

### NATURE'S CARE FOR SPIDERS.

It is not on the corded texture of the web, on its geometrical perfection, or on the sequestered nooks which its weavers select for it, that we are about to dilate, but rather on the unfailing supply of *flies* which kind nature supplies to these predatory insects ; no sooner do the spiders appear, than it becomes the business of the flies to provide them with nutrition and warmth ; take courage therefore,—increase your faith—my Reverend brethren, and ye of the medical profession ; the same unfailing provision which nature makes for the spider, she will surely make for you ; depend on it there will be a periodical supply of new-born babes, whose slumbers will be wholly undisturbed by dreams of sermons, of rheumatism, or of Boards of Health ; what if a wayward and somewhat experienced human blue-bottle occasionally burst through the meshes of your respective webs ? the synodical, parliamentary, and collegiate, raw-material is always at hand wherewith to repair the breaches made by the blue-bottle, and if the latest arrived batch of babies should happen to learn anything, before you take them home, an *evergreen* prospect still awaits you, in the generations yet unborn.

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(*Second notice.*)

The first portion of Scripture read by the Reverend Mr. Powis, in connection with the opening service of the above-named Church, was one of the "songs of degrees"—Psalm cxxxii. There is one remarkable circumstance connected with that psalm, to which we shall venture to invite attention, and that is the circumstance of the ark having been found "at Ephratah" *i.e.* at

Bethlehem, the spot to which the true Ark ultimately came ; we will connect this with Micah v. 2, which shall be presented in a slightly altered form—"But thou, Bethlehem—Ephratah, a little one to be amongst the thousands of Judah ; From thee shall one go forth to me, to be Ruler in Israel ; and his goings forth have been from of old, from the days of eternity." The Targum reads—"From Thee the Messiah shall come forth before me, *to exercise dominion over Israel*, whose name was announced long ago, from the days of old." The comment of the Jerusalem Talmud on this, is too important to be omitted :—it states that the Messiah was born at Bethlehem, and tells the story of a Jew who went and saw him.

Mr. Powis is to be felicitated on having shown that it is possible for a minister, when reading the scriptures in public, to find something to say in relation to them ; Mr. P. read from Luke x, 38, to xi, 7 ; one of the inconveniences attending such expositions (and still more anything of the nature of catechizing, which, we learn, has been suggested by another pastor,) is that it is apt to set people thinking and that again, may possibly disturb a chronic condition of unanimity in certain spheres ; the statement for instance, that the Lord's prayer was intended for a model for all time, when contrasted with Col. ii, 13, 14, is one which will be found to lack corroboration from Scripture ; "lead us not into trial," would appear to possess the twofold recommendation of being more literal, and more intelligible ; the pastor was understood to describe believers as "forgiven and accepted," if so, an enquirer might naturally ask if the Lord's prayer could be intended for such persons ; in the course of his remarks, he also quoted Heb. iv. 1, as if it related—not to the personal Word, but to