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JUNE.

Office of the "PRESBYTERIAN," 210 St. James Street, Montreal, 22nd May, 1875.

The following gratifying message has just been received by cable, in cypher, at this Office, from the Deputation appointed at the November Meeting of Synod, in Toronto, to proceed to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, which is now holding its sessions in Edinburgh:-

Dr. Cook, was enthusiastically received by the General Assembly, and spoke with warmth and effect. We are satisfied that our Mission has been successful. We bid you go forward, assured that your proceedings are approved, and that the announcement of the consummation of Union will be received with thankfulness on this side the were read and confirmed. Atlantic.

due for the Presbyterian be at once forwarded to the office, 210 St. James street, Montreal.

UNION FEELING IN MONTREAL IN 1866.

The question of Union engaged the attention of the Presbyterian Churches in Montreal as far back as March, 1866, as may be seen from the subjoined circular which we reprint as an interesting item in the history of Union aspirations in this country.

MONTREAL, March 14th, 1866.

At an adjourned meeting of Elders held this evening in the house of Mr. J. C. Becket, to consider the question of Union between all the Presbyterian Churches of Canada, the various Congregations were represented by the under-mentioned Elders. Those marked thus (*) being absent from the Meeting, desire to record their approval of the resolutions.

St. Andrew's Church. J. S. Hunter, James Goudie, Thomas Watson, James Mitchell, M. Ramsay.

Sr. Paul's Church.—W. Christie, A. Ferguson, Mansfield Street; G. Macdonald, T. A. Gibson, W. Ross, .John Greenshields, .George

M'Kenzie. Knox's Сигиси.— W. M'Bean, E. Moore, W. Rowan.

COTTÉ ST. CHURCH.—J. Redpath, A. Ferguson, Belmont Street; A. Stevenson, F. W. Torrance, *J. Campbell, *A. McGown, *J. Plimsoll. Erskine Church.—G. Rogers. L. Patton, J. C

Becket, W. King, D. MacKay, James Walker.

COTE DES NEIGES.—W. Boa, W. Brown. Mr. Redpath being called to the chair, requested Mr Rogers to open the meeting with prayer. Mr. Becket was appointed secretary. The min-utes of last meeting, approving of the Union,

The Chairman stated that the sub-Committee appointed at last meeting had prepared tis following Resolution for the consideration of this meeting:

Resolved. 1st. That it is the unanimous judgment of this meeting that whatever differences of opinion may have existed at the time of the It is respectfully requested that amounts disruption of the Church of Scotland for following the same course in Canada, the period has arrived when the Church in this country can be united with great advantage to the interests of Christianity, especially of our common faith, and without interference with the conscientious convictions of any of its members.

2. That this desirable end may be accomplished in accordance with Presbyterian principles, the Elders now present agree to bring the subject before their respective sessions for their consideration, and with a view to general Sessional approval of such proposed union; and they also pledge themselves to use every other possible and legitimate method to bring about its consummation.

3. That this meeting is encouraged and fortified in the steps which it has now taken, by the example and experience of their Presbyterian brethren in Australia, who have been lately united into one body, under one general assembly, with the approval of the Supreme Ecclesi- DEAR SIR:

astical Courts in Souland.

4. That a joint Committee of Elders be and is hereby appointed to issue these resolutions to all office-bearers of the Presbyterian Congregations in Canada, with a view to obtain a general expression of opinion upon the subject herein submitted, and that the Committee consist of the following gentlemen, namely: J. C. Becket, A. Ferguson, Mansfied Street; John Redpath, J. S. Hunter, W. Rowan.

After a full and free discussion the above resolutions were unanimously adopted, and in accordance therewith, the Committee appointed to carry them out were requested to prepare a circular, and have them sent as soon as possible in order that the mind of the Churches may be obtained on this very important subject.

The above resolutions testify to the unanimity which prevails among the lay Elders of all the Presbyterian Churches in this City with regard

to the great question of Union.

Believing then as we do that such Union must tend to promote the Redeemer's Kingdom and to the advantage of his Church in these Provinces, we trust and pray that the scheme may meet with a hearty approval and be speedily consummated throughout the length and breadth of the land. We are assuredly far from being indifferent to the basis and conditions on. which it must finally be effected, but consider a sessional discussion of these at present to be premature and unnecessary. Once let the fact be established that the Ministers, Elders, and Dr. Duff in the chair, and from the remarkers of the Churches generally are members of the Churches generally are con-vinced of the desirability of being united, and following extract: will present themselves.

We must assure you, our brethren in the Eldership throughout the Province, we have only ventured to take the initiative from a conviction that further delay would be prejudicial legated by the several Churches.

to the cause. We entreat therefore that you are liberative body, and should carry only moral tunity of laying the above resolutions before your brethren in session and let us know the

Minutes of Synod of both Churches.

PAN-PRESBYTERIANISM.

The following Circular supplies information respecting the proposed Confederation of Presbyterians. The meeting which it summoned was largely attended. The Canadian Churches were represented by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins.

NEW YORK, 27th March, 1875.

The Committee on Presbyterian Confederation respectfully request that you will favour them with your presence at their next meeting, to be held on Thursday, April 8th, at 8 o'clock, P. M., in the Chapel of the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church, corner 22nd Street, New York.

In the matters entrusted to this Committee, considerable progress has already been made, but the movement has now reached a stage at which it is thought desirable that counsel should be taken with a number of its friends.

The different Presbyterian Churches of Great Britain-the Church of Scotland; the Free Church of Scotland; the United Presbyterian Church; the Reformed Presbyterian Church; the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and the English Presbyterian Church—are all warmly interested in the proposed Confederation.

"1. The first point considered was the nature of the proposed body. It was the mind of the meeting that it should not be a mere casual gathering, but a Council of Commissioners, de-

weight.
"3. The Churches represented in the Council result without delay. Replies may be addressed should be Presbyterian Churches, in sympathy to the undersigned, as Convener of the Comwith Evangelical views. The meeting did not mittee.

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P. S.—This Circular should properly have been directed to the various Clerks of Sessions, but as their addresses were not known, we have forwarded three copies to each of the representative Elders whose names are found in last thin the consequence of the Referred Churches. The meeting dut not come to any decision as to how such Churches might be defined. In regard to most English-speaking Ghurches, the Westminster Standards would form the basis; in regard to Foreign Churches, it was thought that in some way it taking Eders whose names are found in last with the consensus of the Reformed Churches.

"It was considered that the number of delegates should not exceed three hundred. was also thought that there might be a class! called "Associates," who might sit and deliberate with the Council, but not vote. These "Associates" not requiring to be delegated, but admitted by the Council or a Committee. The proportion of Ministers to Elders to be settled by the Churches electing them, with an understanding that an equal number of each should, if possible, be appointed. The quorum, it was thought, ought to be not fewer than the number of Churches represented—e.g., if the number of Churches represented was thirty-five, the quorum also to be thirty-five (others thought twenty-five).

"4. Business. The business might be brought forward in the form of suggestions by the Churches represented, these suggestions to be considered and arranged by a Committee of the body previous to the public meeting. An opportunity should also be afforded for members of the Council to suggest topics, subject to approval of the same Committee A majority of votes to determine the questions submitted

to the Council.

"5. The Council to meet once in three years. (Dr. Lang said that his Church had not considered the subject of a triennial Conference, and that he did not wish at present to be held as concurring in that.) The first meeting to be struggling Churches which have to carry on held in 1876—place to be determined at London their operations amid infidel or anti-Christian meeting, in 1875."

These Committees have now called a Conference of the Committees of all the ence' sake.

"13. It will strive to procure for the Churches
"13. It will strive to procure for the Churches nies, America, the European Continent, which Christ has given to such as their inalienand elsewhere, that are favorable to the able privilege. This Conference will meet in London, on Wednesday, July 21st, 1875, mine when and where the First General Council of the Confederated Churches shall assemble.

At a meeting of the Committees, representing the American and Canadian Churches, held in New York last December, the following resolutions were adopted:

"1. In the opinion of the Churches represented at this meeting, it is desirable to form a Confederation of the Reformed Churches holding to the Presbyterian system, in order to manifest the substantial unity of these Churches, and to combine them in the accomplishment of the great work committed to them by the Head of

the Church.

"2. While furnishing to the Presbyterian into closer fel-Churches a means of entering into closer fellowship with one another, this Confederation is not meant to separate them in any way from other Churches which hold by Christ, the Head,

to co-operate.

"3. This Confederation does not propose to form or to adopt a new Confession of Faith, but will require every Church proposing to join it to submit its Creed, and will admit only the Churches whose Creed is in conformity with the consensus of the Reformed Church.

"4. It shall not interfere with the internal

order and discipline of any Church.

"5. It shall hold, from time to time, a General Council, composed of representatives of all the Churches constituting the Confederation

"6. The representatives to this Council shall always consist of an equal number of Ministers

and Elders.

"7. The General Council shall take up only such subjects as have been committed to the

Church by her great Head.

"8. The General Council shall seek to guide public sentiment aright in various countries by papers read, by addresses delivered, by informa-An tion collected in order to publication, by the exposition of sound scriptural principles and defences of the truth.

"9. The decisions come to by this Council shall be laid before the several Churches, and be entitled to receive from them a respectful, a

prayerful, and careful consideration.

"10. It will labor to promote the peace and

harmony of the Churches.

opposition.

"12. It will defend by all lawful means, those who in any country are persecuted for consci-

that freedom of government and of action,

"14. It will employ all moral means so to distribute the Mission work of the Churches on the foreign field, as to prevent Missionary enterand will prepare a draft Constitution for prises from interfering with or hindering each the proposed Confederation, and deter-other,—that Missionaries be sent to every nation, other,—that Missionaries be sent to every nation, and our Lord's command be fulfilled by the gos-

pel being preached to every creature.
"15. It will encourage the Churches to combined efforts to provide for the religious wants of great cities and other destitute portions of

the home field.

"16. It will press upon all the Churches the imperative duty of securing the adequate instruction of the young in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

"17. It will make every effort to protect the Sabbath as a Divine institution, fitted to con-

vey so many blessings, temporal and spiritual.

"18. It will endeavour to combine the Churches in their efforts to suppress intemperance, and the other great prevailing vices of the age, and generally to promote the moral improvement and elevation of mankind.

"19. It will aim to foster among Christians systematic beneficence for the furtherance of Christian objects.

"20. It will make systematic efforts to meet with which Churches it will always be ready prevailing forms of infidelity all over the world. "21. It will seek to combine the Protestant

Churches in opposing the errors and inroads of INTERIM DRAFT of a Constitution for the

1, "22. In order to organize the Confederation, a Sub-committee shall be appointed to correspond with the Committees of the British Churches, and with other Churches throughout the world holding to the Presbyterian system. This Sub-Committee, in correspondence with the Committees of the British Churches, shall call a preparatory meeting of the Committees of all the Churches joining in this Confederation, to be held in London or elsewhere in 1875.

