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ALICE MAUD MARY. Died December 14th., 1878.

Thy peop'e mourn with thee, O England's Queen! For the loved daughter, fatally smitten down By the dire scourge of city, village, town. In the proud palace, what a mournful scene! Where happiness, and home born joys have been The mother and the youngest darling gone! And grief bows low the head that wears a crown! For seventeen years Victoria stood alone With one great sorrow; —as years onward roll Husband and child will both be mourned to-day, Loss calls up loss of him who passed away Leaning on Christ, cheered by the gentle soul

MIDNIGHT MASS FOR THE DYING YEAR.

For whom with double woe the sad bells toll,-

Whose bright sun hath gone down while yet

BY HENRY W. LONGFELLOW.

Yes, the year is growing old, And his eye is pale and bleared! Death, with frosty hand, and cold, Plucks the old man by the beard, Sorely, -sorely!

The leaves are falling, falling, Solemnly and slow: Caw! caw! the rooks are calling. It is a sound of woe. A sound of woe!

Through woods and mountain passes The winds, like anthems, roll! They are chanting solemn masses, Singing, "Pray for this poor soul, Pray,-pray!" And the hooded clouds, like friars,

Tell their beads in drops of rain, And patter their doleful prayers ;-But their prayers are all in vain, All in vain! There he stands in the foul weather

The foolish, fond Old Year, [heather. Crowned with wild flowers and with Like weak despised Lear, A king,—a king! Then comes the summer-like day,

His joy! his last! oh, the old man gray

Loveth that ever-soft voice, Gentle and low. To the crimson woods he saith To the voice gentle and low Of the soft air, like a daughter's breath, "Pray do not mock me so!

Bids the old man rejoice!

Do not laugh at me!" And now the sweet day is dead! Cold in his arms it lies; No stain from its breath is spread Over the glassy skies,

No mist or stain! Then, too, the Old Year dieth, And the forests utter a moan, Like the voice of one who crieth In the wilderness alone,

"Vex not his ghost!" Then comes with an awful roar, Gathering and sounding on, The storm wind from Labrador, The wind Euroclydon,

The storm wind! Howl! howl! and from the forest Sweep the red leaves away! Would the sins that thou abhorrest, O soul! could thus decay And be swept away !

For there shall come a mightier blast, There shall be a darker day, And the stars from heaven down-cast, Like red leaves be swept away! Kyrie, eleyson! Christie, eleyson.

MOUNT ALLISON.

CLOSING OF THE FIRST TERM.

MR. EDITOR:

The first term of the Mount Allison Academic year has just closed, and the bulk of the students have gone home to spend their Christmas holidays. Our Institutions have many friends throughout these provinces, to whom Academic news from Sackville is always interesting. You will probably therefore, not object to giving place in your columns to a short account of the various performances concluding

the term. The written examinations in the College began December 9th, and lasted for four days. During this time the students of the various classes were subjected to a searching examination on the subjects comprised in the course of study pursued during the term. On Friday, the 13th, the oral examinations began, and continued throughout that day, Saturday morning, and Monday afternoon. Your correspondent was present at most of the classes and was highly gratified at what he sawand heard. The professors were unanimious in their eulogiums on the conduct and progress of the students, and what was said was amply borne out by all that occurred during examination. Classes were examined in Mental Science, Moral affair.

es. It may be truthfully said that all while the performances of some might rot unfairly be called brilliant.

In addition to the examinations of the College proper, those of the students in the Theological department were in progress throughout the week-These students were examined in Exegesis, Systematic Theology, Church History, Greek Testament, Hebrew, and Sacred Elocution, and the remarks brethren may mutatis mutandis, be applied to them also.

On Sunday and Monday the pupils of the Ladies' Academy were examined in a great variety of classes, and stood the ordeal well. Dr. Kennedy and his talented assistants are nobly sustaining the credit of this exceedingly interesting Institution. Professor Jost, the new head of the music department, is a most efficient and conscientious instructor, and genial chris tain gentleman. It is a most fortunate circumstance that this most important department has fallen into such noble hands.

