

Poetry.

THE LAND OF PROMISE.

Thine eyes shall behold the land that is very far off.-Isa. xxxiii. 17.

There is a bright country, a very far land, The home of delight, by the righteous possessed, Where the amaranth blooms, and whose streams ever fann'd

By the zephyrs of love, are eterhally blest.

A land of pure fountains, whose glittering streams, To the River of Life, flow forever along, Till it swells to an ocean of gladness, that gleams On the City of Gon, and the worshipping throng.

A land where the Christian rests safely at last, From the storm of life's waste howling wildernes

Where the militant Church her long conflict ha And God from all eyes wipes away every tear.

The King in his beauty and glory shall lead

His saints to the River that peacefully flows!! There, by its green banks, the Good Shepherd wi

His flock with his love, in the shades of repose.

A city far off thy blest eyes may behold, And Zion's great King, where he reigns evermo Its gates of twelve pearls unto the may unfold; Thy feet yet may trend Immortality's shore.

That city's foundations of jasper are laid, And sapphire: its Builder and Maker the Lord: Of stones of fair colors thy pillars are made, Thou glorious Rest of the Infinite Word!

Fair fabric celestial! how beauteous thy towers! How lofty, amid the empyrean skies! O residence blest of ethereal Powers, Where anthems of joy shall eternally rise!

Thou city eternal! with streets of pure gold, And rainbow of emerald circling the throne; If now to thy soul they have pleasures untold, How rapturous, when their full glories are known

Then onward, right onward! baste thitherward, haste ! O traveller wayworn, forget all thy wees;

Say, what are life's sorrows, if there thou but tasts, Salvation, and joy, and eternal repose?

For the American Presbyterian. AUNT JENNY. (CONTINUED.)

I saw that there was a conflict going on in her heart, and felt that the Saviour was waiting to be gracious, and that this poor outcast must be led to the fold of Christ. With trembling solicitude I inquired on that spot. "Lord. "what wilt thou have me to do?" She dropped Willie, our first-born, was given to us in Aleppo, her work, and became more and more distressed and now sleeps beneath the green grass of his for two or three days, till at length I could re-

struck with the extent of her Christian experience, as developed in her devotions. I believe her to have been a consistent, pious, and devoted Christian, exhibiting an example worthy to be followed by those of a higher grade in society, and of higher attainments. She died as she lived, and I believe she is now reaping the

reward in that happy home where no social distinctions, or jarring elements, disturb the enjoyments of the blessed, but where all can join in one harmonious song to the Lamb that was slain. She is now away from the cares and troubles of this world in an eternal home, where the wicked cease from troubling and where the weary are at rest. Though born and reared in ignorance, and of a degraded state, she now wears a crown."

Jenny's case affords encouragement for the instruction of our domestics. No matter how debased they are, their hearts may be reached by the force of gospel instruction. The Holy cines?

Spirit is ever ready to bless the feeblest efforts to restore lost souls to the favor of God. And how much might be done in this way that is left undone? One excellence of the Christian religion is, that it can find its way to the heart of the outcast. Will a trophy of divine grace redeemed from such degradation, be less accept able to the Saviour on that account? A soul taken from the lowest depths of sin may become

Correspondence.

a brilliant gem in the Saviour's crown.

LETTER FROM MRS. BENTON. Bhamdun, Sep. 27th, 1860.

DEAR BROTHER AND SISTER IN CHRIST:___ We thank you more than we can express, for your last sweet letter and the excellent papers. We shall hail their visits to our humble home with gratitude and joy. We thank you for all your kind thoughts of us and prayers for us during the terrible weeks we have passed through this summer.

We can, and do deeply sympathize with you in the severe stroke with which God has visited you. We well know how hard it was to lay your bright, beautiful little boy in the deep, dark grave. We. too, have drank that bitter oup. Our darling

About twenty days ago, four hundred prisoners passed here, with their hands in wooden stocks,

on their way to Constantinople as galley slaves. On their arrival, the Sultan would not see them or own them as his subjects, and ordered every one to be shot.

Excuse this hasty line. We hope something is ere this on its way for us. We very much desire to send relief to our friends in Zahleh. The poor Zahleans are mostly back again to their dethe new Zahleh will be built on a better founda-

tion than the faith of saints and relies There is a great deal of sickness and death following the war. We give medicines to hundreds every week. Will some of the good people of your city help us a little with a donation of medi- his bosom.

Your affectionate sister. Deside a second C. G. BENTON.

