## nonim ni-0 TO. RELIGIOU AND-WSPAPER: DE VOTED GENERAL **INTELLIGENCE** REV. I. E. BILL, FDITOR AND PROPRIETOR. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth Peace, good will toward Men." a MAR. JAMES DE MILL, ASSISTANT EDITOR. GEO. W. DAY, Printer. SAINT JOHN, NEW-BRUNSWICK, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7. 1855. VOL. 8.---NO. 6.

i and of head blood Porter build beat in the state to it. Some of them have been reckoned by astronomy to be even much larger than the sun. The star Lyra, for example, is supposed, by Sir. W, Herschel, to be 33,175,000 miles in diameter, or thirty-eight times the diameter of the sun; and, if so, its cubical contents will be 36,842,932,671,875,000,000,000or beyond an The Inquiry. inst of all Tell me, ye winged winds, of the states of t miles, that is, more than fifty-four thousand times larger than the sun. The number of such bodies exceeds all calculation. Sir W. Herschel perceived in that portion of the milky-way which lies near the constellation Orion, no less than 50,000 stars large enough to be distinctly numbered, pass before his telescope in an hour's time, besides twice Whose billows round me play, Knowest thon some favores spot, Some Island far away, Some Island far away, Where weary man may find The bliss for which he sighs, Where sorrow never lives, And friendship never dies? The loud waves rolling in perpetual flow, Stopped for a while, and sighed, to answer "No." as many more which would be seen only now and then by faint glimpses. It has been reckoned that nearly a hundred millions of stars lie within the range of our telescopes. And if we suppose, as we justly may, that each of these suns has a hundred worlds connected with it, there will be found ten thousand millions of worlds in that portion of the universe which comes within the range of human observation, besides those which lie concealed from mortal eyes in the unexplored Behind a cloud the moon withdrew in wo, And a voice sweet, bu sad, responded "No!" regions of space, which may as far exceed all that are visible, as the waters in the caverns of the ocean exceed in magnitude a single particle of vapour !

Of such numbers and magnitude we can form no adequate conception. The mind is bewildered, confounded, and uterly overwhelmed when it attempts to grasp the magnitude of the universe, or to form an idea of the omnipotent energy which brought it into existence. The amplitude of the scale on which the systems of the universe are constructed tends likewise to elevate our con-The contemplation of nature, through the ceptions of the grandeu of the Deity. Be-medium of science, is calculated to expand tween every one of the planet ry bodies there our conceptions of the power of the Deity, intervenes a space of many millions of miles and of the magnificence of his empire. The power of God is manifested by its effects; and in proportion as our knowledge of these effects is collarged, will our conception of this attribute of the Divinity be expanded. To create a single object implies an exertion To create a single object implies an exertion

with nothing else, as he stands in that pulpitin that sea of human souls-drowning all discord by his own splendid voice, mastering year of Grace eighteen hundred and fifty-all passions by his own living faith.-Ibid. Four, with its pleasures and gaieties, its trou-

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European Correspondence.

London, Jan. 19, 1855. I delayed writing by the last Mail in hope of being able to mention the occurrence of some great good fortune in the East For in company with all the world around me here, Dogma in the English papers, I will say no-I confidently expected to hear that a great as. | thing more about it. sault had been made upon Sebastopol, and I Looking over my journal for the past two no less confidently anticipated success in the weeks, the first thing I see of any importance event of its being made. However, it has not is an account of the celebration of Christmas. been done, and the stronghold still defies our The ceremonies of that day were very pompendeavours. Yet, as you of course know, every day now adds to the strength of the be-sieging army, a thousand resources of science different, I should imagine, from the scenes are mentioned, as decided upon for their use ; which attended the birth of that Being whom

and while we congratulate ourselves upon they are intended to honour. hearing that a Railroad will be made to the The churches of Rome are very numerous, Camp, we are suddenly astonished to find and more than three hundred in number. that Telegraphic wines will be laid down along The principal of these are styled Basilicas, the sea-bottom between Balaklava and Varna, of which there are seven. They take this so as to keep up incessant communication with name from the fact that when the Romans home; that balloons will be sent up over the turned from Paganism to Christianity, the city to reconnoitre ; and that electric lights Basilicas or Courts of Justice were esteemed will be made use of to disclose the walls of the so fit for Christian service, that they were city by night, to the beleaguering foes. Then turned into Churches, which since that time the steam gun which sends its constant stream have retained not only their shape but also of ponderous shot from an incredible distance; their ancient name. and the wrought iron gun, which can be The largest and most magnificent place of made to hurl a ball of a ton weight three worship in existence is the church of St.