"Turs preparatory meeting is expected to | agree upon and circulate in proof a constitution of the Confederation to be laid before a General Council of the Federal Churches, to be held, if possible, in 1876. This preparatory meeting shall agreeupon a provisional plan of representation—that is, upon the number of deputies to be sent by each Church to the General Coun-

In accordance with the last Resolution, a Sub-committee was appointed to proceed to London, and to take part in the Conference. As the responsibility imposed on these Brethren is very great, it is but right that some general instructions be given them. One of the special objects therefore, of this April meeting-to which you are invited, is to obtain from a somewhat wide circle of friends, and for the guidance of this Sub-committee, an expression of opinion, respecting a Draft Constitution containing Articles on such subjects as,—the proper Name, Basis and Aims of this Confederation, and the Character and Constitution of that Council, by which the Confederation will manifest itself;—Its Members—their number and qualifications—its Powers, Business and Meetings, with their frequency and locality.

Trusting that it may suit your convenience to be present on the evening named,

We are, in name of the Committee,

Yours very truly.

JAMES McCOSH, Chairman.

G. D. MATHEWS, Secretary.

At this meeting a Committee was appointed to prepare a DRAFT CONSTITU-TION to be submitted to the meeting to be held in July of this year by the Representatives of the Churches in British America and the United States.

proposed Confederation of Presbyterian Churches, to be amended before being submitted to the Conference in London. July 21st, 1875.

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, the Church of God, though composed of many members, is one Body in Christ: and WHEREAS, The Reformed Churches holding by Presbyterian principles, are substantially one in Doctrine, Government, and Discipline; IT IS THEREFORE AGREED, to form a Presbyterian Alliance, to meet in General Council from time to time, in order to manifest the oneness of these Churches. and to combine them in furthering the great ends for which they have been instituted by their Head; it being understood, that in thus uniting, the Presbyterian Churches do not mean to separate from other Churches which hold by Christ, but will be ready to join such in Christian fellowship, and in promoting the cause of the Redeemer.

ARTICLES.

1. Designation.—This Alliance shall be called "The Confeders tion of the Reformed Churches, holding to the Presbyterian System."

2. Bond of Union.—The Bond of Union is Christ, and the Scriptures of the Old and New

Testaments.

3. Membership.—Any Church, whose creed is in accordance with the consensus of the Reformed Churches—such only being admissable, may, on expressing by its Supreme Court, a wish to join the Confederation, be admitted into membership therein, by a vote of the General Council.

4. THE COUNCIL.

1. Its Constituency.—The Council shall consist of Delegates appointed by the Churches forming the Confederation; the number from each Church being regulated by a plan sauctioned by the Council, and proceeding on the principle of the number of congregations in the Churches; the Delegates, moreover, from each Church, always consisting of an equal number of ministers and elders. The Council may, on the recommendation of a Committée on Overtures, choose Associates not Delegates, and invite them to sit and to deliberate, to offer suggestions, to deliver addresses, and to read papers.

2. Its powers.—The Council, while it has the power to determine what Presbyterian Churches shall be allowed to join the Confederation, shall not interfere with the internal order or discipline of any Church. It shall take up only such evangelistic subjects as have been committed to the Church by her great Head. Topics may be brought

before it by any Church which is a member of the Confederation, or by members of the Council, on being transmitted by the Committee on Overtures. The decisions and recommendations of the Council shall be transmitted to the Supreme Courts of the several Churches, and be entitled to receive from these a respectful and prayerful con-

3. Its objects.—The Council shall seek to help all weak and struggling Churches, to promote freedom of Church action, to gather and disseminate information concerning the Church at large, to commend the Presbyterian system as combining simplicity, efficiency, and adaptation to all times and conditions, and shall entertain all subjects that are directly concerned with the work of evangelization, as the following: The peace of the Churches; the distribution of Mission work; the combination of Church energies—especially in reference to our great cities and destitute districts; the religious Instruction of the Young; the sanctification of the Sabbath; the suppression of Intemperance and other great prevailing vices; Systematic Beneficence; and the overthrow of Infidelity and Romanism.

4. Its Methods.—The Council shall seek to guide and stimulate public sentiment by papers read, by addresses delivered, by publishing and circulating information about the state of the Churches and of Missions, and by the exposition of sound Scriptural Principles and Defenses of the truth.

5. CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION—This Constishall not be changed, except on a motion made at one meeting of the Council, and carried by a two-thirds vote at the next meeting.

"In Connection with the Church of Scotland."

We have been asked, What is the nature of the "connection" which exists between our Church in Canada and the Church of Scotland. The question assumes more than ordinary interest, in view of the contemplated Canadian Presbyterian Union, and the consequent discontinuance of the use of the words "in connection with the Church of Scotland." In a few days, it is expected, the Union of the Churches will be consummated, and this "connection" cease. "What is this "connection?" is a question that may be most readily and completely answered by our transcribing the "Act declaring the Spir tual Independence of the Synud of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland."

This Act was passed without a dissenting voice at the Synod which met in Sep-

tember, 1844, in St. Paul's Church, Montreal, and since that time has been read over to and assented by every Minister and Probationer who has applied for ordination or induction into any pastoral charge.*

The Act is as follows:

"Whereas this Syrod has always, from its first establishment, possessed a perfectly free and supreme jurisdiction over all the congregations and ministers in connection therewith; and although the independence and freedom of this Synod, in regard to all things spiritual, cannot be called in question, but has been repeatedly, and in most explicit terms affirmed, not only by itself, but by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, yet, as in present circumstances it is expedient that this independence be asserted and declared by a special Act:

special Act:
"It is hereby declared, That this Synod has always claimed and possessed, does now possess and ought always, in all time coming, to have and exercise a perfectly free, full, final, supreme and uncontrolled power of jurisdiction, discipline and government, in regard to all matters, ecclesiastical and spiritual, over all the Ministers, Elders, Church Members and Congregations under its care, without the right of review. appeal, complaint or reference, by or to any other Court or Courts whatsoever, in any form or under any pretence; and that in all cases that may come before it for judgment, the decisions and deliverances of this Synod shall be final. And this Synod further declares, that if any encroachment on this supreme power and authority shall be attempted or threatened, by any person or persons, Court or Courts what-soever, then the Synod, and each and eve y member thereof, shall to the utmost of their power, resist and oppose the same. And whereas the words in the designation of the Synod "in connection with the Church of Scotland," have been misunderstood or misrepresented by many persons, it is hereby declared, that the said words imply no right of jurisdiction or control, in any form whatsoever, by the Church of Scotland over this Synod, but denote merely the connection of origin, identity of standards, and ministerial and Church communion. And it is further enacted and declared that this supreme and free jurisdiction is a fundamental and essential part of the constitution of this Synod; and that this may be fully known to all those who may hereafter seek admission into our Church, it is enjoined that all Presbyteries shall preserve a copy of this Act, and cause it to be read over to, and assented by every Minister and Probutioner who may apply for ordination or induction into any pastoral charge."

About a year ago the formality of reading the Act was dispensed with at Ordinations and Inductions, though it still remains in force.

Our Own Church.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MONTREAL. We had the pleasure last month of recording the generosity of a few of the members of St. Andrew's, Ottawa, in presenting their minister on the eve of his departure for Scotland with a thousand This month we have to record the magnificent gift of sixteen hundred dollars to the Rev. Gavin Lang, who, must be highly gratifying to the pastors good. There can be no doubt also concerned. that they will greatly contribute to the QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, 25th of April The banquet given on the 28th of April the Graduates and long and expensive journey. The meeting at St. Andrew's, Montreal, at which and enthusiastic.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH. MONTREAL.-We congratulate this congregation on the near prospect which they have of complet, and guests sat it out till three o'clock in ing their beautiful church edifice. In the morning, it will be believed that the addition to some 2000 dollars, which it is reunion was both pleasant and enthusiasunderstood the Trustees have at command tie. In the absence of the chairman of for the building of the tower, a generous the Board of Trustees, the Hon. John lady of the congregation has offered the munificent sum of 5000 dollars provided that the balance (say 3000 dollars) needed! for the purpose be forthcoming within right were three months. The name of the benevelent donor we hope to have permission to announce in our next issue. Meanwhile of the Order of the Bath, the Grand Cross of we cannot doubt that a congregation which

NOVA SCOTIA.—Rev. G. M. GRANT, of St. Matthew's, Halifax, will probably and Rev. E. Ross, of Londonderry, that 100.

of the Sister Synod.

us .- We are happy to inform our read-cipal and by others in the company to ers that Mr. (we should rather say now whom this pleasant duty was assigned, poses to leave Liverpool on May 4th, with great enthusiasm, and suitably responded

his family, for Nova Scotia. We tender to him, by anticipation, hearty greetings

from many old friends.

The Rev. George J. Cale was, on the 19th ult., elected assistant and successor of the Rev. Dr. Stevenson of Forfar, Scotland. Mr. Caie had been officiating in the congregation for some time. This is one of the six largest and best parishes in Scotland, having respect to emoluments. In regard to number this church has 2,772 since the publication of our last number. Communicants, the last of the publication of our last number. We may heartily congratulate Mr. Caic has also sailed for Scotland. These tokens on his settlement. His health continues

by the Trustees to the Graduates and Undergraduates of "Queen's" was a great the presentation was made, was both large success, and will, we are sure, do much to advance the future progress and success of the institution. When we state that Convocation Hall was fil. 1, and that hosts and guests sat it out till three o'clock in Hamilton, Senator, the chair was occupied, with his accustomed ability, by the Very Rev. Principal Suodgrass, D.D. On his

has given to the Church in Canada so marked evidences of its liberality in all good deeds, will be ready to supply the sum needed for bringing on the top stone of the noble tower of their church with shout-legs of joy.