For the American Presbyterian PROVOCATIONS RECEIVED BY THE

DRUSES PAPER PREPARED FOR H. B. M.'S COMMISSION-ER, LORD DUFFERIN, BY MR. BENTON. Bhamdun, Mount Lebanon,

September 27, 1860. MR. EDITOR :- The following plea to adduce the principal evidence to prove the provocations

forever to exclude them from their ancient pos-

sessions in Mount Lebanon.

MEANNESS IN THE TREATMENT OF

MINISTERS. A DONATION VISIT THAT COST MORE THAN IT CAME TO.

and delight to express. Sometimes: this universal attachment, rising higher and higher, overflows in a "Donation Visit." Then the people are seen gathering in knots at the corners of the streets, or in their houses, laying deep plots and conspiracies. And des not appear; it may be for cleaning or repairs, but dearly on a winter's night, the whole parish and delight to express $\sqrt{}$ the principal evidence to prove the provocations received by the Druses from the Christians from the commencement of the late war upon Mount Lebanon, will be of interest to all who read it. It was addressed, under the date of vesterday at his

was addressed, under the date of yesterday, at his special request, and the suggestion of the Hon. James Williams, our Ambassador at Constantino-

Beirut. DEAR SIR:—The voice of God's Providence calls me to make and submit to your lordship "a carefully digested summary of the evidence which carefully digested summary digested summary dig carefully digested summary of the evidence which can be adduced to prove the provocations received by the Druses from the Christians?' in their late ferocious conflict upon Mount Lebanon. Obedient to this call, in demonstration of the evidence, it is my painful duty to adduce the testimony of facts. 1. It was the declared object of the Christians of reconciliation, except that of the voluntary with- humiliate him. Sometimes every present made is through the eye of a needle l charged as so much money, and deducted from the pittance of his salary. "Thus "he is wounded to,

testifies against, and is still animated by "unkind and unfriendly feelings" towards him. Of the temper he manifests we say nothing. We refer to his testimony only as showing how a parish may treat a minister. Here was a preacher called to Our ideal of the happiest life in the world is that of a country ministry. If a kind Providence has cast his lot among in affectionate people, who appreciate his labors, who encourage him by a faithful attendance on his ministry, by attentive listening, and occasionally by a cheering word; and if, perchance, he is sometimes a little neglect-ful, who know how to make allowance for "their minister" even as they have to ask indulgence for molished houses, living in tents of bushes and liu, who know now to make anowance for their in money, but that they may pay this in such a heap of ruins. How all welcomed him and begged us to come and live with them! We trust delight to labor. The pastor loves to go about ticles, taking such as are nost easy for him rather to visit them when they are sick to the solution of the solution of the most easy for him rather them when they are sick to the solution of the solution among them, to visit them when they are sick, to than such as are most useful for the minister comfort them in sorrow, to relieve the doubting Then comes the Donation Party, in which this ge and the perplexed, and to guide the trembling sinner to the Lamb of God. In thus fulfilling his office, he is a follower with Good Shephord, who takes the lambs in his times and carries them in much greater quantity than he has need of, and Very pleasant, too, in such a case are the intrie courtesies and attentions, which a kind people be-stow upon their pastor, the friendly visits to his house, and the occasional presents which they bring. For these are not given as a charity; they involve no humiliation in the part of him who re-ceives them, but are offered as a mark of that ge-heral respect and affection which his people feel and delight to express.

James Williams, our Ambassador at Constantino-ple, to Lord Dufferin, H. B. M.'s Commissioner, with tears, and quivering tips, and hearts too full feel were treating him with the grossest injustice;

in this war entirely to exterminate the Druses, or in driblets, or not paid at all. Every dollar is world. Men who can stoop to such penuriousdoled out in a way to wound the minister's self- ness, need to repent and humble themselves berespect; every petty gift is offered as if to a street beggar, and the donation visits, so far from being said, that it is more difficult for them to go into grateful to his weary spirit, are offered in a way to the kingdom of heaven than for a camel to go N. Y. Evangelist.

