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The Lord hath laid upon Him the iniquities of us all.-Issiah liii: 6. From whence this fear and unbelief? Hast Thou. O Father, put to grief Thy spotless Son for me? And with the Righteous Judge of men Condemn me for that debt of sin, Which, Lord! was charged on Thee?

> Complete atonement Thou hast made, And to the utmost farthing paid What e'er Thy people owed: How then can wrath on a e take place,

If sheltered in Thy righteousness, And sprinkled with Thy blood?

If Thou hast my discharge procured, And freely, in my room, endured The whole of wrath divine ; Payment God cannot twice demand. First at my bleeding surety's hand, And then again at mine.

The Saviour, full of truth and grace, Who tasted death for Adam's race, Cries to all sinners. " Come: He that believeth shall be saved; He of my Father shall be loved, And share my Heavenly home."

Turn, then, my soul, unto thy rest! The merits of thy Great High Priest Speak peace and liberty: Trust in His efficacious blood ; Nor fear thy banishment from God, Since Jesus died for thee.

FOR THE CENTRAL PRESERTERIAN. REMINISCENCES OF PRESBYTERIAN

> MINISTERS. BY AN OCTOGENARIAN.

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REV. JOHN M. MASON.

popularity.

This great divine was rather stoutly built, with the most buoyant good humor.

quenched his thirst at the Rock of Rephi- not point them out; but what reader will be dim. In short he could hold up a New Tes- so dull as not to perceive that the charge is tament picture ambrotyped from the temple, levelled at some members, at least, of the its altars, the chest of the Covenant, golden Presbytery of East Hanover? No evasion

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they were concealed until that veil was rent and by-standers," would not, of course, im- He will not herald His approach by such to show that when He comes He will take angels? in twain, when all the types had come to a plicate themselves. It amounts to this: The events as will require a time for their exejudge, jury, attorney, and by standers" of cution sufficiently long to enable the unpreconfigence in a finished work. Was the ministry of Dr. Mason successful? the Richmond Hustings' Court regarded Dr. pared to put themselves in readiness to wel-We reply in the affirmative. His communi- Baird as an innocent man, undergoing per- come Him. If, as I have endeavored to show, cants ranged at about six hundred, and Isa- secution at the hands of some of his brethren He comes at the sounding of the last trump, bella Graham was in herself a host. He was before said court, and this writer in the Chris. and there are no such indications of His apnot too great to be useful. At the time of tian Observer agrees with them. He plainly proach previous to the sounding of that and a thousand years as one day."-II Peter iii: which we write New York did not contain tells the members of the civil tribunal, that trump as will alarm the careless, then must more than a tenth of its present population. their conduct stands out in admirable con- His coming be too sudden and unexpected ly different; for His thoughts are not out

He was remarkably strict in the examina- trast with the spirit manifested by the Pres- for any change to occur in the spiritual con- thoughts, nor his ways our ways; but as the tion of all candidates for admission to the bytery. Is this good taste? Is it good dition of the impenitent through the instru- heavens are higher than the earth, so are Lord's Supper. It must have been the Presbyterianism? Is it the expression of mentality of the means of grace; for it is His thoughts higher than our thoughts, and charm of piety which attracted his congre- true loyalty to the law, or true desire for declared that the saints which are then "alive, His ways than our ways. That which man gations. The vigor of his illustrations threw the peace of our beloved Church? But we not only object to the tone of such ling of an eye, at the last trump." The same lifetime is but a moment; a thousand years light on the minds of the people, and the energy of his manner must have arrested atten- articles. The most important facts are ig- truth is taught in the parable of the ten vir- are as a day. Each judges according to his tion. In one of his letters he mentions that nored. The writer assumes as facts the pic- gins. Matt. xxv : 1-15 When the cry was own being; finite and Infinite; the finite he could have greatly enlarged his member- tures of his own imagination. The Rich. "made suddenly, behold the bridegroom reckoning that very long which the Infinite ship, by receiving the simply genteel. But mond Hustings' Court did not, could not de- cometh," those only who were ready, went counts very short; for man cannot grasp an this did not suit his purpose. He required cide that Dr. Baird was innocent of moral in to the marriage. In the sequel of the age in his hand, nor comprehend even a lifethe circumcision of the heart, for that is de- delinquency. It is strange indeed that such parable it is said, "Watch therefore, for ye time, far less thousands of years. manded by the Bible. About 1814 he made an inference should be drawn, when the know neither the day nor the hour wherein It is good to take both estimates; to meas a second visit to Scotland, and no doubt worst criminals are so often discharged for the Son of Man cometh." Some have sup- ure time and time's things by both standards, preached in Edina, Stirling and Dunferm- technical reasons. The humane maxim of posed that in that passage, the phrase, "the the divine and the human. We may learn line; and in London finger-beards were set the law requires that ninety-nine guilty per- Son of Man cometh" alludes to the approach great lessons from both. We may look

