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"HE CHANGETH NOT."

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THE merry reaper's song is hushed among the banded sheaves.

shed their leaves

The fields are shorn and cheerless now, that waved with golden grain,

And the lovely flowers have left us till the summer come again;

But let us not be weary, though the winter is abroad, When Thou art with us, changeless still-my Father and my God!

This world's ills, a grievous load, may long have planted there;

Tho' the gladsome days of merry youth for us may smile no more,

And its ceaseless round of joys appear like a happy dream that's o'er;

life corrode:

my God!

Adversity, with cruel grasp, may tear our hopes away, And leave the home of happiness to miscry a prey; And summer friends, who never failed to share our happier lot.

Pass by with cold averted eyes, as if they knew us not;

Should'st Thou, too, turn thy face from us-my Father and my God?

Oh! Death, what would thy triumphs be were this world only ours,

loacly hours.

When he lifts his burdened heart, as he upward turns

the skies?

But the Christian, with full trust in Thee, lays down his earthly load;

For thy Word is changeless as thy love-my Father and my Ged!

OMNIPRESENCE OF GOD.

SHOULD fate command me to the farthest verge Of the green earth, to distant barbarous climes, Rivers unknown to song; where first the sun Gilds Indian mountains, or his setting beam Flames on th? Atlantic isles; 'tis nought to me; Since God is ever present, ever felt, In the void waste as in the city full; And where He vital breathes there must be joy. When even at last the solemn hour shall come, And wing my mystic flight to future worlds, I cheerful will obey; there, with new powers, Will rising wonders sing : I cannot go Where Universal Love not smiles around, Sustaining all you orbs, and all their suns; From seeming evil still educing good, And better thence again, and better still, In infinite progression. But I lose Myself in Him, in Light ineffable ! Come, then, expressive Silence, muse His praise.

GENERAL LITERATURE.

A STORM AT NIGHT.

BY E. D. TARR.

The harvest's past, the autumn's gone, the trees have NATURE clothed in her virgin robes, unadorned by the arts and fancies of man, has beauties ever varying, ever new, and, when contrasted with the most lofty conception of the highest order of human intellect or stupendous all, and even gathers lustre from the compari-The universal desire for gain, and the son. haste to get riches, however, shut out from most visions the loveliest and most exalting objects nected with pecuniary interest.

and ingenuity, we would visit the stately palace and the opulent city-if the grandeur and beneficence of God, the retirement of the country, or the broad and expansive ocean. Seen from the "cradle of the deep," how magnificent the Tho' the heart that once was light and gay the ills of first appearance of the god of day, as he rolls together like a scroll morning's misty robe, and If thou art with us, changeless still-my Father and decks with the lustre of burnished gold each cress-crowned wave; and viewed from the lofhis gorgeous couch, and draws about him his blackness, which threw their dusky shade far richly tinted drapery. And how ennobling and elevating the contemplation of nature when the flitting clouds, as if agitated by a distant storm, Pass by with cold averted eyes, as if they knew us not; only what will ease the weary heart beneath so sad a mind is enriched by the thought that God is assuming every possible shape and character, load.

| India | the joyous little brook, as it laughs, in infant and now restraining their impetuous motion, glee, and sports along over its rude and peb- as if manacuvering for a coming conflict. And the mourner's hope to fail him in the sick-bed's the leafy bower or the verdant lawn. note, as in the soft song of the woodland choir, settled upon all things. Imagination, unaided his eyes in the music of the rustling breeze, and in the by vision, roamed unrestrained, and pictured a To the home thou hast provided in the world beyond howling hurricane. Not less perceptible is dread conflict already begun. A distant rumocean's mountain surge and billowy waves.

A farmer's cottage, beautifully situated, and inhabited by warm hearts and Christian a most acceptable and hospitable shelter. Before retiring to rest, I threw up the sash of the mountain's top, and received the echo's anwindow in the room assigned me, and reclining upon the handywork of God, I for awhite was lost in the contemplation of his character and works. The gentle wind, as it stole through the garden shrubbery, bore upon its wings the sweets of the flower and the health-giving odor of the newly turned furrow, fanned my temples, and seemed to give new life to my exhausted system. A death-like stillness pervaded every thing, and the veil that hides the Deity behind his works, seemed almost drawn aside, and made more evident his divine presence. A holy awe, a reverential fear, a child-like confidence, filled and overflowed and scarching flash.—Each peal grew louder my inmost soul. As the night advanced, the and louder still.—Crash followed crash in mellow light of the moon lengthened out the indistinct shadows of the well shaped trees,

might be heard among their branches, the nestling of little birds, taught by Him who clothes the lily of the valley, and marks the sparrow's fall, there to seek shelter and find security alike from the fangs of the reptile and the wantonness of youth. The din of business gave place to the hour of repose, and night's sable mantle was around and over everything; but even this seemed like net-work, for through pile of Grecian grandeur, far outshines them it shone the soft rays of the pale queen of night, who rode forth in calm and blushing majerty, amid her ten thousand attendants; each apparently vicing with the other to emulate the full brightness of their bland and beautiful What though upon our brow be cut the furrows deep of contemplation and enjoyment, when uncon- queen. Man and his works were shut out from view, and nature's God alone was there. Would we see the displays of man's power That God in all his grandeur seemed to have laid aside his sceptre of power, and stepped from his pure white throne, and walked forth among his works. Methought I heard his voice in every rustling leaf, as it waved in the gentle breeze, and threw up its silver tinseled back to receive additional beauty from heaven's bespangled vault.

> This awful grandeur and unruffled serenity characterized for a long time the whole visible ty mount peak or rugged hill, how sublimely heavens. Now, however, the extended horigrand his retiring, as he gently sinks to rest on |zon became skirted with clouds, and gathered up the zenith.—A little higher may be seen bled bed, as in the mighty deep's terrific rear Cloud piled on cloud with increasing black—in the wild flower that blooms seen, as in manufacturing for a coming to might be the follower that blooms unseen, as in out, and the pale rays of the moon were hid the leafer between on the greatlest layer. We by the thick folds of deepening darkness. In may hear his praise as well in the eagle's hoarse [an instant more and the blackness of darkness his awful majesty and power, in the thunder's bling and a livid glare gave fearful forebodings, awful roar, the lightning's vivid flash, or the that the "war of elements" was not far distant. The mighty King of kings seemed suddenly to A farmer's cottage, beautifully situated, have laid aside his milder nature, assumed the and inhabited by warm hearts and Christian sceptre of power, and mounted a chariot of spirits, one balmy evening in July, afforded me fire. Peal after peal of heaven's artillery sent their reverberating sounds along the distant swer from every glen and valley. Now fol-lowed the lightning's vivid flare, and heaven's high arch was one extended blaze, as if illu minated in honour of some mighty victory. Then stillness reigned, and one could almost hear the distant shouts of the intoxicated n:ultitude, as their loud peals rent the air. burst again the lightning's blaze; then came darkness most intense, and now a moment's truce, as if the vanquisher and the vanquished would renerve for a decisive blow. Awful suspense, but not of long duration. The distended vision was made to ache with a sudden quick and deafening succession. The daz-zling blaze, the deathlike roar, and pitchy darkwhich reared their tapering tops in front of the ness, held alternate but a second sway. Heacottage. In the profound stillness of night ven and earth seemed one vast battle-field,

and shook beneath the mighty tread of marching millions, and downed all else in the dead The mind was racked with and angry strife. fearful foreboding—the eye lost the power of distinguishing objects. The hour of final retribution seemed now to be at hand. Hope and fear, anxiety and despair, alternately took possession of the soul, when one tremendous stunning crash, proceded by a blinding blaze hurled its destructive bolt from heaven to earth. A dizzy sensation, a hissing sound, and all was a blank—the light of the eye was dimmedanimation was gone, and the stillness of the grave was there.

When consciousness returned, all was at peace again. The heavens were clothed in their mildest robe-the moon came forth like a bride from her chamber, blushing and beautiful-the stars put forth their twinkling lights, as one by one they stole from beneath a vapoury cloud-the air again was balmy and fragrant—a hush like the deep silence of the Sabbath morn rested upon surrounding nature. Nothing now remained to remind one of the recent storm, save the scattered limbs of an aged oak that lately reared its towering head beside the garden gate. The increased murmur of the little brook, as it danced along in mirthful music in the rear of the cottage, or the raindrop as it fell from the ovarladen leaf, or glistened among the folds of the tender flower. Again Jehovah came nearer, and spoke more gently, yet more distinctly to man.

The present screnity very forcibly brought to mind the scene of the prophet as he stood "upon the mount before the Lord-and behold the Lord passed by, and a great strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord—but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. And behold it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out and stood in the entering of the cave."