miles; and the gun with the expansive ball; Peter's. The present building is not the oriall these by turns attract attention, and draw ginal Basilica which stood here. When Conout the conversational powers of thousands. stantine was first converted to Christianity. The English people just now seem highly he began to build a church over the spot

indignant at the pro-Russian feelings of the where St. Peter was believed to have been Americans. An article in the Times increas- buried. At its conclusion it was universally ed their feelings of indignation. The Illus- admired, and remained for several centuries,

ROME, Jany. 4th, 1855. MR. EDITOR, -Since I last wrote you, the bles and disappointments, has passed away, and we have seen the advent of a new year. While the rest of Europe is ringing with accounts of the progress of the Eastern war and of the seige of Sebastopol, the principal subject of conversation in Rome, since the

that forgets his oath and his manhood !

We have all read the story of the husband who, in a moment of hasty wrath, said to her

exclusive of the base. Unlike others of the of sin and guilt, and scorching preapprehensame description it has no hieroglyphs. On sions of the divine wrath; and repentance each side are two very beautiful fountains al- awakes, under a gushing sense of provocations ways in motion, and at the other end of the and affronts offered to the Majesty of heaven, place rises the "vast and the wond'rous" into the overflowing of bitter but ingenuous sorrow; and memory awakes and recalls to mind the Egypt of frightful bondage in which by nature ve were enthralled, and the hell of horror on whose fiery frontiers ye were care-Judge Charlton in a recent eloquent ad-dress before the Young Men's Lineary Asso-ciation, at Augusta, Georgia, thus sketches the marriage scene :---" I have drawn for you many pictures of of salvation might freely flow; when gratitude death; let me sketch for you a brief, but awakens at the marvelousness of that love bright scene of beautiful life. It is the mar- which so broke through the mountain barrier riage altar. A lovely female, clothed in all of our transgressions, as to rear a fabric of the freshness of youth and surpassing beauty, mercy and pardon on the foundations of a leans upon the arm of him to whom she has magnified law and satisfied justice : Oh, when, just plighted her faith; to whom she has hy such heavenly contemplations and exer just given up herself forever. Look in her cises of spirits, the smouldering embers of eves ye gloomy philosophers, and tell me if languid, benumbed affections are blown into you dare, that there is no happiness on earth. a glowing warmth, and the altar of your de-See the trusting, the heroic devotion which votions is made to smoke with the sacrifice of impels her to leave country, parents, for a loving hearts, inflamed with the holy fire of comparative stranger. She has launched her God's ineffable love to you, surely, surely ye frail bark upon a wide and stormy sea; she cannot but respond to the jubilant hymn of has handed over happiness and doom for this the great assembly of the first-born that surworld, to another's keeping; but she has round the throne on high, and with joy undone it fearlessly, for love whispers to her speakable and full of glory sound forth the that her chosen guardian and protector bears triumphal song, ever exhilarating and ever a manly and a noble heart. Oh, we to him news Worthy is the Lamb that was slain. Amen.' For thou hast redeemed us to God by the blood. Amen.' Salvation, to our God, who sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb. Amen.' 'Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and

MISSION FRUIT AND STATISTICS .- A COrwho had but a few months, before united her respondent of the New York Recorder writes faith to his,- ' It you are not satisfied with as follows :- " In 1852 the Baptists of this trated News and other papers took up the till one of the Popes conceived the idea of subject, and some pointed out the folly of the feeling, while others railed at the universal Peter which should surpass anything else of Yankee nation. It is certainly a lamentable the kind in the word. The present structure the despairing wife. 'Yes,' he replied, 'all plish ? It called hundreds of children to our Sabbath schools. It organized seven new churches. It aided in building sixteen houses man, as he flung himself at her feet. 'No I Catholics have been converted. Five concannot restore these ; but I will do more-I verted Germans have commenced preparawill keep them unsullied and untained in I tions for the ministry. Two hundred and will cherish them through my life, and in my seventeen converts have been baptized. The death ; and never again will I forget that I divine blessing has rested on the stinted labor, have sworn to protect and cherish her who and the results are glorious. Shame to us that we have done so little in so great a field ! Did I not tell you there was poetry in a Praise to God, that he has done so much with woman's look a woman's word? See it such feeble means. But who can measure all During the nine years, our numbers have decreased 10,004; but the population of the State has rapidly increased. In ten years the The following is from a New York paper : population of New York city has nearly dou-"This is a heartless life to lead," said Ma. bled. You had twenty-one churches then ulation of the city has increased 300,000.

