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CHRIST THE JOY OF HIS PEOPLE.

name, his incarnation, his blood, his promises, his idolaters and infidels would be just as good Chriswork, and intercession, all seem to say to us, tians as any others; our Gubernatorial and Presi-"Rejoice evermore." They have introduced grand, dential elections would be the most efficient means solid ground for joy; and heart-felt pleasure is of grace. How exciting! the feeling is tremenconnected with faith and love. This is a trans. dous, absorbing, and all prevading. Bet enough port that is better experienced than described; for of this. Man is an extravagant creature; the tenwhen God lifts up the light of his countenance dency of his nature is to run from one extreme to upon a soul, that soul has more joy than the men its opposite. The medium point is where the oil increase; strangers intermeddle not with this the Christian stands. Is he the subject of feeling ? joy, they know nothing of it; it entirely surpasses Yes, the most intense and thrilling: every pure their understanding. Saints themselves cannot emotion of which the immortal mind is susceptitell it half, they have not language to express it, ble, is excited in his breast. The love of God is The tune was simple and sweet, but she heeded they cannot convey proper views of it to others; shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost; he for it is unspeakable, being excited by a participa. does, he must feel; his feelings as such are excition of God's unspeakable gift ; it is full of glory. ted by divine love, by the knowledge and love of There is a rejoicing in iniquity, an evil and a scan- truth. He is not a stoic ; insensibility makes no her standing at the door. She cour list and redalous triumph; but the joy now alluded to makes part of his religion, nor does it exclusively consist mained during a prayer which was offered up by the subject of it appear truly honorable in the eyes in excitement. It is not stove heat, but the fire of of angels, good men, and God; it is a pleasure the solar ray. His religion is not a sickly sentithat maketh not ashamed, that leaves no soing be- mentalism, as evanescent as the bubble, nor is it a hind, for it is substantial ; whilst " the joy of the cold abstraction; as destitute of warmth as Greenhypocrite is bot for a moment, and the laughter land ice or Alpine snow. It includes both light of fools is like the crackling of thorns under a pot." and heat, but does not consist exclusively in This holy sensation, increasing more and more, is either. the beginning, the pledge, the presage of eternal happiness ; it is glory begun below ; it is a kind of first-fruits of the new life, which we shall pluck from heavenly trees in the kingdom of glory above. The saints can tell something of the happiness of where I was present, has dwelt on my thoughts the world of spirits, by the bliss which a disco- ever since. It is highly characteristic of the very of Divine love causes in their souls, even in place, the people, and of the times that belonged to the greatest calamities. Such was the repture it. which Peter, James, and John felt, when in the mount of transfiguration, with the Son of God ! and in a certain wild district, inhabited by the poorer far greater will be the rapture of the glorified spi- class of peasants in heland, arms were collected

" That mount how bright, those forms how fair ! Tis good to dwell forever there ; Come death, dear envoy of my God, And bear me to that blest abode."

py. Whatever the Christian rejoices in must have of hearth, wore the appearance of having recently atter of his rejoicing ? These were all made by stone seemed to have been hastily laid down. of God;" let your inheritance he the matter of lope. This was done, and the captors held in their your triumph, "though now for a season, if need | hands-an Irish Dible. be, you are in heaviness through manifold temptations." While the rich man glories in his riches, knows that for a poor Lishman to posses the word and the mighty man in his might, do you rather of God is high treason against the church of Rome; rejoice that your names are written in heaven. and that any offence given to the priesthood of "Declare his works with rejoicings; go to God that church, in a popish district, is speedily panyour exceeding joy; with joy draw water out of ished with the loss of the little all of the helpless the wells of salvation; shout for joy, all ye that victim. The Bible, if discovered, would be Lornare upright in heart; joy in God, the God of sal- ed, drowned, buried, or thrust into some inaccesvation; finally, my brethren rejoice in the Lord sible corner, while a terrible penance would await always, and again I say, rejoice. So shall the Lord the possessor of such a contraband article, and any your God rejoice over you with singing, yea, rest in his love."-Rev. Thomas Spencer.

race-grounds and gaming-tables, would be sacred The covenant engagements of Jesus, his very places, if feeling was religion; and I may add, of the world have, when their corn, and wine, and truth dwells, and there is safety. On this rock

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THE HIDDEN TREASURE. BY CHARLOTTE ELIZAPETH.

