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FOR THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN. A LESSON.

O heard ye the bird song this morning, So joyous, so fresh, and so bright? It ripples as drops from a fountain, And sparkles like stars in the night.

Notes soft and low, sweetly blending With warblings ecstatic, are heard. Oh-who did imagine such rapture Could dwell in the breast of a bird !

Was ever a measure so joyous, So filled with impassioned delight? How happy if we could but catch it, And stay the sweet melody's flight.

Again and again 'tis repeated, From morn till the close of the day, Though the wind is so cold and chilling, And of sunshine there scarce is a ray.

Have birds more blessings than mortals That they should be happier than we? Our mercies are numbered by thousands They have but a nest, and a tree.

Have birds more wisdom than mortals: More trust in the sweet promise given? Is this tender love but for sparrows, Have we no kind Father in Heaven?

We strive to attain what we cannot, Of to-morrow, the burden we bear. They, caroling sweetly, despair not, And pick up the crumbs without care.

This the lesson of life, if we learn it; Glad songs of devotion shall rise, As we gather the sweet crumbs of comfort, And trust to the God of the skies. M. M.

FOR THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN.

REMINISCENCES OF PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS.

BY AN OCTOGENARIAN.

No. 25. DR. DANA.

Richard Storrs, a student of the College, informed me that this divine from Newburyport, had spent a Sabbath in Princeton .-Why, then, I asked, did he not make himself known that we might have heard the silver tones of his voice. Modesty-he replied. that by which they are followed. Wish, I ered. Laus Deo. rejoined, that we could have caught sight of Newburyport. The writer had no curios-

wich Islands was present, for the Andover students sometimes spend their Sabbaths in adjacent towns. The writer felt that he had found himself among an intelligent, moral, hospitable and pious people; but somewhat peculiar. Numerous were their questions about their kindred in Georgetown. "Happy to see you at breakfast to-morrow morning," naming the hour. This seemed to be the meal at which they entertained. They were

quite as good autocrats at the morning meal as Wendell Holmes. The Episcopal minis ter invited me to breakfast. We went accordingly. He did not return the call, but this incivility was probably owing to a pass at arms between himself and Dr. Dana about keeping Christmas. But it was only a newspaper fight.

A merchant in Newburyport had given twenty-five thousand dollars to endow a chair of Church History in the Andover Seminary. Dr. Murdoch was to be inaugurated to that Professorship. Dr. Dana very politely asked me to bear him company. The weather was intensely warm; but nevertheless it was a pleasant ride through a highly cultivated country. Andover may be called a hillside town. A large company were assembled, including the Lieutenant Governor of the State, and many Divines. The breakfast you to be "exercising myself in things too table was crowded. We were glad to make the acquaintance of Dr. Morse, because his two volumes of Geography had been household books at my home. But the Professors of the Seminary appeared to be engaged in preparing for the ceremony of inauguration which was perfectly simple when it was enacted. Had the writer been introduced to

Professor Stuart, our conversation could not have lasted more than five minutes. He had just replied to Channing, and we had read his pamphlet and thought that he might have made his argument much stronger for the Divinity of our Lord. Still the Professor was a learned Theologian, and a Rabboni in his Hebrew. A cloud became vertical to the chapel during the inauguration, and a man Some men require to be sought out, for they was stunned at the door by the lightning; prefer not the notice they hunt after, but but he was bathed in water, and soon recov-

Problem IV. Where any of the above to act in their name, and subject to their re cess had already been entered, and the acmentioned practices are considered just and view and control." As a matter of fact this cused was there before the Synod upon an equitable-How long can such a church ex- inherent right has been claimed and exercised appeal, and the question was not whether pect to enjoy the blessing of God,-and how in all countries where Presbyterianism has process should be entered against him, but much may it be supposed to grieve his Holy existed, and is now every day exercised with- whether the Synod could proceed to try him, by fire, and made "new" will be the future Spirit? The key to this problem may be out question, in some cases, such as the in- he being already by his appeal within the abode of the saints. For certain reasons, I our Lord's Prayer, concerning our own temfound in the Old and New Testament Scrip- stallation of pastors and the organization and jurisdiction of the Synod. There is a great have thought proper to consider this propo- poral want : "Give us this day our daily

SPHINX. FOR THE CENTRAL PRESENTERIAN. THE LAW OF COMMISSIONS.

