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Wait on the Lord.

"They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength The stars shall pass away; Though sun and stars in dust be laid, Shall never know decay.

Though years innumerable fly As sands upon the shore, Or clouds that cross the wintry sky, Or flowers that in the forests die, When spring's soft days are o'er;

The soul that finds in God delight, Unshaken aye shall be, When ruined nature sinks in night, And years beyond still urge their flight 'Mid vast eternity.

Secure in Jesus, there no sin Shall ever reach it more: For all that world is pure within, And naught may e'er admittance win. To cloud its radiant shore.

O, soul of mine! wilt thou arise And stretch an unward wing: And thither turn thine ardent eyes Where, far beyond those fading skies, Eternal pleasures spring? -Independent.

The Class-Meeting.

"What a beautiful object! its leaves are in a far-distant land, as he gazed upon the spreading branches of a tree that was indigenous to the soil. "White, did you say?" me to be all green." "Nay, verily, they are white," reiterated the former; while, at the Nor was there any express command in itself as absolutely preposterous and useme to be all green." "Nay, verily, they are the class-meeting," is the second objection. third friend here interposed, who had discovered the secret of the mistake. "The leaves," he observed, "of this beautiful tree leaves," he observed, "of this beautiful tree leaves," he observed, and white on the leaves, he observed, the secret of the mistake that, from all your idols will I cleanse you, will soon expire. So it is with the soul of and He it is who alone is sufficient to effect the Bible any mention of Sunday schools;

Then, in the approximately that, from all your idols will I cleanse you, will soon expire. So it is with the soul of the great iconoclasm. Then, in the approximately that, from all your idols will I cleanse you, and He it is who alone is sufficient to effect the Bible any mention of Sunday schools; are green on one side, and white on the other. You are standing on opposite sides of the tree, and the wind is blowing the ceive they are means of doing good which have ceived the ceive they are means of doing good which have ceived the ceived the ceive they are means of doing good which have ceived the ceive leaves all in one direction; so that to you been developed by circumstances obviously that there is no spiritual life in it, or that it all appear white, and to you they are all providential, adjusted by the prudence and is fast lapsing into inanition or total ex-

must do to be saved? Are you happy in gasence of distinct verbal utterances, there ing," among those who know it only by report. The "class-meeting"—what is it? Every member of the Methodist Church, by producing his "Rules," can show that a class consists of persons who are desirous to "flee from the wrath to come," perhaps "about twelve in number, and one of them and not be uttered, and not feel that you are consists of persons who are desirous to "flee from the wrath to come," perhaps about twelve in number, and one of them and kindred and friendship.

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It is quite right for a believer to use the believes in Christ, with a heart unto right. None has unto right t called the leader. And that such a company of men, having the form and seeking the power of godliness, united, in order to pray together, to receive the word order to pray together together to pray together ther in love, that they may help each other

into sterling straightforwardness. Here first love, is he exclaiming, 'Come and hear, sluggishness is converted into activity, mis- all ye that fear God, and I will declare what

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Israel, pitched in every direction around the mercy-seat and the Shekinah, for the re"Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus freshment of the tribes during their wilder- Christ, who, though he was rich, yet for your ness state. "How goodly are thy tents, O sakes he became poor, that ye, through his Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel! As poverty, might be rich." Have you supethe valleys are they spread forth, as gardens rior light? Let it shine in the class-room. by the river-side, as the trees of lignaloes which the Lord hath planted, and as cedar-You do not degrade yourself by exercising trees beside the waters. He shall pour the the charities of your nature upon those water out of his bucket, and his seed shall whom you deem beneath you: be in many waters, and his King shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted. Blessed is he that blesseth thee,

and cursed is he that curseth thee."

ating with such persons." "I can get to session."—London Christian Miscellany. heaven without it," replies a fifth; while a number unite with a sixth in the expression of his opinion, " I do not know why, but I do

ceiving "absolution" from a man "who ed by Divine grace, and immediately of the confessional

