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### JOHN THE BABTIST.

When Christ the Lord would come on earth, His messenger before Him went; The greatest born of mortal birth, And charg'd with words of deep intent.

- The least of all that here attend
  Hath honour greater far than he;
  He was the Bridegroom's joyful friend,
  His body and His spouse are we.

- A higher race, the sons of light, Of water and the Spirit born; He the last star of parting night, And we the children of the morn.
- And as he boldly spake Thy word, And joy'd to hear the Bridegroom's voic Thus may Thy pastors teach, O Lord, And thus Thy hearing Church rejoice!

WEEKLY CALENDAR.							
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G	Dec. 16,	3RD SUND. IN ADVENT.	{ M. E.	Isaiah		Acts 16. 1Peter 4.	
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#### DECEMBER 16TH, 1849.—THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

In the Collects of the two preceding Sundays in Advent, the grace of God has been implored: firstly, for the general purpose of enabling us to "cast off the works of darkness, and to put upon us the armour of light;" secondly for the particular purpose of deriving means, instructions, and encouragements to do this, rom a diligent and profitable perusal of the Scriptures. In the Collect for the Third Sunday in Advent, we are directed to pray for that grace upon his ministers, that they may be fitted for the discharge of the sacred office with which they are invested, and powerfully assisted in the accomplishment of the great purpose for which they are appointed. In that prayer you have been reminded, that at his first coming, which You are shortly to commemorate, our Lord Jesus Christ did send his messenger, John the Baptist, to prepare his way before him: and you pray him to grant, that the ministers and stewards of his mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready his way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the Just, that at his second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in his sight, who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end."

through mountains. This represents the duty of God's ministers, who must make smooth all the obstacles raised by human prejudices and passions, and labour to prepare our hearts to receive Christ in his ceed without the zealous and affectionate aid, and cooperation of their flock; you are, therefore, remined of the importance of their work, and the holy charac-

THE MYSTERIES OF GOD." Hence they claim, upon the strongest grounds, ambassadors;" they are "stewards of the mysteries of God; they proclaim the gracious offers of pardon which shall prepare thy way before thee." and salvation; they direct you to the kingdom of

For the ministers of God, then, however invidious the task, we must claim your deference and respect. We claim it not as individuals; but for the sacred We have a much more solemn and awful account to

quarters to degrade, and to decry the clergy. Advandefects and evils. Calumnious, false, and defamatory statements are put forth. Words and actions are most disingenuously perverted; motives misconstrued; insinuations against the whole body. It is artfully kept out of sight that the clergy are but men, and cannot be free from errors and infirmities; that in a and now must fall under thestroke of eternal judgment. an astonishment, and an hissing," laymen, under

We cannot but regard these efforts, aimed as they are in many instances from quarters in which the excuse of ignorance and thoghtlessness cannot be pleaded, We cannot but regard them as commonly having in view objects beyond that of vilifying the clergy. They aim at the subversion of religion. They are pestilent and dangerous effusions, emanating from that spirit of infidelity, and scepticism, which too largely prevails in

authority with which we are invested; the important here, to busy yourselves in censuring our conduct as individuals, in scanning our imperfections, in criticising our standard our style, in despising our infirmities. These are not the part of dry nurse to the part of dry nurse to the crocodile, ever guarding the part of the pa the purposes for which you come to the temple of the Mr. Curzon would that monster with the most watchful anxiety as he will, or leave a better name upon the page of hislearn to work out your own salvation. Account of us, which he not inaptly characterizes as "little volumes to work out your own salvation."

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them before you in a few words.

God's blessing on his ministry.

should be sought, and is a proper acknowledgment lectors, but by process of honest patient bargaining its voice, and dashed himself against the crocodile's With one usually so correct we are surprised to find "every good and perfect gift."

ministers, will not be anxious to scan their faults and case in which they had been deposited, says Mr. Cur- remained walking up and down, uttering his cry, as I search out their weaknesses; he will have in view zon,-

established church.

they are invested is Christ's authority. The commistant should come; they need not look for another. our columns. sion they bear is Christ's. The aid which is promised Our Lord, also, applies to John, the prophecy which them is the aid of the Spirit. They act in the name had foretold him in the character in which he is allu-