Now Scott Boy Canada so Rabella of Spain, and the Gross of St. Michael has given to the Church in Canada so and St. George, and looked in excellent health), and St. George, and looked in excellent health), Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Montreal; Dr. Dickson, Rev. G. Smith, Dr. Nowler, Prof. Williamson, Dr. Yates, Dr. O'rullivan, M.P.P., Peterboro; Geo. A. Kirkpatrick, B.A., (T.C.D.) M.P.; J. Michie, Esq., Toronto; Prof. Murray, McGilli College, Montreal; on the left, Dr. Sallivan, Mayor of ings of joy. lege: Professor Mowat, John Carruthers, Esq., James McNee, Esq., Rev. Dr. Bain, Perth: J. McLennan, Esq., B.A., Toronto; Rev. Patrick be chosen Moderator of our next Synod; Gray and the Rev. George Bell, LL.D., Walk-

The various toasts, loyal, academical, REV. ALLAN POLLOR'S RETURN TO and personal were proposed by the Prin-Professor) Pollok has written that he pro- were drank in tea. coffee or water, with

for the most part too long for the occasion; of necessity they were very unequal. "Sir John's" was perhaps the speech of the evening. He never looked better, or appeared to greater advantage. The speech was of moderate length, it was suggestive, full of pleasant allusions to the past, and full of pleasant allusions to the past, and full of pleasant allusions to the past, and of hopeful anticipations for the future of the College. Principal Cavan, of Knoz College, Toronto, on whom was conferred the Honorary Degree of D.D., was both Montreal; Charles H. Lavell, M.D., Kingston; P. P. Parser M. M. Black; Dr. J. Bell, Montreal; Charles H. Lavell, M.D., Kingston; P. P. Parser M. M. P. Parser M. Parser the Honorary Degree of D.D., was both cordial and felicitous in his remarks. Dr. Bell, Mr. K. Maclennan, Mr. Maclennan, Q.C., and Mr. Robert Campbell, Montreal; Mr. D. J. Macdonnell, Toronto, among others spoke for the older graduates. Dr. Macnish represented the University of Toronto, and Professor Murray McGill College. Dr. Dickson and Dr. John Bell, of Montreal, the Medical Faculty of Queen's. It would be impossible in the space at our command to give even an outline of these interesting proceedings. Let it suffice to say that all were in thoroughly good humour, and that the enthusiasm manifested was complete; the older alumnit vicing with their younger friends in efforts to augment the joy of the occasion. Certainly there never was such a gathering within Old Queen's before, and sion. Certainly there never was such a gathering within Old Queen's before, and the Trustees are to be congratulated on its great success. Convocation Hall was handsomely decorated for the occasion. Flags ornamented the walls at intervals, and streamers of different colours were suspended from the ceiling. Behind the platform on the wall was the College arms, and on the side walls the names, neatly cut in coloured paper of Riemanle Wat: cut in coloured paper, of Rignault, Watt, Shakspeare, Homer, Cicere, Livy, Linnaeus, Cuvier, Plato, Kant, Laplace and Newton. Four tables were creeted, run-

to. The speakers were many, the speeches | Donald Ross, B.D.; Nathan F. Dupuis, M.A.;

ville: Dr. Brown, Kingston; T. S. Glassford, Reverton; Thomas Mason, Menie; Herbert D. Ford, M.D., Kingston; Dr. Fee, do.; A. Mc-Munchy, Fort Cologne; Dr. McAdam, Pembrake; D. R. Clapp, Demorestville; J. A. Craig; John Mondie, Collingwood; Alexander ning parallel from the platform to near the east entrance wall. Several tables were also placed on the platform. The trustees reseption took place in the Senate Chamber, whither guests repaired on their arrival. Among those who responded to the invitation of the Trustees and were present.

Professors.—The Very Rev. William Sand grass, D.D., Principal: Rev. John B. Mowat, N.A. Rev. James Williamson, LL.D.; Rev. S. A. Albott, M.D., Belleville: &c. &c. following day, beginning at 3 o'clock, ing the list in the order of merit, which of the Hall, the occasion seemed to be one 12 graduates in Medicine were read. that was expected to be more than ordinarily interesting. The whole of the an announcement which he was sure space available for sitting and standing would be well received. The list of able to obtain admission.

The annual meeting of Convocation mitted to the degree of Bachelor, Thomas took place in Convocation Hall on the D. Cumberland of Rosemont, Ont., head-The procession from the Senate Chambers, position entitled him to the Prince of consisting of Trustees, Professors, and Wales Prize of \$60, a distinction that had Graduates, was unusually long, and dis- been very keenly competed for. Seven played a great diversity of academic of the number, including Mr. Cumberland. costume. Judging from the crowded state have the ministry in view. The names of

The Principal then proceeded to make was occupied, and many had to leave, un-honorary graduates of Queen's College was, he said, a short one, and the members Principal Snodgrass, who presided, of Senate were not disposed to increase it having opened the meeting with prayer, very rapidly. There was, however, one briefly stated the object for which those gentleman then present whose name they present had assembled—to close with had great satisfaction in placing on that customary proceedings the 33rd session list, as they considered him, in respect of of the University and College. The Pro- all the grounds upon which the degree of fessors were then successively called on to Doctor of Divinity is conferred, eminently distribute the prizes and merit certificates entitled to it. The gentleman referred to gained in their several classes. It was was Principal Cavan of Knox College. pleasing to notice that some of the prizes Toronto. The announcement was received were the gifts of graduates of former years. with enthu-iastic applause. Turning to The marking attained by the successful Dr. Cavan, the Principal expressed his students was exceedingly creditable to great gratification in making public the their ability and diligence. Three prizes, action of the Senate in conferring this ranking as University prizes, of the value well merited honour, and Lis carnest hope of \$16 each, in books, the gift of a gentle- that he might be long spared to the Church man whose name does not appear, were in the important position which he filled then handed by the Principal, with in connection with Knox College. Dr. appropriate remarks, to the candidates be- Cavan in reply expressed his sense of the longing to the first, second, and third honour he had received and the great years of the course, who at the recent pleasure he had in being present then as Pass Examinations acquitted themselves well as at the reunion on the previous most meritoriously in all the subjects of exercing. He was impressed with the imamination. The lists of Pass and Honour portance of the worth which Queen's men and of successful candidates for College was doing, and would carry away Scholarships were next read by the Re- with him most pleasing reminiscences of gistrar, who immediately after also read all the proceedings connected with the the minutes in terms of which the Senate closing of this session. He dwelt for a had agreed to confer certain degrees. little on the value of the services rendered Then came the interesting ceremony of by the College in the cause of higher " laureation." The venerable Professor education, the encouragement to which on Williamson presented the candidates in that account it was entitled, and the reaorder to the Principal, who, with the son that exists for congratulation and time-honoured formalities observed on thankfulness, because of its present prossuch occasions, admitted them to all the perous condition. After some other rerights and privileges of graduates, and marks addressed to the general audience, thereafter addressed to them some season- he spoke to the students some weighty able words of congratulation, encourage- words, which were received with marked ment, and counsel. There were 12 ad- attention, on the connection between

constantly demanding.

proceedings was the ascertaining of the not disappointed, for at the close of the names of successful competitors for a proceedings the gentlemen whose names number of University Prizes of the value appear in the list stepped forward and of \$25 each, offered for the best essays on cheerfully undertook the responsibility. subjects announced at the close of last. Before bringing the proceedings to a the hands of the Registrar in November, that there were obvious indications of an and it was a condition of the competition increasing interest in all that concerns the that the writers should not put their welfare of Queen's College, and a growing names to their compositions but under appreciation of its character and usefulness cover of sealed envelopes attached to them, as one of the higher educational institunot to be opened except in convocation, tions of the country, and that he felt a Each envelope and the essay to which it peculiar happiness in being able to say was attached bore the same motto by the that there is much in its present comparwriter's choice. The reading of the mot- atively prosperous condition to encourage to in each case brought the welcome its friends to rally round it. He could intelligence of success to the writer, but name many improvements that might be only to him. There was then for the introduced with great advantage. He audience a few moments of suspense, noticed that from various quarters most while the Principal opened the envelope excellent suggestions had come. One was and read the contents of the note which it for the institution of additional and enclosed. The announcement in succes- more valuable scholarships, another for sion of the names John B. McLaren, the founding of medals, another for the George R. Webster, and John Ferguson, erection of a hall which might at once as given in connection with the subjects supply the need that was felt for more of their essays in the list below, was accommodation, and be so placed as to received with loud and continued ap-give a better architectural appearance to plause. The Principal intimated with the present buildings. These suggestions he evident satisfaction that there will be the trusted would soon be carried into effect. same arrang ment for next session, and At the same time, taking all things into read the following list of subjects and account, and especially considering the

-\$25-for the best poem, consisting of at least fifty lines, on the death of General Wolfe.

II. By the Hon. D. L. Macpherson, Toronto-\$25-for the best essay on the Electric Telegraph.

III. By Geo. Kirkpatrick, Esq., MP -\$25-for the best essay on the Influence of David

Hume on Philosophy.
IV. By Donald B. Maclennan, Esq. M.A., Cornwall—\$25—for the best essay on the History of the British House of Commons.

best essay on The Uratory of Edmund Burke.

VI. Lewis Prize—\$25—for the best Lecture on St. Luke xxii. 15-20 inclusive.

I, II, III and IV are open to all registered students in Arts. V is open only to members only to students of Theology.

At the time of reading the above list the Principal stated that he did not know who mone

intellectual culture and the sustenance and would give prizes I and IV, but expressed improvement which their moral nature is the confident hope that before long he would have the names of parties willing Not the least interesting part of the to become responsible for them. He was

The essays had been placed in close the Principal took occasion to observe necessity of augmenting the revenue so as 1 By Alex G McBean, Esq., B.A., Montreal to meet the increase of expenditure which is unavoidable, he was convinced that the very best thing which the friends of the College could do, in present circumstances, in its behalf, was to make provision for the endowment of two Professorships, a new one in the Theological Faculty to strengthen that department and an existing one in Arts to relieve the present V. By the Alma Mater Society -\$25-for the financial pressure, this will take at least \$50.000, but he was not without hope that the required amount will be forthcoming.

The members of Convocation then proof the graduating class in Arts, and VI is open ceeded to the election of fellows for the year. The result was the following: -

ARTS-Thomas D. Cumberland, B.A., Rose-

College, Toronto.

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GRADUATES.

Doctors of Divinity .- Rev. Principal Cavan,

Knox College, Toronto.

Doctors of Medicine.—(Alphabetical List.)—
Alfred H. Betts, Kingston; Allen B. Carscallen, Petworth; Adalbert B. Deynard,
Picton; William E. Dingman, Milford; David H. Dowsley, Frankville; George C. Dowsley, Frankville; Joseph W. Lane, North Williamsburg; Thomas Masson, Menie; William S. McCullough, Pittsburgh; Samuel Potter; Manotick; Richard F. Preston, Newboro';

Manotick; Richard F. Preston, Newboro'; Leslie Tuttle, Centreville.

Bachelor of Arts.—(Order of Merit.)—1, Thomas D. Cumberland, Rosemont; 2, Robert W. Shannon, Kingston; 3, John B. Dow, Whitby; 4, George R. Webster, with first class honours in Ethics, Lansdowne; 5, Archibald McMurchy, King; 6, Alexander H. Scott, Martintown; 7, John Mordy, Ross; 3, Thomas S. Glassford, Beaverton; 9, John Pringle, Galt; 10, Charles McKillop, Beachburgh; 11, William Mundell, Kingston; 12, James Macarthur Ailsa Craig.

