A Visit from England

We have received a call from Rev. Mr. Townley, who came passenger by the steamer Virginia, and here to us a letter of introduction from Mr. David Thom, of Liverpool. As we wish to introduce him to our American fraternity, we may not do better than publish Mr. Thom's letter entire:

[Christ. Freeman.

Liverpool, Eng., Oct. 5th, 1868.

DEAR MR. COBB.—I have great pleasure in introducing to you a friend of mine, the Rev. Mr. Townley, B. A., T. C. D., clergyman of the Established Church in England, and formerly minister of St. Matthew's Church in this town.

Mr. Townley has recently been satisfied of the truth of God's universal love to man in Jesus Christ. And now, excluded from the Establishment, kept at arm's length by the ordinary classes of Dissenters, he seeks your less trammeled country to have an opportunity of proclaiming the glorious gospel of the Grace of God.

In Mr. Townley you receive no ordinary man. With a moral character unimpeachable he unites abilities of a very high order. These have been most sedulously cultivated. Reared at the University of Dublin, of which he is a graduate, he has there devoted himself to literature and science, and has there passed honorably through the strict and searching examination, to which aspirants to literary honor are subject. He is truly a superior
man,—one, of whose visit to their shores, and I hope ultimate settlement with them, the Universalists of America will have just reason to be proud.

He commanded much attention, and excited no small degree of interest, while minister of St. Matthew's here; the central talents are, I understand, of a very superior order. This I should suppose them to be from what I observe of his acumen, activity, and great intelligence, in private life. His learning is considerable. Besides, he is already favorably known as an author.

I am sure that you will receive him kindly and encourage him. Introduce him, I entreat you, to the members of your body. Especially to such of them as may have been of the Episcopal persuasion.

With earnest wishes for your welfare,
I am truly and affectionately yours,

D. Thom.

The Marks of a Good Preacher.

He is fit to preach that is himself most like his message, and comes forth not only with a handle of this word in his hand, but with a store of it in his heart, the word 'dwelling richly in him;' and having written this, the scribe, being this word of life, depends not on his qualifications in any kind, either of attention, or of grace.——

Religion thus preached, and it is a carnal con- ceit to hang on the circumstances of the minister, or the word.——

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