

origin on its forehead, and will never be able to penetrate in Germanic countries.—As a christian, as a theologian, as a historian, as a citizen, I cannot accept this doctrine. Not as a Christian, for it is irreconcilable with the spirit of the gospel, and with the plain words of Christ and his apostles; it purposes just that establishment of the kingdom of this world which Christ rejected, it claims that rule over all communions which Peter forbids to all and to himself. Not as a Theologian; for the whole true tradition of the Church is in irreconcilable opposition to it. Not as a Historian can I accept it; for as such I know that the persistent endeavour to realise this theory of a kingdom of the world has cost Europe rivers of blood, has confounded and degraded whole countries, has shaken the beautiful organic architecture of the elder Church, and has begotten, fed and sustained the worst abuses in the Church."

The General Assembly in Chicago.

The *Chicago Tribune* of the 19th May contains the following notice of the opening of the General Assembly.

"The second General Assembly of the Reunited Presbyterian Church, no longer sundered into the Old and New Schools, both forming one grand and henceforth indissoluble whole, was held yesterday morning in the First Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Wabash avenue and Congress street.

At half-past 11 the services were opened by a blessing by Dr. Eels, of Cleveland, after which there was reading from the Scriptures, singing, and prayer by Rev. Dr. Musgrave, of Philadelphia.

ANNUAL SERMON.

The annual sermon was then preached by the Rev. J. Trumbull Bakus, of Schenectady, N. Y., his text being taken from the 16th verse of the 4th chapter of Ephesians.

In the afternoon session the roll was made up, and several nominations made for Moderator, among others, that of Governor Pollock, who was nominated by Judge Allison. Drs. Junkin and Edwards thought this illegal, as the Assembly should be opened by a sermon. Governor Pollock had his name withdrawn, but he and Judge Allison held that an elder could be elected, and that the history of the Church of Scotland

furnished a precedent. They referred to the fact that George Buchanan, who was an elder of the Kirk, had been chosen Moderator of the General Assembly, on one occasion."

Rev. Dr. Humphrey was elected Moderator.

The whole proceedings of the court gave convincing evidence of the advantages of union. There was a loftier tone, grand ideas and hopes worthy of being entertained by a national Church expressed; and all seemed to feel a higher spirit animating them. In the face of such a Church as this in the U. S., representing four or five millions of people and extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, how extraordinary is it that some here see difficulties in the way of union throughout the Dominion on account of the distances!

One of the trophies of the union is that during the first year they have raised a special thank-offering of nearly a million sterling, for their educational and mission work. The magnitude of this will be best understood when we remember that the Church of Scotland has been fifteen years in raising half the amount for its great endowment scheme; and that the Bishop of London's projected fund of a million has not reached half the sum yet though he has been at it for years and has the richest community in the world to appeal to.

Paris Pastors.

Two distinguished Protestant pastors, Pressensé and G. Monod, in Paris, have addressed letters of stern and noble remonstrance to the insurgent chiefs, against the imprisonment and threatened murder of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Paris. These Protestant brethren denounce the indignity and outrage as a disgrace to the authors of it, and they intimate that they would prefer to suffer themselves, than that a hair of his head should be injured.

This manly and Christian interposition of Protestant pastors in behalf of a Roman Catholic prelate speaks volumes in praise of their *Christianity*.

The Commune, in whose hands the Archbishop is held, is essentially atheistic in its sentiments, and is very fitly represented by Rochefort, the notorious