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This is our day, the dawn! — The night is spent, The Morn shewed, Proved a Minister, — the end only can — Which hadst sped Night's Chariot! Lo! it rose — And which HIM light it ever shining — Day's Star! Day's great source — Sun! Sun Thy throne above! All, upon Earth, look, to — Sun, where HE stood — In all HIS power and majesty — on that food — Of which he feeds! He — pledged unto to prove! And for the pledge of covenant — and all with love — To truth! Behold the tears and blood, which flowed — Forth from HIS Tabernacle of life and love, While by a pilgrim He was on that road! — Never cut these, nor never, go astray, — By following light — the false delusive — But the great Guiding Pillar of light, whose way — Is ever destruction to Honor! — set thine eyes, — In the far depths of the enclosed skies, — Behold the light of an eternal day! — A light all changless! — Whether shadows rise — Heavenward, or earthward fall, or darkly arise — O'er tearful eyes, where sorrow blinds the sight, — Its glory fades not! — not one ray is dim! — So pure, incandescent, and divine in essence, — For 'tis the Lord's — the glory of His presence! — And the Lord's people, in their darkest Night — Did deepest woe, as a not without some ray — Thence, faith-derived, to cheer their souls with light! — But like the sword-gleam of the cherubim — Terrible at the gate — but, mildly bright, — To show the Way, the Truth, the Life in Him!

Blest light! that shows the Way, the Truth, the Life! — Blest sight! that finds all that is found in Him! — In Him — who is Himself the All in all! — O blest to be in Christ! in whom all light — Is found! — and blest we then! that walk in Him, — Whose light is fountain-like, and never dim! — Then walking, they can never, never fall! — For the He went before, — and showed the how — To pass through all we do and suffer now! — Through many errors, and through doubtful strife, — He went before — to show the way of life — To all, that all might thenceforth follow Him!

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RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

The Bishop of Rochester, (England,) in a recent charge, strongly remarked on the tendency of the clergy to indulge in too great developements of beard and whisker, and also censured their attendance at cricket and archery matches. There has been "some murmuring" at this, and it is regarded as an attempt at episcopal tyranny.

——Rev. Mr. Matoon and wife, and their associates, arrived safely at Siam, on the 15th of September. They were cordially received.

——A new Protestant church is in course of construction in Paris. When this is completed Paris will be able to boast of no less than twenty Protestant churches, and one hundred and four Protestant clergymen. The number of children regularly attending Protestant Sunday-schools in Paris is two thousand six hundred.

——The daughter of President Blanchard, of Wheaton College, just as she was departing this life, on the 6th ult., cried out, "Give me the harp I hear."

——The venerable Rev. Henry Smith, of the Baltimore Conference, writes to the editor of the Baltimore "Christian Advocate," on New Year's day, "I am eight months in my 92d year, and to depart and be with Christ, is far better. Yes, Christ is my all."

——The first Presbyterian church in England was formed at Wandsworth, a village six miles of London, November 20th, 1572.—Eleven elders were chosen, and their offices inscribed in a register, entitled "The Order of Wandsworth."

——A correspondent, writing from Rome to the New York "Independent," says:

"There has been much speculation as to what the Pope will do. Cardinal Antonelli has recently told our minister that the idea of leaving Rome has never been entertained by the Pope. Things have never come to such a pass that to leave Rome would consummate the Unity of Italy. And where could he go to better his condition? To remain and secure this acknowledged spiritual bandship, with a competent annual stipend, is the best he can do. To go to Spain or Germany, he must depend on Peter's pence, and have no prestige of Rome. He will stay, and make the best bargain he can."

——The English correspondent of the United Presbyterian, writes that special midnight services were held in a number of the Established places of worship in London, on the last night of the old year. The Methodists, of all grades, have been in the practice of meeting congregationally on that night, but the present is the first time they have had imitators in the Establishment. Dr. Cumming, of the Scots Church, in London, delivered, on the same evening, an interesting lecture on, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand."

——A minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church named Bragdon, just before his death at Evanston, Ill., said to presiding Elder Boring:

"I do not know how it will go with me, whether I shall live or die. I am ready for any event. I am perfectly willing for the Lord to do with me as seems to him best. I would not, if I could, change his purpose. You remember at Sebastopol there was a fortress called Malakoff, which the Russians thought to be impregnable; but the French and English engineers detected a flaw in the wall, and directed their batteries against the weak point, and it fell. Now they are re-building it again under the direction of English engineers, so that it will be impregnable. I feel that Christ is the Malakoff of my soul." God buries his workman but carries on the work.

——It is reported of a polite Boston deacon that he was once heard to pray: "O Lord, we would not presume to dictate, but we would, *suggest* that a revival of religion is very much needed."

——It is expected that Spurgeon's new church will be ready for use next March and affords commodious sittings for six thousand persons.

——The Aberdeen Herald states that in one of the Aberdeen Churches (Scotland) a young preacher somewhat astonished the congregation by giving out as his text the last four verses of the first chapter of 1st Chron.:

"The Dukes of Edom were, Duke Timnah, Duke Alliah, Duke Jetheth, Duke Aholibamah, Duke Elah, Duke Pinon, Duke Kenaz, Duke Teman, Duke Mibzar, Duke Magdiel, Duke Iram. These are the Dukes of Edom." Though the text was, as an intelligent lady of the old school remarked, "gey affectin," it was very well handled, the burden of the lesson being, Who were these men? what has been the influence of their lives? and what, brother, will be the influence of your life and mine?

——The First Reformed Dutch Church of Philadelphia, formerly under the pastoral care of Rev. A. A. Willetts, is still in trouble, growing out of the division of sentiment in regard to the views entertained by Rev. Mr. Smiley, recently called to fill his place. It will be remembered the Consistory refused to endorse the call of the majority of the congregation on account of justification by faith, and regeneration by the Spirit, instead of regeneration and justification by baptism.

——The Episcopal Bishop of Georgia, Rev. Stephen Elliott, has directed the "Prayer for the President" to be left out in the services of the sanctuary, by Episcopal ministers, and the Prayer for Congress is changed to a prayer for the Senate and House of Representatives of Georgia.

——An English correspondent writes that a very extensive fire hold property ground, nearly opposite Christ Church, has been secured to build a Catholic Church in the ancient city and University of Oxford. It is said the Puseyites are gratified at the movement.

——"The Records of the Church of Christ, held a meeting at Broadmead, Bristol," mention the conversion and baptism of "a blackamoor maid," in 1746, and speak of it as "a thing somewhat rare in that day and nation, to have an Ethiopian, or blackamoor, to be truly convinced of sin, and of their lost estate without the Redeemer, and to be truly converted to the Lord Jesus Christ."

——Methodism was introduced into Australia in the year 1815. In 1845 the first Conference of ministers was held under the presidency of Rev. Wm. Boyce.

——Many of the members of the congregation of Dr. Chapin have an idea that no one can preach a sermon as well as their pastor. A minister named Laurie had occasion to exchange pulpits with Dr. Chapin. After commending the services he observed the departure of not a few persons, when he said:

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