MY TIMES ARE IN THY HAND.

My times are in Thy hand! I know not what a day Or e'en an hour may bring to me; But I am safe while trusting Thee, Though all things fade away. All weakness, I On Bim rely.

Who fixed the earth, and spread the starry sky.

My times are in Thy hands! Pale poverty or wealth, Corroding care or calm repose, Spring's balmy breath, or winter snows, Sickness or buoyant health-What'er betide. If God provide,

'Tis for the best-I wish no lot beside.

My times are in Thy hand! Should friendship pure illume. And strew my path with fairest flowers; Or should I spend life's dreary hours In solitude's dark gloom, Thou art a Friend Till time shall end, Unchangeably the same: in Thee all beauties blend.

> My times are in Thy hand! Many or few my days, I leave with Thee-this only pray, That by Thy grace I, every day, Devoting to Thy praise, May ready be To welcome Thee,

Whene'er Thou comest to set my spirit free.

My times are in Thy hand ! Howe'er those times may end, Sudden or slow my soul's release, Midst anguish, frenzy, or in peace, I'm safe with Christ, my friend! If He be nigh. Howe'er I die, 'Twill be the dawn of heavenly ecstacy.

My times are in Thy hand! To Thee I can entrust My slumbering clay, till Thy command Bids all the dead before Thee stand. Awaking from the dust, Beholding Thee, What bliss 'twill be

With all thy saints to spend eternity. To spend eternity

In heaven's unclouded light! From sorrow, sin, and frailty free, Beholding and resembling Thee-Oh, too transporting sight, Prospect too fair, For flesh to bear!

Haste, haste, my Lord, and soon transport

REMINISCENCES OF PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS.

BY AN OCTOGENARIAN.

No. 23. REV. DR. FLINN.

Possibly the reader may ask, what benefit will arise from recalling the memory of so many ministers, who are sleeping quietly in their graves. Much benefit every way, chiefly because to these men, in their day, "were committed the oracles of God." business of their lives was to expound, illustrate, and enforce all the teachings of the Scriptures. It is important for us to know what, and how, they taught, giving to each his portion in due sesson. If held in vivid remembrance, they become examples to the flocks of young men by whom they are to be succeeded until all time shall end. If biographies, memoirs, and even incidents were all stricken out, what a vacuum would be created in the Presbyterian Church. much Sabbath reading and fireside entertainments would be lost to their personal descendants-their congregations and the public. The life of every minister is marked out in heaven. How pleasant to trace out the ways in which they were led. Surely God led Chalmers from Kilmany to Glasgow-Erskine from Kirkintilloch to Edina, and

Witherspoon from Paisley to America. Dr. Flinn, from Charleston, S. C., spent part of a summer in Princeton. He manifested so much ardor of feeling, that we took him to be of Irish extraction. If right in my suspicion he would not have been less agreeable on that account, for there are some things in the Emerald Isle about which we love to chat. Not its peat bogs-shilalebs, fights, duels, insurrections, incendiarisms, wells called holy, the margins of which are strewn with the rags of superstitious devotees. No: but its green surface laid down like a carpet by the hand of spring, hawthorn, its clover, halls of Tara, Killarcan never forget that Francis Makemie, from back from Thee, oh Shepherd of Israel."

We return to Dr. Flinn. The octogena- ly." mon he had heard as the greatest production and with his own breast. of the American Pulpit told me himself of and happiness. For his enemy will have administered. (1.) The Holy Ghost was not morals and principles were better, by coming instruction which they know is for their winding up the mountain side, we frequently gazed upon the scene before us, loath to leave

of sermons, or efforts in the forum, or speech- tic mien and patient dignity. es in Parliament or Congress. We heard were going from that church into a land of thou hast a devil!" enemies to the gospel of that Redeemer whose decease at Jerusalem we had remem- derstanding." Jesus was preëminently so, fication preceding the change of dispensa deep waters, and our hearts are bleeding at bered. Christians are often concerned about "who when he was reviled, reviled not gain," tions. A dispute arose, John iii: 25, be. every pore. Just the same trial has come to their feelings at the sacramental service, but returning not "reviling for reviling but con- tween some of his disciples and the Jews, us, which came to those whom some of us if they would make it a simple and exclusive trariwise blessing." An enemy cuts him- about "purifying," when John was baptiz- knew and loved very dearly, more than