Reader, if you cannot hear the Lord in the tempest, the earthquake, or the fire, listen to the gentle breathings of that "still small voice," as in the stillness of thine own soul it whispers, "today if you hear his voice harden not your

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THE TRAVELLER.

From the N. Y. Methodist Quarterly Review. DR. ROBINSON'S INTERESTING VISIT TO SINAL

Dr. Robinson and his companions took the upper road to Sinai in order to visit the mysterious mo-numents of Surabit el-Khadim. These are found numents of Surabit el-Khadim. These are found mostly within the compass of a small enclosure, and consist of about lifteen upright stones like tombstones and several fallen ones, all covered with Egyptian hieroglyphics. There are also the remains of a small temple, and at the eastern end of the enclosure is a subterranean chamber, excanding the solid rock, recombling an Egyptian of the enclosure is a subterranean enamner, excavated in the solid rock, resembling an Egyptian sepulchre. This spot was first visited by Niebuhr in 1761, and since that time many travellers have stopped here on their way to Sinai. The question arises, For what object were these temples and memorial stones reared in the midst of solitude and silence? But this point is wrapped in a darkness which modern sience has not yet been able to unwhich modern sience has not yet been able to un-veil. An ingenious hypothesis has been suggest-ed by Lord Prudhoe, viz. that this was a sacred place of pilgrimage to the ancient Egyptians, just place of pilgrimage to the ancient Egyptians, just as the mountain near Mecca is to the Mohammedans at the present day; and that when Mosca demanded permission for the Israelites to go three days' journey in the desert to sacrifice unto the days' journey in the desert to sacrince unto the Lord, it appears to have excited no surprise among the Egyptians, as though it was something to which they themselves were accustomed

The researches of Dr. Robinson around Sinai are peculiarly interesting. The topography of

identity of Scriptural sites has all been founded upon monkish tradition. It has fixed the spot from whence the law was given, and although some former travellers have dissented from it, yet they have offered nothing satisfactory in its stead. But Dr. Robinson, in approaching Sinai by an un-usual rout, came upon a plain sufficiently large for the assembling of the people to receive the law.—
All the circumstances agree with the Scriptural narrative, and no other place in the region, which is adapted for this purpose, has been discovered. This plain, then, was the spot where the congregation of Israel were gathered together, and the mountain impending over it, the present Horeb, was the scene of the awful phenomena in which the law was given. Former travellers have touched much these points so confiscally that it has been ed upon those points so confusedly that it has been the general opinion of scholars that no open space existed among these mountains.—Hence, our travellers were greatly astonished when they discovered the plain we have just alluded to. Robinson remarks,

"We too were surprised as well as gratified to find here, in these dark granite cliffs, this plain spread out before the mountain : and I know not when I have felt a thrill of stronger emotion than when in first crossing the plain, the dark precipices of Horeb rising in solemn grandeur before us, we became aware of the entire adaptedness of the scene to the purpose for which it was chosen by the great Hebrew legislator. Moses, doubtless, during the forty years in which he kept the flocks of Jethro, had often wandered over these mountains, and was well acquainted with their valleys and deep recesses, like the Arabs of the present day. At any rate, he knew and had visited the spot to which he was to conduct his people—this adutum in the midst of the great circular granite region, with only a single feasible entrance: a secret holy place shut out from the world amid lone and desolate mountains."—Vol. i, p. 176.

Our travellers afterward ascended the mountain hich overbangs this plain. The ascent is labowhich overbangs this plain. rious; but to quote again the language of our author:

"The extreme difficulty and even danger of the ascent was well rewarded by the prospect that now opened before us. The whole plain er-Ra-hah lay spread out beneath our feet with the ad-jacent Wadys and mountains. Our conviction as strengthened that here, or on some one of the adjacent cliffs, was the spot where the Lord "descended in fire" and proclaimed the law. Here lay the plain where the whole congregation might assembled; here was the mountain brow, where alone the lightnings and thick clouds would be visible, and the thunders and the voice of the trumpet be heard, when the Lord "came down in trumpet be healt, when the hold "came down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai." We gave ourselves up to the impressions of the awful scene; and read with a feeling that will ne-ver be forgotten the sublime account of the transaction, and the commandments, there promulgated in the original words as recorded by the great Hebrew legislator."—Ibid., pp. 157, 158. They also ascended Jebel Musa, which for more

than fifteen centuries has been considered as the spot whence the law was given to the assembled people; but with how little truth we have already seen. Dr. Robinson thus describes his feelings on reaching the summit :-

"My first and predominant feelings was that of disappointment. Although from our examina-tion of the plain er-Rahah, and its correspondence to the Scriptural narrative, we had arrived at the general conviction that the people of Israel must have been collected on it to receive the law, yet we had cherished a lingering hope or feeling that there might be after all some foundation for the ong series of monkish tradition which, at least for 15 centuries, has pointed out the summit on which we stood as the spot where the ten commandments were so awfully proclaimed. But Scriptural nar-rative and monkish tradition are very different things; and while the former has a distinctness and definiteness which through all our journeyings rendered the Bible our best guide-book, we found the latter not less usually and almost regularly to be but a baseless fabric. In the present instance there is not the slightest reason to suppose that Moses had any thing to do with the summit which now hears his name. It is three miles distant the Egyptians, as though it was something to now hears his name. It is three miles distant chough of necessary courage and numanity, to meet the Israelites must have it. Sad was the scene! how hopeless the prosecution are peculiarly interesting. The topography of peaks of modern Horeb. No part of the plain is this region has been but little known, and the visible from the summit, nor are the bottoms of ture? Then let us contemplate a still sadder re-

the adjacent valleys; nor is any spot to be seen around it where the people could have been assembled."—Ib., p. 154.

FAREWELL TO JERUSALEM.

Ir my feelings were strangely excited on first entering the holy city, they were hardly less so on leaving for the last time. As we had formerly approached repeating continually the salutation of the Psalmist—"Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces!" so now we could not but add—" For our brethren and companions' sake we will now say, peace be within thee!" Her palaces, indeed, are long since levelled to the ground, and the haughty Moslem now for ages treads her glory in the dust. Yet, as we waited and looked again from this high ground upor the city and surrounding objects, I could not but exclaim,—" Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth is Mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King." One long last look, and then, turning away, I bade those hills farewell forever.—Dr. Robinson, vol. III., p. 75. not but add-" For our brethren and companions'

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

GOD THE SON.

WHERE shall I begin to wonder at thee, O thou divine and eternal Peacemaker, the Saviour of men, the Anointed of God, Mediator between God and man; in whom there is nothing which doth not exceed not only the conception but the very wonder of angels, who saw thee in thy humiliation with silence, and adore thee in thy glory with perpetual praises and rejoicings. Thou wast for perpetual praises and rejoicings. Thou wast for ever of thyself as God; of the Father as Son, the eternal Son of an eternal Father; not later in be-ing, not less in dignity, not other in substance; begotten without diminution of Him that begot thee, while he communicated that wholly to thee which he retained wholly in himself, because both were infinite; without inequality of nature, with-out division of essence: when being in this estate, thine infinite love and mercy caused thee, O Sa-viour, to empty thyself of thy glory, that thou mightest put on our shame and misery.—Wherefore not ceasing to be God as thou wert, thou beganst to be what thou wert not, man; to the end that thou mightest be a perfect Mediator between God and man, which wert both in one person—God, that thou mightest satisfy; man, that thou mightest suffer;—that since man had sinned, and God was offended, thou which wert God and man might satisfy God for man. None but thyself which art the cternal Word, can express the depth of this mystery, that God should be clothed with flesh, come down to men, and become man, that man might be exalted to the highest heavens, and that our nature might be taken into felowship of the Deity; that he to whom all powers in heaven bowed, and thought it their honour to be serviceable, should come down to be a servant to his slaves, a ransom for his enemies; together with our nature taking up our very infirmities, our shame, our torments, and bearing our sins without sin; that thou, whom the heavens were too strait to contain, shouldst lay thyself in an obscure cot; thou, which wert attended of angale, shouldst be devided of mon reinstalled of angale, shouldst be devided of mon reinstalled. ded of angels, shouldst be derided of men, rejected of thy own, presecuted by tyrants, tempted with devils, betrayed of thy servant, crucified among thieves, and, which was worse than all these in thine own apprehension, for a time forsaken of thy Father; that thou, whom our sins had pierce, shouldst for our sins both sweat drops of bleed in the garden, and pour outstreams of blood upon the cross.—Bishop Hall.

THE WRECK.

