

the abortive attempt to erect a church which is *not* wanted been laid out in building a decent inn which *is* wanted, travellers would have been benefited and the Jerusalem congregation not damnified.

ERASTIANISM.—The Erastians were named from Erastus, a German physician of the sixteenth century. The name is often used in the present age ignorantly. The fundamental principle of his school was this That, in a commonwealth where the magistrate professes Christianity, it is not convenient that offences against religion and morality should be punished by the censures of the Church. Probably he may have gone further and denied the right of exclusion from Church communion without reference to temporal power; but the limited proposition was sufficient to raise the controversy. The Helvetic divines, Gauthier and Bullinger, strongly concurred with Erastus—"Contendimus disciplinam esse debere in ecclesia, sed satis esse, si ea administratur a magistratu." (We contend that there ought to be discipline in the church, but we hold that it is enough if that be administered by the magistrate.) Calvin and his school held, as is well known, a very opposite tenet. The ecclesiastical constitution of England is nearly Erastian in theory, and almost wholly so in practice. Every sentence of the spiritual judge is liable to be reversed by a civil tribunal; and, practically, what is called Church discipline has gone so much into disuse, not to say contempt, that I believe no one, except those who derive a little profit from it, would regret its abolition.—*Hallam's Constitutional History.*

GOOD MANNERS.—Good manners are the blossom of good sense, and it may be added, of good feeling too; for, if the law of kindness be written in his heart, it will lead to that disinterestedness in little as well as great things—that desire to oblige, and attention to the gratification of others, which is the foundation of good manners.—*Locke.*

PITHY ADVICE.—A Chinese minister presented this instruction to one of the Emperors of his day, who was then about eighteen years of age. It may be considered as an epitome of the art of governing:—"Fear Heaven; love your subjects; employ men of merit; be always ready to listen to good advice; *lessen taxes*; mitigate punishments; banish prodigality; avoid luxury; and give good example."

OBITUARY.

It is our melancholy duty this week to record the death of the Rev. THOMAS McCULLOCH, D. D., President of Dalhousie College, and Professor of Divinity to the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia. He departed this life on Saturday last, at his residence in Halifax. We are able this week only to announce the fact. We hope in a week or two to be able to publish a more extended notice.—*Eastern Chronicle.*

CALL.

On the 18th ult., The United Associate Congregation in Rochester (N. Y.,) gave an unanimous call to Mr. James McFadyen to be their minister.