

Poetry.

For the Christian Visitor.

LINES

Written by the author on looking at midnight into the grave-yard, opposite his room, at St John New Brunswick.

In the dim moonlight, of a murky night, Stand sentinel,

Pictures ideal, yet hardly unreal, Constantly flitting while here I'm sitting, O'er my mind swell.

Loved ones buried-untimely hurried From their friends, weeping, to the last sleeping In the while shroud,-Others that cheerless, left the world tearless, Heart and soul weary of a life dreary,

Wrapp'd in a cloud ! Bride from the bridal-loved as an idol, To that cold bedding borne from the wedding, Struck down by death. Ere the rose faded in her hair braided.

And the vows plighting, the lovers uniting. Fresh on her breath.

Father and mother-Sister and brot' er, Side by side lying, though separate dying, All clustered therc-The earth worm preying on corpses decaying, And spirits hovering o'er the earth-covering,

In the night air ! True, there are fancies-like the wild trances.

Which, when we're sleeping, come softly creeping. O'er us below-But when we the real-not the ideal of all that is sleeping, in yonder keeping-What shall we know !

ARTHUR. St John N. B. June 21st 1855, minimum

" ALL that's fair must fade, The fairest still the fleetest; All that's sweet was made But to be lost when sweetest."

Correspondence.

Business committee. The duties of the Business committee shall be to appoint Vigilant committees, consisting of one or more persons in each School district in the parish ; arrange all public meetings and perform all duties necessary to sustain the Vigilant committee in the performance of their duties, and all other persons in procuring a strict enforcement of the Prohibitory Liquor Law; to hold meetings on the first Monday of each month, or oftener, if the President or any three of the committee think it advisable, and While those old grave stones, over mouldering bones generally 'o give all the aid and assistance in their power to carry out the objects of the League. The duties of the Vigilant committee shall be

to prosecute for all violations of the Act to prevent the Importation, Manufacture, and Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors; make monthly reports of their proceedings to the Business committee, and in case of an appeal to take such further action as directed by the Business committee. That the funds of this League be made up from

collections to be taken at its public meetings, and a reserve fund of £200 to be secured by subscriptions in shares of £1 each, to be called in rateably, when, and as the Business committee may require the same, such funds to be applied in defraying the ordinary expenses of the League, and in supplying funds to the members of the Vigilant committee, (the executive officers of the League) to enable them to enforce the law without procuring loss to themselves.

On motion for names of those wishing to join the league being taken, eighty persons (and those of the most respectable and influential in the place) united in organising, and selected the following officers for the ensuing year.

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CHRISTOPHER, MILNER, H		ent.
MR. J. C. EVERETT, Secre		
JAMES DIXON, Esq., Trea		
Christopher Boultenhouse,	Esq.,)	
James J. Evans,	"	
Hugh Gallagher,	· Bus	iness
Oliver Boultenhouse,	** . }	1 . 61 .
J. S. Black,	" Com	nittee.
John Ford,	"	1. 1.4
Alder Trueman,	*	11
Subscription List opened, and	d shares take	en on

the spot to the amount of £116, and not the least doubt entertained but what the full amount of £200 will be raised in a few days. On motion Resolved. That the proceedings of this meeting be forwarded to "Temperance Telegraph," "Pro-vincial Wesleyan," and "Christian Visitor" for publication.

Benediction by Rev. Dr. Evans.

dened under the weight of souls, is desirous to nage, -as it were embalmed in blood, -perhaps him with thy burden. "Wait on the Lord : preach Christ; they are ready and willing, liber- till the Lord comes to judge the world at the be of good courage, and he shall strengthen ally to support the cause; --more, they are last day.

Wellspring.

siring that the spiritual wants and destitution of was laid, or the resting place of John Bunyan, this people may soon be supplied; thanking them 'or of those men of God, who conquered men's for kindness, and praying that all needed grace | souls for Christ, with the sword of the Spirit, "None but God left now !" poor desolate

labours of love. 1 am H. S. F. raining in good earnest.

Written for the Christian Visitor.

Scepticism---No. 3.