An affecting incident, lately told in a company

Private intelligence having been received, that rits round the throne of God and the the Lamb for- and concealed, for unlawful purposes, a party of military were despatched to make a sudden search in the suspected houses. Among others, they visited a poor cabin, inhabited, seemingly, by very quict, inoffensive people, where, after most careful searching, they could find no trace of what they Oh, let us never forget that Christ Jesus is the sought. When on the point of departing, one man

proper, the appointed, the only object of religious remarked that the rough stone which served a sort ome connection with him. Are the promises the been moved ; the earth about it was loose, and the m, are all ratified, "are all yea and amen in This revived their suspicion, and they promptly prist Jesus, to the glory of God by us." Is it any lifted the rude flag from its place, and saw under iritual blessing? It comes to us only through it a parcel, carefully wrapped in some poor ragged s mediation. Oh, then, Christians, "joy in God, | covering. Here was a prize! How many pikewhom you have now received the atonement ;" heads, how many pistols, or what quantity of amejoice, and be exceeding glad, for great is your munition they had seized, was a matter of conjecward in heaven !" " rejoice in hope of the glory | ture, as they carefully unfolded the ragged cave-The fact needs no elucidation-every body resistance thereto would incur the curse of excommunication, with all its subsequent terrors of ceaseless persecution and temporal roin. This must be avoided, if possible, by the poor creature who has no earthly refuge to flee to, and as yet too fceble an apprehension of divine realities to endure, as seeing him who is invisible .- Still the Bible-"the story o' pace," as the Irish rightly call it .--which has told him, in his own loved tongue, such things as never before entered his thoughts, to cheer him in his sad, laborious pilgrimege on earth ; the Irish Bible, once received, it is hard, very hard, to give up. And so the trembling possessors looked around their poverty-stricken abode, | and finding no place where it might rest secure up the single stone that varies the damp surface Lord Jesus Christ. of their cabin floor, generally the earth on which it stands-and there deposit the treasure. When night arrives, the door was secured, the aperture called the window blocked up, and the precious Bible, takea from its resting place, was read by such imperfect light as they could manage to afford. And this within the actual circuit of the British isle-this in the heart of Protestant Britain. the very throne of freedom.

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THE ACTRESS

in one of the English provincial or s, was one day passing through the town in which she then resided, when in was attaacted by the sound of voices. which she heard in a poor cottage before her. Ca-riosity prompted her to look in the open door, when she saw a few poor people sitting together, one of whom, at the moment of her observation, was giving out the following hymn, which the others joined in singing :--

" Depih of mercy ! can there be

not. The words had riveted her attention, and she stood motionless, until she was inwited to eaone of the little company; and uncouch as the expressions sounded, perhaps to hearers, they carried tage, but the words of the bym followed her. She writes: could not banish them from her mind, and at last

she resolved to procure the book which contained it. She did so, and the more she read it, the more decided her serious impressions become. She attended the ministry of the Gospel, read her hitherto neglected and despised Bible, and bowed herself in humility and contrition of heart, before Him whose mercy she now felt she needed, whose sacvifices are those of a broken heart and contrite spirit, and who has declared, that with such sacrifices he will be pleased.

Her profession she determined at once and for ever to renounce; and for some little time excused herself from appearing on the stage, without howing known her resolution, finally to leave it.

The manager of the theatre called upon her one morning, and requested her to sustain the principal persons occasioned any trouble, among whom, howcharacter in a new play which was to be perform- ever, was the king, which increased our difficulty cently performed this character to general admishould incur by her refusal, and concluded his acgements by promising that if, to oblige him, she would act on this occasion, it should be the last resist his solicitations she promised to appear, and on the appointed evening went to the theatre. The character she assumed required her to sing a song; and when the corustative way, and orethe tra immediately begun the accompaniment. But she stood as if lost in thought, as one forgetting all around her, and her own situation. The nutsic ceased, but she did not sing ; and sapposing her to be overcome by embarmassment, the band for her to begin, and still she did not open her lips. A third time the air was played, and then with clasped hands, and eyes suffered with tears, she sang, not the words of the song, but

ties of the church, without touching one of their ! comforts, all could be carried on, and even multiolied. We are all trying to economise. The Karens to aid us, offered to go and row the boat on a "None of M. Guizos's colleagues displayed more solto any dry spot we could find; but we had a pleas of drience spainer a petulant opposition-both contend tions show that less self-denial, economy, and her catiog simable energies of their brave and honorable of their brothers and sisters whom they have sent "Two wardo's should on the battle "him," among the heathen ?-Macedonian.

