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Reply of the Presbytery of Allegheny City to the published Remonstrance against accepting the Resignation of the Rev William S. Plumer, D. D., as Pastor of the Central Church of Allegheny City.

The publication of the Remonstrance presented to the Presbytery of Allegheny City, on the 19th of September last, by the Central Church of Allegheny City against the acceptance of the resignation of its pastor, Rev. Wm. S. Plumer, D. D., is the occasion for the issuing of this reply in this public and formal manner. The proper method for that church to have pursued, according to Presbyterian law and usage, if dissatisfied with the course of this Presbytery, would have been to have appealed to the higher judicatories of the Church. And if the Remonstrance had only been circulated in this vicinity, where most of the facts in this case are so well known, no mention of it would have been necessary from Presbytery. But since this document most probably will find its way to distant parts of the Church and the country, where the people may not be familiar with the history of the case, a proper regard for our own reputation, and the interests of truth and righteousness, seems to demand this answer.

And that a clear statement of the whole proceedings may be made, a brief history of the various steps in the progress of this remarkable case may well be presented, before meeting and refuting the charges made against Presbytery by the Remonstrants. This is the more necessary because of the very defective and wonderfully biassed presentation of facts and documents in the paper which calls for this reioinder.

The difficulties in the Central Presbyterian church of Allegheny City were for-mally brought before this Presbytery, for the first time, at a meeting held on the 10th day of last June, by a Memorial signed by members and pew-holders of that church. Among these were one of the Eiders, nearly all of the Trustees, and a large proportion of those who had been connected with that church from its first organization. The Memorial set forth that the church was greatly disturbed because of the conduct of their pastor with respect to the unhappy and threatening state of our country. It was declare I by the memorialists that the pastor had never expressed any opposition to the rebellion or any sympathy with our Government in the efforts made for its suppression-that he would not pray for the success of our arms nor render thanksgiving for victories. It was also set forth that tender, respectful, and repeated efforts had been made to induce the pastor to conduct the public devotions of the sanctuary in such a way that the people could there, as well as elsewhere, pray for their sons in the service of their country, for the maintenance and success of our Government, and for the suppression of rebellion; but that all these efforts had been in vain; and that a lengthy correspondence between the pastor and the memorialists gave unmistakable evidence that these declarations were true. At this meeting Dr. Plumer and the memorialists were fully heard; the action of that part of the congregation which still expressed satisfaction with the pastor, was read; and the whole case was considered at great length by Presbytery. The only result then reached was the appointment of a committee to visit the congregation for the purpose of settling the troubles which had arisen, if possible. This committee, after two meetings with the representatives of the two parties into which the congregation had become divided, presented a report to Presbytery on the 8th day of July, embracing two alternative measures. 1 That the Presbytery advise the pastor to resign his charge. Or, 2. That the Presbytery assent to the pecuniary arrangement sutered into conditionally by the parties, in the event of separation. The first alternative was rejected, the vote being six to six, and the Moderator giving the casting vote guinst it. Some members declined to vote, ind still more were absent. The second Iternative was then agreed to, but with the explicit understanding by Presbytery, that this had only reference to pecuniary nutters, if in any event the congregation should be divided. Presbytery took no steps toward effecting such a division, nor toward organizing a new church. Now it was certainly competent for Presbytery to adopt either alternative, or to reject both and adopt some other measure. The sole object of Presbytery was to reunite the church, or if it failed in that "to see that no injustice was done either party. However, the congregation did divide, and over eighty communicants, along with some ten pew-holders, not communicants, left, in consequence of the original cause of dissatisfaction not being removed At the next meeting of Presbytery, held on the 2d of September, it was perfectly vident that the action taken in July had failed to fulfill the reasonable expectations which had been entertained. And to remedy this failure as far as possible, then, three kind and, we think, judicious recommendations were made. 1. That the pastor discontinue his ministry in that congregation, since it was admitted by all that his course with respect to our country, in the present momentous state of affairs, was the sole cause of all the difficulty. 2. The members, who had separated from the church were advised to return. 3. To both parties it was recommended to restore the funds to their original condition. The entire design and aim of all this, was to render the church united and harmonious s it had formerly been; and the highest consideration was manifested toward all the arties.



