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

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Poetry.

Love of Country. BY SIR WALTER SCOTT.

BY SIR WALTER SCOTT. Breathes there a man with soul so dead, Who never to himself hath said. This is my own my native land! W. ose heart hath ne'er within him burned, As home his foots teps he hath turned Trom wandering on a foreign strand? If such there breathe, go, mark him well w For him no minstrel raptures swell; High though his titles, proud his name, Boundless his wealth as wish can claim; Despite those titles, power and pelf, The wretch concentered all in self, Living, shall forfeit fair renown, And doubly äying, shall go down To the vile dust, from whence he sprung, Unwept, unhonor'd, and unsung.

Written for the Christian Visitor. Three Days in North Wales. Concluded.

While looking on these scenes, we concluded instead of returning to Liverpool to look more closely on some of those objects which now seemed so magnificent.

on Cærnarvon and were moving as fast as our legs could carry us towards Snowdon; and the next day, we concluded to cast in our lot good reason had we to hurry on. It was late with them as far as Beddgelert. This led us when we started, and soon we lamented our six miles out of our road, but the walk was a hasty decision. The darkness came on and pleasant one. Our path for some miles lead it was such as might be felt The wind roared through the glens with tempestuous fury, and then the rain poured down in torrents. In then the rain poured down in torrents. In richest verdure ; sweet little lakes in which vain we strove to cover ourselves with our were imaged the mountains which spring up plaids; we found them but a poor protection boldly from the bright waters, and reared against the piercing storm. At length, after their summits far on high. Occasionally a a walk of two hours, tired almost to death, and drenched to the skin we saw the welcome gloomy shade to all, and then the bright warm lights of the Royal Victoria Inn.

The next morning we arose at dawn with a full determination to ascend Snowdon .--Some suggestions which were made to us, cooled our ardor, however, considerably. It was represented to us that the sum of seven shillings and sixpence would be required for a guide; and in the second place, that if we ascended Snowdon with our light calf-skin boots, we should probably be obliged to des-While it was preparing we went to visit Gecend without them. Finally we learnt that if lerts grave e were to ascend Snowdon we should have our toil for our pains, as no mortal eyes could peretrate the mists which then enwrapped its summit. We of course gave up the idea of ascending the mountain, and after breakfast started off for Conway, thirty miles away .--In a few minutes we entered the Pass of Llanberris. Nearly at its entrance is Dolbadarn Tower. This is a small round Peel Tower, and is rapidly falling to decay. It is interesting chiefly from its situation, though there are connected with it some historical associations. It was erected for the defence of the Pass by the old Welsh Princes. Owen Goch, brother of Llewelyn, the last Prince of Wales was confined here for twenty-three years. Several songs were addressed to him in his captivity by the Welsh Bards. One of them, Howel Voel ap Griffi ap Pwyll Gwyddel turned to dinner. in the magnificent language of Wales thus prays-

pool. It often happens that in the hour of live better for the future. Oh how bitterly we lamented our foolishness, and how sincerely we vowed never again to trust ourselves from our lodgings without glazed hat, places of resort ; there may be more. Two coat, umbrella and water-proof boots! An hour passed thus amidst vain regrets and equally vain resolutions. At length the rain stranger ? Much however remains to be said. ceased, and we again set forth. Just as we were starting, we were startled by a noise be-hind us like that of the rapid trot of a dozen horses. We looked around us, and found ourselves pursued by half a dozen children. Their feet were encased in thick wooden shoes. With strange gutteral sounds they presented for our acceptance, woollen socks, and minerals of various kinds. As we did not need these articles, and as we supposed they were not intended for free gifls, we threw them some half-pence and bade them adieu.

As we were nearing the place where the road turns off down the Vale of Gwynant we met two young Cambridge students .---In a few moments we had turned our backs They seemed to be very pleasant fellows, and rays would penetrate them, tinging with a rich purple the barren peaks and crags-transmuting into cascades of molten silver, the tor-rents which dashed down from the mountain tops, and making the glens beneath us all one emerald.

