THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1862.

Poetry.

Who are these, whence came they?

Not from Jerusalem alone To heaven the path ascends;

As near, as sure, as straight the way,

That leads to the celestial day, From farthest realms extends: Frigid or torrid zone.

What matters how or whence we start? One is the crown of all; One is the hard and glorious race Whatever be our starting place; Ring round the earth the call Ehat says, Arise, depart!

From the balm-breathing, sun-loved isles Of the bright Southern Sea, From the dead North's cloud-shadowed pole We gather to our gladsome goal-Our common home in thee, City of sun and smiles!

The cold, rough billows hinder none; Nor helps the calm, fair main; The brown rock of Norwegian gloom, The verdure of Tahitian bloom The sands of Mizraim's plain, Or peaks of Lebanon.

As from the green lands of the vine, We from the snow-wastes pale, We find the ever open road To the dear city of our God; From Russian steppe, or Burman vale, Or terraced Palestine.

Not from swift Jordan's sacred stream Alone we mount above; Indus or Danube, Thames or Rhone Rivers unsainted and unknown; From each the home of love Beckons with heavenly beam.

Not from gray Olivet alone We see the gates of light; From Morvan's heath, or Jungfrau's snow We welcome the descending glow Of pearl and chrysolite, Under the setting sun.

Not from Jerusalem alone The Church ascends to God; Strangers of every tongue and clime, Pilgrims of every land and time, Throng the well-trodden road. That leads up to the throne. - Christian Treasury.

CORRESPONDENCE IN MASSACHUSETTS

New York Observer, which we insert below, hands!' accompanies it with the following timely and stirring note]:-

I do not believe your readers need such an midst of thy camp to deliver thee, and to admonition, yet I do feel that the Church is give up thine enemies before thee?" Perawfully at fault in this matter of omitting constant prayer for the nation. It wont do to pass this matter by with a brief allusion to the war—we must pray for men—Presimilation with the congregation, shouted, "Hearkdent—cabinet—officers—soldiers—sailors—en ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jeditors (I fear these last need more prayers rusalem, and thou King Jehosephat!" Thus

This war has been the grandest commenta-y for me on the Old Testament! Oh, how Oh, if I could have had these brethren ry for me on the Old Testament! Oh, how those pages, once so dim and perplexing, with me at a prayer meeting in a country vilnow glow with a divine radiance! I rejoice lage on the Friday evening previous! It was that I have lived in this day. How clearly held in a small room, with low walls, in the the Scripture histories show that God's pre- basement of a very plain meeting-house. sence and help are absolutely essential to There is not a rich man in the church but I success! Think how we boasted of our thirty am convinced they are rich in faith. There millions of men, and our wealth, and mechan- were five prayers offered, and every one of ical skill as sure to put down rebellion in them bore an earnest entreaty to the Lord stanter. And yet here we are, one year and for his mercy upon our stricken land! They four months, and the end is not yet. Is implore God to give our Government success. "God on the side of the heaviest artillery?" not for the sake of victory, but for Jesus Yes, when that artillery is made up of the sake, that He might have all the honor and batteries of living faith, and the policy is based on justice and righteousness! Other United States, that he might have divine wise, vain is the help of man. Think how guidance; for the Cabinet, that they might God has disappointed us in regard to a glo-rions leader in this struggle. No Moses, nor for the soldiers of the country, that they Joshua; not a man upon whom the great might become valiant soldiers of the cross; heart of this nation can repose with fond en- for the officers that they might do and dare thusiasm or lively hope. Is He not saying to us—"This is my battle—the glory shall be Such, I understand, has been the testimony

Last Sunday evening, our Sabbath School concert was held in the presence of a large soldiers into the field, and the school particaudience in the Church. The superintendent took for his text these words: Be sure semblings. That obscure church is a power your sin will find you out." (Numbers xxxii: in this wicked world, depend upon it! May not our reverses be given to us to teach our from God, and the storm that brought him up against His terrible presence. Second: Josh-their troubles to God as they ought, nor ua, the major-general commanding the "grand | thrown their burdens upon Him. army" of the Jordan, defeated in a Bull Run disaster at the assault on the city of Ai, and for no other cause than that there was an "accursed thing" in Israel which God meant should be removed. He told Joshua that He would not be with Israel any more, nor would his "grand army" he able to stand against their enemies unless the abominable sin was exposed and punished. So Joshua ferreted out Achan's sin, and then the city of Ai was taken in short order!