be right. died, and not long after the Georgetown "a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." about the baptism then going on. pastor received a letter from Dr. Flinn .- The brethren of Jesus, even, did not believe Containing no secrets it was handed over to in Him. And doubtless their envy was often church, there would have been a great many the writer. It expressed a wish to obtain ill-disguised. But He went up into a moun-members, for he baptized many thousands. brighter prospects than last, at the close of some materials for the funeral sermon which tain apart to pray. He had here a friend- Matt. iii: 5, 6; Luke iii: 7. But we see the first month we numbered one hundred he expected to preach in honor of the de- ship that was compensating, and satisfying. (Acts i: 15,) that on the day of Pentecost, and eight scholars, fourteen of whom were ceased. The text which he intended to use Be thou also a man of prayer; and of a after Christ's ascension, there were only, all boarding pupils; these with the two little serwas stated, "Help Lord, for the godly man nobler cast than to be capable of envy or together, "about an hundred and twenty" vants who attended the school, a young ceaseth, and the faithful fail from among the dissimulation. And so shall thy path be names. John was not baptizing Christians. Greek teacher and our cook, made in all children of men." It was answered by the peace. person to whom it was addressed. He mentioned, no doubt, that the deceased was grad. find in Him our chief joy,-just in proporuated at Princeton in 1775, in the same tion as our sense of God, and sin, and time. class with the Rev. Samuel Doak, President and life, and death is distinct and profound, of Washington College, Tenn., and Charles will all the arrows of Satan fail to move us. Lee, who became Attorney-General of the They only drive us nearer Him, and enlarge only mode that God ever ordained. He never and most of them reading of the Scriptures Presbyterian church in Alexandria, joined "As the lofty mountain top rears its head then he who follows the Lord's example and We were unmolested in any way until the Ephesus can be determined by a few remains, around one of the sharp curves, we came sud-United States, that he took charge of the our joy in Him. the Presbytery of Baltimore, was called to high above the element of storms, and as the practice in this matter, will never get under 13th of October, when we were visited by a but that is all. Smyrna is a fair sample of denly upon the river Abana, with its gurg-Charleston about 1790, and was succeeded grand, calm, placid eye of the eternal Sun water. These articles have exhibited noth- committee of five, who came officially to enby Dr. Muir from the Summer isles. I saw itself looks down from its region of undimmed ing but the truth as it is in the Bible. Word quire into the condition of things. They Dr. Keith in my juvenile days. He had radiance upon the loud-roaring thunders at for word, they are built upon what the Bible examined our permission, which was the one been to the North, not on a rail car, but in its feet," so he that will daily strive to dwell his private carriage. He breakfasted at with Christ by self-denial, meditation, and Mamre, and the pastors talked over their prayer, can truly say of the shafts of malice, former intimacy. But the South Carolinian or of the tongue of envy and deceit, "Neverwas in a hurry, for he wanted to see his Al- theless, none of these things move me."

exandria people. Dr. Flinn, when well prepared, was among our most popular preachers. I heard him once in Baltimore, when I supposed that he had been somewhat remiss in his preparation. But he was traveling at the time, and this fact might have been the cause of the apparent failure. But the best of preachers ccasionally fail. Longinus was not always sublime, and Burke more than once spoke to a scanty audience. Dr. Flinn was in temperament suited to the people among whom he exercised the ministerial office. They were ardent, and he impulsive and mercurial; they were gentle, and he was sufficiently courteous. Some of them were de cended from the Huguenots, and he would have been one of that class, had his lot been cast in France. They were attached to their own palm tree State, and he certainly would have gone with them in all their resolves.

FOR THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN.

OUR ENEMIES, AND OUR DEPORTMENT.

(CONCLUDED.)

as soon, nor as fully restored again, if ever, to the esteem of the person wronged. This done, however, at once brings the flavor of sincerity, love, and regret; and heightens one's regard for the offending person in precise proportion to the spirit in which the reparation is offered.

