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THE BIRD IN THE CHURCH.

your strength for naught in seeking relief at Then the soul begins to feel that to squander the cessive papers, and these are all written with the State and the Church, North as well as South, We have been informed that our tracts have

nothing else can .- Am. Messenger.

tions, although in the centre of the town, is yet in the centre of forest trees, which nearly conceal it from view; and what is more, it is the centre and home of the affections of a people whose ancesters for nearly two hundred years have there worshipped God in spirit and in truth. And that ancient church is associated with many and wonderful displays of sovereign grace. It has been the birthplace of souls, the house of God and the gate of heaven to multitudes. Under its ample roof thousands have consecrated

In the the year 18—, the people of E-were favoured with, perhaps, the most signal work of grace they ever enjoyed. The whole community was moved to its deep foundations, and persons of all ages and classes were in the pursuit of salvation as the great end of their being. May the blessed fruits of that revival, continue until the present day.

there dispensed, have ripened for glory.

On a sabbath of that year of unusual brilliancy, in the late spring, that church was crowded with | find encouragement under the trials of your multitudes anxious about their souls, and hang- Christian course. These are wants which know ing upon the lips of their beloved pastor, who earnestness and tears was expounding to them ihe way of reconciliation with God. Everything in the external world-the balmy and reviving breezes—the new and beautiful dress which fields and forests were putting on-the trees budding or in blossom—the blossoms set- as well as yourself, and require, therefore, your ting in fruit, were in sympathy with the feelings attendance and aid in it. The souls of the impeniof this worshipping people, and were but em-blems of the spiritual transformations which were of all the people of God for their salvation. in progress among them.

open, and the windows were all closed. During and need not surely to be informed which to the progress of the service a bird entered by the obey when the claims of the two conflict. door and flew up to the vaulted roof, and, alarmed by the voices which it heard, gave every evidence of anxiety to make its escape. There heart. You are in danger of relaxing your sat in one of the pews a female under deep con- watch against it, for the reason that your thoughts viction of sin, and who for months had been and your strength are so much engrossed with it. seeking without finding peace for her soul. Her Other temptations, also, watching their opporeye soon lit upon the fluttering bird, and followed tunity, may assail you in these unguarded mohim from window to window, in his vain efforts ments with effect. He who "goeth about seek, to escape. It sought an exit at every window, and almost at every pane of glass; and as it open to his devices, and be better able to inflict fluttered from one window to another, this female | fatal wounds upon your soul. It becomes, therewould say in her heart, "O foolish bird, why fore, doubly important that you should have the strive to get out there; is not the door wide help, in resisting these dangers, which would be open ?" It would now rise to the ceiling-now | given by the prayer meeting. You there susrenew its vain attempts at the windows; this pend your worldly cares: you recall your duties female repeating to herself, "O foolish bird, why strive to get out there; is not the door wide give you strength for the time of need. And itself into the body of the church, caught a view duty is not incompatible with spiritual progress: of the door, and was out in a moment, singing a that while "not slothful in busine song of triumph over its release, amid the branches | be also "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

female reverted to her own state and doings. The voice of the preacher was unheard amid the conflicts of her own thoughts. "I have been acting," said she, "like that foolish bird. I have been seeking peace in ways in which it is not to be found—and to go out from the bond—not to be found—and to go out from the bend to be found—and to go out from the bend-not to go out from the bend-not to go out from the bend-not the details in few words, and generally without remarkable impulse which has lately been given to the terrible details in few words, and generally without remarkable impulse which has lately been given to the least significant and bloom to the least significant and the destile in few words, and generally without remarkable impulse which has lately been given to the terrible details in few words, and generally without remarkable impulse which has lately been given to the terrible details in few words, and generally without r

Years passed away, and her peace flowed like a river whose gentle stream is never excited into a ruffle. Subsequently she had her periods of occasional depression, but without ever forgetting that Christ is the door. Threescore years and the pass away, and annu the marmines of against christianity, and that as one of those "contented slaves who wouldn't but we deem the point on which we differ from Rome, not a little learning and ability, and that as one of those "contented slaves who wouldn't but we deem the point on which we differ from Rome, not a little learning and ability, and that recently put off her earthly tabernacle; and from previously had his grain cut, determined that he peculiar joyousness and unction of manner charthe day that she saw that bird in the church, until the day that she passed in, through Christ the foor, amid the spirits of the just made perfeat, she never gave ground for a reasonable dioubt that Christ was in her the hope of glory. How infinitely diversified are the ways and