FALLING SPRING MANSE, Dec. 5, '77. Rev. William Brown, D. D. :

Dear Brother,-When I penned the letter to brother Price, published recently, I never dreamed that I would be so soon in the merciless grip of the Central. I have seen so many unfortunates writhing in your inexorable mill, that I assure you I have a great

dread of even the appearance of a contest with you. But as you have been pleased to make me conspicuous in your paper, and have invited discussion, there seems to be nothing left me but to lock horns with you. And now if in the following discussion I seem to

high for me," I beg in advance that you will be content with a moderate exhibition of your skill in skinning. Before I take up the main point there are

some pertinent preliminaries to be set down. 1. I disclaim all purpose of assailing the brethren of East Hanover. I believe they are all incapable of wilfully perpetrating an injustice, and I beg them to remember that I am discussing this case from a purely legal standpoint.

2. If a Commission had been appointed, the Church would have had at once a thorough investigation. The case has gone to the Assembly upon a legal point, and with an imperfect record, and the strong probability is that all the facts of this unfortunate affair will never come out.

3. While the Synod did indirectly decline to appoint a commission, there is no evidence that it was regarded as a flagrant and un-

tures, passim, yet it is almost entirely over- visitation of churches. Indeed the power is gap between entering process and a new trial. sition next in order. The work which God bread." A petition not for this year, nor looked by the parties concerned, and very so essential that no Church could absolutely The most this section can be tortured into has said He will perform on the earth is next, not for that vague time we call the fufew have the courage to apply it when found. surrender it without incurably injuring its teaching is that the Presbytery had original called in the Scriptures, "the regeneration," efficiency, and disabling itself for performing jurisdiction of the case. its functions, and fulfi ling its mission. See

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report to the Assembly of 1847.

nied by the Constitution is expressly recognized in two instances. Book of Discipline, chap. V, sec. 4, and chap. VI, sec. 13. In each of these cases the Constitution does not confer but simply recognizes an existing power. The language is not that of a grant,

but simply suggestive and directive. Again: The principle contended for by me has been universally recognized as a part of Presbyterianism. It has been claimed and acted upon by Presbyteries, Synods and Assemblies. It is an undeniable fact that the Church in Scotland is familiar with it, and that in this country all kinds of executive and judicial acts were performed by Synodical Commissions from the institution of the Synod of Philadelphia in 1716, down to the

organization of the Assembly in 1788. Annual and special Commissions were habitually appointed. So far as I know the right as never questioned by any branch of the Presbyterian Church until lately, and if usage and precedents can ever avail to settle a disputed question, this one should be considered as determined. "If the principles of Presbyterianism can be learned from the practice of all Presbyterian Churches, it is nost unreasonable to denounce the right in question as anti Presbyterian." See Hodges

History of the Presbytevian Church for a multitude of instances of the exercise of this DOWAT. Again : This right has been expressly recognized and approved by the General Assembly. It was approved in the famous Cumberland Presbytery case, of which I will

