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PROVIDENTIAL CONTROL OVER SIN.

WHILE God has seen fit to permit men to sin, he by no means abandons even the impenitent temporary. European journals had given the to the full sway of their sinful natures. Sin is as much under restriction as are the waves of the ocean to which it was said: "Hitherto shalt thou and seemed inclined to sustain them as well come but no further; and here shall thy proud founded. These turned upon the ecclesiastical waves be stayed !" Neither sin nor its agents | arrangements of the Board, and constituted strong on earth or in hell are outside the limits of the divine government. "The Almighty pow- Board in this respect, were radically defective. er. unsearchable wisdom, and infinite goodness Meanwhile, the Board in its published stateof God, so far manifest themselves in his Prov- ments has observed a remarkable and almost unidence, that it extendeth itself even to the first broken silence on this serious movement in the fall and all other sins of angels and men, and very heart of its most important missionary en-Faith V: IV.

It is easy to see that if God did not so control It is easy to see that if God did not so control According to one of the statements, the difficul-and obstruct the sins of men, the whole earth ty had actually been removed. would become uninhabitable; it would be converted into an outlying suburb of hell. Men in the unrestrained exercise of passion and lust for May 17th, which has recently come to hand and wrong would visit upon each other far severer punishment than any of God's temporal in- cal church of Pera, which having forsaken the terpositions have ever done. His chastisements American Board entirely, has taken refuge in are great mercies to the race. Far better sweep the church edifice erected for the Prussian Emaway all the families of the earth but one, with a deluge, and start anew, than leave that pious one to be overwhelmed, and the whole world to be possessed by an ungodly and irreclaimable seed. Such merciful interferences on a smaller scale are taking place every day in the minds and the outward circumstances of wicked men. God makes the wrath of man to praise him and the remainder of wrath he restrains. Sometimes we find as Gen. von Wildenbruch, the former Prussian ourselves amazed and disposed to cavil at the Ambassador at Constantinople, Superintendent power and success of evil in the world. To com- Hoffman, Dr. Krummacher and many other displete the view, we ought to consider how much tinguished persons. Its operations had been worse it might be, what wise and powerful ar- suspended by the Syrian rebellion. As the necesrangements are made to circumscribe and ob- sities occasioned by that event are removed, the struct the motions of sin; what great schemes of case of the Evangelical Armenians again comes

the way of sin are such as remove the agents -of the faithful and devoted labors of the themselves, as the deluge, the destruction of So- missionaries sent out by the greatest of the dom and Gomorrah, the death which overtakes American Missionary Societies (Board of Comthe individual sinner before his plans of mischief missioners for Foreign Missions.). This Society are matured. In the height of his wicked un- is composed of Congregationalists, i. e., Independertakings, and when seemingly on the point of dents who are descended from the original Engexecuting them, He sometimes arrests him as lish settlers in North America, (chiefly in New he did Pharaoh in the Red Sea. Of such the England, so called) together with the Dutch Re-Psalmist writes: "I have seen the wicked in formed. (sic.) In their extensive and successgreat power and spreading himself like a green ful labors in this part of the world, these misbay-tree; yet he passed away and lo he was not; yea I sought him, but he could not be found." Or, He destroys his resources and dependencies and defeats his plans. So he slew the vast army of Sennacherib before the walls of Jerusalem. So he scattered the "Invincible Armada" of the Spanish Emperor on the waves and rocky shores of the North Sea. It is one of the chief functions of History to record the wrecking of the them to organize an independent church, which plots of the wicked upon the obstructions which Providence continually puts in their way.

Some of the divine obstructions to sin are less striking but more steady and efficacious. Such is the appointed and chief obstructions against sin.

truth. The triumph of the wicked is short. By court, and in the name of a Society from which more destroy all flesh. Great mischief may be that the errors of which they are accused by the inflicted by them all, and by the wicked, upon missionaries, consist only of deviations from the mankind, but never can they get the mastery. God is above, holding the reins of government. He will see to it that the issue of every struggle became acquainted with the worship and order of shall be to the discomfiture and further obstruc- other denominations, the bald forms of the Ameri-

REV. LEEDS K. BERRIDGE has been appointed by the President, chaplain to the U. S. Hospitals in Philadelphia, in connection with Rev. Dr. West, and Rev. James H. McFarland. There influence upon the ecclesiastical views of the are now thirteen military hospitals in the limits of our city, and an ample field is open for usefulness in the line of chaplaincies.

Armenians is nevertheless not to be overlooked.

To a considerable extent, the Armenian Christians have the right of the controversy. If the

THE EVANGELICAL ARMENIAN CHURCH AT PERA.