Other objects of observation besides trees of God. The class-meeting is to be placed As there are no exclusively authorized

starts with new vigour on his journey to an organic solo or a rueful dirge; but es- ances .- Dr. Duff. Canaan; and the tired soldier is rested and invigorated for the campaign of the morrow. Here the weakness of "Little-faith" is ing the psalm, and bringing the pleasant strengthened, the worldliness of "Worldly- harp with the psaltery, and blowing the love" is chased away, the covetousness of trumpet; and, with exulting rivalry, young "Save-all" is melted into benevolence, and men and maidens, old men and children, are the duplicity of "By-ends" is transformed praising the Lord. In the eagerness of his anthropy into philanthropy, tears into smiles, he hath done for my soul?' but nobody will sorrows into joys, sighs into songs, clouds stop to listen. And so, for an audience, he into sunshine, winter into summer, and the

nto sunshine, winter into summer, and ing."

'fear which hath torment" into "perfect ing."

The fourth objection is, that "the condens illiterate, a Class-meetings are the little tents of are ignorant, the leader illiterate, and the

"Those gentler charities which draw Man closer with his kind; Those sweet humanities which make The music which they find." "I can get to heaven without it," is the Our sainted founder observes:—"Upon reflection, I could not but observe this was the very thing which was from the beginning Christian life as well without as with it? of Christianity. In the earliest times those whom God sent forth 'preached the gospel suffer, conquer, and rejoice as well? Might whom God sent forth 'preached the gospel suffer, conquer, and rejoice as well? Might great things. In great exigencies, the bore that brother to the Mercy Seat. Her to every creature; and the arkomenoi, the not some gray-headed pilgrim, leaning upon favourable chance has always been for him ery went up, "give me the soul of my brother to the top of his staff, or come wearing I.o. body of hearers, were mostly either Jews the top of his staff; or some weeping Jerewho hoped against hope; and the greatness ther!" It penetrated the ear, the heart of
or heathers; but as soon as any of these migh, from his dungeon; or some tuneful of individuals or of nations may be measured
God and prevailed.

with pleasure in that land of rest where saving godliness? or do not your affections cleave to the earth? Have not you left But we are looking at one side of the tree your first love? Is not the keen edge of only. Let us go over for a moment to the your piety gone? Is it not inconvenient other side. Here is a number of individuals now to go to class? Are your circumstances holding opinions opposite to those we have improved, and do you fancy it is more reuttered, many of whom are very sincere ob- spectable to go to another Church? Sons servers, and earnest enquirers after truth. and daughters of Methodist sires! ye who they are expressing. "It is a Popish ordinance," says one, not very familiar with sacred memorial! think of their simplicity, Methodist economy: "I understand it is a piety, meekness, and zeal, of their holy lives place of confession; and, for my part, I see and triumphant deaths, and endeavour to no difference in confessing in the class-meet- catch their falling mantles, to tread in their ing, and confessing to the priest." "It is steps, and be followers of their faith and panot commanded in Scripture," observes tience. "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in another; "but is obviously an ordinance of the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, man, and therefore to be avoided." "It where is the good way, and walk therein, makes too large a demand upon my modes-ty," remarks a timid one: "I could not speak "And the Lord God will bring thee into the on any account: I am too nervous." "It may be all very well in itself," replies a fourth; "but the people are so very ignorant, and the leader especially so very illiterate, that I can see no advantage in associ- your tents, and unto the land of your pos-

What is Prayer?