AL RECORDER.

PLURALITY OF WIVES

In the South Sea Islands, the missionaries be ing called on to assist in framing a code of civil with them a conviction of sincerity, on the part of laws, were sorely tried with the polygamy of the the persons then employed. She quitted the cot- natives. The Rev. Mr. Williams, in his work,

There were two most delicate and perplexing subjects which required adjustment, prior to the final establishment of the laws. The first, referred to a plurality of wives. This was a matter of much deliberation between my esteemed colleague and myself, before we decided how to act. Prior to the introduction of Christianity, polygamy existed to a very considerable extent ; and when a person, having a plurality of wives, offered himself as a candidate for baptism, the teachers had required the individual should make a selection of one of them, and also provide for the support of those whom he might put away. The measure succeedever, disclosing her change of sentiments or mak- od beyond what might have been reasonably anticipated; and of the number who had complied with this condition, only about twenty or twenty-five ed the next week for his benefit. She had fre- exceedingly. With these we conversed on the subect. Some said that they returned to each other, ration : but she now, however, told him her re- because they had not been left at liberty in their solution never to appear as an actress again, choice; others alleged that they supposed the sep-Of universal Peace. at the same time giving her reasons. At first he aration would be only temporary, and that, had attempted to overcome ber screples by ridicale, but they known it was to be permanent, they should this was unavailing ; he then presented the loss he not made the selection they did. Acting upon this information, Mr. Pitman and myself thought the best, and, indeed, the only way to, overcome the it goes !"-"Catch it, Tom, and hoist it up again," difficulty entirely, would be to convene the peo- said a well-discussed boy, with a smart new cap. quest of the kind he should make. Unable to re- ple, recommended that these who were dissatisfied should be allowed to select publicly either of their a minute or two distinguish with what they were wives, and then be united to her in marriage, in amusing themselves. At last the wind blew tothe presence of the whole assembly. The main- word me a little cloth cap, not made to be sure in tenance of the rejected wife or waves and children, the fashiou of this winter, but very neatly repaired, not at Rarotonga as at Tahiti and the Society Is- table boy. hands, where provisions are abundant, and a mat- A little boy ran after the cap and tried to get it ter of slight importance, but a female depends al- from the others. His herd was bare therefore I conmost entirely on her husband. Knowing that the cluded it was his-" Oh! Charles," said he, "give again commenced. A second time they paused king's course would form a precedent, we com- me my cap-it will be all dirty." But the reckmenced by requesting him to name publicly the Jess Charles answered by kicking it up in the air iadividual he istended to make his companion for again, crying out, "Hurrsh! for the Dutchman's life, and of his three wives he selected the young- cap." This stroke of wit, as they all appeared to est, who had born him one child, in preference to think it, caused a laugh, and the said, "He bought his own sister, by whom he had three children, it from some Dutchman; who did you buy it of, ch!" and his principal wife, who was the mother of nine or ten. He was then married to her in the pres- last with difficulty kept from tears, and the young was saddenly ended ; many ridicaled, though some - On the following morning Pavia, the principal to pick it up from the dirt, and left him to walk were induced from that memorable night to " con- wife, took a mat to sleep upon, the maliets with home with it, brashing it as well as he could, and sider their ways ;" and to refact on the wonder- which to make cloth for the husband who had trying to get it in shape again, the tears starting in ful power of that religion, which could so influence abandoned her, and the beloved children she had his eyes, and his face colouring at the recollection the heart, and change the life of one hitherto so borde him, and left the king's house to take up of the insulting, unkind treatment he had experienvain, and so evidently pursuin, the road which her residence in the solitude of widowhood. Scarce- ced from his school fellows. ty a person in the settlement could refrain from When this little boy came home, I heard him It would be satisfactory to the reader to know, tcurs, at seeing so worthy and amiable a woman, say to his money and in ther at l cannot wear this cap again." that the change in Miss ----- was as permanent the mother of so large and fine a family, in those "Way not I" said his mother. "Why, the other as it is singular; she walked constantly with her painful circumstances; and very considerable in- boys have new caps, and they call mine the Dutchprofession of religion for many years, and at length dignation was evinced on the occasion. We our mon's cap." from the prying gaze of bigoted enmity, they take became the wife of a minister of the Gospel of our selves deeply sympathized with ber; for she was a 'This little boy's mother was obliged to be very woman universally esteemed, and from all that we economical or saving in his clothing, that she knew of her, she was worthy of that esteem. A might be enabled to give him a good education, few days before leaving, she came to our house, and she shid, "I cannot afford to get you a new and while conversing with Mrs. Williams upon the cap Like the other boys-you know we are not subject, said that, although her affection for her rich, as many of them are. "But the boys all husband was very great, and was traly distressed hough at me as I go along the street, and knock at the prospect of being separated from him, she my cap off in the dirt, and that makes me feel so, had made up her mind to the painful event, con- I don't know what to do-Oh! mother, get me vinced that it was preferable; for as his affections a new cap." were set upon his youngest wife, if she remained, "I would if I could," said his mother, "but you she should become the occasion of his living in know I am poor." She looked sorrowfully at him sin ; and rather than this, she would endure the so- and said, "Your school fellows must be very unparation, distressing as it might prove. This we kind and thoughtless children. But though their regarded as a pleasing evidence of the power of behaviour discovers ignorance and very foolish Christian principle upon her mind. She took the pride, you must endeavor to hear it with patience opportunity of leaving the house while her hus- and firmness; and show them by your conduct, band was at school ; and on his return to it, he that a boy's character is not determined by the was much affected at finding his faithful compan- shape or quality of his clothes. You need not be ion gone, for, although his affections were placed ashamed to own that your parents have not much on the youngest wife, he had a great esteem for money, and are unable to purchase for you smart Pivai, who had borne him so large a family, and and fashionable clothes. Be ashamed of bad behad been so faithful and industrious a wife for so haviour and pray to the Lord to give you a new,

