

THANKSGIVING SERMON.

By Rev. Samuel J. Nicolls.

And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon His name, declare His doings among the people, make mention that His name is exalted.—Isaiah 12: 14.

while unusual demands, deemed necessary for the times, have been made by the authorities, all have patiently and cheerfully submitted. Thus order has been secured and the proper functions of society carried on unimpeded.

methods of God's providence suddenly to develop great strength by placing men or nations in great extremities. Often it comes to pass that a man living quietly and carelessly in his lot, is suddenly brought under some sore trial; and then latent talents and energies worthy of an angel's arm, are developed.

war between sections and prejudices, stirred up by faction on either side, and to be settled by some judicious compromise. But have they never had history? Do they not know that it has always been the fate of republics to contain two parties, one democratic, the other aristocratic; and that these sooner or later war against each other?

away. Those ideas, however, were fundamentally wrong. Our new government is founded upon exactly the opposite ideas. It is the first in the world founded upon this great physical, philosophical and moral truth, that slavery is the natural and normal condition of the negro.

the dead that they shall sleep in the mighty Republic for whose glory they fell; we owe it to the living who have so bravely toiled and suffered, that they shall all in the future enjoy the privileges and blessings of the government for which they have given so much.

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