say more presently. It was recognized

1842, in the Peoria, Illinois, church case .--

Assembly, in indefinitely postponing the

resolution denying the power of a Synod to

act by Commission, was upon the motion of

Dr. Hodge, and regarded by the friends of

the doctrine sustained in his report as a re-

fusal, on the part of the Assembly, to deny

this right. The Review says the action of

the Assembly was all the friends of the re-

port wished-and that a decided majority

was in favor of the doctrine. In 1349, the

Assembly declined to overture the Presbyte-

ries for a permanent Commission as inexpe-

dient .- and in 1854, when two propositions

were before it-one to appoint a permanent

Commission and the other to overture the

Presbyteries, the subject was laid on the ta-

how this action discountenanced the right in

question. The history of the matter proves

that in point of fact, the theory of a Commis-

sion has found a good deal of encouragement

For these reasons, I am set in the opinion

mission, and more, that whatever the Synod

II. And now for "the case in a nut-shell."

The question is not, Did the Synod have orig

inal jurisdiction to try this case either by it-

self or a Commission-but : Did the Synod

having once obtained jurisdiction of the case

by appeal, have power to take it for a new

trial, and give it to a Commission? I sav it

There is nothing in the Constitution for

bidding the exercise of this power, and giv-

ng to the Presbytery exclusive right to re-

ry a case. You cite Book of Discipline.

"And nothing but what is contained in the

secord may be taken into consideration in

court." This has nothing to do with the

question under discussion. The point is not

Chap. IV., Sec. 23, as denying the power-

since the revision of the Constitution.

tion

had this power.

Now I cannot for the life of me see

"restitution of all things," and a creation. Again : This power has been exercised re- I do not propose to speculate upon the form this argument at length in Dr. Hodge's able peatedly. I can only refer here to a few, out of the new earth and the nature of its maof a multitude of cases. In 1735, Synod terials. When it is declared that "the world couched in the same terms : "As thy day,

Again : This power so far from being de- upon an appeal, appointed a Commission to being overflowed with water perished," we so shall thy strength be." "determine the business." In another case are not taught that it was annihilated, but two Presbyteries were conjoined into a Com- that the flood of waters, by the operation of we give those anxious thoughts for the mormission to try the case of Rev. Mr. Morgan. natural laws, wrought upon it a great and row which our Master positively forbade, as-In another case, in reference to an appeal material change; a change the full extent suring us that "Sufficient unto the day is from New Castle Presbytery, the Synod of which has not yet been discovered. So, the evil thereof."

says, "As this matter cannot be issued here, the fire of the last day must materially change There is something exquisitely child-like we appoint a Commission to hear and try the the structure of the earth. And when we in the attitude of that faithful soul who, givmerits of the case, and to issue the whole af- interpret literally the language of Peter ing to the wind his fears, lets the horizon of fair, and to take what methods they may where he speaks of the heavens and earth "to-day" bound his wants ; who believing think proper in relation thereto." And in that are now, it would be a violation of the that the Father's almighty hands are full of the Cumberland Presbytery case, the Synod laws of language to suppose that the new blessings which it would be just as easy for of Kentucky, having obtained jurisdiction of heavens and new earth wherein dwelleth Him to lavish upon him at once as to give the case by review and control, by a Com- righteousness, of which he next speaks, is him from day to day, yet believes His wisdom mission suspended ministers without trial - not a material abode prepared for righteous is perfect.

Much more could they have done this after people, but an intangible, ethereal, immate- "Your heavenly Father knoweth ye have trial. You say there are only two cases in rial, inconceivable something, which has some- need of all these things," said the Divine which a Synod can retry a case, namely, a thing to do, we know not what, with right- Word, and it must be in profound wisdom case of reference, and that of new testimony, cousness. In the same vision which St. John that He chooses to give us only the day's porwith consent of the appellant and the judi- had of the new heavens and new earth, he | tion at a time. And could we but wisely accatory. But in the above record I have had also a vision of "the holy city, New Je- cept His will about it, how comparatively cited cases of a trial by Synod upon review rusalem coming down from God out of heav- light would our crosses seem, for we all know and control and appeal, without any new tes- en, prepared as a bride adorned for her hus- how many of them are heavier because of the timony suggested. hand." At the same time, he "heard a great anticipation of their increased weight, how

Again : This power inheres in the Synod, voice out of heaven saying, behold the taber- many that we anticipate are never laid on and it could not, as it has not, absolutely nacle of God is with men, and He will dwell our shoulders, and how many that would surrendered it. There are cases where the with them. . . . Behold I make all otherwise crush us to earth are upborne by Presbytery is legally disqualified for "a fair things new." Rev. xxi: 1-5. It should be those tender and almighty hands that are and impartial trial" as required by the Book noted that at this period of the bride's de- ready to carry our sorrows.

