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"IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM! LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET HER CUNNING."—Ps. 137, v. 5.

We are obliged to send the *Record* out this month without a cover, as the paper we expected for the purpose has not arrived: Next month it will appear in exactly the same form as last year.

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THE GREEK AND LATIN PULPIT.

There are few of our readers who have not heard of the "Fathers," as they are called, but we dare say there are not many who have had an opportunity of perusing their works. During the early period of the Church, that is, from the 1st till the fourth century, Christianity was preached under many difficulties and with much peril. But it was preached with a zeal and success to which later times can furnish no parallel. Her all-important truths were not at first proclaimed in magnificent churches, but sometimes in the streets, or in the fields; or at periods of danger, in desert or in solitary places. As the cause of truth advanced, however, and began to find favor and protection at the hands of power, noble buildings were raised, and vast multitudes of people congregated from all quarters to listen to the discourses of celebrated preachers. It may be noted that the manner of preaching in those early times was somewhat different from the present mode. The churches or meeting-houses had no seats, so that the people all stood during the service,

while the preacher himself sat at a kind of desk on an elevated platform, and delivered his discourse much after the manner of a modern professor while lecturing to his students in a university. It was also the custom for the people to indicate their satisfaction by loud applause when the preacher came to an eloquent passage, or uttered an opinion which pleased them greatly, which would be considered an extraordinary outrage in a church at the present day. The Fathers seldom read their sermons, but they were greedily and very correctly taken down in short hand, and copies multiplied throughout the Church by being extensively copied. To this circumstance we are indebted for many of the most celebrated discourses of those early times. Chrysostom, or the golden-mouthed, was by far the most celebrated of the Greek Fathers, while Augustine holds a similar rank among the writers of the Latin Church.

We present our readers with a sermon by one of these worthies of the long past. It has often been remarked that these sermons