instrumentalities by which sinners are led to be reconciled to God. "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but thou canst not tell whence it cometh, or whether it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit. And how truthful the application of the folly

of that bird, by that female, to her own case. And is not its folly the folly of every sinner? The first right feeling of a sinner returning from turn to God-we must die aliens to God, and | will say, "Lord, it is good to be here." continue outcasts from the light of the universe for ever. But when the Spirit convinces and convicts of sin, how often is deliverance sought from it in the ways that the bird vainly sought no escape from the church. The sinner flees to everything that gives hope of deliverance but to the right thing. The Bible is read-prayer is made-sin is abstained from-the worship of God sought; but there is no escape from the dominion of sin-none from a sense of guilt, nor from the fear which it inspires. All these are but as the windows to the bird, which gave it hope that it might escape through them because they admitted light. When it failed at one it flew to another : each window in its turn excited hope, and in every case the hope excited was dashed by the of teetotalism, and he will find any skeptical is, there is yet no recourse to the remedy for sin, ed. to the door of escape from its power and guilt. Christ is that door. And so proue are men to do something to save themselves, that until all they can do is tried in vain, they will not look unto "the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world."

The great central truths of Christianity, so far as men are concerned, are these: we are sinners, Christ Jesus has died to atone to law and justice for the sins of sinners, and whosoever believes de you have you are a Christian? If so, you is associated with hell: it is the child of sin—it church, by sketching the contents of a few of the know all this by experience caste tell—is one of the monstrous broad of the devil. kn ow all this by expendence with hell: it is the child of sin—it is one of the monstrous brood of the devil.—Teeport unity. Are you a sinner convicted of your total Times.

and seeking deliverance from it? Then imi-

sources that never can yield it. Go at once to ancient and spacious church, with its chiming clock and towering steeple of beautiful proportions, although in the centre of the town, is yet

THE PRAYER MEETING IN THE SUM-

Many professing Christians who are employed in agriculture and similar occupations, peculiarly pressing in the summer months, are in the habit, for the time, of neglecting the prayer meeting. They do not hesitate in regard to it at other times. themselves to God, and amid the ordinances But at this season, when worldly cares are so numerous, and demand all their time and strength, they seem to think that attendance upon the together a moment in regard to it.

1. You have now the same need of the benefit of the prayer meeting that you ever had. You need it to aid you in maintaining in your heart the flame of devotion, and of active zeal for Christ's cause. You need it that you may no seasons. They are as important and as pressing when the world calls loudest as feeblest; in summer's bustle as in winter's leisure.

And your duty, too, to the church, and to the community, is as imperative now as ever. Your brethren need the benefit of the prayer meeting Your responsibilities are the same at all times. On this Sabbath the doors of the church were You are a servant of God, not of the world;

2. Your are in increased danger of loving the And when its wings were weary, and thus refreshed and invigorated by communion when all hope of escape seemed to be abandoned, with God and with his people, you can resume and as if unable to sustain itself longer, it lowered again your employments, and find that worldly

3. Consider how small an amount of pleasure When the bird was gone, the thoughts of this or gain would be requsite to win from you the

that not being sufficiently dried, it had subse- Jesus.

Your duty, then, fellow-Christian, is plain.

is great reward.

A teetotaler may be an infidel : that we admit ; -still, if teetotalism is taken up on right grounds, from the love of truth-from a desire to be useful to others-from an anxiety to honour God, and is frequented—the advice of Christian people is after calm, dispassionate, and serious inquiry, the cultivated, by which infidelity will be checked and destroyed. Infidels, generally, are not men of sober, dispassionate, thorough reflection. There is much about them that is dogmatic, impetuous and one-sided. Let a man sit down to the careful, philosophical and enlightened study

> The idea of there being any connection between in the breviary. allied to heaven, it is identified with sentiments, I tion of Popery. dispositions, habits and conduct, which heaven

opportunities and misemploy the precious season

What an affecting lesson does the following testimony of Sir Walter Scott bear on this topic? Gifted as he was with genius the most brilliant, adorned with acquisitions the most varied and extensive, how instructive to receive from such a man such testimony as this:

"If it should ever fall to the lot of youth to peruse these pages, let such a reader remember, that it is with the deepest regret that I recollect in my manhood the opportunities of learning which I neglected in my youth: that through every part of my literary career I have felt pinched and hampered by my own ignorance; and I would at this moment give half the reputation I have had the good fortune to acquire, if by doing prayer meeting may rightfully be suspended. If you are one of these, dear reader, let us reason so I could rest the remaining part upon a sound foundation of learning and science.'