If the offense be a grave one it is absolutely necessary to a growing friendship again,

of the human mind. "Ah," said the Doc- It will not do for a man to be constantly heaven, is greater than he." sermons preached in our world within the feels differently and acts otherwise is guilty the name of the Father, and of the Son, and faith, and learned, by experience, that their who desire better things for their children, early spring the green terraces must look even more striking than the call of Abraham last eighteen hundred years." The Annalist of the folly of disregarding his own interest of the Holy Ghost," as Christian baptism is children were better instructed, and their cannot put them where they will receive the very beautiful. As the road curved around, in the country farther east. For hours we

sors and ladies. We distinctly remember his Presence, and bear ourselves acceptably to Ghost, though baptized by him. Acts xix: there were propositions of compromise made earnestly. text, "He that believeth on the Son hath His Spirit. He pronounced, as He was bid- 2. But if he had used the name of the Holy to us to evade the law, which we would blush everlasting life, and he that believeth not den to do, the most terrible words of woe upon Ghost in the many thousands of baptisms to own had we acceded to them. Once it was a glorious opportunity we might have of inthe Son, shall not see life, but the wrath of the Jews. Yet I know his spirit, in its lofty which he administered, would they not have suggested to Miss Kyle to pay a priest, have structing and training these bright, young about fifty miles southward. His majestic God abideth on him." It was a powerful consciousness of communion with God, in its heard of Him. Certainly. Yet they had him come a certain number of times a minds. Most of our pupils still await the head seemed to rest upon the bosom of the and eloquent appeal. And yet we were not peace, and purity, did look out of eyes full never heard of Pon. (3.) Paul, a Christian month, shut him up in a room alone and decision of the Minister; some of them come heavens, while a soft fleecy cloud hung around transported to Botany Bay, because we nev- of compassion, and did, in the very midst of minister re-baptized these disciples of John. then report to the government that a priest every day to ask when they can come back the lower peaks like a white mantle of peace. er approved of an indiscriminate admiration his railing foes, light up his face with majes- Acts xix: 5. Why? Because John's bap- visited her school regularly. Almost any to us. It is hard to tell them "perhaps nev- Here was the Hermon of old, which will live

him on a subsequent occasion, when he took they saw his face "as it had been the face of tized by John, they were not then believers speaking, upon a sure basis. part in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. an angel." He is not likened to Jesus; only in Christ (v. 2.) but simply promised to be-Very properly he made no attempt at elo- to an angel. But who can tell what was lieve in receiving baptism from John, (v. 4.) whom we represent, and we feel sure all work here in Greece, and will truly sorrow goodly mountain as the Diligence came down quence, but spoke with a subdued tender- writ on the face of Jesus confronting his ene- Had John's been Christian people at home would say, "No, with us, and for those for whom we labor, our winding way, and went dashing across the ness. He charged us to walk consistently mies, who beset him about "like bulls of would not have re baptized these disciples. let the trial be as great as it may, rather let and will give us and them what we so much plain. This valley which lies between the with the profession we had just made, for we Bashan," crying "thy witness is not true: But he shows clearly (in v. 4) the difference your work be stopped than compromise;" need, earnest prayer. I. M. L-N.

act of the memory, their feelings would all self off from your social intimacy. But as ing in "Econ near to Salem, because there thirty years ago; and the same law which In the year 1813, Keith, of Charleston, who judgeth righteously; in whom thou hast about "purifying" was (v. 26) a dispute good that was then being done for the souls

FOR THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN. THE BAPTISM OF JESUS.

BY REV. H. H. HAWES.

1. Now then, Christian, "follow Jesus in baptism." In one sense, this is sacred duty. But it does not mean that you are to be baptized as He was, nor for the same purpose Several things stand in the way. (1.) You cannot be baptized "in Jordan," by John. (2.) You cannot be baptized "to fulfill all righteousness." (3.) You ought not to wait until you are "thirty years old" as Jesus did. This alone shows the folly of talking about following the example of Jesus in baptism. It is not His example, but His command which you are to follow in being baptized .- | the " Woman's Union Mission," of New He who sticks to the notion of following the | York, and the late lamented President, Mrs example, ought to stick to the example, all Doremus, whose life and character is so well the way through, -and above all, ought not known in all our beloved Church, was chiefly to be baptized until he is "thirty years old." instrumental in starting it, and greatly aided "But this delay would be wrong." Yes .- and advanced its interests. Her heart, so Then you see, you are not called to follow fired with love and good works to all suffer-He who neglects to rectify a wrong, is not Christ's example in baptism. He was bap- ing humanity, had ever in it a warm place tized as a part of His priestly consecration. for the Greeks, and she was ever ready to We are baptized after His command, and our help in every good word and work here in and at the noon intermission the children baptism preaches our corruption and our need | Greece. of the regenerating influences of the Holy

can we be baptized as He was.