Finally, the fifteen voyages of our ship of state, the Constitution, were described, and the present (sixteenth), a voyage of unexampled peril—the black waves of treason and secession rushing madly by — the timbers creaking—the breakers roaring, and Captain Lincoln, finding at last that he must take his trumpet and stand on the quarter-deck, to shout to the American people: "There's a This request, and these terms the Athenians Jonah on board-he must be thrown overboard or we are lost!

With this decision, the good old ship feels the helm, comes up to the wind, the sails fill. the reefs are cleared, the glad sailors gather around the main-mast, and cry aloud

"Up, with the glorious ensign, up Long shall it wave on high! And every heart shall dance to see, That banner in the sky!
Raise mast-head high, that hallowed flag!
Let Freedom fill the sail!
And God will bring her through the storm,
The lightning, and the gale!"

At the utterance of these lines-

"And every heart shall dance to see That banner in the sky.

That grand old flag of freedom was consecrated with a new baptism on that evening, and not a soul was ignorant of its thrilling

Ever your frend,

THE TWO MEETINGS.

IS THERE A GOD OF BATTLES?

Messrs. Editors :- A few weeks ago I was visiting one of the beautiful towns on the Hudson river. While waking at twilight, enjoying the view of hill and dale, of cottage and mansion, which characterize the place, I heard a church bell ringing. On inquiry, I learned that it was the call to the weekly prayer meeting.

Although I knew I should be an entire

stranger to all who might be present, I resolved to go. When traveling, I always make it a rule to unite with my brethren in the faith, wherever I can find them. I am often specially refreshed by their new methods of presenting old truths, or by the fervor of heart-utterances in prayer from lips with which I am not familiar. I entered the vestry of the church, and sat down among the people with a freedom that every believer has a right to exercise as a member of the church universal. I joined in the prayers, and in the singing, and listened to the exhortation of the minister, but will you believe me, when I say that from the beginning to the end of that service, not a single allusion was made to the condition of the country! I could have excused the omission in the address, but that not a single prayer gave utterance to the longing of any soul for God's blessing upon our nation was absolutely painful to me. I was grieved, and wended my way, in a sorrowful mood, to the house where I was visiting. Thought I, "When the Son of Man cometh, will he find faith on the earth?"

Why, if there had been a Jewish synagogue in the town, and I had gone there, could I have failed of having my soul refreshed with the glorious promises of the ancient scriptures? Should I not have heard David saying, "I will cry unto God most High, unto God, who performeth all things for me?" "In the shadow of thy wings, will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast!'

Would not some pious Isralite have recalled that brave youth, (a man "after God's own heart") as he stood before Goliath, with the armies of Israel at his back, and the mighty host of the Philistines in front, saying: All this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear, for the battle TA FRIEND enclosing the article from the is the Lord's and he will give you into our

Might I not have heard Moses exclaim: "For the Lord thy God walketh in the than all the others, for how tremendous for good or evil is their power!) saith the Lord unto you, "Be not afraid, nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude,

with me at a prayer meeting in a country vil-

of their prayers since the war began. More

than this, their little Sabbath school has sent ularly remembers them in their weekly as-

A WORSHIPPER OF THE GOD OF OUR FATHERS.

LESSONS OF WAR. NO XVII.

Exchange of Prisoners.

