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"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth Peace, good will toward Men."

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CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Churches comprising the Eastern New Brunswick Baptist

DEAR BRETHREN,-In this our annual epistle, we direct your attention to no particular theme or topic, but to such general observations as our present circumstances, seem naturally to suggest. We have much reason for gratitude to God, for the distinguishing

mercies of the past year. Our Institutions of Learning have shared largely in the Divine blessing. We rejoice in what God has done for the Students of the Fredericton Baptist Seminary. There we learn, that several promising young men, have experienced the con-verting power of the truth. Our College at Horton, N. S., has also been visited recently with a gracious revival, and many have there experienced pardon and peace through faith in the Saviour. Seve-ral of these converts we have reason to believe, feel constrained to devote themselves to the Christian Ministry.

The denomination of which we form a part, have been signally blessed during the past year, both at home and abroad. Especially, have we read with pleasure, of revivals in the churches of our sister Association in the Province, as also of the Baptist Associations in Nova Scotia.

By the letters read during the present session, from the churches with which we are connected, gratifying intelligence reaches us from several quarters.

Nine Missionaries have been labouring, either wholly or partly during the past year, under the nuspicies of our Home Missionary Society with encouraging success. In some instances revivals have resulted from their labours, and in all cases their reports are highly satisfactory. These heralds of salvation have been sustained chiefly by the munificence of those who are themselves paying for and enjoying the regular ministry of the Word. From this fact, we infer that a spirit of christian liberality is pervading our churches more extensively than during any previous period of our history in this Province.

Thus, dear brethren, glancing generally at the mercies of the past, we cannot but be greatly encouraged to gird on the gospel armour anew, for further conflicts, for further conquests. Should not the success of past and present efforts, stimulate us to renewed earnestness in labouring for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause? May we not expect that the ensuing year may be one of still greater prosperity than the past ? Yea, but we must like our own immortal Carey "attempt great things," and then by God's blessing, we may *expect* great things. We rely not upon earthly power and popularity-not upon political influence or state connections, but simply upon God's pure truth. With the "sword of the Spirit" skillfully wielded, together with the "breast plate of righteousness," "the helmet of salvation," "the shield of faith," and earnest prayer, we may go forth and successfully storm the strong holds of the Prince of Darkness. "Our weapons are not carnal, but they are mighty through God."

