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ention for the Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. mo time ago, after various preliminary ings, a call was issued for a National Convention, to take measures to sean amendment of the Constitution of United States. This Convention assemin the First United Presbyterian sch of Allegheny city, on the 27th of beautiful ! nary. The attendance was not large, the spirit manifested was earnest. fter being in session two days, the folng Resolutions and Memorial was ted

esolved. That we deem it a matter of nount interest to the life, and prosperand permanency of our nation, that its stitution be so amended as fully to exs the Christian national character. Resolved, That we are encouraged by the ess attending the labors of the friends this movement to persevere in the hope t, with the blessing of God, this effort speedily result in the consummation of great object.

esolved, That in the late Proclamations is Excellency, the President of the ited States, recommending the observ-e of days of national fasting, humiliaand rrayer, (as suggested by the Senof the United States,) for the purpose confessing our national sins which have voked the Divine displeasure, and of loring forgiveness through Jesus Christ nd also days of national thanksgiving the purpose of making grateful acknowlment of God's mercies-we have pleasevidence that God is graciously inclinthe hearts of those who are in authorover us to recognize his hand in the afof the nation, and to cherish a sense ur dependence on him.

solved, That the following Memorial petition to Congress be circulated ighout the United States for signa-

MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS. Honorable the Senate and House of presentatives in Congress assembled : c. citizens of the United States, retfully ask your honorable bodies to. measures for amending the Constituof the United States, so as to read in tance as follows :

Ic, the people of the United States, bly acknowledging Almighty God as source of all authority and power in government, the Lord Jesus Ohrist as Ruler among the nations, his revealed



and earnest prayers "! "Perhaps we may other words, in his "Diary": "The bar- balance left for enclosing and ornamenting be able to aid him"! Well, that is a very gain between freedom and slavery con- the grounds; besides making at the dedi-"berutiful and consoling belief" to the tained in the Constitution of the United cation a thank-offering of thirty-three dol-whole army of bishops, priests, and holy States is morally and politically vicious; in-virgins! If the suffering Archbishop consistent with the principles upon which For this complete success, we praise God, knows that this is the whole—that at best it is suspended on a "perhaps"—I must be permitted to doubt whether such pray-slavery in pledging the faith of freedom, and our neighboring Presbyterian churches ing will afford him very strong consolation, to maintain and perpetuate the tyranny of though he may possibly think it very the master; and grossly unequal and im-

politic, by admitting that slaves are at I should find less difficulty, I confess, in once enemies, to be kept in subjection, property, to be secured and restored to swallowing such a large dose of incredibles, if the quondam Archbishop were reptheir owners, and persons not to be represented themselves, but for whom their masresented to have been some such a profigate as history records several of the Popes to have been-murderers, drunkards, adul-

terers, and such like. But this is so far from being the fact, that the whole vocabulary scarce furnishes a sufficiency of laudatory epithets when his character is por- pressed the apprehended danger that has still has for sale several entire sections of trayed. Illustrious prelate; great and come on our country: "The whole com- their best unimproved lands in this vicina good Archbishop; our pride, our joy, our merce between master and slave is a per- ity, surrounded by improved farms. The pillar of safety; modesty, devotedness and petual exercise of the most boisterous pas- price of improved farms ranges from \$20 ingle heartedness of his zeal; calmness, sions. The most unremitting despotism on to \$35 per acre, and unimproved lands from single-heartedness of his zeal; calmness; sions. The most unremitting despotism on courage, composure, simplicity and hu-mility of a child; the rare endowments of his mind and heart; he was pledged to the service of God, and to him devoted his en-tire being; the kindest of fathers and most faithful of friends; a heart full of tender; when we have removed their only firm ness for the poor and the oppressed; can-did, honest and straightforward in all his dealings; unselfish and disinterested in that they are not to be violated but with

everything ; chosen as an instrument of his wrath. Indeed, I tremble for my coun-Fod, strengthened by his grace, supported try, when I reflect that God is just-that by his arm; a life of faithful toil and sin- his justice cannot sleep forever."-Pp. cere and unostentations piety." Such are 237, 288. speciments of the laudation uttered by In previous discussions, statesmen had

