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### THE REVIVAL WE NEED.

The war which has at length been brought to a happy conclusion, produced no such disastrous effects upon the churches of the North, as many gloomily-disposed persons predicted it would, and asserted it actually was doing. Our own church comes out of the conflict some thousands stronger than it went in, the last year of the war, especially, being one of prosperity, external and internal, scarcely ever surpassed in her history. Revivals are reported from over one hundred churches, some of them on the most extensive scale, and of the most solemn character. Missionary enterprises in the outskirts of the States, in the new territories, and among the needy populations of our older sections, have been zealously pushed forward and liberally sustained. Our contributions to foreign missions have increased ; our colleges and seminaries have received most liberal endowments; multitudes of churches have been relieved of debt, and new ones rapidly put up; the circulation of our newspapers has increased, and life and energy have pervaded the whole spiritual body, which war was expeoted utterly to paralyze. All branches of the church in the loyal part of the now. Prejudice against the colored race supply of ministers; the need of some effi-country have shared more or less in this in the minds of conquered rebels and their cient prudent system of evangelical effort advance.

Our readers need not be reminded that this is no surprise to us, or that it has fallen out precisely as we expected and foretold. The church of the North espoused the sacred cause of rightful authority, and taught in with the counsels of the enemy, when connected topics well worthy of considera- The room cannot be improved in this rethe duty of sustaining it at every needful any step further in redressing the wrongs tion. sacrifice of treasure and of life. It espoused of this oppressed people is proposed. We Pray for a great with fervour the cause of the oppressed, and it grew stronger in the truth, and apter for every other duty, as it sent forth its heroes and received back its martyrs, or their mangled remains, from the fields of bloody strife for liberty and law. It had no unwonted difficulty to maintain its reth. We need a revival which shall be and in the tempering of avarice and of luxu- mere turrets, in front, while the side of the spirituality, even amid the excitements of followed by the broad recognition of rious habits to a moderation consistent with critical battles; but rather sought to deepen its humiliation, at such seasons, and to draw nearer to Him with whom alone rested | color, shall at length see a Christian country | and consecration of the Church, and that the decision. While the army itself became the scene of the most extensive Home Missionary efforts, in which the whole Evangelical Church heartily participated, and of Isis. which produced the most abundant and satisfactory fruit in the conversion and reformation of the soldiers. The churches of local, state and national politics, until of the South, deeply apostatized, fierce in personal integrity, sincere patriotism, sorebellion, insanely cleaving to slavery as briety, and fitness for the duties of office an institution which it was their mission to be reckoned indispensable requisites for a Nathanael R. Snowden, which continued conserve, come out of the war with little more than a name to live, shattered, disgraced; their wicked prayers for the success of a pro-slavery rebellion falling back unanswered, with a weight almost enough to healthful public sentiment against the crush them into eternal silence and stupor. A religion, one of whose cardinal doctrines is that American slavery is right, and one of whose chief practical tendencies is to as against the small depredations of the confirm a community in adherence to it, to pickpocket and the dishonest huckster. deaden their consciences to its enormity, The consciences of a large class of our and to enconrage them in bloody rebellion | financiers are almost hopelessly debauched to sustain it, must go down, as surely as by the close approach to gambling of much one that justifies theft, murder, licentiousness, polygamy, or the worship of any other | failing moral sense is most urgently needed. object than the true God. Many thoughtful and judicious Christians have looked with deep, and prayerful, and ing our lines of internal improvement heap hopeful interest to the close of the war, as up intolerable responsibilities to the Author a period when we might expect more signal of the Fourth and Sixth Commandments. displays of divine mercy than have been Our church members, engaged in various deenjoyed for many years past. We rejoice that such a hope has been cherished all this new tide of moral strength, and to hold through these years of war. It is itself an firmly the positions of honor and truth omen of good-a light of dawn, which must, amid the convulsive heavings of unprincisooner or later, be followed by the full day. The war is over; its deep necessities, its great excitements, press upon us no longer. of 1848, declared that the fatal defect of We need the revival for which we have been longing. The Southern churches greatly need it. Not one of them acknow- conscience. Want of conscience is a defect The effect is very happy. The pulpit re- and to keep out of the South the represen-