The Public Exhibition of the Ladies Academy was given on Monday evening at Lingley Hall and was a conspicuous success. The young ladies played, sang, read, "dialogued," &c., &c., with a vivacity and nerve, that were absolutely astonishing. A very pleasing part of the performance was the rendering of a fine anthem composed by the three Institutions have been suc-Professor Jost, entitled "Praise ye the Lord."

On Monday evening the closing ex ercises of the College were held. The performance of the previous evening perhaps diminished the number of the audience, but in all other respects the permitting the interests consigned to modern arrangement. In all the long

The following was the programme:

I. DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES. MUSIC.

Chorus.—The Native Land - - Southland II. DECLAMATION AND ORATIONS. 1. The Death of Minehaha, - - Longfellow. Mr. J. Clarence Webster.

2. The Drunkard's Fate - - Dickens. Mr. R. N. Bell. 3. Profit and Loss - - - (Original)

Mr. S. C. Murray.

MUSIC. Vocal Solo—The Bride Bells - -Miss Annie Lewin. 4. Parliamentary Reform · -

Mr. T. C. Lockwood. A Horrible Battle - - - -Mr. G. T. Lewis. 6. Influence . - - - (Original)

MUSIC. Piano Solo.—Ronds - - - Kalkbrenner Miss Leora Tweedie. - - - - . - Robert Hall.

Mr. S. C. Colwell.

Mr. W. Y. Chapman. - - - - (Original.) Mr. S. B. Grigg. The Literary Excellence of the Scriptures,

> Mr. J. C. Ogden. MUSIC.

Anthem.—Praise Ye the Lord. Professor Jost.

The music—a very agreeable feature, indeed—was kindly furnished by Herr Jost and an accomplished choir of ladies, reinforced by some musical gentlemen of the College and Academy. After the usual Reports of the term's Collegiate Education was delivered by Rev. Dr. Stewart. Following this came speeches by Rev. Joseph Hart, President of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, Rev. M. Longley, Principal of the Male Academy, and Rev. Dr. Pickard -capital speeches all of them. 1-do not suppose I shall excite the ire of the other Rev. gentlemen when I say that it would not be easy to find a better platform speaker than Mr. Longley His remarks had reference mainly to the Male Academy. Their tenor was that his students had not yet become absolutely angels, were fair, average, normal boys, that, to those who had not applied themselves to their studies with a becoming degree of avidity, life had been rendered a rather melancholy

No public entertainment, it may here be observed, was given by the ing spirit, the partner of his bosom; was

will not be necessary or fitting to en- examinations came off on Tuesday and within him. Adam had then, within him. of thou shalt surely die." Next, are the ter with any specific or detailed com- Wednesday and were quite as successment on the merits of the various class- ful as either those of the College or of hood full and complete. He was strong, the Ladies' Academy. The students displayed a soundly adequate know- as a whole, had evidently been doing ledge of what they had been studying their "level best" during the term. In truth, boys who could get through a term under the guidance of such able fiting very materially must be absolutely knowledge-proof.

Reference may here be made to one very pleasing material change which in hand, has the right to say woman was met the eye of your correspondent. The old library in Lingley Hall has __ "The first man, Adam, was origina'ly been broken up, and the large room in made above concerning their secular the College at the right hand of the door has been appropriated as a College Library. There all the books belonging to the College are now massed, carefully classified and tastefully arranged on shelves around the room. It is much to be hoped that any friends | the original Hebrew word for Adam. of the College who may have books or money to spare will remember this vitally important adjunct of educational work. Mr. Magee of Boston has promised a donation of books. Surely there are many in these provinces who will not suffer themselves to be surpassed in liberality by this generous American. In conclusion it may be said that

our Institutions here are in a very satisfactory condition. Owing to the should not have attempted to impose, or hardness of the times the attendance at the Academies is not so large as it has often been, but there are no indications of decreased efficiency in any quarter. The changes which were last year made in the management of cessful. Dr. Inch is carrying on actively and efficiently the work taken by him from the hands of Dr. Allison, and receives the cheerful and cordial co-operation of his professors. Nor are their charge to suffer in the least. All, in a word, connected with these instiing as good soldiers in the conflict which has to be unremittingly sustained against the powers of darkness and ignorance. Your's truly

JUDGE MARSHALL ON "PARSON BROWN."