Bishop M'Closkey at his funeral obsequies, said that the country had nothing to do and repeated by the *Pittsburgh Catholic* of with the morality of slavery—a nation must January 23d. Bishop Wood, of Philadel-look to its pecuniary interest. This feeling phia, takes up the same eulogistic strain. prevailed. Foreign cotton-seed was introduced into the Southern States a prohib-Illustrious Archbishop ; his rare virtues ; his orthodox faith; his disinterestedness; | itory duty in the introduction of cotton is irreproachable life; his noble use of was imposed by Congress. Eli Whitney the high order of talents. God had given invented the gin for its speedy manufachim; his untiring zeal. This virtue [per-turing; and principle gave way to supposed severance] was eminently displayed in the interest—the price of negroes rose. Antiprincipal work of his life, the salvation of slavery societies protested against the many of one kind-perhapt hundreds of a is own soul, for which he labored uncess: Change of sentiment and policy the single issue. We cannot, week after week, ngly. Let us," adds Bishop Wood, "imi- Church for a time tried to correct the evil, and month after month, continue to put the

faith, which was the ruling principle of branches of it, effort was relaxed. Rev. his life, with the unwayering hope," &c. Mr. Smylie, of the South, wrote a book in Such was the exalted character of the dead Archbishop. Where will we find any par-allel among the twelvé Apostles, as they Mr. Fitzhugh, an eminent citizen of Virare portrayed by the pen of inspiration? ginia, proposed a gradual emancipation "To me," says Paul, "the least of all saints, scheme, it did not meet with general favor. is this grace given," &c. "Christ came The Southampton massacre stirred up the o save sinners, of whom I am the chief." Virginians to think of gradual abolition,

of Bloomington, Lexington, and Union Grove, with some tokens also from personal friends in other places. For Presbyterian families moving West, there is no more inviting field than that of Towanda, in McLean County, Ill., located

within eight miles of Bloomington, the site senteu themselves, but for whom their mas-ters are privileged with nearly a doublei share of representation." Jefferson had spoken thus before, in his "Notes on Virginia," second edition, pub-lished in Philadelphia in 1792, and ex-ters are privileged with nearly a doublei of the State Normal University, and sever-al other educational institutions; having, also excellent Railroad facilities, and afford-ing one of the fibest farming regions in the West. The Illinois Centrol Railroad E. CONOVER.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, No. 2, VICKSBURG, Miss., December 28, 1868.

MESSES. EDITORS :--It is a good while since I wrote anything for the Banner. One reason is, that I do not see it here.

The copy sent to my home, when redis-patched, seldom reaches me. I wish I had about twenty five copies of it regularly. It would prove most useful in our hospital. If any one could send them to me, I should most gratefully receive them. The Christian Commission suppliese as with a great many newspapers ; but for two reasons they are not so useful as we desire : first, they are usually far from fress when they get here; and, secondly, there are often too tate his example, * * * his wonderful tendencies to foster slavery; but in some American Messenger for April, into the faith which was the ruling principle of brauches of it, effort was relaxed. Rev. same hospital rooms.

