(From the Literary Garland-Erasmus Oldstyle.)

There are few now living who knew the Rev. Mr. now been gathered to his fathers. Austin, but he is still remembered for his goodness, and admired for the fidelity with which he clung to in the vestibule of this venerable Church, on some of cision of this point they felt that they had ackning very his parish, though often invited to change the sphere which were engraven many records. Many of those determinate to guide them; but at length the old man,

On the day upon which old Jacob sought his library, the Rector appeared unlike himself, for it was not his nature to be gloomy, nor was it his habit to appear dejected or downcast. His high and spacious brow, which old age had spared from wrinkles, was on that day heavily marked and furrowed-his eye, ordinarily clear and bright, then appeared sad and desponding; the streaks of carnation in his cheeks, which, by their beautiful tracery, gave evidence of a life of temperance and activity, seemed fainter in their colouring and and energy and love, would in a short space of time fewer in their outlines than usual; and it was evident, be buried beneath the spot where then they stood, and from his general demeanor, that the venerable man was oppressed by emotions of rare and unusual magnitude. they then were walking.

The state of the times and the condition of the country, must, and no doubt did, affect him; but he alone, for a brief space, continued to forewarn the outer cinnatti almost in company with another, in which the feared that future ages might antedate the misery and overthrow of the nation, to that era where the accre- celebrated within those sacred walls. dited ministers of the Most High were tempted by

exuberant zeal. Thus shunned for his diligence, and devoted as the Rev. George Austin. avoided for his piety, the Rector could take counsel of out molestation, to pursue his way in peace.

But while he was shunned and envied by the clergy, he was esteemed and beloved by the laity who were brought within the sphere of his influence; and his truly a physician of the heart. By study he was taught to teach, by observation he was led to practice; his manners were a reflection of his morals—he never had occasion to blush for his actions, for his practice was as pure as his precepts were true: though his living was a commentary upon his preaching, his discourses sincere earnestness and deep wisdom. He was never remarkable as a popular preacher, but he was affectionately beloved as a faithful friend, whose considerate heart could compassionate another's weakness, and rejoice in another's good as if it had been his own. In all the relations of life he was exemplary, and the tongue of calumny, though skilful to invent mischief, and ingenious to pervert truth, never attempted to defame him; simple minded and guileless himself, he was not prone to think evil of others. Whilst he partook not of the pleasures of the world, he would by his presence sanction the healthful games of children. Though he had no inclination to indulge the sports of youth, he would frequently be found the cheerful spectator of boyish pastimes. He was fond of children, and children, who have a great intuitive perception of character, regarded him as one who was worthy of their love; and upon Sunday, or holyday, in church or abroad, the child was happy who attracted his notice or gained his smile. And youth, in the critical period of life, sought and found in him a safe adviser and a irresistible impetus to a wavering or a sinking resolution. Those in adversity sought him and found comfort, and he sought those in prosperity to warn them learn to live. At the house of mourning, beside the bed of death, he was ready with the offices of religion, to console the sinking spirit, to meet without alarm bereaved survivors with the hope of a more blissful reunion hereafter with the friend whom they had lost.

