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For the Christian Visitor THOUGHTS ON THE DELUGE.

TO WORL BY REV. B. PRANKLIN BATTRAY. The storm-cloud ascended, thick darkness o'er-

The hurricane's blast woke the sea from its bed The loud thunders rattled, the lightnings flashed, And the elements into mad fury were lashed. cedars of Lebanon swayed to and fro,

And the tall mountains bowed to the valleys below.

The flood-gates of heaven were thrown open wide, and the fountains beneath swelled the furious

Wave leaped upon wave like flerce tigers in fight, And the storm-spirit danced o'er the scene with delight:
ast islands like leaves of the forest were strewn,

nd the groans of the drowning re-echoed to To the east and the west, to the south and the

The Almighty's displeasure in billows went forth; It smote down proud cities and swept them away, And filled all creation with horrid dismay! Destruction's impetuous current rolled high, 'Till it blotted the light of the sun from the sky;

In the grave of oblivion earth's millions were And a watery winding sheet covered the world! The shricks of the dying and roar of the storm, Went down in the deep with the last struggling

and out from the darkened sky, rays bright and

Announced that the God of creation was there. The clouds chased each other athwart the blue As wave had chased wave in their forious march;

But no longer in battle the elements raged, For the hand of the Lord had the waters as-

From Ararat's heights, where the billows had The ark of salvation through tempest and storm. The old Patriatch came with his family train,
To offer burnt-offerings to God on the plain.
As the sweet smelling savor to heaven arose,
Jehovah drew near his love to disclose;

The fowls of the air and the beasts of the field To you, saith the Lord, shall submissively yield Nor will I again for man's sake curse the ground, But seed time, its harvest, each year shall bring

And now I establish my cov'nant with you,
That unspeakable mercies henceforth shall ensue:
No more shall all flesh be cut off by a flood, and behold, as a token, my bow in the cloud. All kindreds and nations with gladness have gazed At this beautiful arch-way Omnipotence raised: And kindreds and nations shall gaze at it more, Till floods of salvation shall bathe every shore.

KNOWING CHRIST AS OUR REDEEMER.

"I know." said he, "that my Redeemer liveth." The word "Redeemer" here used, is in the origi-nal "goel"—kinsman. The duty of the kinsman, or goel, was this: suppose an Israelite had alienated his estate, as in the case of Naomi and Ruth; suppose a patrimony which had belonged to a family, had passed away through poverty, it was the goel's business to pay the price as the next of kin, and to buy back the heritage. Boaz stood in that relation to Ruth. Now, the body may be looked upon as the heritage of the soul—the soul's small farm, that little plot of earth in which the said has been wont to walk and dehich the soul has been wont to walk and de ht, as a man walketh in his garden or dwelleth his house. Now, that becomes alienated Death, like Ahab, takes away the vineyard from us who are as Naboth; we lose our patrimonial estate; Death seuds his troops to take our vineyard and to spoil the vines thereof and ruin it. But we turn around to death and say, "I know that my Goel liveth, and he will redeem this heritage; I have lost it; thou takest it from me lawfully, O Death, because my sin has forfeited by right; I have lost my heritage through my own offence, and through that of my first parent dam; but there lives one who will buy this seck." Brethren, Job could say this of Christ ere he had descended upon earth, "I ended up on high, and led captivity captive, arely we may with double emphasis say, "I now that my Goel, my Kinsman liveth, and that hath paid the price, that I should have back y patrimony, so that in my flesh I shall see God." Yes, my hands, ye are redeemed with blood; bought not with corruptible things, as with silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. Yes, heaving lungs and palpitating heart, ye have been redeemed. He that redeemed the soul to be his altar has also redeemed the body, that it may be a temple for the Holy Ghost. Not even the bones of Joseph can remain in the house of bondage. No smell of the fire of death may pass upon the garments which his holy child-

the duty of the goel, not merely to redeem ice, but where that failed, to redeem by r. Hence, when Lot was carried away cappy the four kings. Abraham summoned his hired servants, and the servants of his triends, went out against the kings of the Bast, and ian's part by buying the price for us the Lord are twenty thousand, even of augels. Blow ye the trampet, blow pet! Immanuel rides to battle! The sjesty girds on his sword. He He comes to snatch by power his peolands from those who have invaded their
a. Oh, how glorious the victory. No batdi there be. He comes, he sees, he conThe sound of the trumpet shall be
if Death shall fly affrighted; and at once
the uf dust and alient clay, to realms of
the distinction, Marburg and Gettingen.
Glessen is the most beautifully located of the
three; but Gettingen has the widest celebrity
the largest library, and the most students. It has

the fact that he had a Goel, a Redeemer, but that

this Redeemer liveth. He does not say, "I

know that my Goel shall live, but that he lives,"