# (From " A Companion to the services of the Church of

The Lessons for the day are fitted to awaken us The which we hold. Speaking as individuals, we of holiness. We hear of the conquest of Christ over may take up the bold and independent language of the the great enemy and his proud Babylon, the city of Apostles; we may say "with me it is a small thing confusion: which is a figure of the wicked world. We quest of sin and death by the resurrection of the dead. give; to our own Master we must stand or fall. But We may plainly trace, in the words of the prophet, the and reverence; we must claim it because it is a part enter their gloriously raised bodies. Our Lord Himof your Christian duty; it is essential to your spiritual self said afterwards, "I am the resurrection and the shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the great day of terror and triumph, when the Lord shall descend from the right hand of the father, surrounded

able course of mercy and judgment, and resolves to fly similar circumstances, neither excite surprise, nor even from the throne of judgment to the seat of mercy, will ing the way of godliness!"—that way which has God tions which have been brought from the Holy Land." others who ought to practise what they preach. for its beginning, and God for its end, in endless bliss.

# Onr Monthly Review.

our readers with an interesting review from the Lon-

then, "as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the ministers of Christ, and the ministers of Christ, and the min the mysteries of God." Co-operate with us in "mak- Pyramids." Of such productions the world has had Curzon's evidence on his behalf also :-

ing ready the way" of the Lord, and in "turning the quite enough. What was very interesting from the "I had always a strong predilection for crocodile upon very insufficient data, we believe, to Yanina, hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just."— pen of Belzoni fades into dreadful twaddle when treat-Instead of prying into our defects, do that which affords ed of by Harriet Martineau, despite her peculiar of the waters. On one occasion I saw, a long way off, guerilla revolution then taken in hand by some Albanthe best prospect of remedying them. Increase your talents. We wish for no more "wondering why the a large one twelve or fifteen feet long, lying asleep ian chief. Having obtained a letter of introduction attention; hear what we preach; compare it with the Pyramids were built," nor do we care to ascertain the under a perpendicular bank about ten feet high, on from the Vizier to the chief personage at Mezzovo, The volume now before us is of a totally distinct spe- took a circuit inland, and came down cautiously to tain of the robbers in the market-place of that town. "Finally, my brethren," (I here take up the words cies, and possesses metal most attractive in our eyes. the top of the bank, whence, with a heavy rifle, I made and delivering to him his letter, obtains of him by of St. Paul,) 'Finally, my brethren, pray for us, that It treats of thoroughly-out-of-the-way and almost unthe word of the Lord may have free course, and be trodden spots and scenes, and in detailing the adven- in imagination, and was considering whether it should ed with this passport, the party approach Mount Pintures which befell him in his rambles in the east in be stuffed with its mouth open or shut. I peeped dus, where Mr. Curson, though he found his way "If it be asked, why you should pray for us, when quest of ancient manuscripts, the author has contrived over the bank. There he was, within ten feet of the among the defiles by the help of a robber escort, yet we have the promise that Christ will be with us to the to present to the reader some eight and twenty chap- sight of the rile. I was on the point of firing at his seems to have lost his classical lore, for he s peaks of end of the world; the reasons are strong; I shall set ters of most agreeable writing, replete with information eve, when I sherved that he was attended by a bird Pindus as on most interesting points. For this we are indebted | called a ziczic. It is of the plover species, of a gray-"Pray for us" first, and especially, because you are to a dull evening in "an old country-house," wherein ish colour, aid as large as a small pigeon. The bird put on the top of it by some of the giants when they directed to do so in Scripture. St. Paul, himself, re- were stored away the "ponderous volumes" which was walking up and down close to the crocodile's nose. were fighting against Jupiter. As that respected denasteries of the Levant and elsewhere had contrived of flying away, as any respectable bird would have back again, for which I felt very much obliged to him, through which God has ordained that all his bounties ing, or stealing," as is the custom with some book colboth of your dependence, and that he is the Author of with A result of the most face two or three times. The great beast started up, such a mistake, even though it may have been compart tolerably awake to the value of their manuscripts, and, immediately spying his danger, made a jump up mitted for the sake of the concluding passage. What nest prayer will naturally dispose you to a sincere and a page of their contents, using the goodly volumes as which evered me with mud, he dived into the river operations of the "respected Deity," when undoing earnest co-operation with us in our important work. - footstools, or carelessly throwing them aside in dusty and disppeared. The ziczac, to my increased admi- the labours of the giants? He, who sincerely prays for God's grace upon his cupboards. Taking these treasures from the book- ration, proud, apparently, of having saved his friend,