> Self-Culture.-Young men be diligent in the cultivation of your intellectual powers; for encouragement read the following:—" One of the best editors of the Westminister Review was a cooper in Aberdeen; one of the greatest philanthrepists of his day was an apprentice to a surgeon in Fraserburgh; one of the editors of a London daily paper was a baker in Elgin; the editor of the Edinburgh Witness was a stone mason in Cromarty; one of the ablest London ministers was a watchmaker in Banff; the late Dr. Milne, of China, was a herd-boy in Aberdeenshire; the Principal of the London Missionaries was a tailor in Keith; the richest iron founder in England, was a working man in Morayshire Sir J. Clark, Queen's physician, was a druggist in Banff; one of the members for Glasgow was a poor Ross-shire boy; and Joseph Hume was sailor boy in Montrose."

RELIGION FOR THE YOUNG.—The young want efforts.—N. Y. Evangelist. religion, to lay the foundation of a good character. When the prophet Elisha was living at Jericho, some of the people came to him and told him that the water was very bad. Now the city of Jericho was supplied with water from a spring, which was conducted to the city, I supposed in an aqueduct of some kind. And what did the prophet do? He did not go to the streams, which conveyed the water to different parts of the city, to see if he could purify them: but he went and cast salt into the spring, and the water was m de good. This is what you must do:

their souls, and incur everlasting misery rather lust of the brutal patrican. or interest to prevent it.

me. Const is the door—tarough him there is escape from the dominion of sin. I have acted like that foolish bird long enough. What the There was now another religious establishment in door was to it, Christ is to me. As it escaped through the door, so may I through Christ."

We act openly, he said, and neither in an offer importance demands. A monthly periodical has been started by the leading men of the new church been started heaven?

4. You would lose nothing, ordinarily, even and seminary, entitled the Indicatore, which, an honest and generous heart, in view of the others of our tracts which treat of doctrines not and seminary, entitled the Indicatore, which, an honest and generous heart, in view of the others of our tracts which treat of doctrines not and seminary, entitled the Indicatore, which, an honest and generous heart, in view of the others of our tracts which treat of doctrines not and seminary, even and seminary And she found peace in believing. And almost as soon as the bird commenced its melody in the tree, rejoicing over its escape, she commenced making melody in her heart unto the Lord.

4. You would lose nothing, ordinarily, even in worldly respects, by discharging this duty. A little diligence, a little care against waste of time; or even without these, the increased time; or even without the says clearly avowing and strongly and strongly are time; or even without the says clearly avowing and strongly are time; or even without the says clearly avowing and strongly are time; or even without the says clearly avowing and strongly are time; or even without the says clearly avowing and strongly are time; or even without the says clearly avowing and strongly are time; or even without the says cle strength gained by an hour's rest from toil, will grounds of their secession, supplies a tolerably county, Ky." sold a man and his wife to a negro-object is to give the truth to all. From infancy strength gained by an hour's rest from toil, will amply compensate the loss. More than all, the blessing of God, that first element of all true prosperity, will be enjoyed. In the summer when the cholera prevailed in this country, a day of fasting was appointed in reference to it. A word not attend worship, but devote the day to acteristic of newly converted men who have felt which so much has been said of Northern apolothe securing of his harvest. The result was, the power and sweetness of the truth as it is in gists for slavery. To induce them to go more by some,—straightlaced Baptists! But we think

It is to go to the prayer meeting. Let not the world call you away. Be prompt in all your his charge, for the preparation of Protestant The agony

nity were brought to the knowledge of the truth in different places, without concert or acquainttrial to escape. When all was done, the weight | tendencies which he might have entertained, in | contradictory doctrines and practices of Romeof sin yet hangs upon the soul. And the reason relation to Scriptural subjects, materially check- the contrast between Protestant and Popish countries, or by passages of Scripture scattered in the breviary. One of the most prominent of teetotalism and infidelity, is most ignorant, most these converts, Dr. Desanctis, was first affected preposterous, most insane. Teetotalism is the by the thought, that while Popery discountenanand of everything that is dignified and noble. ces or prohibits the use of the Bible, Protestants Infidelity, of everything that is mean and sordid: were spending a vast amount of money and energy teetotalism is the patron of everything that is benevolent, amiable and holy. Infidelity disregards these great principles. Teetotalism is