-having a clear view of the self-existence of the

life; and you therefore believe that he can give

forth out of himself life to those whom you have

committed to the tomb. He is the Lord and

giver of life originally, and he shall be specially declared to be the resurrection and the life, when

the legions of his redeemed shall be glorified with

him. If I saw no fountain from which life could

stream to the dead, I would yet believe the pro-

mise when God said that the dead shall live; but when I see the fountain provided, and know that it is full to the brim and that it runneth over, I

can rejoice without trembling. Since there is

one who can say, "I am the resurrection and the life," it is a blessed thing to see the means already before us in the person of our Lord Jesus

Christ. Let us look up to our Goel theu who

Still the marrow of Job's comfort it seems to me lay in that little word "My." "I know that My Redeemer liveth." Oh, to get hold of Christ I know that in his offices he is precious. But,

dear friends, we must get a property in him before we can really enjoy him. What is honey in the wood to me, if, like the fainting Israelites, I dare not eat. It is honey in my hand, honey on my

lip, which enlightens mine eyes like those of Jona-

than. What is gold in the mine to me? Men

are beggars in Peru, and beg their bread in Cali-

fornia. It is gold in my purse which will satisfy my necessities, purchasing the bread I need. So,

what is a kinsman if he be not a kinsman to me.

A Redeemer that does not redeem me, an avenger

who will never stand up for my blood, of what avail were such? But Job's faith was strong and

firm in the conviction that the Redeemer was his.

Dear friends, dear friends, can all of you say, " I

know that my Redeemer liveth." The question

is simple and simply put; but oh, what solemn

things hang upon your answer, "Is it my Redeemer?" I charge you rest not, be not content until by faith you can say, "Yes, I cast myself upon him; I am his, and therefore he is mine."

know that full many of you, while you look

upon all else that you have as not being yours, yet can say, "My Redeemer is mine." He is the

only piece of property that is really ours. We

borrow all else, the house, the children; nay, our

very body we must return to the Great Lender.

But Jesus, we can never leave, for even when we

are absent from the body we are present with the

us from him, so that body and soul are with Jesus

marrow of consolation you must say, "I know."

then darkness is not dark; even the night is light about me. Out of the lion cometh honey; out

about me. Out of the lion cometh honey; out of the eater cometh forth sweetness. "I know that my Redeemer liveth." This is a brightly-burning lamp cheering the damps of the sepulchral vault, but a feeble hope is like a flickering smoking flax, just making darkness visible, but nothing more. I would not like to die with a mere hope mingled with suspicion. I might be safe with this but hardly happy; but oh, to go down into the river knowing that all is well, con-

down into the river knowing that all is well, con-dent that as a guilty, weak, and helpless worm I have fallen into the arms of Jesus, and believing

that he is able to keep that which I have committed to him. I would have you, dear christian friends, never look upon the full assurance of faith as a thing impossible to you. Say not "It is too high; I cannot attain unto it." I have.

known one or two saints of God who have rarely

doubted their interest at all. There are many o

us who do not often enjoy any ravishing eestacies, but on the other hand we generally maintain the even tenor of our way, simply hanging upon Christ, feeling that his promise is true, that his merits are sufficient, and that we are safe. As

surance is a jewel for worth but not for rarity.