up at the corners of the streets, pointing to sons shall be allowed to escape, rather than of death, or to the spiritual coming of Christ, the things of life from both points of vi the churches in which he was to officiate .- incur the risk of punishing one that is inno- at death. But he does not come to the un- either from the depths of the valley or fr His works were published in four volumes cent. It was never understood before that believer at death, in spirit and in no other the summit of the mountain. If you are by his son. They are truly able. Every an acquittal meant a triumphant conclusion sense, except in the sense that death is His standing by the margin of old Nile, you see young minister ought to own them at any of innocence. What evidence have we of the messenger. And in the sense in which He much that is beautiful; still it is only a small

cost. We regret that his admirable treatise private opinions of the "judge, jury, attor- may be said to come to the believer at death, section of it that your eye reaches. But as-Years have glided away since the writer on "Catholic Communion" was not in this ney, and by-standers," as to the moral char- He is never absent from him. Not even by cend one of these gray pyramids close by spent a couple of months in Manhattan City; collection. He had probably parted with acter of Dr. Baird's proceedings? Not one accommodation, can the phrase be always but after its capture by the English it has the copyright. Presbyterianism never had word. Every one of these men may have used to indicate death, for death, that is the of the fair river, north and south, come bebeen called New York. The reputation of an abler champion. In his Christian's Mag. been eminently pure, but it is a hazardous bridegroom (so called, by this interpretation) Dr. Mason had then reached its acme, for azine he reviewed the five or six expounders assumption of a writer from a distant State, sometimes gives fair warning of his approach, before, you were gazing with such wonder, he was then preaching to crowds in Cedar of Prelacy, including Horseley, Bishop of that such a body of men, as usually consti- and some foolish virgins, aware of his near seems now a speck in the interminable line street. Let us then forget his connection London; Potter, Archbishop of Canterbury; tuted, could be safely depended upon for a approach, have sought and obtained the wis- of dazzling silver which stretches behind you with Columbia and Dickinson Colleges, and and Hobart, Diocesan of Dutchland. We decision in morals, more just or merciful dom which is from above. try to find out the causes of his immense know not which to admire, the solidity of his than that of one of our Presbyteries. But arguments-or the keenness of his wit mixed as a court, there was no mere question of

moral impropriety before them. The ques-tion was, did the law require the accused to the sentence intelligible But instead of re-the sentence intelligible but instead of rewith a countenance highly indicative of moral Among the publications of Dr. Mason was tion was, did the law require the accused to the sentence intelligible

FOR THE CENTRAL RESBYTERIAN. THE SECOND COMI G OF CHRIST.

in verses 30, 37, 39, 44, and chapter xxv: long eternity which is to succeed. What is investigation and criticism made more valu-III. Christ's coming will be sudden and 13, signify but one coming, and that the per-that eternity to be? Is it forever with the The glory of American theology was that it censer, cherubims, and the curtain by which is possible, for the "judge, jury, attorney, unexpected to the inhabitants of the earth. sonal coming of Christ, enough has been said Lord, or for ever with the devil and his was preachable. Four requisites in preach-

> the world by surprise, and in an unprepared state. "When the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth ?" P. T. P. A WORD FOR THE CLOSING YEAR.