We arrived at Beddgelert early in the afternoon, and marching directly to the Royal

which were now hanging up idly in Liver- of the myriads of living creatures that live in, energy ; knowing that our labor " shall not on, and under the surface of this wondrous be in vain in the Lord," and let us be more extremity we lament our past life, and vow to | earth, still thinks and acts for the good of his earnest in supplicating the." Lord of the harpoor children, the unfortunate sons of men. vest, that he would send for h more laborers In the communication already referred to, I into his harvest."

stated that in the city of St. John are three Yours very sincerely, S. M.

of these I have presented to your notice in a superficial manner, for what else befitteth a M SKETCH FROM LIFE.

I believe that what I have left undone shall be done by your own patriots—men in whose souls there lives and burns a desire to further western journey ?" "Yes," he replied, "I the best interests of your City—who will not have; and there was a circumstance attend-rest until they have accomplished their object, ing it which will make it to me the most mem-the removal of every immorality, every hin- orable event in my whole life." "Indeed, drance to the welfare of the people and the what is that, my friend?" "Ah, it would establishment of those appointments whose take more time than either you or I couldaim shall be to establish peace and perpetuate its blessings among the people of this inter-you to listen to the particulars; but I will esting portion of her Majesty's dominions, attempt a very brief sketch of the substance: esting portion of her Majesty's dominions. That what I have left untouched, they will handle, and hold up to view, that an active in-terest may be excited among you, an inter-est which shall embody itself in something which shall contribute to the beauty and re-spectability of your City. One of your talented writers has already drawn attention to ber of the church. At length he was married to the "Bell Tower," and the buildings sur- his Mary, and they prepared immediately rounding the squares, therefore it becometh after that event, in pursuance of a previous me to say nothing. In the neighbourhood of plan, to emigrate to a. Western State. The one of the resorts already mentioned-there evening before the day we were to separate, is a spot which of all others is to me the most perhaps, for ever, I had a tender interview interesting. That City of the dead-the final with my bosom friend, and his lovely wife ; resting place of buried worth. There the in- it was deeply affecting to all of us.