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had already made arrangements to leave for in public, from the lips of their pastor, for must be said, longer delay was impossible. army, except when a copy comes sent by I have been this week in Liverpool and the East that evening. This request was the success of the National cause, nor At the previous meeting, after the resolu- kind friends at home, and they can not do Manchester. The import of vast amounts also graated.

at an end. Much time and attention had

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these; and we feel assured they will meet a Professor, was suffering; the Central the approbation of all unprejudiced and church of Allegheny was suffering; the commend Dr. Plumer to cease from his right-thinking minds: The Remonstrance Presbytery was suffering; the whole Presments therein contained, and the inconclu- Christian ministers and Christian men. siveness of reasonings there given, must 6. It is declared that the course of Pres-also have been inserted. So that Presby- bytery has been adapted to injure the good ties, and most anxious to believe him loyal

Christian brethren who had placed their not even intimated. On the contrary, the bellion; and they left his ministry on that signatures to that Paper without a fall loyalty of that people was freely admitted account, though they would otherwise have knowledge of all the facts, in all their and highly commended. It is no discredit considered it a high privilege to remain. bearings. Surely we cannot be blamed for to a regiment to have a colonel removed whose loyalty is not above suspicion, and this generosity and forbearance. We have already given a history of the who has made himself on this account un-

proceedings which ended in the dissolution acceptable to a large part of his command, of the pastoral relation between the Rev. though the other part may be strongly at- bytery was highly equivocal. For after

Wm. S. Plumer, D.D., and the Central tached to him on personal grounds. Presbyterian church, and the remonstrants have published various documents relating serious loss occasioned by the departure of the Gospel at the present time, when Presto this case. It is concerning the infer- the minority, the church was still numeri- bytery passed resolutions affirming the ences drawn from these and the false issue cally strong and cordially united. Without right of the people to ask their pastor to attempted to be raised, the Presbytery controverting the assertion as to this pray for the success of our armies, and would farther speak. To set these in a strength and this unity, it is proper for us to render thanksgiving for victories, and proper light before the Church and the to say, that neither of them arose from the declaring the duty of the minister to do world, it is necessary to consider them in cause assigned. And it is very doubtful so, Dr. Plumer rose in his place and said the order in which they appear in that pa- whether either of them could have been that he voted for these resolutions ex per, which compels us to reply in this pub-lic manner, however reluctant we may be tion remained. Numerical strength and only a few weeks later he declined to vote to do so, and however gladly we would pass cordial unity among those remaining in the for resolutions of similar import. it over, if the demands of truth and right | Central church, did, not arise because of And here we may remark, that the rea-

eousness would permit. church, or the majority of that church, for of the congregation, held last Spring, presenting its case with the utmost fullness when the minority proposed a series of resand clearness. Time was given; confer- olutions, affirming the loyalty of the Cenence was allowed; and the most patient tral church, and declaring a conviction hearing was endured. And it is worthy of that in the devotions of the sanctuary. notice that not a single specification is God should be thanked for victories won, made in support of the general assertion ; and his blessing sought upon our armies, and we venture to say that not one well- Dr. Plumer declared and insisted that to founded specification of the kind alluded to can be brought forward. 2. It is asserted that documents suited o present the Central church and its pastor in a true light, have not been entered upon the Records of the Presbytery or riven to the public. To this we reply that one, and consequently any apparent strength nd paper whatsoever, for which a place was | or unity resulting from such an issue, must asked on our Records, was refused, except | be very deceptive. Nor does this Presbythis long Remonstrance, which was declined | tery believe that the majority in the Cenfor the good and substantial reasons al- | tral church that still adhered to Dr. Plumeady given. Nor has this Presbytery pub- er, knew his sentiments on the subject in lished anything concerning this church, or dispute, as fully as they were made known to which we fearlessly appeal.

thanksgiving for victories. He never calls tion to dissolve the pastoral relation had And now the Presbytery supposed the "secession," rebellion. He terms it a been negatived, Dr. Plumer, to the grief of troubles in the Central Presbyterian church "schism," and "revolution," but not rebel-

tion. The result is, the withdrawal of in favor of Christian loyalty to the govbeen employed for the restoration of peace ninety communicants and pew-holders from ernment and the use of appropriate means and the removal of the offence. It was our a new congregation, and the imperilling of for suppressing the rebellion. In a Card earnest hope that hereafter there would be the whole enterprise. Every opportunity published shortly afterward, he failed to no cause for Presbyterial interference, ex-is given the pastor to set himself right; satisfy the Church or the couptry of his cept in the way of encouragement, and to but instead of attempting to do this, his loyalty. In that Card he could denomiadvance directly the Redeemer's kingdom. letters addressed to the minority, and which nate "secession" only by the term revolu-But the publication of the Remonstrance were read to Presbytery by himself, con-presented to Presbytery, and which right- demned by implication, and almost by di-at Richmond, Va., had in an editorial colfully belonged only to Presbytery, allows rect assertion, the course taken by the great umn declared that Dr. Plumer had within ne alternative, if we would vindicate the body of the loyal ministers in the North, twelve months assured a leading minister of and declared that he could not and would the South, of his sympathy with the South. In the Remonstrance, as published, com- not pray for the success of our arms, or The reputation of the Presbytery and of the plaint is made that Presbytery declined to render thanksgiving for victory, as will place this Remonstrance on its permanent prescntly be shown. Meanwhile the Theo-ter, was in jeopardy. In view of all this, Records. The reasons for this action were logical Seminary in which the pastor was

