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Religious Miscellany.

Remember thy Bible. Remember thy Bible ; for on it hath gazed The bright eyes of childhood and youth; And their hearts have grown warm with rap ture and praise,

As they read o'er its pure words of truth. Remember thy Bible-the dim eyes of age Have brightened with feelings of love ; And their pale cheeks have glowed, as they

bent o'er the page That told of their bright home above.

Remember thy Bible ; its words have been read By thy father at morn and at even, To the family circle now scattered and dead ; Oh ! how many have left thee for heaven ! But though amid weeping and mourning below Death hath broken affection's bright chain; Yet the fair golden links still brighter shall

glow, When united in heaven again.

Remember thy Bible in affliction's dark hours, When the loved ones are passing away; its sweet words shall fall like dew on the flow

When faint 'neath a long summer's day ; Then turn to thy Bible ; 'twill dry thy sad tears, And thy shadows shall pass swift away, And the stars brighter grow till the morning

appears, Then fade in the calm light of day.

So amid the dark woes that o'ershadow thee now, As thy bark by the wild storm is driven, The hopes of the Bible still brighter shall glow, Till thou wake in the pure light of heaven. Remember thy Bible, when thou nearest the brink

Of Jordan, the river of death : Its sweet words of promise will not let thee sink, And preises shall tune thy last breath.

John Wesley.

It has sometimes been asked whether Wesley is entitled to rank in the highest class of great men ? The question is vague, and hardly admits of an unqualified answer Of the two highest classes of great mindsthe speculative, or "philosophical" think-ers on the one hand; and the practical, comprising great legislators, captains, and inventors, on the other-it may be doubted which is entitled to the supremacy. The former, if we do not include in it the poetic, or rather the artistic genius, has afforded

species."† The somewhat vague affirmaphilosophical, if it has any meaning at all, must signify that his sagacity was so rapid and acute that the processes of reasoning and judgment, usual in other men, were (not absent but) scarcely perceptible in his clear and prompt intellect. The results of the practical facts with which Wesley had to deal, like all the practical affairs of men, must always be contingent, and there can be no intuition of contingent results. Their right anticicombinations of the intellect.

> If Wesley was deficient in what constimind, this deficiency itself was perhaps a necessary qualification for the more utilitarian greatness to which he was appointed. It was necesary that he should be a great legislator in order to render secure the fruits of his greatness in so many other respects. Speculative philosophers have seldom been good legislators ; the history of great men affords not one example of the two characters combined. The Republic of Plato is still an ideal system of beautiful peurilities to statesmen; the Politics of Aristotle have seldom had a legislative copyist ; Utopia of Sir Thomas Moore is still a Utopia, the source of proverbial expression to our lannotwithstanding its utilitarian suggestions; Locke's Fundamental Constitutions of Carolina were found impracticable ; and Rous-

chelieu, and who, whatever his errors may

have been, devoted all his powers, in defi-

ance of obloquy and derision, to what he

sincerely considered the highest good of his

hold ?

seau's Contrat Social ranks only as an ex-ample of political rhetoric But John Wesley founded an ecclesiastical system which has only become more efficient by the lapse of a hundred years, and which is acknowledged to be more effective, whether for the evening, resort to an interior altar for good or evil, than any other in the Protessacred converse and mutual prayer, and they tant world. More than has been usual with the founders of systems of policy, whether

in Church or State, it was his own work. biographer has acknowleged his ability as a legislator, and conceded that "whatever power was displayed in the formation of the conomy of Methodism was his own." He began his great work not only without prestige, as has been shown, but in entirely adverse circumstances.

