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the inhabitants, he got full payment from Walter Wylie, whereupon Harrison was immediately let out of prison.

No sooner was it known that Walter had paid one debt of Harrison than another creditor apprehended the rogue. and lodged him again in fail. He was allowed to lie there for a considerable time, when Watty again came forward and paid this debt also, whereupon he was again allowed to escape. A third creditor followed the example of the two others, and the rogue was again committed to durance; but this time Watty allowed him to remain for a longer time, and then paid the debt. that he might deal out his punishment in due proportion. A fourth time the rogue was apprehended, and a fifth and a sixth time, and upon each of these occasions he was allowed to remain for as long a time as Watty thought might produce as much pain as it was his intention to inflict. Altogether Harrison had thus lain about eight months in prison. His debts were now all paid, and the whole sum of £500 exhausted - having been honestly di-

vided among those creditors whose debts were just, and who required them for the support of their wives and children. No part of the £500 was kept to answer the false debt claimed against Watty, because he had secured himself against that demand by getting assignations to the debts he paid. whereby he might plead compensation against his persecutor. Thus had he, in his own quiet way, saved himself. punished a rogue, and brought peace and comfort to the homes of a number of deserving men, whose debts otherwise would never have been paid.

The wonder produced by this extraordinary proceeding on the part of Watty was unparalleled; and what nobody could comprehend, they were surely entitled to wonder at. Some thought the simple creature mad, and his friends tried to interfere to prevent so reckless a squandering of his means.

"I am surprised, Mr. Wylic," said his clergyman to him one day in the presence of a number of people who were collected in the shop-"1 am surprised at this proceeding of yours, which has

spread far and wide throughout the country. If your motive be a secret. I will not ask it from thee; but, if it is a fair and legitimate question. I would make bold to put it to thee, as one of my flock and an elder of our church."

"There is mue secret about it, sir," replied Watty, with his accustomed simplicity. "We are told to do guid to them wha hate us, and pay for them who despitefully persecute us." And he leered a grotesque look of simple cajolery in the face of the godly mnn.

"I fear thou misquotest the Holy Book, Mr. Wylie," replied the minister. "We are asked to pray for our enemics, not to pay for them."

"Ay! ay!" "quanlated Watty in surprise. "Is it possible that that single letter 'R' should hae cost a puir, simple body £500?"

The minister stared, and the people wondered; but, up to this day, none ever knew why simple Walter Wylie paid the debts of his enemy Harrison. -From the Glasgow Citizen.