Pouth's Corner.

TWO CONFIRMATIONS. Concluded. CONFIRMATION SECOND.

Little Catharine could not find an opportunity, till late in the evening, to tell Holzbronn had been desirous of deliverthe whole family from the Crown Inn to spend next Sunday with her. It was to be the anniversary of the dedication of their church, and a new minister was to was expected to be a grand day, and a fine opportunity for kinsfolk to meet tovery same invitation by special request; but she gave a short answer: "George is to go to the Lord's table with us next Suntheir friends to see no one of the family at Holzbronn that day, and it would be something if at least Catharine might go. if she were put in his charge, he would half, for she was fond of sights, and ex-Holzbronn than amidst the serious engagestead of devotion, and her daughter would get no good from going there. The weaver did not give it up yet: "the new minister did not give it up yet: "the ne and Catharine might be told to bring ness and separation from the strife of men. home much of the sermon;"—by this And when they thanked him for his long time her father had found out how wish-ful the child was to go, and he was an he had to say was: "Wash me throughly, time her father had found out how wisheasy kind of man; so he told his wife, the O God, from mine iniquity, and cleanse girl might as well be at Holzbronn that me from my sin."-Subject furnished by valuable preferment of Sheriff of Selkirkday, and the family would be so much the | Barth's Jugendbleetter. stiller and quieter at home; and when evening came, they would get something new out of the sermon she was going to hear. In short, the mother was overpersuaded, and at last gave her consent, though it was greatly against her own mind, and not without many a misgiving.

Early on Sunday morning, the weaver called for Catharine, and they set out, leaving George alone with his mother, of the day. The words with which her last Sunday, had sunk so deep into her heart that she was concerned about her now spoke of sin with such personal apaway from her with something like vexa-tion: "I don't know at all," he said, "why you begin to find fault with me

which he laboured during the greater part of his life.

At the age of eighteen, he was articled. just to-day; the schoolmaster found fault to a solicitor, and at twenty-one he went with me last Sunday, because you kept to reside at the Inner Temple as a student yond measure.

close of the sermon, when a slight move- books, but soon laid them aside and played by he author. But the Beneak ment became perceptible in the congre- sought relief in change of scene and has it in charge to try things by the word gation. Some one had been called outothers followed him—a whispering went round: suddenly a piercing shriek—and George's mother was seen staggering

He was thirty-one years old when niust promunce according to the high standard of scriptural truth. Thus judged, Scott's novils are found insidiously hostile afternoon, and brought home to her disconsolate parents.

On Tuesday, Catharine was buried in the church-yard at Effringen. Her mother was not seen among the mourners round him, part of them at Olney, where he her bier. A violent fever had laid her on had much intercourse with the wella sick-bed, and her mind was wandering. known John Newton, then Curate of the able qualities to cover and recommend it She called out for her daughter, and parish. Cowper furnished many hymns wanted to get up and go after her then sign of consciousness.

Her husband went about the house, still and saying little; but in his heart This gave a severe shock to his mind, there was bitter self-reproach for having and brought on a very painful state for advised the girl's going from home on that six years. At length he recovered so far than 449 times. The other variations of sunday morning. George sat in a coras to engage in literary labours, and to that pronoun were in less favour than ner, crying. His father came near, two produce several very valuable pieces of usual, "my having been employed only or three times, and said to him: "George, | poetry, row is the time to pray; now pray that nother may be spared to us." The boy felt as if he was not fit to pray at all, for he reme abored the pettish words which were the last thing he had said to his valuable commentary on the whole Bible. mother, before that church-service com- Her lively Conversation gave to Cowper's Lord?"—A shild of light continues light in menced; and he knew now, how truly mind pleasing variety of employment. the Lord: he may walk in darkness, and fault could be found with him who used He once asked her for a subject to write to his sense lave no light, while yet it is

rejoice in seeing him earnestly intent upon his soul's benefit, and humble, dutiful, and affectionate towards his parents.

lay in a dangerous state. Margaret spent farther than he intended, and came her mother that the young men from as much time with her as ever she could; safe home again. He translated Homer's and one night when the sufferer seemed Iliad and Odyssey, not to mention a ing a message from her cousin, to invite to be almost gone, she poured out her variety of works of less note. His letsoul in prayer aloud, that God would ters are patterns for imitation in easy spare the mother for her son and husband, English style. and that he would give them the knowledge of salvation, so that when they tionate attention of Mrs. Unwyn, a be inducted over the congregation; so it did die, they might die in peace. She Clergyman's wife and afterwards widow, had no idea that the sick woman knew who took the charge of his domestic confine opportunity for kinsfolk to meet to-gether. When her mother came to meet she whispered: "I understand you now, attack; an event which painfully affected her husband in the guest-room, she found neighbour; God had to make me a great Cowper's mind; still more so her death, the weaver of School bronn delivering the sinner first, and nothing short of this three years later. The most part of his would have answered. Now I know what years were now spent in gloom, and his I lack yet, and George, and my husband; and I long to have it." Margaret assured It has often been said that religion caused her that if she could look upon her afflic. his derangement; but on inquiry it is

From that hour, the sick woman bemind. George was very attentive to her, He himself intended to go there, and and missed none of the opportunities he with Christians of enlightened piety. had of listening to Margaret's conversation undertake to see her safe home again in with his mother. His father became the evening." The little girl seemed to serious and thoughtful, and encouraged have made interest with the weaver already every thing that could make towards their to get him to urge the matter on her be- everlasting peace. He and his wife saw pected it to be a much livelier day at Christian, and then they died happy. ments of the family at home. But her in much esteem among his neighbours. mother said, these anniversaries were apt They looked to him as their foreman in was said to be a particularly plain preacher, order that he might retire into more still-

HISTORICAL SKETCHES.