A NOBLE vessel lay stranded on the beach, the sea sweeping over her decks, and her helpless crew and passengers clinging to the rigging, and directing their imploring eyes to the shore for help. The storm raged, and ever and anon, a strong wave beating upon the shattered wreck, loosed the grasp of some unfortunate mortal, whose strength at length helf failed and such whose of some unfortunate mortal, whose strength at length had failed, and sunk him beneath the waters to rise no more. A crowd appeared on the shore, and while many gazed with idle curiosity on the harrowing scene, a few scemed busy in preparation to afford relief to the suffering. They had, however, but a single small boat, and not appear of presserve courses and hymonic, to make

presentation. The world is a wreck. Millions presentation. The world is a wreck. Millions are clinging to a frail support, and are momentarily sinking into the abyss of woc. They implore help from those who have been saved from the ruin. But alas! how few of those who profess to have been rescued by divine grace, are actively have been rescued by divine grace, are actively engaged in efforts to save the perishing. The missionary enterprise is as yet but like a small life-boat, poorly manned, able only to pick up one here and there of the drowning thousands, as they struggle in the agitated ocean. When will the listlessness of Christians be overcome?—When will they be induced to make adequate exertions to save the millions who are perishing without hope?

THE SINNER'S FRIEND.

Now, O Sinner! I put this question-it will be thought a strange one—Have you a friend in the world? I put it in seriousness, and with a desire that you should answerit to yourself with truth. Have you one in the world that loves and cares for you? Do you think you have a friend, I say? I do not believe you do. Look through your god-less associates, and does one love you? I am sure you think not one. You are friendless; many acquaintances, but not one friend!—neither father nor mother nor sister nor brother, nor relative nor acquaintance, is a friend to you. You may be a great man; you may be a rich man; thousands may admire—thousands applaud; does one solitary individual love you? You believe not. I am sure this is a common case. Now, why is it that you believe that no one loves you? I shall tell you the reason—because you know you don't You know your own heart; and you deserve it. are convinced that you are so vile, so unlovely, so unloving, that you naturally conclude that you are without a friend. Have you never felt this press heavy on you?

Well, would you desire to have a friend? Yes. Then arise and return to your father !- Though you have spent all, wasted your substance in riotous living, and are utterly worthless, I promise you acceptance—happiness—peace. As God's or-dained minister, I bear a message of mercy from God. As Christ's ambassador, and on God's behalf, I am authorised to offer you, through Christ free pardon, if you return unto God .- Rev. T. D.

Gregg.

"TREES WHOSE FRUIT WITHERETH."

"I find worldly and gay professors of religion to be, generally, more dangerous society than those who make no pretensions to religion: for when we are in the company of the latter, we are on our guard lest we dishonour our profession, and observe the least deviation from rectitude. But when we are in the company of professors, we are apt to take their example for our standard instead of the worl of God. And when of standard, instead of the word of God. And when off our guard, we suppose they are not watching for our balting, and are insensibly left to lukewarmness. L."

THE above was sent us by a valued correspondent, requesting our opinion in reference to it; which we have no objection to give if it may prove useful.

In the first place, we think it necessary to entertain a practical sense of the fact, that there is one witness of our conduct wherever we are, and that no circumstances will excuse or extenuate the turpitude of a voluntary or thoughtless deviation from duty.

Secondly, that those who measure themselves by themselves, and by others, are not wise, as no rule of judgment differing from the law and word of God, will receive any attention, except to be condemned, in the day when an impartial and exact decision shall be made respecting all characters and conduct. As for the readiness with which non-professors volunteer their valuations of religious character, it may be said, "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth." "Thou that teachest another, teachest thou not thyself?" Their impenitence is no excuse for them, and if they know what a Christian ought to be, they have no excuse, and are to blame for not being altogether such.

It can neither be concealed nor denied, that worldly and gay professors of telicion are a greater mischief to the church, individually as well as collectively, than if they were out of it. They should be lights in the world, adorning their pro-

and inexplicable to the impenitent, whose minds are clouded already. They wound Christ, while professing to be his friends, and bring reproach on his name. The ungodly and loose walk of men in the church, is a more terrible and baneful scourge, than the malice and enmity of open foes. Enemies are avoided and watched, while friends in profession only, send forth a pestilential in-fluence, more destructive, because unlooked for. The Head of the Church has pretty fully indicated a preventive of the evils complained of: "See that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Take heed brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God; but exhort one another DAILY. while it is called TO-DAY—lest any be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

SEVERAL EVIDENCES OF LOVE TO CHRIST. By seven tokens a man may suppose that he hath the love of Christ.

The first is, when all coveting of earthly things and fleshly lusts is slockened in him; for where coveting is, there is not the love of Christ.

The second is, burning desire of heaven; for when he hath felt aught of that Saviour, the more he feeleth the more he coveteth, and he that hath

felt nought desireth nought.

The third token is, if his tongue be changed that which was wont to speak of earth now speak-

eth of heaven.

The fourth is, exercising or practising what is for spiritual good; as when a man, leaving all other things, hath good will and devotion to prayer, and findeth sweetness therein.

The lifth is, when things which are hard in themselves, through love, seem light to be done. The sixth is, hardiness of soul to suffer all an-

guishes and troubles that befal.

The seventh is, joyfulness of soul when he is in tribulation, and that he loves God and thanks him, in all diseases that he suffers. It is the greatest token that he hath the love of God, when no work, tribulation, or presecution, can bring him down from this love.

THE CHRISTIAN MIRROR.

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THERE never was a period in the history of the Christian Church, when the zeal, activity, and liberality of Christians were more needed than at the present day-not only in furtherance of the great and important efforts which are now in progress for the evangelization of the heathen nations, for the restoration of the Jews to their forfeited inheritance, and for spreading the knowledge of the Saviour to earth's remotest bounds-but also in checking the tide of iniquity which everywhere abounds, on the right hand and on the left.

We earnestly recommend to the serious attention of our readers the following admirable remarks, respecting which we cannot do bet-

ter than adopt the language of an esteemed contemporary, (the Halifax Guardian) who says: "We have often seen the duty of Christian liberality explained and enforced with great plalinness, and carnestness, and eloquence, and we have heard the evils of covetousness openly and loudly exposed and condemned-the claims of the different religious and benevolent Societies which distinguish and adorn the age in which we live, are annually brought before the public, and often very strong and forcible appeals made to the friendly and patriotic feelings of the wealthier members of the community, for their continued and enlarged assistance and support. But we have seldom met with a more faithful and striking delineation of the duties which the rich owe to the poor, more especially as regards their spiritual necessities, than that which is contained in a letter lately addressed by the Bishop of Lincoln to the Committee of the

"The Author of our Being," says the zealous and public spirited Bishop of Lincoln," has been pleased to place the rich and poor in a state of mutual dependence on each other; and though in countries like our own, which have made great advances in wealth and civilisation, this dependonce may be less apparent than where society is in a ruder state, on account of the extent to which the division of labour is carried, yet it is not the less true that the rich derive all their means of temporal enjoyment, all their conveniences and luxuries, from the labour, and are consequently bound to minister to the wants, both temporal and spiritual, of the poor. This is an obligation inseperable from the possession of wealth, not the less real, not involving a less serious responsibility, because human laws do not prescribe by positive enactments the manner in which it is to be discharged, nor annex penalties to the neglect

of discharging it.

"How, then, let us ask ourselves, have we dis-charged this obligation—how have we acquitted ourselves of this responsibility, with reference to the spiritual wants of our poorer brethren? we have seen the population increasing on all sides, have we made any corresponding exertion to provide for its religious instruction, for its accommodation in the house of God? Can we look around without humiliation and self-reproach. on the churches of our ancestors, scattered over the face of this land, without painfully feeling how condemnatory of the age in which we have lived the comparison between their zeal for the honour of God, and our lukewarmness, our apathy in his cause? I mean not to include all in this censure. I know that there are splendid exceptions—instances of Christian liberelity not un-worthy of the best ages of the Church; but these splendid exceptions are as oases in the desert, serving only to render the surrounding barrenness more striking by contrast; they are not sufficient to redeem the age from the charge of apathy—of insensibility to the religious wants of the growing population. Of that insensibility we are now reaping the bitter fruits. We complain of the spirit of insubordination, of the intemperance, the licentiousness, the irreligion, prevailing on all sides, and especially inithe manufacturing districts, and we are not slow in calling on the Legislature to interfere, and remedy the cvil. We forget to inquire whether we are not ourselves the parties whom the law ought first to visit with its penalties -whether this melancholy state of things has not been produced by our own neglect of duty? If the voice of biasphemy, and impiety is heard in our streets—if the laws of God and man are held in contempt—is it not because we have taken little pains to send forth ministers to instruct our poorer brethren in their religious duties, to set before them the promises and threatenings of the Gospel, to infuse into their bosoms those principles which can alone render them proof against temptation—the fear and the love of God? If the Lord's day is openly and grossly profuned, is it not because we have taken little pains to enable them to pass it in a manner befitting its sacred character, by affording them the means of access to the house of God? If purishment is to fall, it should fall on us, who have neglected our duty— not upon the unhappy victims of our neglect."