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NEW SECURE

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three day's journey up the river to visis a church. Wit at the close of for delate than the old Marshal, (Sould We were out fifteen days, and when there, we had and we scansby hupw of a more singular parallel in parto live in an open shed, subject to the heat by day, liamentary orders than that which the mapertive posiand chilly wind by night ; and when it rained, we bous of the two aldest and greatest soldiers in Europe at had to get up and roll up our beds, and move them; the present moment-both occupying the foremost line sant time in teaching the Karens, and seeing twelve ing for the maintenance of amicable relations between the most cick from exposure.' Can American Chris- might agaid lead, to the field-wood both devolog the unnevolence are required of them by the gospel, than lives in the meservation of peace throughout the world."

> Engaged in mighty abook That shalled through the Gallic despot's reign, From the broad Gamone to the winding Seine, And burst the bonds of delivered Spain On the Parentan rock.

The one reticated with lion glare, Still keeping his foes at bay ; The other stooped down from his mountain lair, With standard and oriflamme streaming fair, Like the eagle that sweeps through the realms of air, On her scattered and panting prey.

The thunde's of war have ceased ; and Time Hath weapt is his circling zone The scenes of blood and the deeds of come Which politated each city, and soil, and clime, From the Pharaohs' icy throne.

Where are these warriers now? No more Opposed in the balle strife, Their voices are beand like the voice of yore, Which related the slorm on G noesare's shore, Aul proidst the wind's and water's rour Redecated the Aposile's life.

These heroes twain of the olden war Now bid the destroyer cease : Unyoke the steeds of his i on car,

EXCITEMENT.

Excitement does not constitute the Christian. Christianity is not mere excitement. In my humble opinion it is no less dangerous to resolve it into a peculiar feeling, than it is to make it a mere speculation, a cold abstraction. But how many do it! When highly excited, they seem to think they have much religion, and are quite flaming Christians ; but as the excitement dies away, they suppose that they have lost their religion. And in order to find it again, or raise it from the grave, they call into requisition a system of powerful stimulants; without these, they are as the inebriate without his glass, or as the fish out of wa-

Such Christians are not like the evergreen, or the tree planted by the river of water which bringeth forth fruit in due season, and its leaves never wither; but are plants which only grow in the "hot bed," mere summer sprouts, wilted by the vertical beams of the sun, or nipped by the first autumnal frost. They have neither root nor sap in themselves. Their religion has no internal basis. They live as the drone. They produce nothing in the live; they only consume. They are excited, when others are. They float on the undulation's of the wave of social enrotion. As

I SHAN'T BE DROVE.