of Discipline, Chap. IV., Sec. 15, and the scent, it is not said, the tabernacle of men is Again, there is true Christian philosophy interposition of the Synod is imperatively de- with God, and they shall dwell with Him, in remembering that vesterday's trials and manded. The case under discussion is an but "the tabernacle of God is with men, and crosses are past-they come not back again : illustration of this truth. Dr. Baird charged He will dwell with them." And what are the that while it is mournfully true that

openly that the members of the Presbytery " all things new" but the new heavens and who were also members of the Committee of new earth which had just been alluded to ? Publication, were interested in his condemna. The apostle Peter also speaks of the restitu- it is equally true that the anguish and the

"The tender light of a day that is dead

tion, and by this I understood him to assert tion of all things at the coming of Christ .- pain and the cares of yesterday are dead too, and if with brave hearts we bury

FOR THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN. THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.

II. When Christ comes, the earth purified How hard it is for us to learn the lesson which is evidently intended in the petition of ture, not even for this week, nor even for tomorrow ; but for "this day."

> And the gracious promise of strength to meet what the Father may appoint us, is

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"THIS DAY."

Do not we doubt God's faithfulness when

His weight, he said, would not have run over a hundred and thirty pounds. but he knows what and how to preach. He is a sound Presbyterian, with an elocution mild but pleasing. We afterwards found that he stood upright in family prayer, and commenced his Sabbath at twilight on Saturday evening. These were innocent peculiarities

The writer did not then dream that he might one day become the guest of Dr. Dana, After the rising of the General Assembly in 1819, we left Philadelphia for Newburyport in search of sea air. We were not looking after a Poetess like Miss Gould, or a barrister like Caleb Cushing, author of a long Chinese Letter, or a millionaire like Bartlet. What then? After breezes from the Merrimack or the Atlantic. The town was very handsome. On a gentle declivity. with wide streets running pretty much at right angles, on a pleasant river and noble harbor. After an hour spent at the hotel, a gentleman knocked at the door of my room, and on finding ingress introduced himself as Dr. Dana. He wore gold spectacles. You must go with me, he said, and not dwell in any hired house during your stay. Don't like to deprive any one of a customer, but will try to send the hotel two in your stead. The Jews at Rome had received not letters about Paul from Jadea, but we have received some concerning you from the Peabodys, Dodges, Elliots, Searles, Russells and Putnams of Georgetown. Yes, I replied, that town, founded in 1751, is full of New Englanders and they are first rate denizens. In handsome bride was from your town. So the stranger became snugly fixed in a Pres-

byterian manse hedged on all sides by Congregationalism.

feuds, and devoted to the people of his written with classical simplicity He never once hinted to his and force. guest that he had been President of a Col- arrangement similar to the above exists. lege which we suppose to have been Dart- should pay out of the Sabbath collections. mouth, but sometimes called Hanover, in first of all, all its incidental expenses, such

Grafton county New Hampshire. He was as fuel, lights, and sexton's hire, and then, if also a leading member of Londonderry Pres. there be any deficiency, should make their We do not suppose that he was minister bear it-In such a church, how bytery. versed extensively in French literature or in much more valuable are the sexton's services the Italian from Dante to Alfieri bat his reckoned than those of its pastor ? Is there mind was well stored with that of England. any Calculus which would enable us to ar-

