WAKING SONG. Rose Grandison at the Plano (in "Lady Mary.")

Hark, O hark! Tis the glad note of the lark, Rise, my soul, exulting, soaring. Rise, thy day-spring pure adoring, Now the dawning glory mark, From shadows dark.

Come, sweet light, Cheer my spirit, chase my night, Hence thou weary, wakeful season, Throbbing pulse, distracted reason, Fitful fever, take your flight. Heaven is bright

[Yes, dear girl, but what have you seen of heaven's brightness? Your beauty, loveliness, skill, and accomplishments will not bring you there :- are you born again? Have you evidence that the Spirit has done that for you which the water of baptism signified ?-- EDITOR.]

REPLY,

RIGHT REVEREND DANIEL WILSON, D. D., LORD BISHOP OF CALCUTTA,

TO AN ADDRESS

Presented to him at a General Meeting of the SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, President, in the Chair.

(CONCLUDED.)

"It is an encouraging circumstance in the prospects of India, and of the Church at home, that Mission-work, when properly conducted, tends rapidly to raise the tone of holy doctrine and love in its supporters; it unites and elevates. All great pursuits bring out some master principle, and throw into the shade matters of a subordinate character. Old errors and defects are insensibly remedied, and all join heart and hand in the blessed enterprize. There is also, now, if I mistake not, a conjuncture of circumstances peculiarly favourable to new efforts; and rejoiced shall I be if anything I can humbly suggest-and it will be but little, and that little submitted to the better judgment of his Grace and the Society, may contribute to that increased love and public confidence, without which the success of this and other missionary institutions. in their present position, can scarcely be looked for.

"I. The first thing I would venture most respectfully to intimate as applicable to India -and I presume equally so to England-is the importance of a wise and studious en-deavor to heat the irritated and alarmed minds of the Christian community, by promoting a cessalion from controversy, and the restoration of peace on the footing of sound scriptural truth. There is a general suspicion now affoat-a dread of innovation-a fear, and not an unreasonable one, of Popery; and a dislike to changes in our old usages and forms, as prevalent in 1832. The Protestant feeling is roused. His Grace's most mild and seasonable Pastoral Letter of January last, lays an admirable foundation for this attempt. The morbid excitement of the Protestant mind can only gradually of the Protestant mind can only gradually be calmed. In itself, it is a right and noble feeling, and entitled to respect; and it may be kept from excess, and effectually calmed too, by an enlightened course of proceeding. Our Societies have only to stand aloof from the tendencies of the extreme movement, as now so fatally developed, and all will right

"2. One excellent and sure method of promoting this, is by carrying out the plan, which the Society has already adopted, of circulating the unadorned accounts of the missionaries themselves. Here the full glory of the Gospel shines forth. The natural language of piety goes straight to the heart. When one of your missionaries says, 'I spoke to them for some time of sin, redemption through the merits of a Divine Saviour, prayer, holiness, and their duties in reference to the Church, into which they seek an entrance,' and then adds, 'may God guide them by his Holy Spirit,' every Christian mind responds.

" So again, when the missionary tells me, I cannot feel satisfied if I do not speak of Christ's merits, and power to "save even to the uttermost all who come unto God by him;" may God make each heart a "temple of the Holy Chost;" we cannot but feel a sympathy with him and his labours.

"In like manner, when another sums up his doctrine thus- The members of our congregation are taught to know God, and to "flee for refuge to the hope set before them in Christ," he touches the inmost soul of every sincere follower of our blessed

"Nor is the effect otherwise when your Secretary at Madras says, he hopes to welcome, ere long, several learned and devoted missionaries to carry on the good work, to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ," and the great truth on which our apostolic and every true Church is built, that "being justified by faith we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ."?

"These trustworthy and simple accounts transport us, as it were, to the Acts of the

Apostles and the Epistles of St Paul. "The language of official Reports and documents should harmonize, as much as possible, with this spirit. This is my third remark. This is done already in a great measure by the different Societies; but it will be wise, as it seems to me, to come back to first principles more and more, in such a state of conflict as the present. Charity should lead Churches-has all the glory.

us to become all things to all men.' The reception of the teaching of the Church's_ a 'right to the privileges of the Church'the having communion with the Catholic or Anglo-Catholic Church,' are not, I humbly suggest, the descriptions which we should too much dwell on, the terms have been so fearfully abused. There can be no objection to such language, if occasionally used-most of them occur in our Liturgy and offices -but they should by all means be intermingled with the direct scriptural descriptions of conversion, as a 'turning unto God' -the 'receiving of Christ'-the 'being led by the Spirit'-the 'knowing the power of Christ's resurrection'-and the having 'fel-' passing from death unto life' and 'from the power of Satan unto God:' otherwise the Church hides the Saviour. Under the present irritation, I am persuaded that it would Paul.

