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THANKSGIVING: THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

No thanksgiving day can come inopportunist to mortals under the dispensation of grace. There is always room for it, whatever our sufferings and privations. We always have thousand-fold more of good than we deserve, and can always truthfully say with the patriarch, "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which thou hast showed unto thy servant."

We do not believe the Border States are thus infatuated. They both admire slavery less and love the Union more. They are not prepared to assume that the plantation is the type and foundation of the highest social state.

Our land has not been scourged with pestilence; our cities and large towns have, we believe, been healthier even than usual. Accidents such as the loss of the Lady Elgin on Lake Michigan have indeed occurred; yet they have scarcely been so numerous or so appalling, on land or sea as in former years.

At this point we must pause. Not that the causes of thanksgiving are exhausted, but that in the wise permission of Providence, events have taken such a turn as to throw a shade of thoughtfulness over our rejoicing, and even to fill many hearts with serious forebodings scarcely akin to a thanksgiving occasion.

AN OLD SCHOOL CHURCH TRANSFERRED. The South-western Presbyterian church, with their pastor, Rev. James McCaskie, obtained a dismission from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, (O. S.) and united with the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia, (N. S.) They were received by the latter Presbytery on the 1st of November.

The only remaining difference, so far as regards us at present, between the Old and New School, relates to the truth and order of our Church, and he was unanimously received.

From such a result who, but the immediate investigators, would not shrink back with horror?—Whose hearts would not tremble for the almost sacred structure of our government? unless it be theirs who in their madness are bearing the torch to the pile? We do not believe such a result will follow.

plain—so much so that we need not dwell upon it. As to the better moral feeling, we perhaps need to explain. The leaders of this secession movement, so far as they are not actuated by personal motives, have one single object—to provide for the perpetuity, extension and political pre-eminence of slavery and the form of society constructed upon it.

As to the diminution of differences between the two bodies, we cheerfully admit the general truth of the Banner's remarks. What differences in doctrine yet remain, are, as they ever were, in our opinion, insufficient grounds of organic division.

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GREAT BRITAIN AND ITALY. Every friend of humanity must rejoice that at last the many throbblings of the genuine British heart towards the Italians, in their struggle for freedom, have found an adequate expression.

DR. JUDSON'S OPINION OF THE PLYMOUTH BRETHREN. It seems that these singular people came in the way of the missionaries in the East Indies, and Dr. Judson, than whom a kinder and more generous spirit, towards every thing that could claim a Christian recognition, never breathed.

UNITED PRAYER-MEETING. These prayer-meetings, held from week to week in our different churches, have been, since their commencement, the present season, deeply interesting and spiritual, as well as very largely attended.

WESTERN COLLEGES. The Society for Collegiate and Theological Education at the West, closed its annual meeting last evening. Its receipts, exclusive of the twenty thousand dollars nearly raised by President Marsh of Pacific College, Oregon, under the Society, are about twelve thousand, and its incidental expenses for salaries, etc., are about four thousand dollars.

WALNUT STREET CHURCH WEST PHILADELPHIA. This church was dedicated, as previously announced, on Thursday evening of last week, the 15th inst. The services were well sustained and interesting throughout.

THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA, will be held in Concert Hall, on next Monday evening, at 7 1/2 o'clock.

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