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Spring, Autumn, and Eternity. "He hath made everything beautiful in his time."-Eccl. iii: 11

There are two things I dearly love In nature's circling year, Which lift my spirit far above The weight of earthly care: They bring before my eager view The brightness of a home Where all their leveliness is true. Nor changes ever come.

The early times of Spring's first hours Bring freshness to the heart; They rouse the wearied spirit's powers. And sweeter life impart; Her dancing breezes gently woo The blossoms of the rose, All wet with sparkling morning dew, Their petals to enclose.

The weary sufferer of pain. The bowed with care or grief, Hail her returning once again, With hopes of sweet relief. Spring hours they cannot fail to bring Calm and consoling thought, Her many voices ever sing Of lov te mortals brought.

But how, O Autumn! shall I dare To paint thy gorgeous hues: The softness of thy morning air: Thine evening's pearly dews; The solemn grandeur of thy night, Whose starry crown is set With gems more radiantly bright Than earthly coronet?

The glory of thy sunset hour When all is calm and still. Brings full conviction of the Power That heaven and earth doth fill. Oh! who can gaze upon thy skies, As twilight shades them o'er, And not from earthly dreamings rise, Their Maker to adore?

The wreath of fading Summer flowers Is yet upon thy brow, . But all the mirth of Summer hours Is changed to sadness now. And yet, upon thy dying head A solemn beauty lies, More glorious than the riches spread

'Neath Summer's glowing skies.

Ever, O Autumn! shalt thou be To us an emblem meet. Of spirits sinking peacefully To slumber calm and sweet: Yet ours shall still increase, Thy reign be soon forever past,

But ours shall never cease.

Ah! not like thee shall pass away The Christian's hope and joy: We look for an eternal day, And bliss without alloy-For glories hid from mortal sight, Revealed in realms above-For fadeless crowns of heavenly light,

And perfectness of love. -Knickerbocker.

For the Presbyterian Banner MESSES. EDITORS:-Some weeks ago. appeared in your columns an article, "Jane," on the fastidiousness of gregations, shown in their disposition to none but "first class ministers." There re truths suggested which it were well the Church to consider. Congregations greatly injured by this fastidiousness. to the "first-class ministers," there pens to be no uniform standard of judgand classifying ministers. Often they regarded as "first-class," who succeed securing prominent positions—frequenthose who will accept no other position. est and retiring men of real worth and d ability, are passed by and overlooked. writer aided to organize a church some ths ago, of a few members of very limabilities, both pecuniary and otherwise. obscure village. To this little church the first-class ministers really, settled ery useful in an important neighborown, had preached once; and a leadman among them remarked, "he could good here; we understand Mr. - is

1 minister, and we could possibly \$100 to support him." However, by way, Mr. — was soon reported by ebody not to be sound on a political tion, and he would not answer the pur-That little church, of which brother " has some knowledge, has almost out. No man need feel greatly troubecause some churches do not place among the "first-class." Place, more n talents or real worth, make men conous. Let vacant churches accept tefully the services of any good, sensiminister whom they may be able to ain-treat him well, sustain him well, perate with him and strengthen his ince, and they will find him the "firstminister for them. At the same there is propriety in the advice oted in the beginning of "Jane's" episnot to send to the new fields of the est, inferior ministers who cannot suc-

f churches, however, despise God's minrs because not highly gifted as orators, offend the Author of the ministry, are liable to be left to spiritual death. s often the case that all the advice of ighboring pastors and of Presbytery, ails nothing to continue a worthy but unceptable man with such a people. Miners, on the other hand, are sometimes w to learn that their labors are unacptible. There may be a want of frank aling through tenderness of the man's blings; he may be much attached to his ople, or may find it very inconvenient to move, and hold on to his position after prospect of usefulness ceases. No ade to the people from other ministers will move the people's dislike, for which ere may be no cause, and the minister would act as a friend and intimate the e of things to his unapreciated brother, sometimes treated as a meddler, and ught to be creating the difficulty which has labored in vain to remove.