was very lengthy, and to have inserted it, would have taken much room and occupied much time. But the Paper itself contained distinguished pastor and Professor. For no grounds for supposing Dr. Plumer had hints, threw out suspicions, and made if Dr. Plumer was right, the entire Pres- any sympathy with the rebellion, and that charges calculated to do injustice and in- byterian Church of the North was wrong; the Presbytery acted upon mere inference. jury to the reputation of this Presbytery. the whole loyal people of the nation were What has just been stated goes far to in-Hence if the Paper had been entered, a wrong; and the Government of this coun validate this charge. But there are still, reply showing the incorrectness of state try was not worth the care or thought of more direct evidences against its truth. (1.) A large and intelligent part of his tery was willing to submit to the hearing name of the Central church. We cannot to the Government and to approve his of that Paper and then place it on file with understand how this can be. Disloyalty course, after a year of patient hearing, other papers of Presbytery, rather than do was never charged by Presbytery, or in were unable to discover whether he was in any thing which could by possibility injure Presbytery, against that church; it was sympathy with the Government or the re-(2.) In letters to that portion of his con-gregation, he at last declared that he would not and could not pray for the success of our arms. (3) His conduct before Pres-

tousness would permit. 1. This Presbytery is charged with treat-fact has been carefully and skillfully kept Plumer did not vote for these last resoluing the majority of the members of the out of view. To establish this it is neces- tions, are by no means creditable to him. Central Presbyterian church in a preju-diced and harsh manner. We do not hesi-of the troubles in the Central church, the named resolutions, "immédiately his cantate to say that this charge has not the least foundation. The Presbytery could have had no motive for doing so. The prosperity and well-being of the church in prosperity and well-being of the church in question could only inure to the prosperity in all his communications to them, he in thesi, keeping silence." Now, one of and growth of the Presbytery. But on the charged them with seeking to remove him two things is certain : 1st. If Dr. charged them with seeking to remove him two things is certain : 1st. If Dr., contrary, every facility was afforded that from the pastorate. And at the meetings Plumer refused to do his duty lest he should be charged with duplicity, he exhibited a want of Christian candor and manliness unbecoming his age, character, and standing And 22 In after woting in favor of the first resolutions his position before the Church and the public was still doubtful, with respect to our government, there is an acknowledgment of how fatally confidence in Dr. Plümer's loyalty had been pass such resolutions was to censure him. and to compel him to cease being pastor of shaken in the mind of the Church and the the church. This was the issue always country. In view of this, was it not high time for something definite, on the part of raised and held up by Dr. Plumer and his immediate friends, to the people of the those to whom he was responsible? In the Remonstrance, Presbytery is most Central church. The issue was not a true unjustly charged with bringing forward the last resolutions to entrap Dr. Plumer. The very reverse is true. For when Presbytery, by a majority of one vote, had determined not to dissolve the pastoral relation, Dr. Plamer said he had just written his resignation, but since he had now been its late pastor, with the intention of placing to the minority and the Presbytery. We sustained by Presbytery, he would not preeither in a false position. These are facts cannot believe any large portion of that sent it. To save itself from being placed majority would approve sentiments such as in a false position by Dr. Plumer and his these, which occur in one of his letters to friends, the Presbytery then passed the resolutions referred to. The Presbytery must express its astonself in Presbytery: To the minority he says: " If you are ishment to find the Remonstrants concludunder a mistake, it is in believing that war, ing their Paper by placing Dr. Plumer in battles, victories, will end our present po- the same category with those ministers litical troubles. If I am under a mistake, and elders who, in the General Assembly of it is in thinking that no number of bat- 1861, voted against what are commonly tles however bloody, no number of victories termed the "Spring Resolutions" on the the minority. And when it became ap however great will bring us peace." "How state of the country. Not a single one of parent to Presbytery that the pecuniary ar- can I pray or give thanks to God for victo- those opposed to these resolutions, living parent as resulted to in July was not ries which I believe will do good neither to in loyal States, denied the right and duty working well for either party, or for the the North nor to the South, the East nor