PASSMEN.

Arts.—(Order of Merit)—First Year.—1, James Ross, N. Dorchester; 2, George Macdonald, Picton; 3, Thomas Scales, Kingston; donaid, Picton; 3, Thomas Scales, Kingston; 4, James W. Mason, Amherst Island; 5, Frederick C. Heath, Kingston; 6, John G. Creggan Kingston; 7, George Bell, Walkerton; 8, Robt. Nairn, Kingston; 9, Robert Ferguson, Priceville; 10, George Ritchie, Inverary; 11, Donald McCannell, Collingwood; 12, John Chisholm, Pictou, N.S.; 13, George M. Thomson, Kingston; 14, Duncan Macarthur, Ailsa Craig: 15, James H. Ballagh, Port Hope; 16, James A. Grant, Ottawa. Grant, Ottawa.

Second Fear.—1, John R. Lavell, Kingston;
2. David P. Clapp, with first class honours in
English Literature, Wellington; 3, Alexander
McKillop, Beachburgh; 4, James W. Motherwell, Perth; 5, Lewis W. Shannon, Kingston;
6, John Hamilton, Kingston; 7, William H.
Irvine, with second class honours in Mathemalies Elgiphurgh; S. Hener, W. D. chman Orange. ties, Elginburgh; S, Henry M. Dyckman, Urange, New Jersey; 9, Charles McDowell, Deerburst; 10, Frank A. Drummond, Ottawa.

Third Year.-1, John B. McLaren, Kingston; 2. James G. Stuart, Toronto: 3, John Ferguson, with first class honors in Metaphysics, New Lowell; 4, P. Anderson Macdonald, with first class honours in French, Kingston; 5, George Claxton, Inverary; 6, Hugh Cameron, Dewittrille, Que.

MEDICINE.

Primary Examination.—(Alphabetical List.) Georga Case, London; Ransom A. Davies, Smith's Falls: William S. McCullough, Pitts-

THEOLOGY—Principal Cavan, D.D., Knox ollege, Toronto.

MEDICINE—W. R. Cluness, M.D., Sacramento, al.

LAW Hon. O. Mowat, LL.D., Toronto.

We append the prize and other lists.

We append the prize and other lists. Second Year.-William A. Lang, Almonte.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

(These Scholarships are competed for at the closing examination, but are not paid till the

following Session.)

Arts.—Second Year.—1, Hardy Memorial,
James Ross; 2, Synod (1), Robert Nairn; 3,
St. Andrew's, Robert Ferguson; 4, Henry Glass Memorial, Donald McCannel.

Third Year.—1, Kingston, J. R. Lavell; 2, Synod (2), Alex. McKillop.

Fourth Year.—Synod (3), J. G. Stuart.

Theology.—Second Year.—1, Colonial Committee (3), John McLean; 2, Colonial Committee (2), W. C. Herdman; 3, Colonial Committee (4), A. Macgillivray.

Third Year.—Colonial Committee (5), W.

A. Lang.

UNIVERSITY PRIZES.

I. Prince of Wales-Thomas D. Cumberland.

II. Montreal-J. B. McLaren. III. Montreal-J. R. Lavell.

IV.—Montreal—James Ross.
VIII. For Best Essay on "The chemical effects of light and their application to photography"—John B. McLaren.

1X. For Best Essay on Kant's "Critique of Pure Reason"—George R. Webster. X. For Best Essay on "The life and writings of Milton"-John Ferguson.

CLASS PRIZES.

Students whose names have an asterisk prefixed received prizes in books besides certificates of merit. The numbers following names express the percentage of the aggregate marks obtained at the monthly written exminations during the session:

Classics—First Year.—1. George Macdonald (74); *2. Frederick C. Heath (70%) and *James Ross (70%) equal; 3. James W. Mason (69) and John George Creggan (69) equal;

4. Thomas Scales (674).

Second Year — 1. James Wilson Motherwell (632); 62. John Reeve Lavell (662); 3. Lewis W. Shannon (654); 4. William H. Irvine (57).

Third Fear.—1. John Brown Maclaren (76); 7. Stant (76); 3. Particle A.

2. James George Stuart (70); 3. Patrick A.

Macdonald (683).
Fourth Year.—1. William Mundell (95); Thomas Dickie Cumberland (784); 3. Alexander Hugh Scott (651); 4 John Pringle (641).

Junior Mathematics.—1. David A. Givens.

Kingston; *2. Thomas Scales, Kingston.
Senior Mathematics.—*1. William R. Irvine, Elginburg; *2. John Reeve Lavell, Kingston. Junior Natural Philosophy. -1. John Fer-

gu-on, Lansdowne.

Senior Natural Philosophy.—1. Thomas D. umberland, Rosemont; William Mundell, Cumberland, Rosemont; Kingston (equal).

History.—*1. Thomas Dickie Cumberland, Rosemont, (94); *Alexander Hugh Scott, Martintown, (94) equal; 2. Robert Walker Shannon, Kingston, (91); 3. James McArthur, East Williams, (87); 4. George Richard Web-ster, Lansdowne, (86); 5. John Pringle, Wind-sor Mills, Qc., (83); 6. Thomas Stuart Glass-ford Beaverton (77) ford, Beaverton, (77).

French (Senior).—1. Patrick Anderson Macdonald, Kingston, (30); 2. John Brown McLaren, Kingston, (80); James Stuart, Toronto, (80) equal.

Kingston (83).

English Literature.—*1. David Phillip Clapp, Demorestville (93); 2. Gilbert Currie Patterson, Collingwood (87); 3. John Reeve Lavell, Kingston (86.)

English Language.—*1. Thomas Scales Kingston (86); 2. David Alex. Givens, Kingston, (83); James Mason, Kingston (83), equal; 3. Frederick C. Heath, Kingston (82); 4. Angles C. Heath, Kingston (82); 5. Pobost Naire drew Love, Kingston (81); 5. Robert Nairn, Kingston (80); 6. George Macdonald, Wellington (76.)

Logic.— John Reeve Lavell, Kingston (87). Metuphysics.—For written examinations: 1. John Ferguson, Lansdowne (92); 2. John Brown McLaren, Kingston (90). For best essays during the session: John Ferguson, Lansdowne.

Ethics.—For written examinations and essays: Robert Walker Shannon, Kingston (92). For written examinations: 1. George Richard Webster, Lansdowne (86); 2 Thomas Dickie Cumberland, Rosemont (86);

*3 John Mordy, Collingwood (77). For best essays during the session: *John Mordy, Collingdood.

Chemistry. - John Reeve Lavell, Kingston ·**(**\$1).

Botany and Zoology.—1. John Brown, Mc-Laren,* Kingston, and John Furguson,* Lans-downe (94) equal; 2. Patrick Anderson Mc-Donald, Kingston (84); 3. James George Stuart, Toronto (80); 4. Hugh Cameron, Dewittville (72)

Mineralogy! and Geology.—1. Robert Walker Shannon, Kingston (93); 2. Thomas Dickie Cumberland, Rosemont (91); 3. William Mundell Fingues (88); (Congress Richard dell, Kingston (88): 4. George Richard Webster, Lansdowne (76); 5. James McArthur East Williams (74); 6. John Pringle, Windsor Mills (72); 7. Henry Amey Asselstine, Kingston

Hebrew.-Second . ar.- William A. Lang, B.A. (71).

Divinity.—First Year.—John McLean (80.) Second Fear.-William A. Lang, B.A., (77.)

OBITUARY.

The late Colonel Maclean.

This gentleman died very suddenly at his residence in Cornwall on the 16th April at the advanced age of eighty-two. He was born in the neighborhood of Cornwall, and passed almost the entire years of his life in and around that town. Owing to the very large number of years which he was given to see, he was in a position to witness many of those changes and dangers which have now become part French (Junior).—1. Lewis William Shan- of the history of this country. His loy-non, Kingston (87) 2. John Reeve Lavell, alty to the British Crown and his devotedof the history of this country. His loyness to British institutions were unswerving, and, indeed, enthusiastic along the entire pathway of his long life. Nor did advancing age seem to lessen the ardour of his loyalty and of his affection for his Queen and country.

> For some twenty years he was a member of the Parliament of Canada. capacity as legislator, he strove at all times to foster a spirit of loyalty and to perpetuate in this land those laws and institutions to which the stability and greatness of Britain are largely due.

His faithfulness to our Church was unbroken and enthusiastic. He was the last male representative of a family to which our Church in Eastern Ontario owes gratitude for favours and kindnesses which are not to be soon or easily forgot-To his father and to his brother, the late Chief Justice of Ontario, the congregations of our Church in that part of the Province owe more than they do to any other friends; for, occupying as they, the father and son, did, positions of power and of influence at a time in our country's history when ecclesiastical interests stood in need of strong and trusty friends, they exerted themselves zealously and honorably with the view of gaining for those who belonged to our Church measure of recognition to which they might justly lay claim, and that ability for doing fitting honour to the worship of God which the youthful circumstances of the country might warrant. Than himself and his excellent brother, the late Chief Justice of his native Province, our Church had no more reliable and faithful

advocates during the sore and long-con-, PRINCIPAL CAIRD AND WESTMINSTER tinued controversy respecting the Clergy In no other friends did the members and lovers of our Church place stronger confidence, and for no other friends did they cherish deeper respect.

He was one of the first Trustees of Queen's College, Kingston. During all the fortunes of that Institution, he was faithful and courageous. No trustee was more hopeful than himself, that, when, a few years ago, the very existence of that Institution was in imminent danger, our people when appealed to, would generously come to the rescue (as they have done), and put it on such a favourable footing as to render the recurrence of so grave a crisis altogether improbable, if not impos-Henceforth he will be much missed when the interests of Queen's Colege are discussed.

As a Trustee and an Elder of St. John's Church, Cornwall, he rendered very important services. Whenever the welfare of that congregation was in question; whenever zeal and faithfulness were needed on an extraordinary occasion, all had the conviction that he was to be trusted and could be safely trusted-so wellknown and so unfailing was his attachment to the Church in itself, and for its No one was more regular in own sake. his attendance in the house of God, and no one was more devout in the sanctuary than he was. His venerable form will be much missed. Many there are in that congregation who knew him from their earliest years. Others there are whose intimacy with him extended over half a All must henceforth miss that century. kindliness of look, that urbanity of manner, and that contentment of disposition, which, possessed in an eminent degree by him, go so very far to grace the evening of human life, and to make old age attractive and beautiful. Apart from the suddenness of his death, and from the solemn reflection that he was called away without any warning, and when not even the faintest anxiety regarding his health was felt either by relatives or friends, it has to be said of him that "he died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years."

