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Gray hairs!—I saw the Queen of France Arrayed in royal state, Resolute the elite of the grand, And while her dignity and grace...

Why I Am Not an Arminian. My DEAR SIR:—In my last letter I endeavored to point out some of the appalling consequences which...

TESTIMONY OF SCRIPTURE. Accordingly the Scriptures uniformly represent the Lord Jesus as coming into the world with the express design to save sinners, to seek and save the lost, to sanctify and cleanse them...

IS SALVATION OF GRACE? 2. Your theory destroys the grace of salvation. If Christ does not actually save us from our sins, or bring us to God, but has merely rendered the thing possible, then the question arises...

IS CHRIST A SAVIOUR? B. According to the miserable theory under consideration, the Atonement really accomplishes nothing, saves no one...

Christ. What are they to do for Christ? He has already done all that he intends to do. He never intended to save any, but only to make salvation possible...

For the Presbyterian Banner. The Presbytery of Madison. The Presbytery of Madison met at the Synria church, pursuant to adjournment...

For the Presbyterian Banner. The Presbytery of New-Lisbon. This Presbytery held its Spring meeting in New-Lisbon, on the 10th of April, 1860.

For the Presbyterian Banner. The Presbytery of Blairville. The Presbytery of Blairville, at its late meeting, held at regular session...

For the Presbyterian Banner. The Presbytery of Ohio. The Presbytery of Ohio met, agreeably to adjournment, at the church of Lebanon, April 25th...

Physical Suffering in Death. There seems to be a great diversity of opinion as to the amount of actual suffering in the final struggle of death...

Proclaimed on the House-Top. "Was it customary in the time of our Saviour to make public proclamations from the tops of the houses?"

EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENCE. WHICH, after all, is a piece of hypocrisy. It is also provided that Sardinian subjects originally of Savoy or of Nice, may, within a year, if they desire it, remove their domicile to Italy...

A CONGRESS IN LONDON. The representatives of the Great Powers, who have spoken of as probable. The three Northern Powers, however, seem to decline...

MONEY FOR THE POPE IS COMING IN FROM quarters. Ireland has taken the lead, and has already received £15,000.

TRADE WITH FRANCE IS INCREASING, under the new Treaty, especially in wines and brandies. These articles are not much cheaper than in England...

THE EPISCOPAL SYNOD OF THE SCOTCH CHURCH has come to a lame conclusion, suggestive of its own weak and tainted condition...

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Spring-like, after the longest and severest winter known for thirty years. Parliament stands adjourned for the Easter recess. On its reassembling, Lord John Russell's Reform Bill will be discussed afresh.

So hard is it to cure a soul of such quality as pride is, inasmuch as that which crosses, whereby it is an ever and which is even above all conceits, if we were clear from all spot and blemish of other faults; of pride, the fall of angels, doth make almost a question, whether we might not need a preservative still, lest we should haply wax proud that we are not proud, which is a virtue, but a sin, and would it be a wound? Yet we have so deeply wounded ourselves with medicine, that God had been fain to make wounds medicinal, to cure by vice where virtue had stricken; to suffer the just man to fall, that being raised, he may be taught what power it was which upheld him standing, when he was not aware of it, and with St. Augustine, their own, puffed up with a proud opinion of their own sanctity and holiness, receive a benefit at the hands of God, and are assisted with his grace, when with his grace they are not assisted, but permitted, and that grievously, to transgress, whereby, as I have said, an ever and great liking of themselves supplanted, so the dislike of that which did supplant them, may establish them afterwards the surer; ask the very soul of Peter, and it shall undoubtedly make you itself this answer: I eager protestations, made in the glory of my ghostly strength, as an ever and but those crystal tears, wherewith my sin and weakness was bewailed, have procured my endless joy—my strength hath been my ruin, and my fall my stay.—Hooker.

A Desirable Disease! The pious John Newton, closes a letter to a friend in the following truly instructive language: "You kindly inquire after my health, myself and family, are, through the Divine favor, perfectly well; yet, healthy as I am, I labor under a growing disorder, for which there is no cure—I mean old age. I am not sorry it is a natural disease, from which no one recovers; for who would live always in such a world as this, who has a Scriptural hope of an inheritance in a world of light? I am now in my seventy-second year, and seemed to have lived long enough for myself; I have known something of the evil of life, and have had a large share of sorrow. I know what the world can do, and what it cannot do; it can neither give nor take away that peace of God, which passeth all understanding; it cannot soothe a wounded conscience, nor enable us to meet death with comfort. That you, my dear sir, may have an abiding and abounding sympathy, I have adapted to all our feelings, and a suitable help when every other help fails, is the sincere and ardent prayer of your affectionate friend."

Among the prisoners taken captive at the battle of Waterloo, there was a Highland Piper. Napoleon, struck with his mountain dress and sinewy limbs, asked him to play on his instrument, which is said to sound delightfully in the glens and mountains of Scotland. "Play a pibroch," said Napoleon; and the Highlander played it. "Play a march." It was done. "Play a Naught." "I never learned to play a retreat!"

Nearly Home. "Almost well, and nearly at home," said the dying Baxter, when asked how he was by a friend. A martyr, when approaching death, being questioned as to how he felt, answered, "Never better; for now I know that I am almost at home." Then, looking over the meadows between him and the place where he was to be immediately buried, he said, "Only two more styles to get over, and I am at my Father's house." "Dying," said the Rev. S. Medley, "I have my sweet work done, and I am home." Another on his death-bed said, "I am going home, as fast as I can, and I bless God that I have a good home to go to."

Happiness. Man courts happiness in a thousand shapes; and the faster he follows it, the swifter it flies from him. Almost every thing promised to us, as a reward, is but a step of honor, such a pith of estate, such a fortune or mark for a child; but when we come nearer to it, either we fall short of it, or it falls short of our expectation; and it is hard to say which of these is the greatest disappointment. Our hopes are usually bigger than the enjoyment; and an evil long feared, besides that it may never come, is many times more painful and troublesome than the evil itself when it comes.

Mr. Adams and his Bible. In a letter to his son in 1811, John Quincy Adams says: "I have many years made it a practice to read through the Bible once a year. My custom is to read four or five chapters every morning, immediately after rising from my bed. It employs an hour of my time, and seems to me the most salutary manner of beginning the day. In that light, I regard the Bible, whether with reference to revelation, to history, or to morality, it is an invaluable and inexhaustible mine of knowledge and virtue."

P. S.—The weather is now mild and...