"A. Regularity in some plan of visiting and holding Meetings is found most desirable, and is, in truth, essential to any considerable improvement in our funds. Circular letters long previous arrangement, are inconvenient Gosper, held on Wednesday July 23, 1845, and unproductive. The Auxiliary and Diocesan Societies must be supported by persons actual progress and wants of the Missions. The necessity for this is to be lamented. It springs from the infirmities of the Church. But under present circumstances, a wellcult and laborious at first, cannot be dispensed with.

"5. It is an obvious remark, that the Society should use all fit means, as I presume Articles in their plain, grammatical, and natural sense, for missionary labour. Nothing will more tend to inspire confidence. All depends, under God. on the choice of menmen of God-men really qualified by inward nicty, simplicity of faith in Christ, and the love of the souls of the Heathen, for the great work to which they are to be called.

"6. I cannot avoid thinking, further, that it is important for the Society to avail itself This venerable Society, connected as it is so in India and at home, of the present very peculiar state of the movement question. It is in a totally new position from what it was held—and may it always continue to hold! some years since. The solemn judgments —its own neculiar position. My own views of the Ecclesiastical Court have scaled publicly and formally its condemnation. Differences of opinion, as to the tendency right of Episcopacy as appointed by the on the whole of its earlier publications and proceedings, need not now be adverted to. It s enough that the entire system, as a system, is at length confessedly rejected by all the authorities of our Church. My own persome years before those judgments. I endeavoured accordingly, in 1842, to unite all take somewhat higher or lower ground upon sidered to have been a second time fought and won; and our Protestant Church rescued by the mercy of Christ, from the greatest peril that had threatened it since the settlement at the glorious Revolution of 1688. It is God's prerogative to bring good out of evil. His ways are unsearchable. The moment of favour to our Church may be now come. He may, perhaps, be pleased to turn the ex cited minds of both clergy and laity to the divine object of Christian Missions; and from the embers of an extinct controversy to raise a holy flame of love and pity for a lost world. Thus will the darkest night bring on the brightest dawn. The diffusion of earnest and enlightened piety of late years at home has been represented to me, s quite as remarkable as the contemporaneous obstacles. The clergy are said to be improving rapidly as parish priests: all is activity. The liberality of the laity has been nobly called forth. The fine spirit of churchbuilding has become the glory of our land. National Church education, as I am told, amidst a thousand difficulties, is making rapid progress. The same is the case, in its degree, in India. The influence of our Church is greater there than was ever known. This is God's doing. He seems to be setting before us, at home and abroad, a 'great' and effectual door' for occupying the ardent minds of men-if only we 'know,' and surely we shall know, the 'day of our visitation.' portunity, as an old writer observes, is the golden spot of time.

"7. Penitence and humiliation of soul before God, with carnest prayer for his grace and blessing, is the last suggestion which I would venture to offer. It is an obvious one, however, and scarcely needed. God ahases and exalts. He punishes Churches and nations by allowing a spirit of error or division to arise. We then seek his face. We acknowledge our sins and transgressions, personal and collective, before his footstoolcontroversy ceases. We succept' as the prophet says, ' the punishment of our iniquities.' We cast ourselves upon the infinite mercy of God in the sacrifice of his Son. We search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord.' His 'anger then is turned away.' He again slifts up the light of his counte-nance upon us. Truth and peace appear. We wonder at our former infatuation. Afflictions are sanctified; the work of God is carried on in a lowly, Evangelical spirit; and Christ alone-not man, not instruments, not

complex descriptions of conversion, as an ready occurred to the honoured members of admission into the Catholic Church a the Society now before me, and are in the ready occurred to the honoured members of to the wants and sorrows of the people. (Imcourse of being acted upon; as a distant visitor, however, absent for thirteen or four-teen long years, his Grace will forgive me for alluding to them, invited by the tenor of your affectionate address. I am now far advanced in life, and the time of my departure must be at hand.' I may never see you more; and I should have felt ashamed of myself if I had hesitated to say here, hefore this Society, as I have long done in India, what I thought might be conducive to its interests, at whatever expense of my feel-

