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DAY GLORIES. (Concluded.)

II. The second part of the text we have to consider, is this sentence-" AND ALL NATIONS SHALL PLOW UNTO IT." Here is a figure, perhaps not so sublime, but quite as beautiful as the first. Still endeavor to retain in your minds the picture of this stupendous mountain, reaching above the cloud, seen by all mankind, in either hemisphere, a wonder of nature which could not be accomplished by the ordinary rales of art, but which divine wisdom will be able to perform. Well, wonder of wonders, you see all the nations of the earth converging to this great mountain, as to a common centre. Once in the year all the people of Israel were wont to go the little hill of Zion; and now, once for all, you see, not Israel, but all the nations of the earth coming to this great hill of Zion, to worship the Most High God. The white sails are on the Atlantic, and the ships are flying be fore the wind, even as the bird flitteth through the sky. What bear they? What is their noble cargo? Lo! they come from far, bringing the sons and daughters of Zion from the ends of the earth. See you the camel and dromedary. the great caravans passing over the pathless desert? What are these and what is their costly freight? Lo they are bringing the daughters of God, and the sens of Zion up to the Most High God to worship him. From all parts of the earth you see them coming-from the freezing cold and from the burning heat, from the far off islands of the sea, and from the barren sands they come; they come, all converging towards the great centre of their high and holy worship. This we are not to understand of course, literally, but as a figure of the great spiritual fact that all the souls of men shall tend to Christ, and to

Again, I beg you carefully to observe the figure. It does not say that they shall come to it, but they shall "flow unto it." Understand this metaphor. It implies first their number .-Now when our churches are increased, converts drop into the churches; drop after drop the pool is filled. But in those days they shall flow into it; now it is but the pouring out of water from the bucket; then it shall be as the rolling of the cataract from the hillside, it shall flow into it .-Now our converts, however numerous, are coinparatively few, but then a nation shall be born in a day. The people shall renounce their gods at once. Whole nations shall of a sudden by an irresistable impulse flow into the church, not one by one, but in one vast mass. The power of God shall be seen in bringing whole nations into the church of God. You have seen the river flowing onward to the sea, with its banks all swollen, bearing its enormous contribution to the boundless ocean. So shall it be in the last days; each nation shall be like a river, rolling towards the foot of this great mountain, the church of the living God. Happy, happy, happy day, when India and China with their teeming myriads, and all the nations of the earth, with their multitude of tongues, shall flow into the mountain of God!

But the text conveys the idea not only of numbers, but of-(I know the exact word, but then I do not like to use it, for fear some should not know the meaning of it, it means that the nations of the earth shall come willingly to it)spontaniety. That was the word I wanted to use; but wherefore should we use big words, when we might find little ones. They are to come willingly to Christ; not to be driven, not burneth as an oven, and they that are proud and rite song of Zion. Scarcely had the first note to be pumped up, not to be forced to it, but to do wickedly shall be as stubble, and the fire been raised on the platform when it was caught

# SAINT JOHN. NEW-BRUNSWICK.

sens of men, that no acts of parliament, no state sin-ruined souls, ye that know and feel your churches, no armies will be used to make a forced need of Jesus, ye that weep because of sin, ye conversion. "The nations shall flow unto it." are bidden to come now to Christ's cross, to look Of themselves, made willing in the day of God's to him who shed his blood for the ungodly, and power, they shall flow to it. Whenever the looking to him, you shall find peace and rest; so church of God is increased by unwilling con- that when he cometh with rainbow wreath, and verts it loses strength; whenever men join the robes of storm, you shall be able to see him, not church because of obpression, which would drive with alarm and terror, but with joy and gladness; them to make a profession of religion, they do for you shall say, " Here he is, the man wh strengthaned; but in these lays the converts bought me has come to receive me; my judge is shall be voluntarily won-shall come in willing my Redeemer, and I will rejoice in him." ly by divine grace; they shall flow unto it.