Every minister of the Christian sanctuary There may be among our readers those is, or ought to be, in a high and peculiar who hold these adverse opinions; and we sense, a man of prayer; but let us never humbly ask a hearing, that we may speak to their convictions. "It is a Popish orditor him. For, what is prayer? Prayer is, nance." The class-room is indeed the place where earnest confession of sin, with strong the regenerate heart, the direct and necescries and tears, is often heard; but that con- sary outgoing and emanation of the quickenfession is made, not in the expectation of re- ed spirit. Let the soul be effectually touchopposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped," but to the instruction and warning of other perdesire and wistful lengings; and this soulsons, and with a view to enlist their sympa-thies, prayers, and counsels. The leader One friend may pray for another in the himself, being a layman, not a priest, the class-meeting is an antagonist of "auricular confession," and is expediting the overthrow priestly substitute. To pray in this manner is to pray by proxy; and to pray to God by "But there is no Scripture authority for proxy, as tens of thousands of mere formal, God's own precious revelation to originate less as for a man to eat or drink by proxy, the heart this utter abnegation of self or the you are a member and a collector; nor were you told, in so many words, that you ought to visit the humble cottages in your problems of the corporal of the cor that Missionary Society, of which, perhaps, or to breathe by proxy, or sleep, or walk, will takes place, there God never reigns suneighbourhood, for the purpose of lending functions, for himself; otherwise, it is a ever accomplished. But God has promised

neously. We are at a loss to name a sub- cle? Are you dumb on common topics of wants thoroughly known to the loving moject which has gained perfect unanimity of opinion. Certain it is that such unanimity has not been awarded to the "class-meeting," among those who know it only by reing," among those who know it o strained to praise God: and that if you were times for prayer. The God whom we wor- my friend, be neither rash nor irreverent, order to pray together, to receive the word of exhortation, and to watch over one anothe songs are written upon every surrounding object,—if every part of your dwelling, clusively authorized places for prayer. The The class-meeting, therefore, is calculated to be a school of instruction; a book by the way; a refreshment-room for travellers. Here the disconsolate Christian is directed to the God of all consolation; the Fountain of living of the sweet singers of Israel (himself). The class-meeting, therefore, is calculated to be a school of instruction; a book by the way; a refreshment-room for travellers. Here the disconsolate Christian is directed to "the Fountain of living of the Sweet singers of Israel (himself). The housetop, the very member of your dwelling, every year in your distribution to the God of all consolation; the thirsty soul is directed to "the Fountain of living of the sweet singers of Israel (himself). The housetop, the verdant field, the mountain solitude, the ocean shore, the sweet singers of Israel (himself). Live a dying soon or too unexpectedly. Live a dying or images, can only be addressed in prayer of indicated above, drinking the wind the wine new with Christ Holy One of Israel or set bounds to the Holy One of Isra to the God of all consolation; the thirsty soul is directed to "the Fountain of living waters;" the suffering follower of the Saviour meets with sympathy from fellow-suffers, and the rejoicing saint meets with those ers, and the rejoicing saint meets with those of the sweet singers of Israel (himself not of Methodist type) says: "Is he, the wooded wilderness, the naked desert, the densely thronged market of the third wooded wilderness, the naked desert, the densely thronged market of the the common to young men of the world, but the pride of intellect led him away from the cross and kept him from the feet of Jeward and literary, he sought not of Methodist type) says: "Is he, the wooded wilderness, the naked desert, the densely thronged market of the the common to young men of the world, but the pride of intellect led him away from the cross and kept him from the feet of Jeward their world in the class-room?—

The sure Word of Prophecy.

Prophecy is one of the two branches of the they were going out to a feast, they would eat but sparingly, wooded wilderness, the naked desert, the densely thronged market of the they might have a keener appetite for the they might have a keener appetite of the they might have a keener appetite of the they might have noticed children, when they were going out to a feast, they would eat but sparingly, wooded wilderness, the naked desert, the enjoyment in the frivolous or sensual pursuits common to young men of the world, but the pride of intellect led him away from the cross and kept him from the feet of Jeward their common to young and ardent convert, crying in the enjoyment in the frivolous or sensual pursuits common to young men of the world, but the pride of intellect led him away from the feet of Jeward their common to young and ardent convert, crying in the enjoyment in the frivolous or sensual pursuits common to young men of the world, but the pride of intellect led him away from the feet of Jeward their common to young and ardent convert. The found is prophetely and the pri in whose breast exists the counterpart of his our strength; make a joyful noise unto the man can be where he cannot give vent to the cross and kept him from the feet of Jein whose breast exists the counterpart of his our strength; make a joyful noise unto the man can be where he cannot give vent to the cross and kept him from the feet of Jeown feelings, and the echo of his own joys. Here the weary traveller is refreshed, and the conventicle, he is apt to be depressed by in secret sighs, or broken ejaculatory utter- he had already attained to distinction, but not naturally endowed with predictions whenever the word of the Lord

The Power of Faith.