Since I wrote last, we have gone steadily forward here. I preach Balf of the time in the Presbyterian church in the city, and Brother Porter, of the N. S., the other half-two services on the Sabbath and one on Wednesday evening. In good weather our Sabbath congregations quite fill the building. Sometimes we give, or procure, I am the least of the Apostles, who am and they called a Convention, but the love leature on other subjects than religion for. Wednesday evening; because we wish to profit and amuse "the boys" in every good way. We encourage the Union Literary Congress still, by a majority, aided the Society as much as we can. Its meetings lately filled the church fulker Our soldiers. show much talent. The exercises of this Society are often a high order. These exercises are no contemptible rival of the theatre. The soldiers are establishing a library for the Post, to be kept in the base conceded the right of soil to the Indians. and of self-government, and had done somement of the church. A very fair begin? ning has already been made. Books sent thing to sustain the missionry stations among them, still it could not resist the as a donation to this library would be wery truth of the strange statements quoted slave-holding power. The Secretary of thankfully received, and put to a good use. from these Romish dignitaries. Assuming War, John H. Eaton, perfected a plan for The United Presby prians and United there be man they before the which they being unter the there the there the there ther men every where would rejoice. forced treaty was made with part of the colored people in this region, and have the eyes of bishops and priests ; but that it Cherokees, and Mr. Schermerhorn, of Uti- many laborers employed, both male and feca, was appointed immediate agent, who male. They have established several schools, which are well attended ; and conmust have been an unworthy man for such a wicked agency, and a large number of the duct religious cervices. It is too soon to poor Indians perished in an inclement sea. predict what success they will have; but son, by their forced removal. They were appearances are very promising. The colored people are very eagerly seeking to loth to give up their missionary schools learn. The United Presbyterian mission. and churches, and cultivated homes, and has recently suffered great affliction. The continued as long as possible, till Georgia, with an iron grasp, punished some of them guerrillas fired upon a steamer in which in the penitentiary. The Rev. Samuel A. Worcester and Dr. Elizar Butler were imsome of them were proceeding to Natchez, wounded severely Rev. Mr. Vanatta, who now lies here in a critical condition, and prisoned two years, for no other crime than killed his wife outright. Such losses, howstaying to teach the Cherokees, who had now been greatly elevated in their civil ever, seem necessary. Every good cause and religious condition. Missionary Ridge is baptized with blood, and usually with statements can sign the Articles, unless in and religious condition. Missionary Ridge that immoral sense of "articles of peace' is between "Brainerd," the former misthat of the bravest and best. sionary station, and Chattanooga, and only The officers of the army here, who have Episcopal leanings, invited a minister living four or five miles from either, and a few near this city to conduct service in the Episcopal church on Christmas day. It miles from Chickamauga. Over all this ground of the Indians, sold out by a Georgia lottery, battles have been fought. s understood that he has been a secession-First the Northern army was defeated, ist; but he read the prayer for the President and Congress The rumor is, that he then the Southern; and the inhabitants was determined to omit that part of the have had their lands, obtained by fraud, service; and was only induced to read it overrun and devastated. God visits the iniquities of the fathers upon the children, by the threat of our Commanding General to send him South. I do not know that and though those briefly stated, were conthis is true; I give it as I got it. Several summated between the years 1829 and ladies left the church when the prayer was 1833, punishment is following. The national Government lent its aid to read. There have been many tokens of religmake room for more slave territory in that, which led to the Seminole War. A treaty ous interest here during the last few laration of St. Paul, speaking specially of was made with a younger, drunken Semiweeks. We have received into our army the Old Testament, 'All Scriptures,' church several on profession ; and members nole Chief, to vacate territory. The older t literally signifies, 'is given by inspiraof churches at home are continually joinand higher chiefs refused to ratify the ing us. We have much to encourage us. Vours as ever. J. W. tion of God ; and with the language of our treaty Compulsory measures were taken; own Church, which asoribes all Scripture Yours, as ever, to God: 'Blessed Lord, who hast given all. Holy Scriptures for our learning." The Importance of Man. In various ways has God shown that he ittaches to his creature man a great im-COUNTRYMAN. portance. In giving his only begotten and dearly beloved Son-"the brightness of his glory and the express image of his person;" to become incarnate, and to suffer, bleed, For the Presbyterian Banner. and die for man's sake; in the actual ad-

frame work of nature is dissolved-when tried, offered up Isaac." Add to this, that the heavens are rolled together as a scroll the Messianic Prophecies and Psalms, so--when the light of the sun is put out- called, are, by the school to which Stanley there is no period in a long, long eternity belongs, almost entirely ignored, and that when he is not to live-he is to live forey the new Dean of Westminster is, and has er. How much, then, will such a creature been, the fidus Achates of Professor Jowett during his protracted existence necessarily at Oxford, who denies that the 53d chapenjoy or suffer? The soul of man is im- | ter of Isaiah has any intentional reference mortal! Therefore is its redemption pre- to the sufferings of Christ; and that a true cious beyond all expression or computation; propitiatory sacrifice on the cross is not therefore is it that God parts with his only taught by these men-and you will see Son to die for man, and the incarnate Jesus | what the peril of the Church of England "dies the just for the unjust," and " angels | and of true religion in the land now is rejoice over one sinner that repenteth."

Caus Here [Selected.] An Evening Prayer.

How sweet and beautiful this hour. As calmly in the West C.

No rude sounds fall upon the ear, Only an evening psalm Chanted by Nature's orchestra, Floats upward on the calm So, Father, when my day of life, With all its pain is past, And the long shadows of its close, Across my way are cast—

May my night come with peace and song, The herald of a day More beautiful than earth can give, Never to fade away.

EUBOPEAN COBBESPONDENCE.