other and higher objects; he will be intent upon the "I turned over their wide vellum leaves, and admi- now and then on the tips of his toes in a conceited attainment of the momentous purposes for which the red the antiquity of one, and the gold and azure which mannet which made me justly angry with his impertiministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of gleamed upon the pages of another. The sight of nence. After having waited in vain for some time to God," were appointed: he will regard with respect and these books brought before my mind many scenes and see whater the crocodile would come out again, I got tractor, and jog on with him down the course of the affection, the messengers that Jesus has sent before recollections of the countries from which they came, up from the bank where I was lying, threw a clod of Peneus to Meteora, where the abode "of the monashim to "prepare his way." He will remember the and I said to myself, I know what I will do; I will earth a the ziczac, and came back to the boat, feeling tic brotherhood upon rock seriel" is thus fitly descriawful account, which both the minister and the con- write down some account of the most curious of these some consolation for the loss of my game in having bed:gregation must one day give; and he will, with all his manuscripts, and the places in which they were found, witnessed a circumstance, the truth of which has been heart, aim at assisting him in the discharge of his as well as some of the adventures which I encountered disputed by several writers on natural history."

world, we may be found an acceptable people in thy in town or country, would lead to such satisfactory Sancte Through each and all of these districts it is, perpendicularly from the smooth green grass; some are sight; who livest and reignest with the Father and results! It is too much, however, to expect that indeed, pleasant to pick our way with one so alive to in clusters, some stand alone like obelisks.' the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.— every man who is doomed to undergo the penalty of a the beauties of nature, so sensible of the narrow boun-THE EPISTLE.—1 Cor. iv. 1.—It can hardly be either possess the materials for making a pleasant book so constantly on the point of turning his own engrossnecessary that we should state, much less labour to or the ability to mould them to such a purpose. We ing pursuits into subjects of merriment, as is Mr. astery of St. Barlaam, a gun was fired off, a substishew, how St. Paul, in this Epistle, enforces, almost in must be content with the goods the gods provide us, Curzin. Whether we dwell with him on the dreadful tute for "knocking at the door in more civilized plathe best times of Byzantine art." the selfsame words, and altogether in matter, the sub- and rely on Mr. Curzon for another peep into his book- catastrophe in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, ces.' This summons was presently answered by a negotiation was entered into to obtain the leave of jects which the Collect brings before us. He declares case, for we shrewdly suspect that he has abundant where trodden to death in "some one in the sky," whose voice came down to the hundreds of pilgrims were trodden to death in "some one in the sky," whose voice came down to the hundreds of pilgrims were trodden to death in "some one in the sky," whose voice came down to the hundreds of pilgrims were trodden to death in "some one in the sky," whose voice came down to the hundreds of pilgrims were trodden to death in "some one in the sky," whose voice came down to the hundreds of pilgrims were trodden to death in "some one in the sky," whose voice came down to the hundreds of pilgrims were trodden to death in "some one in the sky," whose voice came down to the hundreds of pilgrims were trodden to death in "some one in the sky," whose voice came down to the hundreds of pilgrims were trodden to death in "some one in the sky," whose voice came down to the hundreds of pilgrims were trodden to death in "some one in the sky," whose voice came down to the hundreds of pilgrims were trodden to death in "some one in the sky," whose voice came down to the hundreds of pilgrims were trodden to death in "some one in the sky," whose voice came down to the hundreds of pilgrims were trodden to death in "some one in the sky," whose voice came down to the hundreds of pilgrims were trodden to death in "some one in the sky," whose voice came down to the hundreds of pilgrims were trodden to death in "some one in the sky," whose voice came down to the hundreds of pilgrims were trodden to death in "some one in the sky," whose voice came down to the hundreds of pilgrims were trodden to death in "some one in the sky," whose voice came down to the sky, "some one in the sky," whose voice came down to the sky, "some one in the sky," whose voice came down to the sky, "some one in the sky," whose voice came down to the sky, "some one in the sky," whose voice came down to the sky, "some one in the sky," whose voice came down to the sky, "some as we have done, the claims and character of God's materials for a second volume, while the present fully travellers like the cry of a bird, and, after much parmini ters—he informs us who is to be their judge.— attests his ability. We may, indeed, say, with perfect Fire, or smile with him at the evident absurdity and leying and demur as to the admission of his robber Meteora, who, as might be expected, let him down He advises his converts to leave judgment to the Lord, justice, that there is an easy, gentlemanlike style about inconsistency of the Greek and Armenian patriarchs escort, the author and his servants made good their very badly, being "all talking and scolding together" and to reverence and assist those who are stewards of him—a fund of humour combined with correct judg- in deferring the miracle till the arrival of Ibraham footing within the sacred walls in the following fashion, in the windless chamber, instead of attending to the The allusions made here to John the Baptist, as his mysteries, and messengers to prepare the way of the Lord is found.