A case in point occurs here. Mr.

preaching to the churches of K-E\_\_\_, both of which were feeble and eiving missionary aid. Though the urch of K had received considerable sions under his ministry, for some se they were not inclined to continue his ors, but without assigning any reason, fined renewing their engagement with as stated supply. Neighboring minis-assured them that they were not treat-

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labors, but feeling under special obligation

to him for his agency in securing their in-

terests, they had retrained from expressing

their dissatisfaction. He promised to ap-

Some months afterward, when another

minister was proposed to enter the field

virtually vacant, in accordance with his

appointment, the member of Presbytery

wrote to the Session at E, inquiring whether the way was open to hear the can-

church of E- But the candidate was

heard, was happily settled over the whole

charge, and is doing good. Notwithstand-

ing a considerable debt on their church,

and some other discouragements, the con-

gregations at E- are represented as

very much increased and encouraged, while

The initials used in "Jane's" commu-

made the impression that certain locations

The main points of "Jane's" communi-

cation, irrespective of illustrations, are wor-

or stay, to labor in this or that sphere,

however humble, just as providential indica-

tions may direct. If people are unreason-

would be found on inquiry, that some un-

moved by private pique, has been for

dissatisfaction, discouraged and sad, and

indisposed to controversy and turmoil, he

for his peace to do so: but does not the

sent? Should not satisfactory reasons be

These suggestions are submitted by one

did so because such things are not peculiar

as hinted above, assumed a female name,

and took advantage of our columns to deal

in personalities, he did a great wrong. If

any one has personal difficulties, let him

settle them, face to face. Such things

should never go to the Church journals.

"What Can I Do?"

to the West, nor confined to localities. We Discouraged by the past long, cold, severe

have had a knowledge of just such things snowy Winter, and poor success in mining,

who claims to be only

ugh for a pastor to express a wish

A SECOND CLASS MINISTER.

good of the Church down the Presbytery, the wrong at the hands of the Presbytery,

hereafter, while they may be scourged.

fair prospects of usefulness.

misstatement of facts.

prise Mr. - of the state of things.

PITTSBURGH, WEDNESDAY, JA NUARY 21, 1863.

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time the Presbytery took the matter in gether with Christ, in securing the hea- six years ago to-day he gave his heart to of Jesus. His help all hangs on the nails the other in 1854—to raise the equal divihand, to unite the field if possible, and then for his inheritance and the uttermost God, and had enjoyed his favor ever since. save missionary funds. Other fields were parts of the earth for his possession, if not Said he had been led to the Saviour by two treated in the same way, and a member of such as you whom he has so liberally en-Presbytery in each case appointed to carry dowed with suitable gifts and graces? Book. Thank God for the Sabbath School! out its wishes and confer with the churches. Prepare then to endure hardness as good At our meeting of last week, the inter-The first effort was to induce the people of soldiers of Jesus. Wherever God points est, if any difference, was still greater. K to receive Mr. -, but it was found | the way, fearlessly go forward. Give your | One young brother was so deeply wrought impossible. It was then proposed to Mr. bodies as living sacrifices. Devote your upon that, while engaged in prayer, he bewhole energies to him who loved you and came so much overcome that he could not church, to solicit the church at K- to gave himself for you. And should impor- proceed, and called upon another brother unite for a definite time in supporting Mr. | tunate friends attempt to dissuade you from | after which the charge was to be va-cant. This, too, was found impracticable. example of Christian heroism, "What in Central City. And although the Sab-The representative of the E— church mean ye to weep and to break mine heart, bath is not well observed, yet the religious had given the assurance that the people of for I am ready not to be bound only, but interests throughout the more thickly set--were unwilling to continue Mr. -- 's also to die for the name of the Lord Jesus."

For the Presbyterian Banner.

Colorado. NEVADA CITY, December 9, 1862. MESSRS. EDITORS:-For the past few weeks I have been on the wing, and consequently have not enjoying the reading of your interesting Banner regularly. I find that travelling about, especially in this new, didate, and proposing that Mr. \_\_\_ might | Rocky Mountain country, where the " one see the letter. After all he thinks he ob: thing needful" is generally so little spoken tained, in the discharge of plain duty, Mr. of, is not favorable to growth in grace. -'s ill will. So did the elder of the And especially is this so while we are exposed to all the horrors and demoralizing influences of civil war. When duty calls me to go from place to place, the sentiment contained in the following lines often comes to my mind:

"I love to steal awhile away, From every cumbering care." Mr. - has engaged in another field with | And, while traversing these wide prairies, snowy ranges, lofty peaks, and flowery vales is very delightful, yet we often find nication, and some of the facts stated, have it very desirable and pleasant to be alone. Under these circumstances, to be alone is love and deep interest in the welfare of not to be lonely. Because it affords a bet their pastor and his household. My most and individuals were intended, and great not to be lonely. Because it affords a betinjustice done them by a perversion and ter opportunity to