of praying for our Government, for the the West, but will fill the land with woe. success of our arms, and for the restoration of our Union. But on the contrary, so far I can thank God for all real blessings such as is known to this Presbytery, every one as peace, rain from heaven, &c., but not for battles, which can do no good, but only harm to all concerned." Nor are we wilof these brethren living in loyal States has done so. Most certainly neglect or failure ling to admit that that people gave their in these respects have never been publicly charged on any one of them. approbation to such a piece of sophistry The Presbytery would moreover state, as this, which has many parallels in this correspondence. Dr. Plumer says : "I that when the entire proceedings in this cannot pray or give thanks for any battle case had been reviewed by the Synod, and in which one of my neighbors, or a gen- after most of the members of Synod had tleman married to one of my nieces has read the Remonstrance, they were unaniprobably shot or killed another." These mously approved, the committee of Synod. quotations might be multiplied, but enough. remarking that "the Presbytery had done" the best that could have been done under that loud spoken American patriot, Arch pose of the majority to keep out the minor- have been given to show the temper and the circumstances." And such we are convinced will be the conclusion of every rea-8. It is denied that the recommendation 4. It is said that the effect of the action for Dr. Plumer to cease his pastoral labors, sonable mind after a full consideration of of Presbytery, recommending the minority would, if complied with, restore unity and all the facts, all the proceedings, and all to return to the Central church and restore peace to the Central church. To this it the circumstances of the case. the money received, was to deprive the may be said, that those in the midst of ex. Those brethren who prepared the Remon-majority of the benefit of the money paid citement, and whose personal feelings have strance were devotedly attached to their late pastor, and the thought of parting with been strongly enlisted, are not the best, judges of what will restore peace. And him was painful. They insensibly per-Presuytery was under imperative obliga-tions to do what seemed most likely to con-had been wronged, and their judgments duce to this result. In our Form of Gov- became, imperceptibly to themselves, warpernment, 10th chapter, Sec. 8, it is enu- ed; and they were prevented from seeing 2d of September, and this Remonstrance merated as among the duties of Presby- many things as they will view them heretheir priestly baptism ? was presented on the 19th of the same tery, "to visit particular churches for the alter. For them and for the whole Cenmonth. And in the meantime there had purpose of inquiring into their state, and tral church, this Presbytery cherishes the been much excitement, and but little op- redressing the evils that may have arisen warmest affection, as it always has. When portunity for calm reflection; pending the in them. And in general to order what they suffer, we suffer ; when they are honlecision of Presbytery as to the resignation ever pertains to the spiritual welfare of t e ored, we are honored. For that church we of Dr. Plumer. Time must be allowed; and churches under their care." It is plain, will ever watch and pray as those who must patience exercised, in cases thvolving so then, that Presbytery acted strictly within give account. "Behold how good and how the limits of its authority, and would have pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together been culpable, if in the distracted state of in unity." Adopted in Presbytery, October 13th, the Central church it had not acted accord-Anno Domini 1862

an outlay, than to send us newspapers, ing, storing, &c., has greatly relieved the especially those of a religious nature. working men there, who last year were well nigh at the starvation point. But in Soldiers will read in camp what they would not have read at home, hence the import-ance of having the right kind of reading matter.

Our regiment, the 155th P. V., has bridge, and other towns of Lancashire been in service nearly two months, and It made my heart sad as the train stopped we have as yet had but one sermon at Stockport to see a few chimneys only, preached in camp; it was by Rev. Wal- out of a host, emitting the smoke, which ace, of the United Presbyterian Church, indicated the manufactures that gave bread while on a visit to the regiment. There to tens of thousands. The shoemaking have been some twenty applicants for the trade also is in a depressed state, from the chaplaincy; but as yet there has been no same cause. Shoes and clothes generally selection by the authorities, owing, I be- are not bought by the people, for lack of lieve, to the want of proper accommodameans. On the contrary, all such articles tions of tents, &c. The proper material is have, with little pieces of furniture, famihere for a good chaplain to make himself ly books, &c., gone to the pawn shop long useful: Ispeak now more particularly of ago:

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Co. K., the company to which I belong. Depots are being opened for collecting The officers and men are all from Armstrong | half-worn clothes for men, women, girls, County, brought up in the bosom of the Chirche the majority in the Presbyterian. We came out with the intention of having a moral, religious company; and I am glad to say that, by the grace of God, we have a pot have able to maintain that character as yet been able to maintain that character. the almoners of the bounty of Christians We have company worship morning and at a distance, and are acting in a noble spirit of self-sacrifice. It reminds one of evening, after roll call, at which nearly all the famine days of Ireland, when Episcodesire to be present. All our commissioned officers, with several of the nonpal and Presbyterian clergymen and their commissioned, and quite a number of the families, devote themselves to the relief of privates, take their turn in leading the the miserable and perishing, and where exercises. We also have prayer-meeting the only exceptions were the Romish twice a week, when we possibly can, and priests, who (with some honorable exceppriests, who (with some honorable excepas a natural result we have not the profantions,) exacted their "dues," and paid ity, gambling, &c., in our company which generally accompanies camp life. Friends themselves out of government relief funds. But the calamity that has fallen on Engat home, we do not forget you in our land, is only partial, and it is not yet prayers; will you not remember us at a likely to be an actual famine, with that likely to be an actual famine, with that awfully destructive fever which invariably hrone of grace?

We have, considering the length of time since we left Camp Curtin, (six weeks,) been. pretty well trained to the hardships of a is exciting much attention. It is being oldier's life... We have been under cover three nights, and the rest of that time have tested at Manchester, and the results, will taken the weather as it came; and we have ere long be made known. The difficulty marched as much as twenty-eight miles in seems to be, that a sufficient quantity of day, with our guns and all our accoutrements; yet the boys are all in good spirits, and ready to go wherever duty calls. Not-the discoverer, has been offered large sums withstanding our hard marches and expo- of money by individuals, who proposed to sure, we have as yet had very few deaths work the material by private undertaking. in the regiment. Quite a number have Many manufacturers also gave him generhad diseases consequent on a change of ous offers of money to assist him in workliving, of water, and of climate; but the ing it himself. But he refused, because

general health is improving. Our Coronel, E. J. Allen, of your city, is an excellent officer, doing all he can for the second suffering might reign supreme-our determines potthe health and comfort of the men ; and the result is, the men all love him, and de the material, he suggests that the unemsire to please him.

But I fear I have already intruded too much on your time and space, and will along the coasts of the United Kingdom. close my unworthy communication. D. P. Yours, &c.,

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the estuaries of rivers, the lowlands of Garibaldi and America-His Wounds-English Lincolnshire and Norfolk, and the low sandy

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war, while they trembled and wept as they stood watching his departing figure, never, perhaps, to see him again.

THE WORTHIES of the last century, within the pale of the Church of Englandin it but not of it-were forcibly suggested to my mind by my recent visit to Madeley. and to the grave of Fletcher-as described in my last communication.Since then, at Wene, in Yorkshire, I have been the guest of the grandson and granddaughter of the Rev. Mr. Simpson, Vicar of Huddersfield, the author of the well-known "Plea for Revealed Religion," and a man who did a great work for God and for his generation. My friends have preserved among their most precious relics and memorials of the past, a collection of letters, addressed to Simpson' by Fletcher of Madeley, Rob inson of Leicester, and the eccentric and excellent John Berridge

xcellent John Berridge in the list and last of these three-written in round hand, and on that thick, brown paper which our forefathers used one sees very plainly what a great fight of affliction these holy men endured, and with what heroic courage they braved every peril, rather than suffer souls, to perish." Here is a letter from Fletcher to Simpson, of the date of August 4th, 1775 :----I have sometimes preached in licensed places, but have never been censured for it. Perhaps it is because my superiors in the Church think me not worth their notice, and despair of shackling me with their unevangelical regularity. I would observe, 1st, that the canons of men cannot overthrow the canons of God: preach the word; be instant in season and out of season. The time cometh when the true worshippers shall worship-particularly, or exclusively of other places-neither on Gerizzim nor on Mount Zion; but they shall worship every where in spirit and in truth.

