

standing, as well as holy zeal, divinely imparted to that great Reformer and Theologian; not the least of whose services was the transmission to posterity of such learned and accurate interpretations of Holy Scripture, and such correct definitions of doctrine, as have eminently aided students of the sacred writings in all countries in the exposition and defence of evangelic truth.

“While claiming for no mere man infallibility of judgment, nor identifying our own or any other church, popularly called Calvinistic, with every conclusion, doctrinal and ethical, even of that honoured individual, this Synod heartily acknowledges the distinguishing features of the system of doctrine and church government, so much associated with his name; believing that, whether as tried by Scripture or by the test of its fruits in the enlightened piety, practical godliness, and morality of individuals and communities, it has well vindicated its claims to the unabated attachment of all who would uphold a banner for truth, in the cause of the gospel of God generally, or in the maintenance at once of due freedom and necessary order in church organizations.

“That while it has long been a cause of pain to the friends of the Reformation to have seen its great doctrines so much lost sight of, or maintaining a doubtful struggle with various forms of anti-Christian error, in countries once so distinguished for attachment to Protestant and Evangelic doctrine: as Switzerland, France, Holland and Germany, the Synod recognizes with much interest the various symptoms, from time to time developed, of a remaining or reviving zeal for the true faith.”

“In this view they contemplate with cordial favour the appeal made to the members of this and other churches for some co-operation in the proposed erection, in the city of Geneva, of a monumental edifice commemorative of the name and labours of Calvin—including a select library, which shall comprehend especially the works of the Reformers,—Luther, Calvin, Zuingle, Farel, Melancthon, Knox, Cranmer, and others; the same to be accessible, on the most liberal plan, to all denominations of Christians.

“And, observing that the council of administration at Geneva, immediately connected with this undertaking, including such names as Merle D'Aubigne, and many evangelical Pastors, have, in addressing this appeal to the churches, asked, ‘Is it Geneva alone that is to take part?’ and that the proposed inscription on the monument contains these words, in anticipation of general concurrence: ‘Erected—besides inhabitants of Geneva and other towns and cantons of Switzerland, by the Christians of France, Germany, England, Scotland, Ireland and America,’ the Synod affectionately commends the object to the members of this church, not doubting that they will justify the generous confidence of this appeal; and that some will gladly avail themselves of the opportunity for contributing a stone to an edifice begun, beyond most in the spirit of giving glory to God, and which, while perpetuating the remembrance of the instruments he raised up and qualified for His work, is meant to subserve the revival and diffusion of a sound Christianity in those ancient centres of Christian and Protestant light.”

Poetry.

RICH POVERTY.

What matter now for promise lost
 Through the blast of Spring or Summer rains?
 What matter now for purposes crossed,
 For broken hopes and wasted pains?
 What if the olive little yields,
 What if the vine is blasted? Thine
 The corn upon a thousand fields,
 Upon a thousand hills the vine!