system, style and force of educated and practised | Congress possesses the constitutional power to | been gratefully received. This is not the recep-The town of E is embowered in trees. Its Christ; ponder this one truth, until it is written of youth, is "as though the spring were stricken authors. Several of them are in the form of prohibit that inter-State slave-trade, in the pro-

little church founded at Malta, on pure and simple ancient Catholic doctrines. He addresses himself

The free States hold this matter in the hollow of their hands. They are the majority, despite seeds will retain their vitality. Some of the aroto Cardinal Patrizzi, Vicar-General of Rome, and the slave holding representation of property matic seeds that have been buried for centuries signs himself "Late a parish priest in Rome," vested in human beings. With a will to put a with Egyptian mummies have been known to He begins by saying, that as it is incumbent on a stop to the domestic traffic in slaves, the power germinate and grow. Though we may not konw priest who has left his parish to give an account | would not be wanting. Whenever the will of | in what manner, it is certain that "our labour of his reasons to his superior, he will do it, that he may offer no occasion for blame; and he prefers to print his letters in order that they may slavery, and for such a regulation of the traffic from the Father of lights," and that dependence be read extensively, because his abandonment of between the States as shall put an end to the upon him is but gratitude under another name. his post has excited public attention. Some of loathsome occupation of the negro trader, their the essays are anonymous, but evidently from delegates in Congress, (now, we fear, but faithpersons acquainted with the Romish system in its ful representatives of the servility, prejudice, and details, and on familiar and friendly terms with indifference of the mass of their constituents on

the encouraging fact that the spirit of honest in- will the law of the land. quiry is extensive in Italy.

The conversion of Romanists is not as hopeless as we have been accustomed to believe. The word and the Spirit of God have begun to prova their powers in the midst of a class whose influence has hitherto been the chief obstacle to the at Trinity street Chapel, Borough, on Thursday prevalence of the gospel within its own limits, in Evening, April 27th, at six o'clock. Robert our country and all over the world. While Pro- Lush, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, in the chair. After testants have been attempting to introduce a few devotional exercises, led by brother Reynolds, of Bibles and missionaries within the outworks of Eynsford, and brother Brook, of Broadstairs.— Rome, Providence has seconded their efforts from | The Chairman said,-The movements of the

"LIBERTY OR DEATH!"

We published lately an account of a tragic scene which occurred at Covington, Ky. We then copied from the Louisville Examiner, and we now give the description of the melancholy affair as narrated by Mr. Whittier, a writer in the

National Era, as follows:—
"'Tis easy, my husband!' was the dying exclamation of the Roman heroine, as she drew the dagger from her bosom, and handed it to her was m de good. This is what you must do: husband to perform upon himself the same fear-cast salt into the spring, that the stream of life husband to perform upon himself the same fear-max run pure. You want your heart purified ful office of suicide. Her devotion and courage may run pure. You want your heart purified have been the theme of classical admiration. by the influence of true piety, in order that your character may be formed upon the true model. have been the theme of chast quick at the story of the sacrifice of Viginia by hor own father, beginning the proof of the sacrifice of Viginia by hor own father, beginning the proof of the sacrifice of Viginia by hor own father, beginning the proof of the sacrifice of Viginia by hor own father, beginning the proof of the sacrifice of Viginia by hor own father, beginning the proof of the sacrifice of Viginia by hor own father, beginning the proof of the sacrifice of Viginia by hor own father, beginning the proof of the sacrifice of the proof of the proo Men will part with their most pleasant fore the tribunal which had just pronounced her hings to save their temporal lives; yet they lose the slave of Claudius, and resigned her to the

than bestow any labour, or give up any pleasure | An event has just occurred in our own country which transcends in tragic interest these passages | Said he was glad to see the Chairman occupying REFORMATION IN ITALY.