The moral condition of the nation, which comparatively little advantage to mankind, required his extraordinary plans, was the beyond an exhibition of the greatness of the most formidable difficulty to their prosecucalled speculative philosophy; and its in-vestigations of the constitution of the mind of common English clergyman; he had be-where parties live constantly in the presence are yet far from settling, with scientific cerno church, and was turned out of the pulpits the conflicts, the company, and the tempta-On the other hand, a single great practi- of his brethren. Excepting some insignifitions of a great and guilty city. To parents cal life, sometimes a single act of such a life, cant societies, like that of Fetter Lane, the whose marriage is rather a business partnerhighway of the field and the reckless mob ship than a spiritual union, and whose interlized world. A great captain has broken were all that remained to him. But he be course is embittered by want of confidence the chains of a nation. A great legislator into " Banda" formed # Change " locale is emotivered by wait of confidence the chains of a nation. A great legislator into "Bands," formed "Classes," built standings or petty offences, I would say bas set free the energies of millions of men for progress in all useful enterprises. A Chapels, appointed Trustees, Stewards, Try it. Leaders, Exhorters : organized a Lay Mi-Oa my last visit to the excellent family ments in the administration of justice which alluded to, I was admitted into their interior nary characters and talents; founded the place of worship, where, after, taking a gen-Conference; gave his society a discipline and a constitution, a literature, a psalmody promise yet to turn prisons into schools, and and a liturgy; saw his cause established in ger prayed, then the wife, then the husband. the United States with an episcopal organization planted in the British North Amerirep, and as he rises to shake hands, not can Provinces, and in the West Indies, and by the invention of the steam engine, has died at last with his system apparently comnot going home. I should feel that I was gogiven to his own country an aggregate of pleted, universally effective and prosperous, ing from home."-Beauty of Holiness. given to his own country an aggregate of sustained by five hundred and fity itinerant steam power equal to the hands of more than and thousands of local preachers, and more

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government was not inferior to that of Ri- Weslevans-Domestic Worship. Religious Enjoyment. family devotion. Is it not possible that we services of the occasion as he had those of lies of more time, reverence, and refresh- means of grace-have you not the same

has the promise of the life that now is. So Eltogether a religious enjoyment? There our children's success in life, other things you were surrounded by triends who loved being equal, depends upon their manners - you, and bestowed upon you every kindness pation must be the effect of calculations and And good manners must be acquired in gen- and provided for you every comfort ; you eral, at home, and in childbood, or never. - met with nothing but friendship and affec-

If Wesley was deficient in what consti-tutes the highest speculative or philosophic from the sanctuary to bless his household, so exhibitions of kindness ; and perhaps this may we do. If one family can do this, can is the cause of the difference in your feelnot more? Is there not need of a better ings." The young minister made no reply, but " plan " in most families ? Obstacles in our

bustling state of society are many and great. with a chastened and thoughtful air retired But ought we not to overcome them? But alone into the adjacent grove ; and when he we will not? Will we not? by grace? Oh! returned his appearance and deportment in-may God strengthen and help us! The dicated that he had learned a valuable lesson. The distinction between natural and reliemphasizing is our own. Domestic prayer usually follows the morn- gious enjoyment is sometimes lost sight of. ing and the evening meal-the former at It is necessary, therefore, that other sources eight o'clock, the latter at ten. The hymns of enjoyment be cut of, that the Christian are lined, and the prayers are closed with may be able to know whether he is " walkapostolic benediction. The morning prayer ing in the fear of the Lord, and in the compostponed till after breakfast, to allow of fort of the Holy Ghost." This is the philothe friendly greetings and enquiry of the sophy of temporal affliction. The objects of guage, but of no laws to our common wealths; family after the night's repose. The chil- our affection are torn from us-our earthly the new Atlantis of Bacon is yet a dream, dren, young and old, as they enter the break- treasures take to themselves wings and fly fast room, kiss their parents and shake hands away-we are bereaved, stripped of everywith the guests, while they earnestly ask con-thing but God and religion. If these be left, cerning their health and slumbers. Private we are happy still, for all things work togeprayer, there is reason to believe, is faith. ther for good to them that love God. It is fully enforced and generally observed. Be. only through affliction that God teaches some side this, in the happy family of which I of us the great lesson, that our happiness speak, the father and mother, before they must ever find its source and centre in him. part in the morning and after they meet in - Pacific Methodist.