power, and might, be unto our God for ever

and ever. Amen.""

than his wisdom and intelligence. But the of this perfection, and to extend our views of show forth his praise ?" di pour site a the range of its operations far beyond what former ages could have imagined. When we take a leisurely survey of the globe on which we dwell, and consider the enormous masses of its continents and islands, the quantity of water in its seas and oceans, the lofty ranges of mountains which rise from its surface, the hundreds of majestic rivers which roll their waters into the ocean, the numerous orders of animated beings with which it is peopled, Book of Common Prayer ! United Belgravia and the vast quantity of matter enclosed in its bowels from every part of its circumfer- Enter the Church, and you will see the same ence to its centre, amounting to more than delightful air of fashionable repose. If the two hundred and sixty thousand millions of cubical miles-we cannot but be astonished at the greatness of that Being who first launched it into existence, who " measures its waters in the hollow of his hand, who weighs its mountains in scales, and its hills in a balance;" and who has supported it in its rapid movements from age to age. But how must our conceptions of divine power be enlarged when we consider, that this earth which appears so great to the frail beings which inhabit it, is only like a small speck, in creation, or like an atom in the immensity of space, when compared with the myriads of worlds of superior magnitude which exist within the oundaries of creation ! When we direct our view to the planetary system, we behold three or four globes, which appear only like small studs on the vault of heaven, yet contain a quantity of matter more than two thousand four hundred times greater than that of the earth, besides more than twenty lesser globes, most of them larger than our world, \* and several hundreds of comets, of various magnitudes, moving in every direction through the depths of space. The Sun is a body of such magnitude as overpowers our feeble concep-tions, and fills us with astonishment. Within the wide circumference of this luminary more than a million of world's as large as ours

Where, free from toil and pain,

The weary soul may rest? The loud wind dwindled to a whisper low,

And sighed for pity as it answered "No !"

Tell me, thou mighty deep,

And thou screnest moon, That with such holy face,

Dost look upon the earth Asleep in hight's embrace, Tell me in all thy round,

Hast thou not seen some spot. Where miscrable man

Tell me, my sacred soul. Oh ! tell me, Hope and Faith,

From sorrow, sin and death; Is there no happy spot, Where mortals may be blessed,

Where grief may find a balant in second And weariness a rest?

Faith, Hope and Love, best boons to mortals giv'n, Waved their bright wings, and whispered, "Yes, in Heaven."

The Magnitude of the Universe.

Is there no resting place

May find a happier lot ?

could be contained. His body fills a cubical ce equal to 681,472,000,000,000,000 es, and his surface more than 40,000,000,-00, or forty thousand millions of square niles. At the rate of sixty miles a-day, it ould require more than a hundred millions of years to pass over every square mile on its surface. His attractive energy extends to several thousands of millions of miles from his surface, retaining in his orbit the most distant planets and comets, and dispensing light and heat, and fructifying influence to more than a hundred worlds. What an astong idea, then, does it give us of the power winkling on the yault of heaven, and

view throughout the depths of immensity,

jects as those to which we have just now ad- gions of immensity at the rate of thirty thouverted I For, all that immense variety of sand miles an hour, another at the rate of beings which exist in the animal, vegetable, seventy thousand, another at a hundred thouand mineral kingdoms, and in that invisible sand miles an hour, and that millions of region which the microscope has explored, mighty worlds are thus traversing the illimit-evinces the omnipotence of the Deity, no less able spaces of the firmament-can we refrain than his wisdom and intelligence. But the from exclaiming in the language of inspira-magnitude, as well as the number and variety tion, " Great and marvellous are thy works, of the objects of creation, displays the al-mighty power of the Greator. In this point of view, the discoveries of modern astronomy mighty to perfection? Who can utter the tend to aid our conceptions of the grandeur mighty operations of Jchovah ? Who can

