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# The Infidel and His Daughter.

"The damps of death are coming fast, My father, o'er my brow; The past with all its scenes has fled, And I must turn me now To that dim future which in vain My feeble eyes descry; Tell me, my father, in this hour, In whose stern faith to die.

"In thine? I've watched the scornfu And heard thy withering tone. When'er the Christian's humble hope Was placed above thine own; I've heard thee speak of coming death Without a shade of gloom, And-laugh, at all the childish fears

" Or is it in my mother's faith? How fondly do I trace Through many a weary year long past That calm and saintly face! How often do I call to mind, Now she is 'neath the sod, The place, the hour, in which she drew My early thoughts to God!

"Twas then she took this sacred book, And from its burning page Read how its truths support the soul In youth and failing age: And bade me in its precepts live, And by its precepts die,
That I might share a home of love
In worlde beyond the sky.

" My father, shall I look above. Amid this gathering gloom,
To Him whose promises of love
Extend beyond the tomb? Or curse the Being who hath blessed This chequered path of mine? Or die, my sire, in thine?"

The frown upon that warrior brow Passed like a cloud away, And tears coursed down the rugged cheek That flowed not till that day, "Not, not in mine," with choking voice The skeptic made reply-"But in thy mother's holy faith, My daughter, may'st thou die?"

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promise and of prophecy. Wherever we find them, in Egypt, in Canaan, in Babylonia, or scattered to and fro throughout the earth, we but find them, where the word of the Lord has assigned them a place. Whatever vicissitudes their annals disclose,—whatever their handage in Egypt, their bandage in Egypt, their whatever their bondage in Egypt-their occupying and dividing the promised land, their suffering during their idolatrous backwritten long before by the pen of inspira-

But we must pass to that period when of the people be." The kingdom, however,

generally, we will proceed to the investiga- the capture of Babylon has been foretold by ion of some particular prophecies, and Isaiah and Jeremiah,—by the former about show that they have been fulfilled. So extensive is this field, that we cannot array a the event. According to these prophets, tythe of the evidence of the authenticity of two nations were to be united against the the Scriptures, derived from this source. city. "Go up, O Elam (Persia;) besiege We must limit ourselves to an examination O Media." "The Lord hath raised up the We must limit ourselves to an examination of the principal predictions respecting the Israelites, and those which relate to Jesus of Nazareth. These will suffice to establish the whole Scripture cause.

The children of Israel were children of saith the Lord, that saith unto the deep, Be

occupying and dividing the promised land, their suffering during their idolatrous back-sliding, at the hands of warlike neighbours on the king of Babylon, and Cyrus, at the or their asking from their prophet-judge a king to govern them, it is but a history and besieged that city. The Babylonians But we must pass to that period when we find them under a regal government,—
Saul, a Benjamite, having been anointed king, by Divine appointment. This choice them away. How true to prophecy! "The appointment way. How true to prophecy! "The appointed hour. No preparations eppeared mighty men have forborne to fight; they Saul, a Benjamite, having been anointed king, by Divine appointment. This choice seemed a contradiction of prophecy; for the dying Jucob had said of Judah—the prophecy of course applying to the tribe descended from him—"thou art he, whom thy brethren shall praise: thy father's children shall bow down before thee. The children shall box depart from Judah, nor a line to the course of the cours sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a law-giver from between his feet, until Shilo come, and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." The kingdom, however, of wealth and defence into the occasion of a speedily passed into the hands of David, the total overthrow. Upon a festival day, when prophet-king, a Bethlehmite of Judah's the reckless inhabitants were feasting, drinking, and dancing, he suddenly turned the In the days of Solomon, his son, the pros- waters of the river which ran through the In the days of Solomon, his son, the prosperity of his nation reached its acme. Then, that temple was built, which, until the coming of the world's Redeemer, was to be the central seat of man's purest religion, and the rallying point of the sons of God.

The waters of the river which ran inrough the city, into the canals, the lake and the trench, and as soon as the water had sufficiently subsided, he led his army, both horse and foot, along the dry channel into the heart of the city. How truly had it been said, "I Then, Abraham's seed was numerous, "as the sand which is by the sea in multitude," and the land, as had been promised him, little, says Herodotus, but that the brazen was theirs, "from the river of Egypt unto the great river—the river Euphrates."

little, says Herodotta, the streets upon the gates, opening from all the streets upon the river, had not been shut by the drunken solthe great river—the river Euphrates." river, had not been shut by the drunken sol-But, before his death, Solomon was "(urned from the Lord his God" and went enclosed as in a net. This heathen writer after "the vanities of the heathen." God's knew not, while he narrated this fulfilment after "the vanities of the heathen. God's anger was kindled against him, and he was told that, during his son's reign, his kingdom should be "rent in twain"—a prediction accomplished by the revolt of ten of the where the river entered and where it emerging tribes, who made Jeroboam their king,—
leaving only Judah and Benjamin subject to
the house of David.