Salute thyself and see what thy soul doth wear, And tumble up and down what thou find'st

thy of consideration. Let churches beware how they treat worthy ministers. But no minister need ask for the reasons why the people are dissatisfied with him. A minis- spurs of the towering heights of the great ter of Christ must hold himself ready to go truth we must say we have been highly delighted and much interested. Life in the mountains, though hard and laborious to able, ungrateful and unkind; his reward is the preacher, is not without its charms. Although the mountains do n't afford all To what extent Presbyterial authority the good things of this life, yet the healthy should interpose in such cases, is a very climate, the dry, bracing, and invigorating important practical question. Often it air, together with the pure, cold, refreshing reasonable disturber of the church's peace, up for all that. There is something grand seeds of discontent and undermining the indescribably grand scenes of nature, tominister's influence. When he discovers a gether with the far-off, isolated situation, all tend, at least for a while, to make it atto resign his charge, and the people confor them to do much toward supporting Gospel. Yet, all through that region, we find everywhere a few scattered sheep, bearing the image of Christ, hungering and thirsting for the bread of life. Consider-REMARKS.—In giving place to the article alluded to we supposed it to be bona fide ing, we usually had very good congregations, and often very interesting meetings. the production of a Christian lady, and in-The suffused eye and the earnest prayer tended to present good thoughts on an imoften betokened God's gracious presence. portant question. We had no idea of the In a word, we have not yet got fairly letters B, M, H, W, &c., expressing persons through "the cap rock" of religious or churches individually. We regarded growth and prosperity in that region. them merely as used for illustration. We Many of the mining districts in that sec-

in the East. If, however, some gentleman, many have left the country. Many no doubt will return next Spring, and resummining; for, without doubt, there are very rich mines there yet undeveloped. SABBATH IN THE MOUNTAINS. Sabbath is the miner's day of business He mines, digs, blasts quartz, and washes and retorts gold, six days of the week, and If we had known, or even suspected that then on the Sabbath he does his trading, "Jane's" article was intended to expose a laying in supplies, provisions, &c. The stores are all kept open, Sundays, and you will see more men in the streets that day than on any other. The Quartz Mills usually run as well on Sabbath as any other day. There are, however, many exceptions, and the time is not far distant when we think this great sin and drawback upon the religious enterprises will comparatively cease. At Central City, the chief city of the Mountains, the National Theatre is in full blast every Sabbath evening. About the time religious services begin there, the theatricals play and beat up their enchanting music, to the great disturbance of the preacher and congregation. And what is still more lamentable

tion-among others, Buckskin Joe-are

comparatively forsaken, for the present.

and surprising, we often see professors of religion, and apparently very good men otherwise, engaged and deliberately going on in this great sin; thus absenting themselves and keeping others from church. It is wonderful to see what great influence surroundings and custom have upon man. Yet I do n't believe a change of location will change our principles. And yet it seems as though it did in some instances in this country. We hope and pray for a better day to come speedily.

On the evening of the 3d inst., a very large, patriotic, enthusiastic war meeting came off in Central City. Gov. Evans and the Colonels of the three regiments of heirs to all the riches of God's grace in Colorado Volunteers came up from Denver, Jesus Christ, and desire not to glory in the and, upon a very short notice, the People's titles of men's preferring. They glory Theatre was at an early hour in the evening and rejoice not, "save in the cross of the thought of crowded wards with their ghast-ly spectacles and poisoned atmosphere, or the Colonels, and a few others, made short, places else, they love to sit viewing and patriotic speeches; after which a subscription of over \$1,100 was raised as a bonus While they see him dying to raise them to keep you back? Could even the gleaming to induce men to enlist and fill up the partnership in his throne, the things es-Colorado 3d. Two firms gave each \$300.