ther smile, and awaken in her feelings and affectionate farewells of many old friends hopes never to be realized-there the poor and neighbors, in the town, where they were man-plant of another soil, who left in youth born and reared, and with a handsome provihis fathers home to seek his fortune in a dis- sion made by the parents of both, who were tant clime,-sought a fortune but found a in competent circumstances. Ten years grave. There the soldier, borne by loving elapsed, during which I was called to the comrades—soldiers can love—laid down, and Methodist ministry, in distant places, as my covered over-no more to dream of battles lot happened to be cast. Not a word confought and victories won, but there to await cerning them reached my ears in all that the trumpet's sound which shall wake the dead time. The course of my duty called me then to the vicinity of the place my friends had settled, and I resolved to go out of my At least that is my wish. There the love. call. Arriving at the town, and inquiring for heir residence, I was told they lived some the youth whose future-all glorious, was distance from the centre of the village. At sure. There the gray haired father whose length I found the place. At the first glance experience proved the future of youth to be my mind mis-gave rae. The sight of the the fiction of age. There the ignorant, and the learned. Hearts that beat warm with many an emotion, there beat no more. There the learned is a signed to enter. Knock, I could not; there was no door—nothe bodies, but where the souls ? There I thing but a blanket stretched across the pasre id what in substance the hand of the kind sage. Removing this, alas ! what did I be-living may write over my head, some graphic hold ! There was Mary sitting on a stool epitomical epitaph. You may there read a with an infant on her lap, and another child convincing proof, that whatever the artificial in the corner on the ground, for the cabin had ences—in one thing there is an equality—an equality of feeling which like an electric cur-rent pervades the whole family of man A O sight of woe! How altered was the lovely Mary T—n! "Do you remember me, dear Mary?" "Oh! Mr. Manson, is it KIND FEELING, rudely expressed on the grave indeed you ? We are ruined ; John is lost stones by the unlettered, otherwise by the re- and I and the children are starving here .-We have not had a morsel to eat since yes-Visit that retreat ! listen to the whispers from the departed spirits, whose teachings are— "Be kind to the living—and you shall never "I must see him," I replied. "Better not need to shed the tear of sorrow over their si-lent graves." Such feelings, visiting such a "I must and will see John." I started immediately for the store, according to her directions. There was no time to lose, for I was to be at the Conference, whither I was bound at a certain time appointed. I readily found the store, and entered. The first sight disclosed four men playing cards at a table .---The next glance discovered a man stretched out along a whiskey hogshead. The landlord was sitting by, but instantly hopped up, and ran behind the counter, to wait upon me, supobservation, in relation to the state of reli-gious destitution to be found in many parts of M'L-d here?" They all looked at me, his Province, and indeed within a very short on hearing the question, as if I had been the distance of our own highly favoured City. old one, or a sheriff. "What is that to you?" It is a melancholy fact, that there are within he sullealy replied. "I want to see him." a radius of twenty miles from this City of St. While 1 was speaking, 1 took another John, many large and flourishing settlements, sweep of the room with my eye, and saw which are increasing in size every year, po-pulated by persons of intelligent mind, and "Is that John? "None of your business," energy of character, so far as their worldly answered the surly bar keeper. "If it i affairs are concerned, who nevertheless are that unhappy man, you will find it some of living in nearly as dark a state of heathenism my business." So I went to recognize him. and spiritual blindness, as though they were though in this shocking beastly plight, and born in some far off Isle of the Southern began to wake him. This was no easy job; Seas, or amidst the jungles of central Africa, and while I was about it, the rum-seller and where the pure light of christianity has never his guests remonstrated, telling me to go away, beamed one heavenly ray, or lighted up one threatening chastisement, and showing vio spirit to a perception of its beauty and love- lence. I had in my hand a loaded whip, and liness. There are in these settlements to be am not inferior, you know, in point of wiry, found those who have a willingness, and a de-sire to listen to the words of eternal life; and I confess, that in the whole of the twentyyet there are no Meeting-houses in which to seven years I have been in the ministry, I length in getting John upon his legs, and trot-ting him off homewards. My presence and

We knelt down on the earth, there was no arrival of the priest who was to official chair nor table in the house. I took out the There is a large fund of kindness in the Gree pledge, which I always carry in my pocket, heart, even among the poorest; and the inplaced it on the stool where Mary had been sitting, and handed him my pencil. He wrote his name, thank God! Notwithstanding his condition, it was beautifully written, as I after. When he did come, I found that he was an wards observed, for he was an excellent Eug- acquaintance, and officiated in the neighboring lish scholar. We did not rise till I had re-lieved my over-burdened heart in prayer, and I prayed with all my struggling soul, and his despairing wife joined me in the solemn in-A good heart beats within that coarse black vocation, that the Father of Mercies would gown, and a ruddy face beams with good nareceive the returning prodigal to his arms, ture from under the priestly cap ; but a plentiand that he might never go astray again. ful use of the snuff-box does not improve his It was now quite time for me to go and re- appearance for cleanliness.

sume my journey; but I could not leave the town before I called upon the class-leader, diameter, was brought in by a young man of them.