The Hour of Death.

of sacred communion A beautiful usage.

sciences of these poor Pagans-the records impossible to convert the Hindus, and that to examine me." I state these facts to give of that time we cannot peruse without a he had tried every expedient of his church you an idea of the character of our pupils, Beloved brothers and sisters, heads of A young man at a camp-meeting com- feeling of shame ; and if I were put on my for 25 years ; and the good Henry Martyn, and of the quality of our teaching. families, pray read this beautiful plan for plained that he did not enjoy the religious oath to day, conviction would constrain me after some years' toil, said, "If ever I see a often asked in this country," What becomes to say that the course of true Christianity Hindu become a sincere believer in Jesus, of those young men who pass through your may adopt it by extra effort? If so, shall another recently held. "Why not?" asked has suffered more from the Protestant Dutch I shall see something more approaching the Christian schools?" Why, sir, some of tion that his mind was more intuitional than not the love of holiness, of Christ, constrain an aged minister to whom the complaint was Government in Ceylon, than from Heathen resurrection of a dead body, than anything them become Christians, but not all. Many us? Is there not great need in many fami- made, "do you not enjoy here the same priests on the one hand or popish priests on I have yet seen :" and two years afterwards of them, leave us to return to native society, the other. When the British took possession he said, " I have a doubt of every Hinda- without making any profession of Christianment, at the family altar? Shall we not mercy-seat ?- can you not approach it in the of Ceylon, there were 500,000 baptised na stani Christian in Hindustan." It is true, ity; but I should be sorry for this vast aumagnify our office as priests over our house- name of the same Mediator ? and have you tives, members of the Dutch Church. They the work is hard; but we have lived to tes-Will we not wish we had when dy. not the promise of the same Spirit ? Are had been won over to a nominal profession tify that the impossible can be done. We bour is lost. Much as I regret that those ing? when too weok, even to speak to those you sure," he affectionately continued, "that deen won over to a nominal protession if y that the impossion can be done. "For the other method in the the other method is the other method is the other method. The other method is the other method is the other method is the other method. The other method is the other method is the other method is the other method. The other method is the other method is the other method is the other method. The other method is the other method is the other method is the other method. The other method is the other method is the other method is the other method. The other method is the other method is the other method is the other method. The other method is the other method is the other method is the other method. The other method is the other ly offers. None but baptised natives were and have lived in sweet communion with being truly converted to God, I think still, elegible to places in the public service, and Hindu converts, whose experience is of the in any country, and most of all, in a counwhen a man apostatised from Christianity it deepest, and whose Christian character we try like India, a Christian education is a cost him something more than his place .- | could not doubt. From these Christian thing of great value, even where it does not The Government tempted the natives into schools we expect great fruits, and I have lead to personal conversion to God. Why, the Church by bribes, and passed a law un- often remarked that, in cases of adult con- sir, these Hindus can never be what they Oh! may God help us to see the true aim tion; you were at home. Here you are a der which the magistrates flogged all deser- version, they were persons who in early life were before. They have resigned Hinduters-a device which served to make men had been in our Mission schools. It is a ism, and with it its physical errors, its abhypocrites, and to keep them so. The common thing to hear a parent say, "I am surd ceremonies, and its moral weakness, Datch rule in Ceylon is a bitter hereditary too old to change, but my children will be-memory, which rankles in the hearts of the come Christians." We know that as well a living conviction with them which makes population to this day, and makes many re- as he does, and we labour to lay hold of the them our allies. They are our sappars and gard Christianity with repugnance, and even young. There is a great and growing in- miners, our artillerymen, ever at work on the with loathing. A venerable Hindu, who in bis youth had been a Presbyterian school-to Indian education, and I would say, with and terrible and strong, is that fortress, you master, was asked how it was that while the Dutch succeeded in converting nearly the whole population, the British had con-fectly successful. In the district from rejoice ; yea, and will rejoice." It is very verted so very few? "I will tell you," said which I came, up to the year 1843, the true, sir, that there is a large class of eduthe old man; "when the Datch brought the Goverhment maintained schools of its own; cated men in India, who do not embrace Gospel milk to Ceylon, they gave it to us but these schools had so entirely failed, Christianity, and who fill our minds with scalding hot : it scalded our throats, and now that in that year they sought the advice and earnest concern. They never can return to the people are afraid to come to the vessel co-operation of the Missionaries in carrying Hinduism; but some go to Deism, and a to drink." I need not point out the truth on the work of general education. I was few go to open infidelity; but it is my deep which underlies the simple figure. When reading a few months ago the correspon- conviction, that the great majority of them the island came into the possession of its dence which took place on the subject. Af. are simply halting in their practical decis-present masters, the London Society was ter several letters had passed, they arrived ions, and waiting for religious guides. Now, the first to attempt to form a Mission. In at this conclusion, the Government schools sir, let those with whom it rests to provide the year 1804 the London Mission sent out were abolished, and the Missionaries of the Missionaries for India bear in mind the exthree men, but the Mission encountered three societies, the American Board, the difficulties and eventually failed. One Mis-Church Missions, and the Wesleyan Society, crease, and let them make some provision sionary died, one was deported by the Gov- were requested