DURING the Peloponnesian war, the Lacedæmonians had thrown three hundred men into the island of Sphacteria, where being closely blockaded by the Athenian fleet, they were ready to perish for want of provisions. The Lacedæmonian, afflicted on their account, sent Ambassadors to Athens, asking that people to permit them to fetch off their countrymen, and offering to restore to them three hundred Athenian prisoners of war, who happened at that to be in their hands. promptly rejected. Whereupon the Lacedæ-monian ambassadors said, "It is plain you set a higher estimate upon the Spartans, than upon your own countrymen, for you refuse to accept three hundred of the latter in the

place of an equal number of the former." This was sound argument, and will apply to every case of a similar kind, whether in public or private life. Every instance, in which national enemies refuse to exercise toward each other those acts of coursey and humanity which civilized warfare admits is a confession of inferiority in the party that

s guilty of such refusal. Possibly an exception may sometimes exist, arising from the peculiar character of the war in which the case occurs; where it might a concealed flag of immense size, and great be supposed that some principle would be brilliancy, rose as if by unseen hands, immerical relinquished by treating the enemy upon

PHILADELPHIA,

aside the claims of kindness and of mercy.

to occur, by the concessions of tenderness | Martin. and humanity.

This seeming exception being thus taken out of the way, we return to the principle involved in our first example: that every ungenerous action, towards another, of which we are guilty, is an impeachment of our own worth. Every act of unkindness, of revenge, of unforgiving hostility, is a confession of insignificance and inferiority. Insolence, harshness, severity, and an exacting and implacable disposition, are proofs, and acknowledgements of hollowness and bankruptcy of character. On the other hand, gentleness, meekness, and a forgiving spirit, spring from the consciousness of something valuable in one's self, that needs no exactions to vindidicate its rank. It was justly said of the Athenians, in the story related at the beginning, that they cast reproach upon their own countrymen, by refusing to give up as many Spartans for their release; and so we reproach ourselves in every act that is lacking n magnanimity and compassion. By with holding from others the respect that is due them, we betray disrespect for ourselves; whilst we effectually assert our own virtue and importance, by every becoming tribute we pay to the dignity and happiness of a fellow man.

S. P. H. Banner of the Covenant.

INDIVIDUALITY PRESERVED IN RELI-

in unjustifiably close, or too exclusive, con- the bar of taste, this was quite a secondary rate capacity, and cannot be reached by any nection with the actual specimens of Chris- consideration; may be confidently affirmed sentence giving damages against them. In tianity with which you come in contact. not to have been a consideration at all; for the second place, if an action for damages And in these there may have been somewhat indeed, with the one exception of the cher-would not lie against the Free Church; Asto irritate and revolt you. There may have ubim, there was no intention that it should sembly, then there was no ground for reducbeen a narrowness; a want of symmetry; a want of fire or force, on the one hand, or of calm and steady regulation, on the other; a stuntedness or ill-proportion; a firmness of principle passing over into sternness and several to the contract of the contr severity for want of an element of geniality; than unsightly objects to the eye. Thus in Currichill concurred in this view of the law or a geniality degenerating into tame effe- this present description of Chsist sublime of the case as laid down by the Lard Presiminacy for want of an element of strength and majestic as it is, it is only such so long dent, and added that the Toleration Acts exand vigour. And, in particular, in these as we keep it wholly apart from any extertended, protection to churches as well as realized exhibitions of the religion urged upon you, there may have been to your view no scope, no indulgence,—no quarter, one might almost say,—for the very pursuits in which you find your innocent and invigorating return the second state of the