"One day is with the Lord as a thousand years

God's measure of time and man's are wide and then all is well.

our side? Is the world beneath our feet? Is the kingdom secured? Has the past year will be caught up in a moment, in the twink- thinks long God thinks short; very short; a done wonders for us. either as to our entrance on the new life, or our progress in it ? Or has it left us still triflers and prodigals with darkness around us and uncertainty before us; without the possession of Divine gladness, or the hope of the divine inheritance ; with nothing but a desperate and the circles where Farrar preaches.

blind security, or a fearful looking for of jadgment?-Rev. H. Bonar, D. D., in London Christian Treasury.

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Joseph Cook-His Lectures. NEW YORK, Dec. 24, 1877.

So much has been written of late about Rev. Joseph Cook, your readers may be interested in some account of the man and of and what an expanse presents itself; miles two lectures I heard him deliver last week in

New York city. He is a native of Ticonde fore you at once; and that on which, a little roga, New York, and is about thirty-seven years old. He graduated at Yale College, at Andover Seminary, and spent several years as a student in Germany. He is six feet high, weighs 190 pounds, has large blue and before. Look at time from man's low eyes, a massive forehead, and an intellectual face. Every Monday he lectures in Boston, standing, and a day is a thousand years;

Besides, the context of the passage must look at it from God's heavenly height, and a demand such an unusual meaning of the

Let us first take God's reckoning, and see

farther at this time, into the proof that the ness of our removal, that makes preparation The answers were marked by readiness, tact, coming of Christ in this passage, as well as so momentous; it is the mighty future-the fulness. Among other things, he said that

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ing, forming opinions, stating, defending and In this changing world, and amid these kindling of them. A man can only preach changing years, it is blessed to remember what he possesses and what possesses him. Him who is the same yesterday, to-day, and utterances of Canon Farrar and Mr. Beecher, Several questions, suggested by the recent for ever. His unchangeableness is our true in opposition to future punishment, elicited consolation amid these revolutions of years. most orthodox opinions. These liberal in-His blood changes not; His love changes terpretations of the Scriptures by the Broad not; His peace changes not. Years and Church preachers, and the recent ordination ages make no difference to Him. Let us of a preacher who denied eternal punishment by a Presbytery of distinguished Congregawalk through life with Him as our Friend; by a recorder of distinguished contract to Mr. let us enter eternity with Him as our Friend; Cook's answers on this subject. He was clear. emphatic and scriptural. The nots of But is all right with us? Is God upon the Bible were declared to be a scriptural refutation of Canon Farrar's argument .---What God loves and hates are in dissonance with what unrenewed man loves and hates.

The tendency is to permanence in these loves and hatreds. These loves and hatreds in the sinner are moral remoteness from God, and that remoteness is punishment. Farrar is filled with the spirit of the times. Above the spirit of the times is the Spirit of Eternity, and that is not resonant or audible in

On Sunday afternoon, after hearing a sermon from Dr. John Hall, who preaches some what after the style of our Broadus, I went to the Hall of the Christian Association, and heard a portion of a lecture to the largest Bible class I ever saw. A few years ago, YORK. Dr. Thompson, son of the author of "Land and Book," began to teach a few persons in the Hall on Sunday afternoons. His linguistic knowledge, familiarity with oriental customs and places, devout spirit, and aptness to teach, now gather eight or nine hundred persons to hear the expositions he gives in a conversational way while sitting on the platform.

Extract of a Letter from Rev. John Boyle.

CAMPINAS.