to take charge of the educa. for it. Well, there is a field which might ernment, and the third entered the public tion of that province, each society receiving tempt the ripest scholarship, the strongest service as a Colonial Chaplain I do not a grant from the public treasury, and the intellect, and the most lengthened experience say that the London Mission has allowed Government stipulating only as to the right that can be found in your ministerial ranks itself to be beaten. It has entered the most of inspection. Now that plan has worked at home. In this island of Ceylon we have difficult fields, and has cultivated them with well, without friction on either side, and a population of a million and three quarters: I have lived to see that this world is full a patience, a perseverance, and a success greatly to the satisfaction of the public. I a million of Budhists, half a million of Hu-There are confessions to be uttered by the of perturbations ; and I have long been pre- which entitle it to hold the very first rank should like to say a few words anent those dus, 100,000 Mohamme ans, 100 000 Ro-His most invidious though most entertaining united head of the family which cannot be paring to leave it, and gather comfort for in the great battle, and it has been served Government schools in Ceylon. We hear manists, and about 30 00 who call themappreciated by the whole household; there the awful hour of making up my account by agents whom the civilized world delight a great deal in these days of the neutrality selves Protestants. In a are five Protestants. is an intimacy of religious communion, and with God, which I now apprehend to be to honour. And as I have no doubt there of the Indian Government. What the neu- tants Missionary Societies in Ceylon, and, a strictness of religious enquiry, proper be-tween parties thus intimately related, which loved him in my youth, and feared him in wy youth, and feared him in wy outh, and feared him in with the London Society, I may take the seen. What the neutrality of the past has 8,500 communicants, and more than half the would be precluded by the presence of their my age, and laboured to have a conscience opportunity of saying that if their hearts domestics, or even their own children. with the Missions of our own Society. In connection with the Missions of our own Society. ciety north and south we have about 4,000 In this connubial sanctuary what errors Lord, shouldst be extreme to mark what I our missionaries there will be happy to point ful preponderance on the side of Hinduism. may be corrected, what misunderstandings have done amiss, how shall I abide it ?- out a useful sphere, and give them a cordial It was a neutrality which shut out the Bible children in the schools, and of these oneprevented, what mutual confidence inspired Where I have failed; Lord, show mercy to welcome, and wish them God speed in their and let in the Shaster. It was a neutrality fourth are girls. Let me describe more paras the united spirits become more and more me; for I plead not my righteousness, but work. Eight years later the Baptists en- which excluded the native Christian from ticularly the field you have undertaken to beyond an exhibition of the greatness of the human faculties. Speculative inquiry has seldom given to the world a great demon-strated truth. It is doubtful, that it has yet strated truth. It is doubtful, that it has yet afforded a single unquestionable result in the bighest field of its research—that sublime sphere of abstract truth which is usually called speculative philosophy; and its in-called speculative philosophy; and its in-common English elergyman; he had her fellowship pot the angels of coll speculative philosophy; and its in-of common English elergyman; he had her speculative philosophy; and the conversion of a called speculative philosophy; and the conversion of a called speculative philosophy; and the conversion of a called speculative philosophy; and the conversion of a ca for the Propagation of the Gospel. Our Mr. Judson from its shores, the Governor of heard of, till Missionaries are sent to preach Mission is the second in point of arrival, Ceylon received the Wesleyan Missionaries to them ; to undeceive them with respect to but in its influence and the extent of its with open arms and gave instructions that their strong delusions, and that lie which operations, in the devotion and capacity of the Government house should be prepared they hold so fast. Then there are the Vedits agents, it is second to none. I will not, for their accommodation. The position oc- dahs, the wild men of the mountain and the however, make any comparisons of that na- cupied by the Ceylon Government is the forests, the remnants of that aboriginal race ture. That is what the Missionaries in only position which a Christian Government which is fast dying out. The fact that these Ceylon never do. The Missionaries of the can occupy; for whilst it does not encourage interesting tribes are rapidly diminishing. seems to be the only thing, in regard to various Denominations labour in cordial heathenism on the one hand or compel Pagans to become Christians on the other, it them of which we are certain. They are a barmony, and whilst every man is conscienprovides Bible Schools to which all classes people of the slightest possible intelligence : tiously attached to his own Society, they all may freely resort. A neutrality which af- their habits are those of rude mountaineers. fects to stand aloof from Christianity has al. and their religion is a simply a form of devil ways been partial, has always been inconsis- worship. In the course of last year, I travcause In Ceylon I never saw anything of tent, has always been one sided, has always elled through part of the Veddah country, that envy which " sickens at another's good." favoured heathenism, and will always do so. and had an interesting interview with a chief It cannot be otherwise. in the nature of duty and several of his men. My questions they and responsibility, and the history of the In- received with a wild and idotic laughter, in dian Government is the most striking com- which all shared, and they never answered ment on our Lord's memorable words .