this you are not seeking to cloak over and degrading, and only not deeply offensive to or its office-bearers had acted beyond their conceal, to justify or excuse, an enmity to every feeling of reverence and awe, because competency, if their so acting was merely a guise of your dislike to some mere form of it; admirable man.* might it not help you to remember that there is no obligation laid on you whatever to emlie altogether in the fact that the Greek cre-but Mr. McMillan has since raised a few Christianity never proposes to force on you, for instance, who are in the bud and bloom of opening manhood,—it may be, also, in the fore venture to touch it. It would have exconflict with sincere and earnest doubts,—it isted more or less without this distinction bemay be, also, in the possession of individual special gifts; with endowments that may spired and uninspired. The unsightliness, yers, and more is expected in response to an endowments. fascinate you towards the keen severities of science or the bold scopefulness of specular as it is judged merely by the laws of æthestic business:—Christianity does not propose to multimmamia of Ephesus, an Oriental deity, force on you, and no wise pleader of its claim it need not be said, and not a Greek; what individual character; your individual career. long croon her quiet hymn beside the hearth, you have to face, with brave uplifted hand, bling thought, inquiries and fears that never than beauty, and that everything else, as of Saviour's love. He came, leaving cheerfully cross her simple mind.

Be it so. But there is as little need for Trench's Seven Churches. you to follow the type or form of her piety as there is room for you to despise the spirit and substance of it. All honour to the spirit that breathes in it: You need not be in bondage to the form. I say, all honour to the spirit of her piety :-

She, for her humble sphere by nature fit, Of little understanding and no wit, Just knows, and knows no more, her Bible true, A truth the brilliant Frenchman never knew; And, in that charter, reads, with sparkling eyes, Her title to a treasure in the skies.

Ah! well might you lay all your tastes and gifts and tendencies—all your sciences and arts and speculations, with all your progress and all your pleasure in them-at her feet.

it rejected the proposition of the exchange of every endowment the may have assigned to again. My grandfather lost a leg in the Re- abuse. A short time after, the mayor wrote the questions be publicly debated, 'Is the prisoners with the enemy, not because it undervalued its own citizens, but lest, by consenting to that proposition, it might be assisting to make rebellion appear respectable.

He was and understands them all. He knows what education they are susceptiful the result of the family. The old story was a story was a sum of the family. The old story was a sum of the family. The old story was a sum of the family. The old story was a sum of the family. The old story was a sum of the family. the part of the government, and with the approbation of the whole nation. Thus that which none like the the very author of them very important consideration which appeared can feel. No repressive action will he exert for a time to justify the government in acting upon them: very much the reverse. Only as it did, and which would justify it still, if let him wholly possess your inner man. And anything could, in acting so, is found, in the will he not wholly sanctify you, soul and body light which time, and experience, and the and spirit; giving all warrantable scope; deliberate dictates of human nature, cast and all free, healthful movement; giving upon the question, to be insufficient to set firmer action; and fuller fruit; and grander prospect of future fruit and future action : to From this example we learn, that no good every trait of individuality which, seeing the cause, and that neither national nor individed and from the beginning, and contemplating three summers, and by her countenance and ual self-respect can easily suffer any damage, your history into eternity, he himself from even in the most delicate cases that are likely the first bestowed upon you?—Rev. Hugh

HEBREW AND GREEK SYMBOLISM.

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This description of the glorified Lord, which has now been brought to a conclusion, sublime as a purely mental conception, but intolerable, if we were to give it an outward form and expression, and picture Him with this sword proceeding from his mouth, these feet as burning brass, this hair as white as wool, and the rest, may suggest a few reflections on the apocalyptic, and generally the Hebrew symbolism, and the very significant relations of difference and opposition in which it stands to the Greek. Religion and art for the Greek ran into one another many coming a long distance by railway. with no very great prependerance of the claims of the former over the latter. Even ly part of the day, and the evening meeting of form, of proportion, overrules every other, and must at all costs find its satisfaction; so that the first necessity of the symbol is that t shall not affront, that it shall satisfy rather, the æsthetic sense. Rather than it should offend this, it would be moulded and modified at Dunbar was signalized by a large prayereven to the serious injury of the idea of which it was intended to be the exponent. But with the Hebrew symbolism it is altogether the Court of Session dismissed the action of different. The first necessity there is that McMillan against the Free Church Assembly the symbol should set forth truly and fully on the grounds 1st: that the Assembly of the religious idea of which it is intended to 1858, which did the alleged wrong, being be the vehicle. How it would appear when dissolved in the same year, has not now, if it It is quite a possible thing that Christiani- it clothed itself in an outward form and shape, ever had, any corporate existence,—cannot whether it would find favor and allowance at therefore be called into Court in its corpo