Is Religion Beautiful. Always! In the child, the maiden, the wife, The principal cause actuating Sceptics, to the rejection of the precepts of the gospel, is to the mother, religion shines with a holy, benigbe found in the depravity of the heart. nant beauty of its own, which nothing on earth They cannot embrace Christianity in its ful- can mar. Never yet was the female character the carnal propensities, produces both Scepti- falls, dark in the brightest day, unless the dicism and Heresy. In the one case, the gospel vine light, unless religion throw her soft beams is discarded entirely, in the other, it is viewed around them, to purify and exalt, making with human modifications to suit the inclina. twice glorious that which seemed all loveliness that he cannot bestow. He can wipe the tears tions and desires of those who are convinced of before.

its foundation in truth, but are unwilling to Religion is very beautiful-in health or sickmake professions that would necessarily re- ness, in wealth or poverty. We can never enflect discredit and disgrace on their most cher- ter the sick chamber of the good, but soft muished actions. Surely the weakness of man's sic seems to float on the air, and the burden of powers ought rather to act as an inducement their song is-"Lo! peace is here."

in drawing him to the revelations of the All-wise, than to cause his scornful absurdities to day, when discontent fights sullenly with life, be poured forth upon that which he acknow. we should find the chief cause of unhappiness, ledges to be too high for his attainment. And | want of religion in woman.

is it not reasonable, that, acquainted as we are! Oh, religion ! benignant majesty, high on with our corruption, we should seek conformi- thy throne thon sittest, glorious and exalted. ty to the high and holy standard of purity Not above the clouds, for earth-clouds never shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto which the Word of God furnishes? But there come between thee and the truly pious soul— you." Matt. 7:7.—Old Humphrey's Portfolio. are many inclined to question the Word of the not beneath the clouds, for above these is hea-

Perfect wisdom cannot but reveal some mea-sure of its perfectness, and imperfect facultics ever." Art thou sorrowing ?-....Joy." Art warnings of the astonished villagers. thou weighed down with unmerited ignominy

ally to support the cause; more, they are united; but the man is wanted—and where is he to be found? Where is the man to say, here am I, ready to spend and be spent for Christ and his the Lord, is the death of his saints." How the death of his saints." How the lord courage, and he shall strengthen the heart; wait, I say, on the Lord; "for the Lord;" for the Lord; "for the Lord, because he hath heard the voice of the Lord, is the death of his saints." How the lord is my strength cause? It is truly a pleasant and inviting field different, for example, the spot where, in an- and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and of labour for one who wishes well to Zion. De- cient times, the great Apostle of the Gentiles I am helped: therefore my heart greatly re-

may be given to you in your onerous duties and which is the Word of God. How blessed, after widow. "tossed with tempest, and not comforta life of love and labor, for the wearied soldier ed." He who has cast thee down can raise thee 150 he down embalmed in that promise, "They up. He who has wounded thee can heal thee; P. S.-9 o'clock, P. M It has just commenced that be wise shall shine as the brightness of and ne who has bereaved thee, can be to thee the firmament, and they that turn many to more than a husband, and give thee a better righteousness, as the stars forever and ever .- heritage than that of sons and daughters. Full as thy cup is of sorrow, peace and joy may yet be thy portion, for the promise of the Redeemer has gone forth : "Come unto me. vall ye that labor and are heavy laden, and l will give you rest." Matt. 11: 28.

"None but God left now !" poor, povertystricken mourner. Knowest thou not that the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the silver and the gold, the beasts of the forest, and the cattle on a thousand hills?

Thy desires are not so large as his possessions. There is nothing that is good for thee from thy weeping eyes, bind up the bones which he has broken, change thy gloom into gladness, and fill thy mouth and thy heart with thanksgiving.