Irench Senate-Protest against War and Ea Travagance M. Thiers the Champion of Liberty-The Archduke and Mexico Dr. Wordsworth Vain Protest-Dr. Stanley and the Deanery of Westminster-His Errors-Hia Sermon-Dr. Wordsworth on Inspiration-His Antecedents-His Personal Appearance-Dr. Cureton's Ser -His Scholarship-Dr. Duff's Departure from India.

LONDON, January 16, 1864. THE FRENCH SENATE, in its unwonted fidelity to facts and truth, and appalled by great expenses, may be brought very speed.

The debates.. in .. the .. French .. Chambers have brought out the celebrated statesman and historians M. Thiers, with such with-

makes him great. He is to live when the | xi, "By faith Abraham, when he was If Stapley could be brought up before a

Presbyterian Synod, or Council. of Presbyters, with a Moderator at their head, priemius inter pares, we know what his sentence would be. He has pleaded, in a letter to the Bishop of London, for the abolition of all "tests" and all "subscription ;" every, man willing to use the Liturgy is to be re-ceived as a clergyman without further question ! It is surely very startling to find that on Saturday last this Courtfavorite, and a fascinating leader of "Young Oxford," pledged himself by his own hand, to "all and, every one of the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, to be agreeable to the Word of God," and that be professed "willingly and with his heart" to subscribe to "all things con-tained in them." This he did in the Je-

rusalem Chamber, and afterwards, being conducted into the Church, he took a solemn oath that he would regard the authority of the Holy Scripture as paramount to human opinions.

Dean Stanley, on the afternoon of last ord's day, preached from the words, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God," &c. In the evening, Dr. Wordsworth preached a sermon to about three thousand persons under the great dome of St. Paul's Cathedral. , The Bishop

of London had, on the previous Sunday evening, inaugurated a series of sermons to the masses by a very able discourse in dethe fearful waste of the national resources on wars for an "idea," and the resuscita-tion in Mexico of "The Latin races," has addressed to the Emperor a most pressing request that the war in Mexico, with its ers against unbelief. He pointed out with great clearness, that in such a system as is Christianity, miracles might be expected; that it began with a miracle in the concep-

tion and birth of Christ, the Divine and ering power, that the Government is seri- the human thus meeting and united, and ously damaged ; and the Emperor is re- that its crowning and convincing miricle ported to be so enraged as to be likely to was his resurrection, by which he was de-use violence. If he do, he, not France, clared to be the Son of Ged with power. Dr. Wordsworth followed up that excel

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of Ganesis, with his views on the fall of man, the deluge, the origin of the various languages of man, &c. The main feature of the volume is said to be his attempt to show that these chapters, and the entire book of Genesis, are the work of two different writers; thus reproducing the theory started many years ago, by some of the German rationalists, founded upon what they call the Jehovistic and Elohistic elements in the composition of this book, and which has already been met, and satisfactorily disposed of, by the eminent Dr. Kitto and others. In the preface to this book, Colenso is said to attempt proof that, if he is a heretic, he is in this respect not unlike many of the good and great men of the English and other Churches, in support of which he quotes from dead and living Theologians, such as Archbishop Whately, Dean Stanley, and Professor Robert Lee, of the University of Edinburgh.

We may state in this connexion, that the trial of Colenso, at Capetown, is begnn, and that Dr. Bleek has appeared for him to protest against the proceedings. Dr. Bleek is said to be "a Unitarian of advanced liberal views."

The Blood of Christ.

There is a story of how the devil appeared to a dying man, and showed him a parchment roll, which was very long, wherein was written on every-side the sins of the poor sick man, which were many in number. There were also written the idle words he had spoken in his life, together with the false words, the unchaste words, and angry words; afterwards came his vain and ungodly words, and lastly, his actions, digested according to the commandmente. Whereupon Satan said : See here, behold thy virtues; see here what thy examination must be. Whereupon the poor sinner auswered 3. " It is true, but thou hast not set down all, for thon shouldst have added, and set down here below, "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all our sins;" and this also should not have been forgotten, that "Whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." Whereupon the devil vanished. Thus, if the devil should muster up our sins, and set them in order before us, let but Christ be named in a faithful way, and he will give back, and fly away with all speed.