the essential spirit of Christianity under the we know that it was not so intended by this error of judgment. brace the particular form which you dislike? ated his symbol, and therefore could do what action, directed against the individuals often the repulsiveness, of the symbol, so long appeal Mr. M'Millan is making to those of tion; with tastes that turn you to the fine arts; or tendencies that prompt to energy and East. What an ugly sight is the Artemis will urge upon you, a style of piety, let us monstrous forms the Indian gods, with their say, suited to your godly aged grandmother. hundred arms, present. At the same time News of the Churches says under date of And yet, young man, you may have been we altogether error if we accepted this as a deaf to her kind expostulations, merely bemark of the inferiority of these nations to We were p cause conscious that a form of piety like hers the Greeks. Inferiority in one sense no kadeliffe, whom the Lord is so abundantly would never do with you. You have your doubt it does indicate, a slighter perception blessing in Switzerland. Count Persigny, individual characters were individual entered. of beauty, but superiority in other and more And while she, good soul, may all the day important matters, a deeper religious earnestness, a feeling upon their part that the essence was above the form, a conviction that news to our brother, whose heart's desire is life's opening battle, or follow out, with trem-truth, such as they conceived it, was better

> * Others have done the same, though with quite a different object and aim. I can perfectly remember seeing exposed in Carlisle's shop-window a blasphemous picture with the title, "The God of the Bible," constructed according to a similar scheme. Two or three days after, a Jew was brought before the property of the p brought before the magistrates, who in a righteous indignation had dashed his hand through the window, seized and destroyed it; and I do not think it

BRAVE SUFFERERS.

The excitement in reference to the battle of Cedar Mountain is nearly over here, And wisely might you barter them all for a though for two or three days it was deep and portion of her spirit. Yes: wisely and well- strong. A thousand wounded men have alere it needful.

But it is not. You may be baptized with ready been sent up from Culpepper from the field of battle. It is astonishing to see how the same Spirit wherewith she has been bap- cheerful the wounded men are. Almost tized: and you may keep all your tastes, and without exception they are lively and garrugifts, and arts, and sciences, and speculations, lous over the incidents of the battle. The too; and all the laurels of the schools that most of these gallant fellows are in the Alexyou may have gained,—provided you can wear them humbly. The Spirit of the Lord Church. One man in an Alexandria hospi- ordained to the work of the ministry. The can baptize you and all your individuality of tal, who had lost an arm, was one of the hapcharacter besides. The Christ living in you piest fellows the very night he was brought in France stand as follows: places of worcan fill and sanctify you wholly. There was in that I ever saw. "You are in good spirits ship; 218 (ten newly opened), 27 pastors, 14 othing cramped and stunted in his own for a wounded man!" said a stranger to him. colporteurs and schoolmasters, 77 lay preacha conceased mag or immense size, and great brilliancy, rose as if by unseen hands, immediately behind the pulpit, and crept up the wall as though it was alive, till it reached the ceiling, where it hung, covering the enemy was a moment of breathless suspense, and then the pent-up emotions burst forth like reached then the pent-up emotions burst forth like reached the rearing of a mountain torrent!

The country is and send many is aid a stranger to him, brilling and stunted in his own proson. And there is no stunt-in his own person. And there is no stunt-in his own person hands, implications of the presence and afficious pointing to shook to my should it I behappy? I have saved my thin section him. It is not in his own person. And there is no stunt-in his own person

RELIGIOUS WORLD ABROAD.

