Miscellaneous.

EMMOTT.-- A STRANGE TALE.

BY JOHN ASHWORTH.

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ogether."

Emmott's case.

When I returned to the house at which

I was staying, and, during breakfast, re-counted to the gentleman and his wife the

adventure of the morning-more especially my conversation with Emmott-they were

At my request, John Ashworth has written and published this short sketch of my life, which, in the presence of four witnesses, i declare to be true. I have done much evil, and I now wish to do all the good I can. I hope this narrative will be read by many, who will see what grace can do for the worst, and induce them all, like me, to seek the Friend of sinners. 60. Union street, Oldham, July, 1865.

As you enter the town of Oldham, England, from the Mumps, Railway Station, near the baths in Union Street, there is a small cottage numbered 60. For many that John Ashworth; of Rochdale; is going years the windows of this cottage had been filled with cigars, tobacco, fruit, sweetmeats. sporting papers, and infidel publications; but on the Sabbath the window was decked out with all possible attention, to allure and corrupt the young or people in the neighsporting papers, and infidel publications : borhood.

Having a Sabbath engagement in Oldham, I informed the gentleman, in whose house I was staying on , the Saturday evening, that I should probably let myself out early in the morning to take a quiet walk through the streets, and have a little con-versation with the straggiers and groups of street loungers, and try if I could induce some of them to get washed and attend a place of worship. Passing out of Union street about seven

the following morning, I came to this open toffy-shop. A middle-aged woman was on, her knees washing the doorstep. Wishing to speak to her, I stooped down and said-

'My good woman, have you any money in the Savings' Bank ?"

The woman rose from her knees with the floorcloth in her hand, and, looking me in the face, said-

"Whatever made you ax me that, felley ?"

"Well, Mrs.," L replied, "I have been asking that question of many Sabbath shep- len humanity, and though there is no other keepers for the last twenty years, and I name by which we can be saved but the have never found one that had saved any- name of Christ Jesus, yet many and vari thing; they are all a poor, poverty-stricken lot, and I am anxious to know if you are like the rest I have seen."

"Us aught saved? Nay, not us. I wish the traveller, when dying in despair on the we had," she again replied.

Just then a tall, thin man came across to trust in God's providence from seeing a the street, and, looking me rather fiercely small, green plant blooming amidst, the in the face, said "What are you saying to my wife?" Well, sir, if this be, your wife, I have and thanked God he had been spared to see

been asking her if you have any money in the bank ?" I replied. "Ah! you are one, of the black-coats,

are you? Where is your white choker?" he asked.

"I do not happen to have one at present, but I have a black coat of good Yorkshire cloth. Just rub your hand down the sleeve of whom the child was singing, and from. and feel how smooth it is."

This playful expression on my part rather changed his temper; but, again ad-"You have caught a tartar this morning,

"You have caught a tartar this morning, was just fising from the ground," he watched and one that has had many a twist with it as it rose higher and higher, warbling its such chaps as you; for, if there is anght I sweet notes as it ascended, till it became a

his blind, his wife staring at him with the letter D. I came to live in Manchester, son at the church he attended, many went greatest astonishment all the while. and joined a company of low-lived infidels. and soon became so degraded that my wife ship. While Emmott's wife was gazing at him in wonder, I was watching his proceedings left me and came to Oldham. I followed

with pleasure; and when he had finished, class, but calling themselves secularists. "Well done! and, depend upon it, you About this time I was perfectly savage

will be commercially a gainer. Now, if against every one professing religion, and you keep a correct account of your dealtook every opportunity of insulting them. ings, I shall, all well, be-coming this way again, and I dare venture to make up all vou lose, if you will give me your gains. because he would not tell a lie. I drove the Bible-sellers out of the market-place by turning all they said into ridicule, and

you lose, if you will give the your gaus. And now what do you say to going to some place of worship?" "Nay, nay! Your looking-glass argu-ment has snocked me down, for I believe it, but no churches or chapels for me. Oldlaughed and mocked at all open-air preachers I could find. Many of them, especially ham folks will be amazed enough to see the shop shut up, but they will never see me

in a church. I see by the bills on the walls "I once pushed a donkey into a prayer meeting, telling the astonished company to preach in the chapel at the end of the that I had brought them a sinner to be street. ... L, did think once of going to hear converted, that had as much a soul as any of them.