work of conversion. They "shall flow to it." the inhabitants of Sodom; turn ye, turn ye to Imagine an idiot endeavoring to stop the river God! Q Lord Jesus! by thy grace turn every Thames. He gets for himself a boat, and there one of us to thyself! Bring in thine elect; let he stands, endeavoring to push back the stream. thy redeemed rejoice in thee; and then let the He objects to it flowing towards the sea, and fulness of the nations flow unto thee, and thine with his hands he tries to put it back. Would shall be the glory, for ever and ever. you not soon hear laughter along the banks? Ah, fool, to attempt to stop the stream! Now, the word "flow," here convoys just the idea .to keep their slaves; but all their attempts to stop conversion will be like an idiot seeking to the church appears like the dry bed of a torrent; Had it, however, possessed seven or eight edi-Wait for a few more years, and that torrent, like matters pertaining to eternal salvation. Kishon's mighty river, sweeping all before it, The gentlemen whom we may term the direc-Here you see, then, you have more than your the Royal Botanic Gardens the use of their beautain, and all the nations of the earth-vast num- private property, in the neighbourhood of Belup to the house of the living God.

man shall not err therein.

The mountains of which we read in Scripture, we are not come to a mountain like Sinai with its supernatural thunders; we are not come to a jority with Bibles or hymn-books in their hands, climb, like the mountain of earth; but the hill who invited you will give you grace to come .-If he has given you the will to come, he will At half-past eleven o'clock in the partially

turn ye, ye English heathens-turn ye unto God! But yet again, this represents the power of the 'ye inhabitants of London, some of you as vile as

THE REVIVAL IN IRELAND.

The Dublin Daily Express of a recent date "The nations shall flow unto it." The Secular- publishes the following deeply interesting sketch ist may rise up and say, "Oh, why be converted of a prayer meeting equalising in interest if not to this fanatical religion? Look to the things of surpassing the one held on the day of Penticost time." The false priests may rouse themselves Read for yourselves and seek to profit thereby with all their anger to defy Christ, and endeavor THE GREAT UNION MEETING FOR PRAYER IN THE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS.

It happens that Belfast possesses no building ca drive back a mighty stream with his puny hands. pable of accommodating even four thousand per-"All nations shall flow unto it." What an idea sons; so that, in this respect, it is miserably it is! Oh, take your stand to day, like prophets below the requirements of even ordinary occasiof the Lord, and look into the future. To day ons-not to speak of those of the present timehere I stand, and I see a little water flowing in fices of that capacity, the whole, in the aggregate a secret and threadlike stream, amongst the would not have answered the purpose in view stones. So little is it that I can scarcely detect with respect to this meeting-that of united it; but I take the glass of prophecy, I look far prayer for the outpouring of the Hely Spirit, onward, and I see a rolling mass of water, such upon a multitude such as no structure less comas is sometimes seen in the rapid rivers of Africa; modious than a Sydenham Crystal Palace could and there it is, coming with thundering sound. contain, and simultaneous instruction in those