> A MODERN LONDON CONGREGATION - Take your stand there at eleven on the sabbath morning. What a glare of silks and satinsof feathers of jewels of what cypics would call the pomps and vanities of the world ! With what an air does that delicate young female-I beg her pardon, I mean young lady -foot it, with Jeames behind carrying her could hardly do the thing in better style .--grace that is divine be as common there as the grace that is earthly, Dr. Dale's charge must be a happy flock indeed. With what an air does it bow at the name of Jesus ! with what a grace does it confess itself to consist of "miserable sinners!" One would hardly mind, in the midst of such rich city merchants, and their charming daughters, being miserable sinner himself. Such opulent mise-ry and fashionable sin, seem rather enviable than otherwise. At any rate, the burden of such misery and such sin seems one easily to be borne .- London Pulpit.

A MODERN LONDON PREACHER .--- There is the preacher, and already the magic of his voice has charmed every ear. I know no statelier air. It always carries me back in fancy to the days of the elder Pitt-or the earlier times of Bolingbroke-or to that still earlier day when the Hebrew Paul preached and the Roman Felix trembled on his seat of splendor and of power. Tall, of dark complexion, with black hair, and blue eves, with a face lit up with genius-the most brilliaut preacher in the English Church : such is Henry Melville. His action is simple and singular. When he commences scarcely any is observable. Then as he flies along, and warms as he proceeds, the head is dropped warms as he proceeds, the head is dropped with a convulsive jerk, and the right hand is raised, and the climax is ejaculated (for so rapid is his delivery it can scarcely be called preaching) with a corresponding emphasis.— No sooner is the text enunciated then he plunges at once into his subject, developing and illustrating his meaning with a brilliancy and rapidity unparalleled in the pulpit at the present day. You are kept in breathless attention. The continuity of thought is unbroken for an instant. Every sentence is con-nected with that which precedes or follows; and as the preacher goes on his way like a of Omnipotence, when we consider, that the universe is replenished with *innumerable* globes of a similar size and splendour !— For every star which the naked eye perceives toam-ship ploughing her way across the nic, proudly asserting her massery nountain-waves, landing her precious car-

of power which surpasses finite comprehen-sion; how much more the creation and ar-investment of such a vast multiplicity of ob-larger than the earth, is flying through the re-investment of such a vast multiplicity of ob-investment of such a vast multiplicity of ob-larger than the earth, is flying through the re-investment of such a vast multiplicity of ob-larger than the earth, is flying through the re-investment of such a vast multiplicity of ob-larger than the earth, is flying through the re-investment of such a vast multiplicity of ob-larger than the earth is flying through the re-investment of such a vast multiplicity of ob-larger of investment of thirty through the re-investment of such a vast multiplicity of ob-larger of investment of thirty through the re-investment of such a vast multiplicity of ob-larger of investment of thirty through the re-investment of such a vast multiplicity of ob-larger of investment of thirty through the re-down flesh and blood turning against her, it was finished. Many different architects her own flesh and blood turning against her, it was finished. Many different architects wealth I spoke of my devoted love. can of worship. Six of the churches have been to take part with Russia in their feelings. were employed upon it, and among their you give that back to me?' 'No !' said the blessed with glorious revivals. Many Roman Chose who know most of the United States, number were Raphael and Michael Augelo. however, understand the real state of feeling The magnificent dome, the glory of St. Peter's, among the respectable people there, and do was the production of the genius of Michael not care for the rabid pro-Russianism of a Angelo, who lived long enough to see his few newspapers. Justantia shit tel asta add masterpiece of architecture completed. in The Temperance is exciting a great deal of al. funds for its erection were collected throughtention here, or rather was, for since the more out Europe. But the principal means en-exciting period of the war, the people seem ployed to raise money was by the sale of In-to care little for anything else. While the dulgences, which was carried to so great an whole nation is engaged in tracking Sebas- extent, as to move the indignation of Luther, topol, it has not much time to spare to fight and was probably the cause of the breaking with Intemperance. Taking these circum- out of the Reformation. Its dimensions are stances into consideration, the comparatively very great. The length of the nave is 600 slow progress of the Temperance movement feet, exclusive of the vestibule, and that of will not discourage the friends of the cause, the transept 450 feet. Its height from the but they will rather be cheered by the thought pavement to the top of the cross over the