'Among the events which are disclosing the remarkable impulse which has lately been given to the Italian mind, not the least significant and the remarkable involved its with the despotism of the Italian mind, not the least significant and the remarkable impulse which has lately been given to the Italian mind, not the least significant and the remarkable impulse which has lately been given to which scarcely the burning words of Alfieri or the vigorous lays of Macaulay could do justice. The newspapers of the West give the terrible details in few words, and generally without remark. Connected as it is with the despotism of the Italian mind, not the least significant and the provided of these who were word to which scarcely the burning words of Alfieri or the vigorous lays of Macaulay could do justice. The newspapers of the West give the terrible details in few words, and generally without remarks the dissimilar in some respects, there was no animosity between us. Time was when the alter of principle its brightest ornaments, it behoved them to society, which would exemplify the relative ties by which we stand connected. Though our objects might be dissimilar in some respects, there was no animosity between us. Time was when the alter of principle its brightest ornaments, it behoved them to society, which would exemplify the relative ties by which we stand connected. Though our objects might be dissimilar in some respects, there was no animosity between us. Time was when the alter of principle its brightest ornaments, it behoved them to society, which would exemplify the relative ties by which we stand connected. Though our objects might be dissimilar in some respects, there was no animosity between us. Time was when the alter of principle its brightest ornaments, it behoved them to society, which would exemplify the relative ties by which we stand connected. Though our objects might be dissimilar in some respects, there was no animosity between us.

willingly, the trader cunningly suggested that it open and liberal mindedness by no means incomquently to be carried out again; yet with all

The first notice we had of the secession from would be best to let the child remain with them patible with firmness. We seek peace with all this extra labour, a large share of it was greatly injured. They, on the contrary, who left their of Dr. Achilli, a distinguished Italian ecclesiastic, of D grain in the field, and honoured God in duty, who appeared at the meeting of the Evangelical them and sent back to Grant county. This diagathered it at their leisure the next day, in the Alliance in England. He stated, what we had bolical advantage of parental affection was acfinest condition, effecting an actual saving of time, known before, that there was a considerable cordingly taken, and the three slaves were brought ing is conducive to ceremonialism, rather than as well as labour, vexation and loss. So, in one number of Italians in different parts of Europe to Covington on the 18th ult. and placed in the spirituality. The scriptures testify plainly enough way or another, God always makes it best to who had fled from their native country for fear jail for safe keeping. Just before entering the that "a new creature" is as essential to a true after great exertions and long toil that sleep serve him. In keeping his commandments there of persecution—for the reforming Pius IX. had jail, the parents learned by some means the cruel profession, as to participation in the life of Christ. not yet included among his virtues the grace of trick that had been played upon them, and that

toleration. After his return to Italy, it was an they were to be sold away from their child in a of this Society are in demand, and I am glad to his charge, for the preparation of Protestant The agony and horror which followed this rethe error of his ways, is a sense of his deep sin- duty. And thus, notwithstanding the claims of Italian clergyman, in the Island of Malta, and velation are known only to God. The wretched fulness in the sight of God. If this feeling is the world, you will never grudge the time spent under the protection, of course, of the British. pair looked upon each other and upon their child. never felt, then, in ordinary cases, there is no re- in this service, but with Peter on the mount, you The ceremonies performed on the occasion were They were about to leave the sole pledge of their simple, appropriate and interesting. The prayer love in the hands of a master who had proved made by the President, Dr. Achilli, was scriptu- himself cruel and heartless. They were them- thing to, nor diminish anything from it. They ral, humble, earnest and affecting. Its style and thoughts bore such marks of originality as we owners, and driven by the whip on separate that we are also open, although we are so, I hope, long to meet with among fellow-Christians of a plantations, never to see each other again, never both in our disposition and dealings. We will different land and language. The same may be to hear the voices of old friends and relatives not praise ourselves; but I have often noticed, said of the various writings published by members of the new church, as they often present rare neglected in the cheerless hut, and to have, when or new arguments in favour of some doctrine of all was over a brute's burial. From this awful to others. We exercise charity towards all, and the Scriptures, ascertained by their own research- destiny, which their imagination all through that we expect to receive the same in return. We very means are employed, and the very spirit is es in the sacred volume, and brought forward miserable night painted on the black wall of the like to bear the stamp that God has put upon with the freshness and force of a new discovery.

Most of the members of this interesting frater
death! Who marvels that they sought it?