"My sins are great I do confess, And of a scarlet dye; But Jesus' blood can wash me clean, As God does testify." -Bogatsky's Golden Treasury.

as the supreme law of the land. In orto constitute a Christian Government. in order to form a more perfect union, ish justice, insure domestic tranquilprovide for the common detence, prothe general welfare, and secure the ienable rights and the blessings of life, rty, and the pursuit of happiness to ves, our posterity, and all the people, rdain and establish this Constitution the United States of America.

nd further : that such changes with ret to the oath of office, slavery, and all r matters, should be introduced into body of the Constitution as may be neto give effect to these amendments he preamble.- And we, your humble ioners, will ever pray.

he following Committee was then apated to lay the Memorial before Con-

H. Mollvaine, D.D., John T. Pressly, Rev. A. M. Milligan, John Douglas, Rev. Prof. J. M. Wilson, Rev. R. ey Browne, D. C. Page, D.D., Rev. H. George, Rev. George P. Chace, W. A. avant, D.D., Rev. N. R. Johnston, n Alexander, Esq., Zadok Street, Esq., S. Collins.

permanent organization was then d, which was named the "National ciation for the Amendment of the stitution." It is to meet annually upon wn adjournment, and at the call of its

he following were appointed officers of Association :- John Alexander; Esq., a, O., President; Zadok Street, Esq., O., Vice President; John Douglas, Recording Secretary; J. T. Pressly, Corresponding Secretary; Daniel Allegheny City, Treasurer. following were appointed members

Executive Committee :--- Rev. G. S. Rev. Dr. Page, Rev. S. T. Stewart. J. Wilson, and Rev. Dr. Elliott, of estern Theological Seminary. e Executive Committee is authorized.

ppoint sub committees to organize. ary associations in all parts of the try.

For the Presbyterian Banner.

Archbishop Hughes in Purgatory.

ESSRS. EDITORS :--- I propose next to ire, in the light of Romish authori-, what is the present locality of the ndam Archbishop. The *Pittsburgh* tholic, of January 28d, twenty-days after death, publishes a summons to " Cath-, one and all, rich and poor, high and of every rank and condition"hops, priests, holy virgins, little ones, erless and motherless, to pray for the one of his soul "-" Oh, let us give all earnest faith of our hearts to prayer!" three or four days later, Bishop Wood, Philadelphia, "celebrating a solemn tiem mass for the repose of the 'Archop's soul," informs us: "Could the Archbishop now rise from his coffin. yould have but one request to make : y for me, pray for me." Two things demonstrable from these excited and ent appeals to the sympathies of the hful-first, the Archbishop was still in. ble straits and greatly needed help; econdly, that even after several weeks active operations of this sort, comocing at the burial services, but little ress had been made in extricating the bishop's soul from the fires of purga--he still "had but one request to se: pray for me, pray for me." Now, ssrs. Editors, I find this hard to be be-After the greater part of a month's ing by " bishops, priests, holy virgins," &c., the Archbishop rising from his u, would still shrick amid purgatorial "Pray f rome, pray for me !" What omfortable doctrine ! And to make the

not worthy to be called an Apostle." Very of slavery prevailed. different this from the fulsome laudation of. Congress still, by a major John Hughes. Yet this same person of cause of slavery with occasional checks. unparalleled excellence is pictured to our One of the most mefarious acits, for which imagination as rising from his *flaming* bed we may now be suffering, was yielding to of purgatorial torture, and exclaiming in the Georgians, who coveted the 10,000,000 the depths of his anguish, "Pray for me, of screet of the Cherokee lands, which lay pray for me !" And this, too, although we chiefly within the boundaries of their State are told he had "made his confession and Though the United States Government had was fortified by the last sacrament of his

Church." In closing this article, allow me to add hat I am not now calling in question the from these Romish dignitaries. Assuming henrie be me, the belief of which they their removable the "Indian territory" in a form a part may be very "beautiful" to is very "consoling"-there I have my DUBIUS. doubts