Up and be doing, broken-hearted pilgrim. Onward and upward, desolate widow. To thy home, poverty-stricken meurner. If thou hast God left, then hast thou more need to praise him on an instrument of ten strings, than to hang thy harp on the willows. Go boldly to an ever-opened throne of grace. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye

are many inclined to question the word of the even blessed God, who receive without enqui-ry, the most incomprehensible of the vorks. The decises and sayings of the infinite must, in many instances transcend the powers of the finite. Actions or words are influenced by the nature of the source from whence they proceed. The words of an idiot are generally incoherent the actions of a limite are generally incoherent the form the thread sums, yet soft undaziling to the ten thousand sums, yet soft undaziling to the ten thousand sums yet soft undaziling to the some friends and myself crossed the Alps, to some friends the actions of a lunatic are commonly de- ten thousand suns, yet soft, undazzling to the journey. So anxious were we to depart, -the season being already far advanced,-that we termined by the violence of his mental halluci-nation. The same truth applies to every fact. And to these religion points. Art theu wea-set out, notwithstanding the rain, which fell

As we ascended the mountain immense p

he situation of man with this event of our ourney ? Are we not all travellers hastening oward eternity? Have we not lost the trace f the right road? Are we not wandering rom God by reason of our evil deeds? And. ccording to the testimony of infallible truth, to we not walk, from natural blindness, in a bath of ruin and death? This journey, too, is lifficult, painful, full of pitfalls, surrounded y terrors. But the cross ! the cross ! there s hope, safety, peace, salvation; not the cross aised by superstition, not the morsel of wood earing a crucified man, but Christ. who died or us, his blood shed for the remission of sin. -the offering which he has presented to God or a wicked and lost world. The deliverance which he brings is not to show our path across Alpine chains, but to save us from eternal conlemnation. He conducts us not only to our arthly home, but guides us toward beaven, the ity which hath foundations, whose maker and puilder is God. Poor traveller, wandering on ife's road, behold the cross! look upon this with the eye of faith, and thou shalt be saved.

Promptness in the Pulpit.

The habits of the age have much to do in givng form and impulse to refigion and its adjuncts. t will not do for the minister more than other nen, to lack one essential element of success in is high calling. We mean PROMPTNESS-not exactly a business turn in the pulpit, the confernce meeting, and in conducting those offices of he church which devolve upon him, but what ears to that a close resemblance. The pastor has large control of one day in seven for moulding he habits and the discipline of his people. If ie lose not so many as five minutes in beginning us services, if he commence and conclude his ermon with a precision as to tune that varies but a trifle, if the people can know what time service will end as well as begin, (not reaching their nomes at twelve on one Salabath, and half-past he next, and so on,) an important point will have been gained. We say important; and yet with some, it may seem triffing. That it is not so, facts in reference to success in the ministry, as well as success in business and other callings, will abundantly illustrate.

Dead flies spoil the ointment of the apothecary. The cause is small in the seeming, but the effect is no less sure than though a powerful agency. were set at work to accomplish it. A lack of punctuality has spoilt many an otherwise good busines : man,-good we say, because his morality, his energy, and even his sagacity, may have been unquestionable. But wanting a reliable promptitude, he is doomed to but partial success. if not to failure. A railroad conductor must be in lime, or, as an officer, he is radically deficient. It must be that these elements of succ several relations of this life ther within 5 0 main of religious duties and services. We 0 call to remembrance facts as illustrative cases. One of the most eloquent and honored ministers who has ever blessed our denomination in this country, marred the interest and profit of his public services very materially with some of his best and most intelligent heaters, by prayers of from a balf to three quarters of an hour long. They were Scriptural, unctuous, and beautiful. But they were too long, and so at length cloved on the ear as tedious. His sermons were also quite extended, and, of course, the Sabbath service was prolonged to an unseasonable hour. The reader hardly needs informing that the effect in gathering and holding a congregation was not overcome by talent and eloquence of no common order. A man having far less of these, but gitted with the grace of knowing how to time matters, would have, other things being equal, greater success. Not only long prayers and sermons unduly extended have been known to militate against a minister's usefulness, but things of less account. We lately heard it alleged as a chief pulpit fault of an otherwise excellent and approved minister, that he was incorrigibly tedious in announcing his notices. His manner in this respect became to the nervous well nigh unbearable. Ye, he was all unconscious that a dead fly was doing so much to spoil his ointment. On the other hand we remember to have heard within a few days the success of a rising young minister ascribed more to the promptness and exactitude of his hours of public service, than almost any other cause. Of course other things -as this is nearly a pledgeare well,-for a short sermon and other brief exercises require clearness and condensation. But a proper brevity, not bordering upon abruptness. is, in this case never forgotten. So the people come and go again with appetites unsated. We believe the importance of what has thus been briefly considered is not always weighed as it should be. Many a man comes short in religion of success on the same principle, and under the operation of the same laws, that men come short of success in business. There are tides in the affairs of the spiritual as well as the natural world-indices and time cards, which need but to be dwelt upon to ensure a realization that hours are fleeting as precious, and that the current of all bears swiftly and strongly to eternity. Whatsoever the hand findeth to do should be done with the might .--- Watchman and Reflector.