Our readers will remember that we have several times called attention to a serious divisive movement among the Armenian converts under the care of the American Board at Constantinople. The late lamented Dr. Dwight, and a correspondent "W," both of whom had taken part in the organization of the Mission churches in that field, contributed articles to our columns in response to our own views of the subject, and representing the movement as unimportant and matter considerable attention. They quoted the complaints of the Armenians against the Board, evidence to our minds that the methods of the that not by a bare permission, but such as terprise. Our correspondent "W," in his comhath joined with it a most wise and powerful munication of January. 9th, rehearsed the few bounding, and otherwise ordering and governing statements which, up to that time, had been givof them, in a manifold dispensation to his own en to the public; they did not cover as much as hely ends; yet so as the sinfulness thereof proceedeth only from the creature;" etc. Conf. of of all that was said was to the depreciation of the movement as insignificant and temporary.

Judge then of our surprise at finding in the issue of the Berlin Neue Evang. Kirchenzeitung an appeal in behalf of the independent Evangeli bassy in Constantinople, and is expected, with its sister organization to come entirely under the fostering care of the Evangelical churches of Germany ! We give the substance of the article which is the leading one of the number.

As early as the year 1860, an association had been formed in Berlin in aid of the Evangelical American church in Pera, including such names Satanic cunning and malignity have actually been up for attention. The Armeno-Evangelical thwarted by these providential arrangements. church in Constantinople, Asia Minor, Syria The external obstructions which God puts in and Mesopotania, is the result—as is well known sionaries did not aim at introducing any of the forms of church organization prevalent in the West, nor did they or the Armenian converts at first propose to form a new Armenian church by the side of the old one. It was hoped that a reformation might gradually be effected in the entire body of the Armenian organization. Perse cution and excommunication however, compelled has since been recognized by the Turkish Government, and is entitled to protection equally

with the old one.

The church in Constantinople with a thous ordinance of civil government. It is from a and members, and perhaps a thousand more addivine prompting, to stay the violence of sin, that herents is without an edifice—a great want in men frame laws and penalties, and send abroad any case, but especially so in a land where the the minister of justice, bearing not the sword in | are surrounded with Mohammedan mosques and vain, to be a terror to evil doers. It is a dyke the churches of the Greeks and Roman Catholics raised up against the raging waves of sin that A site for building has been secured by the Church would engulf every thing in anarchy and barba- in Pera. But this is not by any means the only rism for its own selfish, short-lived pleasures. want of the new community. Its relations to It is for this that God surrounds the very idea the American Mission have essentially altered. of government with majesty, and clothes it, in its Its preachers and teachers are sustained entirely proper exercise, with the very sanctity of reli- from its own resources, and are actively engaged gion. Wisely framed and justly administered, it in the work of evangelization. They claim is our great defence, our best earthly possession, the right of self government, or at least of a parour daily peace and security. It claims our hon-ticipation in the councils and decisions of the or and allegiance next to God. To disturb it Mission. This is denied them by the Mission. causelessly, is to strike a comprehensive blow at and they have complained, in two declarations every earthly good. It is to lend onesself to the addressed to all Evangelical Christians, of the service of the devil in some of his worst demon-persistance of the American brethren in their strations. It is to assail the most powerful tem- repressive policy. As early as 1857, they held a poral barrier against sin and to encourage its un- church-assembly in which they resolved hencerestrained outbreak in every sphere of life. No forth to govern themselves, as a church, accordearthly duty is so sacred, no service to man in ing to the word of God and to recognize Christ his temporal relations is so beneficent, as that of alone as their head; and, while thankfully rallying around and maintaining such an assailed receiving aid from any other church of corpora-Government. It is upholding one of God's own tion, not to subject themselves to their control."

It is true that the missionaries acknowledged At this crisis God is giving such a work to our this independence in words, yet not in actions, nation; a work the more sacred, as the govern- clearly because it was hard for them to let the ment to be upheld is more excellent, more suita- child which they had reared, go free from the ble, more manifestly one of God's own appoint- paternal guardianship. They also expressed ment on earth. In this view, ours may well be the fear that the young church might, in its called a holy war. It is a war for the obstruction of childhood, fall away from the truth. The others sin. It is one of the great providential, historic, retorted that the work of evangelization would movements, of which the world has been full, proceed more effectually if a proper participation the upshot of which is to cross and frustrate the in it was allowed to their native pastors, and wicked purposes of men and to prevent sin from complained that the new church, was denied its having its own wild way with the best interests necessary and rightful independence, and that an attempt was made to force upon it a new form Of this one thing let us be sure; God has the and character, which might be well enough in entire control of the powers of sin in the world. America, but would not suit in Turkey. More-All their raging and their seeming success will over they felt that government by the missionabut advance his plans and promote the cause of ries without any possible appeal to a higher their apparent successes they are lured on to more they were separated by sea and ocean, which certain downfall. Unrestrained power to work itself does not belong to a church at all, but to mischief is given to none in earth or hell. an indefinite number of congregations, was a des-There are limits to it, as there are to the sea potism by no means corresponding to the free which may not swallow up the land with all its spirit of the Gospel, which does not crush out ragings; as there are to the sweep of the torna- national peculiarities, but ennobles them through do, lest man and his works be hurled in mid air; the truth. They present, in ten articles, a thoras there are to the water-floods which shall no oughly evangelical confession, in order to show

