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## God is Here.

By R. W. HOEVELL.

Lo! God is here! From clouds above,  
And from the crags on which they rest,  
From placid evening's robes of love,  
Outspringing in the crimson west;  
And from the river's o'er whose banks  
Mysterious shapes of dew appear,  
From elms which stand in stately rank,  
One sound is swelling—"God is here!"

I hear it in the insect's wing;  
I hear it in the thrush's singing;  
I hear it where the wild birds sing;  
I hear it where the breeze is stealing;  
From pulsed forests, thick with shade,  
And from the cornfields rushing near;  
From every tree, in every glade,  
The voice is utter'd—"God is here!"

When midnight luller the world in sleep,  
And every fragrant flower asleep,  
That voice still speaks in tones of love,  
And every spot seems hallowed ground;  
I've written on the moon's pale face  
Recumbent in her lucid sphere,  
And countless stars 'neath inscription trace  
In every letter—"God is here!"

Here, when the heart with joy runs o'er,  
And fancy her wild pathos takes;  
Here, when the world deigns no more,  
And the bow'd heart with grief is breaking;  
Here, when amidst the circle gay  
Of friends long tried, beloved, sincere,  
Here, in the solitary way,  
God never leaves us—"God is here!"

O Christian! let thy faith arise,  
In every time, in every place;  
The Maker of the earth and skies  
Is strengthening thee to run the race.  
Bid fears depart, subdue thy grief,  
Humbly be sighs, and wiped the tear;  
Thy God is high to give relief,  
And speaks in mercy—"I am here."

## Gethsemane.

Our blessed Saviour having eaten the Paschal Supper with his disciples, and celebrated the Eucharist, on Thursday evening, after sunset, they sang a hymn of praise to God, and accompanied by all the apostles, except Judas, he went out to his usual place of retirement upon the mount of Olivets.

Before they left the room in Jerusalem he had entertained his disciples with a most affectionate discourse, and reaching Olivet, which abounded with vines, the beautiful parable was delivered. "I am the true vine and my father is the husbandman." After this long and serious instruction in their retirement, Jesus, as the great High Priest of our profession, lifted up His eyes to heaven and prayed. The high priest commonly, on the great day of atonement, made an atonement for himself, his household, the priests, and all the congregation of Israel. So Jesus, as our true High Priest, prayed for Himself, that God would glorify him with the glory which he had with the Father before the world was (John xvii. 1-5); then he prayed for his own household, the apostles, and last for the whole congregation of Christians, "all them that shall believe in me through thy word."

## An Infidel Blacksmith.

SCENE I. THE PASTOR'S STUDY.  
"Have you conversed with our infidel and scoffing friend, Mr. R—, on the subject of religion, to-day?" said the venerable pastor to Mr. B—, an aged neighbor.

"I have, and at great length, but was unable to make the least impression upon his mind. You know that he is a man of extensive reading, and is master of all the latest infidel writers. He regards the fortress in which he has entrenched himself as impregnable. You know his ready wit, and when he finds he cannot talk you down, he will laugh you down. I can say no more to him. He made my errand but a butt of ridicule for the whole company."

"Then you consider his case hopeless?"  
"I do, indeed. I believe him to be given over of God to believe a lie; and I expect to see him fill up his cup of iniquity to the very brim without repentance, and die a hardened and self-ruined man."  
"Shall nothing, then, be attempted, to be done for him?" And the pastor rose, and walked the floor of his study, under the influence of deep agitation.

It was now a solemn time in the congregation. The preaching of the pastor, for many Sabbaths, had been full of earnestness and power. The Church was greatly quickened. The spirit of prayer prevailed. Many were endeavoring that they should do to be saved. Many, too, were rejoicing in hope, and the whole community were moved, as with one silent but mighty impulse.

SCENE II. THE CHRISTIAN'S CLOSET.  
There was a fire blazing upon the hearth in that little room. The wind was howling without; the snow was whirled in eddies, and was swept with violence against the casement. It was a cold night in January. In that secret and retired chamber, where none but God could hear, was poured out a voice from a burdened soul. The aged Christian was upon his knees, and his faithful old man's numbered with the dead. But the converted infidel still lived, an earnest, honest, faithful, humble Christian.—Sketches from Life.

## My Own Work.

There is work for all ages, and there is special work for each. It is not work for societies or alliances, but it is work for individual minds and hearts, which are the real basis of any church or community. It is work which cannot be done by any other hands but our own. It is a work which is not done for us, but by us. It is a work which is not done for us, but by us. It is a work which is not done for us, but by us.