The Charleston divine preached on the suc- ever, all is patiently referred to God, who rection of Christ, and so not until after ticeable in comparison with the Greek schools they have not religious freedom; some are the sea. After reaching the top, the road has ceeding Sabbath in the Prayer Hall of the reigneth: before whom we seek to be ac- John's time. See John vii: 39; John xiv; here, for it is admitted by their own teach-College to a crowded audience, composed of cepted in Christ. And this is to be "in John xv; Acts i and ii. (2) John's disciers, that in their schools there is a fearful as their fore-fathers had it; a few, we hope, row gorges for many miles, and then makes Nassau Hall and Seminary students, Profes- Him," when we enjoy the company of His ples had not so much as heard of the Holy system of lying and deceit. Frequently are thoroughly aroused and will fight for it a very steep decent into the valley between

between the two. "He that is slow to anger is of great un- 4. John's beptists was a ceremonial puri- and we feel that we are passing through the to his deeds, refer them all patiently to God, was much water there." And this dispute crushed out and trampled under foot the

5. Had John been taking members into the crushing us to the ground. The first Christian baptism ordered is in eighteen who came directly under the reli-Just in proportion as we dwell in God, and Matt. xxviii: 18-20. The first Christian gious instruction of our family, which we enbaptism administered is in Acts ii: 41 .-Christ did not receive it, nor John administer a Christian family in our own land. I be-

yet sent any one into and under water. So in private. teaches. The writer had very great trouble, given to Miss Kyle when she first opened and it is surprising to see what huge burdens The road follows the river, which finds its many years since, because of Immersionist the school. This, they informed us, would they can carry. The master divides the load way out of the mountains through a deep teachings. He took the Bible therefore, and not do for us, and asking the direct question, into two parts, then leads the camel between, narrow defile. About dark the Diligence. resolved to abide in its teachings only. And "Will you receive the priest or not?" We and a tap on the leg makes him lie down which was going at a rapid rate with six now it is his solemn conviction,—growing replied "No;" they then stated that no until the burden is tied on him. With a white horses, dashed out of the mouth of the stronger with the flight of every year, that further permission would be granted us to grown he rises up and steps aside until the gorge, and there was Damascus, the "eye of to be an Immersionist through any right in terpretation of the Word of God, is simply the Greek Church. They told us that this, all in line one after the other, and on the enjoying her ancient birthright on the banks an absolute impossibility! Especially is it a from them, was not official, but we would re- neck of the rear one he fastens a large bell; of her beautiful rivers. In a few moments grievous error, ever to say that the Bible has ceive an order from the Minister of Educa. he then mounts a little donkey in front and we were at our quarters in the hotel, but the in it even one word, commanding us "to follow the example of Jesus, by seeking the liquid grave." There is no such idea in all the Bible. And that is enough to say for it. Its production is challenged here and forever!

FOR THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN. A LETTER FROM ATHENS.

It is known to most of the readers of our southern religious newspapers, that where has been in existence in Athens, a school of lie office, during his hours for reception, he

the first class, for young Greek girls. This school was supported by the ladies of