and my people are not opposed to hearing a Problem III. Where more than one half stitution for grants of power, but for limita- does not expressly deny the power-it says: ture. To use words so loosely and inaccu-Sabbath day as a day of blessing. It was on it does imply an exact resemblance in respect rately that their definite meaning is lost, is and my people are not opposed to hearing a rately that their definite meaning is lost, is preacher from the South. We found the of the members of a church contribute noth- tions upon its use, and these restrictions must "The Presbytery has power to judge minis- the first day of the week (the same day He to the quality designated When Carist's to commit an intellectual offence correspond-Federal street church to be a spacious edi- ing to its various missionary and benevolent not be inferred or implied but expressly ters, &c." But it does not say that the rose from the dead) that Jesus revealed him- raiment is said to be "exceeding white as ing to that of removing the landmarks of an fice. It would accommodate a large number enterprises, is it fair to report what comes stated. The fact therefore that the Consti- Synod shall not in issuing an appeal retry self to the two disciples, and made their it is not lawful to suppose that snow ancient estate." Yet we have popular writers snow." of people. When the congregation rose to from a few as having been given by all-es- tution makes no mention of a particular the case. The Constitution itself recognizes hearts burn within them. It was the same was any whiter than His raiment. John among us who have employed all their inevening He came and stood in the midst of "beheld the glory of the word made flesh as genuity in efforts to corrupt our language, prayer all the seats were thrown back on pecially when those who do not contribute power is no evidence that it does not exist. cases in which the Synod may judge minisand pollute the waters in "the well of Engtheir hinges making room for them to stand, are under the same obligation, and are fully The power in question is one of these inhe- ters, and there are numerous instances of a His disciples, and said, "Peace be unto you," -equal to-the glory of the only begotten lish undefiled," and for their offence in this and after prayer rearranged. The clattering as able as those who do? And how far does rent powers. It is a right which every court, Synod going over the head of a Presbytery, and breathed on them, saying, "Receive ye of the Father. This second proposition will way they are honored, laughed at, read and alter prayer rearranged. The clastering as able to the rather. This second proposition and doing some of the things which this sec- the Holy Ghost;" and it was eight days be farther discussed in another article. quoted and admired !--- Chris. Intelligencer. below. The applications for prayer were so the covetous, negligent and close fisted in strictions, undeniably possesses, and may ex- tion says Presbytery has power to do, and after (next Lord's day,) He again revealed P. T. P. numerous, that a bead roll would not have their criminal disregard of duty and breach ercise at discretion under its responsibility to among them judging ministers. THERE is a beautiful precept which he himself to them .-- M Cheyne. been out of place, but not being a Papist we of promise? This problem is the more in- God. There is certainly "nothing in the You lay great stress upon Book of Disci-No MAN must go to heaven when he dies who has received an injury, or who thinks ONCE read a wrong, bad book, and the who has not sent his heart thither while he that he has, would for his own sake do well did not count the number. But the people teresting from the fact, that nothing is more Word of God, nor in the principles on which pline, Chap. V., Sec. 2, "Process against a mischief it will do you can never be repaired. lives. Oar greatest security is to be derived to follow : " Excuse half and forgive the listened to the discourse with fixed attention, common, than for those members of a church such bodies are constituted, which would for- gospel minister shall always be entered befor they were clearly endowed with inquir- who contribute nothing, to look with compla- bid any Presbytery or Synod, if untrammeled fore the Presbytery of which he is a mem- God has given us the choice of learning both from duty, and our only confidence from the ing minds. The leader of that missionary cency upon the amount given by "our church" by any treaty stipulations, delegating their ber." The emphatic word here is entered. good and evil, but He has not given us the mercy of God through Jesue Christ .-- Bishop RELIGION should promote a courteous and powers to a committee of their own number But in the case under consideration the pro- choice of forgetting. obliging temper toward all. Wilson. band about to plant Christianity in the Sand- and make it a matter of self-gratulation.

pardonable violation of the Constitution, and ity to descend the stairs leading down to the that the act of the Presbytery in stripping remains of Whitfield before the pulpit of Dr. the accused of his constitutional protection Dana. It did not accord with my taste .against injustice, and this too in the face of an explicit decision of our Assembly, was as you as to the exclusive power of a Presby-We saw the house in which the great evangelist died in 1770. He had preached the insignificant as "fracturing a little finger." preceding day at Ipswich, and on the next, suspect the great majority thought the which was the Sabbath, the town was a Presbytery dealt the backbone of the Consti-Bochim or place of mourning. Whitfield was tution some pretty hard blows.

