NO. 3.

#### Portry.

The Bes-

end hance in a manufactures sea, Full many antid is wrong "at by time! I not the waster of the land Them holdest cut thy writined hand; And when they leave the conquered town, Whose black anoke makes thy surges-Priven be wixe the cand the our

As the long day of blood is done. From many a league of glithering wave Their milest on them and their slaves. "The thin bright eved Phoenician Thea drawest to the waters wan-With rands eve and mora Then temperathin, until forbent Unbarre to under after skieclass up ashore his body lie when when a sees thee it in his dear. Muse ver long for more and more Nor will the beechen bout mines. or home some robe of body a second work weeks of the fire above. Undyed, or unspiced wine of Greece: to sore his heart is set upon Purple, and gold, and cinnamous For as thou energit, so he crave t ntil he rails beweath thy wave Nor in some landlocked, unknown bay,

Can saving a time for one day.

"Now therefore It then bitter sea. With no long words we pray to thee, the pik the. he when ton become Such stroles of the length him our And busy that yet seen such a praw Thy real serious, solw sters plough "Nervet, " et. "off then be cursed If at thy damie we gette he worst. And, with the water, this about Dind-ove i, unbeeding mag or shout With a thing claim for the tong done Warmed by no multivision where "Therefore, indeed, we just in these, And peaker the pressure at and will we Take at thy humb buth possil and the Yes, want then will, and ar the three will Enduring nor business frame And wai until the land us come When we not more may rece to hold White benefits andre crownsof pools And our deliber hours mades are And have with a series in deal,

# The Lulpit.

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sarv series of physical changes."

the same matmer as at present.

and afterwards became consolidated; our extensive coal fields. but it is sufficient in refuting this the- By another revolution the earth was ory to show that such was the case adapted to tribes of huge saurians and with the earth. To demonstrate the reptiles. So that there have been six, trath of this we need but turn and ex- and some affirm twelve, different amine the lithological characters of classes of plants and animals upon the rocks composing the earth's sur- the earth since it became the abode of face. All the primary rocks have such living organizations. Thus again the a structure as fully warrants this as- theory under consideration is demonsection. The gravite and several othe strated to be utterly false. of science is unavoidable.

whole earth was once in a lattien be false. state. In different parts of the earth In addition to this we may say that Confess to Him your sins, ask pardon there are numerous volcanoes fed by man is found to be one of the compar- through his blood, rely on his atoneinternal fires. Occasionally they burst atively recent creations, showing that ment, implore the help of his Spirit, forth, pouring their liquid sires upon some power does actually interfere devote yourself intirely to his service! the surface, spreading desolution over with the present order. But perhaps Do it now! "Strive to enter in at the immense territories, showing the vast- it may be asked how we know that strait gate" now! Offer the prayer,ness of such forces still at the command man is one of the recent creations.— Too much time has been wasted already

of nature. The hot springs of Iceland, and oth- of man not being found lower in the ly opportunity! Seize it now!

er parts of the world too, are eviden- earth than one hundred feet, that is, Now! for time is short, and death he chanced to use the word hyperbole. with the accumulated honors of a long globe is in an igneous state, and that ing place. But this fails to touch the flood the channel to-morrow-wade it hyperbole, but the truth." the crust of the earth is but a thin point at issue. To scientific minds it now.' The chain of evil habit will Talking about "fine phrases" recalls el, 'it is soon out off, and we fly away.'its axis.

ganization as to be capable of existing gans of vision, and, with the assistance

theory of an eternal and necessary se- itants of those primeval seas, as they ries of changes is drawn from the sported amid the waves, enjoyed the fossil remains imbedded in the different light of that same great luminary