pentance. They are checking any tendency to sincere repentance among the Southern people. Of all the ecclesiastical leaders of the South, but one has been reported as taking the attitude of repentance and confession. A mere newspaper report has travelled from New Orleans to Boston, according to which the notorious, nay, infamous Dr. B. M. Palmer, on the 16th of July last, in the pulpit of his church, from which, nearly five years ago, he pronounced his well known treasonable thanksgiving discourse, did, explicitly and frankly, acknowledge that he and his Southern friends were verily guilty for their rebellion, that the Lord had rebuked them for their sin, and that they must now turn from their evil ways, and submit to the rightful authority of the land. This story has been current for weeks among the newspapers, unaccompanied with confirmation or denial. Most earnestly do we hope it may prove true. For ourselves, whatever the civil government might still feel it necessary to do in such a case, as officers in the church, we should be prepared to take down every barrier, and pronounce every condition of church recognition and forgiveness, satisfied by such a confession. Most earnestly do we hope it is true, for we should see in it the beginning of a revival of pure and undefiled religion in the South. Revival, so called, among churches still swamped in

an apostacy of rebellion and pro-slavery unrepented of, is not impossible, nor may it be devoid of some signs of genuineness, but it will prove its spuriousness, as a whole, by gendering to more rebelliousness of spirit, and by keeping up cruel and unchristian distinctions against the African race

The North and the whole nation needs revival in this hour of re-construction, so full of high possibilities, so full, too, of laymen for increased devotion and readiness peril. A strong, practical, efficient, religious influence was never more urgently needed in forming the national politics than in the South, which so largely exceeds the sympathizers was, perhaps, never so strong, as at this moment of their emancipation. And many loyal people who rejoice in emancipation as a result of the war, are in danger

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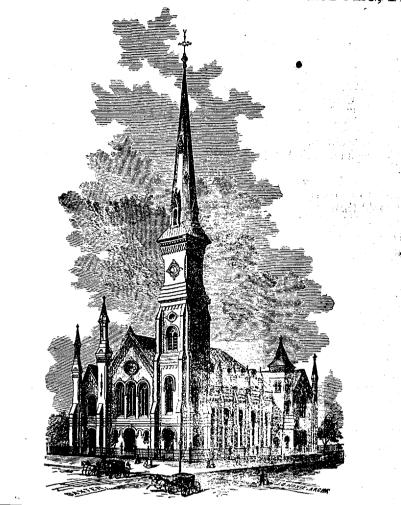
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tily repudiate the idea of a return to the FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HARRISBURG, PA. | North, and arraigning the Northern churches Northern churches on the condition of re-



of genuine, wide-spread revival. It is vir- one much the larger. These arches are the that springs from evangelizing faith. It supported by two pillars, and two halfis the gift of the Spirit.

Many more features might be added to wall of the building, and with the light this imperfect draught of the Revival which from behind the arches streaming down by the Church and the Nation need. Other dangers and necessities might be portrayed; as the rampant atheism of one part of our foreign population, and the abject superstition of another; the call upon our pious to aid in supplying the demand for gospel labor, especially among the freedmen and architect intended it or not, the room very cient prudent system of evangelical effort among the neglected, irreligious, Sabbathbreaking masses of our large cities, and the general comprehensive need of a stirring that, both for speaking and hearing, it is a up to specific Revival efforts of some sort model. The voice of a moderate speaker of sharing in the prejudices, and of falling in every part of the Church. These are is heard clearly, (if he speaks clearly.)

spect. We are all growingly delighted

for demanding of them acknowledgment of wrong and repentance of the sin of rebellion. Every thing betokens a fixed purpose to maintain a strictly sectional organization, to draw closely the old lines of division, and to use the church as a powerful educator of such a new South as can be gathered out of the wasted fragments of the old.