If we are to believe vulgar declamation and the sayings of people of the world, faith diseased imaginations. On the contrary, it is in the highest degree the peculiar gift of noble spirits, and the source of whatever in the is a courage of the intellect, like the courage of the soul, and thoroughly to believe a strange truth supposes a power which all do in the midst of a crowd which does not believe! Here is the noblest exercise of faith: here its grandeur shines forth. This faith in contested truths is one of the essential attributes of all those men who have been "great in the order of minds." What is it that gives such sublimity in our imaginations to the great names of Galileo, Bacon, and Newton? We admire them for not having doubted; for having preserved their faith in the midst of universal dissent; and for having heroically dispensed with the adherence of their cotemporaries. Faith is the source of every thing which bears a character of dignity and force. Vulgar souls wish to see, to touch, to grasp: others have the eye of with a free heart sing, faith, and they are great. It is always by having faith in others, in themselves, in duty, or in the divinity, that men have done Now in the arms of faith and prayer she or heathens; but as soon as any of these were so convinced of the truth as to forsake sin, and seek the gospel salvation, they immediately joined them together, took an account of their names, advised them to watch over each other, and met these katechoumens, catechnumens, catechnu they might instruct, rebuke, exhort, and pray with them and for them, according to their with them here?

"I do not know why, but I do not like it," is the last objection. Do you like repentancy, and that some of the "pretended" prophecy. That provided the dignity of period beginning to the will cause the strongholds of unbelief appeared to be giving way, at last came the condition. It will cause the strongholds of unbelief appeared to be giving way, at last came the strongholds of unbelief appeared to be giving way, at last came the condition is the liamphance of the serpent's head, is the germ and that some of the "I do not know why, but I do not know why but I do not know why, but I do not know why, but I do not know why, but I do not know

Idolatry or the Idol Brother.

A TRUE STORY BY MRS. MARTIN.

Little children, keep yourselves from idols ges of wood, stone, silver, or gold, that one may rightly conclude before which there can be little danger of any Protestant ever bowing the knee, but, as the Poet most clearly and beautifully expresses it,

"Whatever passes as a cloud between The mental eye of faith and things unsect Causing that brighter world, to disappear Or seem less lovely and its hopes less dear. This is our idol, even though it bear Affection's impress or devotion's air."

Now, from this definition of idolatry, how many idols are we in danger of setting up, and giving ourselves unto!

Wesley, in his sermon on spiritual idolatry, divides idolatry into three species, viz: what he had promised? the desire of the eye, the desire of the flesh, though called Protestants and Christians.

"Don't Meeta, persuade me any longer

Philosophy with elevated pride had carried him with her

" Above the tangling mass of low desires

but had failed to make him that "highest style of man, a Christian." As in the case of that other who trimmed the midnight world bears the impress of greatness. There is a course of the intellect like the course close his books, and prepare for rest, rest in the grave. The forlorn hope of a winter in Cuba was prescribed by his physician, and whom he was so idolized, uttered, in the anguish of her heart, the startling sentiment we have recorded. Jane, however, repented of her folly, and no longer strove against the convictions she had so long resisted.— Then her soul let go its idol, and Christ her

"None but Christ to me be given,

The Lord's Witnesses.