Six years ago, Miss Kyle, a lady from tions. Spirit. You can easily see the difference .- Boston, was sent out by the ladies of this Christ could not be baptized as we are, nor | Society, to undertake the work of establish- five, accompanied by two priests and a Greek 2. We have nothing to do with John nor assist in the regeneration of Greece from the force the law; but they found there was no Jordan in this matter. This is true. For: effects of Turkish bondage, by educating and need for force. They then forbade, under that it begin without those obstructions which (1.) John was not a Christian minister, and training her daughters in a school, where the donkies, goats, chickens, and the owner, all which are the scavengers of the city. Into were placed by the offending party. If these so could not administer Christian baptism. morals and principles should be based enold wrongs are not repaired, or a veracity The Bible is worth more than all that men tirely upon the teachings of the Scriptures. to send away our boarders, and said we could commercial port of Syria. The trade of the fearful arrest outside of the city. Here he doubted before the public eye and ear be not can say, in debating this point. What does This at once met with opposition, as there is be prosecuted for what we had already done East comes to this point by the excellent road spent three days of unspeakable anguish. now sustained in the matter in which it was it teach? (a.) That John was a Prophet here in Greece a law requiring the Greek — "taught without permission." They can from here to Damascus. Here too are located until Ananian came and baptized him in the sought to doubt or destroy it, mutual confi- and not a member of the new dispensation. catechism and Sacred History to be taught not prevent our girls remaining with us as the colleges of the American missions for all name of the Lord Jesus. We continued our ney Lakes, Causeways, the vale of Wicklow dence and close association can never, in the Luke vii: 28. The words of Christ Him- in all schools for Greek children, by a Greek boarders, though only yesterday we were these eastern countries. We have had the rambles out through the Eastern Gate and in which Grattan lived, its ivy pillars, cas very nature of things, be established. It is self are here. Did He know? "For I say priest. Now it is well known by all intellitles, and above all its Protestant kirks. We a debt all such persons owe to themselves, if unto you, among those that are born of wo gent, evangelical Christians, that there is official visit from a policeman, who came to learning the great work they are doing for we were shown the place where Paul was let they do really desire your association, as men, there is not a greater Prophet than much in the catechisms and the dogmas of the inspect into matters, and see that we were this benighted people. Row. Dr. Bliss is the down over the wall and made his escape.— Ulster, volunteered to plant the earliest they may say they do, to express in a few John the Baptist." John's own father taught Greek Church, which we, as Bible Chris- obeying the laws. Is there in this world a sble and efficient President of the college for After visiting several of the bazars and the germs of Presbyterianism on the soil of Ma- plain words their disapproval of their course, the same thing? Did he know? Luke i: tians, cannot accept, nor teach, nor permit to plain words their disapproval of their course, the same thing? ryland. His mild blue eye watched the vine adopted it may be in a time of excitement, 76, "And thou, child, shalt be called the be taught in our schools; therefore this law American citizens, could be subjected to such four years in the literary department, and weary and tired. till it began to send out its boughs to the and to proclaim their confidence in your ve. Prophet of the Highest; for thou shalt go must be avoided. So to establish a school sea, and its branches far beyond the river of racity in the matter in question in as public before the face of the Lord, to prepare His here, in the face of this opposition, was no Pocomoke. Boars out of the wood would a manner as they have doubted it. And this ways." Now a Prophet is one who by word leasy task. Yet Miss Kyle, in her sincere school, we sent in a request, endorsed by a graduates in all, and forty-seven have taken lies back of the city, when the whole plain have devoured it; but his prayer was "Let will they do, if their hearts are right towards or deed, goes before under God's ordaining. devotion to the work, succeeded and estabthy hand be upon the man of thy right hand you. If it be a society, however, against an What does John say of himself and work? lished a school, which not only existed, but distely another permission like the former men have shown fine minds, and are succeedand upon the son of man whom thou madest individual, little is to be expected. The sense John i: 23, "I am the voice of one crying grew and prospered. She conducted it, for Greek children; if this would not be ing well in their professions. More than two- Damascus, a city when Abraham visited it strong for thyself; and so will we not go of multitude fortifies men in wrong-doing.— in the wilderness, make straight the way of without any American associate, for four granted, we demanded, as our just rights, a thirds of the graduates have become mem- near 4,000 years ago. Here still runs the "Individuals may repent; corporations rare- the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias." So years, and was then joined by Mrs. Fluhart permission for a purely evangelical school. bers of the church. The medical school has clear waters of the Abana, making Damascus Christ also says, Luke vii: 27, "This is he of Missouri; they were together in the school Our representative, Gen. Read, is absent, or already been made a branch of the Imperial and the country around it the garden of the But these obstructions removed, mutual of whom it is written, Behold I send my mes- a year; since that time the school has been we would have submitted the matter at once school at Constantinople, which shows the desert. To the west are the bold rugged for the following reason: Several years be- good offices, and trusts may build up the for- senger before thy face, which shall prepare continued under Mrs. Fluhart, associated to him; but in his absence the paper has influence the institution is exerting all over cliffs of Lebanon; to the south is the broad fore, I met with a gentleman, in whose judg- mer intimacy. It will be a growth however, thy way before thee." Therefore John came with your correspondent. The school, both been presented for us by a Greek, acting as the country. The college buildings are ex- yalley leading away toward the Jordan; to ment and taste the most implicit confidence just as the former was. And this growth preaching "the baptism of repentance" as a while under the charge of Miss Kyle and American Consul here. We believe he is cellent, located on a rocky cliff, commanding the east, as far as the eye can reach, is the was felt. He was not of our denomination, will depend upon the gravity of the offense, preparation to receive Christ in His coming. her successors, had frequent molestations doing all he can, but nothing definite yet has a magnificent view of the sea, and the mounbut he had heard the subject of this paper in and upon their acts of fidelity from day to This baptism when received, said "I will re- and threats from the government, that unless been done. He tells us that there is no tains of Lebanon. The female college, which before us we read the history of Naaman and the city of Philadelphia. It was thought at day from this time on. But whether thine ceive Christ," not "I have believed on Him." the law was complied with, and the cate hope for the school as it was, and he thinks is most admirably conducted, is also doing a the little Jewish maiden, also the visit of the the time that the eulogium of the Maryland enemy repent of his deed, or not, dwell thou (b.) Again, Christ teaches that "the kingdom chism, &c., introduced, it would be closed; that in every possible way, they are going to great and good work in a more private way. Prophet Elisha to the city, when Hazael murcritic on the South Carolina divine, had rath- in God; pity his frailty; let his soul be pre- of heaven" is since John. Matthew xi: 12. but through the intervention of friends, the tie our hands, so that if possible we cannot These two institutions are the hope of this dered the king and siezed the crown. Then er bordered on extravagance. He spoke of cious in thy sight; do him good as opportu- "And from the days of John the Baptist "powers that be" were evaded; yet always receive children of the Greek faith. his noble appearance in the pulpit, his pray- nity offers, even as to others. Be courteous until now, the kingdom of heaven suffereth truthfully and honestly, and the fact was Greece truly has need of the prayers of and more. ers, the reading of the hymns, his tones and and pursue the even tenor of thy way. He violence;" and Luke xvi: 16, "The Law known by all, that we had not and would not Christian people. The young people here, the mental power with which he managed his that walketh thus, sooner or later "maketh and the Prophets were until John; since that have the Scripture lessons taught by a Greek are, many of them, growing up in infidelity the French Diligence for Damascus, which is slowly and thoughtfully the account given subject. Dr. Sprague once went into exsta- his enemies to be at peace with him." And time the kingdom of heaven is preached." priest, and that we would teach strictly Bi- and unbelief; people who call themselves a long ride of seventy-two miles, but the road in the Acts of the Apostles. In these cies, when speaking to Dr. Dwight of a ser- what is better he will be at peace with God, (c.) Again Christ says of John, in Luke vii: ble lessons, using the text-books or cate- Christians and outwardly conform to some of is excellent and horses are changed every very heavens over us, Jesus once appear-28, "But he that is least in the kingdom of chism of no Church or denomination. This the observances and rites of the church hour. The west side of Mount Lebanon is ed in his glory, and spake in his majesty tor, "there have been multitudes of such annoyed by an enemy's presence. He who 3. John did not administer baptism "in mit the Bible as the common ground of belief of any hereafter! And yet parents handful of earth can be found, and in the apostle Paul was called, amid circumstances