His sacred office—as the office of the minister of the parish will, when properly sustained—attracted towards him respect. His age induced veneration, and his long residence in the same place entitled him to the position of a seer. He knew every body, and he regarded them all as friends; when babes he had baptized them, when children he had catechized them, and when youths he had counselled them; very many he had united at the altar in the holy rite of marriage. One generation he had buried, and though advancing years admonished him that the time was not remote when he too should lay his head beside those of his parishioners who had gone before, still, in the sure and with you? certain hope of the resurrection at the last day, he was satisfied to take his repose amongst the people whom he had loved so well; to form the connecting link with you? between the generation which had passed away, and the one which was then hastening after him to the grave. Religion with him never assumed a churlish or un- Holy Ghost is with you? loving guise. It is true that solemnity, befitting the Crew. We do not fear any thing. occasion, was impressed upon his manner when treating of eternal realities. He spoke not of eternal wrath Jesus Christ his Son, by the comfort of the Holy Ghost, as though it had no awful meaning belonging to it, nor the one God, who miraculously brought the children did he on the other hand refer to the everlasting love of Israel through the Red Sea, and brought Jonah to of God, and the unending happiness to which it points, land out of the belly of the whale, and the Apostle St. as though it were a quality, and a state of being, cal- Paul and his ship to safety through the troubled raging culated to beget misery and despair. The Rector was sea, and from the violence of a tempestuous storm; solemn without being morose, cheerful without being deliver, sanctify, bless, and conduct us peaceably, flippant. His manner won confidence; men did not calmly, comfortably, through the sea, to our harbour, hold their breath in awe of his society, or think it according to his divine will; which we beg, saying, irreverent and sinful to smile in his presence.

We have said that the Rector was sad, and so indeed he was, and the ineffectual result of old Jacob's inquiries, added to other disquieting emotions, occasioned his dejection. He thought of the poor pauper who had seen better days, and then he thought of his own in her orphanhood!

of joy, and each fast following chime seemed to note travelling in the neighbourhood of one of the finest of with welcome the arrival of the gathering crowd of our highland lakes. Being on foot, and fatigued with worshippers, whilst it beat a harsh rebuke to those his journey, he asked a female cottager to favour him who entered with any other motive than that which with a draught of water. She readily complied; and, induced the Saviour of the world to become a sojourner feeling thankful and refreshed, he entered into converamong men.

The church, too, on that day was adorned with its "You live in a beautiful country," said he. goodliest apparel. The fir tree, the pine tree, and the box, together had mingled their eternal verdure with to leave it.' the still more beauteous green of the ivy, the holly and the misletoe; fair hands had entertwined the foliage "Because I desire a better country, that is an heainto garlands, wreathes and festoons of beauty, and the venly.' ruby bud of the holly seemed to vie with its emerald setting, in beautifying the House of the Lord, and gentleman's interest in the speaker was singularly inhe had redeemed, not only honoured their Saviour's be some secret sorrow. His appearance with signs of joy.

whom untoward circumstances had kept long apart, or whose diversified age prevented sympathy. The old, my children before you; and all my wants are supwhose thoughts are retrospective, were reverting back- plied." wards to the past—the young, whose aspirations being hopeful, were outstripping the future in the eagerness quired the gentleman, still more astonished. of their onward gaze. Age, leaning on his staff, would repair with a feeble step, and a funeral pace, to the who died for me, and rose again, that I feel as if I could appointed place of worship, fearing the while, it may not be entirely happy until I see Him face to face," be, that before another Christmas dawned the spot | The same pure and unsophisticated love to the Rebe filled by a successor; but youth, on the other hand, to describe.

ALLHALLOWS CHURCH AND ITS RECTOR. would, with a light and blithesome motion, repair to An aged highland couple were very recently engaged the place assigned to him, forgetful, it may be, that in conversation respecting the heavenly state, to which WATCHMAKERS AND JEWELLERS on the Christmas past it was filled by one who had both looked forward with humble faith and hope. In

> who had arrived too soon for service, walked up and looking affectionately at his wife, observeddown the well paved corridor. Some there were, who nemorial of those who were no more; others, again, even in heaven." stopped and read whose names were inscribed there; some admired the marble sculpture, and others criti- thought about the matter. I think that I will be so looked sad, for they thought that their own names | me, and whose grace brought me there, that for the would ere long be added to the cold catalogue of the first thousand years I will not be able to look at anydeparted, and their own bodies, now animated by life | thing else." contribute to the support of the cold pavement whereon