he knew that he was faithful to perform Christ? Who can coldly regard his com- ed to prove the genuineness of the New

try literally, was the besetting sin of the Jews, and idolatry, spiritually, is the besetting sin of Christians. God is a jealous setting sin of Christians setting sin of Christians setting sin of C God for his own glory and our good. He is no condemnation to them who are in cross? What so warmly prompts to libera-will permit in our hearts no rival with him-Christ Jesus when my own heart bears wit-lity as the "grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, self. He says, give me thy heart. When ness against me? How can I testify that who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes St. John fell down before the face of the an- whom the Son makes free, is free indeed, became poor, that we through his poverty gel to worship him, the angel said, "See, if the chains of unbelief are binding my thou do it not!" and, when the people would have sacrificed to Paul and Barnabas, they and the selfish passions of my heart are oftrent their clothes, crying, "Sirs, why do ye times bringing me into bondage? How mighty is the cross; mighty in argument these things?" Shall we offer to vain and can I witness to the sufficiency of the grace mighty in appeal; mighty in persuasion sinful objects, what was not permitted to an- of God, as manifested through Christ, to What other consideration has such powers satisfy the soul, so that it no longer hun- over the soul? What else such transformgers and thirsts for the pleasures of earth, if ing energy, producing such beneficent chan-I am barren of the Spirit's influence, and ges in human character, human hope, and indulge a vain curiosity and an unholy appe. human destiny! It is the great moral mag-tite? How can I say that Christ's strength net that is to attract all hearts, and assimiis imparted to the weak, and to them made late them to itself. By the power of the

> being pierced with his fiery darts? In a word, how can I be qualified for a competent witness, unless I myself am a partaker of His saving grace and rejoice in Him with unspeakable joy.

If chosen to be a witness for Christ, He

the joys of home and kindred and friendship. | wish I had done when the last hour arrives? he had already attained to distinction, but you walk through a flower garden you never the gift of prescience, whoever prophesies came to them; in courts, in palaces, in the he had been misled by "the oppositions of science, falsely so called," and "erred contenting the faith." Yes, this he had done.

Different price and the carried of this world's best joys. Smell the flowers of the science of the propositions of the garden of this world's best joys. Smell the flowers of the propositions of the garden of this world's best joys. Smell the flowers of the propositions of the garden of this world's best joys. Smell the flowers of the propositions of the garden of this world's best joys. Smell the flowers of the propositions of the garden of this world's best joys. Smell the flowers of the propositions of the garden of the garden of the garden of the propositions of the garden of t science self destroyed her lavourite son, and the pale student of sleepless nights and thorns. Brethren, if you are ever so much the authenticity of the teacher's commission, that it takes and he produces such credentials from the and he produces such credentials from the history of the history of the strange truth supposes a power which all do nated according to the land and he produces such credentials from the their language was never capable of an amnot possess. How difficult is it to believe lay down his pen, shut up his laboratory, away your love for prayer or for your Bible, court of heaven, as at once compel us to biguous construction; and the history of the it was while there, wasting away in the "decline" whose end is death, that the sister by this world's joy: "The time is short."—Mc-

In Him was Life .- In this beautiful and

all the crowbars of conventional usage, and appointed precepts.

The Cross.