ABBEY.

A petition has been presented to the Archbishop of Canterbury by the Bishop of Lincoln from the Earl of Devon, complaining of "the use made of Westminster Abbey as a place for the delivery of lectures by persons not in communion with the Church of England, and professing principles repugnant to its doctrine and discipline, particularly in the case of a Presbyterian minister." This is aimed at the eloquent Principal of the University of Glasgow, who lately addressed a large congregation in the venerable Abbey on the subject of Christian Missions.

Miscellaneous.

DEAN STANLEY IN SCOTLAND.

The Dean of Westminister was installed on Wednesday last as the Lord Rector of the University of St. Andrew's. In delivering the inaugural address, the Dean began by a reference to the motto over St. Mary's College, to the stimulus of which Lord Campbell, it is said, owed his elevation to the woolsack, and the most re-cent translation of which was, "To aim at highest honours, and surpass my comrades all."
"You will remember," said the Lord Rector,
"that pathetic epoch in the closing years of Walter Scott—which has been so well described by my dear friend Principal Shairp-when on the eve of quitting his native air for Italy, he received at Abbotsford the renowned poet of the English Lakes, who was to immortalise those days in the finest piece of his noble lyrical trilogy
—'Yarrow Revisited.' On that occasion William Wordsworth brought with him a youthful kinsman—then quite unconscious of his future close connection with Scotland and St. Andrew'swho, with all the ardour of an Oxford scholar, attempted to draw from his illustrious host the expression of an opinion regarding a new translation of Homer (that of Sotheby) which had just appeared. The old bard listened with his just appeared. The old bard listened with his usual gracious condescension to the young Oxonian, and replied, 'I have not seen it. Pope's "Iliad" is good enough for me. I am no Grecian, but I cannot conceive anything better than Pope's rendering of the advice given to Glaucus.' And then he repeated, with all the fervour of one who grasped, both in text and context, the full meaning at once of the ancient and modern noet: ancient and modern poet:-

To stand the first in worth as in command; To add new honours to my native land; Before my eyes my mighty sires to place, And emulate the glories of our race.

This is the meaning which I propose to read in or beneath the motto of this library. Πe are familiar with the inspiring force inherent in the consciousness of belonging to a great country or a great family. The same transforming influencewe ought also to foster in regard to institutions. The University of St. Andrew's is not-as some measure greatness—a great University. It is, indeed, the smallest of all, in numbers, in influence, and in wealth. But in some of the elements of real grandeur it stands the first of the Universities of Scotland-amongst the first of the historic localities of Great Britain. Nowhere in the whole of Europe was the battle between the spirit of the past and the spirit of the future fought out in closer quarters or with more terrible tenacity than when the new learning entrenched itself as in a fortress in the College of St. Leonard, and the old learning in that of St. Salvador; when the Cardinal in his pride of place looked down on the suffering reformer beneath—when stern fanaticism struck those successive blows which slew one Primate in his seagirt castle, and the other, long afterwards, on the lonely moor. Nowhere did the rulers of a university play so mighty a part in, the history of their country as Buchanan and Melville and Rutherford, who, from their chairs as principals and rectors, framed the new polity of Scotland-nowhere, out of Wittenberg, did academic students receive more heart-stirring council than did those whom in his old age Knox drew to his side, and told them in language as much needed now as then, 'to use their time well-to know God and his work in their country-to stand by the good cause, and to follow the good examples and good instructions of their masters.' I need not follow your history downwards to our own time. It is enough to have indicated thus briefly how various and how continuous has been the course of the religious and intellectual life of Scotland in this corner of the kingdom, from St. Rule, the anchorite, in his wave-beaten cavern, to Chalmers and Ferrier, Brewster and Forbes, teaching the latest results of theological and philosophical research. I turn from the effect of greatness as embodied in institutions to greatness as embodied in men, in ideas, in books. Wherever we recognise, singly or combined, largeness of mind, strength of character, firmness of will, a fire of genius, there is a born leader. 'I looked around my audience, said the old Grecian ora-tor, and they had dwindled away almost to nothing-one only remained. But that one was The Plato, and this was enough for me.' heroes of mankind are the mountains, the highlands of the moral world. Remember the pregnant saying of Goethe. There are many echoes in the world, but few voices. Above all, endeavour to grasp the distinction between the great primary ideas and the small secondary ideas which jostle each other in the turmoil of thought. Ideas which can only be expressed in the local slang or the dogmatic cant of a province, or a party, or a school, or a sect, are ideas, perhaps of the second and third, but certainly not of the first, order of truth. Never was sounder advice given to divinity students than that of Arnold, 'Never to lay aside the greatest works of human genius of whatever

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age or country.' The theological student may be well content to be ignorant even of Bull and Pearson, if he is thus enabled to become more intimately familiar with Bacon and Aristotle. Even in that Church which proclaims most loudly submission to authority, it was not the great bishops who had been its real oracles. Not an Innocent, or a Gregory, or a Pius; but Augustine, the pastor of a small African diocese, and Jerome, a secluded scholar in Palestine, and Thomas Aquinas, a Dominican professor of Naples, and Thomas a Kempis, an unknown canon in an almost unknown town of Germany. Even in the School of Theology, as represented in the frescoes of the Vatican, there is no single prelate or doctor whose voice reaches from pole to pole with anything like the same universal power as that of the great lay poet of the 'Divine Comedy,' whom Raphael, by a touch of genius as just as it was bold, has there introduced amongst them." The dean concluded his address as follows: " The line of light which has been traced by a familiar hand in this place through a succession of blameless and lofty spirits who from Hooker to Butler, kept alive the rational theology' of England, indicates the pathway along which the faith—may we not add the philosophy?—of Christendom must walk if it is to produce fruits worthy of the future. Is it too much to ask for the spirit and method of Erasmus, combined with the energy of Luther and Knox, with something of the repose of Fenelon and Leighton? Is it impossible that the enthusiasm which has hitherto been reserved for the coarser and narrower channels of doctrine may be turned into the broader, vaster currents of a more catholic, and therefore a more evangelical, faith than our predecessors have known? I would not unduly exaggerate the prospects of success or under-rate the fears of failure in the attempt to attain a higher and more spirited theology—a more patriotic and generous policy. We see clearly the enterprise before us. And when in that enterprise we consider how a few additional grains of charity would make all the difference from how many mistakes we should be saved by the simplest elements of common sense and self control-how much our heat would gain by how slight an accession of light, how doubly the value of our light would be enhanced by how slight an infusion of heat, by how slight an addition of sweetness-what molehills of prejudice, which a breath of truth might overturn, have been erected into what mountains of difficulty-what a fund of conciliation lies wrapped up in all larger and more truthful views of science, of literature, and of the Bible what noble paths of practice remain to be explored, unknown to former generations—then we may weil turn to those other fine lines of the Roman poet, and take as our watchword, not the despairing words of the vanquished Cato, but the exulting words of the victorius Casar:

Spe trepido: baud unquam vidi tam magna datures

Tam prope me Superos: camporum limite

Absumus a votis.

Or, if I may ven ure to present them in an Engglish paraphrase :-

I tremble not with terror, but with hope, As the great day reveals its coming scope: Never before, our anxious hearts to cheer. liave such bright gifts of Heaven been brought

Nor ever has been kept the aspiring soul By space so narrow from so grand a goal."

On Friday afternoon Dean Stapley delivered an address at Dandee, under the anspices of the University Club, on the subject of the mutual zelations of Religion, Science, and Litera-

ture. The Dean, who was enthusiastically received, said that in dealing with this somewhat dry subject he had thought it best, partly for his own convenience, partly for their pleasure, to place it before them in a concrete form. Great ideas and great doctrines, and the mutual relation of these doctrines, were best understoodor, at any rate, best appreciated, when they appeared before us in flesh and blood. And he proposed, therefore, to select examples of theology, science, and literature—three great men, who were a few years ago accidentally brought to mutual relationship by the fact that then three anniversaries were celebrated at the same time in their three respective countries-Calvin, Galileo, and Shakespeare. It was his intention to speak of these great men as the representatives of theology, science, and literature, but chiefly with the view of showing the relation in which all the three stood to the religious and moral advancement of mankind, which was the one point that united together these three great branches of thought. He spoke first of Calvin, the great French or Swiss reformer. good had he left behind him? While he lived and for one hundred years after his death, there was no theologian in Protestant Europe whose name could be compared with his for weight and authority. It was an argument in itself; far more than Luther or Melancthon or Zuinglius, he was the theologian of the Reformation. Geneva was the only city in Europe besides Rome that had a religious ecclesiastical sound in its very name. Whatever theology sprung up in Great Britain at that time came straight from them. The English Puritans and Non-comformists, the Presbyterians of Scotland, whether Established or Free or United, all owed their existence more or less to Calvin. But the fame of Calvin was no longer what it was, and the reason was that Calvin threw his whole strength into one particular phase of Christian belief and of Christian practice. He saw straight before him, but only in one direction. was the most splendid of partisans, but still a partisan. He was the founder of a particular school or sect of belief. He was not the promoter of truth and goodness for their own sake. This was the first lesson which we drew from Calvin. But it would be doing great injustice to Calvin and to ourselves, and it would be to miss one main part of the lesson which his an-

the lasting benefits we owed to him. He was not now speaking or the great ability and the candour and good sense of his controversies, because they had been expounded by Greek writers of the same kind, and were not peculiar to himself even at that time. He confined himself to two points in which he stood pre-eminent. The first which he would notice was in the truth contained in his doctrines. Nothing was more useful for men who were educating themselves, nothing more profitable for theological study, than to endeavour to find out what was the truth that lay at the bottom of doctrines or opinions with which, as commonly expressed, we felt ourselves constrained to disagree. Such was the case with the doctrine of predestination, which was at the root of all that was peculiar in what we called Calvinism. There had been so much exaggeration, so much folly talked concerning it, that we were sometimes inclined to think of it as a thing altogether passed by. But the truth itself which it was intended to convey was one which never would be altogether put out of the world. It was that there was an overruling Providence which guided our steps in life without our perceiving it-that there was a power greater than ourselves without which we could not move or act; that this Providence led us through mysterious paths to our very highest good; that whatever we had good or excellent in ourselves or others came from this higher Power. This was the true doctrine of Predestination—a doctrine which many thought mere Fatalism, but which in itself was perfectly certain and most important; and the merit of Calvin was that, though he might have pushed it to excess, yet he hoped to preserve it in the world and hand it on to us. They might remember that a great writer of our own time, as unlike Calvin as it was possible to conceive, had recorded solemnly that this doctrine of Predestination, so understood, was in his judgment unquestionably and indispensibly necessary. He meant Thomas Carlyle. There was a second benefit of Calvin's appearance which also ought to be looked for in connection with any form of theology which claimed to be considered—what was its worth and practical result? When on May 27, 1564, Calvin passed away from the midst of his many followers, he would have been surprised at hearing that already there were born - one sixty days, one thirty days before—two men whose fame as far outshone his as the sky was above the earth, and as the whole earth was wider than any single sect or party. Yet so it was. In that same year of 1564 in which Calvin died were born into the world-one, an interpreter for all future time of the stars of heaven-Galileo, the father f astronomy, on February 17, at Flor-ence; the other, the interpreter of all future ages of human nature, our own Shakespeare, on April 23, at Stratford-on-Avon. Of these two he would first speak of Galileo. In his case as in Calvin s he left on one side the direct benefits of his scientific discoveries. He would contine himself to the moral and religious benefit of Galileo's appearance which brought theoology into relation with science, and science pearance taught us if we did not acknowledge into relation with theology. It was certain