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## The Tower of Babel Discovered.

By the Rev. J. W. SARGENT, Esq., Barrington, N.S.

The Boston Traveller, a good authority usually, publishes a letter from its Levantine correspondent, asserting that the veritable Tower of Babel has been discovered. The Traveller declares that the official position of its correspondent gives him reliable means of information. The letter is long, and we choose not to insert it till we see it verified. It sketches the researches of M. Place, the French Consul at Mosul, at Nineveh and neighbouring places. The Traveller's correspondent declares that the official position of its correspondent gives him reliable means of information. The letter is long, and we choose not to insert it till we see it verified.

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The Liberator has returned in a manner proving two things, viz: their assurance that their party is sufficiently important in numbers to allow them boldly to confront the mother church; and also, that, far from being disposed to abandon the advantage ground they have conquered, they are determined not to hold that, but even to secure it.

Among the interesting discoveries of M. Place were certain inscriptions on fillets of gold, silver, and copper, and also upon a metal now unknown, and which has some what the appearance of ivory. It has been submitted to the experiments of an intelligent metallurgist, and its qualities will soon be ascertained.

## The Bible in Bulgaria.

Bulgaria is a large province in the eastern part of Turkey in Europe. In a letter from Constantinople, dated on the 25th of last August, the Rev. Mr. Richter says:— "Great interest has lately been excited in regard to the Bulgarians. The new translation of the Psalms recently published, was almost immediately exhausted. I was very pleased to have a visit from a young man, an intelligent Bulgarian, who had been more than 6,000 miles. They are rapidly advancing in schools and education, and desire greatly to be supplied with the Scriptures, that they may be relieved from the oppression of the Greek priests, who perform all their religious services in a language unintelligible to the common people. He says that instead of an edition of 1,000, an edition of 20,000 of the New Testament and Psalms should at once be published.—The British and Foreign Bible Society have decided to publish immediately 5,000 copies of the Pentateuch, Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes, for their benefit."

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## Discord Among Roman Catholics in Belgium.

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The present state of Belgium is calculated to awaken a feeling of profound interest in the minds of those who have at heart the free exercise of religious liberty, and the development of evangelical truth. Protestantism is laboring to go forward there, where it is successfully established, and struggling to progress there, where the door appears still closed against it; and whilst these persevering efforts are being carried on by the children of the Reform, disputes and contentions are raising between priests and professors, barriers which, in all probability, will not be easily levelled, and which must have for effect to assist and protect the spread of the Gospel.

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## Love to Christ.

Not only the flowers unfold their petals to receive the light; the heart of man also has a power of expansion. It is love which opens it and expands it, so that the rays of the spiritual sun may penetrate and illumine it. The Christian, in the work of self-examination, need the Son of God, attention to his own heart; all is included in the daily question: How is it with my love to Christ? That love to him is of great importance, we must conclude, since he, in truth, requires of us an affection for his own person such as no one else ever claimed. O thou must be more than father and mother, than brother and sister, else how could thou be loved as he is loved? Since I have been loved in thy word, all my desire has been to love thee. I will not cease to love thee, until thou art dearer to me than father, mother, and brother; if they deny thee, if they revile thee; what is so dreadful as to see one's father or mother reviled at our side! but more than when they reproach father, and mother, shall thy reproaches, thy wrongs go to my heart.—Tholuck.

## Works of Fiction.

By ARCHBISHOP WHATELY.

These works of fiction are worse than unprofitable that inculcate morality, with an exclusion of all reference to religious principle. This is obviously and notoriously the character of the novels of the present age. And so entire and resolute is this exclusion, that it is maintained at the expense of what may be called poetical truth; it destroys, in many instances, the probability of the tale, and the naturalness of the characters. That Christianity does exist, every one must believe as an incontrovertible truth; we can say no more than deny that, which we can say no more than deny that, which we can say no more than deny that.

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## English Missions to the Turks.

The Executive Committee of the Council of Harington's Missionary Society intend to establish a mission to the Mohammedans of Turkey and Syria. This movement is entirely distinct from that of the Turkish Mission Aid Society, formed more especially to assist American Missionaries who are carrying on their evangelistic operations with great success among the Greek and Armenian Christians of Turkey.

## Biographical.

CAPTAIN SAMUEL RAYNOLDS.