For the Presbyterian Banner. Letters to Bible-Men and Patriots.-No. 3. GENTLEMEN :--- In looking for the causes which have brought on a bloody strife, we

must include those that were offensive to God, as well as those that violated the ights of man. In the "Declaration of Independence, the fact that all men were born free and equal, and had an inalienable right to life iberty and property, had been declared but when the Convention of Delegates in 1787 met at Philadelphia, to revise the ar-

ticles of Confederation and form a Constitution, this declaration began to be treated as a nullity. 1st. The three fifth rule of representation for slave States treated the colored population partly as citizens and partly as property—it permitted slavery. 2d. The slave trade, afterwards made piracy, was allowed until 1808. 3d. The Constitution formed declared that a person held to service in a State "should be delivered up," on claim of the party to whom such service or labor may be due." In these three concessions to the States, inclined to continue slavery, the term was avoided but the language has been interpreted, and acted upon, just as though it had been used. These compromises at this period of the history of our nation, laid the foundation for future trouble. They were in op-

position to views of many of the members a desolating war with bloodhounds was of the Convention; they were contrary to waged against the obstinate Seminoles. the sentiments expressed by many good which terminated in the destruction of twomen, and the general sentiments of liberty thirds of the tribe, and at a cost of millions that had begun to prevail; they were sins to the United States, to favor Southern against light, to please slaveholders, and slaveholders. contrary to natural justice and the revealed

In accordance somewhat with the provisions of the Constitution, an act passed Through the blessing of a kind Provi-1793, for the "restoration of fugitives from service," by the Senate and House of Repdence, and the generous assistance of Christian friends, we were permitted on last Sabresentatives, without much debate. In this effort to please the South, Congress exceed. bath (Jan. 24th) to dedicate our new church edifice to the worship of Almighty God; being favored in the services with the ased her powers : for afterwards the Supreme Federal Court decided that State officers sistance of brethren Birch, of Springfield, could not be compelled to perform certain services in connexion with the arrest of By a Providential coincid

By a Providential coincidence, (without slaves. Some States afterwards passed design on our part) the dedication took acts forbidding magistrates, under penalty, place on the exact anniversary of the day to interfere. Though the act of Congress, on which the congregation first resolved to for the most part, became a dead letter, it try to build. was intended to favor the South, and helped The Towanda church was organized on

to prepare the way for future trouble. Nov. 19th, 1856, in a country school house. There were also, in consequence of the ten- | with eleven members and one Ruling Eldenoy to favor slavery (contrary to the spirit | der. It now numbers sixty-nine members,

"Then," inquired the old man, " does thee believe in France ?" "Yes; for although holders, to make Missouri a slave State, was substantial stone foundation, 37 feet by 60 of man, that thou visitest him?" meaning." He asserts that there are errors by doing so. - Strong Tower. I have not seen it, I have seen others who successful, with the compromise that the feet, with vestibule, library, and gallery wonder that it was amazing to the Psalmist system of oppression should not go farther 85 feet by 181 feet, clear, made to open to that feeble man-a creature of yesterday North than 86° 80°. It was destined to be the audience room, or close up, for prayer- and who is crushed before the moth "-corhave. Besides, there is plenty of corrobin Stephen's speech, in Aots vii; "a wer iar worse, the most that Bishop Dioskey and the *Pittsburgh Catholic* promise in the way of encouragement these immense labors, is summed up s: "It is our beautiful and consoling ef * * * that we may still love Closkey and the Pittsburgh Catholic.

vent of this Divine One, who agonized in Gethsemane and on Calvary and thereby made expiation- for man's guilt; in commissioning the Holy Spirit to descend from the skies to the earth, to enlighten and re-new man and qualify him for heaven; in causing angelic beings to rejoice when man is thus illumined and sanctified, and to min-

ister to his wants sustain and comfort him in his pilgrimage; by these and other ways has God manifested his regard for man, has shown that he cherishes a deep interest in him, and attaches to him a vast importance. And Why? What is there in a creature so weak as man, and so deprayed as man, and so rebellious as man, and apparently so insignificant among the mighty works of God, that he should have such attention

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paid him by the Maker and Ruler of all? No wonder that the devout Psalmist ex-

will be the ultimate sufferer.

lent discourse by a defence of the plenary We have had, contradictory reports as to | what the Archduke Maxamillian intends to inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, which, do whether to set out for Mexico, or coming from him at this time, was both await events. The idea of a Plebiescuite, or natural and seasonable. He went back piepopular yote, seems impracticable, consid- torially to the martyrdom of Polycarp, who ering how many of the inhabitants of Mex. had actually seen and conversed with the Apostle John. He referred to the Jews as ico are half-castes, and how, still, the Romish influences prevail. It must be a having been the zealous and vigilant guarmiserable and distracted country. Tdo not dians of every letter and word of the Old suppose that even if a monarchy were set up, it could act in hostility to the United of three quarters of an hour, delivered States: II haw and order, with civil and both a popular and elaborate defence of the religious, liberty, follow-and at Mexico. Christian faith, and of the foundation of Holy Scripture on which it is built. Protestantism, to the great disgust of the priest-party, has been recognized - gcod