Indeed the stamp that they stamp t

deliberately resolved to die together. The mother like the Mediterranean at the straits of Gibraltar, ance with each other. Some received their first cut the throat of the child, and then gave the there we would confine ourselves to the limits impressions from intercourse with foreign Pro- knife to her husband, who killed her, and then which God himself has prescribed. I rejoice to testants, and others were led to inquiry by the attempted to complete the sacrifice by cutting hear that our tracts are being "widely circulathis own throat. He was found alive, but it was ed," and that they are extended to the continent Making a total of thought he could not recover.

those who thrust upon that terrible alternative— who compelled them to choose between the sep-

numbers of the Indicatore above referred to. men directly concerned in buying and selling the I would view the fact in a vastly different and The subjects most prominently dwelt upon in the periodical, are the common use of the Scriptures, the primacy of the Pope, the idolatry of Rome, the primacy of the Pope, the idolatry of Rome, the primacy of the Pope, the idolatry of Rome, the primacy of the Pope, the idolatry of Rome, to the laws which authorizes the holding of man the laws which authorizes the laws which author tate not the bird which sought are trifled away or open and spend not the solutions of the subject in after life, of bitter reflection.

The primacy of the rope, the indistrant of the laws which authorizes the holding of man which are trifled away or open and the individuals who compose the individuals who contributations of the laws which authorizes the holding of man used to render some of the individuals who contributations of the in

leave the Romish communion, and to join the ed in Congress have not demanded its exercise. that we never work in vain. The word is commany ecclesiastics and others whom they have the question of slavery) will, whether from choice left behind them. They afford evidence also of or from necessity, lose no time in making that

> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BAPTIST TRACT SOCIETY.

within; and behold a small, but noble and cour- day are far in advance of those of any previous ageous little band sally out from the citadel, period of history, as well in their importance as throw up an entrenchment under its walls, and in the rapidity with which they succeed each and humbled by the removal from amongst them draw the bright weapons of the gospel, put on other. This state of things has undoubtedly been of their friend and father Dr. Welsh. The third the shining armour of God, and declare that they have left friends behind ready to second their efforts.—N. Y. Evangelist.

This state of things has undoubtedly been of their friend and lather Dr. Weisa. The things has undoubtedly been of their friend and lather Dr. Weisa. The things has undoubtedly been of their friend and lather Dr. Weisa. The things has undoubtedly been of their friend and lather Dr. Weisa. The things has undoubtedly been of their friend and lather Dr. Weisa. The things has undoubtedly been of their friend and lather Dr. Weisa. The things has undoubtedly been of their friend and lather Dr. Weisa. The things has undoubtedly been of their friend and lather Dr. Weisa. The things has undoubtedly been of their friend and lather Dr. Weisa. The things has undoubtedly been of their friend and lather Dr. Weisa. The things has undoubtedly been of their friend and lather Dr. Weisa. The things has undoubtedly been of their friend and lather Dr. Weisa. The things has undoubtedly been of their friend and lather Dr. Weisa. The things has undoubtedly been of their friend and lather Dr. Weisa. The things has undoubtedly been of their friend and lather Dr. Weisa. The things has undoubtedly been of their friend and lather Dr. Weisa. The things has undoubtedly been of their friend and lather Dr. Weisa. The things has undoubtedly been of their friend and lather Dr. Weisa. The things has undoubtedly been of their friend and lather Dr. Weisa. The things has undoubtedly been of their friends and lather Dr. Weisa. The things have been on the lather Dr. Weisa. The things have been of the present and lather Dr. Weisa. The things have been on the lather Dr. Weisa. The things have been on the lather Dr. Weisa. The things have been on the lather Dr. Weisa. The things have been on the lather Dr. Weisa. The things have been on the lather Dr. Weisa. The things have been on the lather Dr. Weisa. The things have been on the lather Dr. Weisa. The things have been dependent of the lather Dr. Weisa. The things have been dependen perceive that there had been a larger circulation more systematic efforts to procure sites for of the Tracts of this Society during the past | churches wherein to worship God according to year, than in any former one of its existence. the dictate of their own consciences; and a monstrenuous efforts to advance its objects. He informed the meeting that the Treasurer had this impulse was given to the Sustentation Fund rather than cramp the operations of the Society: well as to his valued friend the treasurer,

> After the reading of the report, addresses were made by Messrs. Stock, Betts, Hoskin, Webb, &c. We quote a paragraph from the address of labours, Chalmers—the Luther and the Knox of Mr. Stock, and another from that of Mr. Webb : Scotland-was taken from amongst them; Ham-