AN ELOQUENT APPEAL FOR WATER. | with Gesenius to refer every thing the least ob-

We have heard JOHN B. GOUGH utter many | scure in Hebrew to Arabic roots. cloquent things, but we never heard water de-fined in such thrilling eloquence as in the follow-ing, which we have published before. It will pay reading a dozen times. Mr. Gough often declaims it; but it originated with Paul Denton, an itine- meaning of each, there are sometimes hundreds and to which he invited the rangers. The smoking viands were arranged on the ta- | Of course a vast number of these are figurative.

bles by scores of slaves, and the throng prepared | Indeed, they boast that no uninspired man can commence the sumptuous meal, when a voice become a master of Arabic. A slight acquaintpealed from the pulpit, loud as the blast of trumpet in battle—"Stay, ladies and gentlemen, till the giver of the barbecue asks God's bless-

Every heart started, every eye was directed to the speaker, and a whisperless silence ensued, for all alike were struck by his remarkable appear-

He was almost a giant in stature, though scarcely thirty years of age. His hair, dark as the raven's thirty years of age. His hair, dark as the raven's from noble patriotism, or sectarianism, reigns in wing, flowed down his immense shoulders in it. A noble Book !--all men's Book ! It is our masses of natural, ringlets; his eyes, black as mid- first, oldest statement of the never ending probnight, beamed like stars over a face pale as Parian marble—calm, passionless, spiritual, and wearing a singular, indefinable expression. The heteroge-neous crowd—hunters, gamblers, and homieides, gazed in mute astonishment. The missionary prayed, but it sounded like no other prayer ever addressed to a throne of Grace-it was the cry of vision for all things; material things no less than a naked soul, and that soul a beggar for the bread and water of heavenly life. He ceased, and not till then did I become conthe spear!' Such living likenesses were never

scious of weeping. I looked around through my tears, and saw hundreds of faces wet as with "Now, my friends," said the missionary, " par-

take of God's gifts at the table, and then come and sit down and listen to his gospel." It would be impossible to describe the sweet

tone of kindness with which these simple words were uttered, that made him on the instant five hundred friends. One heart, however, in the assembly, was maddened by the evidence of the

preacher's wondrous power. Col. Watt. Forman exclaimed in a sneering voice:

"Mr. Paul Denton, your reverence has lied You promised not only a good barbecue, but better liquor. Where is the liquor?" "There!" answered the missionary in tones o

thunder, and pointing his motionless finger at the matchless Double Spring, gushing up in two strong columns, with a sound like a shout of joy from the bosom of the earth. "There!" he repeated, with a look terrible as lightning, while his enemy actually trembled at his feet. "There is the liquor which God the Eternal brews for all his children. Not in the simmering still, over smoky fires, choked with poisonous gases, and surrounded

with the stench of sickening odors and rank corowned. ion, does your Father in heaven prepare the precious essence of life, the pure cold water. But in the green glade and grassy dell, where the red deer wanders, and the child loves to play, there God brews it: and down-down in the deep valley, where the fountains murmur and the rills sing: and high on the mountain top, where the naked granite glitters like gold in the sun, where the storm cloud broods and thunder tones crash, you. and far away out on the wide, wide sea, where the hurricane howls music, and the big waves roar, the chorus, "sweeping the march of God," there he brews it, the beverage of life, health-giving water. And everywhere it is a thing of beauty; gleaming in the dewdrop, singing in the summer rain, shining in the ice-gem, till the trees all seem turned to living jewels, spreading a golden veil over the setting sun, or a white gauze around the midnight moon; sporting in the cataract, sleeping "Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king in the glacier, dancing in the hail-shower, folding its bright snow curtains softly about the wintry world; and weaving the many colored iris, that seraph's zone of the sky, whose woof is the sunbeam of heaven, all checked over with celestial flowers by the mystic hands of refraction. Still, always it is beautiful-that blessed life-water! No poison bubbles on its brink, its foam brings not madness and murder, no blood stains its liquid glass, pale widows and starving orphans weep not burning tears, in its clear depths; no drunkard's shrieking ghost curses it from the grave in words of eternal despair! Speak out, my friends,

rant of the Methodist Church in Texas, and was of words, literal and figurative, for the same idea. delivered at a barbecue which Denton prepared, Thus, the Arabs say that they have one thousand names for a sword, five hundred for a lion, &c.

The Book of Job, though written in Hebrew, is strongly Arabic in its character. As Carlyle says, "I call that, (the Book of Job.) apart from all theories about it, one of the grandest things ever written with pen. One feels, indeed, as if it were not Hebrew—such a noble universality, different

There is the seeing eye, the mildly understanding heart. So true every way; true eyesight and spiritual. The horse-'Hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?' 'he laughs at the shaking of

> since drawn. Sublime sorrow, sublime reconciliation; oldest choral melody as of the heart of mankind; so soft and great; as the summer midnight, as the world with its seas and stars! There is nothing written, I think, in the Bible or out of it, of equal literary merit."-Pres. Quarterly Re-

OUR SONSHIP CONCEALED.