THE present age, we rejoice to notice, is characterised by an increased union and liberality of feeling and sentiment throughout the various sections into which the Church of Christ is divided-all blending their influence and exertions together for the promotion of one common object—the glory of God and the salvation of man. This may be regarded as one of the most remarkable "signs of the times," and it warrants the indulgence of a hope, that "the latter day glory" is about to dawn upon our world, ushering in that glorious blaze of gospel light, when "the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea." If the sentiment, "Union is fession by a consistent and holy life. But the shop of Lincoln to the Committee of the ver the sea." If the sentiment, "Union is light in them is darkness, and the darkness is great; for their conduct renders the gospel more obscure. Nottinghamshire, when requested by them to be peculiarly so when applied to Christian ef-

The time has arrived when the soldiers of Christ, of every name, casting aside every impediment, should gird themselves for battle against the common enemy.

A delightful evidence of the fact above allu led to was exhibited in this city on the evening of the 28th ult., on a Wesleyan platform, at the Anniversary of the Montreal branch of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society. Ministers of almost every Church in the city lent their aid on the occasion, and countenanced by their presence and sentiments the exertions of this truly important and influential branch of the Church of the Redeemer.

About seven o'clock, the chair was taken by Jas. Ferrier, Esq., who addressed the meeting in a few very appropriate remarks, as to the importance of missionary enterprise, and the duty of every Christian devoting a portion of the property God has given him to this holy

object.
The Rev. J. Borland, one of the Secretaries, then read the Roport-which was, as all Reports should be, to the point. It briefly glanced at the state of the Wesleyan missions in Ireland, Sweden, Germany, France and cuous, and interesting manner, addressed the Switzerland, Spain, Malta, Ceylon, Continental India, Australia, New Zealand, Friendly and Fejec Islands, Southern and Western they had withdrawn Missionaries from foreign Africa, West Indies, Nova Scotia and the stations-showed the evil of so doing by other British Provinces in North Americacomprising in all 245 stations, and employing 357 Preachers, beside about 3,400 Scripture readers and other labourers; and \$4,000 members. It was stated that the Parent Society is in debt to the enormous amount of £40,000.

Rev. W. Taylor, in moving the first resolution, showed the happy change that had taken place in the feelings of different churches towards each other, and the necessity of union and co-operation among the people of God of every name, in order to evangelise the world, and successfully to oppose the Church of Rome. He challenged that Church, with all her boasted unity, to present such a spectacle of union among her different orders, as that presented on the platform on this occasion.

In seconding this resolution, W. Lunn, Esq. read some very interesting extracts from late Missionary Notices, relative to the state of missions in Sierra Leone, and along the Gold Coast in Western Africa. One pleasing fact is, that condomned slave-ships, in many cases, furnish materials to construct houses for the worship of God.

The accord resolution was moved by Rev. H. Esson. This gentleman's remarks were replete with Christian kindness and charity. In his usual eloquent manner, he paid a handsome compliment to Mr. Wesley and the Wesleyan Church-showed the friendly relation in which it stood with respect to the Churches of Scotland and England-and, by a happy of Scotland and England—and, by a happy Gazette for the following account of a suttee allusion to its principles and discipline, proved having been performed at Jaulnah on the 1st instead for very general and extensive stant. The scene of the occurrence was within usefulness in the world.

Rev. R. L. Lusher briefly seconded the re-

The third resolution was proposed by Rev. C. Strong—who remarked that we are generally more ready to supply the wants of the body than those of the soul; whereas the importance of man's spiritual necessities, as compared with his temporal, are immeasurably great. He proved that money for secular objects is raised with far greater facility than it jects is raised with far greater facility than it is for religious purposes, and stated the astounding fact, that more money has been paid the dreadful spectacle, which was conducted much for the gratification of a single appetite (for strong drink) in one day in the United States,

insubordination, being by the preaching of the Gospel, raised to sobriety, honesty, and good conduct. He also referred to the introduction of the Gospel into New Zealand, and contrasted the ferocious character of the islanders as it then was, with the mild, gentle, and civilised character which they now exhibit. The Rev. gentleman, in conclusion, requested the prayers of all Christians, that the same happy results may follow the Gospel wherever it be preached.

Rev. H. O. Crofts, in proposing the fourth resolution, urged upon individual Christians the duty of making the debt of the Society their own; and, by a reference to several texts of Scripture, proved it to be the duty of every Christian to contribute towards this good cause, according to the ability God hath given.

This resolution was seconded by Rev. J. J. Caruthers—who, in his own peculiar, perspireference to similar conduct on the part of the American Board of Foreign Missions. By an interesting anecdote, which want of space prevents our relating here, he illustrated the truth, that "by doing good to others, we confer a benefit on ourselves." The Rev. gentleman called the attention of the meeting to the fact, that our opportunities of doing good to our fellow-men will soon cease, and concluded with await the faithful in a future state.

The last resolution was moved by the Rev H. Monigomery-whose remarks we could not distinctly hear.

At the close of the meeting, a vote of thanks to the Ministers of other churches, who had so ably assisted at the meeting, was unanimously passed by the congregation standing up-when one of the most delightful meetings which it has ever been our happiness to attend was concluded, by singing:

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow," &c.

WE noticed in our last number, that a suttee was recently performed at Jaulnah: the following particulars, which we copy from The Church, will be found interesting. We sin-cerely hope that this most inhuman and dis-We singraceful practice may speedily disappear be-fore the beams of the Sun of Righteousness:—

We are indebted to the Madras United Service which the British authorities were unable to in-terfere. As, however, the Nizam is to all intents and purposes a vassal of the Queen of Great Briand purposes a vassar of the Queen of Great Dir-tain, we trust that the Supreme government will lose no time in expressing to that Prince their de-cided disapproval of such inhuman proceedings being permitted to take place. "A rich Brahbeing permitted to take place. "A rich Brah-min died (I believe) on the 30th ult., and on the min ded (1 beneve) on the both art, and on the following morning it was bruited that a suttee would take place in the course of the day, the widow of the deceased having, by the advice of the Brahmins, determined on sacrificing herself before. About 3000 persons were congregated on the occasion. The widow walked round amongst

for converting the heathen," adverted to a fact that had come under his own observation in the island of Grenada, West Indies—where the whole of the slaves on a large plantation, who before were lawless, violent, reckless, and who before were lawless, violent, reckless, and the repeated that it was her determination to be a suttee, and that she had no fear of the agony attendant, thereon. The woman was then warned against attempting to escape from the pile after the fire should be lighted, as she would be instantly thrown back into the flames by the attendant winds. The wretches were however saved. priests. The wretches were, however, saved all pricests. The wretches were, however, saved all trouble on this particular, as the poor creature, under the extremity of torture, made no effort even to rise, and only screamed out 'My God, My God!' until past utterance. Such was the scene enacted at Jaulnah on the 1st instant—a considerance of the transfer of the scene of the s scene disgraceful to the government that can even give its tacit countenance to such deeds of atrocity!"

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIRROR.] PICTURE OF A LIFE.

In a dream, as it were, this picture of a life came before me-a pleasing remembrance on the tablet o thought :--

'T was the twilight of a bright summer's evening, and the glorious sun had shed his last golden beams o'er the fair landscape. All was still and beautiful, and the very air breathed devotion to its Maker-this was nature's voice, this her silent adoration. But hark! from the neighbouring cottage the responsive swell of human praise. Yes-'t was the hour of evening worship in that peaceful abode, and the little circle were assembled, at the close of another day, to celebrate their Maker's praise, and seek his fostering care ;-the last tuncful note had died away-the saered volume was reverently closed after the reading of the Scriptures, the solemn Amen of the concluding prayer pronounced, and all the household had retired. As the door closed, the little Albert Mortimer rose some sublime ideas relative to the rewards that from his low stool, and falling on his knees beside his mother, with upraised hands, repeated his infant prayer, -simple and few were the words, but, in the guileless beam of that eye, how beautifully were they expressed. He rose, and fondly caressed his loved parents, expressed some little desire or other as to his next walk to the village, and cre another hour, was wrapt in peaceful slumber.