Brother Stock, late of Chatham, in moving-

Brother Webb, of Inswich, said, -The tracts | the case as regards the Church. find that they are multiplied, and that they embrace all the doctrines of christianity. God has given us rich variety in the moral, as in the physical world, and we can improve the one as little as the other; nor can we mend God's word. It is therefore important that we neither add anydeath! Who marvels that they sought it? is broad, so where God's truth spreads, let our sentiments spread too. But where it narrows, of Europe, as well as to our dependencies abroad. Upon whom, in the sight of truth and reason, Among the nations God is now speaking in the rests the guilt of this terrible immolation? Not, tempest and the earthquake, but let us not forget surely, upon the poor victims themselves. We that he will also speak in the still, small voice. may pity but cannot condemn them. We leave Is not this voice heard in your publications? them to Him to whose mercy they have so sol- | Sincerely do I hope that we shall extend the inemuly appealed from the cruelty of man. The fluence that we already possess. This Society is damning sin of this tragedy lies at the door of young, but it already gives evidence of unwonted aration, the shame, the stripes, the long agony the dominions of Great Britain. I would refer Perhaps we shall afford as correct an idea of of slavery, and a sudden and violent death—the to it with far other feelings. Be it remembered to it with far other feelings. Be it remembered to it with far other feelings. Be it remembered that the price at which we have purchased this what needs most to be learned of this peculiar church, by sketching the contents of a few of the But the responsibility is not confined to the vain boast, is that of honour, integrity, and blood.

secution of which the Covington slave-dealer and we would not say, that for every pound given Dr. Desanctis, for example, has published several parts of a long letter, in which he details the reasons by which he felt himself impelled to

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FREE

CHURCH. This body assembled in their Hall at Edin-

burgh, on Thursday May 17th, when Dr. Clason was chosen moderator. We cannot more readily give a view of the position of this body, than by quoting an extract from an address by Mr. Gray of Perth, and an abstract of the Report of Mr.

MR. Andrew Gray addressed the Assembly at

great length on the present position and pros-

up with the building of Churches, in the caring for the flocks and for the shepherds. The second was marked by deep research into their spiritual state; but their minds were chastened Present exigencies required more to be issued, ument of their persecution was to be seen in the and the Society needed, therefore, to make more floating manse and floating church at Strontian. year advanced a considerable sum of money, the School master's Fund was also placed on a sure foundation-still the hand of God was there and he hoped we should not be unmindful of to chasten and subdue, and the Church had to what we owe to God and to our fellow-men, as mourn over the loss of a Brewster. The fifth year then arrived, and what were they to say of it ? It was indeed a year of much affliction; stroke after stroke fell on the Church. Scarcely had it well commenced when, in the midst of his ilton, and Spiers, and the youthful Innes of Canobie, followed in quick succession, so that RES. I. "That the report now read, be adopted, printed, they were almost constrained to cry out-"The chariots of Isarel and the horsemen thereof." Met, therefore, as an Assembly, at the present ing on the skirts of a hierarchy, harbouring invidious thoughts as if they were better and superior to their neighbours. And in what did their superiority consist? Look, for instance, at the missionary schemes, and they would find that the sums collected by the Free Church far Church before the Disruption. By their enemies they had been hardly dealt with-they could scarcely get toleration for their very religionfor their flocks or for themselves; and was it to be thought that they should bear all these things in silence? Perhaps they sometimes yielded more to their feelings than they ought, considering that it was their duty to love their enemies but most certainly not to love them as they loved outward interests of religious duty, still there were many things which their great Master might even then be judging them for. It was overcame the body; and such was undoubtedly MR. JAFFRAY read a detailed statement of the

> the following sums were collected :--Congregational Collections - £21,063 0 61 Schoolmasters' Sustentation Fund -Congregational Associations Individual and Miscellaneous 6346 12 1 Donations - -Special Contributions for Jews' Conversion & Foreign 408 4 0 Juvenile Offerings 846 1 6 1328 11 8 101 18 2 541 13 8 Colonial and Foreign -Special Contributions from the Ladies of Scotland, 4650 0 0 392 15 9 Interest of Money Foreign Mission Building

In addition to this, there were also Supplementary Con-233 16 1 New College Bursary Fund 652 3 1 and Interest 1125 18 6 Central Building Fund School Building Fund and 5004 3 10 Interest Continental Churches 2255 5 7 60 0 2 Sabbath Observance

Besides these there were other sums subscribed