It cannot but be so, when Sonship is in any conjunction with sin. Immediately, on such conjunction, the Sonship though not overthrown is concealed. Its fulness of grace and truth; its impregnable, inviolable security; its splendors of convincing evidence; its unsearchable riches of privilege; its incorruptible and undefiled inheritance that fadeth not away;—all retire out of view and remain concealed. They may all abide most sure and full-in the spiritual kingdom that transcendeth time and sense. But on the platform of temporal interests and things palpable to sense and reason, the evidence of the Sonship has vanished. And not only so. All that on that platform might seem relevant to the question gives an adverse testimony. The Son would appear to be treated as an outcast. Apparently he is dis-

THIS IS-TEMPTATION. It is the essence-

quire but little of her. "I feel such a great bud of peculiar promise-and, Ohl how dear to sinner," and "What shall I do to be saved ?" his parent's heart. Our only little daughter, Annie, was all she could say. My husband and myself was the first form deposited in the new Protestant endeavored to direct her to the Lamb of God, burying-ground at Bhamdun. She sickened and but she had such a view of her heart, that she died one cold December night, the winds moaned felt there was no mercy for her. She had never her sad requiem, as they wildly howled up the deep learned the way of the Spirit in the conviction mountain gorge, and blew through a thousand and conversion of sinners, and hers was, to her, | oracks in our rude dwelling. No kind, skilful a solitary instance.

She retired at night with great heaviness of Her weeping mother arrayed the sweet babe for her heart, and in the morning did not come down last sleep, and her father's hands made her little stairs as usual. After breakfast was prepared, coffin. Your little ones and ours are not lost. and the bell had rung for family worship, she | We shall find them all again, sweet flowers of Paopened the door. looking like the picture of despair. Almost the first thing she said was: "Indeed, I did not sleep any last night. I am afraid I am lost !" I said to her: "Jenny, Jesus Ohrist came to seek and to save such as are lost. Come in the other room, and Mr. P. will pray for you, and you must try to give yourself was held up before her as the only hope of the sinking sinner, and she doubtless laid hold of knew us. him with her feeble faith. She rose from her

knees, and seemed more composed. She went about her work as well as she could, after such a night of mental suffering.

In the course of the day I said to her :-"Jenny, do you feel relieved of that distress you have felt?" She replied : "Indeed; I don't know, ma'am. I feel a great sinner, but I mean to stick fast to the Saviour as long as I can." The clouds began to scatter. There was a

great change in Jenny, and no one who was acquainted with her could doubt that it was a change of heart. She was conscientions and watchful over all she said or did. From her old propensity to prevaricate she met with the strongest temptations, and it was village." moving to observe the struggle this simple-

to the Saviour."

"She felt a great affection for Christians," of England in behalf of his people, signed with he would sometimes say, and often asked them | his single name and seal. please pray for her; and as our minister was | It is an important fact, that the Druses never

bray for her.

It was a cold winter's evening, when the snow | purchased their lands of them, and when too poor was deep, and the walk was glazed with ice, to buy, occupied them as tenants, and that they that Jenny was missing. After an hour or two have increased till they became ten to one of the she came in with a smiling face. When I in- Druses, and that the bishops and priests enquired where she had been this cold night, she couraged them to despise and hate the Druses. said: "I have been to Mr. Adams', to ask him and finally formed their plans, to either kill them to pray for me." "How is it possible," said I, all off, or drive them from their mountain homes, "that you could go, on the jey walk, such a and at last commenced their war of extermination. night as this, to Mr. Adams'?" She replied: who can wonder at the desperation with which "I walked on my hands and knees, going and they fought, especially as the Turkish authorities coming, and I got my pay for going. Mr. every where joined the Druse side, and set on the Adams prayed with me, and Mrs. Adams talked | wild, savage, heathen Druses to do to the poor so kindly !'

In the year following, 1831, we also were vi- do with them? This rotten Turkish government sited with a refreshing from on high, and many ought to be held responsible for all this, and we came forward to take the vows of God upon hope and pray that the English and French who them. Jenny inquired if she could take the sa- have hitherto upheld the sinking ship, will now crament. The case was referred to the session take the helm into their own hands. Their armies of the church, who hesitated not to receive her, are now here. Yesterday three thousand French