How vast the work before us ! How wide the field for christian effort! Not to dwell upon the claims of China with its teening millions, demanding the purifying an l regulating principles of God's Word—of Australia with its rapidly increasing population, present-ing such an important field for Missionary operations—of Burmah and British India, already the theatres of marvellous displays of the transforming power of the Gospel, still sending over the "Macedo-pian erv." for more labourers here much approximately and the sending over the "Macedonian cry," for more labourers, how much requires to be done at home! How imperative the demands of the destitute portions of our own Province upon the sympathies, prayers, and contributions on the sympathies, prayers, and contribution of our brethren! How many churches within the precincts of this Association are without pastoral labour, and how many localities seldom hear the voice of him "that publisheth salvation!" How many districts have no Sabbath Schools-no Prayer Meetings-scarcely a religious book, except shattered copies of the New Testament. Alas! too many. Wherever we turn out over Zion lan-fields "white already to harvest." In many instances Zion languishes, and God's cause is dishonoured; that cause, however, is destined to triumph, and if we are unfaithful to our principles and obligations, the serk will be given to others. What course may be suggested for the revival and extension of the cause of Christ amongst us? In what direction may we look for the up-building of our Zion?-To the power of God irrespective of human agency ? Nay. It is true that without His power we can do nothing, but it has pleased Him to make His people the honoured agents for carrying forward his designs of mercy in re-ference to our fallen race. To Ministers of the Gospel exclusively? Nay. They have, it is true, a prominent part to act, but independent of the sympathies and co-operation of the churches they labour comparatively in vain. It is to an evangelical ministry enjoying the hearty co-operation of the churches, that we may topefully look for a better state of things,-to these prudently and devotedly labouring for Christ, and carnestly praying for the evangilizing influence of the Divine Spirit. We rejoice that our H. M. Society has attained to such an efficient position. The extent of its usefulness cannot be limited .-The scheme is enlarged in its object, and judicious in its opera-tions. It has already accomplished much, and to it sustained by the hberality and prayers of the churches, we may reasonably look for glorious results. Regarding Colportage and the establishment of Sabbath Schools, as departments of its operations, who can esti-mate the amount of good that may spring from the N. B. B. H. M. Society. Place means and men at the disposal of this Society, and our weak and languishing churches, may by God's blessing, be aided and revived, and "the wilderness and solitary place be made glad, and the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose." The means we presume you have, and a disposition to contribute according to the scriptural rule, "as he hath prospered you." It is true there is a sad paucity of Ministers, but, dear brethren, you are invited to pray. to the "Lord of the harvest, that he may send forth more labourers." Those veterans of the cross, who first planted the standard of Immanuel in this province, in connection with our denomination, have all except one closed their labours, and entered upon their reward. Father Crandal, the only surviving one is with us to-day, and glatens our hearts by his presence and counsels. Our vener-able father in the Ministry, the Rev. T. H. Harding "finished his course" on the 8th ult. He died as he lived, like a man of God, "full of faith and the Holy Spint." He first visited this province, A. D. 1800. During that visit he proclaimed the everlasting Gospel, and baptized a large number of willing converts. Subsequent-ly to that period, he occasionally visited our churches, and preached with remarkable success. His memory will be long and affectionately cherished by many in New Bronswick. Pray, dear brethren, that the number of the successors of those Baptist Pioneers may be greatly multiplied, and that they may pos-sess a large measure of the same Spirit that actuated them in their self-denying labours. The recent revivals of religion in our Seminary and College, remind us that those Institutions have the Divine approbation, and that to them the churches may naturally look for ministerial labourers. As a denomination, our prosperity will depend much upon the efficiency and advancement of those Institutious; and hence our obligations to sustain them by every means in our power. The present is evidently an important crisis in the history of the hurch and the world-a crisis fraught with the most solemn momentous events. An extensive and bloody war, is fearfully pro-gressing in the East; and the great powers of Europe, are in a state of alarming commotion. The issue we can scarcely conjecture. While our hearts are pained by the frightful intelli receive from the Crimea, we cannot but thank the great God, that our province is undisturbed by the desolating influences of war.--And while we "dwell in the secret place of the Most High, and abide under the shadow of the Almighty," we may humbly and prayer-fully rest assured that there is One "who doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth"—One who can cause the wrath of men to praise him, and the most terrific events to subserve his own glory. In conclusion, we beseech you, brethren, by the mercies enjoyed by us during the past year, by the vastness of the work before us, requiring active, self-denying labour on the part of Ministers and churches, by the spirit of devotedness that characterised the departed veterans of the cross, by the all-important period in which we live, demanding humiliation, prayer and untiring effort to dis-seminate truth, by the solemnity of our baptismal vows, and public consecration to the Lord, by the infinite price at which we have been redeemed, by the value of immortal souls, and our obligations to labour for their salvation, by the glorious destiny of the christian, "that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable un-to God."

perseveringly, and may you in your several spheres maintain your Home Missionary Society, and in the ability and energy of Bro religious character unsullied, and exemplify in your lives the spirit | " allace as its agent, mo-t pordially commends both to the prayers

of primitive christianity. And, "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with ex-ceeding joy; to the only wise God and Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