shall fill this dry bed, and swell on, and on, with tors of this important religious undertaking umultuous waves of joy, till it meets the ocean were fortunate enough to obtain for the holding of Christ's universal reign, and loses itself in God. of the monster meeting from the committee of imagination can grasp. The spupendous mountiful and extensive grounds, the only park, not bers with immense force-spontaneously coming tast, and the only place at all suitable for such a purpose which our environs afford. The cen-Now, I shall close by a practical address, very tre of the gardens embraces a very spacious lawn brief, and I trust very earnest. Is it not a great of the smoothest and most velvety green sward. subject for praise that the nations of the earth Commanding this open space is a commedious may flow to the hill of God and to his house? If and handsome covered platform, resembling the I were to tell you that all the nations of Europe transverse section of an ornamental pavilion, were climbing the sides of the Alps, you would providing seats for about one hundred persons. ask me, " And what benefit do they gain there. It was from the front of this that the Rev. C. H. by ? They must pass over slippery fields of ice Spurgeon, in August last year, addressed the larand they may lose their lives in the midst of the bot- gest audience which ever assembled to hear a tomless chasms that are overhung by the mighty minister of the Gospel in Ulster. We were preprecipices; they may suddenly be overwhelmed sent upon the occasion, and remember the extent and buried in the all-destroying avalanche, and of ground which the assemblage occupied. We should they reach the summit they must fall are, therefore by comparison, enabled to make a down exhausted. What is there there that men proximate estimate of the numbers drawn to geshould covet in those barren heights; rarefied ther to the same place for a more important obair and cold would soon destroy them, should ject yesterday; and we will not be open to the they attempt to exist there." Ah, but it is not imputation of over-stating them when we comso with God's hill. There shall be no snow up- pute them at from four to five times as great as on its summit, but the warmth and light of Jeho- the congregation then present-or, in other vah's love; there shall be no chasms in its side words, at from 35,000 to 40,000. We know that wherein souls may be destroyed, for there shall about 25,000 tickets were issued, and that the be a way, and a highway, (the unclean shall not thousands of persons who arrived by special trains pass over it) a way so easy that the wayfaring on the Ulster and Ballymena Railways, as well as numbers of others, were admitted without this formality. The leading streets of the town prewere some of them such, hat if they were acces- sented, during the mid-day, a most remarkable sible no one would desire to climb them. There aspect, particularly after the arrival of the trains. were bounds set round about Sinai, but had there The footways were literally thronged with wellbeen no bounds who would have wished to as. dressed and respectable-looking people from cend it? A mountain that burned with fire, and the country-not passing along with the negli upon which there was a sound as of a trumpet gent and easy-going air of pleasure-seeking exwaxing exceeding loud and long. No, brethren cursionists, but staid and solemn in demeanour

the younger as well as the older; and the mahill bare, and barren, and bleak, and difficult to as if proceeding to Sabbath services On they pressed towards the point of a traction, past the of God, though it is a high hill, is a hill up which glittering rows of gorgeous shops, and through on hand and knees the humble penitent may the fashionable thoroughfares, unobservant at the readily ascend. Ye are come to a mountain which show of the one . r :he dignity of the other. Thus is not forbidden to you; there are no bounds set the living stream—such a stream as was never about to keep you off, but you are freely bidden before witnessed in Belfast-poured forth and and freely invited to come to it. And the God onwards for at least two hours, along both sides of the streets.

give you grace to climb the sides of the hill, till shaded enclosure where the platform was situayou shall reach its upper glories, and stand on ted, there was not a breath of air stirring; and its summit transported with delight. While I am so intense was the expectation with regard to talking about the nations that will flow to Christ, the services about to be entered upon, and their might we not weep to think that there are so probable results, that apart from the subdued many in this congregation that are not flowing to rustling sound incidental to the contact of indi-Christ but are going from him? Ah! souls; vidua's in large bodies, all else, was silence what are the splendors of the Millennium to thee, Every face was anxiously directed towards the if thou art his enemy? For when he tramples presidential chair. At length the silence was his foes in his hot displeasure, thy blood shall broken by the chairman, Rev. John Johnston (the stain his garments, even as the garments of the Moderator of the General Assembly,) who in a wine-pressers are stained with the blood of the deeply impressive prayer, implored the outpourgrape. Tremble, sinner, for the advent of Christ ing of the Holy Spirit upon those before him must be thy destruction though it shall be the He then read a chapter from the Holy Scripture. church's joy and comfort. Ye say, "Come and afterwards gave out the 100th Psalm; and quickly." Know ye not that to you the da; of never before, in Belfast, did so many voices the Lord is darkness and not light, for that day unite in such hearty accord in singing this favo-

## and thrilling-reviving thoughts of the darker dividuals, and though not arranged beforehand, times when the upbearers of the "Blue Banners" but left entirely to the direction of the Spirit,

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chanted the very same Psalm, in their days of three were offered up by Jewish brethren, and deep sorrow, on the muirlands and amid the three by Gentiles. There was only one in Engrocks of their native land.