Presently the merry peal was hushed; one bell was also concerned at the state of the Church; he world that the period was near at hand, when the Rev. Mr. S. Chase and his family and a daughter-insolemn services of the Christmas Festival were to be law and a grandchild of the writer, is well known to

worldliness and indifference, to neglect the duties of the learn, by perusing rous part of the Mississippi shore near Gardefen, in the the lettering, now become dingy by time, that, notwith- State of Missouri. Nearly all the lowerdeck passen-In the midst of parishes crowded with inhabitants, standing the apathy and indifference which unhappily gers, being instantly overflowed with water, perished. he stood nearly alone, for, with sorrow be it spoken, it pervaded the minds of men during the last century, Those in the upperdeck were saved by flying to the was too much the fashion of the day for the clergy to upon matters of religion and the welfare of the Church, hurricane deck till they were taken off by the humanity degrade their calling, and cause the laity to undervalue the parish of Allhallows was, to a great extent, spared of the officers of the Tempest. the office of the priest; and it was their custom too, from the contamination of the fashionable infidelity,

none. Without any other advisers, he sought instruc- observe, in the choice and beautiful decorations by tioned above, that the Rev. S. Chase was inclined to Cloth. tion and guidance in the Articles and Rubrics of the which it is adorned, an evidence that, even amidst the make choice of the Steamer he occupied in preference Church, and though encompassed by many who were godless apathy which then pervaded the land, the spark to the Talisman. Had this not been so arranged by disposed to cavil, he encountered none who had the of truth was not wholly extinguished, or the fire of the gracious hand of a merciful Providence, it is not courage to blame, till at length he was allowed, with- grace entirely quenched in that body of men, to whom, likely that all his company of dear ones would have as the accredited ministers of Christ, was entrusted been saved; and hence, there is reason to say with the the duty of building up His Church.

and sincere men, who wished to evince their love to from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and was a character that deserved veneration, for he was their Saviour, by their care of His Church, and to loving kindness. manifest their gratitude for His goodness, by their This feeling of grateful emotion was heightened to bounty to the poor.

cover, except upon very close inspection, that in an of Providence. were not conspicuous for poetry; they were full of amber pane at the bottom were inscribed the words:

sented by an old Parishioner, when George Austin made by an axe at hand, and she was found floating was Rector, and Thomas Wright and Henry Brooks, on a mattress, with her child in her arms. They were Churchwardens."

would observe that it was the gift of one individual. Upon leaving the church, at the close of the service. his attention would be directed to a shelf in the vestibule, upon which were placed thirty-six large loaves one, down the rapid current. of bread; upon inquiry he would learn that an honest and industrious baker, who in his lifetime had pros- than the reflection that these all had met death with pered in business, had by his will bequeathed a sum of so little, if any, time for preparation for a world of the direction of the Rector and Churchwardens, "to they dream of this, when preparing to leave their coun-

proceeds of the rent of which were to be applied in appointment! A whole world is thus deceived. All the distribution of coal at Christmas, to such of the mankind are seeking that which can never be found kind friend, whose solemn and faithful counsel gave an poor and indigent as the Rector and Churchwardens, but in another and a better world. To be prepared for the time being, might regard as fitting objects of for eternity then, is our being's end and aim.-IN charity; and the value of this bequest had increased JUDGMENT GOD REMEMBERS MERCY. so much in amount, that the trustees were enabled to that until they had ceased to hoard they would not make an annual donation of coals to fifty families, sufficient to last for six weeks.

> RELIGIOUS PRACTICE OF THE MARINERS OF THE HEBRIDES. (From the Gospel Messenger.)

> The following simple, but pious exercise, is taken from an Irish Liturgy, compiled in the year 1566, and prevailed with the Sailors on the Western Islands of Scotland, when they commenced their voyages.

Method of blessing the ship when they put out to sea. Steersman. Let us bless our ship!

Crew. God the Father bless her! Steers. Let us bless our ship! Crew. Jesus Christ bless her!