The Committee on the Subbath report,-The Sabbath was a day The Committee on the Sabbath report,—The Sabbath was a day set apart by God, for the universal benefit of man. When God had performed the wonderful work of creation, clothing the earth and the heavens with all its original beauty and order, the rested on the seventh day from all his works. Then issued for th the holy and universal command, that all nature, and especially man, should imi-tate their bless of Creator in consecrating themselves to God's holy com-mand, on this point. When properly observed in harmony with the dictates of God's truth, its moral influence is irresistible, like the light of heaven emanating from the sun, which discovers to us the beauty and glory of heaven and earth; so is the hallowed influence of the blessed Sabbath. ... in thow have mankind received and speri of the blessed Sabbath. But how have mankind received and spent this blassed day, even many alas, that have professed the name of Jesus have abandoned the holy law of God, b tollowing the giddy multitude, seeking to gratify their sensual and degraded appetites of fallen humanity. I he truly pious in all ages have revered the Sabbath, looking upon it as an emblem of that everlasting rest that remains for the people of God. We feel the importance of calling especial attention to Its claims, as it is established upon pillars as lasting as creation. We have to inform over a great amount of Sabbach descena-tion, the day is appropriated to a variety of purposes in direct oppo-sition to the command of God The authority of God is trampled upon, by employing it in visiting, in travelling for pleasure, in spending its sacred hours in sleep, in absenting ourselves from the house of of od, to toil on. Some of us may live to celebrate the jubilce. All God, in worldly conversation, &c. How can we expect true religion earth, all heaven, all hell, combine their ten thousand voices to urge to prosper in the denomination to which we belong, while so much sin stands charged to our account, the laws of God disobeyed, his Omnipotence, and all is done. commands set at nought. A l of which is respectfully submmitted. J. NEWCOMB, Chairman.

DEATH OF FATHER HARDING.

It becomes the painful duty of this Association to record upon its heaven. His protracted ministry was attended with signal manifes-tations of redeeming power, not only in Nova Scotia his native land, but also in New Brun wick Here he has been eminently blessed in Fathers, the guides of our youth and of our riper years falling one are cheered with the thought that they have gone to wear an unfad-ing crown studded with many a gem in that better land, and with the hope that we shall through grace meet them there. May their successors possess like precious faith and be prepared to meet the respon-sibilities of the sacred trust which their Fathers in God have transmitted to their care. All of which is respectfully submitted. I. E. BILL, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report :-With pleasurable feelings we now report that this Institution is everywhere in such a flourishing condition, because it is the nursery of the Church.

ngs of delight to the information which we received through the letters, especially to the communications that reported of their having three, and some Churches even four branches connected with them. This is the way : faint not, brethren, your Churches will soon be filled with able men. This Committee would recommend every Church to form as many

and liberality of the Churches. This Association recommends that the salary of Bro. Wallace shall

be $\pounds 100$ per annum, exclusive of travelling expenses. All of which is respectfully submitted. I. E. BILL,

Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We do therefore second with pleasure the feelings and opinions of the members of this body (now convened) in favour of the law passed during the last session of our Legislature, which strictly prohibits the importation, manufactur , sale, and improper use of all intoxicating arinks.

We cannot but deeply regret that the practice of moderate drinking is indulged in by some members of our Church s, and would lift up our voices like a trumpet, warning them against a practice so ation. We have to mourn over a great amount of Sabbath desecra- injurious and urgently recomment that every minister, every deacon, and all the members of our churches and congregations, come f rward manfully in this noble work.

We call on all friends of Lemperance, friends of humanity, friends us on. Carry out the Prohibitory Law, take hold of the strength of

All of which is respectfully submitted. W. A. COLEMAN.

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

This Association feels much pleasure in recording its unabating at-Minutes the death of this venerable and beloved Father in the Gospel tachment to Ged's word, as constituting the only basis of Christian He has left the toils and conflicts of earth for the rest and glory of principle and action. The circulation of pure versions of the sacred scriptures among a l nations, is a subject of increasing interest with our ministers and churches g nerally. The societies connected with our own denomination, which are engaged in the diffusion of the scripthe edification of believers and in the conversion of souls to Christ .--- tures at home and abroad, especially call for our sympathy and sup-A momentory sadness passes over our Spirits as we see our venerable port. We therefore commend their respected agents to the liberality of the churches, so far as their liberality can be extended, without after another in the great ba the field until nearly all are gone, but we interfering with the prior claims of our home institutions. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES TOZER, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SEAMEN.

We would express our deep sympathy in relation to the salvation of those of our fellow immortals, who do business in the great deep. The Holy Bible iu its prophecies and promises, speaks of the Islands of the sea, waiting for the laws of Chr st, and that the abundance of the sea shall be converted to God, which furnish grounds of encouragement to labour for the conversion of Sailors to the hope of the gospel. This class of men, are of great importance to the world and are exceedingly exposed to the soul destroying vices of the world, and this committee is most fully of opinion that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is the only sovereign balm for the moral maladies that afflict this interesting part of the community. And this committee w. a'd express its great satisfaction in regard to the able manner in which our respected Brother the Rev. E. N. Harris has conducted affairs connected with the weil-being of seamen in the city of Sant John. and would recommend our esteemed brother Harris to the sympathy and confidence of the community. All of which is respectfully submitted.