The chairman addressed the meeting as follows :- My respected friends, my appearing e this day as a chairman of this great meeting

this, I several times declined the honour of such in New England, there lived, not many years a position, and had scarcely promised myself the ago, a young lady who was a general favorite in pleasure of being a private spectator of the so- a wide circle of friends. In the midst of her lema scene which I now witness. But when, on gayety and thoughtlessness, her attention was the afternoon of yesterday, a special messenger arrested to the subject of religion. A powerful came to me with an anxious request that I would revival was in progress in the town, and among aid in an important movement, honestly intended the happy subjects of the work were many of her to promote the glory of God and the salvation of associates. Anxiety filled her mind, and with souls, I began to fear that I might sin against great apparent earnestness she cried out for di-God, and prevent good if I refused, and there- rection. But when she seemed on the very point fore I am come. When the destroyer of men's of yielding to the claims of Christ, she was lives was vanquished by the battle of Waterloo, strongly urged by a thoughtless brother who had the crowned heads of Europe fell down on bend- much influence over her, to abandon the subject. ed knees, and with uncovered heads, acknow- All that ridicule, sarcasm, and scorn could do leiged themselves grateful to that God who had was done to divert her mind from the interests of put an end to the shedding of human blood; her soul. Yet she hesitated, doubted, and tremand when the God of peace is now treading bled. Now she seemed "almost persuaded to under foot the destroyer of men's souls, and is be a Christian," and now almost persuaded to rescuing from his fatal grasp so many immortals dismiss the subject. A severe conflict was evifor whom Christ died, shall you be ashamed to dently going on in her secret soul. But the acknowledge His goodness and the might of His Eternal Spirit as we are this day met to do, and with one heart to pray Thy Kingdom come :-"O, ride on till we are subdued,

And the universe be filled with the knowledge of God; Let the whole earth be filled with Thy glory.

Amen and amen.. But my friends, we are in a world that lieth in wickedness. There are scoffers who say Where is the promise of His coming? for since the Fathers fell asleep all continue as they were from the beginning. Let us not give occasion to ty, trifling, or impropriety unbecoming this occasion. Let us set the Lord God before us, and good may be done and God may be glorified .--We are especially met to do homage to the Holy these several months; and let us not resist the Holy Spirit, nor grieve Him, but act unanimously, earnestly, and expectantly, that He will des-Pentecost, in answer to the many prayers offered forsaken sinner. up, and to be offered, and that many sons and daughters may this day be born to the Lord Almighty-image has referr to they a vices the

Among those who subsequently addressed the meeting or engaged in prayer were several laymen [converts,] and the Rev. W. Arthur, of London, Professor Gibson, and Peter Drummond, 'Stirling Tracts.'

The Rev. J. H. Moore, of Connor, prayed and delivered an address.

The following verses of a hymn were then sung, to the tune of the "Old Hundredeth": --

Just as I am-without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me. And that Thou bidd'st me com to Thee. O, Lamb of God, I come !- I come

Just as I am-and waiting not I'o rid my soul of one dark blot, To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot. O. Lamb of God, I come !- I come

Rev. Mr. Hewitt then offered up a prayer, and the proceedings of this long to-be-remembered day of united devotion were closed with the pronouncing of the benediction by the Mo-

#### REVIVAL IN JERUSALEM. We find in our exchanges the following, con

cerning a revival of religion, which commenced early the present year at Jerusalem. Subsequent accounts to those first received, fully confirm the first impressions of the reality of the work.