Temperance. SACKVILLE, TEMP. HALL,

In accordance with the notice given, a meeting was held this evening for the purpose of organising a Society to aid in carrying out the Prohibitory Liquor Law, coming into operation in M. D., spent a part of two Sabbaths with us this Province on the first of January next.

Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Rev. Wm. Temple. Rev. Dr. Evans called to the Chair, who in appropriate and interesting of Intemperance and the benchts arising from remarks made known the object of the meeting. Total Abstinence. J. C Except, appointed Secretary to the meeting. The following resolutions were unanimously adepted.

1st. Moved by the Rev. Wm. Temple, and seconded by Rev. James Taylor,

satisfaction, the act of the Legislature, prohibiting last lecture was on the government of the pasthe Importation, Manufacture, and Traffic in In- sions, and in this, he seemed to excel ; altho toxicating Liquors, as a legal measure absolutely all his lectures were delivered in such a mannecessary to put an end to intemperance, and to ner as to make it apparent he was fully conthe wretchedness, pasperism, and crime by which | versant with his different subjects. His ser it is ever accompanied.

2d. Moved by the Rev. T. B. Smith, and seconded by Rev. G. J. McDonald,

(not only with a view to carry out its benevolent ed by the intellectual and wealthy part of the objects) but to prevent its repeal, which is already speculated upon by its enemies-and firm-It impressed that its being promitly and fearless-ly upheld, and maintained, depend in a great mensure, upon the united and firm determination his time has been fully occupied, too much so large. Therefore

Resolved, That at this crisis the friends of Temperance are called to renewed and increased exertions to exterminate the traffic in intoxicating liquors. And further Resolved: That it is desurable that a Society

be formed in this Parish, to be called the Sackville Prohibitory Law League.

On motion of Chas. Milner, Esq., sec onded by year. Rev. Humph ey Pickard, the following Constitu-

tion was unanimously adopted :

That this Society shall be known as the Sackhibitory Law League. ville Pro

That the members of such League, be rate-ayers, and other friends of Temperance resident ackville.

PLEDGE 1st. We pledge curselves to aid fearlessly and honestly, in carrying out the act of the Legislature passed to prevent the Impor-tation, Manufacture, and Traffic in Intoxicating liquora.

PLEDGE 2d. We pledge ourselves to support candidates for political and other offices, and situ-ations, only those who pledge themselves unre-servedly to carry out the prohibitory principle. That the officers of this League be a President,

Secretary, Treasurer, and Business Committee, seven of whom are to be elected by the League, also Vice Presidents, additional Committee me and Vigilant committee to be appointed as hereinafter provided.

That at any subsequent local meeting held in the parish, a Vice President may be appointed for every fifty persons from the league at such meeting and a business committee man for every 'twenty-

Treasurer, with the seven persons appointed at this meeting and committee men to be appointed reafter at local meetings of the League, and

Such is human glory! His greatness pass-ed away, and he died in exile, on a lonely isle in the Atlantic Ocean. Surely, "the Lord of Hosts hath done it, to stain the pride of all ve left to thee? Hast thou felt that God is to the attack of the pride of all ve left to thee? Hast thou felt that God is been to the attack of the mountain. This incident caused me much reflection. here be the intention, I can only say it rescued their care. all public and other meetings of the League, and if absent, one of the Vice Presidents to preside, the Secretary to record the proceedings of the secretary to record the proceedings of the the secretary to record the proceedings of the secretary to record the proceedings of the the secretary to record the proceedings of the secretary to record the procee Every day deepens our own conviction of two facts; that to try to make a paper to please even Christians of one denomination, is my without a General, apt to neglect duty, and dis-League, and carry on any correspondence requires invaluences, spit to neglect duty, and dis-ed by the Business committee. The Treasurer cipline and things go wrong. There seems to to receive the contributions to the League, and disburse them as directed by a quorum of the man of God, whose soul, fired with zeal, and burnir ink loss affort t ...