Years flitted away in my dream, and the scene changed. In the spacious hall of ---- College, the great and learned were assembled, and young hearts beat high, while the balance of hope and fear wavered in their breasts. Many were the prizes of merit adjudged, but on one alone were bestowed the distinguished honours of that day. The assembly closed, and the students dispersed; but some of the worst passions of human nature had been roused, and, in a retired part of the extensive grounds, an angry altercation arose. Both parties had rashly armed themselves, seeking (as it were) a fatal rencontre-and the uncrring blade of the angry assailant had well nigh buried itself in the breast of his opponent-when it was dashed aside, and the arm rendered powerless by the sinewy grasp of a third party :-- "Thornton, what madness is this? I conjure you to desist-nay, I command you- Thou shall do no murder ! " The rapier fell from the hand of the rash assailant, and gazing at the bold intruder, he saw the one who, but a short time before, had plunged into the foaming stream, and snatched him from a watery grave-the one whose gentleness, abilities, and virtuous life won him the love and the respect of all around him-the one who had that day borne off the highest prize-the highly-gifted boy who had thus the power to quell the angry passions of youth, and the will to mould them to a better frame-was the loved child, the Infant Albert of times long past. Again the lapse of years-and the opposing enemics

of two powerful nations lay encamped before me. As the morning broke, the flickering watch-fires one by than is subscribed for the Bible Society in that country during a whole year.

In seconding this resolution, the Rev. W. Squire, in order to illustrate the proposition, that the Gospel is the only efficient remedy the wilder occasion. In evision wasted round amongst the mistributing her valuables as she passed, and salaraning to the assembled persons. She then distributing her valuables as she passed, and salaraning to the assembled persons. She then disclosed at once the enemy's strength and position—and now came the mustering to arms, the drum's deep roll, the bugle's shrill summons, the hurried call, all the din and preparation of battle. There the lively one disappeared, and chequered lines of tents extendsally of the young soldier, with his flushed cheek of mingled anticipation, the cool bearing of the veteran warrior. The husband, the father was there-the heart's dearest associations rose in many a breast, and a thousand fond recollections were crowded into an hour so fraught with coming events. The struggle was long, and desperate-nor, amid the fire of musquetry, the rush and clang of cavalry, the thunder of artillery, and the clouds of smoke which almost enveloped the whole scene, could aught be gathered of the fortunes of the day; rank after rank appeared to be swept away, while the wounded, ghastly, and bleeding were borne in numbers to the rear. But there is a pause-a momentary wavering-the enemy are driven from the heights-and in one dense mass, one mighty torrent, their conquerors are bearing down upon them. The pursuit was not followed up; but ere the broken columns of the retreating foe had disappeared in the distance, the leader of the last gallant attack of the victorious army was summoned to the presence of an assembled throng of the most distinguished warriors of that glorious day-and there received the public thanks of his reteran commander.

T was sunset-and the sombre tints of evening were closing around the field of battle, as a tall figure, in the steel cuirass and plumed helmet of a cavalry officer, rapidly crossed the fields, and entered a small hovel on the road side. His bearing was martial, his form graceful, and the expression of his countenance, as the light fell upon it on entering, inexpressibly fine. Making a hasty enquiry at the threshold, he passed through a group of slightly-wounded men who lay strewed around, and opening the door to a small and dimly-lighted apartment, advanced towards a low bed, on which lay extended a figure, pale and exhausted from loss of blood, as the uniform he wore, and such parts of it as had been laid aside, too clearly indicated. The wounded man attempted to rise on discerning the appearance of his visitor, while his features brightened into a faint smile, and he returned with earnestness the friendly grasp that was given him. There was a pause of some moments, as bending o'er the wounded soldier, with averted gaze, his friend sought to hide the burst of sorrow this melancholy sight called forth; at length he turned to the sufferer, and with all the kindness of his gentle nature, enquired of him how he felt. "Oh! very, very weak -nay, my wound has been examined, and I have but a few hours to live. Oh! it is now I can appreciate the many kind reproofs you have given me-the many lessons of holiness you have endeavoured to teach me. Alas! how little have I improved themceased, exhausted-but revived again on the administration of some little cordial, and was able to listen to the words of consolation, as from a small pocket bible his Christian instructor read to him the promises of the Gospel, and the blessed assurances of forgiveness to all who repent, even at the eleventh hour. A dim and flickering light continued to burn in the little apartment; and the wounded sufferer was that night tended, and his last moments soothed by his faithful friend. That friend was the General Officer who had so distinguised himself, and the decorating star of his rank glittered in the breast of Albert Mortimer. Again, in my dream, the flight of years. Ages had

passed, and the romantic and beautiful little village of - appeared in its holiday garb. There were triumphal arches of evergreens entwined with flowers, and gay festoons gracefully waved from tree to tree along the shaded avenue of the village church, where was assembled at the altar a brilliant group of happy faces. The young and handsome bridegroom had just placed the ring on the hand of his fair bride, and was repeating after the officiating elergyman the solemn yows of fidelity and attachment which form a part of this impressive ceremony. His form, and the beautifut expression of his face, appeared familiar to me. -I looked again: the young couple were receiving the blessings of an aged father and mother-and, in the venerable figure and noble brow of that father, I saw the gallant hero of former days-the faithful attendant in the chamber of death at the little cottage-he whom, in my dream, I had thus traced from the cradle,

Once more, there was the little church, but how different its attire-not now the gay animating scene I had before witnessed. It was unusually throngedand on all were to be seen the emblems of sorrow. The services of the morning were followed by a sermon from the text, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant : thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

And as the worthy paster enlarged on this beautiful text, and painted with admirable and feeling eloquence the bright career of their departed and aged friend, every eye acknowledged, in deep and genuine sympathy, the heart-felt sorrow of that bereavement. The aged Christian had been gathered to his fathers-he had seen his offspring flourish around him like the grass of the earth, and had indeed come to his grave "in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season."

My dream is well nigh told. Yet, once more that little church rose before me, and on a plain marble slab. I read the names of GENERAL ALBERT MOR-TIMEE, and ELEANOR HIS WIFE-and below, the words, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

March, 1842. J. D. M'D.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIRROR.] RELIGION TRUE BENEVOLENCE.

"Thus to relieve the wretched was his pride And e'en his failings leaned to virtue's side; But in his duty, prompt at every call, He watch'd, and wept, he prayed, and felt for all."

RELICION-true religion-what is it? A profession -a pretension—a routine of ceremony—a grave countenance? No. It is "visiting the fatherless and widows in their affliction," and keeping unspotted from the world. Is this what religion's author requires? Is this the conduct that will be approved in the day of final reckoning? Go to, ye professors-ye who assume the Christian name, and learn to add to your faith charity-active benevolence. Hast thou that mind that was also in Christ Jesus ? Learn to do, according to thy ability, as He did who went about doing good. Go on, ye faithful followers of the Redeemer-and remember, that to him who patiently continues in well-doing, there is reserved glory, honour, immortality, eternal life. Know, that thou hast the promise of this life, as well as that which is to come, and that a cup of cold water shall not lose its roward.

Thou who art united to the visible Church, cease to make any pretensions to picty until thou art engaged in some benevolent enterprise, doing good either to the bodies or souls of thy fellow-men. Verily thou hast no excuse. There is work for every labourer, whether he have ten talents or one. Supineness is the sin of the Church-up, therefore, and what thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might: remembering that "Wo" is denounced against them that are it ease in Zion.

March, 1842.

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[FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIRROR.] THOUGHTS ON PHRENOLOGY. NO. VI.

In my last, while I endeavoured to show the difliculty of determining character by an examination of the head, I also pointed out some of the benefits of the science. A few more remarks on this part of the subject, and these \" thoughts" shall close.

Phrenology is unquestionably the most rational and consistent system of mental philosophy yet taught, and in this light alone recommends itself to all who love to study the phenomena of mind; the knowledge of our spiritual nature, its powers and manifestations, its mode of acting, with the reasons of its imbecility and disorders, are surely of no small importance. To the legislator, the physician, the lawyer, and the teacher, such knowledge is indispensable.

"Mental Philosophy," says an eminent writer, leads us to study the elements of morals, to view the principles and tendencies from which the complex phenomena of the moral world proeeed, and to teach us to regard with benevolence and candour a nature whose endowments, and whose weaknesses are our own, and on which the Deity has so wisely impressed his image; whilst it gives us the knowledge of ourselves and of mankind, it gives us that which is of still higher value—an affection and reverence for that common nature which we inherit, and by fixing our thoughts on the powers and susceptibilities of man, we are reminded of the immortality to which by his Creator he has been evidently designed."

Its study is attended with real and legitimate casure. "It is an advantage peculiar to this pleasure. "It is an advantage peculiar to this science," adds the author above quoted, "that it renders every other tributary to it,-that it may be studied wherever there is a development of the intellectual or moral faculties, that the productions of the poet, the orater, and the mathematician, indirectly contribute to its progress, and may be employed in analysing some of the most intricate and complex operations of the human

mind."

On the principles of Phrenology, the causes of dreaming are satisfactorily explained.

Lastly, it accounts for monomania and insanity, and consequently must be of immense advantage to those who have charge of lunatic asylums in the management of their patients.