this cheque to his unlimited admiration .- him at a constant disadvantage. Here, how given to the Burch, until after the resur- to this school. This fact was especially no- good. Many of them do not yet know that had most charming views looking down over tism was not Christian baptism. It was not such compromise could have been made, and er," yet it is a sad joy to us to know how forever in the beautiful imagery of the Pro-When Stephen's enemies looked upon him in the name of Jesus, even. Though bap- our school would this day stand, humanly they love and cling to the school. I have phete. On this grand old mountain are an-

and so we have acted and the trial has come. of this people, is now tying our hands, and

Our beloved school opened this year with deavored in every respect to make like a lieve there was not a child in the house who 6. To be baptized "with water" is the did not regularly practice private prayer,

> untold suspense and anxiety. In the mean country. time, at the earnest solicitation of one of to have a personal interview with the Minister of Education; to beg that he would himself, before signing the order, inquire into the facts of the case, and ascertain if the school now or ever had engendered any evil positively refused to see us. So we were unheard, and the order came by the hands of a policeman; it was to this effect-that we should close the school within twenty-four hours, or force should be used; and the reason assigned was,-"we had no permission." This was utterly false, for had we consented to comply with the law regarding the priest, &c., the permission would have been changed

within twenty-four hours. The order was immediately complied with.

left us, amid many tears and bitter lamenta The day following, that same committee of ing a school here, the object of which was to gentleman of our acquaintance, came to en-

inconveniences?

But we know the ladies of the Society will read it have long known tand loved the ruined race. For hours we watched this

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LETTER FROM REV. J. H. BRYSON.