J. C. EVERETT, Secretary. CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., ? Sept. 25, 1855.

DEAR BROTHER-The Visitor, which is a welcome messenger arrives with regularity, and I believe is calculated to effect much good on the Island, as well as other places where it is in circulation. Our esteemed friend, the Rev. Edwine Clay during the present month, and delivered four lectures in the course of the week for the benefit of the Temperance cause. On the Monday evening his lecture was entirely on the evils

It is almost needless to say he was listened to with deep interest and applause. On the Tuesday, he lectured on the Moral and Physical Education of Children, illustrated by a variety of plates, and a skeleton of a human being, showing the bad effects of improper treat Resolved, That this meeting regard with lively ment of the system from infancy to youth. His vices on the Lord's day evening were attended with much interest, and I have some reason to hope the powerful appeals made on the conclusion of his subject were of such a nature Resolved. That this meeting alive to the im- that the effect produced will be seen after portance of a fasthful enforcement of such law- many days. His lectures in town were attendcommunity. It will afford the friends in your Province pleasure to hear he leaves the Island of the friends of Temperance in the province at as regards his health, though I believe he feels better in health than when he arrived.

I think I can safely say he again will leave us with the good will and esteem of all who have had the happiness of his acquaintance. As it respects things here, religion is at a low cub, but we have encouragement on this ground; we fully maintain our ground, and our congregations are much larger than last

It was with feelings of pleasure, of no ordi-nary interest, that I read Bro. Wallace's communication, as it gave another proof that God's word is not in word only, but in demonstration of the Spirit, and with power. The success attending his labors are certainly of the most encouraging kind, and will prompt him in the discharge of every duty.

I remain, dear Brother,

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For the Christian Visitor. Brookfield, Queen's County, N. S., ?

Sept. 27, 1855.

Dear Brother,-The farmers hereabouts have gathered in a plentiful harvest except their potagathered in a plentitul harvest except their pois-toes which are light, and much injured by the blight; many have their barns filled to their ut-most capacity with their unusually large yield of hay, and considerable crops of numerous varieties of grain; but amid this plenty, there is mani-festly a pressing want of refreshing and copious showers from heaven's blue vault above. The earth is completely dried up; there are pastur lands in which cattle have been several wee five persons who in like manner join the League. That the Business Committee be composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and dew. The season has been an uncommonly dry me, and rains descending on the thirsty land ong and heavy showers as heretofore, have been few and far between.

at five compose a quorum, of whom the Presi-ent, Secretary or Treasurer shall be one. That the duty of the President is to preside at This may be termed emphatically a Baptis it more, and to inquire in their pastoral visitathat five com wake in the morning, my pillow is wet with guide travellers when the snows of winter have district, or, if you please, County. The Baptist interest in this vicinity is not flourishing as i tion what is being read in the families under effaced the paths. Whichever of these might tears. Everything seems to have melted away,

must ever continue to be baffled by the difficulties which such workings inevitably display.

which even the telescope has failed to carry his thy friend and father. no existence beyond that range of sky which his faculties have empowered him to survey. Again, there are some truths of which we are informed by an inward consciousness, and not by an external perception. Of this kind are the decisions of the natural conscience affecting the right or wrong of actions. For the trustworthiness of the conclusions to which this inward monitor directs, we have no surety unless we acknowledge its own authoritative power. Are we then to disregard its teachings as worthless, because it does not condescend to submit for our inspection the reasons by which it has been swayed? Why, we all know whatever be the means used for its arrival at the decisions pronounced that our happiness is, to a great extent, dependent on obedience to its dictates. There are few so perfected in folly as to treat it scornfully, not withstanding their ignorance of the fundamental principle on which it rests. But whence comes this submission to its authority ? Not from a reliance on the reasonableness of its promptings, for we are unacquainted with the method of its working. Not from an outward perception of the quality of actions, for without the aid of this distinct faculty we could not have discriminated the right from the wrong. Whence then can it be, if not from an internal principle, possessed of a force adequate to conviction ? Sceptics may affirm that inward promptings can never be regarded as great proportion of our deeds are merely the speak. Eighteen years ago I was a poor boy results of that hidden guiding power within. Homo.