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The allusions made here to John the Baptist, as his mysteries, and messengers to prepare the way of the Lord is found. the messenger to prepare the way of the Lord, is founded upon the practice of eastern princes who sent nored upon the practice of eastern princes who sent nored upon the practice of eastern princes, who sent persons to level the roads before them. These messen- for those who we hope will be found, not only St. MSS, and early editions of the fathers. To the sym- the pungency of his satire. The Mahometan prince Bers frequently had to fill up deep vallies, made by the paul's "lawfully called" successors, but worthily pathy of those, however, who are cunning in such lore, for whose convenience this Christian miracle was thus descending, with a hook at the end, to which a strong ment, offered their services to sack the monastery and to level will be and out reads.

MSS. and early editions of the symmetric transfer who are cunning in such lore, for whose convenience this Christian miracle was thus descending, with a hook at the end, to which a strong ment, offered their services to sack the monastery and to level will be and out reads. mountain torrents, and to level hills—and cut roads through mountains. This represents the date of the recover the date of the representation of the recover the date of the recover the recover the date of the recover the date of the recover the date of the recover the r THE Gospel.—Matt. xi. 2.—As we have said, the brilliant hues of an illuminated missal, the Libours may not be saying much, unless his father be taken as each of the Gospels has some reference or allusion to the hook, a signal was made, and they began slowly look a signal was made, and they began slowly by the average sample of the class, but we should also to the hook, a signal was made, and they began slowly look a signal was made. only presents us with a language sample of the recention given by him to an Arab ambuscade while journeying from the average sample of the recention given by him to an Arab ambuscade while journeying from the average sample of the recention given by him to an Arab ambuscade while journeying from the ground to the note, a signal was made, and they degree to the average sample of the recention given by him to an Arab ambuscade while journeying from the ground to the note, a signal was made, and they degree to the average sample of the recention given by him to an Arab ambuscade while journeying from the ground to the note, a signal was made, and they degree to the average sample of the recention given by him to an Arab ambuscade while journeying from the ground to the note, a signal was made, and they degree to the average sample of the recention given by him to an Arab ambuscade while journeying from the ground to the note, a signal was made, and they degree to the average sample of the recention given by him to an Arab ambuscade while journeying from the ground to the note. coming many people expected, from the declarations of the Holy City to St. Sabba through the valley of Jethe prophets? John, at that time in prison, sent disciples to ask him—"Art thou he that should come, or told is great, and may be taken as a good sample of truth, and the volume now before us abounds in inin your prayers, as "Ministers and Stewards of do we look for another?" The reply of Jesus was an our author's style. Its length, however, precludes stances which amply testify the small value set upon pull in the two servants by main force, as there was mountain. appeal to miracles which he performed before their eyes, the possibility of extraction; not so his account of human life by eastern rulers and their subjects.