NATURE AND REVELATION. frequently, it will be seen that the method of Ten years ago we witnessed a terrible outbreak A gentleman in whose family she afterwards translating is to recur to other passages where the Revealed religion leads better to the natural ived, furnished the following testimony in re- Aleppo, and now all Lebanon and Damascus is withstanding the great provocations of the Chris- tion was true. He also accused them of wishing the lord of them all, absolute disposer of them by divine right; alike able and entitled, therefore, as same word appears. When this cannot be done, than the latter to the former. Natural religion, tians resident in other districts at a distance, if they had not invaded their country, united in a common league, as it was generally understood, to drive them out of the mountain, or if there had deluged in blood and fire; and let not the friends gard to her Christian character: "According to her opportunities and light, of humanity think the dire punishment which is Jenny might be considered a bright Christian. now being laid upon Damascus will change the She was devoted and prayerful, and was de- nature of Islamism. The haughty Turks of that lighted to have my children read the Bible to ancient city will nurse with a new zeal their hate been any proper governmental authority to interits condensation in four noble folios, called presupposed, have as yet no viality, no influence tan, and was with the wild beasts." Freytag's Arabic Lexicon, and there is, perhaps, the very word, or one clearly allied to it, pre-Ther, which they often did. I have often heard to all who bear the name of Christ, and only wait vene, and satisfy the proper demands of both par-Christ's Presence in the Gospel History, We do not need to add anything to the tesither, when engaged in prayer, when she sup- another lull to wreak anew their vengeance upon Yours in Christian love, ties. mony here given by one who acknowledges that served in the living language of Hagar, or in a vantage of the Christian over the rationalistic hundred volumes. This resource was so useful, preacher beyond estimation. he has "twice had a difficulty" with the man he are hated, hurt it not. posed we had retired for the night, and I was all the hated hosts of Jcsus. WILLIAM A. BENTON. Evil thoughts which enter into the heart, but the mine so rich, that it became a perfect passion Vinet.

father's native State. He was three years old-a war. physician, no dear sister or neighbor was near us.

PRESERVATION OF BHAMDUN.

The more one reflects upon the wonderful pre servation of Bhamdun, the more one is filled with astonishment. All felt that we were in the greatest danger. Some of the Maronites were burning with zeal to go to the war, but our influence kept entirely up to God." She came in greatly agi- them back. Mr. Benton has great influence with tated. She bowed down before God. Christ the Druses; we have won their hearts to a remarkable degree. No Druse would kill us if he

Do you know, that ever since the missionaries of the Board entered Lebanon, the Druses have been our protectors? and never have we received the least insult from any Druse; while we have been reviled, hated, stoned, and persecuted, times

without number by the so-called Christians. At the commencement of the war, Yusif Bey gave my husband the title of Sheikh Benton Abd el Melik, and we can say that he has always treated us most kindly, and we feel much attached to him. He has often declared that our presence here saved the place; for, said he, "If you, Howaja Benton, had fled, every family would have followed you and I should not have come here, but the Druse women would have come, plundered and burnt the

The Sheikh whom Mr. M'Leod remembers, i hearted disciple had with her heart, in endea- Abu Yusif Hamdan, the Patriarch of the whole voring to overcome this evil; but she watched Druse nation. He has all the influence of a spiri. and prayed, and gained the mastery, until her tual head, lives in a little village about twenty word could be fully relied upon. She would minutes from here, leads a most humble life, and often say when tempted : "I mean to stick tight had he the grace of Christ, would be an example of meekness. He has sent a petition to the Queen

bout leaving us for another charge, she felt proselyte, never persecute for religion. And when hat she must go and see him, and ask him to we consider that the Druses are the original proprietors of the mountain, and that the Christians

unfortunate Christians just what they intended to

2...The Christians refused to accept any terms drawal of the Druses from this mountain. 3. The Christians from different points invaded the quick by the double wrong of being made to the country of the Druses and commenced the receive as a charity, articles which perhaps he

Therefore it was to the Druses an inexorable from what is his rightful due. necessity to fight or forsake their country forever. The Christians declared (see Missionary Herald of civil government, thus the Christians took the interval in the christians took the the following story: sword into their, own hands, challenged and then obliged the Druses to take up arms against them, nister was charged with a crime which led to a several of them, seized some of their sheikhs, comthreatened also to exclude them from all their off all their supplies of grain and other provisions,

the circumstances the local government appeared attention: to favor the Druses wherever they went, and to incite them to the most atrocious barbarities.

4. Europe will hardly expect that any extenu- with Mr. ----; one in relation to church affairs, ating circumstances can be adduced in mitigation and one personal. The church difficulty was about of the atrocities committed on the unfortunate Christians in the massacres at Deir el Kamr, Hasbeiya, etc. But Europe and America ought to should be applied in payment of his salary. Mr. know the very nature and peculiar facts of the case in order to judge a righteous judgment.

