

clearer knowledge and firmer faith, and more satisfying joy, shall mark the coming days of our pilgrimage; we shall be made meet for the inheritance of the saints in light, and shall anticipate amid earth's shadows the time when we shall no longer know in part and when it shall be said to us, "Thy sun shall no more go down, neither shall thy moon withdraw herself, but God shall be thine everlasting light and the days of thy mourning shall be ended."

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## UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HISTORY.

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Before we enter upon the most important of all the Synodical schemes of our Church, which are its Missionary Operations, and with some account of which we shall bring our long narrative to a close, there are several smaller, though important matters, which ought not to be overlooked, and which, although not particularly connected with each other, we shall endeavor to bring together in our present communication.

The views of our Church on the subject of Slavery will be seen in the following Resolutions, which were unanimously passed on this subject:—

"1. That this Synod regards Slavery, especially that form of it which was recently practised in some of the British Colonies, and is still obstinately persisted in by not a few of the United States of America, as utterly repugnant to the dictates of both reason and revelation, repudiated by common equity, a flagrant outrage on the claims of nature, and a daring insult offered to its Author.

"2. That, although a secondary evil connected with Slavery, it is yet an evil deeply to be deplored, that the prejudice generated by its prevalence is not limited to those in bondage, but extends to Christians of color who are free; between whom and their white brethren, even at the Lord's Table, a distinction is made, the most unchristian and revolting,—a distinction which is at once malevolent and absurd, admitting their equality as fellow Christians, and denying at the same time their equality as fellow men.

"3. That with us it is a matter of growing conviction, that since the American Churches have to a great extent the means of putting an end to slavery, they cannot make progress in vital godliness, but must inevitably wither and decay, unless, by the speedy and unsparing exercise of true Christian discipline, they are led to wipe away from them so deep-seated and so foul a stain.

"4. That while we cherish sentiments of unfeigned good-will towards the Christians and Christian Churches of the American Republic, yet we feel very deeply, and cannot but lament, that our