"I was once sick, and, at my dister's request, a minister came to see me. He was. taking out his Bible to read, but I told him "Well, sir, if you will get ready I will to put away the cursed book, and find me call on you about the time, and we will go two flangel shirts, which would dome more

good than all the Bibles and prayers in the "No. no! Churches and chapels are world. He replied that God would send nought in my line-I wish they were all in blessings for the body as well as the soul ruins; besides, my Sabbath jump is in the but I told him he was a liar, for God did pop-shop, and I shall not go in these rage." not deal in flannel, if there was a God.

"I never heard a church bell but I wished the ground would open and swallow up all the churches and chapels with the parsons, and I gloated in keeping open shop and sell-ing sporting and infidel publications on the Sabbath. Such has been my life for thirty

greatly surprised and pleased. I expressed Sabbath. Such I a wish that he might be visited by a few years. udicious friends, to encourage him giving "I have been in many towns, and up his Sabbath trading, and I thought it amongst all classes of infidels, especially possible that he might yet be induced to the secularists. Some of these pretend to attend some place of worship UThis was be rather more respectable, than the old done by Messrs. Mortimer, Hibbert, and stock of infidels, but they are all a misera others, for they all became interested in ble, wretched lot-a withering blight follows aught they take in hand. They are How mysterious are the ways of Him

an organization without a head, a body whose pathways are in the deep! With infinite love and pity He looks on our falwithout a substance, denying the existence of a God, and are without faith in man. Rejecting the moral law, they laugh at all moral responsibility, and are only kept in order by the laws of the country. Most down secularists are better than their creed, for. ous influences are at work intended to bring wicked men to seek salvation in that name? did they practice what they pretended to believe, society would become impossible; and to trust in the goodness of Godii Bruce, and I believe with Gordon, one of their late arid sands of the Abyssinian desert, was led, lecturers, That a secularist, to gain his own point, can commit the most horrid crimes, even murder, and be consistent with his principles. It is a mercy that mankind holds their, principles in abhor-rence, and that such a race, of beings are, almost extinct. dos dos de anal this additional evidence of his wisdom. I knew a poor woman who, almost broken

"When my eyes were opened, and I saw, hearted with sorrow, sat weeping beside a troubled about the injury I had done to others by the sale of infidel publications, well; a little girl was plucking daises and bluebells, and singing: "Gome to Jesus;" the woman heard the child's song, knelt those passports to ruin, and resolved that down and sought comfort from that Jesus, not one more should pass through my hands of whom the child was singing, and from or remain in my house. I gathered, them that day became a happy Christian. that day became a happy Christian. The singing of a lark was amongst the myself, costing in all about four pounds; L

influences that melted down, the haughty piled them on the fire, and, as I saw them dressing me with an important air, he ob- spirit of Emmott. Soon after my visit he consuming in the flames, I felt as if I was served— was walking through Oldham park ; a lark burning the devil, and watched their destruction with the greatest pleasure. Now, thought I, you are done for. "Since this change came over my mind,

my home is already, like a paradise to what delight in, it is to choke a parson. I wish I could choke them every one, so that they said Emmott to himself, "yon little bird is, it was. Now, I have a quiet, peaceable it a more speak ngain." "What sort of a tartar are you?" I asked a more thing of instinct, warbles and basks with all sorts of rabble. talking all sorts of infidel, Richard EMMOTT.