> As their more prominent members gradually cans could no longer satisfy them, and they at-

Congregational forms of government.

tians have the right of the controversy. If the OLIVET PRESENTERIAN CHURCH corner of Gospel is to be communicated by degrees to the summer on Sabbath mornings and evenings. of Protestantism (perhaps excepting Quakerism) we are used to, and are not deceived by them, ness and cares, must needs linger in the com-majesty are eloquent of an age and a magnifi

America as its uncertain reliance. These necessi-

ry, these preachers were wrong. With unimportant exceptions, the societies in Constantinople and Nicomedia openly arrange

hemselves with the Pera Church; and all the Evangelical Armenian congregations would do so at once, if they could dispense with aid from America. As an expedient to meet the immediate necessities of the case, the church of the Prussian Embassy just completed, has been yielded by the trustees (Kirchenvorstande) to the evangelical an only serve as a momentary assistance.

To aid, therefore in building a house for the Pera Church, and still more, to assist in educating for preachers and teachers, several Armenian youths, two of whom were left with us in 1860, by the pastor of the Pera church, Mr. Euugian, we need help; and our purpose in this undertaking, is to open the way for a growing intercourse between the Reformed Armenian hurch and the Evangelical churches of Germany, and thus to secure an influence on the spiritual life of Turkey as the time has arrived for the German nation to exercise it. I Wie er auf dem geschichtlichen Wege der Deutschen Nation

The Evangelical Armenians earnestly ask our aid. They feel that all which they now need is European training. What the Catholic Church s doing for the United Armenians in the Mechitnarist Institutes at Venice, Padua, Vienna, and Paris. that the Protestant Armenians expect of Eyangelical Germany. We have already received several contributions for these important objects, especially a royal gift from His Majesty, King William of Prussia, of two thousand Tha-

Our bells in wide regions of Germany still ring the summons to the prayer, which centuries long, was offered for the removal of the danger of a Turkish invasion. May the "Turk alarm" now sound in many hearts the call to let Maury, the distinguished savan, who would nev-

PROTESTANT NATIONS.

THE alienation of feeling which has taken place etween ourselves and Great Britain is the more deplorable because it estranges the leading Protestant powers of the world from each other. If we could say that only the prelatical elements of English society had misunderstood us, in the present crisis, and exulted in the prospect of our overthrow, the case would not be so bad.* But it is not so. No attacks upon us have surpassed in grossness those from the organs of the Free Church of Scotland: such as the North British Review and the Edinburgh Witness. It is a monstrous spectacle and bodes evil to the world. when dismemberment and overthrow are thus wished by one Protestant nation to befal the other. Great Britain forgets the Cause which is greater even than herself, the supremacy of which in the world is essential to her own greatness, while with an indescribably narrow and selfish policy she wishes the only other great Protestant nation in the world to be forever shorn of its power, that her own aggrandizement may be complete. It pains and amazes us to find the religious, the Protestant people of that country completely oblivious to this serious view of the ease of which one would think no Christian man could rid himself. As Protestants, we have been accustomed to regard ourselves and England as natural allies. No other nation has seemed so near to the Christian people of America. We have almost familiarized ourselves with the prospect of one day waging, side by side with England, the last great conflict between the massed adherents of a pure Christianity and the devices: time is coming when Great Britain will find herself beleaguered and sorely pressed by the foes of civil and religious liberty who cherish bitter remembrances of her powerful interposition in former times for these high interests. Even now her condition is one of chronic alarm, requiring immense armaments in the face of a neighbor as unscrupulous as he is powerful and jealous. The mother country may yet live to see the nation she has so wantonly and deeply alienated, more prosperous, happy, and powerful than ever while she is vainly struggling against a combination of unprincipled and malignant despots in conflict which American interposition alone night turn decisively in her favor. We fear she would seek that interposition in vain. The alienation which has recently been caused, involves an lement of deep distrust in the essentials of dissipate the sympathies of Christian men, and piety. inclines us at least for the present, to turn away

* Dr. Hengstenberg, the celebrated Lutheran divine and Professor of Berlin, anturally enough is bitterly against us. He is an Imperialist, a High-Churchman, and a defender of the Pope's temporal

VERACITY.