The religious influence felt on New Year's day was not a transitory one, but proves to be a real and lasting blessing, coming from the right source, and, as we have reason to believe, will conduce to a glorious end. There has never been so real a desire for experimental religion, and for himself acquainted with a large variety of subthe assurance of being sealed by the Huly Ghost, jeets, and had a ready command of all his mental among our people here as at this time. \* \* \* resources. He was of a social disposition, de-I could mention many other similar cases, but I lighting in companionship. So organized and enthink it will be sufficient if I tell you that there dowed, he was fitted to act a leading part whereis at present a small band of Christian Jews ever his lot was cast. praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit up- Soon after he came here, he was admitted to the

The revivals of America have made a wonder ful impression upon our people here. Brother Valentiner and I occasionally make communications out of papers we receive, and it appears however, they were urged upon us perseveringly, ence, or numbered a larger circle of devoted we at last agreed, and we had the first meeting in friends. the mission library on the 1st of March. It sur- In an evil hour he yielded to the seduction of be brought up by the word of the Lord, to pay him willing homage; they are to flow down hill by no other force than that which is its nature, so shall the grace of Ged be so mightily given to the

tall a famurature.

lish, and all the others in German. " We all felt it was good for us to have been there."

### FIVE DOLLARS FOR A SOUL. In one of the many beautiful country villages

trembling scale was turned at last. The brother who had artfully led her along from one step to another, touched at length the weakest spot in her with a skilful hand. He offered, it she would decide against religion and assume her wonted gayety, to give her five dollars. Small as was the sum, the die was cast. She accepted the offer, and decided in favour of the world. The five dollars was the price at which she valued her soul, and for that she sold it.

But alas, what had she to give in exchange for her soul's salvation after she had bartered it those enemies of God to blaspheme, by any levi- away? Neither five dollars, nor five millions, nor the whole world could buy it back. She was deserted, infatuated. She perhaps did not openly trifle with religion. She did not even deny its importance. But she was the cold monument of her own deliberate act in driving from her Ghost, whose convincing and converting power heart the spirit of God. Nothing could reach has been so strikingly manifested amongst us for her. Even that same brother's subsequent renunciation of his errors on his death-bed, and dying and most pathetic entreaties and warnings failed to move her. And thus, not long after his cend upon us this day as He did on the day of departure she left the world, the same unfeeling

O young man, it is a fearful thing for you by any means to influence the immortal mind of an anxious sinner against the one only wise and safe decision. Besides preventing the salvation of a friend, you involve in most imminent peril your own salvation. And even if you should secare your own, by a cordial reception of the gos-Esq., of Stirling, publisher of the celebrated pel, your dying regrets for the injury you have done to another may be whelly unavailing.

> And Oh, young tady, it is a fearful thing for you, when the Spirit of God is striving with you, to listen to the tempter, who ever he may be, and whatever the form in which the temptation may come. It is shocking to sell the soul at any price. No words can describe the peril of such a bargain. Oh, think of poor Miss T. Nand study the import of the Saviour's questions: What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"-American Messenger.

#### TEMPERANCE STORY. The following narrative which appears as a

leader in a late number of the Honesdale (Pa.) Democrat, will be found one of the best and most effective temperance stories ever published. John I. Allen is dead. While this announce-

ment will sadden a wide circle of his friends and acquaintances, a sense of relief must mingle with

Mr. Allen took up his residence in this borough in 1839. He was then approaching the meridian of life. He possessed a strong and elastic physical constitution, which, with fair usage, would have insured him great length of days. Of robust frame and rugged physiognomical formation, he had a manly port and bearing. He had made

an the Church at large, especially on the mission bar, and attained to a highly respectable standto their brethren, for the conversion of their souls ing as a lawyer. Not long after he became the editor of the Wayne County Herald, which he conducted with spirit and ability, though not without a dash of censoriousness and scurrility. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was active and influential in all benevolent not to have been in vain. We had several ap- and public movements. He acquired property, plications for the arrangement of similar prayer and was not only prosperous, but was honored. meetings; but for a long time we hesitated; as, Few men in the county exerted a greater influ-

passed all expectation; the room was so crowded the cup. But he did not fall at once or irrecoverthat, as it would not contain at last all that came, ably, but by a succession of decents, after each

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departed. Friends provided him with a situation as civil engineer, which he held for a brief period, his had habits increasing so rapildy as to necessitate his displacement. He was then fitted out on a liberal scale for California, where he remained for several months, returning in a forlorn condition.

orn condition.'
Step by step he went down a dark and dismal way, until hope and patience went out in the hearts of his best friends, and he became a common pauper. In this low estate it would be sickening to tell of all the expedients he devised to gratify the unquenchable thirst for alcohol, and we forbar.