The cross presents the most effectual of Am I indeed chosen to be a witness for all motives to practical godliness. Millions Christ? Great then is the responsibility have been, and millions more will be won resting upon me. In order for me to be a by it from sin to holiness; from peril to iel, are the prophets whom we shall princispetent witness I must be able to testify safety; from the borders of woe to the bea- pally quote, and we shall state briefly the of what I myself know by experience .- titudes of heaven. "If," said He, "I be What would be thought of one who was lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men alleged date of their existence. Moses was afflicted with disease, and, beholding another unto me." What bosom would not be mov-mentioned as the leader of the Jews by suffering with the like malady, should refer ed at sight of Messiah's suffering, though he Manetho, Cheremon, Apollonius and Lysihim to a certain physician, stating that he himself were not involved? He was holy. machus, Egyptian writers, and by Strabo. knew him to possess skill to cure all who He deserved not to suffer. But when you Justin, Pliny, Tacitus and other authors, were thus afflicted? What should we think remember that this was all for you-that whose antiquity has never been called in of an individual who was toiling along, "weary and heavy laden." and meeting stripes you are healed—with the feeling of another groaning under the weight of a admiration and love thus elicited, your similar burden, should advise him to seek thoughts turn to your sins, and you loather character by the Evangelists, and their Discontinuation and their Disco relief from one who had offered to bear them in your heart. Who can love and vine mission is verified by Christ and his them for all who applied to him for aid, and practice sin after looking upon the cross of apostles. All the evidence, therefore, offerthe desire of the eye, the desire of the flesh, and the pride of life, so that, if we enshrine in our hearts any thing that will come under either of these heads of classification, be it before? How can I say promotes genuine humility as a correct any leaves to the flesh, and the pride of life, so that, if we enshrine sistently persuade a fellow prisoner to accept of offered pardon and release, when he bimself refused to be free? How can I say promotes genuine humility as a correct any leaves to the flesh, and the pride of life, so that, if we enshrine it can be shown that we have assigned to those seers a too high antiquity. Moreover, their history is interwoven with that of the promotes genuine humility as a correct any leaves to the flesh, and the pride of life, so that, if we enshrine it can be shown that we have assigned to those seers a too high antiquity. Moreover, their history is interwoven with that of the pleasure, fame, wealth, ease, health, beauty, last Christ has power on earth to forgive prehension of the amazing humiliation of mentioned in the historical books of the Old lover, friend, relation, then are we idolators, sins, when my own remained unpardoned? Him who assumed our nature, and "became Testament, and, whatever may be urged How can I testify that his blood cleanseth obedient unto death, even the death of the against these books as inspired productions The first two commandments of the decalogue are against this sin, the toot of all heart remains polluted? How can I bear flame of love to our race than a right convalue and authenticity. Daniel is named in others, for, the love of money, the Apostle witness to the fact that those who follow says, is the root of all evil, and likewise Him do not walk in darkness, while my us?" What so productive of contentment, as one who held high official station in the

ed, if I am constantly overcome by Satan, physical law .- Christian Chronicle.

Bliss in Dying. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

must needs feel an interest in my testimony, pect? Art thou ready, if called this night to And worship only Thee."

And worship only Thee."

And pow I would introduce an illustration coming under my own knowledge of a myself fully, and rely on Him entirely, death? It is sin. Is death, then, to thee, "They had trial of cruel mockings and cleiming the representation of their divinities unbounded wealth—the prophets of the Sible signally failed to realize an equal prosperity.

They had trial of cruel mockings and rely on Him entirely, death? It is sin. Is death, then, to thee, "They had trial of cruel mockings and rely on Him entirely, death? It is singular through your having lie-Other objects of observation besides trees have been contemplated from opposite points of view, and of course widely different conclusions have been reached concerning them. There are few things on which men do not the same same favour, and employed on the same are few that the very babe, not yet able to speak in an idol, but claiming the promise: "God is able to make that the very babe, not yet able to speak in an idol, but claiming the promise: "God is able to make the same favour, and employed on the same are few things on within it an idol, but claiming the promise: "God is able to make the same favour, and employed on the same are few things on which men do not the same are few things on which men do not the same are few that the very babe, not yet able to speak in an idol, but claiming the promise: "God is able to make the same are found in the same are few things on which the same are few things on the same are few things on the same are few things on the same are few hast made up thy peace with God, resting on the work and atoning blood of his dear Son, then is the "last enemy" divested of all

in passing but do not tarry. Jesus calls and from ancient times the things that are of the world, in the light of day, they spake spices. Oh! it ill becomes a child of God implies, be established, and the recipients to be fond of an earthly banquet, when you of the prophetic spirit claim to be authorized are looking to sitting down so soon with Jeor that it would frighten you to hear the accredit him as an ambassador from God, events foresold is but a transcript of the cry, "The bridegroom cometh," and you whether he comes to inculcate doctrine, to prophecy. would say, Is he come already? then you give or to repeal law, to warn of danger, to promise blessing, or to threaten punish-