THIS golden quality of speech and action is fly abroad on the wings of rumor, about losses, cannot be expected to pursue the search for I have thus enlarged on circumstances like tached themselves one by one, to the preacher of and casualties, and advantages, on the field of them with the needful zeal. Our worldly objects these, to show how utterly the great heart of Pation. They are incompetent to testify; veracity tian life, would make us saints.

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In the impression of all this lies deep uplaced in the compared on my mind. No city in the world can compare the compared of the question. glers, too, and panic stricken men on every battle- believing. Can we attain any great heights in with Papal Rome for the wealth of ancient and field, who are sure to run away and report their holiness? Surely it is reserved for a favored sacred story which it enshrines. Here are walls. 22nd and Mount Version streets, will be open all entire Armenian church, the most extreme form own regiments utterly destroyed. Such matters few to reach them; while we, immersed in busi- and temples, and tombs, which in their ruined

I must not be required of them, or held up to them | Yet there are other influences at work which col- | mon-place walk of the Christian masses. One

measure. Was the movement a great piece of if we make diligent application to this grace. strategy sure to lead to the early capture of Richmond; was it a compulsory retreat, necessary to the salvation of the army, and successfully executed; or was it a disaster more melanrebels exult in a series of victories" resulting our people.
in crowding off the "broken remnant" of the Army of the Potomac to a distance of two days'

LETTER FROM EUROPE. march from their capitol. Our General tells us that in every engagement the enemy were beaten back with immense slaughter; yet at Gaines' Mills on Friday the 28th of June we lost twenty five pieces of artillery, and were according to general opinion, decidedly worsted.

It is utterly impossible for us to attempt an entimeration, even, of the notorious instances in which, during this war, the credulity of the people has been imposed upon. At the South the game has been carried on, on a scale of enormity to which the North, guilty as it is, can furnish no parallel. The desperate condition of their cause and the greater ignorance of their people, furnish the temptation and the facility for the work. Even the leading men of the South, their high officials, their clergy, are carried away by the fury of the excitement and give utterance to the most palpable falsehoods and the vilest calumnies against the North. The latest and I looked upon it, from base to dome, with 7000 most extraordinary example is that of Lieut, lamps. It was the concluding ceremonial of a the pure Gospel be heard among the adherents er have gained his scientific laurels, but for the der on the stupendous pile, looming on the liberality and confidence of the government horizon like a great firmament, fretted with mag-[Upon this remarks ble document we reserve which he is how seeking to overthrow. The nificent fires. It was, as I said, the winding up character he thus acquired, he is now relying of a memorable day for Papal Rome. Twenty upon to authenticate, before the world, the most seven martyrs who died in Japan about 200 audacious and malignant falschoods against us. years ago, were yesterday canonized as saints. He has written a letter to friends in France, de- All the grandeur of ceremonial that Rome could signed, doubtless, to affect public sentiment in summon was displayed on the occasion. Thous-Europe; in which he asserts that we use a bullet ands of priests and bishops were assembled from filled with fulminating powder, designed to ex- all parts of Papal Christendom. I studied the plode after entering the body; also that North- whole scene carefully. I obtained a seat under ern journalists actually fabricate imitations of the very dome of the Cathedral where the cere-Southern newspapers, filling their columns with their own inventions, and then send them to his chair amid a grand procession of cardinals

Europe as genuine for effect there! It passes our comprehension utterly how even under the demoralizing influence of an anarchical and pro-slavery rebellion, rational men can become so lost to all the claims of truth and honor, as to make such statements. It proves at any rate, the desperateness of their cause, and its pressing need of foreign intervention in spite of its seeming advantages. We do not need the aid of As I watched the ceremony yesterday, and saw falsehood or misrepresentation; let us frown upon it as the policy of bad men, and as an omen of weakness and of overthrow. Let us prefer the truth even though it seem to be to our disadvantage. Let us do our humble part to keep the springs, of future history clear, no matter who shall seem to suffer thereby.

PRESSING AFTER GOD.