Steers. Let us bless our ship! Crew. The Holy Ghost bless her! Steers. What do you fear since God the Father is

Crew. We do not fear any thing. Steers. What do you fear, since God the Son is

Crew. We do not fear any thing. Steers. What are you afraid of, since God the

Steers. God the Father Almighty, for the love of Our Father, &c.

> HIGHLAND PIETY. (From the Church of England Magazine.)

One striking characteristic of the piety of the highdear Annie's helplessness when he should be removed lander is his love for Christ. His love and reverence from her. What wonder that the old man wept as he for God the Father are indeed deep and fervent; but exclaimed, England has no home, no shelter for the his love and devotedness to God the Son are deeper fatherless! God help the friendless ones, and pity and more fervent still, and are not unfrequently exhithe bereaved. Oh! save and protect my own Annie bited in a desire to die, simply that the soul may enjoy his beatific presence. Of this, the following anecdote is a striking example:

The bells of Allhallows rung out their pealing tones A gentleman of piety and accomplishment was once

sation with her. "Yes," replied the woman; "and yet I often wish

"And why?" inquired the traveller.

This was said with such a placid smile, that the

doing homage to the occasion which celebrated the ad- creased. She was still young, and did not appear unvent of the Eternal Son. And thus the people whom happy; but, nevertheless, he thought that there must advent with songs of praise, but they also celebrated "Surely," said he, "you must have met with some severe affliction thus to wean you from the world."

All sorts and conditions of men entered there; those "No," said she, "I have never known what affliction

"Then why do you wish so much to depart?" in-"Because," said she, "I feel so much love to Him

which he then occupied in the sacred temple, would deemer is also exemplified in the incident we are about

the midst of their discourse the question arese whether Many tablets had been placed by sorrowing friends they would know one another in heaven? To the de-

"I trust it will be so; for I think that, if I did not desired not that their eyes should fall upon the sad see you there, I would feel as if I experienced a want,

"Well," replied the old woman, "I will tell you my ised the monumental designs; others sighed, and much engaged in admiring Him, whose blood saved

> THE STEAMER "TALISMAN." (Extracted from the Calendar.)

The story of the steamer Talisman, which left Cinthe public.—She was run into by the Tempest, a swift If, however, instead of lingering in the vestibule, going boat from St. Louis, as they met in that dange-

Now the mercy which the writer hereby wishes to generally, to turn with aversion from the society of and this result is to be attributed to the spisited and record, as coming from the Fountain any of their order who manifested an undignified or waiting at Cincinnatti for passengers to St. Louis, it Should you enter that church, you will not fail to was by a word or two dropped from the friend men-Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is And amongst the laity there were many true-hearted within me, praise his holy name, who saveth thy life

> a great extent, when the writer passed, as he soon af-The finely proportioned chancel, and the window of ter did, the wreck of the Talisman and received on stained glass by which it was lighted, would command | board several of the passengers, who related the cirthe admiration of the stranger, but he would not dis- cumstances of this sad and to many fatal dispensation

> The screams of a mother were heard, as if from un-"This chancel was enlarged and this window pre- der and near the floor of the upper cabin. A hole was instantly drawn through, and saved from an untimely The mellow swell of the organ would attract his death. Of the remainder, consisting chiefly of eminotice, and, upon turning his face to the gallery, he grants from foreign lands, to a number unknown, (but many,) none were saved, but a few in the yawl. The moon shone brightly on the surface of the mudy stream as they, in a drowned state, were seen floating, one by

To the heart of sensibilsty, what more distressing ney to be invested, and the proceeds applied to the spirits! If, like others, they were in pursuit of worldly urchase of bread, which was to be distributed under happiness only, how soon their career was ended! Did essitous widows or poor women, in their discretion, try for the western world? And when crossing the every Sunday and holyday, after Morning Service." briny sea for a land of temporal hapiness did they think Another person had left a small piece of land, the for a moment of this? Alas! how like human dis-

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