To the Editor of the WESLEYAN:-

DEAR SIR .- I have read with high anproval and satisfaction your just and appropriate remarks and strictures-and also those of the editor of the "Presbyly published in Charlottetown, under the of the creation of all animals and things concluded that it may be useful to a certain class of readers of the Scriptures, to ted he him; male and female created he

give some passages of them, and also ex- them. And God blessed them, and God planations regarding the creation of the said unto them-be fruitful and multiply prunal pair of human beings; concern- and replenish the earth, and subdue it, work nad been given by the the Fresi-dent an able address on the subject of and subject of ling whose creation Parson Brown has and have dominion, &c." There is no exly absurd statements. Concerning their creation he has written as follows:- how the beasts, created on that day, were " Adam was created complete; he was a whole man. 'Male and female created he them, and called their name Adam.' They were created together. We read, Sir, and also an explanation, of the creative image, after our likeness; and let them have dominions;' and then next verse,-'So God created man in his own image; in the image of God created he Him; male and female created he Them; and God said unto them, be fruitful and mul- formed from the dust of the ground; and tiply,' etc. The Parson has, here, improperly introduced the above italic letters, nostrils the breath of life, and man beand the capitals in the words "Him" and "Them;" none of which are in the text but this will not help his speculative story. He next proceeds-The woman,man's other self,-was, at first, an indwell-

bosom :-- a ministering spirit-a comforter." He further says :- "No one, Bible not created till she was made." Again : of twain-one; -he was they. The twain one is the normal state or being." help his theory, he here uses the word Adam as if it were the name of a person or individual. It is not so, as the Parson must know, if he has any knowledge of very learned commentator has written thus concerning it :- " The original word Adam, which we translate man, is intended to designate the species of animal; as chaitho marks the wild beasts that live in general a solitary life ;-behemah, domestic or gregarious animals; and remes, all kinds of reptiles." Such a pretentious Scripturally learned man as Parson Brown ought to have known all this; and pass of, his "twain-one, Adam" on unscholarly or illiterate persons.

Before proceeding to compare and contrast the time Scriptural narrative of the creation of our first parents, with the foregoing marvellous and distorted account of it by the Parson-as I shall presently do-it will be useful to a large class of readers of the Scriptures, to give some explanation as to their division into previous ages, all the Scriptures, both o the Old and New Testaments, were writtutions are manfully and effectively ten on parchment, or other substances, toiling in the cause of education, fight- the sheets of which were stitched together. and frequently were thus extended 150 feet or more, and were formed into rolls. Narratives, and other portions of the Scriptures, were thus continued through out, without any break or interruption. By the present division into chapters, many persons are, at times, perplexed, and fall into mistakes as to the meaning and connection of portions of Scripture.

Now, as to the work of creation, there is one continued and connected, as well as consistent narrative, of it given in the two first chapters of Genesis. The first terian Witness"-on that erroneous and chapter specifies the particular creations strangely absurd literary production, late- on each of the six days. The entire work title,-" Parson Brown: His Talk." A | was completed within those six days, as is few weeks ago, a copy of the work was repeatedly declared in verses 2 and 3 of sent to me, from that town, with a post | ch. 2, in these words:-" And on the card, signed "A Friend;" stating that seventh day God ended his work which he the work was "being scattered all over | had made; and he rested on the seventh the land, and intimating a desire that I day from all his work which he had made. would give it an exposing answer. I read | And God blessed the seventh day, and it through very attentively, and on first sanctified it, because that in it he had thoughts, concluded that no true Chris- rested from all his work which God created tian, or other intelligent person, would be and made." Both man and woman theredeluded or in any way injured by it; and fore, were separately created on the sixth that, as a whole, any extended criticism and last day of creation. This is clearly of it would be a waste of time and atten shown in verses 27 and 28 of ch. 1, in tion. On further consideration I have these words :- " So God created man in his own image, in the image of God creagiven such unscriptural and extravagant- planation in this chapter, of the way or manner in which they were created, or for and hold the highest positions in formed, but merely the facts of the creation of both are therein given. But on verse 4 of ch. 2 commences a recapitul tion 'And God said, let us make man in our operations; and the detailed narrative is continued to the end of the chapter. First, is shown, that the plants and herbs created on the third day were watered and grew by a "mist from the earth." Next, is revealed, that the body of man "was that "the Lord God breathed into his came a living soul." Then follows the planting of the garden eastward in Eden; and that "the Lord God placed the man in the garden, to dress it, and to keep it ;" and commanded him,-" of the tree of knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not forming all into one graceful and intellitics, Chemistry, English Language, here be observed, was given by the hig spirit, the partner of his bosom; was a nowledge of good and evil thou shalt not, forming all it. Greek Latin, French and German. It students of the Male Academy. Their within his bosom; she was a holy spirit eat of it: for in the day thou eatest there gent whole.

