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PREDACHED IN THE
CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
NEW HYTHE,
DURING LENT, 1855.

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"Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord.
Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens."

LAMENTATIONS III. 40, 41.

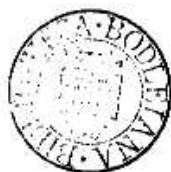
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TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE DISTRICTS

OF

Backfield and New Hythe.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Instead of writing another letter to you this year, as I once intended, I have had this little volume printed, that I may give a copy to each household among you, as a New Year's Gift.

Many of you have already heard these Sermons in church, but I hope you will all read them; and may God grant that the study of them may not be without profit to your souls.

I remain,

My dear Friends,

Faithfully and sincerely yours,

NATHANIEL DIMOCK.

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SWOLLEN as the troubled sea,
Lord, I feel this heart to be ;
Restless on account of sin,
Lord, there is no peace within.

'Till Thou bid its passions cease,
Lord, it never can have peace ;
Never change its wicked will,
'Till Thou whisper, " Peace, be still."

Every idle hope begone,
Speaking peace when there is none ;
None but Jesus, none but He,
Can ever speak of peace to me. ♣

'Till I feel my sins removed,
'Till I know that I am loved,
And lean upon my Saviour's breast,
I can never think of rest.

MONSELL'S PARISH MUSINGS.

CONVERSION.

Sermon I.

WHAT CONVERSION IS NOT.

MATTHEW xviii. 3.—“Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.”

THIS is the first Sunday in the solemn season of Lent. And this season of Lent—these forty days before our Saviour’s resurrection—these forty days in which we take into view our Lord’s fasting of forty days, his temptations, his agony and bloody sweat, his cross and passion—this period in which we especially commemorate Christ’s sufferings—his sufferings for sin—it always brings with it a fresh call for us to examine our hearts; to consider our ways, and to humble ourselves before God. I pray God to give us grace that we may hearken to this call. Do you, my brethren, pray to God, that you may obtain, this Lent, a more humbling, contrite sense of sin, and a truer view of your high calling as Christians.

May God grant that the importance of the subject on which I purpose to speak to you now (as, I trust, it is one well suited for our consideration at this season) may be so felt by you all, that it may fasten itself on your attention and memories, and call up many serious thoughts, and occupy