- " He me, until until I had asked the question a that is not with me, is against me." Now sir, second time. I do not think the world conin these Government schools in Ceylon the tains people with darker minds. I was anxunion in Ceylon for several years. That Bible has always been in use, and the rules ious to get information as to their social and of the school in that island, require that the domestic life, and I asked the chief what am anxious to make the most of this oppor-tunity. If I do not mistake the elements of Societies. It met on the first Monday in first hour of every day should be devoted to steps a Veddah would take when he wanted Bible lessons. Parents may keep their chil. a wife. "Why," said he, "when I want a dren at home if they think proper; but al-though there are Hindus and Mohamme- a woman to my mind, and then I call her, and she follows me." "But," said I, "supdans and Budhists learning in these schools, I never yet met with a parent who objected posing, after you have been married for a to the Bible, or expressed a wish to keep his time, you do not like the woman, what then ? He laughed-as if he thought I had asked child from school during the Bible lessons. The only case of objection I ever heard of a question which did small credit to my in-was that of Roman Catholic boys, put up by telligence. "Well," said he, "if I do not eyan Mission there; and if I were sufficiently advanced here for that sort of thing a meddling priest ; the objection, however not like her, I tell her to go, and she goes." I should be willing to do my best on the being so much to the reading of the Bible This almost justifies the remark of Sir Arplatform of his Society to testify to the sucthur Buller, that in Ceylon, under the Canrooms, and churches in every part of our cess which a wonder-working God has as to the use of our authorised version. Some time ago when the Hindus in Jalfaa dian law, marriage is contracted by a beck opened a school on caste principles, they com- and dissolved by a kick. It can hardly be Some time ago when the Hindus in Jatfaa pelled the master to introduce the English called a knot among such people; and it is than half a century-the substance as well Bible into the school The population of easily undone without the intervention of a Ceylon is made up of different races, profes divorce Court. Extremes meet, sir, and it menced by a Methodist, Thomas Squance. sing widely different faiths; but not a voice is a most curious coincidence, that the savhas refused the Word of God. Let the ages of Ceylon, and Christian people in Eng. Bible have a chance, and it can dispense land, now a days, can manage to get rid of Christendom securely slept. Then was him a memorial which our Missionaries will with letters of commendation. There is a their wives, when they are tired of them, never allow to die-that Missionary union power in it that will command the respect with almost equal facility. But there is one and homage of the Pagan world. Let its point to which I should like to refer, and professed triends take off the ban they have that is the growing of the Tamil population Britain's ear, and to touch Britain's heart. ties are much of the same mind and the laid upon it, and it will hold its way against of Ceylon, which is now quite equal to half same judgment, and while there have been all its enemies. Through the liberality of a million, and is increasir, every day. In to are 400 coffe now thoroughly awake on the subject of In minor differences as to details, the plans of the Bible Society, the Missionaries in Cey- the mountain districts dia. It feels that it has proved unfaithful labour in all the Missions have been subto every part of the Indian trust-that there stantially the same, and from a description Word of God in that country-a land in tlemen, and these estates are cultivated, has been as much guilty neglect on the part of one you may know all the rest. The which the Word of God is not banned by a by Cinghalese, who will not work, though of the Church as of gross mismanagement first thing has ever been the preaching of timid Government-a land rich in various they are not ashamed to beg or steal, but by the Gospel-the blowing of the trumpet, to gems; but Ceylon is richer in the possession industrious Tamuls from the adjoining conwhich the gentleman who preceded me has so eloquently alluded—the preaching of the Bible, whose price is above that of tinent. It is calculated that from 150 to 200 thousand Tamul coolies are drawn to the The well known French Missionary, Father Bridane, was always poor, for the simple reason that be gave away everything he had. One evening he asked for a night's lodging. But the fact is that the seat and control the fact is that the seat and control the seat an One evening he asked for a night's lodging Gospel. But the fact is that the seat and others, twenty years ago, and such is the rest with her. The education given in our mass of immortal men were uncared for. Mission at the present time. I am the more principal Mission Schools is of a first class Why, sir, the rapid extension of coffee cultipassed, and the worthy man having only Christian Missions were always few and careful on making this statement because character. Many of the pupils continue vation, and the thriving trade of the port of those who do not know us imagine that edu- with us for eight or ten years. Some of Colombo, have created an ever increasing cational plans have absorbed all our ener- them are 20 years of age, and some remain demand for labour, and the whole of that h gies, and eclipsed God's great ordinance of even after they are married. They are bour is drawn from the dense but poor poppreaching. Nothing of the kind. The men in muscle and in mind, and tax the ulations of the adjoining continent. I realworld does not contain more competent and energy and capacity of the best teachers we ly think sir, that the energetic Tamuls will vernacular preachers than are found in India are able to obtain. These young men will either push the apathetic Cinghalese into Unarity emoraces the wide circle of all good priest, mechanically putting his hand men who believe Almighty God rules the and in Ceylon. It is true that we have be influential leaders of society, and we try the depths of their forests, where they will s attributable to to their practical sagacity, in these three respects what man in his-in the sector solution of your fellow-in the sector solution of your fellow-is charity; an exbortation of your fellow-is charity; and the explicit the point of th tory transcends him? If it can be affirmed that he was far from being a great, a pro-found thinker; that, as some de serve, "too no.) Some de ser people will say, "What property has he left behind him?" 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Even the greatest mind which has influenced modern scientific inquiry, while teaching the world how to think, never discovered a new scientific fact. He gave not a single cannot create them. He is great who can original invention to the practical arts, tho' his mighty intellect, expounding and systematizing a thought which was scientifically as practical studies. The classification of great men must in-ed or defeated by the lack of the compreevitably be difficult and ambiguous; butithe bensive vigilance and skill which can control