This is without doubt a great disappointment to the loyal Christian people of the the half-dead serpent of sectionalism would be thus warmed into life again by the beams of a misplaced executive clemency. They had long looked with pity upon the moral destitutions of the poor whites and the slaves of the South. The destitutions were great, but as long as the slave-power continued in the ascendant, they were almost entirely shut out from them. With the downfall of that power, they expected the obstacles to the proclamation of the unmu-

pillars at the point of union with the main pated, was a lack of means and of spirit to meet this sudden expansion of our field. day (from the gas-light by night), they are Of course, it will be impossible for polithrown out into beautiful relief and clearticians and ecclesiastics of the South to reness. I believe it is a principle among architects that the science of acoustics destore the old barriers, in their original mands that an audience-room should, in strength. They went down with the ramlength, breadth and height, be constructed parts of Donelson and Vicksburgh, of Atlanta, Fort Fisher, and Richmond. They on multiples of thirteen. Whether our went down with slavery. But for years and alosely meets the demand, being in height years, these leaders, restored to power by a two by thirteen, breadth four by thirteen, thoughtless exercise of clemency, may keep length six by thirteen, or very nearly. At alive prejudices, suspicions, and animosities. all events, after nearly five years' experiand may nurse a hostile public sentiment, ence in the use of the room, I can testify as effectual in excluding the religious and the vessel.

educational influences of the North, as those laws which they once enforced by the tains evidence that the colored people of authority of the Supreme Court of the the South are far more independent of Gov-United States. If these churches of the ernment aid than their poor white neighdefunct Confederacy once reorganize on bors. In almost every instance in which a

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looking for help from above. The South must not be left to the dreadful hallucination which its leaders still seek to keep alive in the people; it must not be allowed morally to rot as the mere caput mortuum of a pro-slavery society ; it must not be left in all the pitiable need of Bibles, religious books, and religious papers, of sanctuary accommodations and of educational privileges in which exhausting war and crushing defeat has left it. The South, black and white, must be evangelized, and the North. They could not have foreseen that greater part of the work must be done and will be done by the loyal North.

### CAN THEY TAKE CARE OF THEM-SELVES ?

We do not know whether any candid man is yet asking this question in regard to the freedmen of the South. To most reflecting persons, it would have seemed superfluous to ask it of a race, which, as slaves, had been taking care of their masters and themselves too for two hundred years. Or, if Christian people of the North, the war was and profitable employment, that their perfelt to be one of the Missionary providences, sons should be under the control of a more so to speak, of which modern history has intelligent class, that delusion must have furnished so many striking examples. It vanished from every unprejudiced mind was forcing off fetters from body and mind, upon learning the eminently satisfactory from white and black. When Lee surren- results of the memorable experiment made dered, it was almost like the overthrow of with the escaped slaves of South Carolina, a Chinese wall of exclusiveness. A vast on the islands of the coast two years ago. semi-heathen population, say six millions | That colony of escaped slaves will make in number, lay open, as we thought, to our the Sea Islands of South Carolina more efforts. Vast demands we thought would famous than the long staple cotton which be made upon our supplies of money and they produce. They have a hero to boast men, and the only difficulty we now antici- of, too, who could not only take care of himself and his family, but could bring them, with the rebel vessel he had in charge, right under the guns of Fort Sum ter, and deliver vessel, guns and crew to the national blockading fleet off the harbor. Robert Small, of the steamer Planter, proved his ability to take care of the vessel, and his bravery in employing it for Government uses, to be so superior to that of the white officer who for a time had charge of it, that the loyal black man was made

master of his own prize, and white men served cheerfully with him in managing Almost any number of our dailies con-

tilated Gospel of Christ would be over | it really seemed necessary, in order to keep thrown. In the secret heart of the loyal the colored laborers of the South at steady

want a revival that shall sweep away, with the Holy Spirit. Pray that it may permaits breath of true Christian philanthropy, every vestige of this prejudice, so hateful to God, who made of one blood all the nations of men, and so contrary to the teachings and example of Jesus of Nazahumanity, on such a scale that the contemptible advocates of caste founded on superstitious and oppressive tenets of Budhism, or the huge tyranny of the priests her manfully to meet and to discharge