"The contrary canons are Jewish, and subversive of the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free; yea, contrary to the right of Churchmen, which must, at least, include the privileges of Dissenters. "2. Before the Bishops shackled me

the weed cannot be procured, or depended with canons, he charged me to seek 'for Christ's, lost sheep that are dispersed abroad, and for his children who are in the midst of this wicked world. These sheep I will try to gather wherever I meet them. I have a general canon, 'to do good unto all men, &c.'; to ' preach the Gospel' to every creature" willing to hear it. A Jussix months" delay must elapse in order to tice of the Peace once would prosecute me 'under the Conventicle Act; but when it. came to the worst, he durst not do it. Some With respect to an immediate supply of of my parishioners went and complained to the Bishop about my 'Conventicles', (week-preaching and prayer-meetings); I wrote to the Registrar, that I hoped his ployed operatives and their children might at once be transported to different points. Lordship, who had given me the aboveand be housed in temporary huts, to find mentioned charge at ordination, would not remunerative employment during the Win-ter in collecting the plant. To secure a be against my following it-that I thought it hard that tipplers should have twenty or future supply; he proposes its cultivation in thirty tippling houses, the Dissenters three or four meeting-houses, and the Papists ope, in my parish, undisturbed, and that bores all round England, Scot and, and should be disturbed because I would not have God's Word confined to one house. Parliament. One of the facilities to be With respect to the canons, I said, it would be absurd to put them in force against preaching-clergymen, when they were set aside as to non-catechizing, tippling, gaming, carding, (card-playing,) clergymen : that I did not desire his Lordship to patronize menin a special manner, in the use of my Christian liberty; but that I hoped he would CONNIVE at it. Whether they received my letter or not, I do not know; but they never attempted to molest me. "As I was preaching, on the head of preaching in licensed places, or in Dissenting places, with the late Mr. Whitfield, he told me that when a minister of the Church of England first (in such places) did read the prayers; there was no law against him. and that the Church clergy very frequently do so in America." Mr. Simpson was himself doing the very things, ecclesiastically irregular, which Fletcher had done, and the latter encouraged him, not only by his own example, but also his counsel-concluding his letter in these words : Only be modestly and steadily bold for God, and your enemies will be more afraid of you, than you of them; or, if God will honor Mou with the badge of persecution, he will comfort land bless byon the more for it? "May the God of all grace and power be with you more and more! Ask it, dear, lisir, for your unworthy brother, and servant J. FLETCHEB." Men like this, and like Berridge, (a most quaint and admirable letter from whom T must reserve till next week,) were noble, courageous, and indeed "modestly and, steadily bold for God." All honor to their memories! They fought a good fight, and they have long since won and worn the amaranthine crown, awarded by the pierced hand of their Captain and King, who himself "endured the cross, and despised, the shame !" Alas! what dwarfs are we, compared with those giants of the past-specially as to this courage in braving all risks and rather than sacrifice principle, or let pass by a golden opportunity of usefulness. How do we feel afraid, and ashamed even to speak, at, times to our flocks, in their individuality, about his or her soul, or to charge shome on the offender, of Thou art a the man ".... Lord of all power and might, infase into, thy, public, servants of the Spirit not, of fear but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Make them like ithyself, and like the Confessors of the olden time! Persecution, in petty ways, still shows itself-sometimes from the malignity and jealousy of Rectors and Vicars ; sometimes from the fidelity of a godly Episcopal clergyman " to God and his own conscience clean the rebuking vice, whether in highs or low, among his parishioners. I know and love, as a dear friend, a clergyman who is now ministering in London with great use fulness, who some ten years ago was Incumbent of a parish in Cheshire-within a few miles of the spot where this letter is pennedi BHeisigentles butbfirm. Heidt recteded his ereproofs and aremonstrances against godless merry-makings, joccurring onco a year in his parish. Some of the Squires were offended and as few walked out anthe churchas he spoke The result was that hever changed his sphere of labor with another clergyman less courageous but notitilly in a farewell sermon, he tenthose who had rejected hisutestimony. . It.

That the Presbytery had a right to act hus, will not be denied by any one familiar with the principles and practices of Presbyterianism

Upon being informed of this procedure of Presbytery, Dr. Plumer at once ceased is pastoral labors and solicited a special ecting on the 19th of September, although Win adjourned meeting was to be held on the 7th of October. At this special meeting Dr. Plumer presented his resignation, and urged its acceptance with great earnestness. The Remonstrance against the acceptance of the resignation was presented, and the commissioners from the Central church were heard at length in its support. Full deliberations were given by the Presbytery. After this the resignation was nanimously accepted, save the vote of the Elder from the Central church, whose name

3. It is declared that contracts involving considerable sums of money, and perma, the minority, and which were read by himnent church relations, are not regarded by the Presbytery as sacred. This charge is wholly gratuitous, unkind, and uncharita-

ble. The Presbytery could have had no other object than the highest good and the greatest usefulness of the entire Central church, including both the majority and entire Presbyterian Church, because of the failure of Dr. Plumer to meet the just expectations of the Presbytery, it was certainly competent for the Presbytery to rerace its steps. The resolution recommending the minority to return to the church, and to restore the money received from the majority, was merely advisory, and to take effect only upon the agreement of both parties. In this way, injury would be done neither party, and the church would be again united. In this we cabnot' possibly see any ground of com-plaint, unless it was the determined purity at all hazards, and thus permanently tenor of the whole.