The Highland Kitchen-Maid.

VIGITAT

There is scarcely a single district now-adays, Highland, Lowland, populous, desert, bare, or beautiful, through which we cannot find a cheap and speedy means of transit. We have our omnibuses, mails, and stage-coaches, for the road ; passage-boats for our canals ; steamers for our lochs and ferries; and last, speediest, and in the end cheapest of all, the speediest, and in the end cheapest of all, the railway locomotive dashes on, shot-like, on its iron pathway, hurrying us through mountain and rock, across river and valley alike over railway locomotive dashes on, shot-like, on its moor-land and meadow, through the city and the field. It was not so, however, in the days of good old Hector M Phail, still the unforgot-ten pastor of Resolis. Standard and resolution of the state of ten pastor of Rosolis. Stage-coaches. canal- of God was to see that the Spirit of Jehovah boats, steamers, and railways, were alike un- had been dealing with this young soul, and thought of in those latitudes and times; so that, although still operating as a " spirit of that, however long and tedious the journey. bondage" in the production of a true though however desolate and dangerous the roads, in partial and imperfect faith, there were yet however desolate and dangerous the roads, in partial and imperied latth, there would the still comparatively lawless state of the Highland district, Mr. M'Phail's only resource was his shaggy little white steed, the close of the generating in her heart a full and perfect trust, companion of his apostolic wanderings. Oh, that faithful little bearer of the remarkable man of God, what a wondrous biogrophy must it have had ! How many a weary mile had it cheerfully trudged on its master's almost end-less messages of mercy and love ! Where is the moor or mountain of its native Ross of "Lord, show me THYSELF." Next morning the minister was once again on his way to his still been trodden by its trusty feet? Even the distant home. But he had "cast his bread bleak Slochd-muie, from whose dark and upon the waters;" did he ever "find it again frowning precipices the eye of my own childhood turned shudderingly away as I asked of her who sat beside me, "Is this the old world, her who sat beside me, "Is this the old world, mamma?'-even it, though buried deep in the gloomy glens of Badenoch, had echoed to the patter of its weary tread. Where was the

the patter of its weary tread. Where was the and feeble man, worn out in his Master's shepherd or the cotter that knew it not, as he service, scarcely any longer "spending" besaw by the moonbeam's light its white form move across the moor? And how many a night has its weather-beaten rider been forced to desirous to speak with him. Permission being throw the reins upon his neck, and to screen himself with his well-worn cloak against the pitiless fury of the storm, while neither pelting sleet nor drifting snow could blind the sharp eyes of his little steed. nor hinder it from bearing its sainted burden to the door of his

moorland home ! Our story, however, dates far on in the month of May, when Mr. M'Phail was preceeding to Edinburgh. Travelling at the rate of

from thirty to forty miles a day, his journey would occupy a full week, and would frequent-Mr M'Phail had a perfect recollection of the ly oblidge him to pass the night in the then events. by no means comfortabe inns upon the High- "I was the little girl; you taught me two

He was conducted to a hole beneath the stairs, where the little creature lay upon a straw bed, a picture of mental agony and spiritual distress.

"Well, my child," said the amiable man, affectionately addressing her, "here is the neckerchief I have brought you from Edinburgh ; I hope you have done what you prom-ised, and said the prayer that I taught you."

and leading her to cry, "Abba Father.'

After some further conversation, Mr. M'Phail opened up to the distressed girl the great gospel method of salvation, and closed the interview by recommending the use of another, and equally short and comprehensive prayer,upon the waters;" did he ever "find it again after many days."

Many years had passed since this memorable given, a respectable matronly woman was ushered into the study, carrying a large parcel in her hand.

"You will scarcely know me, Mr. M'Phail," said the person, with a modest and deferential air.

The minister replied that he certainly did not recognise her.