hat by revealing to us the vast infinity of judgment" If they were right in their admiraspace he revealed to us in a sense in which it tion of Shakespeare, then they could not was never understood before the infinity of sufficiently prize the largeness of heart, and space he revealed to us in a sense in which it was never understood before the infinity of the universe, and, therefore, the infinity of The immeasurable nature of God was a doctrine which had, in a certain sense, been known before, but it received an enlargement, an extension, far beyond conception when for the first time mankind was made to feel that the stars were not mere spangles in the sky, but worlds like our own, that the distance between them was to be counted not by thousands but by millions and millions of miles. order, the intelligence, the supreme will which guided all these vast systems then became known to man as it had never been known to him before. When he discovered for the first time the common impression of the sun rising and setting was contrary to fact—when he discovered that it was the sun which stood still and the earth which moved—a thrill of horror ran through Christendom. Most natural, no doubt, was this alarm. But it was seen, thank God, that it was unfounded, and so had been all like alarms since. The cause of religion had not lost, but gained by the triumph of the cause of science. The Bible had gained, not lost, by being disencumbered with the false theory which fastened it to the false system of philosophy. Galileo was imprisoned and tortured for his opinions. His opinion was declared to be heresy. Even a learned class like the Jesuits in their first edition of Newton's "Principia" were obliged to say that they could not venture to accept his opinion as true because it had been solemnly condemned by the Pope. But now even the Pope and the Jesuits had given way, and one of the best observatories of Europe, where Galileo's principles were carried out with the best success, was the observatory of Father Secchi in the Jesuit College at Rome. The short visit that Milton paid Galileo in his youth stimulated the English poet. It showed that science was not so far removed from poetry nor poetry from science as in this scientific age one sometimes was ant to imagine. And this led him to the third illustrious man of whom be had to speak. In the same year, 1564, was born the greatest of all poets—William Shakespeare. Here, again, he did not dwell on the mere pleasure or the mere instruction they received from his writings. He did not enter mediate his plays. What he proposed to ask was his plays. What he proposed to ask was —What was the moral value of such a man to his country and to the world? The first benefit of his life which they all derived from his instruction was in the fact that he was as he had already said the acknowledged interpreter of human nature. There was hardly a shade of feeling, hardly a thought of char eter, which he had not weighed and balanced and represented before them. Their admiration of such a gift was a testimony to them of the vast importance of that wide branch of the highest kind of theology which consisted of insight into and understanding of the varieties of human character and human nature. It was a living comment—a host of comments—on the text "Judge not, and ye shall not be jidged." It was a thorough widening out or the text, "Judge righteous it. Such statements might fill us with alarm as

breadth of mind, and keenness of tact which gave his works their characteristic value. There was much idle talk in the present day about secular and religious matters. Was there any one who would venture to shut out from any Was there any one scheme of education the writings of Milton and Shakespeare? Was there any one who would be able to say that the writings of Milton or Shakespeare were not in the highest sense religious, if by religious they meant that which gave a higher, a wider idea of the nature of God and a deeper and clearer insight into the nature of man? No! The greatest theologians were the greatest writers. They could aver about such great men as Calvin or Galilco, that Calvin was a Protestant of very peculiar opinions, and that Galileo was a Roman Catholic and in some respects compromised his opinion in order to keep well with his Church. But they made inquiries as to Shakespeare's religious opinion in vain. He had a deep sense of the awfulness and greatness of God, of the tender and soothing influen es of the Christian faith. The words of the Bible were most familiar to him—the words and rites of religious ordinances had a hold upon him; but more than this they did not know and they would not be the worse, but the better, Chris-tians if by the study of his works they were raised above those artificial boundaries which divided man from man, nation from nation, party from party. They came back to the great subject with which they started, and asked what those characters had told them of the mutual relation of the three orders of knowledge which they respectively represented. main result surely was that they formed one whole theology which still remained the queen of science and arts as she was supposed to be in the middle ages. But it must be by welcoming the fact that both science and literature were themselves essential elements of theology as theology was of them. There was a literary side and a scientific side of theology to be conducted on scientific principles and literary principles, as also in all true science and in all high literature there was a religious side, for the pursuit of truth was religious and so was the appreciation of the noble and the beautiful, and thus the domain of religion must be enlarged by every acquisition of scientific light and by every acquisition of literary sweetness. at their lowest Calvin was but a violent polemic, and Galileo but a timid and half-hearted student, and Shakespeare but an obscure stageplayer, but, taken at their best, each one of them was philosopher, poet, and theologian. It was but the other day that he saw a statement made at the tercentenary of the famous University of Leyden. An orator expressed his confident belief that theology was doomed to rapid extinction, that its fall was demanded with inexorable vigour, and that none would lament that fall. He would not disparage anything

to the higher and deeper thoughts of humanity,) but they saw from the terms of the expressions used by speakers that they very often meant the very reverse of what they expressed; that they meant only the fall of a theology which they disliked, and the rise in its place of some other theology which they desired. When they found that the course of European politics had been greatly purged and purified from the rancour, presecution and inhumanity, perfidy and cruelty, of the Thirty Years' War and the Massacre of St. Bartholomew, that commerce had been set free from the superstitious restrictions with which it was fettered, and social life delivered from insane supersitions and witchcraft, then they might fairly say that the tendency was not the secularisation but the Christianisation of politics. Therefore the result of all such harsh and exaggerated statements as that he had quoted was to any reflecting and high-minded man not to divorce science from religion, or the Church from the State, but to endeavour to infuse into religion whatever truth there was also in science, and to endeavour to infuse into the Church whatever there was of grandeur and elevation in the State. It was because the Universities of Europe, amid whatever imperfec-tions they contained, had furnished and fu nished still a neutral, central, and elevated ground, where the different churches and diverging classes could be drawn together, and could aspire towards higher things, that they deserved all the support and all the forbearance that could be given them. In a con cuding sentence the Dean urged the formation of a closer relationship between Dundee and St. Andrew's

On Sunday afternoon the Dean of Westminster preached in the Parish Church, Dundee (the Rev. Dr. Watson's), to a congregation which included representatives of almost every denomination in the town. Long before the regular hour of worship the church was packed to an uncomfortable degree, and many women were removed in a fainting state. The Dean dis-coursed from the words, "Peace be unto you," and in eloquent language recommended men to be at peace with God, and at peace with themselves, and closed with a general injunction for peace amongst the churches. Dean Stanley is the first Episcopalian dignitary who has for centuries preached in the Parish Church of Dundee.

GERMANY AND THE ULTRAMONTANES.

The great conflict now raging in Germany between the Ultramontane party and the State is assuming new proportions, and increasing daily in intensity and violence. The Lower House of the Prussian Diet has of late been the scene of stormy contentions and debates, in which the ve-

surpassed, in the annals of parliamentary The immediate occasion for this warfare. outbreak of aggravated wrath has been the introduction of the Withdrawal of Subsidies Bill, by which the Romish Church in Prussia is virtually disendowed, and, to that extent, deprived of national, or at least compulsory, support. This significant and most important measure has been avowedly brought forward by the Prussian Cabinet as a Bill of pains and penalties to be inflicted on the Romish clergy for their determined and persistent disobedience to the laws, and their avowed rebellion against the civil power and authority. It has been defined by Prince Bismarck himself, in a recent parliamentary oration, as a Bill for freeing the ratepayers of Prussia from the obligation of "salarying those Jesuits who are fighting against Germany" itself. A more suggestive or a stronger definition could not have been given, and the fact that such language is employed by the Imperial Chancellor of Germany indicates the uncompromising animosity, the utterly undisguised antagonism of their respective purpose and aims. now subsisting between the Government and the adherents of the Papal power. The Romish priesthood are in a state of open warfare with the State authorities. The Pope, by his own express "apostolical" power, has declared the ecclesiastical laws to be invalid, and commends the bishops resisting their enforcement. Roman clergy in the Rhenish villages will not allow photographs of the Emperor to be distributed amongst the children of their schools; and a work of fiction recently published at Mentz compares the state of Christians in Germany at the present time to that of Christians in Rome during the persecution of the Emperor The Bill of Dr. Petri, now Diocletian! before the Prussian Parliament, confirms the Old Catholics in the claims they have advanced to a share in Church revenues. It is stated that the yearly sum of which the Romish bishops and clergy will be deprived by the Governmental Bill amounts to 180,000l., or 15,000l. as the average, hemence of the language and the impas- for each of the twelve dioceses into which sioned energy of the speakers have seldom | Prussia is divided. Had the conflict of been equalled, and never, we should think, the priesthood with the State not already

reached the point beyond which concession or retractation is impossible, such a prospect might have made the clergy pause; but the last Encyclical has for ever closed the door against submission or retreat in every form. Prince Bismarck himself, from his place in Parliament, avows his belief that as regards any hope of bringing back the clergy to obedience, the measure will be absolutely futile. less, however, he contends, is it the duty of the State to mark by this enactment its sense of the evil of priestly resistance to legitimate authority. In the debate on the second reading of the Bill, .Herr von Sybel, a Liberal, and Professor of History at Bonn, freely conceded the principle now constantly asserted by the Ultramontanes. that the claims of the State must be subordinated to those of conscience and of God; but that principle, he maintained, did not in any way apply to the war now being waged between the priesthood and the This view was afterwards Government. emphasized by Prince Bismarck himself. who affirmed that, so far from the present conflict involving any question between the THE LAST DAYS OF BISHOP PATTESON. obedience due to God and that owing to the State, it was simply a question whether the Pope, under the plea of religion, was to be obeyed rather than the laws. There have not been wanting indications, during the fierce contentions now so rife in Prussia, that some of the so-called "Ultra-Lutherans," noted for their attachment to despotic principles in politics and to High Church notions in religion, are inclined to sympathize with the Papal party rather than the Government; and their views found expression in the speech of Dr. von Gerlach, who charged it on in the dark like Nicodemus, and says:the Protestants that their excessive opposition to the Ultramontanes proceeded from a secret infidelity, and a tendency to exalt the State into a god. To this charge Prince Bismarck's speech was a reply, and it told with powerful effect upon his heararrogance of the clergy, protecting the you said that if I wanted to know the meanments, and upholding the supremacy of | pray! And I tried to pray and it becomes

His name and with His authority. this spirit does the battle still continue. The gravity of the crisis is indeed great, and the issues no one can foresee. learn that the Prussian Envoy at the Court. of King Victor Emmanuel having been instructed to inquire as to the views of the Italian Government in relation to the pretensions of the Vatican, has been informed that Italy sympathizes with Germany in her struggle with the Pontiff, but that, bound by the guarantees she has given to Europe, she cannot interfere, as regards his ecclesiastical supremacy, with his perfect liberty of action. A striking comment this on the assertion of the Ultramontanes, that the Pope is nothing but a prisoner! As regards his spiritual rule, he is clearly and absolutely free; and Europe, to her cost, finds that, though shorn of his temporal dominion, he still is enough of a sovereign to kindle a conflagration which the most powerful statesman on the Continent has as yet been unable to subdue.— Evangelical Christendom.