end the church. to the minority, and to lead to a distrust of the permanency of the Central church. The reason given for this conclusion is, that no money has been yet offered. But it is to be borne in mind that the recommendation of Presbytery was given on the many and such tender interests. and

5. Complaint is made because of the bearing of these proceedings on the honored and beloved pastor. Presbytery took no ing to its best judgment in the case. hasty action. The unfortunate course of 9. Presbytery is charged with acting tothe pastor had been borne with for seven- | ward Dr. Plumer in such a way "as greatteen months. Surely during the momen- Iy endangers the principles of personal and tous events of that period, time enough was religious freedom. In support of this, sevgiven him to define his position with regard | eral allegations are made. Presbytery is to a great and righteous cause, costing so blamed for taking action in recommendingmuch treasure and blood, and on account of Dr. Plumer to cease from his pastoral lawhich there was so much misery and suffer- bors, when neither Dr. Plumer nor any

ing in all the land. In addition to this, member of his Session was present. Now his entire congregation wished to give the the truth is, Presbytery met on that day, to your excellent paper for a number of

AABON WILLIAMS, Moderator. William Annan, Stated Clerk.

> For the Presbyterian Banner. Religion in the Camp. CAMP M'CAULEY, near

Sharpsburg, Md , Oct. 11, 1862.

Sumpathy-The Piedmonies Pope-Roman Committee-The Non Possiumus" — Archbishop, Hughes, the Priests, and Liberty — Collon Supply Association, and India — Black Prospects — Visit to Lancashire — Self-Sac-Ireland, should be protected by an act of butch i rospecis - visu to Dancasnire - Srif-Sac-rifice - Proposed Substitute for «Cotton - The Dis coverer - Roman Catholic Reaction Against To-ryism - A Roman Catholic Review and Liberty -Ragged School for Gypsics - The American News expected from it is, that like common grass, after being cut, it will grow up -Parents' Woes-Last Century Worthies-More About Fletcher-His Letter-Our Duty-Perse-

A POLITICAL SCHISM, in the Roman Catholic body-specially in England-be gins to manifest itself. Latterly, you know, cution Even Now. Some and the LONDON, Sept. 25, 1862. the political role has been to vote for To

GARIBALDI in response to a letter from, ries instead of Liberals, so as to hasten on the American Consul at Vienna, avows his the crisis so ardently longed for, when desire and purpose, if spared and restored, to employ his sword in defence of the Fed-again. Thus several Tory M. P.'s have eral-Government and the North, which, he gone into Parliament by the votes of Ro believes, are "fighting for universal liber- manists, led to the poll by Roman Catholic ty." It will be several months before his priests. They cannot forgive Lord Pal¹¹ wound is healed. His anole was shattered merston for refusing a charter to the Ro-at Aspromonte. It was supposed that the man Catholic University in Dublin, and ball had lodged, but this was not the case. An English surgeon has been dispatched erful protests against, the French oc-to the prison on the bay of Spezzia, where cupation of Rome. But whom do they Garibaldi lies, and reports very favorably. trust and lean on ? On the most slip perystof English politicians; Benjamin There has been great enthusiasm manifested in this country for Garibaldi, and D'Israeli, who palters with them in a deep sympathy for his sufferings., Subdouble sense, and holds out shadowy hopes as surely deceitful as the mocking mirage scriptions flow in toward the surgical fund, and advantage has been, taken of the situof the desert sands. ation, for holding immense meetings-as

tracks its footsteps.

THE PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE FOR COTTON

All this while the Romanists forget Newcastle-on-Tyne-for denouncing the that persistently and fiercely the Tories re-Imperor of the French, and Ratazzi, the sisted their civil emancipation, and that the hated Whigs were for a generation self talian Premier, because of their crooked policy and the continued. French occupation excluded from office because they always ion of Rome. Victor Emmanuel's second adhered to that, as an essential condition of taking service under the Grown. What daughter is about to be married to the young King of Portugal, and (no doubt says a journal, an are we to predicate of in Christ, advised thereto) wrote to the Pope, re-their penetration? Where is their gratiminding him that he had been her godtude?