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this question-a question more curious, per-

hape, than important-there can be little

hesitancy in placing John Wesley in the first

rank of those historical men whose great-

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A gentleman in the neighborhood of Lon been his co-laborers lived to see it the predon was once induced to visit a poor woman Kingdom and the British Colonies, the most who was sick. When he entered the room, numerous Church of the United States of he perceived a little girl kneeling at her numerous Church of the United States of America, and successfully planted on most of the outlines of the Misionany morid The success of such a career depends, of who frequently comes to read the Scrip course, much upon " circumstances," but cir- tures to me to my great comfort, and has cumstances may develop great men, they just now given me sixpence." On further inquiry, he found she was one of the girls belonging to a neighbouring Sunday school. turn favorable circumstances to great account; he is greater who can create his own favorable circumstances, as well as turn them tioning the child as to the reason of her conatizing a thought which was scientifically as la voltable citourstances, as well as turn item tioning the child as to the reason of her con-old as Aristotle and practically as old as to account. Wesley did both, if any man duct, when she answered: "Because, sir, I old as Aristotle and practically as old as in history ever did. The success which de-human reason, has directed all subsequent in history ever did. The success which de-find it is said in the Bible, that 'pure religion and nudefiled before God and the Father is this : to visit the fatherless and widows in their affl.ction.'" "Well, and did you give her any money ?" "Yes sir," "And where did you get it?" "Sir, it was the rethe whole series of circumstances essential if not the intellect of men, the genius of to success, often the critical one in the series if not the intellect of men, the genus of may be secure; the key to the whole may where did you get it?" "Sir, it was the re-great painters, sculptors, architects, and may be secure; the key to the whole may ward given me in the school." That was great painters, sculptors, architects, and therefore be lost in an unguarded emergency, truly charity of the highest kind, and might cluded in the class of great practical, than and many a career, splendidly begun, has sford a fair opportunity for expatiating on in that of great speculative minds. The thus come to an impotent conclusion. It the manifold benefits which the the children speculations of Plato, Descartes, Leibuitz. was next to impossible for Wesley to have of the poor (and of the rich too !) derive and Kaut, considered spart from the benefit failed in this manner. Not only his clear from Sunday school instruction.-Sunday cial example of superior intellectual power discernment saw, but his unitermitted and School Times.