Open Air Meetings, ... In the beginning of July, the Huntly gathering took place, in the

beautiful park of the Duchess of Gordon. This noble lady has yearly given the use of three summers, and by her countenance and hospitality on each occasion has greatly encouraged the movement. The weather, fortunately, was favourable, and the services were conducted with comfort both to speakers and hearers. An average of about 7000 or 8000 persons were present on each of the two days of the solemnity, and there was besides a large meeting of children, who were addressed separately. About the same time, open-air meetings for preaching the gospel, ind for prayer, were held at Boddam, in Aberdeenshire, under the auspices of the North-East Coast Mission. This was a most interesting meeting. The spot selected for the gathering was the rocky island on which the lighthouse stands, and which is connected with the mainland by a wooden bridge. Although the wheather was gloomy and cold a goodly number assembled from Boddam Peterhead, and the neighbouring districts, Colonel Kirby occupied the chair in the earin his religious symbolism the sense of beauty, delivered a brief but impressive address on of the Firth of Forth, the departure of the Newhaven fishermen for the "herring drave" meeting, at which about 1400 were present

The Cardross Case.—On the 9th of July, creation; or to which perhaps you purpose of beauty. Bengel, missing this important matter which the members had agreed should dedicating yourself as the leading business of distinction, has sought to give a picture of be committed to it, unless he alleged that your life.

Now, doing you the justice, or exercising to this description, the adjudication was prompted by malice, prefixing it to his German Commentary on the charity, to believe that in the Apocalypse; a picture which is almost not even enough to say, that the association

> It was fully expected that this judgment the public who sympathize with him

FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND. Mr. Radcliffe's Ministry restricted by the authorities. The Paris correspondent of the

We were promised another visit from Mr.

Minister of the Interior, engaged that he should have the use of the public halls; and a telegraphic message conveyed the joyful to reach our masses with the story of our lesser moment, was to be sacrificed to this. his work at Geneva. The Minister renewed his permission, answering for the consent of the Prefect of Police; the Prefect of Police consented most politely, and promised an immediate written permission. The permission came, to the Reverend R. Radcliffe, Methodist preacher (!), to speak in English in the Salle Barthelemi,—Translation is prohibited (!!) Every step was taken to obtain a relaxation of the absurd condition to speak in English only, but in vain; and after three small meetings in a chapel, Mr. Radeliffe returned to Geneva, where he can prosecute his work of evangelization in freedom.

On the other hand, the church at Fouqueure (Charente), belonging to the Evangeical Society of France, and so long closed by the authorities, has been opened. The church for Protestant soldiers at the camp of Chalons, was also consecrated on the 11th instant. in presence of about 700 soldiers, twenty officers, and three generals. It holds a thou-

The Wesleyan Effort.—The regular meetng of the Methodist Conference was held at Nismes, in June. Three candidates were statistics of the interesting Wesleyan mission

an urgent appeal to the evangelist to come and give a religion to the people, who on no consideration would be perfuaded to receive another priest or continue in the Romish faith! The appeal was complied with, and

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The Rag-Pickers.—In Paris, a quiet and sionary of the London Socie courageous attempts has been made to reach Peking, on March 26th: the chiffonniers (rag-gamerers) and God is My work proceeds steadily and prospergranting success to the simple Christian woman who has taken the first step, and spends
several hours in the week teaching the neglected children and heathen mothers some of

Geneval-The Missions' Society of Genethem between other societies, especially those of Basic and Baris. Its receipts last year amounted to 641,000 francs, a figure which has not been reached by any other Protestant Society on the Continent.

Infidelity in Zurich.—In no part of the from self conditioned I fall into error that Continent has modern infidelity taken a bold-would spoil all the future. er position than in Zurich. Its chief organ s the Zeitstimmen (Voices of the Times), which asserts the most extreme positions of the Infidel. According to this paper the alleged appearances of the risen Saviour were no more than mere visions, or rather, indeed, hallucinations, the most empty, sensuous illusions. This infidel party has succeeded in Zurich and some other cantons, in getting into their hands the functions of the religious instructor in the Gymnasia, and in the teachr's semidaries, and in gaining over to their thorities. They know how to make a good claim and enjoy the utmost freedom as teachers for their own views, they endeavor, by all available means, to restrict the liberty of in March last. others as learners, wherever it may happen o be inconvenient to them. A strong reaction is setting in, and much evangelical life is reviving among the people. The able paper of Professor Riggenbach, read at the Geneva Conference, which exposed and at-

empted to refute this party and its organ, as expited attention and done much good. Professor Riggenbach was himself at one this extreme school, so that he can early understand the basis and attractions system, and the method and force of Assaults upon Christianity.