On April 27, 1971, he set out for the closing voyage. At Mota, the missionary head-quarters, he recognized a great pro-Christianity had so far become a power and habit of life, that he felt warranted, notwithstanding all his strictness about the administration of baptism, in giving that sacrament to the young chil-He contemplates a visit or more dren. than a visit, to Fiji. On a Sunday evening a former scholar who seemed in the interval to have forgotten all, comes to him

"I have for days been watching for a chance of speaking to you alone! Always so many people about you. My heart is so full, so hot every word goes into it. deep, deep. The old life seems a dream. Everything seems to be new. When a month He maintained that, in curbing the ago I followed you out of the Sala Goro, people from their oppressions and encroach- ing and power of this teaching, I must the law and the independence of the State, easier as every day I pray as I go about, he was, in his own judgment, serving God | and in the morning and evening; and I better than many who profess to speak in don't know how to pray as I ought, but my heart is light, and I know it's all true, and my mind is made up, and I have been wanting to tell you, and so is Sogoivnowut, and we four talk together, and all want to

to be baptized."

In July he leaves this island, where so deep a root had been struck, after baptizing 289 persons, and goes among the islands. His experience is generally pleasant, but it is checkered by rumours of crime and of retaliation for crime, in connection with the labour traffic. Returning to Mota, he records a concourse of people flocking to "I sleep on a table people be taught. under and around it." Such was the nightly preparation of the invalid for his long, laborious, uncomplaining days. Here, on the 6th of August, we have several most thoughtful pages on difficulties of theology. "How thankful I am that I am far away from the noise and worry of this skeptical yet earnest age." Sailing on the 20th, he sends to Bishop Abraham a most interesting summary of the state of things at The Bishops, his brethren in New Mota. Zealand, jointly urged him to go to England, but he declined. The labour traffic still casts a dark shadow across his path. hear that the vessel has gone to Santa Cruz, and I must be very cautious there, for there has been some disturbance almost to a certainty."

And now, on Sept. 16, he finds himself

off the Santa Cruz group.

"I pray God that if it be His will, and if it be the appointed time, He may enable work among these very wild but vigorous, energetic islanders. I am fully alive to the probability that some outrage has been committed here by one or more vessels. The master of the vessel that Atkin saw did not deny his intention of taking away from these or from any other i-land any men or boys he could induce to come on I am quite aware that we may account. I trust'that all may be well; that if it be His will that any trouble should come upon us, dear Joseph Atkin, more. his father and mother's only son may be small reef islands they know me pretty well, I was the first, and had destroyed life instant-

though they don't understand as yet our object in coming to them; and they may easily connect us white people with the other white people who have been ill-using them: second, last year I was on shore at Nukapu and Piteni for some time, and I can talk somewhat with the people; third, 1 think that if any violence has been used to the natives of the north face of the large island, Santa Cruz, I shall hear of it from these inhabitants of the small islets to the north, Nukapu and Piteni, and so be forewarned."

Accordingly, to Nukapu he went. Four canoes were seen hovering about the coral reef which surrounded the island. vessel had to feel her way; so, lest the men in the canoes should be perplexed, he ordered the boat to be lowered, and when asked to go into one of the native boats, as this was always found a good mode of disarming suspicion, he did it, and was carried off toward the shore. The boat from the schooner could not get over the reef. The Bishop was seen to land on the beech, and was seen no more alive. But after awhile the islanders in the canoes began to discharge arrows at the crew of the boat, and Mr. Atkin was struck, with two others. The arrow-head of human bone was extracted from him, and the tide now rising, in spite of suffering and weakness, he crossed the reef to seek the Bishop, A canoe drifted towards them; the body of a man was seen as if crouching in it.

As they came up with it and lifted the us in His own way to begin some little bundle wrapped in matting into the boat, a shout or yell arose from the shore. Wate says four canoes put off in pursuit, but the others think that their only object was to secure the now empty cance as it drifted away. The boat came alongside, and two words passed, "The body!" Then it was lifted up and laid across the skylight, rolled in the native mat, which was secured at the head and feet. The placid smile was be exposed to considerable risk on this still on the face, there was a palm leaf fastened over the breast, and when the mit was opened there were five wounds, no

The wounds were, one evident'y given But I don't think there is very with a club, which had shattered the right much cause for fear, first, because at these side of the skull at the back, and probably

of some sharp weapon had cloven the top of the head; the body was also pierced in one place, and there were two arrow-wounds in the legs, but apparently not shot at the living man, but stuck in after his fall and after he had been stripped, for the clothing was gone, all but the boots and socks. In the front of the cocoa-nut palm there were five knots made in the long leaflets. All this is an almost certain indication that his death was the vengeance for five "Blood for blood" is a of the natives. sacred law, almost of nature, wherever Christianity has not prevailed, and a whole tribe is held responsible for the crime of one. Five men in Fiji are known to have been stolen from Nukapu; and probably their families believed them to have been killed, and believed themselves to be performing a sacred duty when they dipped their weapons in the blood of the Bishop, whom they did not know well enough to understand that he was their protector. Nay, it is likely that there had been some such discussion as had saved him before at Mai from suffering for Petere's death, and, indeed, one party seem to have wished to keep him from landing, and to have thus solemnly and reverently treated his body.

The sweet calm smile preached peace to the mourners who had lost his guiding spirit, but they could not look on it long. The next morning, St. Matthew's Day, the body of John Coleridge Patteson was committed to the waters of the Pacific, his "son after the faith," Joseph Atkin, read-

ing the burial service.

No summary can do justice to the character and career of Bishop Patteson, but we trust that enough has been given to set forth an outline of the man, and to prompt our readers to learn for themselves how it was filled in. In him were singularly combined the spirit of chivalry, the glorious ornament of a bygone time; the spirit of charity, rare in every age; and the spirit of reverence, which the fav u.ite children of this generation appear to have combined to ban. It is hardly possible to read the significant, but modest, record of his sacrifices, his labours, his perils, and his cares, without being vividly reminded of sider how differently our interests are af-St. Paul, the prince and model of all mis- fected, by our being brought up under

ly and almost painlessly; another stroke; sionary labourers; without feeling that the Apostolic pattern is not even now without its imitators, and that the copy in this case well and truly, and not remately, recalls the original. The three highest titles that can be given to man are those of martyr, hero, saint; and which of the three is there that in substance it would be irrational to attach to the name of John Coleridge Patteson? To the country which owned him he was an honour; for the Church which formed him he was a token of high powers. and a pledge of noble destinies. Thankfully, indeed, might she commend him to his rest.—London Quarterly.

Family Reading for the Lord's Day.

WORK FOR CHRIST. '

Mark xiv. 8: "She hath done what she could."

I. It is the duty of each individual to do for God what he can.

The Lord's. Whose are we? whom therefore should we serve? the Lord. He made us, He sustains us. He has given us our life and reason and strength. Every faculty of mind, every energy of will, every power of body, every talent of whatever kind we enjoy is God's gift, His continued gift to us, His daily and hourly renewed gift to us. He clothes us, He feeds us; it is His earth we tread, His air we breathe; it is His sun that enlightens our path; it is His arm, unseen, around us, that protects us, and keeps us from falling, He hath given us our birth in a Christian land and not in heathen regions; He has given us Christian and not heathen parents, Christian instructions, and not heathen, Christian wives, husbands, children, and not barbarous or heathen ones.

Did you ever consider what it is to be encompassed about with Christian surroundings and not with heathen? Did you ever consider what it is to live among Christians—the bulk being, even, nominal Christians — rather than among rude lawless savages? Did you ever conChristian and not heathen institutions; | a contempt of His authority. It intimates a how vastly superior the comforts, how in-suspicion, nay, it is a practical and pubdescribably greater the advantages in all lie denial of His wisdom and goodness, and respects are under the government of God yet living as myriads of intelligent and moral than they would be under the fancied men do, men, even, professing Christianity, or any of the other blood-thirsty, impure measure their accountability to God, con-and ever-exacting idol gods of incient scious that they are not doing, nor seek-

gratification and honour of their acknow-apprehension. ledged deities is recognized by all heathen! and shall condemn us through eternity.