At the massacre of Deir el Kamr, for example, the Druse Sheikhs were not present. The mutual were some grain, and some clothing for the family, antipathy of the Druses and Christians there dated and some vegetables. He refused to take what from former generations. And from that ill-fated was called by him "pop corn and little stockings." town originated the first known intention among was an active party. 1 did claim that for one the Christians to drive the Druses out of Lebanon. It was the ancient law of retaliation in war to do unto their enemies as they had intended to have down on his salary for not preaching. I also had a personal quarrel with Mr. _____. It was a pretty similar outrage, even "to make clean work of it still my state of mind." and not leave a Druse on Lebanon?" Inexorable retaliation called for the sacrifice. The governshould take? ment did not intervene as it ought to have done. Under the provocations of their enemies and from self-preservation, the Druses were incited to that were not those partly worn and sent in by the bloody massacre and to those other atrocities which poor people.

it is so painful for all humanity to relate. The inhabitants of Deir el Kamr were formerly in a feudal subordination to the Druses. They order of that exasperated mob, exulting in the re-

cent downfall of Zahleh, that those their enemies everything received in the church, and he need not fallen into their hands who would not have them reign over them, should all be slain in their presence. It is, however, a matter of fact that those who had surrendered themselves to their former sheikhs escaped. allow at all.

But, my lord, I can offer no apology for that wholesale massacre of men when the law of God money? has declared, Thou shalt not kill. In my own convictions, the whole war was utterly wrong in berty to pay that \$600 in specific articles. Mr. each and every aggressive view and act from either said he did not so understand it. I under-Christian principle, had provoked, challenged and cific articles, which Mr. --- was bound to renecessitated the Druses to take up their arms in

PRAYER.

does not want, and then having the amount taken Prayer is not a special gift, set apart for privileged souls alone. It is a common duty, imposed Perhaps some of our readers are incredulous of upon every believer. It is not solely a virtue such things: They cannot believe that they ex. of perfection, and reserved for certain purer and ist. Men who would the treat a minister, they + more haly souls, it is like charity, an indispensa for August, 1860, page 238) "that they would say, and with reason, are not fit to have a minis- ble virtue, requisite to the perfect as to the immake clean work of it, and not leave a Druse on ter. One who has the misfortune to be thrown perfect; within the capacity of the illiterate Lebanon." Disregarding the laws of religion and among them, ought to shake off the dust of his equally as of the learned; commanded to the simple as to the most enlightened. It is the virtue of all men; it is the science of every be Not long ago, in a place no matter where, a mi- liever; it is the perfection of every creature.

Whoever has a heart, and is capable of loving or to flee from their country. The Christians had legal examination. Whether there was the slight- the author of his being-whoever has reason capa long despised the fewness of the Druses, killed est ground for even a suspicion in the case, or ble of knowing the nothingness of the creature whether the accusation was got up by the malice and the greatness of God, must know how to of wicked men, is not for us to say. We have no adore, to return Him thanks, and to have repelled them to retire from their possessions, and wish to judge a case which is still before the course to Him; to appease Him when offended courts, but we cannot forbear calling attention to to call upon Him when turned away, to thank villages in the Bukaa. They had also seized the the following delicate morecau elicited from a Him when favorable, to humble himself when He public roads east and west, with a design to cut witness in the course of a preliminary examina- strikes, to lay his wants before Him, or to entreat tion, which shows how generous and magnanimous His countenance and protection. Thus, be ye a parish may be in the treatment of a minister. who you may, that now listen to me; be faithful and starve them out of the mountains; and exas- The extract is made-literally from the printed re- to prayer, and, in the fulfilment of this duty perated them as enemies to take the aggressive for port of the proceedings. We put in italics seve- you will find all the rest sustained and rendered self-preservation as a distinct people. And under ral passages to which we desire to direct special easy. If a sinner, pray. It was through prayer alone that the publican and the sinful women o says: I reside, &c., . . . I was Clerk of the church and society. Thave had a difficulty I was Clerk | the grace of a thorough penitence; and prayer is the only source and the only path of righteous ness. If righteous, still pray; perseverance in faith and in piety is promised only to prayer; and by prayer it was that Job, that David, that Tobias the payment of his salary. It was about applying a part of the donation, or all of it, on his sapersevered to the end. If you live amid sinners lary. I claimed that the proceeds of the donation and your duty does not permit you to withdraw yourself from the sight of their irregularities and ---- refused altogether. Not until after a sharp examples, pray. The greater the dangers the contest did Mr. agree to have the money portion applied on his salary; the other articles he more necessary does prayer become; the three children in the flames, and Jonas in the belly of refused to have applied on it. The other articles i monster, found safety only through prayer. the engagements of your birth, or of your station attach you to the court of kings, pray. Esther in the court of Ahasuerus, Daniel in that of Darius. the prophets in the palaces of the kings of Israel were solely indebted to prayer for their life and