Fruits of the June Council.—The corres ondent of the News of the Churches writes

from Tuscany, July 16th, as follows: "The Council of the Popish Church held at Rome last month is beginning already to bear its fruits. These appear, in Rome it- cial independence, or the approximation toself in the bolder attitude assumed by the wards that point which is to be seen in vari-Pope and Antonelli since the temporal power ous parts of the field. Dr. Goodell of Conas been declared necessary for the indepen- stantinople gives it as the result of his oblence, if not for the very existence, of the servations on a recent tour in Central Turkey, Papal system. Both his Holiness and his that missionaries are in danger of staying too Cardinal Secretary have spoken to Lavelette long at some points. He says:
in this sense in answer to another proposition
"At some of the missionary stations, the in this sense in answer to another proposition he had been charged to make for a final arported by the voice of the universal Church,

decision embodied in the prelates' address to out-stations." the Pope as true gospel, and to do battle for the temporal power, while the whole race of Cesarea reports the determination of the

The Wesleyans have established a mission tation in Parma, have bought an old Cathostation in Parma, have bought an old Catho-lic church, and appointed Signor del Mondo fying. The man selected as the pastor, their missionary. The working classes are educated at Bebek, and considered as very coming in crowds to hear him.

Persecutions in Tuscany Ceased.—Rev. to Cesarea. J. R. McDougall writes to the New York At the annual meeting of the mission of the Solver from Florence, July 22, 1861: the American Board in Eastern Turkey, it uform you that the whole system of Tuscan | ments of the Board have not proved an unpersecutious has happily terminated. That mitigated evil, but in many cases have been against Gavazzi was allowed to fall to the even productive of much good, in promoting which Christian courage and steadfastness their own resources and their duty, and a far were displayed by the eloquent Padre Pecce- greater degree of self-reliance. The feeling nini, the Elba evangelist was condemned at of the meeting was that this spirit should be Lucca, for a simple evangelical tract circula-ted in the Island. Just as an appeal against aged at our several stations; not merely the unrighteous sentence was being taken to that we may comply with the wishes and in-the higher Court of Florence, the King pro-struction of the Prudential Committee in this claimed, at Naples, the removal of all sen- respect, but that we may secure, at an earlier tences pronounced in connection with offences day, in this land, the healthful, life-giving against the laws of the press, whereupon Pec- fluence of self-sustaining Christian churches cenini was immediately absolved. Last week and congregations." the Waldensian student, Gregori, and his right-hand man, Del Buono, in the Elba Mis- fruit of the labors of Rev. Dr. Duff and his sion, were acquitted, by a majority of nine | Scotch brethren having a native pastor, elders to three in a jury of twelve, at Lucca, of all and deacons, pays more than half of the salblame in circulating tracts in defence of ary of its paster with only 50 subscribers. evangelical truth."

Discussions of the boldest character are carried on by the native press. Says the

imns to contributions which a year ago would of Guttenburg, the inventor of printing; and have been designated Protestant hyperbole it is a pleasant suprise to an American to and propagandism. Threats of schism, expressions of impatience, and revelations of the statue is taken up with a bas relief, in and furious. Offending bishops and priests claration of Independence. All the figures are handled without scruple by the law offi- are there, and those of Franklin, Hancock, cers. The presence of ecclesiastics is not Jefferson, and the other great chiefs of the coveted at the national festivals. Banter and Revolution, are distinctly recognizable. Vatican. Let such excitement go on a little IT is better to consider our own failings