"Do you remember a little scullery maid at ----- inn, in whose soul you once took a deep

land read. It will not surprise any of my short but most expressive prayers. By the readers to be told that it was Mr. M'Phail's in- first I was brought to feel my need of a Savivariable practice to hold family worship in our; by the second I was led to behold that Christ. I am now respectably married, and comfortably settled in life: and although the mother of a numerous family, have travelled far to see your face, and to cheer you, by telpleased to do for my soul.

The professed objects of the christian church, are the prometion the piety of its members and the extension of the Redeemer's

branches as possible. We cannot be too zealous-we cannot be too nergetic in order to enhance the interest of this cause which is the hope of the Church.

Whi e we rejoice that so much has been done and is still doing, in looking around our Churches, we cannot but feel that we are far, very far behind what we ought to be ; only a f-w in comparison take an active part in the work. How many members are there in every Church throughout the length and breadth of this land, that treat the Sabbath School as if it belonged to the young alone, and excuse themselves for not attending, by assigning very paltry reasons which cou d not stand if conscience had fair play given by reason and truth.

stances demand that you should be up and doing. The Church of souls loudly cals upon you to engage in the work. Do you not tremble? Are you not afraid that the blood of the youth around, that die in their s.ns. will be asked of your hands? What reply could you give to the c arge? Respond heartily to the solemn claims or the Sabbath School report next year will be by far more encouraging than at present. In order that the Institution should be carried on pro-erly as sug-

port ar respectfully submitted T. P. DAVIES.

RULES OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

1. It shall be the duty of the members of this School to conduct them elves in a proper a d becoming manner, while in and on their into the same latitude and longitude, and there discovered a reef of way to and from theory. It shall be the duty of any moment who rocks, which he reported at the Admiralty at London, and it was inknows of any one belon ing to the School violating any of these Rules, to report the same to the Teachers of the class to which he or she may beloug, who shall make the same known to the Superintend- pointment. ant, wlo, with the aid of his Assis ant, shall dispose of the complaint as may be deened advisable.

2. The Officers of this School shall be a Superintendant with two Assistants, one of whom shall act as secretary. A Treasurer, a Li-brarian, with one Assistant, and as many Teachers as required. All and obstinate. "The whole thing," he exclaimed, "is a falsehood. to be appointed by a majority of the members present at a meeting If ever I have the keel of the Thetis under me in those waters called for that purpose. And that special regard be paid to the wishes and welfare of the scholars in the appointment of teacher.

that the Superintendant or his Assistant shall see that the School be opened and closed by singing and prayer, also, to form male and fe-

ers of the Schools called Teacher's prayer m eting, for the purpose of praying that their labours may be successful, and deliberate on any plan or plans which may be deemed advisable for the welfare of the said school

REPORT ON THE STATE OF CHURCHES.

The Committee appointed to report on the state of the Churches beg leave to state that they find nineteen Churches in this Association without Pastors, and they would recommend that some means be adopted by this Association to supply their wants All of which is respectfully submitted. J. BUNTING,

Chairman,

when made all and not REPORT OF FOREIGN AND AUSTRALIAN MISSIONS.

the Foreign Missionary enterprise, and that it cordially approves of the action of the Convention at its last Session in appropriating six hundred do lars to the American Missionary Union, for the support shirt, from the dark hull of the vessel, as the foam burst round the of Brother A. Crawley and his wife, now in Burmah. 2. Resolved, That this Association is in favour of establishing an bows and stern. He perished a victim of unblief. independent Mission in Australia, under the direction of the Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Is-land, so soon as a suitable man can be found for this inviting field, and the necessary funds raised for his support. All of which is respectfully submitted. SAMUEL BANCROFT, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS AND COLPORTAGE. 1. This Association is deeply impressed with the immense impor-tance of enlarged exertions in the Home Mission enterprise. It regards also the diffusion of the Sacred Scriptures and of religious books, and the establishment of Sabbath Schools for the instruction of the young as a most important element in Home Mission work; and would therefore recommend that the Constitution of the N B. Baptist Home Missionary Society be so modified as to embrance in the

WELLINGTON JACKSON.

The awful daring of Impiety.