PRAYER MEETINGS. Generally, wherever there is a congregation or church organized in this Territory, there we find the weekly prayer meeting. Elder Brother, hath need of you and cans in these happy circles we often enjoy for your services? "For me to live is "times of refreshing." "How good is it." Mountains,

" And spend the hours of setting day In humble, grateful prayer." sea, the fulness of the Gentiles, must be Last night, December 13th, we met in this doubts, and shame, in the same grave. as stated supply. Neighboring minisassured them that they were not treatmarked supply. Neighboring minisassured them that they were not treatmarked supply. Neighboring minisassured them that they were not treatmarked supply. Neighboring minisassured them that they were not treatmarked supply. Neighboring minisassured them that they were not treatmarked supply. Neighboring minisassured them that they were not treatmarked supply. Neighboring minismarked them that they were not treatmarked supply. Neighboring minismarked them that they were not treatmarked supply. Neighboring minismarked them that they were not treatmarked them the dining room of Mr. Booth,
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to close the prayer. There are two weekly prayer meetings tled parts of the Territory, seem to be increasing, and society rapidly improving. The Public School system is just going into operation. A Seminary enterprise has just started in Denver. The mines in this region are paying very well, generally, and the busy town of Black Hawk Point is rapidly improving.

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Donation Party and car rate The family of the pastor of the Presbyterian church of New Birmingham, Ohio, was visited on the morning of the 6th day of December, 1862, by one of those rich beams of comfort which constitute the minister's home a "Sunny-side." It came in the form of a complete outfit of all the rich and substantial articles that makes the minister's home pleasant through a long and tedious Winter.

To the doners and beloved members of the New Birmingham church, I hereby confess my inability to express the gratitude of my heart for this token of their earnest desire and prayer to God for all these kind and noble hearted friends is, that they may never want any earthly good, and at last be made partakers of that heavenly inheritance that fadeth not away.

May their good deeds be the means of prompting others to go and do likewise for many pastors, and thus encourage the minsnowy range, and beautiful parks, of a listers of Christ in all their important and A. L. Knox.

> Por the Presbyterian Banuer. Donation Visit.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—It is not more than year since I asked the privilege of acup for all that. There is something grand liberality of the people of Parnassus con-and glorious about life in the Rocky Moungregation toward their pastor and his fammoved by private pique, has been for months secretly and sedulously sowing the tains. The wild, romantic, sublime, and ily; and as your paper is devoted to well-seeds of discontent and undermining the indescribably grand scenes of nature, to-doing, I take the liberty of making another request of a similar kind at this time. New Year's day 1863, will never be fortractive and deeply interesting. Yet it is gotten by us. About noon we were sumis disposed at once to retire. It may be a hard field for the missionary. Generally, moned to the door, where to our utter befor his peace to do so; but does not the wilderment, we saw a vast multitude of faor in other worthis year, nearly all of the miliar folk standing at once. It was people have been "hard up," and hence it no mob. They entered the house without has been difficult, or out of the question ceremony, and behaved to perfection. Soon we were invited to dine, and we fared the Gospel. Generally they will give sumptuously, I assure you. After dinner much more to support a theatre than the we engaged in brief religious exercises. It was a rich social feast. There was a happy blending of hearts, illustrating "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Too soon it was ended by the approach of night. But there was a store of good and substantial 'New Years gifts " left behind. Kitchen. antry, cellar, coal house, stable, wardrobe, purse, will be reporting how much for many ong weeks to come. The recollection of pleasant greetings, of kind words, and charitable deeds, will never be effaced.

> For the Presbyterian Banner. Rejoicing in Christ.

D. W. TOWNSEND.

May the donors experimentally know the

full blessedness of the cheerful giver.

One of the marks by which the Apostle Paul distinguishes Christians (Phil. iii: 2) is, they "rejoice in Christ Jesus." The Christian, like other men, is known by his joy. The epicure delights in his meats and wines. The child of ambition has his goal. Victory is the idol of the soldier. The miser's soul gloats over the prospect of more gold. The weary grow cheerful under their burdens, in view of rest to come. The sick smile at the hope of returning health. The luxuries of wealth in imagination, for a time, drive away the anxieties of poverty. The scion of nobility looks with pride on the trunk and

ranches of his ancestral tree. But if the Christian possessed all inferior means of happiness, no one, nor all together, could constitute his chief joy While the epicure, with his luxuries, satiates and debilitates his powers of enjoyment, the Christian eats the bread and drinks the water of life with an ever increasing relish. While the child of ambition strides toward the acme of his desires. he "presses toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." While some are shouting the victory of battle, others groan, weltering in their blood; but every Christian shall wear the conqueror's crown. Often "faint yet pursuing," his rest is secured by the word of never failing promise. Always growing sicker of sin, he only proves more and more the virtue of the Balm of Gilead for the healing of the soul. Christians are often poor in this world, yet each one has a title to a mansion in the skies and a share in the pearl of great price. As sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty, they are admiring the wonders of redemption.