We need a revival that shall reach with cleansing influences, the whole arena crimes of the bold swindler, as well as against the midnight burglar, against the enormous frauds of the millionaire, as well of their business. A reintorcement of our lest our business centres become plaguespots; lest the great corporations controll-

partments of business need feel the influx of pled and rapacious worldliness. Lamartine, after the failure of the French Revolution French character which made a permanent French republic impossible, was lack of the audience room is any burner visible. Northern, or rather National, principles, teachers, and agents; and plans should be

nently raise the moral sentiment of the peo- we entered and dedicated it. ple, and may bring forth fruit in the righteous, humane, and noble policy of the nation towards every class of its citizens, in choicest proportions, there are, as you obthe honor and integrity of its business men, the name and the safety of a Christian Republic. Pray that it may deepen the piety to be no suitable place for teaching the it may both fully rouse her to the greatness in its structure, the base course, the winof her present responsibilities and qualify them.

#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. HARRISBURG, PA.

This Church was organized in the year 1794. under the pastorate of Reverend public position. We need a revival which till 1805. Rev. James Buchanan occupied tect. shall enthrone honor, truth and righteous- the pulpit from 1808 till 1815. Rev. ness in the emporiums of trade and centres William R. Dewitt, D.D., was called in of finance; which shall create a sound and 1818, and continues till the present time, Rev. Thomas H. Robinson having been\_copastor since 1854.

Their former church edifice having been destroyed by fire, its members, though evangelizing the South have had to be weakened by an "old school" secession, emasculated before they could be put into immediately entered upon the erection of operation there. Not simply legalized brick, in the Norman style, and is located humblest teacher of a creed inconsistent on Market Square. It was dedicated with American slavery. We looked, and March 18, 1860.

The building is one hundred and thirty- in this respect as the result of the war. It seventy-six by fifty-eight feet, exclusive of or if real, ought to be, a failure and a conthe choir gallery and the pulpit recess, and contains one hundred and thirty-eight pews, holding about seven hundred per thern leaders, organizations for keeping sons. There are no side galleries.

The light for the evening service from a Southern church. the argand burners in the ceiling is thrown through ground glass. The pulpit recess is lighted by day by means of a skylight hopes of rebels and revives the idea of a behind the arches, and at night by gas sectional South in their minds, threatens light in the same manner. At no point in also to re-establish the old blockade of

ledges itself guilty for its open espousal of so vital that it may not only prevent the cess is deemed by all who have seen it, to tatives of the loyal and freedom-loving treason and rebellion. Their crushing formation, but may frustrate all efforts at be a model of architectural taste and churches of the North. Southern churches and support each other in cases of difficulty. of Wilmington. This is the second disasters have not awakened their conscien- the reconstruction of a republic already beauty. Above the desk itself, which pro- are reviving; Southern religious newspaces. They nurse a wrathful sense of recti- formed. And such renewal of National jects from the face of the building some pers are coming into circulation; Southern sufficiently grave and embarrassing to call and the third connected with our denomi-

with our church, though we thought it almost unsurpassed when, with glad hearts,

In addition to the main tower, some two hundred and six feet high, and of the serve by the picture, two smaller ones, building is very tastefully ornamented with minarets.

The building is mainly of brick. There is, however, a large amount of brown stone dow sills, the projection on the tower and turrets, while the window and cappings, stone imitation.

The plastering of the audience chamber windows is but slightly stained, in modest colors.

J. C. Hoxie, of your city, was the archi-Yours, very truly, have not satiated. But shall the North, indeed, be thus ex-

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cluded for perhaps another quarter of a cen-NORTHERN MISSIONS IN THE SOUTH. tury from a field so wide, so needy, so im-For many years the South has been sealed portant, so near? Shall victory open the agains all Northern ministers who had not South to commerce but not to freedom or Southern principles. And all agencies for ideas? to the National tax-gatherer but not to the Northern preacher and colporteur? We do not believe the Northern churches will so easily abandon their precious hope their present large, beautiful, and complete forms of prosecution, but mob violence of of thoroughly evangelizing those six millions house of worship. The edifice is built of the most malignant sort, laid wait for the of poor whites and freed blacks whom the triumphant bayonets of our brave soldiers have just made accessible to a higher civil-