ings.
"Finally, be of good cheer, honoured brethren, in the name of the Lord. The lowship with the saints;' in a word, the holy principles of the Gospel are never appealed to in vain. There is a boundless mass of wealth in the great mine and treasure- For two hours the Chapel is closed. house of Christian charity. We have hardly yet opened the ground. Let the heart of the be our wisdom, at least in India, thus to act. pious and well-disposed be warmed with the car. They remind us that the day is not The heart of the earnest Christian delights exalted cause of Christian Missions, and they yet gone. A little of the Sabbath remains; exalted cause of Christian Missions, and they yet gone. A little of the Sabbath remains; to meet with the very language itself of St. will soon begin vigorously to bring forth the let us gather up the fragments that nothing be rich ore. The immense majority of the de- lost. At a quarter past 7, the people assem-voted members of our Church, and of other ble in the Chapel. It is brilliantly lighted, bodies, only want to have an assurance that and its 200 seats are soon filled. The worship it is indeed the work of God that, upon the begins by a hymn of praise. A shorter serwhole, is going on, in order to start forward vice is then pronounced, a chapter read, a are not read; collection-sermons, without a to our aid. It is not the worldly and careless psalm sung, and a plain and practical dis-long previous arrangement, are inconvenient who will effectually help this, or any other course delivered. It is done. The Minister Missionary Society. It is the pious, the who has officiated takes his seat, and the devout; those who know the value of the Pastor rises in the desk. He salutes the duly authorized to give information of the Heathens' souls from having learnt the value people with some pleasant words, and reviews of their own; those who understand somewhat of the Divine mystery of the God of our their privileges, and commends them to the salvation, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: of Saviour of sinners, that great Shepherd of the eternal redemption of the blood of Christ; the sheep, and describing his power and organized system of this kind, however diffi- of the virtue of his infinite sacrifice as God- love, leaves Him finally and vivilly before man; of the mighty operations of the sanctifying Spirit of grace, the Lord and Giver and the day is concluded. of life, as our Nicene symbol expresses it; A few linger to salute and of the blessedness of employing wealth, him of some one in trouble, or to ask assistthey do, of letting it he known that they take and time, and talents, and all we have and ance for some person in distress. the utmost care in the selection of pious, are, to the glory of the great Giver-these learned, and devoted persons, receiving our are the men to whom will answer to

"It is a wide basis on which the Gospel stands. There is an intelligible, broad view of the vast doctrines of Christianity which, in the magnificent cause of Missions, ought not to be cramped by the details of individual and unauthorized sentiments, nor by private systems leaning to over-statements or understatements on matters of Church government. intimately with his Grace and all the Episcopal authorities of England, has always -its own peculiar position. My own views of Church polity coincide with those of our Reformers. I fully believe in the Divine apostles, divinely inspired to settle the Church; though circumstances may arise, as they did at the period of the Reformation, when bishops cannot be obtained, and when God accepts and blesses Churches imperfect in suasion has been, that it was condemned for their formation, as Hooker and all our best

"It is the cordial belief in the mysteries of redemption themselves which enables us to apprehend the blessings of our own salvation, which places us at once in our efforts under the Divine benediction, which involves our cause in the grand purpose of God as unfolded in the word of prophecy, and connects our labours, however weak in themselves, with the power and grace of Christ in the destined universal diffusion of his

Gospel. "The safety of our beloved country may also be assured by the decided and wise course of this great Society in the present emergency. God looks on nations collectively. If governors themselves are backward in their duties to the cause of Christ, it is not impossible that the efforts of such institutions as this, with our honoured archbishops and bishops at its head, may in some measure repair the defect.

"But I have done. I beg forgiveness for any warmth of manner or sentiment. I need only further assure his Grace that I shall be most ready, if my health is restored, to take any public steps I can under his direction, whether by sermons of this Society.
"D. CALCUTTA." whether by sermons or any other method, for

LORD'S DAY ENGAGEMENTS

IN ST. ANN'S CHURCH, BROOKLYN, AND THE CHAPEL CONNECTED WITH IT.

It is delightful to think of the privileges of which the Gospel is administered and professed. At 9 o'clock, you may see the childsolemn and elevated music. It stops. The I told you I wanted to carry out some of the Minister pronounces some sentences of Holy colours of the picture with a rich touch of hortation to pray. The service of God begins: Confession.—Prayer,—Praise,—Chanting,—Litany,—Commandments—Pro-Hymn succeed. Now, strengthened and to be cruel or unkind to any thing." elevated by devotion, the congregation sit for "And now let me hear about the butterflies instruction. Then follows the preacher, in at Herondale," continued Mr. Arden.