"My name is Emmott, a well-known Sec-in the sunbeam, answering the purposes of wicked, filthy talk, from morning to night its existence, and is happy; but I, a ra-Mghen I am not surprised at your keep, tional creature, am gloomy and sad of heart. and I hope God will have mercy upon me;

who are not often found in a place of wor-This service Mr. Mortimer, the minister,

her, and again found several of the same opened with singing, prayer, and a short address. Several of the members spoke a w words, but when Emmott rose, with vident nervousness, all eyes were turned thwards him, with the most intense inter-I would not touch, or allow my child to est and in breathless silence. His first touch the Bible, though I have flogged him words were feeble and tremulous. He spoke

of the amazing goodness of God in preserving his life during the many years of his wicked career, and mourned over his many transgressions, and the evil he had done to others. He alluded to the mysterious way young, inexperienced men, I have driven he had been brought to see his wickedness way by asking obscene questions they and folly; but when he spoke of the love could not or durst not answer, of God, through Christ, in pardoning his sins, he wept like a child to He concluded by declaring that he has enjoyed more real. happiness in one hour since his conversion

than in all the time he was an infidel. Many that were present wept tears of thankfulness for this additional evidence of the power of saving grace. One poor man, an old acquaintance of Emmott, declared that "If he could be as happy as Dick Em-mott, he would give all he had, even his donkey and cart."

My visit to Emmott after the public confession of his faith was to both of us a joyful meeting. He spoke of his deep confidence: in God's mercy and love, and his firm conviction that He would sustain him amidst all the persecution, and abuse he would probably have to suffer from his old companions. I then took, up the Bible,

CHARLES STO and, opening at the fifty-third of Isaiah, Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows : yet did we esteem

Him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities : the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed All we like sheep have gone astray in we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us on. 1 Same ที่มี เล่ สุดไรแบบปปี 65 และ ora While, reading this description of our Saviar's suffering for us, tears streamed down Emmott's face, "What love! what love The exclaimed, "and all for, guilty" sinnels—for such as I. Oh, what love !" Endnott's prayer at parting was the sim-ple, ernest breathing of a thankful heart. "O Edid," said he, "how good Thou art!" Never, never can I praise Thee enough for what Thou hast done for me: What a wicked wicked man I have been ;yet Thou; for Jesus Christ's sake: hast for given me. Faknow, Is feel. Thous hast. Christs did carry my griefs and sorrows: He was bruised for me, and by his stripes how great a sinner I was, I felt greatly I im healed. Do helpime to praise Thee ! and, bless, all my old companions. Open their dark eyes, and show them, the Lamb

of God, that taketh away the sin of the world. Do, Lord, do, for my dear Sa-viour's sake. Amen. On parting, with a face beaming with joy, he said SOTOPILOW SHIPHILADRIPHIA: WI AND 903] N. B.-Having obtained a celebrity for cutting GOOD FITTING PANTALOONS. making it a specialty in my business for some years

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hours, and be snubbed in the bargain." "Well, sir, I admire, your spirit as re-

gards going to the guardians, for I have no patience with persons going for parish relief that can help it. Some are forced to go, but many go that might do without it; if they would make an effort. But I think your argument all yry lame one, for Sab-bath shopkeepersiars far more likelytto find their way to the poorhouserin the long run than persons that honor the Sabbath.

-4. Why, how do you make that out?"...

"Well, sir, here you have your, fruit, toffy, and penny cigars, to say nothing about your infidel books, tempting Sabbathschool scholars, and inducing them to do what their parents and teachers warn them against doing. You sell these cigars and tobacco to mere boys, helping them to form degrading habits, and thereby injuring your neighbors' children. The consequence will be that respectable people will not trade. with you shy day, for, depend upon it. society is a social compact. Despise and nied his existence; but such is, the fact, snub society, and it, will despise, and snub Oh, Mr. Ashworth, that, I, could but, undo you; respect and smile at it, and it will respect and smile at you. To make this more clear, did you ever see a six-foot look-