If God. as Creator and Preserver, has such claims upon all His intelligent creathe present day, who are living in sin tures, that they should do for Him and selfishness, in the veriest vanity or what they can, what shall we say of the the most thorough worldliness, refusing to ck ims which He has upon all who believe do for God what they can, does God utter in His love manifested to our race in giving these most awful we do to His Spirit, to up His Son Jesus Christ as declared in the His scriptures, to His ministers and to Scriptures, to redeem us from sin and the His providences? "Let them alone." everlasting punishment which it entails. Let them fulfil the lusts of their flesh, And what shall we say of the homage and the lust of their eyes and the pride of obedience due to God by those who profess life. Let them serve and be the slaves to be participating in, and who hope to of their own lusts and appetites, of their participate through eternity in the bless pride, their avarice and ambition. Let ings which the redemption of Christ secures, them, since they are determined to do it, to believers. Shall professing Christians hate instruction and despise the fear and grudge or refuse to do for God what they service of the Lord; and, in doing so, let can? Ah. many of them do. Yes, very them give their strength to strangers and many of these do grudge, and absolutely their labour for that which satisfieth not. refuse to do for God what He notably en- Let them live in the pollutions and on joins and what He imploringly beseeches the vanities of the world, sporting themthem to do! And what shall we say of selves with their own deceivings, until such disobedience? It is the most incon-they perish in their corruptions, and God's sistent conduct, it is the blackest ingrati- earth, wearied of them and loathing them, tude that creatures can manifest. It be-spurn them out and consign them to evertrays a shameful want of appreciation of lasting perdition. God's benefits enjoyed by us. It manifests This is all that God requires—what we

government of Baal, Jupiter, Juggernaut. men, acknowledging and feeling in some Greece or Rome, or modern India or Africa. ing to do, nor wishing to do, for God what The duty of doing what they can for the they can. They feel no compunction, no

What has become of reason! What has nations; and their convictions of duty are become of conscience! What has become acted upon, as the labours and sacrifices, of man's self-love! Reason has become and mortifications, and pilgrimages, and paralyzed, conscience has become stupefied; such contributions of the worshippers of man has, by Satan, been turned into his idol gods, to the present hour, abundant-town greatest enemy and also into the ly attest. Shall the heathen so fully and enemy of his race. What blessings, temfaithfully, and at such sacrifices, honour porul and eternal, are all, who are not their gods, and shall we hesitate to holding for God what they can, averting nour and to do the will of our God, the only from themselves and from their fellow living and true God, the allwise. all goods men! What evil, bodily and spiritual. and all powerful one, our Creator, our con-family and social, temporal and eternal, stant and bountiful Benefactor, the Lord are all such persons bringing upon themof heaven and of earth. Reason condemns selves and their fellow creatures! "Shail us in dishonouring and disobeying the God I not visit for these things, saith the Lord: we acknowledge. The heathen condemn us, 'and shall not my soul be avenged upon such a nation as this."

"Let them alone"! Of how many, in

God does vices from us men. God does not require law, and thus hath consecrated each prethe perfect obedience of Adam from us cept of it to His disciples, demonstrating his fallen offspring. God does not require each one to be holy, just and good. Christ the improvement of five talents from him hath said: "If ye love me, keep my who has but two. A man is accepted commandments. I will pray the Father, by God not according to what he is not and he will give you another comforter, or has not, but according to what he is that he may abide with you for ever." and hath. Do you admit all this? He hath also said: "Herein is my Then, will you not henceforth seek and Father glorified that ye bear much fruit;

in time and eternity, depends upon doing sion nor uncircumcision availeth anything.

for God what he can.

In saying this, I do not forget the God," but "faith which worketh by love." truth that Christ, the Eternal Son of God, Faith in Christ is precious. It is neces became sin for us, that we might become sary. But faith is precious and necessary the righteousness of God in Him. I do only as a means to loving God. Without not forget that "God so loved the world faith in Christ, in His finished work, His that He gave His only begotten Son, that perfected righteousness, His glorious sal-whosoever believeth in Him should not vation achieved for all who believe in perish, but have everlasting life." I do Him, no sinful man can or will love God. not forget that the reward is declared to hope of eternal life.

blissful. Blessed be God for this truth.

But while Christ has said "He that rance. believeth shall be saved," He hath also. said: "Not every one that saith unto imitators of Jesus, we act in His Spirit me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the and after His example and we now, to kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the some extent, share, and we shall, through will of my Father which is in heaven." eternity, share in His honour and joys. Christ came to magnify God's law and By doing for God what we can, we prove

t require angelic ser- and honoured every precept of God's moral strive to do for God according to His word, so bearing this fruit, shall ye be my diswhat you can?

Ciples." Hath not the Spirit of God said II .- The welfare of each individual, that "In Christ Jesus, neither circumcibut the keeping of the commandments of

By this love faith worketh, according to be, not to him that worketh, but to him the commandments of God, in the channel that believeth. Not by works of right- and direction of these commandments, cousness which we have done are we through their medium and agency. Love, saved, but according to His mercy God thus working, "does no ill to his neighhath saved us, if we are saved, and shall bour," but does good unto all as God gives save us, if we ever shall be saved, by the it opportunity. How mighty for the prewashing of regeneration and renewing of vention of evil and for the accomplishment the Holy Ghost which He shed on us of good is faith thus working by love, the abundantly through Jesus Christ our strongest and most impelling affection Saviour, that being justified by His grace, known to our nature. The Spirit sweetly we should be made heirs according to the impels him who is under His holy influence, to mind and to follow whatever Christ's life and death in the room of things are true, just, lovely and of good sinners, Christ's work and Spirit, is the report, so as to have himself the benefits foundation of all our hopes for time and yielded by all these things, and to secure eternity. From this, and not from our own them to others, as far as he can. The performances in any measure, must fruit of the Spirit yielded to the loving, we derive, through the grace of God, all beneficent Christian himself, and through those influences that shall make our lives him, as far as he can, to all others, is happy, our death hopeful, and our eternity " Love. joy. peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, tempe-

By doing for God what we can, we are make it honourable. He did not come to ourselves to be the children of God who bolish that law. He himself observed doeth good unto the evil and the good, God what we can, we are followers of in duty deprive Him of them. lived not to themselves, but unto God. And if we live in their spirit and after Him what we can. their example, we are partakers now of their consolations and joys and hopes, and we shall soon, and through eternity share with them in all their ample and satisfac-"We shall receive the tory rewards. things done in the body, according to that we have done, good or bad."

He who lives to himself is not wise; he who seeks to make riches and to secure honour and pleasures for himself, God, in Scripture, declares to be a fool; an intensely selfish man is an intensely miserable man. His life is out of harmony with all the most glorious beings and objects of the creation of God. God never and by love to man, came to earth and leaves Himself without a witness, in that! He does good. went about doing good. ministering to the heirs of salvation. Sun. had never sinned. moon and stars, oceans, rivers, fields-all purpose all that was necessary to be done the noblest works of creation reveal their -all indeed that he could do while upon glory and win their highest praises, when earth. But he is still carrying on and they do for God what they can. So do perfecting the work of redemption in men advance and perfect themselves in all heaven. For this end is He still working their capacities for happiness and in all; on earth, by His Spirit and His saints.

most High God, whose throne is high and with Himself and His Spirit in consumlifted up, and who giveth life and breath mating this work—in delivering the and riches and honours and happiness to all creation from its bondage and corruption in heaven and on earth? Can poor, weak, |-in freeing earth from its groanings and dependent, sinful creatures, do anything travail and pain, and in bringing forth into for this God?

III. We can do much to please God and to glorify Him. God has constituted | dwell, so as to afford to every man opportunities of doing good.

for Him what neither angel nor archangel love, and that those who love their fellow and honour, dominion and glory," which of showing that love, and of securing to

the just and the unjust. By doing for | want, if we, by our negligences and failures Abraham and Moses and Paul and all the powerful motive this consideration supother Old and New Testament Saints who plies to incite us, if we have a particle of gratitude and love towards God, to do for

What can we do for God? goodness extendeth not to Him. No: but it may extend to His saints—to His creatures. We can do much to make God's name, His glorious character, known upon earth, and His saving health among all nations. God is dishonoured upon His own earth; He is robbed every day by myriads of His creatures of the glory due unto His name. Can we do anything to prevent this dishonour and to stop this robbery? Then we can do much for God. It was for this purpose that God's Son, moved by zeal for His Father's glory lived and laboured, and bled and died. He Jesus while upon earth, succeeded in securing that His Father Angels are un-shall have infinite and eternal glory from ceasingly engaged in serving God and in this earth-more glory indeed than if man Christ did for this the best powers of their mental and moral It is through His people chiefly, that His nature, by doing what they can for God. Spirit works. Thus, has Christ appoint-But can men do anything for God, the ed his people on earth to be fellow-workers light and liberty and bliss, the sons of God.

Why sin should have found its way into this world, and why guilt and sorrow and us capable of doing much for Him, and suffering should so much abound and so He has constituted the world in which we long continue in it. is, in many respects, a mystery to us. But one reason is plain, and that is, that these who love God Yes: wonder of wonders! God, whom should have an opportunity of evidencing angels and archangels worship and obey their love,—those who love Christ should has put it into the power of man to do have an opportunity of manifesting that We can secure to God "blessing creatures should also have an opportunity no other creatures can, which God must themselves the great and eternal rewards

which Christ has promised to those who do Love and serve Him-rewards proportioned to the purity and intensity of that fields are white unto harvest!" Will we love, and to the faithfulness and persistence of the services to which it would lead, and knowing this, is it not enough for us, on this subject, at present to know. And in this view, how well fitted the state of the world is to afford those who love God and Christ and their fellow-men the amplest opportunities of manifesting their love, and of obtaining the rewards promised. Christ regards as done for Himself whatever, in love and obedience to Him, is done to any that are poor or needy, or distressed upon earth. "He that hath pity on the poor lendeth to the Lord." "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.' Where are not the poor, the needy and the distressed? "The poor ye have always with you," said Christ.

But what is poverty, as regards the comforts or even the necessaries of life? What is bodily or temporal distress, in the evils which they cause, or in the benefits which the removal of them secures, compared with spiritual poverty, soul distress, the unending destruction they result in, the infinite benefits deliverance from them secures, to those who are affected by them, and the infinite glory also secured to God through them? Ah! it is in efforts made, in faith and humility and love, to deliver ourselves and our fellow sinners from sin and guilt and vice and ungodliness that we truly and best show our love to God, that we do for Him the best that we can, and that we secure to ourselves the brightest and noblest rewards of heaven; and what place can we be in, what day, what time need pass in which we may not, in this matter, be doing for God what we can? Are we not every where and at all times, in every place we enter, at every step we take, meeting with the ungodly, the worldly, the careless, the despisers of God, and of His ordinances, those who are perishing for lack of knowledge, or, what is infinitely worse, perishing in knowledge, because they refuse or negleet or delay to do the things which God; requires of them that they may be saved? __ cluded:

O what a hervest there is for us all, at home and abroad, to reap! Verily "the not thrust in our sickles and gather it into God's granary? Will we not bestir ourselves, and do what we can to save perishing souls, to bring glory to God and to secure immortal joys, eternal honours to ourselves? They "that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars, for ever and ever."

"NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME."

There are no promises in the Bible for to-morrow. Now is the time for repentance. There is no safety, no security, no wisdom in postponing the acceptance of the Saviour. These are commonplace remarks; but they are no more commonplace than death, which knocks with equal confilence at every door; no more trite than the death-sickness, which will some day weaken the body and obscure the mind of each one who reads this paragraph. all who are mortal, and who have not made their peace with God, there is nothing of more importance, of more living interest, than the fact that God wili hear and forgive to-day, but makes no promises for to-morrow. To-day is the day of salvation.—(hristian Observer.

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