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ST. BASIL'S CHURCH.

CLOVER HILL.

The critics of "Pulpit Criticism" will be few who will not acknowledge that to pass from "Holy Trinity" to St. Basil's would be as natural, on the part of any of them, as it was for the apostle Paul, on leaving Puteoli, to say, "and so we went toward Rome." Well would it be for many an occupant of a pulpit if they would learn a lesson of practical wisdom from the Rev. Father who occupied the pulpit of St. Basil's on the 6th inst.; and many a grateful congregation would—if not "raise their Ebenezers"—at least "go on their way rejoicing." The Father announced that on account of the heat of the weather, he should only read the epistle and gospel; we therefore listened to eleven verses from the twelfth chapter of 1 Cor., and to six verses of the twelfth chapter of the Gospel according to Luke. It was not to be expected that anything would be said of an explanatory nature, relating to the portions read, and so far as any practical result of the reading is concerned, they might probably as well have been read back-

wards; the Douay version of the passage from 1 Cor. is anything but luminous. So soon as the Father descended from the pulpit, the celebration of the mass commenced, and the celebrant proceeded round the church, attended by an acolyte who carried a vessel of water, presumably "holy;" with this all were sprinkled who were within reach of it, including the editor of "Pulpit Criticism." As the latter individual was indisposed to hear mass, he repaired to—

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHARLES STREET.

It was a novelty to hear, (so far as the creaking steps of late arrivals permitted) some attempt at exposition of the twenty-first Psalm, which was being read as the writer arrived; an attempt which connected itself with the passage "Thou preventest (anticipatest) him with the blessings of goodness;" a stranger could not be expected to perceive that this was especially intended for the children of the congregation. The endeavour to assign some portion