Sabbath, on which the church was closed and Mr. salvation. If you live in retirement, pray; soli was ready to preach, he should be docked tude itself becomes a rock, if a continual intercourse with God does not defend us against ourselves. If established in the church for the in sharp one-somewhat so. When he left there I struction of the people, pray; all the power and and challenge the Druses to the war, and intend a entertained unkind and unfriendly feelings; it is all the success of the ministry must depend upon your prayers. The Apostles converted the uni-Question-Did pop corn and small stockings verse solely because they had appropriated noform a part of the donation which you insisted he thing to themselves but prayer and the preaching of the Gospel.

Answer-It did not, taken together; the stock-Lastly, whoever you are,-I again repeat it,ings did, the pop corn did not. The stockings in prosperity or indulgence, in joy or in affliction, in trouble; or in peace, in fervency or in despondency, in sin or in the ways of righteousness, ad Question-Did Mr. _____sav, that as a donation vanced in virtue or still in the first steps of penitence, pray; prayer is the safety of all stations, the consolation of all sorrows, the duty of all confrom poor people, he thanked them for it, but obditions, the soul of piety, the support of faith, the Answer-Don't recollect that he did; think he had refused to surrender to their hereditary sheikhs. did not. This was what Mr. — called the "pop grand foundation of religion, and all religion itself. The whole nation was provoked, and it was the corn and stocking transaction." O my God! shed, then, upon us that spirit of On re-examination, witness says: Mr. grace and of prayer which was to be the distinto have for his services \$600. It was to include guishing mark of Thy Church, and the portion of everything received in the church, and he need not a new people; and purify our hearts and our lips, expect to receive anything more from any source that we may be enabled to offer up to Thee pure chatever. A part of that donation was in mo- homages, fervent sighs, and prayers worthy of the ney, about \$40 or \$50, and about \$30 or \$40 of eternal riches which Thou hast so often promised other articles, as appraised. The \$30 or \$40 to those who shall have well entreated Thee. Massillon

which was furnished him in articles, he did not CHRIST AND ADAM.

Question-Was your agreement to give \$600 in

iected to being charged with it?

Is it needful to point out the circumstances. Answer-In making the agreement, the word favorable to the first Adam, who nevertheless fell; money was not used. I understood we were at li- and the altered circumstance, so altogether ad verse, amidst which the last Adam nevertheless triumphed? Surrounded by the sweet amenities side. The Christians, indeed, in violation of all stood the trustees were at liberty to select the spe- and overflowing sufficiency of Eden, the head of the covenant of works fell-tempted with the fruit he so little needed. Surrounded by the hor-

Question-Did you understand, if the Trustees self-defence. And God gave the Druses a great victory. In the full tide of that victory, they during was he bound to receive it on his salary? of grace refused to grasp in unbelief—though imand the next Sabbath she and two others re- troops passed our house, and are encamped at Ain other Hebrew books are written in a corrupt dia-must not do them the service of publishing them lect called Rabbinic. "It frequently occurs in the and propagate while we oppose them. ceived the ordinance of baptism, and took a Sofa, about three miles from this. seat at the Lord's Table. It seemed to afford We would hope there will be no more patching suddenly ceased of their own accord from pursuing interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures that Answer-I so understood it, if they could agree | mediately at his disposal as God-the food which, Vinet on the price. I understood if one of his parishion- as man, he needed so deeply. With the newwords appear but once or seldom, so that the her much comfort to be numbered with the peo- up; for, if the European powers leave the Turk their enemies to the Dog river and to the north. on the price. I understood if one of his parishion-ers furnished him with a barrel of flour, it was to be created animals around him, in placid peace, each be chedient to his gentle sway; himself, under God, And I am fully persuaded that they would, if they be deducted from his salary. He accused the obedient to his gentle sway; I could, have ceased from the first outbreak, not- church of not paying him promptly. The accusate the lord of them all, absolute of the lord of them all absolute of the lord of them all, absolute of the lord of them all absolute of the lord of the meaning is not quite certain. When words occur to himself, a few years will witness bloodier deeds. ple of God.

alcohol? A shout like the roar of the tempest answered -"No!"

Critics need never tell me again that backwoodsmen are deaf to the divine voice of eloquence-for I saw at that moment the missionary ran in a current so irresistible, that even the duellist, Watt. Forman, dared not venture another interruption during the meeting. The campmeeting continued, and a revival attended it. such as never before or since was witnessed in Texas.

THE ARABIC LANGUAGE.