These are a few of the reasons why Phrenology is worth being understood. As inentioned in my first communication, the science is still young. As in all other sciences, so in this, much yet remains to be known; but it is sufficiently established, and presents sufficient claims to attract the respect and attention of some of the leading minds both in Europe and America.— Let its opponents remember that sneers and ridicule are not arguments, and cannot prevail against it.

I had intended to compare Phrenology with other systems of mental philosophy; I had also intended to devote one communication to a description, on phrenological principles, of religious characters,—but my original object is attained by characters,what has been written; and with many thanks for your kindness in giving insertion to these "unconnected thoughts,"

I remain,

Your obedient servant, March, 1842. ENCEPHALO.

OBITUARY.

Dren, at Potsdam, N. Y., on the 14th ult., ANN Augusta Church, third daughter of Mr. Elam Church, Mescouche, aged 22 years,-highly esteemed for her amiable and affectionate disposition. The chief consolation of her bereaved relatives is, that she died rejoicing in the love of her Saviour-testifying that the religion of Christ robs death of its sting.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

-The spirit of the THE GOVERNOR GENERAL. press, as far as relates to His Excellency the Governor General, and the prespective character of his administration, has exhibited in general a proiseworthy candour and fairness. It is true there is very little known with certainty of the measures to be proposed, or even of the principles upon which his administration will be conducted, and such being the case there is very little ground, it may be said, for actual disapproval or opposition. What we have learned must have been gathered from his Excellency's answers to the numerous addresses of congratulation, and from the few appointments already made by him. The style of these answers has been at once conciliating and guarded, giving assurances of a desire to meet the wishes of the different portions of the country as far as may seem to him consistent with the gen-eral interest and his responsibility to her Majesty's ministers. In the remarks of the press upon these, as woll on the principles of future action to be gathered from them, there has been much of candour, and an almost entire absense of a carping and fault-finding spirit.-We have observed this pleasure, and it is equally honourable to the press as it must be satisfactory to his Excellency. All parties seem to be willing to await the dovemation, speaks better for the good sense and pa-trictism of both parties than assertions or empty Loastings of them by either. - Transcript.

THE CALEDONIA STEAMER.—There is as yet no news of the Caledonia steamer, and some considerable maxiety prevails in New York about her safely, but as with three is hardly just ground to fear any serious ac-cilent. Every vessel arriving has reported having met with st vere gales, and it should be remembered that the st mair Great Western, justly famed for her quick and regular trips, was once twenty four days on her passign from Bristol to New York.

Relics of the President.—Captain Jepsen, of the schooner Mokina, arrived yesterday from the Azo-res reports that while at Bonavista, one of those islands, he was told by an English gentleman from St. Nichohe was told by an English gentleman from St. Nicholass, another of the group, that some water-casks and a storn-boat, had been picked mp and taken to St. Nicholas, having on them the name of the steampacket President. Captain depoor's informant had seen these interesting relies. Within a few days also a brig from Smyrna has arrived here, and reports having passed on the 21st o fluty, while on her voyage out, a large pine of wreek, some sixty feet long and thirty or forty wide, apparently of a large steamer.—It appeared to be part of the main channels, having four dead eyes, with turned moddling and long flat iron straps. Her bulk was black, with a broad white streak, and large painted ed mostlding and long flat iron straps. Her bulk was black, with a broad white streak, and large painted black ports. There was a bit of a hawser over a pièce of wood, apparently part of the guards. The description is said to agree with that of the President.-N.~Y.~Com.~A.lv.~10th~Feb.

LATER FROM ENGLAND.

THE New York papers of Monday announce the arrival at that port of the packet-ship Hibernia, from Liverpool, whence she sailed on the 13th, bringing papers up to the day of sailing. The whole English world was at that time in motion, making breparations for the christening of His Royal Highness the Infant Prince, which was inrended to be one of the most magnificent affairs seen for years in the metropolis. It was believed to be fixed for the 25th, at St. George's Chapel. Preparations for the raception of the King of Prussia were in progress. His Majesty was to arrive on the 21st. A suite of rooms in Buckingham Palace were prepared for him. The week of the christening was to be consumed in a series of fetes and banquets, on a scale of grandeur, setting at naught all that has heretofore been seen .- Messenger.

The accounts received from the Niger expedition continued to be of the most melancholy character. The mortality and disease on board the Albert were so great that little hope remained of Albert were so great that fittle hope remained of her attempt to ascend the Niger being persevered in, and the Wilberforce had returned, abandoning the voyage up the Tehadda. She had followed the Souden to Fernando Po. From that place the Souden had been sent to follow the Met, and render assistance in case of need.

The news from Eagland, by the Packet-ship North America, is of great interest.—London papers have been received up to the 7th January. Lord Ashbarton may be looked for daily, as he was expected to embark on the 21th January.—Mr. Everiti, the American Minister, had been making him a short visit at his sent in Harmshire. seat in Hampshire.
The British Government has interposed, it is said

to adjust the difficulties between France and Spain or the question of etiquette, which threatened to be attended with serious consequences.

Ceremony of Churching Her Majesty.—On Saturday morning, shortly after twelve o'clock, Her Majesty and suite left Buckingham Palace in four carriages, for the Chapel Royal, St. James's, when her Majesty was churched. Divine service was performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Bishop of London, the Sub-dean,) Dr. Sleath) and the Rev. Dr. Wesley. There were also present his Royal Highness Prince Albert, the Duchens of Kent, the Ladies in Waiting, Maids of Honour, Viscount Hawarden, Lord George Lennox, &c. &c. We are happy to state that the Queen is in excellent health.

American Relations.—The London Chronicle, in commenting on an article in the Quarterly Review, says,— Ceremony of Churching Her Majesty.

Any hostile collision with the United States would be felt as injuriously as a civil war in both countries. In the feelings which a conviction of identity of inter-In the feelings which a connection of action, certain east necessarily generates, we have the best guarantee for the continuance of peaceful relations between these kinedoms and the United States. "Where there

lopement of his Excellency's views, and judge of two countries, will always, we trust, enable the go-him and his administration by their fruits. This is certainly far the best course, and, in our esti-bly such questions as may occasionally arise between them.

Government, it is currently reported, has resolved to establish a line of steam comunication between the Pacific coast of South America and New Zealand and the Australian colonics. The authorities of Pana-na, we may add, have invited an English engeneer to survey a line of railroad across the Isthmus, and are

survey a line of railroad across the Isthmus, and arc most desirous that the line should be executed by an English company, to which they are prepared to grant extensive privileges.—Herald.

Her Majesty the Queen has forwarded £100 and his Royal Highness Prince Albert £50, in aid of the crection of the Royal Asylum at Morningside, Edinburgh, for the accommodation of 250 poor persons. The Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch are subscribers to the amount of 125 guineas; the Duke of Roxburgh, Farl of Wemyss and March, and Earl of Stair, £100 respectively, and the Earls of Haddington and Roseberry, Marquis of Tweeddale, and Viscount Melville, are donors of sams of £50 cach. The building is rapidly approaching completion.

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The large concern of Messes, Wingate, Son & Co., wholesale warchousemen in Glasgow, stopped payment on the 29th Dec.—liabilities, £120,000—silk & shawl trade. Mr. W. 18 months ago, was considered to have realised a clear fortune of £30,000 or 40,000. This failure, joined with that of the Banatynes, grainmarchants, and those connected with them, makes considerably upwards of £200,000 in all, and will,

in the latter case, be very severely felt.

Nr. Peel, nucle to the Prime Minister, died on the 9th January, worth £2,000,000.

The christening of the Prince of Wales takes place in the Court on the 15th January, and the King of Prussia is to arrive to hold him over the baptismal

Lord Melbourne had been paying a visit to the Queen at Windsor, for the first time since his retirement from the premiership.

The election for the City of Dublin is expected to be in favour of Lord Morpeth, who is now in the United States

Perils of the Sea .- The Yarmouth Register gives the names and ages of sixty-two individuals belonging to Truro, who perished in the gale of October last. Thirty five of them were young unmarried men, but twenty-seven of them have left widows and fifty-one children, There are one hundred and five widows now living at Truro, nearly all of whose husbands were lost

LATER FROM CHINA.

The latest news from China, by the everland mail, extends to Sept. 11, at which time the squadron is said

to have been marching towards Ningpo and Chusan.
On the 1st of September, five days after the capture of Amoy, that place was abandoned, a garrison of 500 men being left on that island in the immediate vicinity, and on the 4th the expedition sailed for Ningpo.

Our advices are dated from Canton, Oct. 10, and from Bombay, Nov. 30. The news from China brings the account of the taking of the great Chinese fortress of Amoy, on the 27th of August, after considerable follows: firing, but without the loss of a man on the side of the British. Several hundred cannons were taken, and some Mandarins were so horrified that they killed themselves with a sight of the invaders.