evidence to strengthen the believer's faith, ample range events almost co-eval with our to establish the wavering, and to convince race: were delivered through a long course philosophic expression we have the key to the skeptic, we shall proceed to show, that of ages, from the death-scene of the the practical power of the Gospel. It is a those men, who claim to be divinely in- arch Jacob, to the exile of the aged John the practical power of the Gospel. It is a living, spiritual principle, flowing from the living, spiritual principle, flowing from the spired to promulgate the laws, with their and his mysterious visions in Patmos—at accompanying sanctions of promise and threatening, to narrate the facts, and to treach a singular power in all life. If it start in the tender, feathery substance of the doctrines, which the Scriptures contain, fully established their lofty pretences the most diverse; from the kingly contain, fully established their lofty pretences the most diverse; from the kingly contain, fully established their lofty pretences the most diverse; from the kingly contain, fully established their lofty pretences the most diverse; from the kingly contain, fully established their lofty pretences the most diverse; from the kingly contain, fully established their lofty pretences the most diverse; from the kingly contains the prophetic praises of his it start in the tender, reathery substance of the mushroom, it will bear the huge rock from its bed. If it spring in the deepest darkness, like the potato vine in the cellar, it shall creep and crawl, and wind to the living principle! If it be but the light! A living principle! If it be but the every man in its inspired doctrines, and mushroom growth it shall excel in power strenuously urge obedience to its heaven-there is a wonderful harmony: the predictions but all units and

such were rewarded or punished, then these objections will have been fully answered.

Some remarks must be made as to the says, that covetousness is idolatry. Idola- path remains unillumined? How can I as- under the afflictions of life, as a vivid per- Court of Cyrus. Before we can deny that

These prophetic books, moreover, were translated into the Greek language about 285 years B. C. by the direction of one o the Egyptian Ptolemies. This translation, called the Septuagint, had come into general use among the Jews, scattered over the Eastern world, and was quoted from by Christ and his apostles. This carries back the prophecies to high antiquity, and is strong presumptive proof, that they had the fully established, when it is shown, that in which were fulfilled in years long posterior and this fact will lead us to the conclusion that the books that contain these

Let us now notice the vast difference between these Scriptural prophecies and the utterances of the heathen oracles. If, as some suppose, they all alike originated in fraud, and were credited only by a superstitious people, how can we account for the diverse fortunes of the Hebrew seers and the heathen soothsayers? while the latter were eminently successful in subjecting to their sway the deluded multitude, and secured to scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain, by the sword; they wandered about in sheep skins and goat skins; being destitute, afflic

Nor will the dark sayings of the heather

ed, tormented."

oracles sustain a comparison with the clear and lofty predictions of the Hebrew pro-phets, in any important respect. The oracular sayings were uttered only on particular days, and after a long, scrupul exact and expensive ceremony on the part of the priestess of the shrine, and then, only in disconnected words, interrupted by her shrieks and howlings,—her limbs trembling with "sacred fury,"—her lips white with foam,—her hair and dress disordered, and her looks wild and distracted. They were delivered in by-ways and caverns, and other places favourable to frauds . were accessible to those only who naid liberally for their revelations: were often bribed, and sometimes constrained by force to give propitious answers; and, lastly, were obscure, ambiguous, convertible, equally applicable to different or to opposite events, being so framed. that with any issue the oracle could vet reyou to his banqueting house; there you will not yet done." If then such a correspondine their words of promise or proclaimed their words of promise or proclaimed their messages of threatening.—They were attended by no pomp; offered no propitiatory sacrifices; refused presents; yielded no deference to rank or wealth; reproved the sus; it ill becomes you to be so taken up with dresses and show, when you are so soon to see the face that was crowned with sions. Let but the seal of prophecy attest mitted to stripes, imprisonment and death.

prophecies of Scripture are their harmony and unity, evincing most conclusively their Fully assured of the sufficiency of such identity of origin. They embrace in their