

have been to him a poor protection had the magistrate borne no sword, or borne it in vain," &c., &c.

But space will not allow us quote as we would like. However, the Editor of the Collection has been appointed one of the Delegates by our Synod at Ottawa to our Synod in the Maritime Provinces, and he will, doubtless, make arrangements for its sale here. We cordially recommend the book to all who value interesting and profitable reading, and who at the same time give a natural preference to native productions. Canadian literature is as yet a plant of feeble growth; but its development so far gives promise of a vigorous future.

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Articles Selected.

Principal Tulloch's Notes on the American Churches.

(From the Home and Foreign Record.)

I need hardly say that many things have greatly interested me in America. Space would fail to speak of the schools, colleges, churches, and institutions of all kinds, I have already visited, and into whose constitution and working I have in some degree inquired. Space, above all, would fail to speak of the abounding kindness I have everywhere received from clergy of all denominations, from the heads and presidents of colleges, from the literary circle at Boston, embracing all the brightest intellectual names in America, not to speak of private kindness, more than I can express or ever forget. I have no intention, therefore, of saying anything of my visit generally, or of the many objects which have engaged my interest. Even if the pages of the 'Record' were the place for such comment—which it is not—my impressions are in the mean time too fresh and too crowded together to admit of being analysed and set forth in any order.

I cannot refrain, however, from sending a few lines about some of the more obvious features which have struck me in the American Churches, and of saying something which I hope may im-

press our Church at home with the real importance of cultivating closer relations with the American Presbyterians, and of sending, if possible, delegates every year to their General Assembly. I do this all the more readily, that although here and anxious to be present at the Assembly, I feel that this will be beyond my power, for two reasons. Because, *first*, it meets so far west as St. Louis this year; and *secondly*, does not meet till about the time that our own General Assembly meets, when I must be making my preparations for returning home. It is difficult for any one who has not been in America to realise the enormous distances which separate its great centres of civilisation. It is true that the railway system of the country is so perfected that these distances can be traversed with celerity and at great convenience; but all the same, I do not find it practicable to contemplate being at St. Louis on the Mississippi on the 22d or 23d of May and sailing for home, which I have arranged to do, on the 27th. Unable to do this, I have done what I could. I have availed myself of the kind friendliness of Dr. Adams, *clarum et venerabile nomen*, in New York, to see as much of the Presbyterian Churches in that city as I could. It is pleasant to hear with what respect all classes in New York Presbyterians, Episcopalians, and Congregationalists, alike speak of Dr. Adams, whom we had the pleasure of welcoming at the General Assembly a year or two ago. On the Sunday after my arrival, he preached his valedictory sermon to the large and influential congregation to which he has ministered for upwards of forty years, having accepted the office of president to the Union Theological Seminary. This office has already been offered him twice, I understood him to say; but up to this time he had been unable to break the ties which bound him to his attached flock. At length, however, he has felt it to be his duty to accept the more dignified and less hard-worked position; and he is now associated in the Union Seminary with Dr. Hitchcock and Dr. Schaff, and other distinguished names, with all of whom I have had pleasant intercourse. Dr. Smith, one of the most able of the group, of whom Dr. Milligan retains