Another decade rolled by, during which stroy, the effect of the ordinance. If any such time no tidings came to me in the East, from beings or influence lay concealed, they were this interesting couple. At length I was cal. assuredly dispelled by the manipulations of the led again to visit those western regions, and priest, who, baring his arm, three times drew to pass near the residence of this unfortunate it through the water, making the sign of the brother. On reaching the town, my disap- cross. And if this had been ineffectual, they pointment was extreme to learn that he had could not remain after that he had blown upon removed to a distant county. I anticipated the surface, so as to repeat the same sacred misfortune; but as the place designed was sign upon it. The water being thus consenot far from my intended route, I resolved to crated the child was brought in, neatly dressgo and see him. When I entered the town of ed in white, and presented by its godfather for , where John was said to live, I made baptism. And now stripped of every particle enquiry for his dwelling, and was told it was of clothing, then taken by the priest, who held the second house on the left hand side of the it up before the whole company, in order, I road. Being now so near, I hastened onward presume, that all might be witnesses to the cagerly, and presently a nice frame building, act. 'A small bottle of oil was presented to painted white, appeared. I could not help the ecclesiastic and after its contents had been putting up an ejaculatory prayer, that my dear sanctified by receiving an apostolic benedicfriend might be so happy as to occupy any tion, the infant's entire body was anointed house half as respectable as this. Expecta- with it. This is not, however, considered an tion now became painfully intense. What in integral part of the religious rite ; but is merely mercy was I sent to see? A scene like that, intended to prevent any injurious effects from or worse, which ten years before, left such the application of water at so tender an age, as way considerably to give John and Mary a awful traces on the memory, never to be obli- is customary among the Greeks. And the terated ? I could not tell. At a sudden turn precaution, if it be of any avail, is certainly in the road, I thought I discerned another needed. The common people consider the white house in the distance, among the trees. performance of the ceremony almost if not Yes, it is so, with green blinds; and as I went quite, sine qua non of salvation, believing in its nearer, gravelled walks were seen, a hand-regenerating influence. So the more delicate some paling and ornamental trees and shrub- the babe's constitution, the more anxious are bery. Surely there is some mistake in the direction; this cannot be John's house! Yet it is the second white house on the left. The act of baptism itself consisted in three The act of baptism itself consisted in three Fastening my beast to a hook, I went to times entirely immersing the child. The the door and knocked. A girl, just on the priest managed this very adroitly, and preverge of womanhood, opened it. "Does Mr. vented its strangling by covering its mouth and M'L-d live here?" I asked with trem- whole face with one of his hands. After this bling. "He does, sir." "Is he, or his wife was done (the name being given at the same at home." "Mother is within, sir; but father time,) the priest returned the crying and shivis in the field. Please to walk in, sir." My ering babe into the hands of the godfather, and eye glanced through the open parlor door.— A fine carpet covered the floor. There were speedily wiped and clothed. The baptism-was handsome chairs'and other furniture; but I saw completed by the application to the child's foreno more, for Mrs. M'L-d by this time was head, ears, hands, and feet, of a little of the informed of a gentleman's arrival, and lost "holy unguent," which is, or was until lately, no time in making her appearance. "Good compounded only by the Patriarch of Con-God," was all I remember to have heard from stantinople, and dispensed once a year to all her, as she rushed forward on seeing me, and the churches. clasped me by the neck. She almost fainted, The infant being now removed, the godand shed a flood of tears, and my own condifather presented to each of the persons pretion was not much more composed. Recoversent a bright silver coin of the date of the ing a little, she informed me, that her husband was at home, but out upon the farm, Too a small hole in it. The person who receives impatient to wait, I hurried away to see him. this little piece of money is bound to keep it He met me as he was coming home. As safely, that it may remind him of his having soon as he knew who it was, he ran forward, witnessed the baptism of that child. This and grasped me in his arms, saying as he testimony he is expected to render, if necesstrained me to his bosom, "Thank God ! thank sary, before men, also before the angels at the God ! you are my saviour under heaven. This last Judgment. And now the glittering coin, as it lies glittering on the table before me as is all your work," looking round. "O I am rejoiced that you are here to see it." I write this, with the neat knot of blue ribbon When he had returned to the house, the tied to it, recalls the image of that departed ten years' history of struggle, repentance innocent, which no longer needs any to witand reformation, was recounted. Prosperity ness to its christening here below. was the consequence. The dwelling was his The godfather bore all the contingent exthe farm and all. His wife was happy .--penses, which were in this case but small, though they sometimes amount to a consider-The beautiful girl, almost a young lady now, was the dirty child, that was crawling on the able sum. So it is esteemed quite a mark of ground on my first visit. There were three friendship to stand as sponsor for your neighmore children now. To crown the whole, said he, "after I had persevered a year in ation by far, is that the connection thus formabstinence, according to that blessed pledge ed is as binding as a natural relationship, and taken on that awful day, on the stool in the for ever precludes all intermarriages between log hut, which rises to me sometimes with those thus allied to each other, even to the spectral horro .- after keeping it sacredly a same degree as with members of the same year, I committed myself to the church, of stock-that is, according to Greek law, to the which my wife, who has been an angel helpninth degree, 1 believe.-Putman's Magazine. ing me, was a member. Prosperity attended my worldly business ; but this was not a com-Boast not of To-morrow. plete satisfaction. I wanted to be more useful, I needed something more ; and commen-The Rev. G. Whitfield mentions in his ced studies for the ministry. My dear triend journal, that during his first voyage to Georand brother, I am now a minister of the evergia, the ship's cook was awfully addicted to lasting gospel. How much, what an inex-pressible debt do I owe to you !" drinking; and when reproved for this and other sins, boasted that he would be wicked We knelt down together on the rich carpet, till within two years of his death, and would instead of the cold earth, and prayed as fer-vently as 1 prayed before in the log-cabin; then reform. He died of an illness, brought on by drinking, in six hours. but in what a different strain ! Instead of the almost despairing supplication and entreaty of forlorn hearts, crushed to the earth with Philip Henry's Warning. Mr. Philip Henry said to some of his neighsorrow; thanksgiving, praise, and gratitude bors who came to see him on his death bed. 'O now rose spontaneously from our tongues and make sure work for your souls, my friends, hearts. O, the heart of Cæsar never swelled with such triumphant joy at any of his con-in bealth. If I had that work to do now, quests, as mine does for any agency in the what would become of me? I am satisfied. See to it, all of s God, I salvation of this one man, and the happiness am satisfied. See to it, that your of his family. work be not undone when you lest you be undone for ever.