teemed by this world, tade into nothingness and vanity. There is their peace of conscience which makes them strong in all their warfare. The light of that Cross pierces the darkest, densest cloud that ever darkens the saint's horizon. Across the valley of the shadow of death, and through the gloom of the grave he can discern the to "draw nigh" to God in these Rocky rays of the Sun of the celestial city playing around it. At the foot of it conscience

which fastened him to the cross. Where | dend to £150. The result of the first of the believer derives eternal life. The saint, whether living or dying, re-

## EUROPEAN COBRESPONDENCE.

Dr. Colenso and his Critics—The Jews Defending
Moses—What this Indicates and Foreshadows— Jewish Bible Societies—The London Chief Rabbi vs. Colenso, Professor Porter, and Daniel Mo-Afee—"Our Debt" and Free Church Sustenta-Afee—"Our Debt" and Free Church Sustentation Fund—Tribute to the Memory of Lord of this great fund is more encouraging Breadalbane—New Missionaries for India—Illiness of Dr. Hetherington—Miss Whately and Ragged Life in Egypt. The "Sky Parlor"—The Nile Boat and the "Book"—The Old Man, and "How am I to Know?"—The Answer—Egypt. Prophecy, and Prayer—Christman—Postscript.

series of most damaging assaults; and this In Scotland there has been a considerating pendent of the full, elaborate, learned, ble number of maid-receiving congregathe other, the mass of the Jews have perverted and turned the truth into fables, and worse, into poison. It is remarkable

of Nazareth, who was crucified!

Law, pointing to something better than support of the body to which he was con"the blood of bulls and goats," even "the scientiously attached." offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all?? I have used the word "Socinian," as applied to modern Jews; I do so that the doctrines of the Trinity, of the Supreme Deity and distinct personality, as mers, M. A., is the able and accompression God, of the expected and promised Messiah, together with the very idea of real nationalities. They place all the "virtuous" among the nations on the road to Mercy as we have it in the Word of God. way of justification and life, most lamenttures of the Old Testament alone are given, the readers in many cases buy and compare them with, the New, and thus Jesus is re-

Dr. Adler, the Chief Rabbi in London has written a letter to the editor of the Athenæum, in regard to Colenso's book. Belfast has also distinguished itself by he champions which it has furnished.

minous and important

and cast out of her pale." "OUR DEBT" is the title of an article and appeal in the December number of the Free Church Missionary Record. It is a fitting supplement to what I communicated as to the Moderator's address, last week.

article commences thus:

Jesus bowed his head and gave up the these efforts was to raise the fund from ghost, the pardoned sinner may raise his £79,529 to £88,134, being an increase of with gratitude and praise. From his death about eleven per cent. The result of the latter movement (1854) was to raise the fund from £90,842 to £104,481, or an increase oices in Jesus' dying and living again, and of fifteen per cent. The two efforts added, Jesus both dying and living again, rejoices | between them, fully one fourth to the gross amount of the fund. It might have been expected that these great efforts would be followed to some extent by a reaction, but it was not so. The higher, level reached was, in each case, most firmly maintained The stone did not roll down the hill, but remained at the point to which it had been rolled up. No fact, perhaps, in the history

script. I begin boll to your rest to required to raise it to £150, is just 5 shil-COLENSO'S BOOK has already received a ditional to the contribution of last year."

and I doubt not, satisfactory replies which tions, from poverty and other causes. Full will speedily be published. A remarkable success in paying the "Debt" was thus will speedily be published. A remarkable success in paying the "Debt" was thus series of very able articles have appeared baulked a still larger number doing little in "The Hebrew Chronicle and Jewish or nothing, while many congregations did Observer," the organ of the Jews of London, and of Great Britain generally. It is well to see the Jewish Rabbis and editors put upon their mettle by the denial to the proposal which the Committee now was that unless there he reasonable and the proposal which the reasonable and the re Moses the character of a veritable and make, that unless there be a reasonable severacious historian. Their national pride is wounded and shocked by such an assault; for if Moses is thus demolished, they themselves will be ground to powder. They have thus a nemesis coming upon them, which in the end may prove a blessing in disguise. For, between the overlaying of the law and the prophets by
Rabbineal glosses on the one hand, and by
Rationalistic, Sadduccan, and Socinian
views as to Atonement and Substitution on such liberal aid as will ensure complete success to the scheme."