statements, that the beasts were formed out of the ground; and that the Lord and he was tender-hearted. He had, so to God brought them, and all other living speak, the head of the man, the heart of creatures to Adam, to see what he would the woman. The one was ever present to call them;" and that "Adam did give counsel and to control the other, to bless | names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the and enthusiastic teachers without pro- and to do him good. The spirit of the air, and to every beast of the field." woman was the angel within the man's Lastly, is the statement, that "the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and while in that state took one of his ribs and made a woman, and brought her to the man." How her spiritual life was created is not expressly mentioned, but doubtless it was in the same manner as that of the man,-" by God breathing" unto her "the breath of life;" for most assuredly he did not bring to Adam a mere lifeless body of flesh and bones, but a living "woman," as the text declares. Now from all these scriptures, contained in theoe two first chapters of Genesis, it will be clearly seen, that they form one continued, connected and orderly narrative of the glorious and gracious work of divine creation; and convey all that we need to know concerning it. How different it is, as to the creation of man and woman, from the unscriptural and romantic history of their creation, in "Parson Brown's Talk," will be readily seen by every common sense person.

> The Parson has said that " the woman the man's other spirit, was, at first, within bim, as an indwelling spirit;" and that ' the man's rib was not taken out, nor, of course, the woman made a tangible and visible being, until the 'twain-one man' was put into the garden." Will the Parson then condescend to inform the Christian public, how the "twain one, Adam," with only the spirit of the woman within him, but she not any tangible body, could comply with the divine command, given immediately on his creation, to "be fruitful and multiply;" and also how that indwelling and invisible spirit of the woman could require to be sustained, or could be really nourished and sustained, by "the fruits and herbs" which God then said he had given as "meat" for sustenance? These are most important questions and subjects for examination and decision; and to most persons will, at present, seem clouded with mystery. Will the Parson then be pleased to give us some more of 'His Talk," in a second book, to solve and explain these mysteries, which are far more important than the present Amherst

The Parson has given even a superabundance of Scripture, to support the great variety of other subjects treated of in his book; but on most of them his quotations of Scripture are as inapplicable as those in support of his marvellous twain-one" mystery; and those subjects are about as void of useful instruction or edification, therefore I forbear to remark concerning them.

Respectfully requesting the insertion of this letter in your paper, as early as

I remain, Mr. Editor, Yours truly, JOHN G. MARSHALL.

THE FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY METHODIST .- The London " Methodist" introduces this fact to the notice of its readers in a brief note. The Attorney General was similarly alluded to a few years ago. It is thus seen that nonconformists are privileged to work the British realm. Sydney Smith warned the nation against the Methodists. It has responded by taking them into its confidence.

During the recent visit of the Secretary for War (Hon. Colonel Stanley,) and the First Lord of the Admiralty (Rt. Hon. W. H. Smith) to Malta, the Wesleyans had a satisfactory interview with Colonel Stanley as to a site for a Wesleyan chapel. It is interesting to note that in the Centenary Report the name of "Master W. H. Smith" is entered for a contribution. His father was a Methodist, and Master W. H. Smith is now First Lord at the head of the fleets that rule the sea

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Good sense is the body of poetic genius : fancy, its dra ery; motion, its life; and magnetism, the life, that is everywhere.

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