left him some money for the family, and en- and placed in the centre of the room. Severjoined on him to look after them, and throw al bucketsful of warm and cold water were around John the shield of all good influences poured in, until the temperature was judged to prevent his suffering a relapse. Whatever suitable. But before the water was fit for further charges he should incur on their ac- using, another operation was necessary ; for count, I promised to pay as soon as informed the presence of any evil spirits or magic in

the water would infallibly impair, if not de-

fant, whose eye once opened to see its mo- The next morning they departed with the

to life again-"Then he'll march up the Heavenly street, And ground his arms at Jesu's feet."

id, and the affectionate mother. There distinctions of life-the real or unreal differ- no floor. fined-the body different-the soul the same.

"Duw mawr, amerawdwr dyniadon, Dillwng dy walch, terwyn-walch tirion, Dewr Owain, deu-sydd liw ffion, Durgoch bar, llachar, llawch Deon," etc.

Great God, the Supreme Governor of the world, release from captivity the mild, the brave, the fiery Owain ; Owain with the ruddy cheeks and the brightly-gleaming blood choly ivy which clings to them will banish all night in Liverpool. painful recollections-and truly this is no place for the indulgence of painful thoughts of any kind.

ng of ivy, seems rather like a sentinel placed situdes.

We now move on slowly through the pass, Him whose servant nature is ; and thus it is giving ourselves up to the fascination of its while man is induced to feel and act for the scenery. Ou our left is the Glider Tawr, on the right Snowdon. Our emotions find vent in the most extravagant exclamations.— But a 'change comes o'er the spirit of our denered the spirit of our For he hath so constituted us that he can But a 'change comes o'er the spirit of our dream;' the clouds suddenly grow black— and such a shower; it literally poured.— Luckily we found a shelter near, in the hos-pitable cleft of a huge crag, or not even our gude Scotch plaidies would have saved us from a thorough drenching. Alas for our nice calf-skin boots ! Alas for our glossy silk hats ! As Richard the Third in his hour of need offered a kingdom for a horse, so we with right good will would have given a sov-

Every one has heard of Gelert the peerless hound, how he saved the life of his master's child, how he slew the wolf, and how poorly he was rewarded. His grave is about a quarter of a mile from Beddgelert.