In the proclamation issued by Sir Henry Pottinger the official account of the capture is given. The expedition, having left a force at Koolangsee, a small expedition, naving left a force at Koolangsee, a small island close to Anoy, proceeded subsequently to the northward. The Chinese accounts at Canton in the beginning of October, stated that the British had, in the month of September, taken Chusan and Ningpo, and had established a blockade at the months of the Grand Canal. But no intelligence of those facts had reached Hong Kong or Macao when the Mordelipper left the latter port.

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There has been some hard fighting between the Chilzica, a tribe of hardy mountaineers, who held the mastery over the passes leading from Cabut to Jellalahad and Peshawar.

The passengers and crew of the brig Sultana, which was burnt by lightning near the coast of Borneo in January last, have arrived at Singapore, after sufferings of the severst kind from the petty rajahs and pirales

The trials of the Arab revolters on the frontiers of the Nizam's country are over. One of them has been executed, and several ordered to be transported. Tranquility prevails now in those districts.

The King of the French had extended his elemency to Quenisset, Columbier and Brazier, the three who were sentenced to death by the Chamber of Peers on were sentenced to death by the Chander of Peers on account of the conspiracy agains the lives of the King's sens. Quenisset is transported, and the other two sent to the hulks—all for life.

Count Alfred D'Orsay proposes to establish a House of Asylum fer distressed French subjects, where they may find shelter for the night, and a portion of feed.

of their defeut at Jatcha, where some 500 were slain. It is believed that the Russians have lost some 8,000 men, mostly by disease. The Crimean hospitals are filled with the sick.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE

BIBLE ANECDOTE.

The following was related at the late anniversa-rics in London, by Dr. Cox:—

"A circumstance was lately brought to my knowledge, by a person from the East Indies, which tends to illustrate the importance and value of the Bible; and to show in what various ways its benefits may be displayed when we are not, perhaps, conscious of the happy effects which it is secretly producing. Archdeacon Corrie, new Bishop of Madras, was, at the time of which I speak, the Chaplain of Allahabad. At one time there was no Hindostance version of the Scriptures; and it was his custom to translate, on small bits of paper, striking passages into the Hindotance language, and every morning distribute the papers at his door; 20 years afterwards, he received a communication from a missionary at Allahabad, who informed him that a person in ill health had arrived there, and that he had been to visit him. He had come to see his friends, and to die among them, after an absence of more than twenty years. The missionary had visited him there several times, and was so astonished at his knowledge of the Scriptures, and his impression of its great realities, that he put the question, 'How is it, my friend, that you are so well informed in the Sacred Scriptures? You have told me you have never seen a missionary in your life, nor any to teach you the way of life and salvation?? And what was his answer, my Lord? He put his hand what was his answer, my Lord? He put his hand behind his pillow, and drew out a bundle of well-worn and tattered bits of paper, and he said, From these bits of paper, which a Sahib distributed at my door, whom I have never seen since, have I learned all. These papers, which I received twenty years ago, and have read every day till they are tumbled and spoiled, are passings of Scripture in the Hindostance language. ges of Scripture in the Hindostance language. From them I have derived all the information of eternal realities which I now possess. This is the source of my information. Thence I have derived my knowledge." N. Y. Christian Intelligencer.

A LITTLE BUNDLE OF TRACTS.

In the spring of the last year, a girl about twelve years of age, who is a scholar in one of the Sabhath Schools connected with the Southwark Sunday School Society, was in a delicate state of health. Her father, being a scafaring man, employed in navigating a trading vessel to the coast of France, resolved to take her with him to Dunkirk, where an English family resided with whom he was acquainted. The Sabbath previous to ge-ing, on taking leave of her teacher, she asked for some tracts to take with her, as she said she hoped they might be useful. Her request was cheerfully complied with, and she was supplied with a bundle of tracts. She was the only fe-male on board the vessel, the crew and passen-gers of which were very profanc. The voyage proceeded very tediously, and on one occasion they were becalmed for many hours; this gave occasion to the utterance of a profusion of oaths, that shocked the feelings of this child, who had been taught the sinfulness of swearing. Lying in her cabin very ill, she thought of her tracts, and mustered strength enough to crawl to her hox, and taking out "The Swearer's Prayer," she put it into the hands of the young man who had been the most profane, and asked him if he would like the most protate, and asken him it he would he to read that little book: He said he should be glad to read any thing to pass away the time. He read it aloud, and every individual appeared deeply attentive. A solemn pause ensued. This encouraged the little girl to go to her hox a second time. She then brought the 6 History of cond time. Naaman." cond time. She then brought the "History of Naaman." This was eagerly read by the same youth, and listened to with equal attention, so much so that not a word was spoken for several minutes. Some time after, an oath was uttered, but it was heard with general disapprobation. The young man who had been reading addressed ests necessarily generates, we have the best guarantee for the continuance of peaceful relations between these for the continuance of peaceful relations between these kingdoms and the United States. "Where there is a way," according to the adage; and the reluctance to arrive at any conclusion calculated to disturb the good understanding between the lated to disturb the good understanding between the later of the swearer, and said, "How can you swear after the swearer, and said, "How can you swear after the swearer, and said, "How can you swear after the swearer, and said, "How can you swear after the swearer, and said, "How can you swear after the swearer, and said, "How can you swear after the swearer, and said, "How can you swear after the swearer, and said, "How can you swear after the swearer, and said, "How can you swear after the swearer, and said, "How can you swear after the swearer, and said, "How can you swear after the swearer, and said, "How can you swear after the swearer, and said, "How can you swear after the swearer, and said, "How can you swear after the swearer, and said, "How can you swear after the swearer, and said, "How can you swear after the swearer, and said, "How can you swear after the swearer, and said, "How can you swear after the swearer, and said, "How can you swear after the swearer, and said, "How can you swear afte not swear any more. This engagement they adhered to, at least to the end of the voyage, and no prolane language was heard during the remainder of the passage. When landed at Dunkirk, and the parties were separating to proceed kirk, and the parties were separating a process to their respective destination, the young man hegged the little girl would oblige him by giving him the tracts he had read, that he might carry them with him. This she very readily did, and them with him. This she very readily did, and they parted, probably never to meet again in this The other tracts she took with her, and world. The other tracts she took with her, and read them to the family in whose care her father left her, and who were very glad to hear them, and during her stay, frequently requested her to read them over again. After a residence of about a month, she returned to England in another vestal leading helping her at the returned to England. sel, leaving behind her, at the particular request of the family, all her little books. She arrived in the River Thames about 12 o'clock on Saturday night, got on shore, and reached her home between one and two on the Sabbath morning. the afternoon, she appeared in her place at the school, and related to her beloved teacher, with feelings of peculiar animation and interest, the history of her little bundle of religious tracts.-London Home Mission Magazine.

INTERESTING ANECDOTE.

THE Rev. Mr. McNeille, of Liverpool, in a lecture recently delivered by him, introduced the following interesting anecdote:

"I will tell you a circumstance that occured

lately in this town. A journeyman housepainter who had long entertained infidel sentiments, and was addicted to corresponding bad practices, was employed in his trade upon a house nearly opposite to mine. From his elevated position, he saw over my blind into my study, and he observed me at my work. The next morning, at an early hour, he saw the same; this attracted his attention, and the third morning he came still earlier, but I was before him. He ascertained who I was, and he kept watching me over the blind I was, and he kept watching his over the binds are every morning while the job opposite to me lasted. In the meantime, as I learned afterwards, he began to reason with himself, saying, 'This gentleman must be in earnest, however, right or wrong;' and he said, moreover, 'the result of all this reading and writing so early, morning after morning, must, I should think, be worth hearing. I will go and hear what he has to say. Accordingly, he came to my church. He heard me describe the aching anxieties of the human soul not still, and longing for repose, until it found it in the bosom of the living God. He heard me des-cribe the way in which a God of holiness can admit a sinner to such repose—the way in which a sinner may enjoy that holy communion. His heart was touched: the sacret cause of his infidelity was detected : it was not the want of evidence in the revelation of God, but a want of willingness in man to be conformed to the character of Before a rising willingness to be holy, all the scepticism of his intellect disappeared, and instead of a sullen infidel, he is, I have reason to hope, a happy, cheerful Christian."

THE SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIANITY AMONGST THE JEWS.

WE have just been informed, that in addition to the donations of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and the Bishop of London, of £200 each, Her Majesty the Queen Dowager has, within the last few days, remitted the sum of 200 guineas in furtherance of the objects of the above Society.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE DESERTED INFIDEL.