WHILE there is much sincere rerget among Christians for the imperfections of their service, the slowness of their growth in grace, and the general coldness of their lives, there is no corresponding diligence to attain what is felt to be tion to brush away the multitudinous objects of wanting. The absence of God from the soul is idolatry that for centuries had accumulated belamented. The loss of the ardour of first love tween the disciple and his Lord—to bring the and of a sense of forgiveness is a source of daily communicant face to face with a living Saviour. uneasiness; but few stir up themselves to a diland sims of the Man of Sin. We believe the igent importunate use of the means needful to ding new objects of worship between the disciheed our cold and merely habitual requests. English character, which threatens forever to in the question of the degree of our personal

as a standing model. If the new community is or our reports, and leave us at the mercy of the would think that decided piety was as much a to hold its own, against the power of Islam and prejudices under which they are framed. There gift as inspiration, to hear some Christians talk the Greek church, it must not be divided into is the positive intention to pervert, to extenuate, -at least to themselves. Such low views and ndependent fragments, but must be a church or to exaggerate; to grafify pique, or jealousy, l'language spring from unbelief, and are contrabinding together firmly the separated organization favoritism; to make an impression upon the ry to the whole spirit of the Gospel. They are tion, in the German manner. If it is to have at enemy, upon our own people, or abroad. This contrary too to the experience of such as Paul, future of victory, it must seek aid of well-organ- sometimes betrays itself in such a manner as most, who wrought at his secular occupations someized vigorous churches near at hand, and not cruelly to shake our confidence and create skep times night and day; and of such men as Harhave a mere nebula of congregations in remote ticism in all we hear. The exaggerations of a lan Page, who was the direct means, by his senseless panic pass away but these intentional simple personal labors, of converting many more ies are too plain to be overlooked by any but perversions inweave themselves with the original souls, perhaps, than most ministers are, and who the wilfully blind. It is admitted however that sources of our knowledge, they are met by per- yet pursued a daily calling; or of such men as n demanding a voice in the appropriation of versions in the opposite interest, and truth is Colonel Havelock, who did not pursue the enefunds contributed by Americans, or in directing the last thing that is thought of. Even the my with greater or so much vigor, as, in the he labors of missionaries coming from that coun people, in the indulgence of their partisan feel midst of his incessant and exciting labors, he ings, cease to wish for truth, so much as for a kept up daily and near communion with God. construction of events most favorable to their He felt it more important to do that, than to own prejudices. They say to the reporters: gain a victory. It is idle for us to cast the blame speak unto us smooth things; prophesy unto us of our coldness upon the excitements of war, deceits. They wish to be deceived and they are when we have such examples of spiritual activity in the camp, and upon the battle-field itself. The Northern public has not been clear of this We must get rid of our unbelief; so dishonoring vice by any means. For example, the represent to the fullness and readiness of divine grace; actations of the recent movements before Rich- cessible to the Christian. Let us not dare to mond are so widely different that such as care doubt, that the most blessed results will flow to Armenians for purposes of Worship. Yet this simply to know the truth are perplexed beyond us, no matter in what sphere of life we are placed,

> In this connection we would express our great pleasure that writers on this subject who know how to handle it, are appearing in our Church. We regard it as an excellent omen for the future, choly than Bull Rung. Each of these views is and we would cordially recommend the works of held by different classes of loyal men; while the Dr. Darling and Mr. Bacon to the attention of

LETTER FROM EUROPE.

Written by a Minister of this City to the People of ROME, June 9, 1862.

I SEND you a hurried greeting from the hills of the eternal City. It is drawing towards midsummer, a time in Rome when, as the old classic poet tells us, men were wont to "fly from mad dogs and streets black with funerals" into the country. Rome in midsummer is surely no place for the health seeker, and I expect in a day or two to take my departure from this ancient city with its treasures of art, and wealth, of historic interest, for healthier and cooler climes.

Yesterday, at evening, I stood upon the "Pin-

cian Hill." not many yards from the hill side

where Cincinnatus left his plough when called

to defend the liberties of Rome. Almost on that memorable site stands St. Peter's, illuminated as memorable fete day in Rome. I gazed in wonmony was enacted—saw the Pone borne aloft in and bishops, and witnessed the imposing display of music, and painting, and statuary in this most majestic temple, of the Christian world. And from it all I turned to the pleasing contrast of our pure and simple Protestant faith. The more I see of other countries and peoples, the more fervently I thank God for giving us such a country and such a Christianity as we enjoy in America the light of day excluded to illumine St. Peter's with wax lights, I thought it an apt, emblem of the policy of Rome in replacing the comnon light of Christianity by the farthing rushlights of human invention. Rome shuts out the Sun of Righteousness, that she may light up the tombs of martyrs and saints. One feels amid this pomp and plenitude of artificial display, as Mary felt when she exclaimed: "They have taken away my Lord and I know not where they have laid him." Popery excludes the central element of our Christian faith, and covers up Christ. It was the great work of the Reforma-Rome seems at present intently busy in intru-