indeed a wonderful man. He sent away the 4. The "bran-new idea of allowing an ac bigotry of the English Church to the four cused party to appear before such tribunals winds of heaven, he sought no crosier for his nly as might be well pleasing in his own hand or mitre for his brow, he glided by sight" is the offspring of your imagination. without coveting Prelatical palaces in the You must not lay the brat at my door .fulfilment of his office, he crossed the Atlan-When I seid in my letter, written hurriedly, tic and encountered storms fraught with imthat "Dr. Baird had a right to be tried by pending dangers, savannahs and hills became what he considered a perfectly impartial trihis pulpits, he traversed the rugged roads of bunal," my language may have been ambig-Wales, and the bleak moors of Scotland, and uous, it was certainly not absurd. All that corching climates that he might call sinners was intended was this: that between two to repentance. Such a man ought to be held constitutional tribunals, the Presbytery and veneration to the last twilight hour of a Synodical Commission, he had a righteous

of claim to select that court which he considered Dr. Dana and his interesting family. Called perfectly impartial. And this is no "branon Sereno E. Dwight, of Boston. Found new idea." It is an every day occurrence for an accused person in the civil court to him engaged in preparing an edition of the select the tribunal which is to try him. by works of his grand-father, President Ed either challenging members of the venire or wards. No place like home. moving for a change of venue. On the other

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SOME PROBLEMS IN ECCLESIASTICAL for a court charged with being interested in condemning the accused to insist, against his ARITHMETIC and CHRISTIAN ETHICS.

strenuous protest, upon trying his case. 5. The fact that the Synod adopted by a that a Synod has the power to act by a Com-Problem I. Suppose a church agrees to pay its minister a certain fixed salary, say large majority Dr. Dabney's paper, is no one thousand dollars per annum, payable very serious argument, under the circum- itself can do, that same thing it can do by a weekly by Sabbath collections-and suppose stances, against the constitutionality of a Commission. See Hodge's History of the the first nuptial knot, Doctor, I ever tied, the the payment falls short five dollars each week Commission. The vote was taken at a very Presbyterian Church, for this last proposi--How much does that church owe its minis- late hour Saturday night, and all attempts to ter at the end of the year ? And if the au- get the scheme of a Commission before the thorities expect the minister not to claim the Synod as an alternate proposition were frusarrears, are they not expecting and forcing trated by a call for the question. All dis-

Let me say once for all that Dr. Dana was him to contribute so much to the support of cussion and every attempt to amend were in a gentleman of the Virginia and Maryland their pastor ? 'And if he lives through the this way cut off-and the paper hurried type. Hospitable as the Patriarch under year, does he not contribute it by enduring through under the suggestion of the author the oak of Mamre, sensitive in his organiza- the discomfort and privation the loss will en- that the accused could challenge the right of tion, refined in his feelings, affectionate to tail upon him? What would be thought in any member of the Presbytery to sit, and

his kindred as was Joseph, with entire con- commercial circles of such a transaction as that a Commission was unconstitutional .trol of the unruly member, opposed to all this? There are many churches which have Dr. Dabney is No. 1 in his special departhad experience in proceedings of this sort, ment. But Gamaliel tripped here. I suscharge. He was a man of cultivated taste, which can probably give a solution to the pect you would tell him a very different tale a Belles Lettres scholar, fond of improving problem-yet simple and easy of answer as about your right to sit in this case, and that conversation, and what he wrote and pub- the question seems to be, there are not many the next Assembly will not approve the acwhich would not be afraid to grapple with it. tion of the Synod as just the thing of all Problem II. Suppose a church where au others which was best, and wisest and constitutional.