It is the common privilege of all the saints in they have but grace to attain unto it, and this grace the Holy Spirit gives freely. Surely if John Arabia, in those dark misty ages, when ther was only the morning star and not the sun, when

was only the morning star and not the sun, when they saw but little, when life and immortality had not been brought to light—if Job before the coming and advent still could say, "I know," you and I should not speak less positively. God for bid that our positiveness should be presumption. Let us try ourselves, and see that our marks and evidences are right, lest we form an ungrounder hope; for nothing can be more destructive than to say "Peace, peace, where there is no peace." But oh, let us build for eternity, and build solid ly. Let us not be satisfied with the mere foun dation, for it is from the upper rooms that we get the widest prospect. Let us pray the Lord to help us to pile stone on stone, until we are able to say as we look at it; "Yes, I know, I know that my Redeemer liveth." This, then, for pre-

that my Redeemer liveth." This, then, for present comfort to-day in the prospect of depar-

additional - sands on and said From the Morning Star.

PRES. FAIRFIELD'S LETTERS.-No. 6.

Berlin, Prussia, Oct. 26, 1863. This letter will give you a brief sketch of in

little distinction, Marburg and Gottingen.

Giessen is the most beautifully located of the three; but Gottingen has the widest celebrity the largest library, and the most students. It has had as many as two thousand at one time: It present number is from seven to eight hundred.

liveth at this very time.

Hold fast the form of sound words."-2d Timothy, i, 13.

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still more so to me as the place where Luther in his boyhood attended school. Justing the sound

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of Russian ders. bearing the most remote rese

A WORD TO MARRIED PROPLE.

The ringing of the door-bell has a pleasant

Dr. Stearns, to ride out to his residence in the

wrong. Alice could not accompany me, and I could not get off as early as I wished; and, con-

sequently, I was peevish and fretful; and Alice reflected my humor, I suppose—as it appeared to

At length, however, I drove away, though not in a very pleasant mood. It was a lovely October day: and, as I rode along noting the tints of the landscape, my memory went back to the golden autumn when I wooed and won my bride. How lovely Alice was then! I thought. And how happy we were! But that was long ago. Yet nature is the same, though we are changed. Let me see; we have been married three years, is it possible it is no longer!

And I felt a pang as I contrasted the past with the present, to think that we could settle down in the common-place life we now led.

We had no serious trouble, we didn't quarrel; though when I felt cross, or other things didn't go to suit me, I took no pains to conceal it, and often spoke harshly to Alice, who sometimes replied in the same spirit, sometimes with tears. Yet we were generally good friends. But the

Yet we were generally good friends. But the charm, the tenderness of our early love had imperceptibly vanished to vince has the editional to the charm.

The doctor came out and greeted me cordially.

me she had never been so unamiable.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1863.

Giessen was founded in 1607; Marburg in 1527; have visited only four of them yet, and am to Gættingen in 1737.

I cannot describe them all, and I will, for the present, confine myself to the youngest and best Lord Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day known. The number of Professors at Gottingen regarded as one of the first in Europe, and I was is about fifty. This is regarded as the Nationale University of Brunswick, Mecklenburg, and Nassau, as well as Hanover.

The town has an old look, and there are a number of buildings still standing, that date back to the thirteenth century, and before.

Bradshaw's guide says very briefly of the town: and forever. And you and I looking back do not, say. "I know that he did live, but he lives to-day. This very day you that mourn and sorrow for venerated friends, your prop and pillar in years gone by, you may go to Christ with confidence, because he not only lives, but he is the source of

"Many shops for books and pipes for the students, who duel daily." and so didn't and a students of the account. Indeed a hundred dollars less for

dents, who duel daily."

Murray says: "Duels take place almost every day, sometimes four or five per diem, at a house a short distance outside the gates. The beadle of the University, who shows the museum, told the writer that even his son had fought twenty seven since his academical studies began. The first week after entering, he received a gash on the cheek, and before the wound was healed, he was brought home with his nose slit. But what could the beadle do? His son's antagonist, the perpetrator of this, was the son of the pro-rector potation at each important station. At Cassel potation at each important station. perpetrator of this, was the son of the pro-rector

of the University!"
These statements I had regarded as sneers, or These statements I had regarded as sneers, or extravagant, far out of date; but I was mistaken. They are simple truth—unadorned! A student told me but two days ago, that the average number of these duels at the present time, was from four to eight a day.