Geologists, by an examination of the fossils tound in the strata of earth, "Whether the present order of things have ascertained beyond a doubt that is the result of an eternal and neces- the present races of plants and animals are not the first and only races that The theory of an eternal and neces- have existed, but that, during a long sary series of physical changes has period of time the duration of which found many able and elequent advo- cannot be measured, our earth has been the scene of many changes. At Muca has been written in its delence; different times our earth has been and previous to the revolutions of ge- adapted to different classes of beings, ology the arguments addited by the and incapable of affording support to sceptie were not without a certain de- those whese habits and customs were not conformed to its condition. At The theory under consideration one time it was adapted only to a few supposes that the earth, with its press marine plants and animals of the lowent races of plants and animals, has est orders, which died and left their existed eternally, and that generation excuviæ or remains in such immense after generation has been produced in quantities as, when upheaved by internal disturbances, to form whole The first argument we bring to dis- mountains. At another time the prove this theory is the one derived earth was best adapted to the vegetafrom the fact that the earth was once ble kingdom. The atmosphere being in a gaseous or molten state, and con-charged with vast quantities of carsequently uninhabitable. We might, bonic acid, those primeval forests, so with perfect propriety, maintain that analogous to the productions of the the earth, and even the whole planeta- tropics, were brought forth, and afterry system, was once in a guseous state, wards levelled to the earth and formed

er kinds of rock are of ignorus origin, Thirdly. We derive an argument while the metamorphic rocks, which against the eternity of the present orwere originally deposited by aqueous der from the fact that since the comagencies, have, by the operation of in- mencement of the alluvial epoch, ternal fires, incl. their situatures so several species of animals have become changed as sometimes to reader their extinct. Certain large animals, such origin doubtful. In many cases all as the fossil elephant, the megatherievidence of stratification has been de- um, dinotherium, the mylodon, the stroyed, the whole man having as- fossil horse, ox, deer, etc., and several samed a crystalline structure, and species of huge birds, the diornis and were it not for their position as re- nestor of New-Zealand, and the dodo gards other rocks they would have of Mauritus and Bourbon. Some of no boundary: but all that we possess been assigned to an ingreous origin. - them have disappeared since the cre-If such evidence was rarely met with ation of man. Now if we find that any there would be less ground to argue species has become extinct it clearly no longer. The future may never bethe point, but such evidence being proves that in the present system of come present, and is not ours until it found everywhere, and in every case things there is a tendency to decay having precisely the same bearing, the and ruin, and if there be a tendency to conclusion drawn from it by the man ruin, the system must have an end, and there being an end there must have Again, the fact that at the present been a beginning; so that the present there are vast quantities of fire in the order of things is not eternal, and this bowels of the earth argues that the system of atheism is thereby shown to

of radiation commenced? Is it not great accuracy their genus, species, vation!" reasonable to conclude that there was habits and modes of life. Countless at some time a sufficient degree of heat ages have passed since the trilobite to melt the whole mass, so that we once found his resting place far down in must conclude the theory of an eternal the deep hard strata of the silurian and necessary series of changes to be system, and yet, on being brought out false? For aught we know God may from its flinty matrix, the naturalists have so constituted some peculiar or- can with ease distinguish even his orand enjoying life amidst the primeval of the microscope, compute the numfires, but that would suppose a differ- ber of lenses probably contained in ent order of things from the pre- each eye, showing thereby that in those distant periods the laws of light were The second argument against the the same as to-day, and that the inhabwhich today gladdens the heart of man, the latest and noblest of all God's works. These things being so, to sup-

> stroyed is supposing an absurdity. The last argument in opposition to this atheistic theory is drawn from the Bible. We have no hesitation in receiving the histories of the profane writers as true. Why then should we object to the histories of sacred wri-

pose that all vestiges of man were de-

We learn from the Bible that God created the world and every thing it contains—that the present order was established directly by his power, and that everything is the work of his hand. Here, then, is an argument from history which may be received as valid as we continue to place any confidence in the writers of Greece and Rome .-When these are rejected, then, and not till then, shall we reject the history of creation as recorded in the Divine Word.—Church Union.