that there is any progress at all. For in a time i dome, nearly 450 feet, and the diameter of of war the smallest advance of a great moral the immense dome 180 feet! reform like this, is a matter of congratulation. You have heard of course of the triumphant lecturing tour which the great Gough has lately made through the country. You have seen, and if you have read his speeches, you perfect harmony of all its parts, it seems at must have felt doubly certain, that there is no the first view much smaller than it really is; failure in that marvellous energy, or won-drous eloquence, which so affects his hearers. ral times, and has become perfectly acquaint-The English are all the more delighted with ed with all its proportions-not until he has him because they can claim him for a coun- stood beneath the mighty dome and gazed intryman. The last tidings that I have had of to its profound expanse, or climbed the lofty Gough, state that he is going to Australia. galleries and seen the people crawling like May success attend him at the Antipodes. flies beneath him, does he get any idea of its An article lately published in the French vast extent. The side chapels around the Revue des Deux Mondes, has lately excited cathredal are all adorned with domes which much attention, and a small translation of it would do honour to any ordinary building, and has been published here. Its object is to are ornamented with magnificent Mosaic coprove that Russia will exhaust all her resour- pies of the finest paintings in the world .ces, and be consequently beaten at the end Some of these Mosaics are of value almost of three years. It also shows, that even now, priceless, and one in particular took twentyher condition is by no means enviable. Of seven years in its execution. St. Peter's is course it is very desirable that this should be most richly adorned. The floor is of polished the case, but whether it be so or not one is marble of many different kinds. Gold, and unable to say ; one thing however is certain, precious marbles are lavished in great profuand that is, that a Russian has written a re- sion, the vaulting of the nave and transept, ply to it, in which he unsuccessfully endea- the roofs and domes of the side chapels, the vours to disprove the article's statements. His ceiling of the side arches-everything glitterreply, written under the supervision of the ing with gilt. The monuments are very fine. Czar, only confirms the truth of the article The two most celebrated are by Canova.which it is intended to disprove. The volunteering of the militia continues One is over the graves of the Stuarts the exited royal family of England, and is very beauti-Culture provided in the other is over the tomb to go on very satisfactorily, and although the fully executed. The other is over the tomb British government cannot vie with Russia in of one of the Popes, and is considered one of

the expeditious method of conscription which his masterpieces. It represents the Pope at that country adopts, still it gets as many as it prayer attended by two allegorical figures; once can just now send off. These militia men, by the way, are a little superior in discipline to the New Brunswick companies, which I once had the honor to see; and are in this respect. Two lions guard the entrance of the tomb. quite suitable for the active employment of One looks very flerce and is in the act of It will be grateful to your readers to learn roaring. The other is sleeping and is catled the best production of the kind which has an war.

that business is really beginning to grow bris- peared in modern times, and equal to those of ker. Here in London, as I said once before, the ancients. I have attempted in vain to the supply of timber and deals is prodigious, give you a description of this wonderful struc-yet the merchants know that the quantity ture. It is like this respect like the cataract forthcoming for the ensuing year, will be of Ningara. One can obtain no idea of its small, and consequently there is a marked im- grandeur and magnificence from description provement in prices and prospects. Perhaps - It must be seen to be understood by summer time, your merchants at St. John, will again be making money.

Much is doubtful just now. Austria's poli-cy is suspected, her faith is distrusted, and her intentions thought sinister by very many magnificent places in the world-two galle sensible persons. The general opinion seems ries elegantly inclining advance for about 200 to be, that in spite of all the grand reports feet from the church, and from these spring two layed magnificent collonades which in the form of from the Crimea, the assault will be de

wealth-I spoke of my devoted love, can gave up to me all she held most dear.

" Her dark wing shall the raven flap,

O'er the false hearted. His warm blood the wolf shall lap,

Ere life be parted.

On his grave ever : Blessing shall hallow it

Shame and dishonor sit

Never! oh, never !"

dome of St. Peter's.

To be concluded.

The Marriage Altar.

here ! the mild the gentle reproof of love, the results of this labor ?. Baptists of New York winning back from its harshness and rude- shall this State continue to be neglected? winning back from its narshiess and ruce-ness, the stern and unyielding temper of an angry man. Ah ! if creation's fairest sex only knew their strongest weapons, how many of wedlock's fiercest battles would be unfought; how much unhappiness and coldness would be avoided !"