They are fought with long swords, and the fight continues tifteen minutes. These swords have dull points but both adves are as shorn as the first continues tifteen minutes. These swords have dull points but both adves are as shorn as the first continues tifteen minutes. These swords have dull points but both adves are as shorn as the first continues tifteen minutes. These swords have dull points but both adves are as shorn as the first continues tifteen minutes. These swords have dull points but both adves are as shorn as the first continues tifteen minutes. These swords have dull points but both adves are as shorn as the first continues tifteen minutes.

have dull points, but both edges are as sharp as water, or a little very weak tea or coffee, he expossible; and it is the business of the antagonists pressed in his countenance a most unutterable to cut each other's heads and faces as badly as surprise, mingled with a little pity, evidently, at they can. The most skilful seldom get cut; the unskilful several times perhaps in a single combat. And you will see the faces of those you meet, badly scarred from these blows. Now and then a nose is cut off, and a piece is slit out of the only moderately stimulating, as compared with head and brought down to make a new one of.

Of course it is not true that all the students are much so that the want of it, even for a day, is addicted to this incomparable barbarism, but a severely felt by all who drink it. An American very large number of them are.

ry large number of them are. gentleman in urging me to drink some a few days No student is required to attend lectures—that since, unconsciously acknowledged the whole is optional; nor indeed to do any thing else, ex-cept to keep himself out of the hands of the po-bright as a dollar?" doing at coast a local sugar lice. A large number of those that come here Magdeburg was another locality which I wished spend much of their time in the most reckless to visit on this route. Its world-renowned cathe-

way imaginable during a large part of their stay. dral I had often read of, and now I could not fore-There is a special government for the students, go the privilege of seeing it without and within, distinct from that of other citizens. If one of That this cathedral is Protestant, made it still them is found in any act of disorder, and is armore an object of interest, and the subduing rested by a common constable, he shows his marmusic of its organ doubly impressive. I shall triculation papers, and is at once passed over to the custody of one of the fifteen policemen who belong to the University. He is then tried before the pro-rector, and punished according to his decision, just as any accused person would be Court in any American city.

truly, even in the dark hours of death, in the As to the duelling, there are laws age ong night of the sepulchre, and in the separate and yet the custom prevails, and the public sentiment sustains it. The shop windows are full of state of spiritual existence. Beloved, have you Christ? It may be you hold him with a feeble hand, you half think it is presumption to say, "He is my Redeemer;" yet remember, if you have but faith as a grain of mustard seed, that pictures portraying these scenes, in which the names of the parties represented as engaged in the contest are given, as also the names of a scere or so of the bytanders. Pictures also representing the wounded men, with their faces bound up, attended by their friends, or the convicted one in prison, enjoying the luxuries, and pipes, and wines with which he is honored during the little faith outitles you to say, and say new, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." There is another word in this consoling sentence which no doubt served to give a zest to the comfort of Job. It was that he could say, "I whole time of his confinement, which is not long enough to disturb his comfort or hurt his know"-"I know that my Redeemer liveth." To say, "I hope so, I trust so," is comfortable; and there are thousands in the fold of Jesus who feelings. And such, I am informed, is the actual treatment which is shown to any one who haphardly ever get much further. But to reach the pens to be convicted. Hence convictions seldom

Ifs, buts, and perhapses, are sure murderers of peace and comfort. Doubts are dreary things in times of sorrow. Like wasps, they sting the soul! If I have any suspicion that Christ is not mine, then there is vinegar mingled with the gall of death. But if I know that Jesus is mine, In these duels the antagonists hold one arm behind them, protect the other which holds the sword with a covering of wadded leather, and sometimes the eyes with spectacles made for the purpose, leaving the face and top of the head exposed. And the shop windows exhibit for sale all this offensive and defensive armor, just as they

do pipes and eigars.
I have said that no student is required to attend lectures; and of course not church or prayers; and you will bear in mind also that such a thing as recitation is never dreamed of. Nor is there any examination at one lecture upon the

subject-matter of the preceding one.

The student pays his bills, and if after that he The student pays his bills, and it after that he attends the lectures, very well; but he may stay away from the beginning to the end of the year without ever being called to account for it, if he so cleets. And when you reflect that those who come here are many of them under twenty, you will readily understand how it comes about that duelling occupies so prominent a place in the daily exercises.