The history of the two kingdoms of Judah and Israel was from this time dissociaten tribes, nor enumerate the prophecies utten tribes, nor enumerate the prophecies uttend to the method of the city, it is the end, and that the passages are shut."—
They were taken," says Herodotus, "by
surprise; and such is the extremities were tered to them from time to time, as warn- made prisoners before any alarm was comings of wrath, impending for their insane idolatry. We can only state, that after many vicissitudes, the kingdom passing during 230 years—the term of its exist-taken and it was not aware; it was found, ence—from family to family, no fewer than and also caught." "How is the praise of the nine times, it was at length overthrown 721 whole earth surprised!" "In their heat I B. C. by the king of Assyria, the people carried into captivity, and their land settled by colonies gathered from his extensive empire. From this captivity they never report the captivity the ca

eth not: I have no mistress nor lady, but my friend Rachel Mills expected thine.

Walk in !" Salon side he special agent and agent.
The Queen and the Princess were handed out, and walked up the avenue. At the door of the house stood the plainly-attired Rachel, who, without even a curtsey, but with a cheerful nod, said, "How's thee do, friend? I am glad to see thee and thy daughter. I wish thee well. Rest and refresh thee and thy people before I show thee

my grounds. What could be said to such a person Some condescensions were attempted, implying that Her Majesty came not only to view the park, but to testify her esteem for the Society to which Mistress Mills belonged. Cool and unawed, she answered, "Yea, thou art right there. The friends are well thought of by most folks; but they need not the praise of the world; for the rest, many strangers gratify their curiosity by going over this place, and it is my custom to con-duct them myself; therefore I will do the like by thee, friend Charlotte. Moreover, I think well of thee as a dutiful wife and mo-ther. Thou hast had thy trials, and so had

cause of his Saviour, settled into a steadfast
faith and solid peace, which the grace of heart towards the most unworthy and guilty
God perfected in him to the close of his long is 'the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.' and active life."-Watson's life of Wes-

Mr. Jackson, in his Centenary of Methodism, page 47, says: "Having obtained by the simple exercise of faith in Christ, not only the abiding witness of the pardoning and adopting mercy of God, but also that purity of heart which they had long unsuc-

were to attend the august visitants had but feeble ideas of the reception to be expected. It was supposed that the quaker would at least say "Thy Majesty," "The Highness," or "Madame." The royal carriage arrived at the lodge of the park punctually at the appointed hour. No preparations expeared to have been made; no hostess or domestics tood ready to greet the guests. The porter's bell was rung; he stepped forth deliberately with his broad-brimed beaver on; and unbendingly accosted the Lord in waiting with. "What's thy will, friend?"

This was almost unanswerable. "Surelly said the nobleman," your lady is aware that Her Majesty—— Go to your among that Her Majesty—— Go to your words that the man, "your lady is aware that Her Majesty—— Go to your words that the man, "your lady is aware that Her Majesty—— Go to your words that Her Majesty—— Go to your words the rows when the man, "your lady is aware that Her Majesty—— Go to your words the rows words that the man, "your lady is aware that Her Majesty—— Go to your ship to serve the man, "your lady is aware that Her Majesty—— Go to your words the rows words the rows words the rows words the man, "your lady is aware that Her Majesty—— Go to your own heart's extent Her Majesty—— Go to your describing file conversion, says —— After this he had some struggles with doubts; but mistress, and say the Queen is here."

"No, truly," answered the man, "it needed that her may be the proceeded from strength to strength, the proceeded from strength to strength, the proceeded from strength to strength the proceeded from strength to strength the proceeded from strength to strength, the might relieve and enrich mankind—

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The nature of the objects themselves goes

Who stands there? Your best friend. far to answer these questions. You may He who has done for you already what no enjoy grace in the enjoyment of what grace gives or does for you. This is, however, enjoying it in an indirect and most inferior way. He who takes the gift without thinking of the giver, may be said to enjoy grace, but only in a very secondary sense indeed. We cannot think this the sense in which the apostle desired the grace of Jesus to abide with the Corinthians. His prayer was, that the grace itself might abide with them, and not merely the gifts of that grace. So also with the love of God, and so, of necessity, with the communion of the Holy Ghost.—He who has fellowship with a kind leart, enjoys that heart and its kindness, rather than any gitt such kindness may bestow.—We can all understand this. Who would not have the sense of gladness which is felt from the loving smile of a generous friend, in preference to all the gifts that friend could

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## A Beautiful Incident.