A Tribute also is paid to the memory of that the Essayists of the Church of England, the late Marquis of Breadalbane. He proand Dr. Davidson, late of the Lancashire vided after the Disruption of 1843, church-Independent College, adopt and endorse the very views of the Rabbinist Jews; as, for example, to the 53d chapter of Isaiah. It is Isaiah, or the nation of Israel, that is the victim and the sufferer—not the Christ While the Church was engaged in the at all mor any allusion whatever to Jesus great work of building about seven hunf Nazareth, who was crucified!

Well; will it not tell on the Jewish lowed an almost indefinite draught of slates when they find their leaders obliged from his quarries. He was a subscriber of me? You will soon go; I cannot read; to fall back on the literality of the Bible £1,000 to the New College at Edinburgh. both as to facts and to doctrine? Does not in which he took a great interest. And that logically lead to a real and true mean; these are but samples of the uniform and ing in the types and sacrifices of their own munificent liberality which he exercised in

> The Marquis was a true hearted Presbyterian, and constantly attended the Presbyterian church at Marylebone, when in

man's family was seriously unwell last substitution or atonement, are all denied Spring and Summer, he at once placed at openly and turned into ridicule in the Lon- the minister's disposal his Lodge near don organ of the Jews. They acknowledge Hampton Court Palace. One who knew neither guilt nor pollution, and therefore him well, remembers with what emphasis there is no need of an Atonemont, or a he said some years ago, after alluding to a Divine Purifier, and so Rationalism or Socinianism is engrafted on Judaism. Like land: "Well, the longer I live, the more the Socinians, too, they have no wish to satisfied am I of the superior efficacy of Propogate their religion, which, if it is the Presbyterian form of hurch governonly true one, it is a sin and a shame, as ment; and the more I see of the Church well as a cruelty, not to spread abroad of England, I consider it to be a system of well as a crueity, not to spreau aproau earthly traffic fron its highest to its low-among heathen—among all nations and all earthly traffic fron its highest to its low-nationalities. They place all the "virilest." While he said this of the "system," of course he would have cheerfully heaven, just like the Socinians and the admitted the personal excellence of many whole Channing school; as if "virtue" in of the ministers of the Anglican Church the sight of the Holy One was ever found His personal Christianity was sincere; not independent of a Revelation of Divine obtruded upon others, but deep and consistent. He was a close student of the Salvation by works; "do as well as you Word of God. It was his constant comcan," supplemented by almsgiving on the panion. There he found a light for his Day of Atonement and the Jewish New feet, and thence he derived his peace of Year's day; and finally, by a purgatory of mind in a dying hour. His tenantry, their own Rabbis' invention—all these mourn him greatly. The day before the form a Sociulan-Romanist jumble as to the mournful news of his death arrived from Switzerland, a person was expressing to able. I repeat, therefore, that it is a good some of the people, concern about their sign of a better day for the Jewish race, crops, still out and rotting in the rain, and as the streaks of dawn in the dappled "We are not caring at present about the East, to find them driven to the defence of weather," they said; "we are anxious Moses, as a real historian. Add to this about the Marquis." It was his happiness that the Jews have Bible Societies of their to have been united for almost forty years own, and that, for the first time, the Old to an amiable and excellent lady, who per lestament is being diffused by Jewish hands feetly sympathized with her noble husband among Jews: Still more, when the Scrip- in the great principles of which he was a consistent supporter. The Marchioness of Breadalbane loved the cause of religious freedom, as became one who had the blood of the heroic martyr, Robert Baillie of Lewiswood, and of John Knox, also, in her veins. Her life to the Marquis was a long joy, and her death only a short sorrow, for he has survived her little more than a year.

