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## OLD ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

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*The feathered tribes* of the region above described flocked in considerable number to the ministrations of the Rev. G. M. Milligan, in the Church of St. Andrew, on the 9th inst. In the morning of that day the duty devolving on the reverend gentleman was exceptionally onerous; by way of commenting in order on the mode in which he performed the functions of his office, one can scarcely help observing how little divinity colleges do towards instructing their students in their relation to the Almighty; hence this gentleman assumed, in his prayer, what may be termed a cringing attitude towards the Lord; an attitude expressed by the application of such Old Testament phrases as "unclean," "our righteousnesses are as filthy rags," "be merciful," etc., to himself and those he represented in prayer; much of this is doubtless traceable to the translators of the Old Testament, who only "saw through a glass darkly," and have consequently put such words as "have mercy upon me" in the mouth of the Psalmist, instead of "be gracious to me" (marg. Ps. iv. 1), which is a more suitable petition for any one who approaches a throne of grace with "confidence." What kind of "blessing" might be expected "on the army" it were hard to say, in view of the distinct command to Peter, to "put up again thy sword into his place," enforced as it was by the declaration that "all they who take the sword shall perish" therewith. With the exhortation to "wait on the Lord," one is necessarily familiar, but that he should be invoked to "wait on us" was amongst nineteenth century novelties. Among other noticeable features of this service was an announcement of the advent of a student who had won golden opinions, as well as the first prize for an essay, the bearing of which was that Presbyterians "are the people, and wisdom will die with them." Estimable as many of them are, the practical defects of their system are such as can be seen without glasses, and one of the most patent and most sad is the neglect of the elucidation of scripture, in the interest of the comparatively contemptible, although more popular pul-