

## The Lost Jewels.

A JEWISH TALE.

In schools of wisdom all the day was spent;  
His steps at eve the Rabbi homeward bent,  
With many sad thoughts, which dwelt upon the  
wife

And two dear children who consoled his life,  
She, meeting at the threshold, led him in,  
And with these words preventing did begin—  
“Ever rejoicing at your wished return,  
Yet am I most so now: for since this morn  
I have been much perplexed and sorely tried  
Upon one point which you shall now decide.  
Some years ago, a friend into my care  
Some jewels gave—rich, precious gems they were;  
But having given them in my charge, this friend  
Did afterwards not come for them, nor send,  
But left them in my keeping for so long,  
That now it almost seems to me a wrong  
That he should suddenly arrive to-day,  
To take those jewels which he left away.  
What think you? Shall I freely yield them back,  
And with no murmuring?—so henceforth to lack  
These gems myself, which I had learned to see  
Almost as mine forever, mine in fee.”

“What question can be here? Your own true  
heart

Must needs advise you of the only part:  
“That may be claimed again which was but lent,  
And should be yielded with no discontent.  
Nor surely can we find herein a wrong,  
That it was left us to enjoy it long.”

“Good is the word,” she answered, “may we now  
And evermore that it is good allow!”  
And, rising, to an inner chamber led,  
And there she showed him, stretched upon one  
bed.

Two children pale: and he the jewels knew,  
Which God had lent him, and resumed anew.  
—*Trench's Poems.*

## Obituary.

DEATH OF THE REV. DR. M'LETCHIE.—  
The death of the Rev. James M'Letchie, D.  
D., one of the ministers of the High Church,  
took place at his house, Regent Terrace, on  
Tuesday evening, after a severe and protract-  
ed illness. Dr. M'Letchie is the fifth minis-  
ter who has been removed by death from the  
Presbytery of Edinburgh within the past few  
months, and was the last of the three city min-  
isters whose charges, under the Act of 1860,  
are not to be filled up. He was a native of  
Maybole, and received his early education  
at the parish school of Dalrymple. After  
going through the usual course of study, at  
the University of Glasgow, in which he great-  
ly distinguished himself, Dr. M'Letchie was  
appointed to the Church of Larkhall, in the  
Presbytery of Hamilton. He was shortly  
afterwards transferred to the parish church of  
Gartsherrie, where he laboured with so much  
acceptance that his congregation, on his  
leaving for St. Thomas's Church, Leith, pre-  
sented him with 200 volumes of books,  
which formed the nucleus of the extensive  
and valuable library which he has left.  
From Leith he was called to College Parish

Church, Glasgow, where he remained for  
several years. In 1844 he was appointed to  
the High Church, Edinburgh, as colleague to  
the Rev. Dr. Arnot. Dr. M'Letchie was an  
ardent student of the classics, and as a lin-  
guist he was excelled by few. His style of  
preaching was noted for purity of style and  
vigour of logic; it was in a sense too good  
to be popular. For several years past, how-  
ever, he has seldom preached, owing to the  
delicate state of his health, and the duties of  
his charge have latterly been performed by  
the Rev. Mr. M'Bride, as ordained assistant.  
His weak health also prevented him from  
taking part in the public business of the  
Church; but he was held in the greatest re-  
spect by his co-presbyters for his thorough  
manliness and honesty. Dr. M'Letchie was  
sixty-four years of age, and was unmarried.  
—*H. & F. Record.*

DEATH OF REV. DR. MACBETH, LONDON.  
—The Church has lost one of the most ener-  
getic of its representatives in London by the  
death of the Rev. Dr. Macbeth, on 8th Sep-  
tember last. He had been for many years  
the minister of the Scotch Church in Halkin  
Street, Belgrave Square. No one who knew  
Dr. Macbeth in health, or who remembers  
his appearances in the General Assembly as  
a member of the annual deputation from the  
Synod in England, can fail to feel great re-  
gret at his loss to the Church. An admiring  
pupil and warm friend of the late Dr. James  
Robertson, he had something of his remark-  
able energy and turn for organisation. He  
was ardently devoted to the interests of the  
Church, till failing health left him without  
strength or hopefulness. His labors in be-  
half of the Scotch Church in London deserve  
grateful acknowledgment; his early death is  
deeply to be lamented.—*ib.*

## The Throne of Solomon.

THE following account of this remarkable  
piece of mechanism purports to be taken  
from the Persian manuscript called “The  
History of Jerusalem.”

“The sides of it were of pure gold, the  
feet of emeralds and rubies intermixed with  
pearls, each of which was as large as an os-  
trich's egg. The throne had seven steps; on  
each side were delineated orchards full of  
trees, the branches of which were of precious  
stones, representing fruit ripe and unripe; on  
the tops of trees were to be seen figures of  
plumage birds, particularly the peacock, the  
etauh and kurges. All these birds were hol-  
lowed within artificially, so as to occasionally  
utter melodious sounds, such as the ear of  
mortal never heard. On the first step were  
delineated vine-branches, having bunches of  
grapes, composed of precious stones of vari-  
ous kinds, fashioned in such a manner as to  
represent the various colors of purple, violet,