"Well, the next time you see one, stand before it, clench your fist, and, with a look of defiance, say, Who cares for you 2 and you will see one with clenched fist and defiant look saying o' Who gares for you ?' But if you smile and say, 'Good morning, my friend, I wish you prosperity,' you will see one smiling in return and wishing you prosperity. Now, sir, this is society; and what you measure to it, you will have measured back. A man must, in this respect, reap what he sows?" Red of Proupa-d During this conversation, we had entered the house. He folded his arms; (leaned) against any old mangle, and seemed in a

lings, I might have to stand waiting two; was the verse of a hymn taught him by his mother-a mother that had offered many "Come, Holy Spirithfrom above, a . 601

became the involuntary language of a burdened south in netton of Bods bened

The Sabbath following found Emmott in the house of prayer of Again and again he sought the sanotuary, and in tears of peni tence besought Him whom he had denied and, insulted to have meroy upon, and par-don the most guilty of all guilty sinners. He was in this state of mind when he sent

"60, UNION STRET, OLDHAM, October 24th, 1864. "KIND FRIEND :- Tlittle thought when

vou came to my door the other Sabbath morning; that I should have so soon to plead for God's mercy-me that had so often denied his existence put and is, the fact. Oh, Mr. Ashworth, that I could but undo the injury that my principles and conduct have done, I might have some hope of yet being happy. Had it not been that the Lord directed you to my house, I should have been lost. Will you pray for me, and

if you can, soon come and see me? "Yours very sincerely, or grow

"RICHARD EMMOTT."

On my calling to see Emmott, I was soaring aloit into heaven. I felt my, faith to be as strong as Samson. My will much surprised to see him so greatly changed. He requested me to remain with half so happy. This is the brightest day of my life, and I, now truly begin to live, for him as rong as i possibly could, and take my inte, and inter, and inter, and interval of the south with the blood down in writing what he wanted to say. I am a ohild of God, bought with the blood He then gave me the following sketch of of the Lamb of God, that taketh away his wayward life, which kregive in his own the sin of the world. If hope I shall words my out to shapin rud on mea " My earliest recollections are connected his blessing and grace to guide me and help

with Skipton-in-Craven. Then I went to me to live at peace with all mankind the Sabbath school, but left when ten years for age, When about twenty I lived in tonishment amongst all those who knew

against an old mangle, and, seemed in a of, age, When about twenty I, lived in tonishment amongs all those who knew deep study; then, looking at, his, wife, said— "Do you hear what this man says, lass?" I found the Chartists, bought a gun infidel, from reading Carlisle's 'Destruct, ing, scotting, scottin papers all out of the windows putting them is hundred miles in woman's of the state of the ware ported that Emmott was expected on the top of the manual and pulled down was caught, and I an non-marked with the to give a public confession of this conver-

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ing a Sabhath shop and wanting to strangle How is this ? If there be a God, He must and pardon my many transgressions, and ing: a Sabbath shop and wanted by the shop and the sho

couple our names with a date, so that he might be often reminded of the time and circumstances, that had brought us together. I cheerfully complied with his request, and one true sign of a real change is, the book he had once mortally hated he now loves. prayers for her wayward son but for thirty But is there not another sign of an amazing years he had never ; even sthought cof it --- change ? No sooner does Emmott emerge but now that mother saves and the shows in the gloomy cavern of infidelity, and catch a ray of heavenly light, but he begins tortalk about an immortality of bliss ! -The change that Emmot was so troubled and an xious about came at last He had been very attentive at the means of grace on the Sabbath, and requested that he might be allowed to strend, a week night meeting for Christian experience. From one of these meetings he returned in the deepest distress and for four days sought mercy in pardon me? If Thou will not, I cannot be surprised for I have laughed Thee to scorn, and thousands of times insulted the very name of thy dear. Son that had died for me. I have indeed been the chief of sinners, but wilt Thou not save me? Oh do, Lord, do, for Christ's sake, that died for sinners ; do

save me !! is vid the trayed The heart broken prayer was heard, and again the power of Christ's blood was made manifest in being able to save the chief of sinners, for Emmott became a child of God, sinner saved by grace, distinguished and in which he gives this prayer and his deliv

welk humbly before Him, and daily ask

Emmott's conversion produced great as-tonishment amongst all those who knew him in Oldham. That the sneering, mock-ing, scorning, scoffing, Sabhath shopkeep-