## A Fragment.

bel Gray, as she unbanded her long hair, and and only thirty-one now. But what is still laid aside her rich robe. "It is a life one more appalling, you had 8,013 communicants might lead were there no life beyond, then, and you have only 8,351 now. Your When I left the heated ball room to night, increase for ten years is no: 351, but the popthe holy stars, keeping their tireless watch, sent a thrill through me ; and the little prayer I used to say at my mother's knee, came unbidden to my lip. There's Letty, now, she's happier than her mistress. Come here, tant clergyman was laboring in Constantinople child, unbraid my hair, and sing me that hymn of yours : a second these is unit

may go. What a sweet voice she has; Sabbath in different languages, and fourteen either that or my tears have eased my heart. Protestant schools are established. Including I'm too restless for sleep. How softly the the city, there are at this time in the Turkis moonlight falls to-night ! and years hence, empire, not less than sixty-five Protestant when these myriad sleepers shall have sunk preachers; and though a mong them there are to their dreamtess rest, earth will still be as representatives of several different branches fuir, the silver moon will still ride on as tri- of the Protestant church, they are without exumphantly. How many sad hearts she looks ception laboring harmoniously for the same down upon to-night ; and never a thansgiving great object ; and in more than fifty towns has gone up from my heart for countless bles-sings ! Soft sleep, with balmy touch has tant assemblies for Divine worship every closed these thankiess eyes; the warm, fresh | Lord's day. blood of youth, and health, has flowed on unchecked by disease. I have sat at the table of 'Dives,' while Lazarus has starved at the war are are hidden under its dazzling dress gate. The gold and purple robes of sunset The true music of war is the shrick of the have been woven for me; the blue vault of heaven arched over my head; the ever changing fleecy cloud has gone drifting by; the warm sunlight has kissed open the flowers I love; the green moss has spread a carpet for my careless feet ; and I have reveled in all this beauty and luxury-the Lord forgive me--unmindful of the Giver I"

Dear reader, shall it be only at "Bethes-da's Pool" that you seek your Benefactor? While your life-cup overflows with blessings ; when the warm blood courses swiftly ; shall there come no generous response to that still small voice, " Jesus of Nazareth passeth by !"

## Praising God with all the Powers. The excellent Dr. Duff closed a sermon on the "Public Singing of the Praise of God," when in this country, with these glowing words

"Above all, ye could find matter ever new and over exciting in the stupendous scheme of truth." They must meet, and grace be first redemption. Ye might strive to imitate the choral strains of the heavenly host over the plains of Bethlehem, on the first advent of the

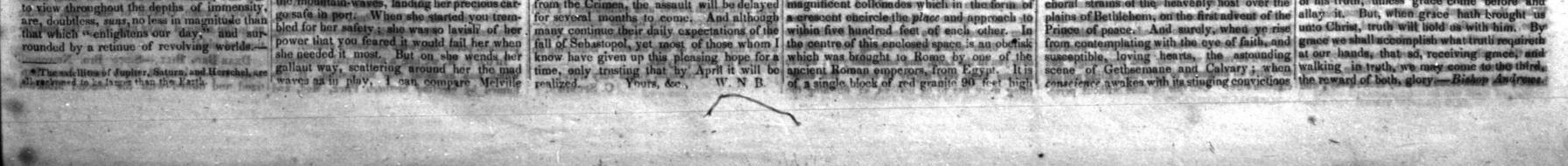
PROTESTANTISM IN TURKEY .--- In 1830 Protestantism was unknown-not a Protesnor a Protestant sermon preached, nor a Pro testant school established; in 1854 in the 'Jesus I my cross have taken.' That will do, thank you child; now you ay go. What a sweet voice she has; Sabbath in different languages, and fourteen most sid materian and all associate

WOEPS ABOUT WAR .- \*\* The horrors of "No two things are more opposed than the christian and the warlike spirit."-Paley. 44] wish nations would adopt a plan of set thing their disputes without first cutting one another's throats."-Franklin. " I consider no conquest I ever made worth

one year's interest of the money it cost."-Frederick the Greatintana a new lanes to even "If christian nations were nations of christians, all war would be impossible and un-known amongst them."-Soame Jenyns.

" It was not till chri-tianity became coropted that its followers became soldiers, Duke of Wellington. " "The worse man, the better soldier."-Napoleon.

GRACE AND TRUTH .- " Full of grace and



Power, Glory, Strength, and Beauty, all are aisled In this eternal ark of worship, undefiled."

In front of St. Peter's, is one of the mos