"Here never could the spearman pass, Or forester, unmoved; Here oft the tear besprinkled grass Llewleyn's sorrow proved.	16 ia (5 i
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And here he hung his horn and spear ; And oft as evening fell, I fancy piercing sounds would hear, Poor Gelert's dying yell.

And till great Snowdon's rock grow old And cease the storm to brave, This consecrated spot shall hold The name of Gelerts grave."

We gazed curiously in the rude stones surrounded by their rustic fence and then re-

We dined, bade our new friends farewell, took a last, long, lingering look at Beddgelert. and the magnificent scenery in which it is embossomed, and then set out for Capel Curig, ten miles distant. When within four miles ofit, we found a little inn, where as we were weary, and the night threatened rain, we con-

cluded to stop until morning. The next day we walked through a pouring rain to Conway. Next to Cærnarvon dyed steel lance, streaked with the blood of his enemies, &c. Many a foul deed was per-Britain. Space will not permit us to give a petrated in this as in other strongholds; but full account of its appearance and history. the mouldering walls, and the dark melan- We left Conway in the evening and slept that X----

Written for the Ohristian Visitor

MR. EDITOR,-In my former communica-We look down on the clear waters of the tion I called attention to Squares as places little lake which laves the base of the prom- (under proper regulation) peculiarly fitted to ontary on which the tower stands. In these attract the various classes of this City, especlear waters we see the dark forms of miny cially the young-since then, I am happy to a wild crag and steep precipice. We look find, that there are besides myself those who through the vale, and surely a more fascina- consider them as places suited for recreation. ting sight never met the eye of mortal. The "Tis a strange thing this sympathy. Strange rich green carpet seems all the more verdant that perhaps at the very moment I was peawhen contrasted with the rugged sterility ning my thoughts relating to the squares, which arises on either hand. Mountains rise other men should be writing theirs; each on every side, but the dark thick clouds hide perhaps ignorant of the others existence. their summits from our view. We seem to The strangeness however disappears when we he away from the works of man. This little bring out to view the fact that men are bound ower is all that remains to tell us of him; to NATURE so intimately that they must of neand this with its time worn summit, and cover- cessity sympathize with her in all her vicis-

here by nature to guard her treasures, than a stronghold reared by ruffians to pollute her sacred scenes. It is not because this vale rewe love to linger here; there are more fertile vallies and more lofty mountains; there are grandeur—but can there be a spot on carth grandeur—but can there be a spot on earth which presents such an exquisite mingling of may be to the interested parties, combining which presents such an exquisite thinging of may be to the interested parties, containing the soul and resulting in something for the good of man, such is one of the wise arrangements of

place, are quite natural to a meditative STRANGER.

For the Christian Visitor. Home Missions.

ST. JOHN, May 24, 1855. DEAR BROTHER,-Permit me to call the atention of your numerous readers to a fact of great importance, which has come under my of the way of salvation by faith in Christ reached his hovel he was in his right mind. Jesus ; unless some christian teacher acciway, and enter into their houses and open

I forgot to mention that when I first went dentally, or rather providentially, pass that into the house, the child upon the ground way, and enter into their houses and open started up, affrighted, running to her mother to them the Scriptures. These destitute exclaiming, "Is he going to carry us to jail. parts rise up before us, and call to the chris- mother, where father was ?" And that poor earnest appeals be made in vain, while souls the old village and school days. He was softare " perishing for lack of knowledge ?" Are there none who are ready to go forth to tell of a Savieur's love; ready to bear testi-mony to the truth as it is in Jesus ;—and thus become the instruments in the hand of God

A Greek Baptism.

One of the tenants of a friend intended to The New York Herald, in giving the ot "turning sinners from the error of their ways unto the Lord ?" Brethren, "the har-vest truly is great, but the laborers are few." able man, once so promising, now so fallen, "Is it possible for me to be saved ?" "It is," vest truly is great, but the laborers are few." said I, "with confidence and hope, you can

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with right good will would have given a sov-ereign for our indiarubber coat and boots the fowls of Heaven, and supplies the wants the fowls of Heaven and Supplies the supplies the wants the fowls of Heaven and Supplies the supplies the supplies the supplication and the suplication