Dr. Wordswords is a nephew of William Wordsworth, the illustrious English Poet. I was lately at a service in Westminster DR. WORDSWORTH, the Canon of West-Abbey, and saw him for the first time. He minster Abbey, who so vigorously and ar- is a man of lofty stature, with masses of gumentatively protested against the intro- | black hair covering a finely-formed head; duction and installment of Dr. Stanley-on his forehead nobly developed, with refineaccount of doubtful and dangerous opinions ment and dignity marking his whole bear--into the Deanery of that Cathedral ing. At the same service I saw for the church, has protested in vain. No doubt first time-and heard from him, also, a this was his expectation. But certainly he good sermon-the Rev. William Cureton, cleared his own conscience; and spoke out whose name will be familiar to some of your in a way calculated, to rally true lovers of readers as an eminent Syriac scholar. He the plenary inspiration of the Scriptures. is an elderly man, stout and short, of about Canon Stanley was inducted on Saturday sixty years of age. His sermon was directlast by the Chapter, but Dr. Wordsworth ed against overweening self-esteem among was not present. It is much to be feared the members of Christ's Church, and on that a man who has made such perilous the text, "This I say to every man that is

among you," &c. FROM INDIA comes intelligence not only for which Dr. Paley pleaded in the last century. In his lectures on the "Jewish of Dr. Duff's final departure from Calcutta and a universal outburst of respect and af-Church" there are many passages calculafection, with a memorial Hall to be built ted to weaken-the-belief of their-readers in the truth and inspiration of the Bible, es of marble (natives contributing largely) in pecially of the old Testament. These lee- | his honor, but in addition to this, fresh ev tures were chiefly addressed to candidates idences of the rapid decadence of Hindufor the ministry. He asserts that "the ism as a system." The Times correspondhistory of Israel is not the history of an in- ent compares it to the state of things as recorded in Church history, when before spired book, but of an inspired people." Constantine's final overthrow of Pagan po-On which Dr. Wordsworth remarks: "Surelitical power, the temples of the gods of y such an allegation is injurious to the Bible, as implying that it is less inspired the Pantheon were deserted. The native than a nation which God punished as re- mind itself is deeply convinced that Chrisbellious, and excluded from Canaan for its tianity is yet to be the religion of India. sins. It is also irreconcilable with the dec-J: W.

The Gracious Direction.

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall surtain thee: he will never suffer the righteous to be moved."-PSALM IV: 22.

We cannot always prevent burdens being laid upon us, but we may refuse to carry It is said by Dr. Stanley, that the acceptthem. Indeed, we ought not to carry bur ance of every part of the Old Testament dens, for it is not becoming in the King's as of equal accuracy, is rendered impossible children to act like porters. We have a by every advance made in Biblical science. great burden-bearer, one who has borne our and by every increase of our acquaintance. griefs and carried our sorrows, one who with Eastern customs or primeval history. bore our sins in his own body on the tree. Dr. Wordsworth says that thus a vague sus-Now, he bore our sins, the guilt and the picion arises that when science makes furpunishment of them, that we may never ther progress, and historical investigation bear them. He sighed, that we may sing. He sank under the weight of our sorrows, is pursued more successfully, the Bible must recede from its present position; that we may rise and taste his sweetest whereas, on the other hand, all truth is consistent with itself, and antiquarian rejoys. And now, when he sees us burdened with care; grief, anxiety, or worldly trouble search into the manners and customs of he sweetly says : " Let me take thy burden Egypt, and on the soil of Babylon and and carry it for thes. My strength is Ninevah, have brought to life new proofs greater than thine. Bring it to me. Cast it on me. Leave it with me." O, Chrisof the accuracy and credibility of the

tian, what a Saviour thou hast! He so In another place, Dr. Stanley apologises cares for you that he desires you not to for Deborah as "enlightened only with a care; and he so loves to see thee happy, very small proportion of the Divine light that he proposes, yea, asks to be allowed to which was to go on more brightening to carry thy burden. for thee. More than the perfect day." And thus a shadow of this he will not only carry thy burden, but this, he will not only carry thy burden, but doubt is thrown on the earlier prophecies, he will carry thee. He will place his everas for instance those of Jacob and Noah; lasting arms beneath thee; lift thee up out

It is better to make ourselves loved than feared.