MISSIONARIES, four in number, have Besides Dr. Murphy, Hebrew Professor, Missionaries, four in number, have Professor Porter—well known as author of been recently ordained for Free Church Travels in Palestine," missionary at mission stations in India. One of them, Damascus, and author of Murray's "Hand- Dr. Robson, goes as a medical missionary book to Palestine," for travellers—has to Calcutta. I regret to state that Dr ome out in a series of letters, very lu- Hetherington, a well known Historian of the Church of Scotland, and a Professor at The Rev. Daniel McAfee, a venerable Glasgow, is totally unable to conduct his Wesleyan minister, well known in Ulster, classes this session, from the prostration of and who has a first-rate aptness both as to health and strength. The Rev. Dr. Macklogic and satire, for putting an adversary ay, an eminent Gaelie minister, who went into a corner, also writes admirably. He out to Australia some seven years ago and concludes by saying: "No man should accomplished great things there, specially ault the Church of England because such in church building, has returned from Sydman has arisen within her precincts; but ney to Scotland, and has been inducted by the pious and judicious of all Churches the Presbytery of Sky and Wist to the will justly complain, unless he is unfrocked pastoral charge of the congregation of Tarhert. Harns.

FEMALE EDUCATION in the East will be stimulated by a recent visit of Miss Whately (daughter of t e venerable Archbishop f Dubling) to Egypt. She went thither for health, but true to her antecedouts in It is not necessary to make any apology for mingling amongst the poor and ignorant such topics being discussed. No American in Dublin, and being the life and soul of pastor has complained. I know little per- a famous Ragged School there, composed sonally of the internal arrangements of the of men, women, youths and maideus, all churches in the United States; but this I Romanists, yet all reading and arguing do feel assured of, that the best churches over the Scriptures—she sought in Egypt in the world need to have their pure minds to do good, and has just published stirred up by way of remembrance. The charming little book, entitled, "Rugged ticle commences thus:

"Ever since the Disruption, the Church says L. N. R. in the "Book and Missions."

In aimed at £150 (\$750) as the minimum of the commences of the commence has aimed at £150 (\$750) as the minimum "It will take you to Cairo; you shall live stipend which ought to be paid to her for a while, not in a hotel kept by a Euroministers. In these times, when the scale pean, with English and French furniture in lays down her burden of guilt and sin; of expense has run up so high, this sum is every room, nor in a Nile boat fitted up with and the soul there buries its sorrows, grief, no more than subsistence-money, when it is every home-like luxury, but in a native a minister's house that has to be kept. house, in a quarter where all the poorer

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the people, and the more as the climate enables them to live chiefly out of doors, and carry on all domestic occupations on the housetops, or the streets.

As to the "sky parlor," Miss Whateley says it "commanded on one side the graceful spires of the citadel showed against the clear blue sky, and the Mokattem Cliffs, changing according to the atmosphere or time of day, from purple to pink, or purple to gold. In another direction we looked upon the gardens which surrounded the city like a dark green mat, varied by tall palms shooting up their feathery branches amid orange and acacia trees, skirting the white villas of palaces of rich Pashas and Franks; a streak of pale yellow on the horizon marked the desert beyond. Down in the street below us, we looked on the humble sellers of onions, bread, or sugar canes. Seated all day upon their mats, sometimes the clatter of tongues among them was quite astonishing, a mixture of laughing and scolding, &c."

Greatly was she struck with the cry of the water carrier, with the water skin on his shoulder. Ya aatee, Allah," (the gift of God), 2. W One cannot hear this cry without thinking of the Lord's words to the woman of Samaria, If thou knewest the gift of God,' " &c.

Miss Whately was accompanied, in a Nile boat, by a lady from Syria, the Arabic her native tongue The boatmen were asked if they would like the lady to read a story. "What, in Arabic?—could the Sitt (lady) read Arabic? So the Arabic Bible was brought out, and the boatmen and servants were grouped around. One lady held a native lamp, which threw its bright light on the sacred pages, while all around was darkness, except when the moon here and there shone on the swarthy faces of the Nubian boatmen; not a sound interrupted the reader's voice but the low ripple of the current.

It was a scene one could never forgetthat first opening of Gon's book in the presence of these ignorant, benighted followers of the false prophet. Our friend read of the sheep lost in the wilderness, and the piece of silver lost in the housethose simple illustrations of God's wondrous dealings with man, which are understood and felt in every age and every land." Next was read the Prodigal Son; the interest of the hearers, increased, and there were frequent exclamations — "Good!"
"Praise God!" "That is wonderful!"

Other instructions were imparted, and know what God would have me to do?" "You must pray," was the reply; and so that old man (and others afterward) was taught to repeat this petition: "O God, lead me into the truth, and give me the Holy Spirit, for Messiah's sake!" Who can tell but it is the beginning of blessing? Egypt has a future of mercy before it. Miss Whateley concludes this chapter of thrown into the Water words "This ever"; yet it was made in faith and with fervent prayer; and who can venture to say that it has failed, though the results may never be known on earth?"