## Now!

## BY NEWMAN HALL.

Now! A short word; a shorter thing. Soon uttered; Sooner gone. Now! a grain of sand on a boundless plain. A tiny ripple on a measureless ocean! Over that ocean we are sailing; but the only part of it we possess is that on which our vessel at this moment floats. From the stern we look backwards and watch the ship's wake in the waters; but how short a distance it reaches, and how soon every trace disappears. We see also some landmarks farther off, and then the horizon closes the view; but beyond, that ocean still rolls far, far away.-Memory contemplates the few years of our individual life; history shows us a dim outline of mountians; science tells us that still farther back, out of sight, stretches that vast sea; reason assures us that, like space, it hath of it is represented by this small word -Now! The past, for action, is ours does. The only part of time we can use is this very moment—Now!

O, listen to the voice or warning now! "Awake thou that sleepest!"-Awake now! "Seek the Lord while he may be found!" Seek him now!-"Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved!" Believe now!-"God be merciful to me a sinner" now!

ces tending to the same point, testify- in the alluval deposits, the time of his is near, and judgement threatens!— He at once stopped and added: ing that there are extensive fires in creation cannot date back further than Now! for in eternity it will be too late "As agreed on I now beg leave to his hoary and venerated brow. As we the central part of the earth, which the historic periods, say about six and your very next step may land you give an apt illustration of this term. - looked upon the little circle of Lynchmaintain the high temperature of their thousand years. The caviller may there! the only season of which you Were I to say at this moment the whole burg octog various, seated at the feswaters. And the fact that as we pene- perhaps affirm that man was created can be sure is now! The only season of my congregation are sound asleep, tive board, a feeling tinged with sadtrate the crust of the earth we find the prior to that time, and that all evidence in which you can work is now! The this certainly would be an hyperbole; ness came over our heart, as we heat increasing at a uniform rate is a of his existence was obliterated by the purpose may not last till to-morrow; - but if I say that one-half are in this thought of the brief space of human proof that the whole interior of our revolutions that were constantly tak- fulfil it now! Fresh difficulties will abject condition, this would not be a existence, at its longest time. In the

covering, and probably not so thick, is evident that if man had existed plus bind you more tightly to-morrow; - another story of a clergyman who had But it is glorious to see the patriarch proportionally, as the shell is to the or to the alluvial periods some evi- snap it now! Religion is a work for a foundness for long words, and under- and patriot of more than four score egg. The spheroid figure of the earth, dence of his existence would be found. every day; begin it now.' Sin expo-took to instruct one of his church offi- years going calmly towards the sunset also, is an evidence of the fact that the The remains of man are no more less to present miseries; escape them cers in the use of them. One night of life, with the prospect of resting un-

Brother! Sister! cease to say, -"I'll repent, but not to-day: At a more convenient time Wisdom's lofty steep I'll climb. Thousands thus conviction queli; Thousands thus have sunk to hell! God romonstrates! promptly bow: Wait no longer! seek him Now!

Sinful wanderer! cease to roam: Hark! thy Father calls thee home! Jesus waits thy soul to save: Now He bids thre mercy crave. Now the Spirit's help is given Thee to draw from earth to heaven: Wilt thou not, with solemn vow. Yield to God, thy Saviour Now :

Though repulsed so off before. Still he knocketh at thy door, Bearing gifts untold, divine: Treasure which may now be thine: Wilt thou rudely from thee send Such a generous, patient Friend? Still he waiteth wilt not thou Welcome, worship, serve him Now?

Be thy guilt however great, Now be saved—tis not too late, Yet beware! for mercy's day Soon will all have passed away Time's swift tide is surging o'er Life's contracting, sinking shore: If thou wouldst escape, allow Not a moment's slumber Now?

Can the farmer hope to gain Precious crops of golden grain, If he idly, day by day, Rouse, thee, soul! redeem the past! Harvest-time is coming fast! Through the fallow drive the plough-Wouldst thou reap? be sowing Now?

Canst thou safe in port arrive If thy ship at random drive? Spread thy sail-fair blows the breeze Now the favoring moment seize Wouldst thou hear the word-"Well done Be the labor now begun Wouldst thou bind around thy brow Victory's wreath? take helmet Now! The Parting Word.