regain them. We do indeed mention these ple and his Master. She builds the tombs of the things in our prayers and they are a burden on Prophets. She enthrones and idolizes the past our hearts, but do we make a business of seeking The canonization of these Japanese martyrs is an their restoration? Surely God will be inquired illustration in point. No saint can be canonized of for these things. He cannot be expected to until at least a half century after his death. The Christ of the Romanist is the Christ of history. He will not communicate himself sensibly to The cross and the sepulchre loom far away in those who so feebly desire it. We must seek, the remote perspective of apostolic ages. Around and knock. We must seek until we find. He the Mount of Olives lies the solemn twilight of tradesires and delights in our importunity. We dition. Meanwhile, both as a cause and a must fill our mouths with arguments; we must consequence of this, innumerable saints have consider and present our case with all that variety swelled the ecclesiastical calendar. Their staof plea with which we would expect to convince tues fill countless niches in the walls of glorious a fellow man. We must take special measures, as cathedrals. Genius has lavished its resources in well as observe our regular duties, to meet the producing from the canvass and the marble, renecessities of our case. While we avoid the presentations of the Virgin mother of Christ multiplication of mere duties, we must act with Every shrine too has its votaries. Here, in some urgency and in view of the vital interests at stake | righly-decorated chapel is a woman kneeling before the relics of some patron saint. Yonder is a fashionably dressed group, alternately conver-The difficulties in the way are two-fold: 1. sing and muttering their prayers before the grand from those favorite interpretations of prophecy We have become worldly minded and have lost altar which is supposed to enshrine the bones of which placed England and America in the same a proper sense of the supreme importance of per. St. Peter. There again is a group of men and line of battle for the cause of truth, freedom and sonal holiness and spirituality. We do not feel women—poor people they seem to be—adoring evangelical religion, in the world. than anything else. We no longer have a lively column said to have been brought from Jerusaand elevating conviction of the grandeur of the lem, and to be the identical pillar on which the Christian's calling. We have been swept away Saviour leaned when he was scourged by Pilate. by excitements of business, of domestic affairs, or At a ceremony in the church of Maria Maggiore of the war, or by the easy tide of social compli- last week, a portion of the cradle of the infant ance, out of all clear sight of the objects that Jesus was displayed, and I noticed with some asonce filled our vision—a crucified Savior, a di- tonishment the ardent zeal with which the mulvine Fountain of purity and joy, a holy heaven, titude crowded to kiss the sacred relies—one old the contemplation of God's truth, providence and woman whose distress was most intense on acrare and seems to be growing rarer in these times, grace, the work of building up his kingdom count of not being able to reach them through Coolness and judgment have not a little to do with and of saving souls. If we have declined from the crowd, excited, for more reasons than one. it. And we may pardon the exaggerations which a due degree of interest in these objects, we my profound commiscration.

The witnesses have often been in such a cannot be made to appear secondary, or to give pal Christendom seems to be diverted from the terrible state of excitement, as actually not to way to them. Half the diligence which is be- worship of a living Saviour, to the idolatry of know what was passing under their own observa- stowed upon those objects, if applied in the Chris- bones and relics, and the worship of patron saints. The impression of all this lies deep up-

once imperial Rome.

ly it is apparent that a great crisis awaits the entertain hostile intentions against this wise, Papal Church. All Italy is waiting for redemption, and none can predict how soon the stroke may fall for her deliverance.

ever, of our simple vigorous Protestant Christi- of liberty and humanity on every proper occasion. anity in America. Let us contend more than We wish him success in his patriotic efforts, and ever for the purity of the faith. Let us feel hope our readers will now, as heretofore during more thankfully than ever our proud position his summer enjoyment, have the pleasure of hearand pre-eminence as a people whom God has | ing directly from him through the columns of the blessed. Pray brethren, for the church of God Journal." in America. Strive earnestly, as a branch of that church, to have fervent piety among yourselves. Love one another. Be much in communion with Christ. This is the secret of a living piety. Then carry this spirit of secret prayer and communion into your religious assemblies. This will make the truth preached mighty in the salvation of souls.

SMITH D.D.

Washington July 17th 1862. THANKS to all the patriotic hearts that have devised such liberal things for the sick and wounded soldiers in hospitals here. Especially are these thanks due to Rev. George F. Wiswell please address him at Pleasant Valley. D.D. and the people of his church and congregaof much needed articles of clothing and delicacies ly to the distribution, visiting as she does daily, four hospitals, and occasionally others.