And now for the main question. And-I. Has a Synod power to act by Commis- whether Synod can, in issuing an appeal, go sion in any case? If it has not, then of outside the record, but can the Synod in iscourse there is an end of controversy. I suing an appeal lawfully determine by reason think it has.

hand it is something "new under the sun"

All church power is original, that is, it be- a new trial. The Synod may keep rigidly longs to the court as the gift of its Head and to the record, and yet the record itself, as grows out of the nature and design of the in this case, may furnish ample reason why

cline. Your visit, he said, is but transient, character of such a proceedure? sarily imply the perfect equality of two things,

that these brethren were familiar with his way "He shall send Jesus Christ . . . of doing business, and knew of this recipro- the heavens must receive until the times of go and tell Jesus, He is ready to give new cal exchange of credit by him as E. T. the restitution of all things." Acts iii : 20, strength for to-day's burden.

A consideration of this case would enlighten Baird and E. T. Baird, Secretary. Now 21. John also saw the redeemed prostrate whether this allegation is true or false, is the "before the Lamb" and the song they sung tery under Form of Government, Chap, X. very core and gist of this case. If it is un- was, "Thou hast redeemed us to God by true, Dr. Baird's wrong doing is aggravated Thy blood and we shall reign on the worldling, a struggle to throw off that cross Sec. 8, to act originally upon the matters said there to be within its jurisdiction. And by the fact, but if it is true, then certainly earth." Rev. v: 9, 10. if you will refer to the Princeton Review of which He intends us, in His infinite wisdom By a close examination of Rev. xi: 15the faithfulness of the Committee to the 1847, you will find that the action of that

18, it will be seen that the time when the to take up daily. trust committed to them, is seriously impeached, and I am glad to see that the Pres- dead are judged, and the saints of God rebytery at last appreciates the supreme im- warded, and the destroyers of the earth de- food but of spiritual also, will be ours, for portance of this point, for in the charges stroyed, is the time when it is proclaimed. He who answers prayer has taught us to pray "the kingdoms of this world are become the for them. The strength for the day will be lately preferred, it is said, "he did all these acts without the knowledge or consent of the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, ours too, for He hath promised that. Crosses Committee of Publication." But whether and He shall reign forever and ever."

counter-allegation is true or false, is the very for the fulfilment of a promise which God Our Heavenly Father "knoweth that we point to be judged. And now, can it be true has made to us. The promise, "the meek have need of these things," and He is "our that the Church is powerless to save this shall inherit the earth" so often made in the Refuge and Strength."

man from a trial by those who are charged 37th Psalm, and repeated by our Saviour. cannot have its fulfilment in this dispensa with being interested in his condemnation, and that upon their demand the Synod must tion during which so many thousands of the submit to them the question whether they are righteous have been deprived of the earth and free from all blame. Away with the mon- of life because of their meekness, and during dience of distinguished persons in London, strous doctrine Talk not of "Little fingers which God Himself forbids them to lay up Taking a child that had not used its feet for or backbone;" this is tearing out the very treasures on earth. When will the martyrs heart of the Constitution under the ples of receive that promise, which it was their duty it where all could inspect the process. In guarding the rights of a Presbyterv. But lastly, you say: "How the consent who are "persuaded of" and "embrace" such "promises, confess that they are strangers of the accused in favor of a Commission removed from brother Shanks' mind any doubt and pilgrims on (this present) earth.'

as to its legality, is not apparent." Well, I think this is at least as apparent as, How the pray, "Thy will be done in earth as it is in a great number of physicians, whose enthuconsent of the accused removed from Dr. commands : for He has always done accord-Brown's mind all doubt as to the power of the Presbytery to deprive him of the inaliening to His will or purposes. But His com-