had a right to look, for an entire revolution ization. But the case is a serious one. It six by seventy-two feet, including the has been a war of ideas; and the failure of consultation among the evangelical denomi- for evading the prohibitory law. A lecture-room. The audience-chamber is the military demonstration of the South, is, nations of the North, who are preparing, in a Boston paragraph of August 29th says: loval and anti-slavery spirit to enter the sequent disappearance of the South as such, missionary field of the South. Proper repof Southern ideas, a Southern policy, Souresentations should be made to the Government, as to the peril of allowing churches alive the Southern spirit, and of course to reorganize on the identical basis of the

The grievously blind and mistaken policy of the Government which encourages the be left unrepealed on the statute books in- laws of the Commonwealth." imical to the safety of Northern preachers

concerted by which the various loyal societude in their wicked course. They haugh- conscience as we need, can only be the fruit three feet, rise three arches, the central bishops are writing arrogant epistles to the for an unusual amount of wisdom and of nation in that city.

their former rebel basis, solely as Southern | comparison could be made, the result has churches; if their pulpits resound with debeen most conspicuously in favor of the nunciations of Northern radicalism: if colored race. A newspaper correspondent Northern societies, Northern newspapers, writes that at Chattanooga, Tennessee, of and Northern teachers, are preached, voted, 947 persons receiving Government aid, only and planned against, as dangerous to the in- | forty-three are colored, and nine hundred terests of the South ; if all the energies of and four are white. Supposing the poputhese leaders and their churches are to be latton to be half white and half colored. applied in resuscitating and in working the | this would show the negro of Chattanooga publishing, mission, and education societies to have more than twenty times the capacity they started as rebels, then we prophesy of the poor whites for taking care of himthat the colporteur or pioneer of Northern self. Which of the two classes has the mission or tract societies will often abso- best right to share in managing the affairs

lutely want for common hospitality among of a nation of independent, self-reliant freethe so-called Christian people of the South; | men? The Government, which allows the the cornices, etc., are galvanized iron in will plead, against mob violence, his Ameri- thriftless poor whites of Chattanooga the can citizenship with less effect than Paul right of suffrage, while it utterly refuses plead his Roman citizenship, and will have the privilege to their colored neighbor. is pure white, and the stained glass of the to be wary indeed, lest he feel, in darker simply because of a difference in the cuticle

and severer forms, the malignity of the of the latter, will fifty years from hence be vengeance which the assassination of Mr. regarded as under a hallucination of the Lincoln and the atrocities of Andersonville most amazing and perilous sort.

The report of the Freedmen's Bureau for Mississippi, dated Vicksburg, August 15, contains the following statement :

The colonies of freedmen working the land assigned them at Davis Bend, Camp Hawley, near Vicksburg, De Soto Point opposite, and at Washington, near Natchez, are all doing well; their crops are maturing fast; as harvest time approaches, the number of rations issued is reduced, and they are compelled to rely on their own resources. At least ten thousand bales of cotton will be raised by these people, who are raising crops on their own account. The total number of freedmen in the State is estimated at 346,000, of whom only 3,000 are receiving assistance from Government.

IMPORTANT JUDICIAL DECISION .- The contraband liquor trade of Massachuis deserving of deliberation, prayer, and setts is thus far foiled in its last dodge "In the case of the Commonwealth vs. Holbrook, which was carried to the Supreme Judicial Court, on the ground that the defendant had the right to sell intoxicating drinks under a license from rebellion, and for the sole purpose of keep- that payment to the United States of a the United States. the court decided ing alive what is left of the spirit of the fee for a license, and a revenue duty or South. Due vigilance should be used to- | tax, does not exempt the defendant from wards the reconstructing States, lest laws responsibility for violating the crimina.

THE CENTRAL CHURCH, Wilmington. has a new chapel building 20 by 54 feet. in a forward state on Rodney street, one ties might share in each other's experience of the most imposing sections of the city We cannot but feel that the situation is chapel belonging to the Central Church,