where the runs of Ammon, Jerash, Adjeloun weil repay written—Behold I send my messenger before the labour and fatigue encountered in visiting them. of your, and their great Lord and Master, they are his ded to in the Collect. "This is he of whom it is where the ruins of Ammon, Jerash, Adjeloun well repay It was a remarkable hot and sultry day; we were scrambling up the mountain through a thick jungle of in Turkey," was honoured with the hand of a daughter rock, and I climbed up them very soon; but coming montory into a staute of Alexander. That King bushes and low trees, when I saw before me a fine of the Pasha in marriage, and dwelt in Cairo, where ousnes and fow trees, when I saw before me a fine plum-tree, loaded with fresh blooming plums. I cried he was a great man, surrounded by kawasses, a species the top of the one below, I had some difficulty in would not allow any other to make a statue of him. out to my fellow traveller, 'Now, then, who will arfrom the sleep of sin and sloth, that we may lead a life rive first at the plum-tree? and as he caught a glimpse into a gallop to see which would get the first plum plaint, to the effect that he had drunk her milk and over the rocky platform where I had left the horses, either of that or truth, ought to be given to Dinocrates, hear of the raising up of the church in its stead; the binder of races and right-consensus and the find consensus This is of comparatively trifling importance to us.—
We have a much more solemn and awful account to of the cool, delicious, juicy fruit which we expected, our mouths were filled with a dry bitter dust, and we our mouths were filled with a dry bitter dust, and we our mouths were filled with a dry bitter dust, and we bear, we must intreat, we must claim your obedience out of their intermediate chambers of rest and joy to out of their intermediate chambers of rest and joy to hemming, and doing all we could to be relieved of the hemming. ved, and to my great delight, that we had discovered welfare; to render our preaching effectual; and to life: he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet the famous apple of the Dead Sea, the existence of In the present times, it is painful to observe the

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He says, "Thy dead men shall live; together with

Of Strabo and Pliny, who first described it. Many Promote the great interests of true religion and virtue. shall he live" (John xi.). And here, by the prophet, which has been doubted and canvassed since the days traveners have given descriptions of other vegetable productions which bear some analogy to the one denumerous and systematic efforts making in many my dead body (the first-fruits of the resurrection) travellers have given descriptions of other vegetable productions which over some analogy to the one described by Pliny; but up to this time no one had met vour five paras; but if there is no milk found, you attempts a book bargain with a Greek monk, the treatist a halo of sanctity about the Holy Mountain which nature to delight in contemplating and magnifying shall cast out the dead" (Isaiah xxvi. 19). In that with the thing itself, either upon the spot mentioned with the thing itself, either upon the spot mentioned by the ancient authors or elsewhere. I brought several of them to Eugland. They are a kind of a gall cut open on the spot; some milk was found in him, read, and therefore was, of course, particularly anxious tion of the Holy Land, there are few localities to be nut. I found others afterwards upon the plains of and the woman received her five paras." judgment, He shall absolve the righteous, who in that Troy, but there can be no doubt whatever that this is cies of individuals are made the ground of sneers and lay shall find the mercy for which they hoped and lay shall find the mercy for which they have the mer prayed; and condemn the wicked, who would not, by Some of those which I brought to England were given habits of the east, and where subjects can be found to forsaking sin, accept of mercy while it was to be found, to the Linnzean Society, who published an engraving submit to peril their lives in a civil suit for five paras, monastery of Meteora the author met with a still bitants of Thessalonica, both of which places may be of them and a description of their vegetable peculiari- it is not unlikely that each man has in his turn his greater disappointment, for, having concluded "a raced in the modern Pera and Salonica. It is not to The Psalmist says, in agreement with the song of ties in their Transactions; but, as they omitted to own way of righting himself, and that what would be that even among the twelve Apostles a Judas Isthat even among the twelve Apostles are looked in the peculiar interest attached to them in conthe Gospels on vellum, "one of the most beautiful of the peculiar interest attached to them in conthe contractions are the formula of the peculiar interest attached to them in conthe contractions are the formula of the peculiar interest attached to them in conthe contractions are the formula of the peculiar interest attached to them in conthe contractions are the formula of the peculiar interest attached to them in conthe contractions are the formula of the peculiar interest attached to them in conthe contractions are the formula of the peculiar interest attached to them in conthe contractions are the formula of the peculiar interest attached to them in conthe contractions are the formula of the peculiar interest attached to the pecu the clergy is eagerly blazoned abroad, till it becomes the clergy is eagerly blazoned abroad, till it becomes fully for above 1,500 years, they excited little atten-