St. John's, N. B., July 21, 1855.

Napoleon's Tomb.

Few sights in Paris are more striking to a hospital for worn-out and wounded soldiers. It is marked by a lofty dome.

burying-place, about fifteen feet deep, in the I came on to attend it. He was my greatest floor of the building, and about twenty-five or benefactor. I owe it to him that I am a minthirty feet in diameter. It is formed entirely of white marble, and surrounded by a low wall from St. Helena, and are at present resting in to me. a recess or chapel close to the tomb, guarded

by veteran soldiers. Around the low-wall, with their faces fixed on the tomb in the centre, stand twelve statues are inlaid in green, on the marble floor, opposite the respective statues.

A few feet back from the tomb stands a lofty altar of black marble, where mass is offered from time to time by a papal priest, we sup-pose for the repose of the soul of the dead! In ront, candles are burning on the altar ; on the

"It is my wish that my remains may be laid by banks of the Seine, in the midst of that French ple whom I loved so well."

-"Kings and priests in that holy home." There are depths in the ocean which man Art thou poor ?- "The very streets before thy torrents which rushed beneath our feet mingled has never fathomed, and there are remote mansion shall be gold." Art thou friendless? spheres in the profundity of the firmament to "The angels shall be thy companions, and God forests. We began too late to fear that we

His Acts Live After Him.

Rev. Mr. Lothrop, in his funeral sermon upon the death of the Hon. Abbot Lawrence, re-

tated the following affecting incident --"Mr. Lawrence's name has been so connected with this institution and other public benefactions, that we are tempted to overlook the fact that his private charities were numerous and constant. Of these I might recount many instances which are within my own knowledge. Many others are doubtless within the knowledge of those here present. I will mention only one, and this because it was recently made known to me amid a scene of interest and solemnity that we shall not soon forget.

"At the close of the funeral services on "At the close of the funeral services on Wednesday, while crowds were passing up this aisle to look upon the face of the dead. as I was standing here just beneath this pulpit, a gentleman, who I at once saw was a clergy-man, came, and addressingt me by my name, asked if he might spectrum a moment. My reply was, "Can you set choose some other time? I cannot a mid to any business amid this scene, and with that body lying there." His answer was a managed as he could speak, as if his heart was a managed for utterance, and with his heart was dursting for utterance, and with tears streaming down his cheeks. 'I must leave the city at two o'clock, and must speak now. It is of him who has left that body I would I was a member of the Mechanics' Apprentices' Association. Mr. Lawrence came to one of our meetings. He heard me deliver an essay I had written. He spoke to me afterwards-inquired into my circumstances and character. I made known to him my wants and wisheshe furnished me with means to acquire an edustranger than the tomb of the great Napoleon, eation-and when prepared, told me Harvard On the outskirts of the city stands a large was best, but to go to what College I liked. I supwent to the Wesleyan University. He ported me at it. I am a minister of the Gospel in the State of New York. I saw his death

None but God left now.

"I have none but God left now!" said ed to give relief to her heart.

as she said, more than her "share of trouble, One of her two children had been drowned, and the other was then in a lunatic asylum. left alone, and in poverty. "All the day long," said she, "I am grieving; and when I