This is an expression that the minister of Christ often meets with in his attempts to get the church the cork floats in the stream, so they drift on the to live up to its duty. If while preaching, he urges current of popula feeling. Being mere sail ves- upon Christians the claims of the gospel, and the sels, they can male no headway without wind and duties they are to perform in order to enjoy the current. Their's is a mere Herodian religion, presence of God, he will from some meet the cold shaped according to the times. Now they are reply, I shan't be drove. After retiring from the quite religious, and anon, they are very wicked. conference room where he has, with all the per-When the time are good, they are good; and suasive arguments he could command, endeavored when times are bad, then they are bad. When to get the church to work, either to exhort or pray, he south winds llow, they are in the church ; but which it is every Christian's duty to do in such when the north vind blows forth, it drives them meetings, if asked a reason for not doing thus, the back to the work, as the sow to the mire, or the 'answer is, I shan't be drove. Just as though they dog to his vomit. Their religion is contracted, a think the minister wishes to drive them to pray sickly excitement) they love it as the tippler the and exhort, and to every other duty .- No minisintoxicating bowl, or the sensation it produces ; a ter of Christ has such a disposition. He ought, mere element of sofishness, which evaporates in while presenting the claims of the gospel, as laid mere sing-song. I is liquid poured into a bowl down in the word of God, to have energy and not which may all run ut again if the vessel be turn- let his words freeze on his lips. He ought in eved over. Is this thristianity ? Is it not rather ery meeting of worship, and in his private labors, adulteration ? Such Christians are like a sponge to deal plainly and pointedly, encourage and pursaturated with water, under the least pressure it suade, and should uphould no one in the neglect all spouts away. of duty. But let his zeal for God, be called a dis-It is not in them at a well of water, springing position to drive. None but the lukewarm will up into everlasting he. Mere excitement does think their minister wishes to drive them, and But constitute the Chistian, else there would be none but the lukewarm will use the expression, I my where else, Bar-boms and coffee houses, Star.

" Depth of meacy ! can there be alercy soll reserved for nie ?"

It was almost needless to add, that the performance ence of his people. leadeth to destruction.

TEMPERANCE SONG. BY DR. GILMAN, OF CHARLESTON, S. C.

AIR-Some love to roam. Some love to roam Where the glasses foam, And the poison circles free: But a chosen band In a rescued land. And a temperance life for me. When morning beams O'er the mountain sheatns, Oh, merrily touch we go, To hallow our life,

With a glorious strife. And to coush our country's foe. Ho, ho, ho !

Some love to roam, &c.

The snake we mark In the bar-100m dark.

And look og to regions beyond the jar Of furious faction, adme the star

THE UNKIND CHILDREN. A TRUE STORY.

" Toss it in the niv," said one; "Hurrah ! there

There were so many boys, that I could not for

The little monthed owner of the cap was at gentlemen having had enough of sport, allowed him

And untempted turn our back ; And for right good cheer, At our homes so dear, Oh, why should the temperate lack ? For with steady aim, At an honored name, And hearts that fear no foe, Our brother to save From the drunkard's grave, In the spirit of love we go. Ho, ho, ho!

Some love to roam, &c.

PRACTICAL SELF-DENIAL.

many years. The king behaved houorably to her, clean heart ; and if you get his favor, the laugh and by giving to her the produce of about twenty insult of the world will not give you much uncasisfarms, the tenants of which were to obey her or- ness.

ders, and do her work. This devoted and affec- One word to children who behave to their school tionate woman spent the whole period of her wi- fellows as these boys did. A noble, well-bred, dowhood, which continued three or four years, in and especially a Christian child, will know that making native garments of the very best quality dress does not make a gentleman or lady; that as for her late husband and children : always taking far as this is concerned, they are most respectable the utmost pains, and displaying the greatest skill who are not meanly ashaned to dress according to in that which was for the former, thus testifying their circumstances. A wicked heart and a mean her unabated affection. After about four years, disposition are often found under fashionable the wife of Tinomana, the chief of a neighboring clothes. Our Lord Jesus Christ was very poor settlement, died, and Pivai was united to him in in outward things, and did not take his rank marriage, by which she is again raised to the dignity among the gay and fashionable of the earth, but she enjoyed prior to her painful separation from this did not take from his real dignity. And sure Says Mr. Wade, 'Our preachers and schools her former husband. We have reason to believe I am that any child who, would be like Aim, could our o. Lese children-Wes. S. S. Mentaw. we give them up? If we only had the superflui- are remarkably happy in each other.