The donation of the Sabbath School of Mr Wiswell's church made on July 4th, is a token of their patriotism and liberality, and amounts to \$200. Yesterday we had a new proof of the patriotic kindness of our Philadelphia friends in the receipt of two boxes of wine-"Port." and "Sherry," from Messrs. Farr and Brother. These are always much needed.

relieved and comforted will rest upon all these friends in this time of need.

JOHN C. SMITH. Pastor of the 4th Presbyterian Church.

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cence that has passed away. Here lived and Our Clergy in the Border States.—The sung the mighty men of old—the poets, histori- Delaware State Journal of last week, thus speaks ans, orators of other days. The very air seems of the pastor of the Central Church, Wilmington: eloquent with their accents, and the foot of the "The Rev. Mr. Wiswell, of the Central Church, left traveler stumbles amid the magnificent fragments this city on Tuesday last to spend the remainder of of their tombs. Pruly if it be the genius of Parthe "heated term" amid the recuperative breezes pal Christianity to enshrine the glory of a dead of Long Island. He will not return, we underpast, no spot could be so fitly chosen as that stand, until the first week in September. Since which is covered with the fallen monuments of the outbreaking of the rebellion no minister of the gospel, in Wilmington, has labored more un-But a dead Christ, a fossilized Christianity, remittingly to impress upon, his hearers the imhowever glorious with the reminiscences of de- portance of the struggle in which the nation is enparted eras, is not going to regenerate the world. gaged, and the great necessity for united, self-Christianity, indeed, is a religion of facts. Its sacrificing, persistent, patriotic effort on the part historic roots are deeply bedded in the past. But of the loyal people in resisting the assaults of its life is in the Present, and its glory is in the treason upon the Constitution and the Union. Future. I believe the world at this moment He has handled rebels and secret traitors without needs something more than Pio Nono and all his gloves, and has, from time to time, held up before cardinals can offer it. Papal Christianity be their eyes the hideous political deformity in which gins to feel its weakness. The question of they appear to all honorable, honest, loyal, pa-Church and State is at the heart of European triotic citizens. By whatever name they may politics. It is this question that has lately stir- be called, or under what cloak soever they may red England; it is this that agitates Italy to-day. seek to cover up their perfidy and treachery to the And I believe that this splendid ceremonial government, these traitors have received no comwhich has lately called Bishops from all parts of fort from him. Upon more occasions than one the Papal world together for the ostensible pur- has he proclaimed from the pulpit, that if there pose of canonizing a few Japanese martyrs, was were any such in his flock or within his hearing. but the excuse for another and deeper object, the sanctuary of the Living God was no fit place While I write the Pope is in conclave at the Va- for them to be in until they should first cleanse tican with the representatives from all Christen- themselves of the vile, loathsome, heaven-defying dom, and I learn that none but Cardinals and crime of treason, and repent in sack-cloth and Bishops are admitted to his councils. Certain- ashes for having dared to lift unholy hands or

beneficent, free government. "In parting temporarily with his congregation on last Sunday morning, Mr. Wiswell told them Let me assure you dear friends, that I shall that although away, he would not be idle, but return to you, with a higher appreciation than would continue his labors in behalf of the cause

CLERICAL CHANGES.

Rev. Frederick Starr jr., who for several years has been the efficient and successful agent of Auburn Theological Seminary, was on the 12th of June installed pastor of the Presbyterian congregation of Penn Yan, by the Presbytery of Geneva. The sermon was preached by the the Rev. Dr. Huntington, of Auburn Seminary. The charge to the pastor was given by Rev. Dr. Hawley of Au-ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM REV. JOHN C. | burn, and the charge to the people by Rev. Dr. Wood of Geneva.

Rev. James Donaldson was, on the 3d of June, installed pastor of the Westminster church, Pleasant Valley, Dutchess country, by the Presbytery of North River. Correspondents will

for our noble fellows. My wife attends personal. N. Y., where he commenced his ministry and continued to rreach for seventeen years.

New Zublications.