DAMASCUS, SYRIA, Nov. 4th, 1877. It is beautifully located at the head of the Empire. bay. The English have built two railroads out for some seventy miles into the interior, wild and rugged. At one point the road which bring a large trade to the city. The passes through a narrow gorge with the rocky French have built a fine harbor for shipping. cliffs towering up on either side 1,500 feet. The two great articles of commerce are figs At one point on the mountain where there and raisins; immense cargoes are shipped was some shrubbery and grass, we saw imfrom here to Europe and America.

churches of Asia, to which reference is made | The goats were all what we call "black and in the Book of Revelation. The city remains, | tan," not a white one among them. Some but all traces of the church are gone. I had of these nimble footed creatures had climbed hoped to get over to Ephesus, but it was re- up to the top of the highest peak, and stood garded as unsafe to spend a night there be- out on a sharp crag looking down on us cause of malaria, and I had, with much re- passers by with the utmost indifference. receive Greek children, that is, children of whole train is loaded. The master puts them the desert," the city of forty centuries, still tion. This order came after ten days of off the train moves for the interior of the question kept repeating itself, is this the Da-

From Smyrns our steamer passed southour most influential patrons, we endeavored ward touching at Chios, Rhodes and Cyprus, to see the principal objects of interest in the designs or doctrines to the children. But of Patmos to get a sight of it. The islands spot was the old Temple or House of Rimmon, both at his private residence and at his pub- of the Ægean Sea, and all the coast of Asia in the days of the Syrian kings. Here Naafording but little land susceptible of culture. the Minaret is very fine. We next found

The day following the final closing of the institution has sent out about seventy-five noon we walked up on the mountain which

the parents never objected to, as they all ad- "from custom," they say, utterly deny the cultured with vine and fig tree wherever a to Saul, the bold persecutor. Here the

Lebanon and Anti Lebanon, called "Calo-If this law would only be abolished, what Syria." When about half way down, we written this, feeling that many of those who chored the revelations God has made to our two Lebanons is the richest country of all Syria. It is eleven miles wide, and ninety long. In the northern part of this valley are the ruins of Baalbec. Near by the road I saw one of the many large mounds which are found at differen places in this valley; Dear Dr. Brown .- I will give you a few they are evidently artificial, but I believe no notes, from Smyrns to this old city of the one has yet attempted to open them. On East. Leaving Athens I came by steamer both mountains are seen at several places the to the prosperous city of Smyrna, which is remains of the old Roman road, constructed the great commercial port of Asia Minor .- | when Syria was a province of the Roman

The scenery in crossing Anti-Lebanon is mense flocks of goats, which darkened the In this city was located one of the seven | very sides of the mountain by their numbers.

luctance, to give it up. The location of Late in the evening as the Diligence dashed mascus of old, which we had longed to see?

After a night's rest we started out early

on our way to Beyrout. In this journey we city. We visited the Mosque of St. John, passed along the track of the Apostle Paul in the chief place of Moslem worship. It was some of his missionary tours going to and from first built for a Christian church in the days Ephesus and on to Jerusalem. I regret very of Constantine. It is a grand old structure, much we did not pass near enough the island and has seen a wonderful history. On this Minor are covered with rugged mountains, af. man worshipped. The view from the top of The grape seems everywhere to be the chief our way into the "street called Straight," and it is well named, for it is the only straight Early in the morning we cast anchor in street in the city. It is the general opinion the harbor of Beyrout, and a crowd of boat- that the location of this street has never men were soon on the steamer, ready to take changed. It runs the whole length of the the passengers ashore. Here the Custom city from West to East. Most of the street House officials were to be met again, and at is a bazar, or what we would call a business these eastern ports the traveler has to pay to street. It is about eight feet wide, covered get in, and to get out. Beyrout is beautiful- over with the little work and trade shops on ly situated, and being on the side of a hill, each side. There is quite a number of these there is a fine view of the sea from all parts | bazar streets, all called by different names. of the city. Just back of the town is Mount | They are crowded all the time. It is a won-Lebanon, all terraced and cultured to the derful sight. Frank, Turk, Greek, Moslem, top. It is said that forty villages can be Arab, men and women in all their peculiar seen scattered over the sides of the mountain costumes are here. Through this narrow from Beyrout. These villages are not very lane crowded with people, comes the came attractive looking places to an American and donkey with their huge burdens, and traveler, being only a few mud huts, in which every where are seen half famished dogs.

four years in the medical department. The The next day was the Sabbath, and about country, and may the Lord bless them more selecting what we thought most likely the spot where Saul was arrested by the sud-