and a far more suspicious author than either Pliny or in his composition; but, although I have often seen

thought, with an exulting voice, and standing every

dull day within the next six weeks in England should dary which separates the sublime from the ridiculous, monasteries, out of more than thrice that number. the larger MS., the monks standing round me as I Coptic psalter of the 4th century, and can gloat over "an enlightened man for a Turk." This, to be sure, we stood, the net was spread open; my two servants | zealous request, though not without evident reluctance, and he desired them to report to John what they had another adventure which he encountered on his return, is often evinced by the summary manner of adminisseen and heard. When these things were told John, and this, as possessing interest to the naturalists and with their sacred calling. The authority with which his question was answered—Jesus must be the performances of Mohamed Bey, a defterdar or ac-

> and looking round she fixed upon a man as the thief. vants who had been hauled up by the rope." 'Very well,' said the defterdar. 'I hope you are sure Here, not with standing a most hospitable reception Passing by this second slip in "proper names," let

equence of their having been sought for unsuccesstion; though, as the evidence of the truth of what following summary of the character of Ibrahim Pasha, volume of the Gospels bound in a kind of silver filahas so long been considered as a vulgar fable, they are and in the conclusion to which Mr. Curzon has arrived gree," which "must doubtless have been the pocket Greek church as a fit and proper place for the practice

It is not a little remarkable that it fell to Mr. Cur- "He was as brave as a lion; his habits and ideas

quired the prayers of his fellow Christians to implore the author in his various peregrinations among the mo-

"Tum pater omnipotens misso perfregit Olympum "Fulmine, et excussit subjecto Pelion Ossæ."

Having vindicated Pindos from any participation in this mythological emeute, which, like some more modern affairs, seems to have rested on very insecure foundations, we gladly shake hands again with his de-

"The scenery of Meteora is of a very singular kind. The end of a range of rocky hills seems to have been broken off by some earthquake or washed away by the petitions, which the Church has this day set before us.

The result of this determination is this delectable

Thee, nowever, are out the episodes in this work.

Deluge, leaving only a series of 20 or 30 tall, thin.

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The result of this determination is this delectable. "O Lord Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst book, a bright and lively emanation from a happy and author) visits to the various monasteries which lie smooth, needle-like rocks, many hundred feet in height; send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; a cheerful mind—the unpretending yet highly interest- scattered over the plains of Egypt and Abyssinia, and some like gigantic tusks, some shaped like sugar loaves, grant that the ministers and stewards of thy myste- ing and amusing "jotting down" of an educated tra- to those which are either perched on the almost inacries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, veller while roaming through those lands endeared to cessible crags on Thessaly or abound among the sweet a beautiful grassy plain, on three sides of which there by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom all as the cradle of a pure faith or the early abode of defilesof Mount Athos, now better known, from the grow groups of detached trees, like those in an English of the just; that at thy second coming to judge the the arts and poetry. Oh, that all du'll days, whether very abundance of these foundations, as the Monte park. Some of the rocks shoot up quite clean and

who we are informed, in our author's quiet way, "died approached by a pathway leading to a rickety wooden Mount Athos, concerning the classical history of which

to purchase." The books, however, in St. Barlaam compared to this promontory. We cannot forget that add with the Psalmist, "O, let me have understandadd with the Psalmist, "O, let me have understandand that seclusion from the world which,
when subjecting him to the ordeal of comparison with wolume of some Royal personage," a quarrel ensued of self-denial and that seclusion from the world which,