A Miracle.

esn be cited from the history of philosophic certainly cannot be said that he had deficient diligence; and if he sometimes availed himtheir usual classification. Even the mathef Macaulay, article on Southey's " Colloquies on Bridane, was always poor, for the simple Society," Edinburgh Review, 1860; and Essays, Cri-tical and Miscells neous, p. 100. (Philadelphin, 1846) Buckle (History of Civilization in England, vol. 1, chap. 7, says : " strongly as this is expressed, it will scarcely appear an exaggeration to those who have compared the success of Wesley with his difficulties." Buckle pronounces Wesley "the first of theological Father Bridaine rose, according to custom,

The mention of almsgiving recalls a some- on the part of the State. I will not specuwhat ludicrous story of modern date, where late as to the probable position of India at hardly possible he could lose a necessary one. a most inopportune miracle was wrought. - this moment, if the scenes of the recent of the curate of a village through which he centre of the Mutiny was the region where one bed, shared it with him. At daybreak feeble, and where Christianity has always been repressed by the Government; whil and went to say his prayers at the neigh- in South India and Ceylon, where the Misbouring church. Returning from his sacred sions have been vigorous, we have hardly duty he met a beggar, who asked an alms. felt the distant shock of wars. That is a

Charity embraces the wide circle of all "Alas, my friend, I have nothing !" said the fact that cannot fail to read a lesson to all tory transcends him? If it can be affirmed man to virtuous deeds is equal to almsgiv. up in a paper, which he knew he had not years. It has been ruled, in whole or in

Religious Intelligence.

Speech of a Returned Missionary from Cevlon,

AT THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN EXETER HALL.

The Rev. John Walton, Missionary from feel that they are the servants of one Mas-Ceylon, said-I observe that time presses, ter, and fellow-labourers in one common eral farewell of the family, I might bid a and I am sure that the wishes of the meetspecial farewell to its head. First the stran- ing and the arrangements for the day will be best consulted by my abstaining from all Ephraim does not envy Judah, and Judah in such circumstances one feels near to hea- preliminary remarks. I occupy a position does not vex Ephraim; and I have seen which almost every returned Missionary in Churchmen, Baptists, and American Conwith dry eyes, he can but say: "If I were the order of his course is called to fill. For gregationalists uniting in hearty doxology once in his life he stands in this place, and over Methodist success. It was my happicommands the ear of the whole Connexion ; ness to be connected with a Missionary and as it has come to my turn, and as l never expect to have such a chance again, I union comprehended all the Missionaries

> which this meeting is composed, it is em- every month for the interchange of intelliphatically a representative assembly. The gence and mutual counsel and prayer -leading supporters of this great Society are These meetings had the effect of confirming bere present. This is a sort of Missionary Pentecost to which devout Methodists come work. A Church Missionary in Jaffaa up from every Circuit in the land, and I might well take my place here to day and strongly feel that if I have any thing to give you an account of the state of the Wes say, and know how to say it, this is the time. feel too that my subject is capable of in spiring strong utterances of thought, which your minds might carry to your friends, and land. I am a Missionary to the Hindus, vouchsafed to him. There has been an and it is very fortunate for me that India Evangelical Alliance in Ceylon for more and the Hindus are exciting great interest at the present time. The cry of your East- as the form-and that Alliance was comern Missionaries, " Come over into Macedonia and help us," so feebly responded to by the British Churches, seemed to wax of Ceylon Methodism, the last of that brave tainter and fainter until it was still, and band led by Dr. Coke, who has left behind heard ano ber cry-the yell of mad rebellion, the shriek of dying mothers and mur- to which I have alluded. As to Missionary dered innocents. That cry seemed to enter I find that the conscience of this nation; is

agencies, the missionaries of different Socie