THE PRINCETON REVIEW: for the current nuarter (July 1862) contains articles of peculiar interest and value. The two opening ones continue the discussion of Dr. Hickok's Psychology. the first being a succinct account of Dr. H's entire The blessings of God and of the brave men so system, furnished "by one of his personal friends who is a decided advocate of his system." The reflecting reader will receive it with gratitude as a great desideratum in the present state of the argument. We may here remark that Dr. H's philosophy, abstruse as it is regarded by many, finds not a few readers. Two of the volumes, the Moral Science and the Empirical Psychology, have reached a Third Edition; of the other two "new and revised" editions have appeared. This of the Rev. Dr. Joel Parker, of the Fourth Avilis followed by "Vindications of Dr. Hickok's enue Presbyterian Church, of this city, from an Philosophy." The reviewer rightly complains of absence last Sabbath to supply a vacant pulpit the tone of Dr. H's reply to his former article. in a neighboring city, he was presented with a Nothing is gained by contemptous charges of fund to bear his expenses to Europe, together ignorance in such a discussion. A biographical with the following resolutions unanimously and literary article on "Augustine" follows. passed by his church and congregation, after "Diversity of Species in the Human Race" subthe close of last Sabbath evening's service in jects to a searching examination the false and anti-Scriptural views of Drs. Morton and Nott. Whereas, our pastor, the Rev. Dr. Parker, and Prof. Agassiz on this great question in Nafor a period of over thirty-five years, has unre- tural Science. It is able and thorough. The "Gemittingly devoted himself to pulpit and pastoral neral Assembly" is the usual article reviewing labor in three of the leading cities of the Union, the proceedings of the O. S. body at Columbus greatly, as we believe, to the edification and In this article lurks the old virus of bigotry and piritual advantage of the churches to which he disloyalty which are, we must believe, inveterate at least in the Princeton section of the Old And whereas, We believe he is justly entitled | School body. The subject of re-union and corto a period of relaxation for the purposes of tra- respondence with our body, as agitated in the Assembly at Columbus, is disposed of in the fewest words possible. With regard to the resolution that ongregation earnestly request their pastor, if | "it is inexpedient at this time to take any deagreeable to him; to avail himself of the sum- finte action with reference to a re-union" &c., mer vacation, to visit Europe, for which pur- the reviewer says: "We are rejoiced at this disposition of the matter, as we are persuaded funds contributed by his friends, to defray the that the peace and purity of the Church would expenses of the journey, with which we tender suffer by any attempt to unite the two bodies." o him our best wishes for his happiness, and On the proposed fraternal Correspondence he for a safe return to the field of his pastoral la- says nothing! But in regard to the action on the state of the country the reviewer (Dr Hodge) We learn that this request of the church and goes to the verge of disloyalty, both in his decongregation has been complied with by Dr. fence of, and opposition to, Dr. Breckenridge's Parker, and that the concluding service prior paper. He rehearses the argument of his proto his departure, will take place next Sabbath test against the Spring resolutions of last year evening, after which his church will be closed and maintains the ground that the Church dare not pronounce the secession a rebellion! That DEDICATION AT WARSAW, ILL. The new would be to broach a theory (!) of our Constitulouse of worship just completed by the Church tion-to meddle with politics of Dr. Hodge is at Warsaw, Ill., was dedicated on Sabbath, the willing to give his entire personal influence as a 22d of June. Preaching in the morning by Rev. Christian man against the rebellion in its theory L. M. Glover, of Jacksonville, with formal dedi- and its facts. As an Old School Churchman he cation by the pastor Rev. J. S. Rankin. Preach. he would do no such thing! He is very much ing in the evening by Rev. E. L. Hurd, of Au- afraid that his own brethren are about to renounce their faith and the faith of their fathers This edifice, now neatly and pleasantly finish, and turn abolitionists !! Of course the patriarchs ed and tastefully furnished with its Lecture of 1818, who declared that it was "manifest-Sabbath School, and Session rooms, complete, ly the duty of all Christians who enjoy the light has been erected at an expense of nearly \$9000. of the present day to use their honest, earnest, during these stringent times, trying greatly and unwearied endeavors to obtain the complete the energy and faith of those who have built it; abolition of slavery throughout Christendom' and though its completion has been somewhat are disowned by Dr. H. and our body is left in delayed by the financial straits which have es, unquestioned possession of the succession. In pecially oppressed " border towns," it is now a view of the whole of this article we must say we handsome and appropriate monument of the unhesitatingly prefer the phase of Old Schoolism faithful efforts of those who have undertaken and exhibited in slaveholding Kentucky to that of accomplished the work.— Evangelist. the Professor of free New Jersey. "Slavery and ROMULUS.—On the 1st of July, the Rev. the Slave-Trade "—an historical article—with Book Notices, conclude the number. Presbytery of Geneva from the Litchfield North REV. ALEXANDER CLARK, Editor of Clark's

Association, and installed pastor of the Church School Visitor has published in a very neat style of Romulus, N. Y. The Rev. Dr. Wood, of Ge a Sermon for the times on Christian Courage. neva, preached the sermon, and the charge to The style is bold and striking; the sentences are the pastor and people were given respectively by short; the sentiment is hopeful, manly, loyal, Rev. Dr. Lounsbury of Ovid, and the Rev. F. and evangelical. For sale by Alex. Clark, 1308