rian, but they would not suffer their rules to be outraged or their rights to be trampled under foot. In the monasteries of St. Basil, all the members of the society had equal rights-they are in common, they prayed in common, everything was bought and sold for the benefit Scriptures; and if we say the truth, then follow our exact proportions of the great toe of Rameses. Such the margin of the river. I stopped the boat at some soliciting an escort to protect him from the robbers, of the community at large. Tears fell from the eyes faith; profit by our admonitions; practise our coun- investigations partake too much of the humdrum school. distance, and toting the place as well as I could, I rebellious spirit. As for me, I kept aloof, waiting to see what might be the result. The Agoumenos, wh was evidently a man of superior abilities, calmly endeavoured to explain. He told the unruly brethren exactly what the sum was for which he had sold the books, and said that the money was not for his own private use, but to be laid out for the benefit of all, in the same way as the ordinary revenues of the monastery, which, he added, would soon prove insufficient if so large a portion of them continued to be divided "Pray for us," because prayer is one of the means to possess himself of not by dint of "begging, borrow-done, he juoped up about a foot from the ground, as Pindus seemed quite high enough and steep enough large sum would be most useful for certain necessary arguments, the old brate of a librarian had completely awakened the spirit of discord, and the ignorant monks were ready to be led into rebellion by any one and Lastly. "Pray for us," because sincere and ear- were in most instances utterly incompetent to decypher into the water with a splash says the poet who took upon himself to describe the for any reason, or none. At last the contest waxed so lost sight of, and every one began to quarrel with his neighbour, the entire community being split into various little angry groups, chattering, gesticulating, and wagging their long beards. After a while the Agounenos, calling my interpreter, said that as the monks would not agree to let him keep the money in the usual way for the use of the monastery, he could have nothing to do with it, and to my great sorrow I was therefore obliged to receive it back, and to give up the two beautiful manuscripts, which I had already looked upon as the chief ornaments of my library in England. The monks all looked sadly downcast at this unexpected termination of their noble defence of their principles, and my only consolation was to perceive that they were after walking up and down once or twice, with his hands behind his back, in gloomy silence retreated to a hole where he lived, near the library, and I saw no more of him.

Who will not weep with the disappointed bookworm at being thus treated? "I sat down on a stone," says he, 'and for the last time turned over the gilded leaves and admired the ancient and splendid illuminations of "After some delay a much larger rope was seen bullets. These gentry, on learning his disappoint-

"We made a somewhat singular discovery when tra- Ali on the doubtful errand of demanding the imperial which reached the top of the rock in another direction, church as the Archbishop of Canterbury, Mr. Curzon, ve made a somewhat singular discovery when tra-velling among the mountains to the east of the Dead Sea, those whom it delights to honour. Against one of unluckily I looked down, and found that I had turned thought that no one but Lysippus could have made these officials a poor woman one day lodged a comrefused to pay its value, which she estimated at five but that the precipice went sheer down to so tremenby this complaint. He asked the woman if she should and hold on, and, making an effort, I overcame my rejected the scheme as too chimerical even for his through which I crept into a court of the monastery, Mount Athos and the promontory of Acrathos, which nauseous taste of this strange fruit. We then perceiwhich the whole household was drawn out before her, where I was welcomed by the monks and the two sertose from the bosom of the Deluge.

ing the distribution of the purchase-money, just as the 19th century, were, at all events, originally conceived zon's lot to furnish proof of the veracity of another were rough and coarse; he had but little refinement author was about to step into the net. "The Agoumenos wanted to keep it ail for himself our respect when conducted with due sincerity and Strabo. The "Father of History," as Herodotus him abused for his cruelty in European newspapers, I or at least for the expenses of the monastery, but the zeal. The name and writings of the venerable St. [Having been disappointed nobtaining the works has been justly termed, has obtained, as all know who have half. The chrysostom are still cherished in this sacred mountain, his works has been justly termed, has obtained, as all know who have half. which we purposed criticising this month, we present are conversant with his writings, the unenviable distinction of being a great fabulist. By some, indeed, of a savage disposition, nor that his troops rivalled in the librarian would not give way, he offered him a parr founded and dwelt in the very walls, which now attest he had been roundly styled the father of anything else any way the horrors committed in Algeria by the Do you, my brethren, be upon your guard against them. Do you remember the sacred office; the high Hon. Robert Curzon, jun. John Murray, Albenarrative borders on the incredible, and nowhere so determined soldier. He had that reverence and reuprightness of principle, be told all the monks that the
narrative borders on the incredible, and nowhere so much as where he enters upon observations of the spect for his father which is so much to be admired Agoumenos had pocketed the money which he had presence of the softer sex; and to such an extent is This work is a most welcome addition to the stock habits of animals and birds. Among these so-called in the patriarchal customs of the east; and it is not received for their property, for that they all had a this ascetic spirit carried by their holy inhabitants, that read and explained; your own duties set forth; to correct your own errors; to pray for your own sin; to had belonged to the ordinary class of such books,