## Selections.

## Clerical Anecdotes.

Dr. Hugh Blair, the celebrated rhe torican, and his colleague, Dr. Robert Walker, were respectively the most eloquent exponents of the theories of works and grace as the essential doctrines of Christianity. One Sunday Dr.

all men would love thee!"

her between two thieves."

earth was formerly in a molten condi-tion, that being precisely the form the structure composed of the mine. The first the minister if the minister if the condition of the cold river, whose hither earth would assume in revolving upon material, and ought certainly to en- mands; obey Him now.' A God of should put out the candles. "Put bank marks the boundaries of time, dure as well as those of inferior organ. Love entreats; be reconciled now !- out! say extinguish" answered the and whose opposite shore skirts the Lastly, we are certain that the tem- issus. Animals and plants of the most The Father, from His throne invites; clergyman. "Ah," said John, "does spirit land. But the venerable Bishperature of the earth is not so high as delicate structure have been preserved return now.' The Saviour from His extinguish always stand for put out?" op still lives, and long may he live, to it once was, and that it is continually to us through immense periods, and cross beseeches; trust Him now! The "Always," replied the minister. - teach us by his example, to inspire us throwing off its heat into the surround so perfectly have they been protected Holy Spirit is striving in your heart; Next Sunday it happened that a dog by his cheerful presence, to restrain from the action of the elements, that yield now! "Behold now is the excep- began to bark in the church. John us by his life of moral excellence, and Now who can tell when this process we are enabled to determine with ted time, behold now is the day of sal- at once rose in his seat, and solemnly to scatter around him, in the autumn gave the order: Some one will extin- of his days, the rich fruitage of his guish that dog."

#### A Gathering of the Aged.

The Lynchburg Virginian of the 2d inst. gives an account of a New Year's dinner given in that city on the 1st, by Mr. Patrick Matthews, an aged citizen, who invited such of his city contemporaries as had attained the age elevated joys. The way that a drop of seventy-five years. There were of rain comes to sing in the leaf that

maker, Alboir McDaniel, Dr. William Owens, Thos. Ferguson, Chesley Hardy, George Percival, Absolem Williams, James McDonald, Sr., James Fretwell, Pleasant Labby, David R. Edley, James V. Knight, Judge Daniel throwing out, he learns only to draw A. Wilson, Michael Connell, Sr., War- 111. ren Gannaway, Maj. James Garland, John G. Meem."

Of these gentlemen each, the Virginian gives some personal account, and of Bishop Early, as follows:

"Bishop Early is a man of mark. Ha in now past eighty your of agand yet he bears himself erect, and preserves his vigor of intellect unimpaired. His memory is a vast treasure house from which he brings things speaks to us acts back again, and 'new and old.' He has always kept fully abreast with the times. In his says, with a scowl,, "Here comes that Church he has always been a progres- poor, limping sinner again." The sive man. As a citizen he has identified himself with public improvements brighter and brighter all the way up to and with all measures looking to the the hand; and that is salvation. common weal. He is emphatically, a public spirited man; never behind the foremost in all pradential schemes de signed to promote the best interests of the commonwealth, and the gener- employed for twenty years in building al good of society. As a Lynchburger, his name stands connected with the history of the place. Here he has had them to the place. his home, and reared his family.

Blair, warming in his presentation of life of integrity and Christian consis- fresh clear rills brought through their his favorite theme, thus apostrophized tency commands the admiration and lower rooms. In these were many respect of all who know him; and he is took out with their own hands to be "O Virtue, if thou wert embodied, known by everybody, as he, himself, dressed, every man according to his knows every one. We speak of him own liking. Dr. Walker, in the afternoon in the as a citizen and a member of society. course of his sermon rejoined as fol- In the social circle he is agreeable, and do any good to others while he is often entertains his friends with ance-"Virtue has been embodied. Did dotes and pleasant reminiscences of all men love her? No; she was de- other days. He is always conrecus cuts himself off from the truest pleasspised and rejected of men, who, after in his bearing; entertains with old are here, but from the happiness heredefaming, insulting and scourging her, Virginia hospitality, and spreads after. led her to Calvary, where they crucified | cheerfulness around him in whatever | To inculcate contentment with our circle he is thrown.