The demise of our much lamented brother Reynolds, took place suddenly, in his own dwelling, at Upper Port La Tore, in the Barrington Circuit, during the night of Saturday, the second of last August. He had been pretty busily employed during the day, which was unusually warm. But after making the usual preparation for the Sabbath, and conducting family worship, he retired to rest as well, apparently, as usual. But not long after this he was heard by Mrs. Reynolds, making an unusual noise, and in a few moments expired. But we doubt not that, as was remarked at his funeral, by our esteemed local Brother W. Sargent, Esq., "sudden death was to him, sudden glory"—for he had for many years, we believe, "walked in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost." Of the circumstances of his conversion, to God, the writer has not been able to collect any information, except that this important change took place about fifty years ago. Ten years subsequently he became a member of the Methodist Church, to whose doctrines and discipline, he manifested a growing attachment until death. For thirty years of the period of his connection with the Church, he filled the office of Prayer and Class Leader, and Trustee—the duties of which offices he discharged in a manner creditable to himself as a Christian, and profitable to the cause of Christ. And such was his love of the means of grace that he was never absent from the house of God, when it was at all practicable for him to be present. And if at any time he was detained at home by affliction, the language of his heart was that of the psalmist, "My soul lengthens, even faints for the courts of the Lord." And it was truly delightful to witness the devout and prayerful attention he gave to the preaching of God's word. He seemed to regard every word as a remnant of the bread of life from his heavenly Father's table. He also took very great pleasure in the visits of the ministers of the Gospel at his own house. His house was to them, a welcome home for many years. And no man could take greater pleasure in entertaining the messengers of his Divine master than did Capt. Samuel Reynolds.

The irregular attendance of some of the members of our brother's class at their usual meetings was a source of trial to him. But he was not deterred from the performance of his own duty as leader thereby. A short time before his death he was heard to say, "I will abide by the rest come, well—if not, I will be there." Many those who were so long privileged to hear his earnest prayers and pious exhortations have grace to take pattern after his noble example! The last Sabbath our now departed brother spent on earth he attended the Port Latore chapel, and partook of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This was to him a season of refreshing. In the afternoon he returned home in company with the writer, who was going to his next appointment. By the way he conversed about the privileges of the morning and the state of his mind in a pleasing and satisfactory manner. On the following Tuesday he attended a Trustee meeting at Barrington Head. After the business of the meeting was concluded he was requested to engage in prayer; with this request he readily complied. In his prayer he referred to the prospect of meeting some in heaven with whom it was not probable he would meet again on earth, and he seemed entraptured with the contemplation. During the time he was thus conversed and acted like one rapturous in the heavenly garner. Yet little did we think this would be our last interview on earth; that we should be so soon called to commit his mortal remains to "the mother earth"; for although he had attained to threescore and fifteen years, we had hoped that his useful life would be prolonged a little. But his heavenly Father has seen pleased to say to him, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!" We will not regret, but thank God that his useful life was so long spared, and that he knows now the blessedness of "the dead who die in the Lord."—C. LOCKHART.

MRS. WILLIAM GUNNIBALD. MARGARET CUNNINGHAM, exchanged mortality for life at Pooking, in Queen's County, N.S., on the 8th of January, 1857, aged 36 years.

Our departed sister was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Dunn, of the County of Tyrone, in Ireland, and with her husband emigrated to this country in the year 1840. Her father being a member of the Wesleyan Church, and the first ministers making his house their home, she had, in connection with her conversion to Christ in holy baptism by our office and ministry, the advantage of a religious training, and in early life became a disciple of Jesus through the Holy Spirit, and receiving grace, of God—and although, from the time of her departure from her father's house, unblest with a large share of this world's goods, and sometimes destitute of its common comforts, she evidenced the soundness of her conversion by a life of consistent piety and cheerful resignation to the will of heaven.

With that desire for Christian communion characteristic of the believers, she joined the Baptist Church, being the only section of the Church of Christ in the neighborhood where she resided; but four years ago, on the introduction of Methodism into the locality, she united with the Wesleyan people, and embraced which in childhood she had been taught to reverence, and which had been sanctified by the Spirit in bringing her to God.