There is often to be found among the ungodly a strange infatuation leading on to irremediable ruin. To use the strong language of an old writer, "they seem determined to defy God, and to take immediate possession of hell." They hope religion is false, -this is Permit us, dear brothren, affectionately. in the name of the Lord the first step to ruin,—they look very partially at some of its facts Jesus, to call upon you to arouse from your lethargy. These circumwhich other sinners have ridiculed, and profess to believe that it is Christ calls upon you to labour. The value of precious and immortal false ; and, before long, they adopt a line of conduct as though they were sure that it is false. Let us illustrate what we mean by an affecting fact.

A vessel named the Thetis was, a few years since, cruising in the Then we have every reason to believe that our Mediterranean, in search of a shoal, or bank, or something of the kind, said to exist beneath the treacherous waters. The captain, gested by the Elgin Sunday School, the following rules and the re. after he had adopted all the means he thought necessary, having failed, abandoned the enterprise, declaring that the reported danger was all a dream. An officer on board formed a different judgment. and some time afterwards he went out by himself on an expedition serted in the charts, the discoverer being rewarded with a high ap-

This intelligence came to the ears of the captain of the former expedition, who would not believe in the discovery. He was reckagain, if I don't carry her clear over where the chart makes a rock. 3 That the Officers perform the duties usually required of such call me a liar and no seaman." Two years afterwards, he was conveying the British ambassador in the same vessel to Naples. One winter night he and the mate were examining the chart on deck by 4. That a Meeting be held every month by the Officers and Teach- the light of the lantern, when the mate pointed out the sunken rock

> "What !" exclaimed the old seaman, "is this invention to meet me in the teeth again ? I swore I would sail over that spot the first chance I had, and I'll do it."

He went down into the cabin, merrily relating the story to the company, and said, "Within five minutes we shall have crossed the spot." There was a pause. Then, taking out his watch, he said, " Oh, the time is past ; we have gone over the wonderful reef !" But : lmost immediately a grating touch was felt on the ship's keel ; then a sudden shock ; then a tremendous crash ; the ship had foundered ! Through great exertions most of the crew were saved : 1. Resolved, That this Association cherishes a lively interest in but the captain would not survive his own temerity; and the last that was seen of him was his white figure, bareheaded, and in his

> And so, alas, perish multitues. God has marked a number of sunken rocks upon the map of his word. But men will not believe that there is any danger. On they go, determinedd to brave the worst ; and, then, tou late, they have to find out they have disbelieved the truth, and have placed confidence in a lie.

WHAT IS WANTING Even granted you enjoy the world, and that it has performed all its promises, and left you nothing to wish, but these things should rem in as they are, how do you know that they will remain as they are? "What is wanting here?" said a of the young as a most important element in Home Mission work and would therefore recommend that the Constitution of the N fl septise of its labours the Colporage morement, and the organization of Sabiath Schools. 2. The rast field to be cultivated demands a very large increase to the functs of the Scoiety. 3. For the purpose of presenting this object in its various bearings and necessations to the Churches this Association is assisted that general agency is indispensible, it would therefore express its hearty concurrence in the Scoiety in

these houses, and to insist upon the attend- Saviour bimself, and to view Jehovah in the ance of every individual inmate. Resting one character of a reconciled God and Father in night at a little inn amid the wild hills of Inverness-shire, he summoned, as usual, the familv together for devotional purposes. When all had been seated, the bibles produced, and the group were waiting the commencement of ling with my own lips the glorious things of the devotions, Mr. M'Phail looked around which, by your means, the Lord has been him and asked whether every inmate of the house were present. The landlord replied in the affirmative.

" All ?" again enquired the minister.

"Yes," answered the host, "we are all here, there is a little lassie in the kitchen, but we never think of asking her in, for she is so dirty that she is not fit to be seen.

" Then call in the lassic," said Mr. M.Phail. laving down the bible which he had opened ; we will wait till she comes."

The landlord apologised. The minister was peremptory. "The scullery maid had a soul, and a very precious one," of joining them now. Not one word would ho utter until she came. Let her, then, be called

girl was taken in to join the circle, and the evening worship proceeded.