WHEN Paine's infidel companions said to him WHEN Paine's infidel companions said to him, "You have lived like a man—we hope you will die like one," he observed to one near him, "You see, sit, what miserable comforters I have." He declared on one occasion, if ever the devil had an agent on earth, he had been one. "There was," says Dr. Manley, his physician, "something remarkable in his conduct about this period, (which comprises about two weeks immediately preceding his death,) particularly when we reflect that Thomas Paine was author of "The Age of Rea-

out any, the least variation, in a tone of voice that would alarm the house. This conduct induc-ed me to think that he had abandoned his former opinions; and I was more inclined to that belief, when his nurse, who is a very serious and I believe pious woman, told me, that he would inquire when he saw hor engaged with a book, what she was reading; being answered, and at the same time asked whether she should read aloud, he assented, and would give particular attention. But when and would give particular attention. But when his physician repeatedly pressed him to confess his guilt and errors, and asked him, "Do you believe; or, let me qualify the question, Do you wish to believe that Jesus Christ is the Sou of God?" after a pause of some minutes, he sullenly answered, "I have no wish to believe on that subject."—Dr. Manley remarks, "For my own part, I believe, that had not Thomas Paine heap such a distinguished infield, he would have been such a distinguished infidel, he would have left less equivocal evidences of a change of opinion."—The woman whom he had seduced from her husband and children in France, lamented to a friend who visited Paine in his departing moly and friends, my property and my religion; judge, then of my distress, when he tells me that the principles he has taught me will not bear me out."

MILTON'S HOUSE.

Milton's house at Hornton was pulled down about fifty years since, and another—apparently of similar dimensions—built in its stead. The garder The garden and ground are the same: and an old pircon-house belonging to the former mansion has been preserved. In the garden is a decayed apple-tree under which the poet is said—with no great pro-bability—to have composed the Arcades. The situation of the house is low and marshy. Though near the public road, it is concealed by the shrub-bery and a cluster of 'hedge-row elms.' We had some difficulty in finding the house, as the villagers considered our inquiries to be directed towards a more aristocratic mansion, the manor-house, which has recently been destroyed, to the great regret of the people, who described it as a noble old residence, that had stood for hundreds of portance in the village. Having traced out the spot, we found the proprietor, Mr. Cooke, a halo cheerful old gentleman, engaged in the fields supertending has hay-makers. He came with great alacrity to show us the house, pointed out the pigcon-house and apple-tree, and dwelt with peculiar delight on the appearance of two tall pop-lars on the lawn, about a hundred feet in height which are visible, he said, all the way to Slough, near Windsor, and on the London road. There is not a hill betwixt Horton and London. In this secluded spot, 'shrouded in cheerful shade,' the poet had nothing to withdraw him from the studies n which he delighted. Mr. Cooke called one of his labourers to accompany us to Horton Church, in which, he said, no doubt the Miltons often sat, and where the poet's mother lay build. The honest peasant was as civil and cheerful as his master, of whom he spoke with the affection of the 'olden time,' that still lingers in these remote nooks and corners; society is much the same as it was two hundred years since. His master, he said, had suffered much affliction; all his family had died before him, and their tombs were in the church. There is, fortunately, in some minds, au elasticity and ever-springing cheerfulness the result of a happy nature and calm reliance on the goodness of Providence—that enables them to surmoutn the heaviest calamities that befal humanity. Horton Church is like the village, low and antique; it has its yew-trees and ivy-mantled walls, the characteristic and interesting accomwalls, the characteristic and interesting accompaniments of such spots. An ancient font is in the interior. The chancel is paved with red bricks, among which the blue flagstone over the grave of the poet's mother is conspicuous. The stone is inscribed, "Here lyeth the body of Sarah Milton, the wife of John Milton, who died the 3d of April, 1637."—Frazer's Magazine.

MORMONISM.

I, WITH a few others, was curious to go to a Mr. Dunning's, in Gloucester, on Saturday evening, the 23d ult., to hear a Mormon preacher, one of the followers of Joe Smith. This Yankee fana-Thomas Paine was author of "The Age of Rea—
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Mere parsimony is not economy. Expense, and great exbense, may be an essential part in true great exbense, may be an essential part in true economy. Economy is a distributive virtue, and help me!" repeating the same expressions, with-

was appointed to be his assistant, he being a learned man-that there were two principles in man, a good and a bad one." He made a distinction between the Comforter promised by Christ to his Apostles, and the Hoiy Spirit. The former is a Divine Teacher, which character he himself assumed, inasmuch as he pretended to the spirit of prophecy and miracles-that Christ was now form—that the New Jerusalem will be rebuilt (not in the land of Palestine, not near the foun-tains of Zion, Siloam, and Cedron)—but in South America, where Jesus Christ will fix the seat of Jews and the Israelites would be gathered from the Isles of the Sea, one part on the Eastern, and the other part on the Western Continent; that the curse which was pronounced against the Jews, for the rejection of the Gospel, would be pronounced against the Gentiles at the coming of Christ, and that they would be destroyed from the face of the earth. The above, Sir, is a specimen of this impostor's preaching.—Correspondent of the Bytown Gazette, 10th Feb.

EXTRAORDINARY DISCOVERY IN A CHURCH.

A FEW days ago, a discovery of an extraordinary kind was made in the interior of the parish church of Barking, Essex:—The interior of the ancient building affording scarcely room for the increasing population of that town and its vicinity, the Rector, the Hon. and Rev. Mr. Liddell, has recently undertaken, at his own expense, to improve the chancel, to afford additional accommodation. To accomplish this, it was found necessary to cut away a portion of the ponderous pillars by which the galleries are at this end supported, and which were of ten times the strength required. While the workmen were engaged in removing a thick crust of plaister in which one of the pillars was encased, and which had been put on upwards of 70 years ago to give them the appearance of stone, they discovered a nest of five toads, two of which were of a very good size, and the others smaller. The reptiles, on being relieved from their place of lengthened confinement, jumped about the place, and seemed quite healthy, and were picked up and put in a place of security. In removing some wooden skirting from the wall near the same spot, a live bat was found, which must have been confined quite as long as the toads, and which was also secured by the workmen. These extractionary entire items that the tention extraordinary curiosities attracted much attention, and various aplications had been made to the rector for one or the other of these creatures, but they were unsuccessful.

PRACTICE OF MR. WESLEY IN REGARD TO SLEEP.

THE celebrated John Wesley, who paid every attention to the best means of invigorating his body, in order that he might be enabled to exert himself for the general benefit of his fellow creatures, to the utmost his corporcal and mental powers would allow, informs us, that he had been accustomed to awake every night about twelve or accustomed to awake every night about twelve of one o'clock, and lay without sleeping for some time: he, therefore, very justly concluded, that this was caused by his lying in bed longer than nature required. To be satisfied upon this point he procured an alarum, which awakened him next morning at seven, nearly an hour earlier than his usual time of rising.—He still lay awake at night. usual time of rising.—He still lay awake at night. The ensuing morning he rose at six; but notwithstanding this, he lay awake the second night. The third morning he rose at five; but, nevertheless, lay awake the third night. His next hour of rising was at four, and lying no longer awake, he, for a period of about sixty years, continued the same practice; and, taking the year round, never lay awake for a quarter of an hour at a time, during a month. He justly adds, that by the same experiment, rising earlier and earlier every morning, any person may discover how much sleep he ing, any person may discover how much sleep he really stands in need of. Mr. Wesley was in the habit of going to bed at ten—so by rising at four, he had six hours uninterrupted sleep, which he considered to be sufficient for his own health; he, however, very properly remarks, that invalids and persons of a delicate constitution, and those ac-customed to much bodily fatigue during the day, may require seven or eight hours' sleep

THE ARK.

We are informed that lately an eminent ship-buil-der of one of the outports, upon reading the dimender of one of the outports, upon reading the dimensions recorded as those of the Ark, was so struck with the just proportion that pervaded the whole plan of construction, and the similitude that it bore to that in use at the present day, that he applied himself to the formation of a model which would explain at sight the character and capacity of the huge vessel so well known in religious history; and, to exhibit how little our largest history; and, to exhibit how little our largest ships vary from her admeasurement, a model of the British Queen has also been constructed on the same scale. In both these works of art the proportions are observed to the greatest nicety. It is understood that the models will be presented for exhibition by the ingenious projector to some public institution in the metropolis.—Shipping

Social and Domestic Affections .- Man would be a miscrable being, were it notifer the indulgence of the social and domestic affections -and nothing desolates the human heart like the less of near connexions and friends. Death is trebly armed with terrors to those who enjoy un-alloyed happiness in their domestic relations— while on the other hand, the loss of those whom a man holds most dear, seems to sever the ties which bound him to life. May be survive his relations and friends ' was the imprecation of a Roman on the person who destroyed the monument of his ancestors. A more dreadful course could scarcely be prenounced.

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