

occasions, but no time to retire to their closets to hold communion with God. These are the pseudo reformers which I fear: men so worldly would sell the cause of God for a mess of pottage; they soon fall out with their brethren, and a prayerless man you never can fully reconcile to his brother: he becomes wilful, and rather than humble himself before God and his people, he would see the Church of God and his cause scattered to the four winds. All this begins in the neglect, of what are esteemed by too many, small duties. If we would see the cause of truth triumphant, the constant watching over our thoughts, words and actions must characterize us. Persevering prayer, and the conscientious discharge of the duties we owe to God and man, must be required as proof of the sincerity of our profession. Indeed the whole christian system is only the means! The end is the formation of a character as near like the great Exemplar as possible. He who is satisfied with his Christianity, because he attends regularly upon the ordinances of the gospel in the congregation, and neglects the daily study of God's word, self-examination, and secret prayer, will find no enjoyment in the social worship of the congregation—the meetings will be irksome—and he will wait for only the semblance of an excuse wholly to leave the Church of the Living God. Sister then, my brethren, a word of exhortation: "I beseech you by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service; and be not conformed to the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Instead of offering yourselves an offering to the world, offer yourselves to God, with hands clean and hearts pure. Instead of leaning towards the world, endeavour every day to become more and more like the Saviour. Be Christians—Disciples of Christ—reformers (of yourselves) in doctrine, in practice, in thought, in desire, in every thing that ennobles human nature.

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### GENEVA AND ROME.

AN ADDRESS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL, GENEVA, AT THE OPENING OF THE SESSION,

BY PROFESSOR GAUSSEN.

GENTLEMEN,—It has been the practice, at the re-opening of this college, to call your attention to the condition of the Church of God, and to point out to you some one of the errors by which it appears to be threatened.

Our excellent brother, whose absence to-day we deplore (M. Merle D'Aubigne), at last year's meeting discoursed to you on the Oxford heresy.\*

You will have anticipated me when I say, that the heresy which to-day threatens us, not so much by its seducing errors, as by the violence of its purposes, and the increase of its forces, is the heresy of Rome.

During the last two centuries Rome and Protestantism have borne much the aspect of two armies watching each other from a distance, and coming into conflict only by the skirmishes of their advanced guard;—

\* 'Geneva and Oxford' By J. H. Merle D'Aubigne, 8vo price 6d. Edinburgh: J. Johnstone