Rector of Berkhamstead, Herts, related translation of some pieces of poetry. His to a noble family. He lost a tender mother first original productions, were ballads, in the year 1737, being only six years old, and he had acquired some reputation in which caused his being sent to a large the year 1805, when the appearance of school in Bedfordshire to board. Here his work 'The Lay of the Last Minstrel." he was exposed to constant ill usage from established him in public favour. His which she was rather pleased with; for an ill-natured boy much older than him- publications now succeeded each other she had now a beautiful opportunity of self, who took pleasure in tormenting rapidly, and he received large sums of talking to him about the solemn devotions him. Little William lived in such terror of this savage that an unfavourable im- In 1814 le commenced a series of novels neighbour Margaret had left her, on the pression against large schools was made upon him which was not removed by his author, though few persons doubted that long stay afterwards in Westminster Walter Soft was "the author of Wason in a very unusual manner, and she School, London; in after-life he expressed his abhorrence of such schools, where plication to himself as be really was not the boys are left without proper moral long list of writings, the "History of used to: to her grief also he seemed to be training, in a piece of poetry which he rather fidgety under her instructions that called Tirocinium. It is not unlikely morning; and when the time came for that the foundation also was laid at that him to meet the schoolmaster, he broke time for that morbid state of mind under

At the age of eighteen, he was articled me too long, and I don't want to be behind my time again." So off he went, and his mother was distressed bewhich time he was quite a stranger to than with admiration of the genius, in-The service had proceeded near the religion. He took up some religious dustry, and extensive information dissocial intercourse of the lightest kind.

towards the church-door. Divine wor- But the idea of appearing before the to the fornation of a right estimate of ship was now wholly interrupted, and the assembled peerage, and perhaps being man and his doings. The reader's interest sad news was told by one to the other, rejected by them, threw him into such is bespoken on the behalf of a surface of that the weaver and his little companion agitation of mind that he attempted to generosity, laring, and noble-mindedness, had been drowned in the mill-stream be- hang himself: this was prevented by the while the deep ornaments of a meek low. They found the bridge carried breaking of his garter which he had used and quiet sprit and humbleness of mind away by the last freshets, and in attempt- for the purpose, but the situations offered ing to get across the water on a beam were positively refused by him. Soon which had been laid there, the man lost after this, he became so deranged that will prefer becoming a dashing young his balance in his anxiety about the girl, he had to be placed under the care of and poor Catharine lost hers in her fright a medical man as a lunatic. In the space at seeing him carried away by the rapid of six months he recovered; but then he stream. Her body was found in the remained twelve months more with his medical friend, receiving much comfort in reading the Scriptures, and overflowing with love towards the Redeemer.

Nine happy years were now spent by for Mr. Newton's collection, known by again she fell into a stupor and gave no the name of the Olney hymns. In the year 1773, he had to close the eyes of his brother John at Cambridge in death.

to think so well of himself. He endeavour-poetry upon. 'You can write upon any-the remainde of light that makes him ed to promise to God that he would ever thing," said Lady Austen; "write upon discern his darkness; but he really is not

be glad to be told of his faults, and be this sofa." He adopted the suggestion, drakness as before; he has summer's sun, thankful for admonition; and he prayed and produced his poem THE TASK, which that his mother might be spared to established his reputation. Lady Austen once related a very amusing story which Cowper turned into verse, and it is well known by the title of the history of For several days, the bereaved mother John Gilpin, showing how he went

From the year 1765 he had the affeclife closed in the year 1800 at Dercham. day, and it is out of the question, you can her that if she could look upon her afflication thus, God would certainly not distant the his head; but he said "it would grieve her longing.

her that if she could look upon her afflication that his mental malady took its price at a period when he made no profession of magnetic that the sion of personal religion, and that the came better in body, and comforted in brightest periods of his life were those when he enjoyed familiar intercourse SIR WALTER SCOTT .- This popular

author was born in the year 1771 at Edinburgh, where his father was a lawyer of respectable standing. He was edu-cated first at the High School and aftertheir son grow up to be a consistent wards at the University of his native city, but was much more praised by his George became an old man, and was held school-fellows, for the many entertaining stories which he told them, than by his masters, who thought him idle, and found to turn into feasting and merriment in the transaction of all public business, and that he kept others idle like himself. He became ford of bodily exercise. At the age of twenty-one he was admitted to the practice of the law, but his taste was for literature ather than for the business of his profession. He had inherited considerable property, and obtained the shire, wheh allowed him much leisure and brought him a handsome income. Thus he could indulge his taste to his heart's cortent. Having studied German, WILLIAM Cowper was the son of the he commerced his literary career with the money for them from the booksellers. without æknowledging that he was the verley." in 1820 he was made a Baronet, and in 1810 he published the last of his what benefit he might derive from a residence in Italy; he was absent nine months, lut returned to his residence at Abbotsforl, nothing better; and after some months' lingering, he died on the 21st of September, 1832,

of God and not by public favour; he are made toappear tame and repulsive. The passiciate reader of these novels man or wiman with loose principle, rather than a painstaking member o society presing on towards heaven with watchfulness over his spirit in the daily exercise of humble duty. And thus Sir Walter Scot's works can in no wise escape the censure pronounced upon novels in general by the pious Jones of while virtue is compounded with such ingredients a have a natural tendency to make it odiois."-Hst.

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