up the story of our days."

He ascended the scaffold with the same cheerfulness as he had passed to it; and observing the lords seated at a distance, some at windows, he requested they would approach him, as he wished they should all witness what he had to say. The request was complied with by several. His speech is well known; but some copies contain matters not in others. When he finished he requested Lord Arundel that the king would not suffer any libels to defame him after death—"and now I have a long journey to go, and must take my leave."

After having read the preceding article, we are astonished at the greatness, and the variable nature of this extraordinary man, and this happy genius. With Gibbon, who once meditated to write his life, we may pause, and pronounce "his character ambiguous;" but we shall not hesitate to decide, that Raleigh knew better how to die, than to live.

The Corner.

I need not go about to prove that God will be ever ready to assist the perfect man; and that those are always open to their prayers; that they are the dear objects of his delight and love. Reason and scripture both do abundantly attest this, and the repeated promises of God to good men, encourage them to hope from God whatever beloved children may from a tender and kind father.

COVETOUSNESS OF THE RICH. God has made a provision for the poor in the very covetousness of the rich. There are some rich men who will not give to the poor, neither will they indulge themselves, so as to be compelled to employ the poor.

SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH. The Sabbath is a day of consecration—a setting apart to the Lord. It was with the LORD a day of profound rest, after the labours of the creation—a time, I should say, of spiritual enjoyment and complacency on a review of all he had wrought for man by the wonderful contrivances of his own infinite wisdom.

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