The love of God, comes next. This we witnessed a beautiful sight yesterday. It was this. Away from the crowd, and nite goodness of the Great Jehovah. There seated upon a plank which makes the dock, was immeasurable kindness in the self-sacri-sat a matronly German dame, and around was immeasurable kindness in the self-sacri-fice of the Son; there is equally immense kindness towards us, in the giving up of the one of that class of humane looking females Son, on the part of the Father. The never- into whose mild eyes it is refreshing to look, and adopting mercy of God, but also that purity of heart which they had long unsuccessfully endeavoured to obtain by works of righteousness, they were astonished at their former errors, and longed to make known the great salvation which is attainable to all."—Zion's Herald.

Son, on the part of the Father. The never-to-be-forgotten words of Jesus, teach us this:

or God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him might not perish, but have everlasting life.' This is 'the love of God,' which the great salvation which is attainable to all."—Zion's Herald. ans. It is the uncaused compassion of the around her, evidently expecting something, Infinite One, of which John says, 'Herein for ever and anon they would turn their loving heart—he has gone astray. And is love, not that we loved God, but that He loving heart—he has gone astray. And is loved us, and sent his Son to be the propition to taunt him with words that roll like lava from your passion, and only sear his soul. No! he passes under clouds; be his light a fallen world. How inestimable the blessedness of Him, who lives in this Divine Surely he is the father of the children, and to the throne of grace for consolation; they GONE ASTRAY.—Cold words to fall on a is love, not that we loved God, but that He heads towards the street, as somebody was think well of thee as a dutiful wife and mother. Thou hast had thy trials, and so had thy good partner. I wish thy grandchild well through hers." (She alluded to the Princess Charlotte.)

It was so evident that the Friend meant kindly, nay, respectfully, that no offence could be taken. She escorted her guest beth noticed, in the hen-house, a breed of poultry hitherto unknown to her, and expenses on the standard of the present and the cange of the same shadowy vale of your future sorrow.

The word is often rendered fellowship, as fallen world. How inestimable the blessed which he bears in his hand.—

Surely he is the father of the children, and to ask for sympathy; when he can go to the throne of grace for consolation; tho' his troubles have been expecting. Our conjecture was true, for the man tits the bread which they have been expecting. Our conjecture was true, for the man tits the bread which they have been expecting. Our conjecture was true, for the man tits the bread which they have been expecting of the throne of grace for consolation; tho' his troubles have been like a flood, and the children, and the this troubles have been like a flood, and the children and to ask for sympathy; when he can go to the throne of grace for consolation; tho' his troubles have been like a flood, and the children and the children, and to ask for sympathy; when he can go to the throne of grace for consolation; tho' his troubles have been like a flood, and the children, and the ch by colonies gathered from his extensive empire. From this captivity they never re-turned, and their history from that period is unknown.

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Paul desire they might participate in the blessings of the eternal Spirit, and have perfect unity of heart with Him.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock."

At what door? The barred door of your heart, fellow-sinner; your heart, defiled, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." The question naturally arises here, How from God and holiness, greatly needing the

your true condition, your deep necessity for just such a Saviour. Conscience thunders its condemnation of your guilt. Memory

conviction that He who has dispensed them has done right; when he can say, with the spirit of a child, "Even so, Father;" when he can thus throw himself with a placid temper upon the current of God's dispensations under the blackest cloud, under the rudest tempest, adrift upon the wildest billows, he

is happy. And this is—Faith.

When he can look upon the doctrine of God's universal supremacy with a steady eye; when he can turn to this truth with an unwavering assurance that every apportion-ment, both of grace and justice, will be right; when, thus trusting in God, he can acquiesce in every particular of his government; under every mystery, he is happy. All thingsall things—are done according to his will; for God's will is his—his will is God's.— And this is - Faith.

And when a poor sinner, in full view of the terrors and strictness of the law; in full view of his own sins and ill-desert; in full view of his own helplessness, can trust in the promises of God through Christ : when he can feel that in the blood of the Lamb there is a sacrifice for his sins; when he can thus leave himself quietly with God, and wait and look for salvation, surely this is

happiness. Yet this, too, is - Faith.

And when a child of sorrows, overwhelmed with hardships and stripped of earthly comforts, can go to Him who had smitten him and kiss the rod; when he can say,