The course in the gymnasium, which is preparatory to the University, is considerably shorter than the full college course as required in America, and the average age of university students, so far as I have seen, about the same as of college students with us.

The duelling custom is encouraged by various organizations, or societies, or corps existing among the students. There are half a dozen of these corps at Gottingen—having their officers and their uniform. And whenever the chief officer of any one of them appoints a member to fight a duel with some member of another corps, he must obey. Thus challenges are given and accepted, and the barbarous custom is sustained with the full knowledge of the courts and police. Of course, the police are expected to interfere if they see the thing, but it is equally a matter of

course that they very seldom see it! The library at Gottingen numbers between five and six hundred thousand volumes. The gentle-manly librarian kindly conducted me through its various apartments, and if I had not first seen the Library of the British Museum, I should have thought it a very imposing and well arranged collection of books; but I presume that I am destined to see nothing anywhere else to compare with that, of which I will write you more iereafter, when I have time enough to do it

The buildings at Gættingen are far from be grand or impressive. They are now erecting a new one, which will look much better than any of the old ones. The buildings used for the different lectures are somewhat scattered over the own, so that a walk of ten to fifteen minutes is necessary to pass from one to the other. The ectures begin fifteen minutes after the clock strikes, and continue three-quarters of an hour. I say begin at that time, but what I mean is, that is free and easy about the opening of a lecture or

a term. If the students are not all present at the proposed time of opening the term, a delay of a few days is a very common circumstance.

The Professors in these universities are generally men of distinction in their respective branches; and if a young man has considerable maturity of mind and character and well settled moral principles, he may find it worth while to be connected with them; but mon the whole I morard those institutions—I will not see heart.

made some remarks about it, to which the doctor visit as many more hereafter; so I will at least responded :-

postpone an expression of opinion for the present.

The Professor of Chemistry at Gettingen is 'Yes, I am very fond of flowers, and love to see them in the house; and as I spend much time here, my wife always keeps a vase of them on the table as long as they last." Our business was finished before dinner, and we walked out in the grounds, which were quite

extensive, and tastefully arranged. There was a variety of flowers in bloom, and noticed that the doctor selected here and there

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the finest, until he had a handsome bouquet. When we reached the house, Mrs. Stearns was on the steps. The doctor, still continuing our conversation, gave her the flowers, with a slight bow and smile; and holding up a spray of crimson berries, which he had broken off, she bent her head while he fastened it among the dark braids of hair,

It was a trifling incident, yet their manner arrested my attention. Had I been a stranger, I should have pronounced them lovers instead of sober married people. All through the day, I noticed the same delicate attention and deference in their deportment to each other.

There was nothing of which the most fastidious guest could complain; yet, while showing me the most cordial attention, they did not seem to ignore each other's existence, as married people so often do. I had never visited the doctor before, and was

very much pleased with his tasteful home. I said so, after dinner, when we strolled out into "Yes," he said, "I think it is pleasant; and," he added, "I believe I am a contented man; so

far I am not disappointed in life." "How long have you been married, doctor? asked. "Ten years."

"Well," I pursued, "can you tell me whence s the bright atmosphere that surrounds your home. Tell me how you and Mrs. Stearns manage to retain the depth and freshness of your early love, as you seem to do? I should think the wear and tear of life would dim it somewhat. I never saw a home where my ideal of domestic happiness was realized before. It is what I have dreamed of

The doctor smiled, and, pointing to a thrifty grape-vine, climbing over a neat lattice, and load ed with purple fruit, he said-

"That vine needs careful attention, and i pruned and carefully cared for, it is what you see it; but if neglected, how soon would it become a worthless thing! So the love which is to all, at some period, the most precious thing in life, and which needs so much care to keep it unimpaired, is generally neglected. Ah, my friend, it is little acts—trifles—that so often estrange loving hearts. I have always made it a point to treat my wife with the same courtesy that characterized my deportment in the days of court-Some interesting monuments are shown you; of Archbishop Ernst, of 1495; of Bake, who saved the cathedral by interceding with Tilley, when that ferocious Nero destroyed the town and massacred 30,000 of the inhabitants in 1631; of the woman of Arreburg, who returned home the night after her burish, and lived to be the mother ship; and while I am careful not to offend her tastes and little prejudices. I am sure that mine will be equally respected.'