ining the witnesses against him. See Book are in heaven until the saints are made per- ease, what must be the enthusiasm of heaven of Discipline, Chap. IV., Sec. 15. But if a fect in holiness, and their corruptible bodies when the Christian succeeds in winning e Synod, obtaining jurisdiction of a case by have put on incorruption-that is, at the soul from death? Perhaps none of us on review and control, can by a committee in coming of Christ. This petition in the Lord's the exercise of its inherent power, upon the prayer has been interpreted by some to mean merely that the earth will resemble heaven ground that the Presbytery was fatally prejudiced in favor of the accused, as it did in in holiness, while at the same time the saints the Cumberland Presbytery case, suspend a will not be sinless, and their bodies will be corruptible, and there will be some persons in minister without trial, and without the conan unconverted state. If this view is corsent of either the accused or the Presbytery. then a fortiori it can upon an appeal take a case for a new trial by a Commission with be very striking. The earth did in the days and sense, and who see the Saviour in all the consent of the accused, upon the ground that the Presbytery is projudiced against some degree; and it also resembles hell, and we the miserable condition of the impenitent, him and interested in his condemnation .-reviewing the proceedings in a superior And I beg you to note that the General Assembly not only approved, but thankfully applauded the Synod of Kentucky for the above action. And now I say if any doubt as to the legality of a Commission existed. Admitting that the word "as" implies reit not only seemed to be, but is removed by semblance in certain things, and not equality the consent of the accused. If he consented in every thing, still it is clear that the third soul worthy the effort of a life; and if it of matter in the record, to take the case for

not in the interest of truth and sound doc heaven in being perfectly obedient to God's trine make it more concise.

After all, what is life worth to too many Christians but the same vain struggle after earthly happiness that we condemn in the which is the mark of the Lord Jesus, and

The daily portion, not only of temporal will come, trials will beset us, clouds will Dr. Baird's assertion or the Presbytery's We ought always to desire, hope, and pray cover, but be it ours to bear for the day .--WAIF.

Joy in Heaven.

It was a thrilling scene when our fellowcitizen, Dr. Sayer, exhibited to a large auyears, he placed it on the stage, and treated and privilege to desire and expect? They half an hour it walked. The spectators were in tears, and cheered, almost weeping. The distinguished surgeon himself was so deeply agitated that it was many moments before he could speak. The following day he visited In the Lord's prayer, we are taught to the hospital and exhibited his method before heaven." God's will must here mean His siasm knew no bounds, as they witnessed the almost miraculous results.

If such sympathies were stirred by the healing of the body, if such joy was occaable right of being present, and cross exam- mands can never be obeyed on earth as they sioned by the cure of a mere temporary disearth can picture it even in fancy. We are still clouded by sin. The wisest mortal cannot begin to estimate the loss of the immortal spirit. The most holy being on earth cannot abhor sin as it deserves. The most vivid imagination cannot conceive the wretchedness of the lost or the bliss of the redeemed. But those who have passed on before us, to whom the mysteries of eternity are unveiled rect, the likeness of earth to heaven will not who are freed from the imperfections of time of Christ and does now resemble heaven to His loveliness, must feel more deeply than must resemble hell to some degree during the and the great victory which is gained when whole period of the present dispensation .- And we shall join them if we are faithful. Then, if we have snatched others from destruction, shall we know for the first the full significance of what we have been permitted to do, and we shall be overwhelmed with gratitude that we were so highly honored .-We shall esteem the salvation of a single have cost us sufferings, we shall rejoice and remember them as the means of such great blessings. - Watchman.

revealed will. When God commands us to REV. MR. DALE, in one of his Yale lec-Very traly, &c., D. W. SHANKS. On each of the three Sabbaths spent in rive at the number of churches in the habit Church-and is not conferred by the Consti- the Synod as its final decision upon the apbe "perfect as He is perfect," he surely retures, spoke on the morality of style, and tution, which is not a source of power but peal, should exercise its power to give the Newburyport he invited the stranger to oc- of levying this sort of black mail upon their quires us to resemble Him in entire freedom said very tra'y, "You have no more right to cupy his pulpit. We found it in vain to de- pastors, or which would give us the true merely agreed and formulated conditions of case to a Commission. injure the national language than to chip a from all sin. While "as" does not neces statue or to run a pen knife through a picits exercise. We are not to look to the Con- Form of Government, Chap. X., Sec. 8, GOD from the very beginning set aside the

Surely this petition cannot be fully answered by dying sinners becoming more holy than they were when Christ offered the petition. petition of the Lord's praver is that all peowho could rightfully object? My reply to you is very long but I could ple on earth may resemble the angels in