Last Friday night he was in the borough. After nine o'clotik he left a bar-room to go to lodgings. That was the last time he was seen alive. The following day he was missed, and at length, evidence was received indicating that he had fallen into the canal, and it was accordidgly dragged, and on Sunday morning the body was found. The funeral was attended in the

Sad it is when one adorned with so many gifts, and so eminently fitted for usefulness in society, sinks to so wretched a doom. Shall no lesson be learned from such a fail!

There are, say, fifty retail dealers in intoxicating drinks in or contiguous to Honesdale. Many of these dealers are men of generous but misdirected natures. They make their living by ministering to the most deadly appetite that afflicts the human race. They ply a vocation that breaks more hearts, and sends more men to dishonored graves, than all other vocations put together .--Their craft is more fatal than famine, pestilence. and war. Perhaps they mean not so. It may be their intention is better than their work-that what they do is more the result of thoughtlessness than of design. No matter. The evil they do is not diminished by such reflection. It stands out vast, appalling, indescribable.

#### THE DUTY OF OWNING BOOKS. We form judgments of men from little things-

never thinks. In earlier years, when traveling in the West, where taverns were either scarce, or, in some places, unknown, and every settler's house was a house of "Entertainment," it was a matter of some importance and some experience to select wisely where you would put up. And we always looked for flowers. If there were no trees for shade, no patch of flowers in the yard, we were suspicious of the place. But no matter how rude the cabin, or rough the surroundings, if we saw that the window held a little trough for flowers, and that some vines twined about strings let down from the eaves, we were confident that there was some taste and carefulness in the log cabin. In a new country, where people have to tug for a living, no one will take the trouble te rear flowers, unless the love of them is pretty strong-and this taste blossoming out of plain and uncultivated people, is. itself, like a clump of hare-bells growing out of the seams of a rock. We were seldom misled. A patch of flowers came to signify kind people, clean beds. and good bread.

But, other signs are more significant in other states of society. Flowers about a rich man's house may signify only that he has a good gardener, or that he has refined neighbors, and does what he sees them do.

Give me a house furnished with books rather than furniture ! Both, if you can, but books at any rate! To spend several days in a friend's house, and hunger for something to read, while you are treading on costly carpets, and sitting upon luxurious chairs, and sleeping upon down, is as if one were bribing your body for the sake of cheating your mind.

Is it not pitiable to see a men grow rich, and beginning to augment the comforts of home, and lavishing money on ostentatious upholstery, upon the table, upon everything but what the soul

We know of many and many a rich man's house where it would not be safe to ask for the commonest English classics. A few garish annuals on the table, a few pictorial monstrosities, together with the stock religious books of his persuasion," and that is all! . No range of poets, no essayists, no selection of historians, no travels or biographies-no select fictions or curious legendary lore; but then, the walls have paper on, which cost three dollars a roll; and the floors have carpets that cost four dollars a yard ! Books are the windows through which the soul looks out. A house without books is like a room without windows. No man has a right to bring up his children without surrounding them with books, if he has the means to buy them. It is a wrong to his family. He cheats them! Children learn to read by being in the presence o books. The love of knowledge, in a young mind, s almost a warrant against the inferior excite ment of passions and vices.

Let us pity those poor rich men who live barrenly in great bookless houses! Let us congratulate the poor that, in our day, books are so cheap that a man may every year add a hundred volumes to his library for the price of what his tobacco and his beer would cost him. Among the earliest ambitions to be excited in clerks, workmen, journeymen, and, indeed, among all that are struggling up in life from nothing to something, is that of owning, and constantly add-

THE BUTTON WHERE