That night I rode homeward, pondering the doctor's words; and reviewing the years of our married life, I was surprised at my own blindness, and determined to recall the early dream if pos-

of the Emperor Otho, and his Queen Editha. In The next morning at breakfast I astonished Alice by a careful toilet, chatted over the dinner, and, after tea, invited her to ride. When she came down in my favorite blue dress,

ing monument of Otho and his two Queens the Emperor on horseback, and the Queens standing near. This last was erected nearly nine hundred with her hair in shining curls, I thought she had years ago. Madgeburg has experienced in an extraordinary I exerted myself, as of old, to entertain her, and was surprised to find how quickly and pleacount interesting to the reader of history, but

santly the evening passed. I resolved to test the doctor's theory perfectly, and the result exceeded my most sanguine expec-

For all the little nameless attentions so gratify ing to a woman's heart, and so universally accord ed by the lover and neglected by the husband, find myself repaid a thousand fold; and I would advise all who are sighing over the non-fulfilment of early dreams, to go and do likewise, remember-ing that that which is worth winning is worth

LOSING A SEAT IN CONGRESS.

The ringing of the door-bell has a pleasant sound to me, especially in my idle moods. Like an unopened letter, there is a mystery about it, and one waits with a pleasurable excitement to see who or what is coming.

Returning home one day, earlier than usual, I found my wife had gone out; and while lounging idly over the paper, the bell rang.

I waited expectant till Bridget appeared with a note, containing a request from my old friend. Dr. Stearns, to ride out, to his residence in the "Sir, bring me a plain dinner," said a melan-choly looking individual to a waiter at one of the principal hotels in ——, N. Y. The dinner was bought and devoured, and the eater called the landlord aside, and thus ad-

dressed him-"You are the landlord?"

"You do a good business here?" "Yes!" (in astonishment.)

Dr. Stearns, to ride out to his residence in the country the next day, to transact some business that had been long pending, and an invitation to bring my wife and spend the day.

I was pleased; first, because I wanted the business completed; and secondly, because I thought I needed a day's recreation.

But the next morning everything seemed to go "And make, probably, ten dollars a day,

WYes in the My sel "Then I am safe. I cannot pay you for what have consumed. I have been out of employment seven months, but have engaged to go to work to-morrow. I had been without food four and twenty hours when I entered your place. I

will pay you in a week."

"I cannot pay my bills with such promises,"
blustered the landlord, "and I do not keep a
poor-house. You should address the proper authorities. Leave me something as security." "I have nothing."

"I will take your coat." "If I go into the street without it, such weather as this, I may get my death."
"You should have thought of that before you

"Are you serious ! Well. I do solemply aver that in one week I will pay you." "I will take the coat."

The coat was left, and in a week afterward was redeemed. Seven years after that, a wealthy man entered the political arena, and was presented by a caucus as an applicant for Congressional nomination. The principal of the caucus held his peace; he heard the history of the applicant, who was a member of the church, and one of the most respectable of citizens. He was the chairman. The vote was a tie, and he east a negative, thereby defeating the applicant, whom he met an hour afterward, and to whom he said:

"I once ate a dinner at your hotel, and although I told you I was famishing, and pledged my word and honor to pay you in a week, you took my coat and saw me go out into the inclement air at the risk of my life without it."

"Well, sir, what then?"

"Not much. You call yourself a christian.

To-night you were a candidate for nomination, and but for me you would have been elected to

The doctor came out and greeted me cordially. In the half we met Mrs. Stearns, looking fresh and lovely in her pink muslin wrapper, with her jetty hair in tasteful braids. She scolded me playfully for not bringing my wife, chatted a few minutes, and then fitted away, while the doctor, remarking that his motto was business first and pleasure afterwards led the way to the library.

As we entered the room I noticed a vase of bright autumn flevers on the table, imparting an Congress."

Three years after, the christian hotel man was bankrupt, and sought a home in Bellevue. The poor dinnerless wretch that was, afterwards bene a high functionary in Albany.

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