cipices broke on our view, and the noise of the their voices with the wind howling in the pine should pay dearly for our temerity ; but, withvision. But he does not refuse to believe that . Is religion beautiful? Our answer is, all should pay dearly tor our temerity; but, with-the ocean has a bottom, though he cannot is desolation and deformity, where religion is reach it; neither does he affirm that orbs have not. of painful ascent, having passed the villages of Pourriere and La Rua, we arrived at the mountain called Chanal du Col. By degrees, as we ascended, the rain was mingled with snow, and at last snow only fell in heavy flakes. Our mired became slower and more difficult: the n row path that we were follow-ing was, by degrees, efficied under an immense white veil, and we felt ourselves in all the horrors of solitude. A philosopher would have chosen this moment, and this place, to paint the most powerful sensations of the human heart a disciple of Christ would have come there to contemplate the terrible majesty of an eternal and infinite God. Imagine this sorrowful company, each upon his horse or mule, covered with a heavy coak to preserve himself from an icy temperature and envelop-ed in a mantle of snow, which seemed to con-found him with the face of the mountain. Imagine this caravan, which advanced like a as we ascended, the rain was mingled with Imagine this caravan, which advanced like a wandering hope, slowly, silently, timidly, fisk-ing at every step being dashed to the bottom of precipices, notwithstanding the circumspection of our faithful neasts. The travellers looked on each other with a pensive eye: not a sound could be beard ; the wind had fallen ; every trace of the path had disappeared; and flakes of snow filled the atmosphere more abundantly than autumn leaves failing in a thick forest. We had two guides; but their knowledge did not appear to extend beyond the place at which we had now arrived. They begged us to stop, then held a long consultation,-bad prestige for lost travellers,-both acknowledged that they knew not which route to follow, and one cried, with more sincerity than prudence. 'If the wind rises, we are lost ! One must have traversed Alpine regions to understand the violence of these hurricanes. which seem to rush like furies, tearing the

mountains from their ancient foundations. After some minutes we determined to advance with the greatest caution. Most of us praved, for in the hour of danger it is natural to Lave recourse to God, and the christian, in these solemn moments, not only utters a cry has been constructed lately a round hollow in the paper, and a notice of his funeral today. of distress, but raises his heart with filial confidence toward him who hears his prayers. Not that he is always delivered from evil the ister of the glorious Gospel of Christ. I am moment he asks it; but he may rest assured not the only one ne has helped thus. God will that he will obtain, through Christ, his Adof the same. In the centre of the city stands accept him. I felt that I must say this to vocate and Friend, that which it is best he a stone coffin, of red marble or grapite, of the some one; to whom can I better say it than to should receive. This was a moment in which most beautiful and costly workmanship, and it his clergyman?' And with this he hurried we experienced those strong emotions which is for the remains of the great warrior Napo- away, leaving me only time to learn his name, are felt but once or twice in a life-time, the releon, which several years ago, were brought and receive from him a kind promise to write membrance of which can never be effaced. Dull silence reigned around us; nature wore a sorrowful and dark aspect; danger increased. In secret we asked, Was it not a great fault to have exposed life for so trifling a motive? The martyr falls nobly, in obedience to God' of white marble, each intended to represent in a figure, one of twelve of Napoleon's greatest battles, as Austerlitz, Marengo, Jena, &c., the names of which, edged with a wreath of laurel, her face had in it a mournful and anxious expression ; but the relation of her sorrows seem- and surprise resounded ; the guide who preced ed us, as if seized with a sudden ecstacy. By the poor widow's account she had passed should, "The cross, the cross." Echo rethrough deep waters of affliction, and endured, peated his words from afar. "Here is the as she said, more than her "share of trouble," cross ! we are saved !" replied our two guides, in a transport of enthusiasm. Not unfrequent-She ly do we find in these savage regions a high front, candles are burning on the altar; on the back, are inscribed, in French, the following words, which were among the last uttered by Napoleon:— "It is my wish that my remains may be laid by

Religious Papers.

There is one cause, and only one, for the struggles, trials, and pinching economy to which all our religious papers are subjected. The members of our several churches do not realize the value of these papers to the cause of Christ; they do not estimate as they should, the importance of the press in the great work of saving and sanctifying men. A religious journal, published by their own church, as its organ, with a direct, earnest, and prayerful endeavor to do good, is to them nothing but a newspaper, after all; and a political newspaper-a "Dollar Weekly," full of silly stories and sickening details of crime-will be pre-ferred to it. While this spirit lasts, while Christian men care more for politics than for religion, while Christian parents take papers because they are cheap, without regard to their moral character or poisonous influence on their families, we must abandon our religious papers, or expect to sustain them by a heavy sacrifice of toil and money. It is high time that there was a general waking up on this subject-that ministers began to preach about

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