barton, had a curious habit of making always sustained a high reputation as running comments, in a low tone of a powerful and caretive preacher in duct an empire, and the other to voice, as he read the scriptures .- his day. He has lifted every position sweep a street in it, they would feel no Hence—as he never cured himself of of responsibility and trust in his inclination to change employments." the practice, -- those seats nearest the Church with dignity and credit to pulpit were the most highly prized. himself, and with honor and profit to to the spirit. To humiliate yourself Here are two samples of his "pulpit the communion with which, for so is as necessary in this wicked world, many years, he has been prominently jumples to take, every now and then, a Reading of the swine rushing into connected. He was born in Bedford draught of quinine. -Spurgeon. the sea, he muttered, "O that the county, Va., January 1, 1786, where Ir were better to perish by a violent devil had been choked too!" Read- he spent the early part of his life. He death than to live so as to cause one ing Peter's remark, "We have left all joined the Virginia Conference of the of Christ's little ones to stumble. and followed Thee," he said, quietly, Methodist Episcopal Church in 1806 'Aye boastin', Peter, aye bragging- He has served his Church in the ca- tempting thing, he can find a hundred what had ye to leave but an old crazy pacity of pastor, presiding elder, book boat, and may be two or three rotten agent and publisher. He has been a conspicious leader in all the education-The Scotch as a rule, dislike "fine al measures of his denomination, and words." "Fine words butter no pars- as an expression of the confidence of nips" is a favorite proverb with them. his Church, and, as a mark of their One of the clergymen who was in the highest consideration, the General habit of using "dictionary words" was Conference of 1854 conferred upon waited on by a congregation, and ask- him the office of Bishop. He is now ed when he used unfamiliar expressions advancing in years, but presents the weeks now, the devout teacher asked the in the pulpit, to stop and explain them. grand, moral spectacle of a great and question, "Who died for you?" After a The answer to this is that the remains of man not being found lower in the ly opportunity! Soize it word.

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The dry humor of this remark met a good man going down the declivity of a little "nig" about forty years old replied, fitting reward. On the next Sunday age, with a name untarnished and "Abrum Linkum."

and well-spent life resting nobly upon language of the monarch bard of Isra-

honored life.

"Age sils with decent grace upon his visage, And worthily becomes his silver locks; He wears the marks of many years well spent, Of virtue, touth well tried, and wise experi-

#### \* \* \* Life Thoughts.

Our humiliations work out our most eighteen persons present, as follows: rustles in the top of the tree all sum-"Bishop John Early, Lindsey Shoe- mer long, is by going down to the roots first, and from thence ascending

> - It is one of the worst effects of prosperity to make a man a vortex instead of a fountian; so that, instead of

> -Some men are like pyramids which are very broad where they touch the ground, but grow narrower as they reach the sky.

> -God builds for every sinner, if he will but come back, a highway of gotdon promises from the depths of degradation and sin up to the Father's

-Every loving word that God makes music in his heart. He never path of the sinner back to God is the smile of the face and the touch of

## Random Readings.

Ose hundred thousand men were the great pyramid at Ghizeh, and ten years had been previously spent in quarrying the stones and conveying

In summer, the rich Romans of the Here he is honored and revered. His flourishing times of the empire had kinds of living fish, which the guests

He that will not permit his wealth to alive, prevents it from doing any good to himself after he is dead; and by egotism, which is saicidal, not only

lot, the eminent John Newion left us James Oliphant, minister of Dun- "As a minister of the gospel he has this saying: "If two angels came down from Heaven to execute a divine command, and one was appointed to con-

The bitterness of humility is a tonic as it is for travellers through Africa

WHEN a man is tempted to do a ingenious reasons for gratifying his liking. Thackeray.

Do well; but do not boast of it, for that will lessen the commendation you might otherwise have deserved.

God hears the hearts, though without words; but he never heard words without the heart.

"Who Land for You?"-At a colored Sabbath school, in this country, a few