Those are the best Christians who are more careful to reform themselves than to censure others .- Fuller.

Graceful manners are the outward form of refinement in the mind, and good affections in the heart.

It is better to decide a difference between enemies than friends, for one of our friends will probably become an enemy; on the other hand, one of our enemies becomes a friend, S. 1.

It is a great misfortune to live under a government that will suffer people to do nothing; but it is a much greater to be under one which allows all to do as they please.

In order to reach perfection it is necessary to have either very faithful friends or implacable enemies; since we must be made sensible of our failings, either by the admonitions of the former or the invectives of the latter.

God grant that we may contend with other Churches as the vine with the olive, which of us shall bear the best fruit: but not as the brier with the thistle, which of us shall be the most unprofitable.-Lord Bacon.

A jolly and intelligent looking sailor, when asked what was the best use of liquor, said : "They tell of the moderate use, the innocent use, the harmless use, the generous use, the genteel use of liquor: but, after a long experience, both on shipboard and shore, I can testify that the very best use of liquor is no use at all."

Some sciolists have discovered a short path to celebrity. Having heard that it is a vastly silly thing: to believe everything, they take it for granted that it must be a vastly wise thing to believe nothing. They therefore set up for free thinkers; but their stock in trade is, that they are free from thinking. No persons make so large a demand against the reason of others as those who have none of their own; as a highwayman will take greater liberties with our purse than our banker.

The Christian family with its Bible and catechisms, and the Sabbath School its auxiliary, are the nurseries of the congregation and the church. The serious impressions that issue in conversion can, as a general fact, be traced back to early years and associations, to the source of a pious parentage, to the sanctuary of youth, or the Sabbath School of childhood. Do you seek the prosperity of the Church? Do. you value the honor and happiness of your children? Train these little ones up in the way they should go.

No Compromise with Sin .- Never. so long as you bear about these sinful bodies, count any corruption to be so dead in you that you are perfectly safe from it henceforth, that it can never stir or trouble you again. How much that seems dead, by a sad experience will be shown to have been only sleeping; like snakes, which, frozen in Winter, lose for a while their power to harm, appear as though there were no life in them, but brought to the warmth, can hiss and sting again. How many an old corruption is perhaps at this present mo-ment thus torpid and inactive in us, which yet only waits the returning warmth of a suitable temptation, to revive in all its malignant strength anew.

The Skeptic Refuted .--- " Ah," said a skepof liberty that prevailed during the Revolut with five Ruling Elders. and on the earliest promise of Scriptureof every difficulty; and set thee before his tionary war), attempts were made in 1803. They have had no change of ministers tical collegian to an old Quaker, "I suppose that concerning the Promised Seed: face forever. Take thy present burden to Stanley also apologizes for the Old Tesand 1806 to make the territory of Indiana since their organization. For over seven you are one of those fanactics who believe Jesus, and let him bear it for thee. If you subject to slavery; but they failed. On years they have been without a sanctuary claimed : "When I consider the heavens, ament, and asks the same charitable indulthe Bible ?" Said the old man, "I do bedo not, you will find it too much for your the other hand, efforts to sholish slavery in the District of Columbia were unsuccessful. In 1820 the effort, for the benefit of slave-and dedicated, is a beautiful brick, with that thou art mindful of him? and the son gence to it as to " other histories, espe- patience, and you will soon begin to think lieve the Bible. Does thee believe it?" gence to it as to wonter instance, copy patience, and you will soon begin to think cially Oriental histories," and that "the that the Lord deals hardly with you. But very errors and defects" of the Bible "are if you take it to Jesus, he will not only guides to the true apprehension of its bear it for you, but endear himself to you "No; I can have no proof of its truth." startling still is the surmise that Satan tempt- against itself; has just published in Eng. odid see them 200 "No.200 " Does thee "beief * * * that we may still love "forever. But the discussion of t

will of God. But they were compromises to obtain a present peace and union. They Church Dedication. leferred the evil day of war and sorrow. BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Jan. 30, 1864.