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THE LATEST ACCOUNT OF REVISION.

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DR. SCHAFF introduces into the literature of this subject a historical parallel between the five Revision-articles, and the five points of Arminianism, as condemned at the Synod of Dort, concerning which it is remarked that "they have long since been abandoned in that country." Have they been abandoned by the Dutch Church? Unless this be so, there is no presumption created against them. If they have been abandoned by the Dutch people, this fact should be taken along with another, stated in the "Creeds of Christendom," that Arminianism, which had a leaning to Socinianism, led to that Rationalism which has overspread Europe. The violent proceedings of the Synod of Dort could not extinguish Arminianism, but Arminianism by natural or logical development extinguished itself and ended in rationalism. The Arminian five points were distinct and important parts of Christian dogma; but eternal preterition and eternal reprobation are identical conceptions of which damnation of infants and heathens [as it is wrongly expressed] is part and the points referring to Antichrist and the idolatry of Popery, are merely opinions or at most interpretations. To rank these points along with the Arminian points as distinct articles of Christian dogma gives them a factitious importance, and confirms the very questionable statement that this Revision business is "the greatest doctrinal discussion held in this country, and forms an epoch-making chapter in the history of American Theology."