There is a future for Egypt, glorious, I doubt not. Let all the children of God include it in their prayers. Not only is there a general warrant to do so, but a special one, (Isa. xviii:25,) and what has been till lately the "basest of Kingdoms," is fast rising to wealth and greatness, while its ruler is European and Liberal in his sympathies, tolerant to Christianity, and even the protector of Christian missionaries within his dominions.

CHRISTMAS has come, and is gone. It was a season of general gladness. Even the Lancashire operatives, their wives and their children, were not left without a dinner of genuine English roast beef and plum pudding. I saw this week, in the city, a monster plum pudding, prepared and about to be forwarded. The ingredients were as follows: 130 lbs. plums, 130 lbs. currants, 130 lbs. suet, 220 lbs. flour, 80 lbs. sugar, 80 lbs. candred peel, 1,048 eggs, 4 lbs. spice, 6 gallous ale lain the work-houses all the paupers had a feast; at Greenwich Asylum, for at 9 the fine old Jack tars of the British Navy. 2,000 in number, there was ample supply. Even in the hospitals of London, there was good cheer. Having occasion to visit a patient in one of them on Christmas eve. I found the matron, nurses and convalescents. of the ward busy in putting laurel leaves round the lamp, and preparing transparencies, with the inscription, "A Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year."

On Christmas day, I heard a capital sermon, and quite out of the common rate of such sermons, from a true Evangelical and Puritan clergyman. He was frank enough to say, that for fourteen centuries (only) had the Birth of Christ been celebrated as a Church Festival, and he quietly indicated his belief that the real period of the birth of Jesus was in April.

All this week holiday is kept. Considerate tradesmen close their shops to allow their young men to visit their friends. I think there is little of Saturnalia license. as compared with the olden time. The weather is fine and favorable. The Crystal Palace draws crowds to Sydenham. In the leafless trees of Sydenham groves, I heard a fine blackbird whistle in jubilant gladness. The suushine and warmth made him merry, and perhaps he thought that the Spring time was at hand. I saw also a snail making a journey under the heat across a by-roid. Perhaps it was to pay a Christmas visit to an old croney.

P. S -The question of the Greek throne is unseitled Prince Albert will not accept the crown. A conference of the Powers will soon be held. [See our News column.—Eds]

The publication of Mr. Seward's letters to Ambassadors in Europe, and of their replies, including Cassius M. Clay's advice to send troops "to Ireland, to India, to Canada," has elicited some comment as to the judiciousness of the publication, and the extraordinary hopefulness and coleur de

rose anticipations of Mr. Seward. News has reached us of the fight and slaughter before Fredericksburg. If mishap befall the Union troops, Beecher, Cheever, and the Abelitionists will be the guilty parties. I much admired your cauonary counsel as to approaching Richmond by another way.

particular minister or congregation, it would certainly have been declined .- EDS.

For the Presbyterian Banner,

No. 5. You may do much good. All can do something. Intelligent and pious Christians (for whose benefit these articles are especially written,) can do a great deal. Unto whomsoever much is given, of them hall be much required." You have talents, education, experience, courage, tact. Better still, you have a spotless reputation. large acquaintance and influence, an ardent temperament, and a spirit chastened and energized by the religion of Jesus. You can therefore command almost any position to which you may aspire, and, with the blessing of God, may become extensively useful. All that is wanted is a more entire consecration of yourselves to the Master's work, increased zeal for his glory, and greater courage and activity in your efforts to advance his kingdom. "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, inasmuch as ye know that your labor shall not be in vain in the Lord." Think what you could undertake, endure, accomplish, for a beloved father, husband, or brother, did his cry for assistance reach you from some dreary hosoital or blood-stained battle field! Would midnight darkness or howling storms deter you from flying to his relief? Would the thought of crowded wards with their ghastpattle-fields gory with the blood and foul with the stench of slaughtered thousands, bayonets of serried hosts, the tramp of cavalry, and roar of artillery, deter you from your purpose? And should you not be equally self-sacrificing, energetic, courageous, and persevering, when Jesus, your Elder Brother, hath need of you and calls

Christ, and to die is gain." Christ has great conquests to win in this fallen world, which to a fearful extent is yet under the dominion of ignorance, error, sin and Satan. The abundance of the