"These suggestions have, I doubt not, al- I words prepared and prayed over, and adapted t pression is perhaps produced,—resolutions formed, prayers framed.) A blessing is pronounced

Again, at two o'clock, the van-guard assemble,—the children enter the Chapel, take their seats, engage in short prayer, and then are questioned on the lesson of the day,

uniting at the conclusion in a song of praise. At 3, they join the congregation, and reenter the Church. A second time the service is celebrated, and the people worship, and the word of God is dispensed. After this, the parish library is opened for the use of the congregation, and the children assemble at the libraries of their respective schools, select their books from a thousand at their disposal, and retire with the smiles and often with the caresses of the female teachers.

Evening has set in. The clear and silver tones of St. Ann's bell break again upon the the labours of the day; reminds them of their minds. The blessing is then pronounced,

A few linger to salute the Pastor, to tell

Go, man of pleasure, strike thy lyre. Of broken Sabbaths sing the charms; Out's is the Prophet's car of fire Which bears us to a Father's arms,

St. Ann's! " Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces. "-From St. Ann's Church," by a Sunday School Teacher.

THEATRICALS.

"They are going to have private thearicals at Herondale," said Miss Rushton, addressing herself to Rose, as she finished reading a note she had just received from her sister, Lady Lyndon. "Julia and Lyndon have been, it seems, for the last two days at Herondale, and her letter is full of nothing but this play."

"More shame for them," said Mr. Arden. they ought to know better." He had been sitting for some considerable time, as he sometimes did, in a brown study, with his eyes fixed on the ground, and his hands clasped together before him, their fingers closely locked together, except that now and and drawn in, his mouth at times working, and his eyes glancing from under his knit and heavy brows.

"Really, Frank," said Mrs. Rushton, "your language is objectionably strong."

"Truth is always strong," replied Mr Arden, "too strong sometimes not to find objections in those who dislike to hear it."
"Oh, you will be always a cynic!" she replied, smiling, "there is no curing you."

"It is my fault and my infirmity to be so, Caroline, and I am afraid my clumsy fingers are not suited for catching the butterflies of Herondale. I must borrow the net of gauze and the skill of Rose, who makes even butterfly-catching graceful. By-the-by, Miss Rose, I have never scolded you for your chase after that butterfly yesterday morning, when I caught you almost flying over the flower-beds in the pursuit of your poor victim. and I suppose it has long since quivered away in the agonies of death, impaled by your delicate hands. Well, well! for my part, I cannot quite understand this sort of scientific savageness, for I suppose I shall be told that the poor insect was wanted for a collection, and the science of entomology will have to enswer for the writhings and agonies of that joyous creature."

"Oh, I so entirely agree with all you have said, dear excellent Mr. Arden," replied Rose, " but indeed I am not culpable in this instance; I only imprisoned that gorgeous butterfly for half an hour under a large glass shade, and upon a profusion of heaped-up flowers, with their caps of nectar all brimming, at least so I suspect-for my prisoner, after fluttering about, a very little while settled down quietly and had the sense and St. Ann's Church, and the simplicity with taste to set about visiting the nectary of every flower, and then obligingly opened its radiant wings, poising itself in the most ren and youth assembling, dressed with care, graceful positions, and giving me full time and discovering the general prosperity of the to paint it. It is the rarest and most brilliant people. The chapel is open, and both of its of all the English butterflies; and it will floors receive their precious charge. Here just complete the collection which I have may be seen more than 300 scholars with 60 been painting for Geraldine. It was the only teachers. At ten, the Pastor enters to one I wanted, and the only one that I have inspect the schools, and to smile on the dear never seen alive, and its purple wings have lambs of the flock. At half-past ten, the furnished me with the tint that I wanted in great Congregation enter with solemnity the one of my pictures. I have placed it on Church. The organ commences its notes of that wreath of honeysuckle, Geraldine, where

ing, - Litany, - Commandments, -Psalm and satisfied. I could not think it was like you

" But perhaps we ought to think of the three sieves, before we allow ourselves to speak of others," observed the Bishop. "And what is that story ?" said Mr. Ar-

maxim, which all will do well to attend to when they speak of those that are absent. The maxim is this, that before we allow ourselves to find fault with any one behind his back, we should ask ourselves three questions. The first, 'Is it true?' The second 'Is it kind?' The third 'Is it necessary?''
"Admirable!' said Mr. Arden, "a maxim

I hope never to forget." "It will make you, however, Frank," said Mrs Rushton, " more silent than ever, and add to your long dark moods of taciturnity." "All the better, dear Caroline; but I fear it will not stop my speaking as sharply as

you say I usually do, to a person's face.22

"But would there be any conversation," said Lady Herondale, "if this maxim were rigidly observed ?"