After the devotions were concluded, Mr. M Phail called the little girl aside, and began to question her about her soul, and its cternal interests. He found her in a state of the most

deplorable ignorance. ... Who made you ?" asked the minister, putting the usual introductory question to a child.

The girl did not know.

" Do you know that you have a soul ?"

" No; I never heard that I had one. What is a soul ?"

" Do you ever pray ?"

" I don't know what you mean."

bring you a little neckerchief if you promise so taken up with the things of this world, that to say a prayer that I will teach you, it is they rise early, and go to bed late, and eat the very short, there are only four words in it.— bread of carefulness, for their bodily accomnight and morning I will not forget to bring swim. The soul is not in all their thoughts. you what I have promised.

new piece of dress was a thing she had rarely look after it. Most men are like the woman witnessed. The idea was enchanting : the who, when her house was on fire, so minded the condition was easy; the promise was given saving of her goods, that she forgot her child, of with all the energy of young expectan- and left it burning in the fire; at last, being cy; and Mr. M'Phail, after explaining, no minded of it, she cried out, "Oh, my child! doubt, the meaning and force of the prayer, oh, my child!" So men scramble here for a retired to rest, aud next morning resumed his little pelf, and let their souls be consumed with ourney.

Every one must be aware that the visit of a ted ; and if one be known to possess the least tual things. What care and pains do men and degree of the obliging in his character, he has women take to clothe and beautify the body. his hands full. Nevertheless, Mr. M'Phail did when the poor soul goeth naked and bare, and not forget the Highland inn and its little me- hath not one rag of righteousness to cover it. nial ; but, relying upon the fulfilment of her So curious and nice about their dressing, and promise, purchased the trifling present that was to make her happy.

Again, then, we accompany the devoted minister to the wild mountains of Badenoch. and at the close of a mild June evening reach the lonely Highland inn. The white pony, now

Before parting with Mr. M'Phail, she entreated his acceptance of the parcel she carried. which contained a large web of linen of her own spinning, made long before, for the purpose of being presented to the blessed and beloved old man, should she ever be permitted to see his face in the flesh once more.

She lived for many years, not only a consistent character, but an enimently holy christian.

Fain would I add a few of the many reflections which this striking anecdote has occasionhe said ; " if she ed me. But I am not preaching a sermon, I ar was not in the habit of being summoned to family worship, all the greater was her need tion to the reader ere I close. Friend, hast thou ever seen THYSELF? Has the hideous pollution of thy inner SELF ever been disclosed to thee in but a tithe of its real intensity and The host at length consented ; the kitchen guilt! If not, thou hast never felt thy need of a Saviour from sin, and we have yet to begin with thee at the very starting part of experience, and to teach thee the prayer, -- "Lord show me MYSELF."

> "Of course, the conversation is to be understood as having been carried on in Gaelic. This will account for the correctness of the language used by the little girl, for in Gaelic not even a child commits a grammatical error.

BODY AND SOUL.

It will much aggravate the condemnation of some, that they have been so careful of their "Well, I am going to Edinburgh, and I will bedies, and so careless of their souls; they are Lord, show me MYSELF,' and if you repeat this modations. where their poor soul may sink or One said, he had so much business to do, that The little kitchen-maid was delighted ; a he must trust God with his soul, he could not the fiery heat of cares, and at death ery out. "Oh, my soul ! oh, my soul !" How, oh, how Ross-shire minister to the metropolis is a sort mad are most, that, while they pamper their of era, even in these days of easy transport. Call bodies, starve their souls; for 'so much eating this, and commission that, have to be execu- and drinking takes away their taste for spirikeeping their houses, that there must not be one hair out of place, not so much as a spot in a rubbed room, yet so negligent of their soul, that it goes in its undress all the day long; that many times under a silken and satin suit, lonely Highland inn. The white pony, now sleek and shining with metropolitan fare and a whole fortnight's idleness, is safely housed, and the minister, ere he permits supper to touch his lips, summons the household to the worship of God. Again, however, the little kitchen-maid is absent, and again he enquires the cause. But it is now a different reason that withholds her. " Hideed, Sir," replied the chostess to Mr. M'Phail's enquiry, " she has been of little use since you were here; she has done nothing but sit and cry night and day, and now she is so there is a very course soul; in a clean neat