The Arabic language is a unique. Here even Hebrew yields, and scarce any other tongue pretends to enter into competition. With the exception of the bieroglyphics, there are but fragments of Egyptian under the names Amharic and Coptic, and they are comparatively modern, and existing only in copies of parts of the Scriptures. Ancient Syriac and Chaldee are no longer living tongues, Chinese is comparatively barren; Sanscrit exists only in its literature, Greek and Lain the Koran, but in all essential points the Bedaween who to-day lie in a circle round their fire in the desert, speak the same language as that spoken before Rome was cradled, or Cadmus brought letters into Greece. Yet this is but very small part of this interesting subject. The Arabic is kindred with the Hebrew. It is not a mere likeness by which we may guess from one to the other. It is a close connexion-a consan-

guinity in structure, in modes of thought and expression. It is a resemblance such as obtains between Spanish and Portuguese, between German and Dutch, or almost between dialects of the same language. The words are often almost identical. and the roots precisely the same. The conse quences that flow from this are most striking. The first is the obvious confirmation of the truth of the intimate union of the stream when it sprung into two branches from the parent source. Isaac and Ishmael could almost now converse together. if Israel had not been scattered amongst every people under heaven, and so lost bis language with his independence, whilst his wild brother has preserved both. The second of these consequences will be observed that the only work extant in pure Hebrew is the Old Testament Scriptures. All

is the great and all-embracing case-of temptation. To be a son of God, verily and irrefragably; and yet to have no evidence of it within the sphere of sense and time and reason; but everything in these categories rather contradicting your claim ;---this is your probation of God while here; this is what Satan malignently manages against

But no. ""It doth not yet appear." Frankly must-we own that no perceptible priestly robes of primogeniture, whiter than the snow, adorn us and no fair mitre made after any pattern shown in the mount; to certify that we are priests. No throne; no sceptre; no regalia; have we-in proof that Christ hath loved us and made us kings. And no Mahanaim of the Lord, no visible angelic delighteth to honor." Nor do the forests elap their hands at our approach; nor the mountains and the hills break forth into singing; in welcome

to the sons and heirs of the King of glory. Rather, the whole creation groaneth our sonship is hidden, waiting for the manifesta tion of , (Rom. viii. 19.) There is a shameful cross lying heavy on our shoulder, rather than a graceful diadem shining on our head. No palm of victory is ours; but the trembling and the toil of battle. Diseases grapple with our frame, having no respect to our adoption. And manifold afflic tions fall on us-even more than on other men would you exchange it for that demon's drink-(Ps. lxxiii.)-and the sighing thereof clash rudely on the ear of sense with our high claim to be the family and seed-royal of heaven. And death at last confronts us; and makes it far more manifest that we are victims of the loathsome grave, than sons of God and immortality: as if we must say held the hearts of the multitude, as it were, in ther; and to the worm, Thou art my sister; rather the hollow of his hand, and the popular feeling than the Son of God call us his brethren. Verily our sonship is concealed. "Our life is hid."

Christ's Presence in the Gospel History.

THE UNFOLDING OF PRINCIPLE.

There are some subjects closely related to those reated by the gospel, which it has not even menioned, as suicide, slavery, etc. These last, so far from deserving to be excluded from preaching, are sometimes among the most interesting and most evangelical subjects. The silence of the gospel on these points has been complained of, but we ought rather to be pleased that it has not said every thing. Besides circumstantial reasons, we must consider in general that the gospel would put us under the necessity of finishing, of completing things for ourselves. The church is the continued tin are mere moderns in comparison, while He | revealer of truth; it can add nothing to principle brew is itself no longer spoken. We cannot, of course, say that Arabic is entirely uncorrupt even in the Koran, but in all essential points the Be need of preaching:

THE PROVINCE OF THE PULPIT.

Christianity embraces all. It shows the sovereignty of its principles, not by destroying any thing whatever, but by assimilating all things to itself. To the Christian, every thing becomes Christian. Nothing is absolutely foreign to the province of the gospel. It saves the whole of man. It saves the whole of life. Nothing except sin is profane. Life is not divided. There is no point at which Christianity stops abruptly. As well forbid the atmosphere of two countries to intermix above the mountains which form a boundary between them. Rev. T. H.Skinner's Vinet's Homiletics.

PULPIT CONTROVERSY.

The proper controversy of the pulpit is controversy with sin, which is the great heresy. It is better to overcome evil with good, to absorb error in has powerfully influenced sacred literature. It truth. Virtutem videant. We must observe the errors which appear in the places where we preach; those at least which have forting therein; but we