"We all talk too much," replied the Bishop, "and much that we say is exceedingly un-profitable, often not strictly true, very often unkind, and still more often unnecessary. Wa are all apt to forget that we all shall have, at the great day, to give an account of every idle word that we have spoken."

"And the tongue," said Lady Mary, " is, we know, 'a member that no man can tame, it is a world of iniquity."

But even that world of iniquity can be controlled, and made the instrument of righteousness," observed the Bishop, 6 for with God all things are possible. David speaks of it as the best member that he had, Wake up my glory (that is my tongue); I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have."

" I should have thought," said Mr. Arden, turning to Lady Mary, "that you, at least, had this maxim of the Bishop's ever uppermost in your mind, for no one talks so little as your ladyship, and I cannot remember to have heard you say an unkind word of any one: while I am always struck with your strict observance of truth, even in the most trifling statements."

"So you flatter as adroitly as any one," said Mrs. Rushton, a slight tone of bitterness mingling with her cou tly manners.

"Truth, again, dear Caroline," replied Mr. Arden, with a sharp bright glance at his sister; " as for this excellent woman, I rather glorify God on her behalf, and the grace of God wh ca she has sought and He has given her. I do not praise her, but I rejoice to see what watchfulness and prayer can accomplish and what grace has done. But we shall never get to Herondale, or hear more of these abominable theatricals. You will not consent, I hope, Caroline, to that dear child taking any part in them; for I know that you and Geraldine are to join Rushton at Herondale to-morrow." With all her powers of self-control,

Mrs. Rushton was unable to conceal her vexation and annoyance, that such a question was put to her in the presence of Lady Mary and the Bishop. But she endeavoured to smile, though there was an expression in her then a finger of one hand was freed, and clear gray eyes which was anything but that kept tapping upon the back of the other of good temper. "Really, Frank," she hand, his lips being all the while compressed answered, "you are so extremely brusque in your way of questioning, that one hardly knows how to answer you at once. For my part disapprove of a young lady's taking part in such a mode of amusement as much as you do; but I have a horror of Geraldine's making herself in any way peculiar, and having a scene at Herondale."

"And, therefore," said Mr. Arden, "to prevent a single scene of that kind, you would perhaps allow her to exhibit among the seenes of a playhouse."

"A playhouse," said Mrs. Rushton, "how strange you are!"

"And what will the large hall of Herondale be, but a playhouse, if they turn it into one? But to come to the point,23 he continued, with a perseverance quite provoking to his sister, "is my modest Geraldine to act?"

"I know nothing about it," said Mrs. Rushton, "I have not seen Julia's note, I have not been consulted."

"And when you are?" said Mr. Arden. "Then," said his sister, suddenly recovering her good humour, "I shall leave Geraldine to decide for herself."

" And what do you intend to decide upon ?" said her uncle, turning to Geraldine.

" If I may be allowed to speak," said Lidy Mary, "I would say, that I think Geraldine should not be questioned now. Mrs. Rushton has given, what appears to me, a very reasonable answer; and with regard to the amusements of the world, (while I should decidedly except theatrical amusements of any kind.) the renouncing them by choice must depend, first of all, on the state of the heart; though the convictions of duty, and a deep sense of the danger of temptation, will often lead a truly conscientious person to relinquish every thing of the kind, even while he still feels inclined in his heart to indulge in them. Some indeed who have spoken to me on the subject, have told me, that they have taken the latter course, and have had reason to bless God for doing so s they have acted simply from a sense of duty, and have at no distant time been enabled to overcome in their hearts, the inclination which they at first resisted, so that the word ndulgence could never again be connected in their mind with such umusements."

"Well, well," said Mr. Arden, rs ho walked into the library of Deercourt, where Lady Mary and her sister and daughters were sitting at work. " Folly seems to wear her cap and bells at Herondale, and to reign as lady of misrule among the party there. His face, as he said this, wore an unusually serdonic expression. Wilton has been calling at the vicarage, to take leave of the