There is, I repeat, a reaction against the father, and therefore imploring his blessing. The Pope sent the Princess.some new policy, so strenuously recommended splendid jewellry as a present, and now to from the altars, and by pastoral letters. embarrass him, the Roman Liberals are It is pleasant to see Roman Catholic laypreparing another splendid present for the men daring to brave their clergy. And Princess. Victor Emmanuel understands this is done boldly and manfully, in the very clearly the difference between the new quarterly, the Home and Foreign Re-Pope's temporal and spiritual power. The view. In more than one article the Roman Pope, however, still cries " non possumus," Catholics are reminded that they owe much nd so it will be, I expect, till the old fabto the Liberals and nothing to the Tories. tic some fine day, comes down suddenly and And history is appealed to, to, show that overwhelms Antonelli and all his Cardinalforfeiture of principle brings its punishment, and that in politics, ecclesiastical management mars success. There is an itian crew, in its ruins. Depend upon it, bishop Hughes, (whom you have chastised) article to this effect written by a wound and does not love Federalism any farther than. wealthy Roman Catholic gentleman, Sir John he thinks it safe and favorable for the Acton, M. P., and signed by his initials Church," and if to morrow there, were a He was recommended, some years ago, to the Catholics of Carlow, in Ireland, as hostile government set up at Washington, suitable representative. Now he stoutly he would be as ready to worship the rising. sun, as were the the priests in Paris, who successively bowed down and said masses opposes Dr. Wiseman, to the great chagrin and disgust of the latter of sum of that before Bombonest, Orleans, and Napoleon

A RAGGED SCHOOL FOR GYPSIES ha ic monarchs. Excellent Republicans, allately been opened at Notting Hill, one of so, are these gentry-when it suits them. the Western districts of the metropolis. Did they not plant and bless "trees of lib-Some years, ago, I gave your readers erty" in the Revolution days of 1848, and sketches of the gypsy tribes in Essex-with some of whom 1 had come into perdid I see those nascent trees soon after sonal contact. The City Missionary in

THE COTTON SUPPLY ASSOCIATION of that quarter had done much for, and among Manchester, have been holding a meeting them; and these efforts are being multi this week, from which it appears that in plied granical action astrophics and consequence of the opposition or neglect of

Sir Charles Wood, and the Indian Council, AMERICAN NEWS had been deagerly very little cotton can be expected this year. looked for, for some days past, and when the tidings came of the disastrous retreat from India, and that instead of one million bales from all quarters being receivable- from Virginia, of the terrible slaughter, as was asserted and expected-there will and of the sufferings of the helpless not be a larger number than three hundred wounded lying on the battle field. the senthousand. The wrath of the Manchester sation was profound. The gigantic proportions of this strife, the fearful desolation of people is naturally kindled against Sir Charles, one gentleman amid " loud cheers," families, and the waste of a nation's resaying that he ought to be impeached and sources, all are present to our minds. But how little can we realize the awful state of dismissed from office. The Times defends in its cool and impudent way, the Secre- things as brought home to many a father's derly appealed, to, and solemnly warned tary and his (lonneil versus Mr. Laing, the and mother's beart ! Last week, in Shropdate Finance Minister of India, and also shire, a Christian lady putrinto my handna ois an awful thing when ment willboot en-y the déceased Lord Canning, whose plan letter from her brother an English emi dure sound doctrine; and when they are and proposals in reference to land grants grant and farmer, who settled years ago in ready to say with the wicked Kingt of the was appended to the helicoustance. Dr. Plumer then asked a certificate of dismis-sion, to connect with the Presbytery of Burlington, New Jersey, "Baying that he Burlington, New Jersey, "Baying that he ben disappointed", no prayer goes up, his "convenience" At the same time it that aprivilege since Competence that the same time it that aprivilege since Competence that the same time it that aprivilege since Competence that the same time it that aprivilege since Competence that the same time it that aprivilege since Competence that the same time it that aprivilege since Competence is that the same time it that aprivilege since Competence is that the same time it that aprivilege since Competence is that the same time it that aprivilege since Competence is that the same time it that aprivilege is ince Competence is that the same time is that he is that aprivilege is ince Competence is that the same time is that he is that aprivilege is ince Competence is that the same time is that aprivilege is ince Competence is that is the same time is that aprivilege is ince Competence is that the same time is that aprivilege is ince Competence is that the same time is that aprivilege is ince Competence is that the same time is the same time is that aprivilege is ince Competence is that the same time is that aprivilege is ince Competence is that the same time is the same tis the same time is the same time is the same time is the