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Dr. Lockhart, the eminent medical missionary of the London Society, writes from

the elementary steps to civilization and hap-piness, while the Surlay afternoons are de-voted to reading the criptures. Inore to do, when people see a friend who has long been blind, coming among them with restored sight, they do not fail to ap-preciate the benefit received. Much pain preciate the benefit received. Much pain and much distress are relieved day by day, rather the Missions' Society of Geneval—The Missions' Society of G for strength and guidance in all I do, lest

> A Presbytery or classis was formed at Amoy April 2d, including missionaries of the English, Presbyterian and American Reformed Dutch societies, now laboring in that field. There were five elders included in the organization from churches organized by the latter named missionaries. Two students were examined in part with a view to the ministry.

Rev. Wm. W. Merian missionary of the American Board at Philippopolis Western cause both the civil and the educational au- Turkey, was murdered July 3d by a band of robbers, when returning from the annual use of this favorable position, and, while they meeting of the mission at Constantinople. Mr. Coffing of Central Turkey it will be remembered was murdered in a similar manner

The Bulgarians. -The American missionaries at Philippopolis say in the last Missionary Herald:—Two years and a half of trial have convinced us that the desire of the American Board, and indeed of all intelligent Christians, for the evangelization of the Bulgarians, may not be speedily realized. So deep is the spiritual and mental darkness, and so universal and persistent is the superstitious reverence for old church forms and ceremonies, everywhere shown by the Bulgarians, and, withal, such are the difficulties under which the nation is struggling from a rapacious Government, and a corrupt, insatiable priesthood, that we can have little hope of anything more than a gradual reformation among this people.

Attaining Independence.—Among the most encouraging indications presented by the missionary work is the attainment of finan-

gospel has taken such root that it now seems rangement, viz., We refused to listen to any to be growing in its own native soil; and it compromise before, but it is doubly impossi- is already bringing forth its appropriate fruit. ble now when we are strengthened and sup- The work of the missionary, if it be not already accomplished, seems on the very point as made known through its most influential of being so; and there is evidently more danger that he will, in some instances, stay "There is no doubt that these bishops are too long, than he will go too soon. At Ainto be regarded as so many generals of divi- tab, for example, the church supports its ion gathered round their commander-in- own pastor, its own common schools, (of chief to receive their orders, and to have which, with those abroad, there are nine,) their places assigned them in the coming con- and takes upon itself the supply of all the flict, and that their orders are to agitate, to out-stations except one. The missionaries keep up a perpetual fever among the parti-zans of Rome, in their respective countries, for the theological class, the female boarding to work upon the Governments of Europe school, and for one out-station. For all the through this and all other channels, so as to rest the church at Aintab provides. At Marawaken their fears and enlist them on the ash and Oorfa, the churches have nearly or side of the Pope's temporal power, There is quite grown up to the ordinary stature of no doubt that this assemblage in Rome has perfect men in Christ Jesus; and like the greatly moved the zeal of all sincere, not to church at Aintab, they are taking upon themsay the fanaticism of all bigoted, Roman Ca-tholics so that they are ready to accept the their own field, unless it may be two or three

eactionists, anti-progressists, and finality church, if possible, to secure a pastor, for men, call them Legitimists, Carlists, Bour- which purpose they have now made subscripbonists, or whatever their distinctive appellations, and pledge themselves to pay two tions may be,—have seized on its dictum as hundred piasters (about \$8,00 a month.) new rallying point for their fading hopes." The reluctance of the people to undertake the support of their own institutions had long been a source of trial at Cesarea, and this promising,—was supposed to be on his way

"It, affords me the greatest pleasure to was "evident that the financial embarrassround. After a preliminary hearing, in among the people a better understanding of

The Free mission church at Calcutta, the

DR. M'CLINTOCK, in the Methodist says: The only other thing in Strasbourg which me writer:
"The press has thrown wide open its colone need care much to see is the monument ntonellian trickery follow each other fast bronze, representing the signing of the De-