For several years her health was delicate, and at length it became apparently so completely marked for its victim. But the ravages of disease did not affect her inner man. During the last interview which the writer of this notice had with her, she was greatly sustained by faith in the Redeemer, and animated by an unclouded hope of a glorious immortality. As her disease developed itself and drew near, she called her family around her and commended them to God; and great was the struggle to sever the ties which bound the mother to her children, her nerves were so affected that she could scarcely be comforted by her friends. She died on the 8th of January, 1857, at the age of thirty-six years. Her funeral was held on the 10th of the same month, and she was buried in the Wesleyan burying-ground. Her remains were committed to the earth by the Rev. J. W. Sargent, pastor, in three hours of prayer, and the sum amounting to one hundred dollars, being an average of fifty-four dollars to each member. —Buffalo Chr. Adv.

WHAT may not a congregation do for the cause of benevolence, when all have a mind to work, and when the work is done by system? The number of workmen to his Baptist church in Philadelphia, of which Rev. J. W. Smith is pastor, is three hundred and thirty, and the sum amounting to one hundred dollars, being an average of fifty-four dollars to each member. —Buffalo Chr. Adv.

ping language, as she gave them back to Him from whom she had received them...

"There all the ship's company meet Who sail with us to Borneo's beach...

F. W. MOORE. Mill Village, Feb. 11, 1857.

Correspondence.

New England Correspondence.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

In my last, I referred to some interesting meetings recently held in this country...

Our Church is improving in many respects, though, spiritually, we fear she is not making that advancement she should...

Our literary institutions are generally in a high state of prosperity. These institutions are accomplishing great good...

REV. PARSONS COCKE.

This gentleman, who has made himself so notorious by his writings against the Methodists, has recently turned his attention in another direction...

ROMAN CATHOLICS.

The Roman Catholics are making great efforts to establish themselves strongly in the country...

Boston, Feb. 1.

Provincial Wesleyan.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1857.

Communications desired for this paper must be accompanied by the name of the writer...

"CASSIATOR" received and will be published in our next.

Communications have been received from the Rev. W. Smith and Rev. J. H. Starr...

Special Notice.

The next quarterly meeting of the Book Committee will be held (No. 7.) at the Argyle St. Church in Halifax, on Wednesday, March 5th, at 11 A. M.

CHAS. CHURCHILL, Book Seller.

"Solon, the celebrated legislator of Athens, was told, enacted a law for the capital punishment of every citizen who should continue neater when parties ran high in that republic..."

In the above extract we present the views, and the language, of one of the ablest writers, and most eloquent divines that have adorned our mother country...

chivalric devotion, upon the championship of those principles with which, to his apprehension, the blessings of civil and religious liberty were indissolubly interwoven...

In these sentiments of that eminent minister of the gospel, we entirely concur; and, while we can exhibit an example, and produce for our exultation, the recorded judgment of so peerless a member of our own fraternity...

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It is, or can be, for one moment imagined that in anything we have written we designed to promote the interests of any political party?

We trust that this is the last time we shall have occasion to touch upon this topic. We have no predilection whatever for controversy of any kind. We desire to follow peace with all men, and strive with undeviating consistency to further, as the sublime object of the Church of Christ, the spread of that "holiness" without which no man shall see the Lord...

If a word in conclusion be necessary to save us from misconception, let us add it here. We have had on some occasions before now to utter our sentiments in strong and undesigning phraseology...

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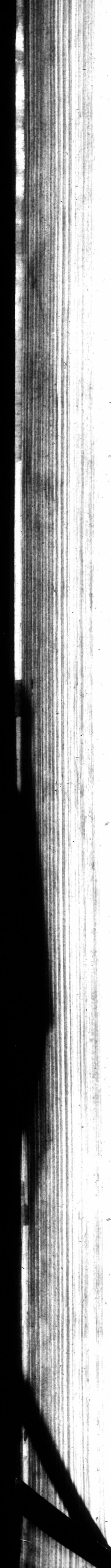
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He had been one to ask for the dir...

Mr. Henry followed with his explanations...

He could never understand that there was a distinction...

Mr. MORRISON spoke against the amendment...

He would not fear to meet the hon. member...

Mr. McFARLANE followed, deprecating the approach...

Mr. McDONALD and Dr. TUPPER who addressed the House...

FRIDAY, Feb. 13th. His ATTORNEY GENERAL took the floor...

He spoke for more than three hours. He asked...

The Attorney General then referred to the readiness...

He then made some remarks of personal application...

He defended the Government from the charge...

He expatiated upon the course it had pursued and the general...

He concluded by asking the House if they were prepared to adopt...

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He concluded by asking the House if they were prepared...

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Mr. Johnston took the floor a few minutes...

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