"Oar college is gaining ground in the estimation of all the best class of Society .--Sound morals, honest principles, correct habits, taught to boys month after month, and usually lectures twice elsewhere during the week, receiving \$250 for each public apyear after year, are bound to make an impearance. He has engagements for several pression which no observing person can fail months ahead, and but for a robust constituto see, and no right-minded person fail to apcourage. Nor was he deficient in that cour-age which is natural. Except for his sacred guence he designates as "alternately mild a day. To Him the vast space over which vere physical and intellectual strain. He is a Congregationalist, but his father, converted holier, we are assured that we could not acafter the son was, is a Baptist deacon. Mr. commodate half who would apply. But we Cook attracts large audiences, is an earnest teach the Gospel in all its purity and simand vehement speaker, has a full, clear and plicity, and it also has an influence which no controllable voice, and not a little humor. one can fail to observe, but it is an effect Sometimes he uses notes, and sometimes he reads. Trained in German methods of which by no means receives so cordial apthought, familiar with the philosopical writ- proval, but on the contrary, is dreaded by ings of England, United States and Gerdevout Catholics. The girl's school is doing well. The mission has had it under consideration for the past two weeks. Its prospects are encouragbeliever in the inspiration of the Bible, he prefers in his philosophical lectures, to meet ing in some respects, and discouraging in the opponents of Christianity on scientific others-encouraging in everything that reand rational grounds, and to show that the lates to patronage and the organization and doctrines of the Bible are adumbrated, more equipment of the school; discouraging as or less clearly, in the constitution of the human mind, in necessary truths and in the regards accommodations. I hope some plan will be proposed by some one, and put into course of nature. On the 21st, Mr. Cook lectured in the operation by January, to make the prospect large Hall of the Young Men's Christian brighter. Association. William Cullen Bryant, a ven-I send you a hymn, a version of 'Come ye sinners,' which I had published in the the illustrious senior of American poetry, 'Emprenza,' of Rio. I shall publish one in presided and gracefully introduced the speaker. Ultimate America, a subject quite difevery number for some time, and thus be ferent from his usual themes, was boldly and forming a sort of nucleus of a future hymnbook. I confess, however, to very little spirit in the work, as our Church is so poor. But 'In God we trust.'"-Missionary. ments were not specially new, but the grouping was strongly put, some of the sentences

erential. He sought to glorify his Maker in dying man was not displeased with the man demption. He acknowledged his eternity, with delight, for Dr. Mason could preach to infinitude to each one of his attributes. His vine Master, he spake as one having authorto crave the wings of Gabriel that he might to say that Dr. Mason will long rank among

tions. Whilst engaged in converse with his Maker, the earth became reduced to a diminutive asteroid. Planets grew dim, and constellations lost their lustre before the splendors on which he was called to gaze in the character of the great Supreme. Such we verily believe was the type of Dr. Mason's piety, not derived from Charnock or Saurin, but from his profound devotion to the Bible, which he read by day and on which he meditated by night. As the ambassador of God, he felt that he must honor the Tri-, me Being, by whom he was commissioned

an d sent to a fallen race. L'at how did he preach? Well, he was not

the m an to entertain a promiscuous assembly with a critical dissertation, an elegant essay, a vy philosophical discussion, or even a poem o. the immortality of the soul, like the one revently delivered by Tupper in a Brooklyn pu 'pit. Such was not the character of his sance wary services. His discourses were awakening, spititual and scriptural .--His eagle-like m ind was always hovering did not deal in fault finding about the trans- merely a prosecution."

lation of the Bible. People could not underlong belief in the divinity of our Lord, the competent to adjudicate the cause. Saviour's oblation, the necessity of regene- us as highly objectionable to intimate, dur-

was, "For the poor have the gospel preach in the Episcopal Church. He was from evidently aims the odious imputation at the Ingersoll, who was a member of the House. on the sea, and the beauty of its terraced driving "from the judgment seat." In his prayers Dr. Mason was always rev- gardens has been greatly eulogized. The

all his works of creation, providence and re- to whose discourse he had so often listened and ecclesiastical tribunals. Civil courts who refer the coming of Christ in the twentyadmired his wisdom, adored his mercy, feared men of intellect as well as to the humblest of punishment. Church courts, on the other lem, etc. "Ye who the in the present day, his justice, magnified his power, and ascribed disciple of our Lord. In imitation of his di- hand, deal with character, and inflict cen- watch : be ye also reput for in such an hour mind whilst in the act of supplication seemed ity and not as the Scribes. We are inclined grace, and censure must always give pain. and the Son of main il send forth His anwind around the circle of the Divine Perfec- our churches as the American leader.

> FOR THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN. IS IT RESPECTFUL?

I have no wish to fan the flame of controversy in the case of Dr. Baird, but simply to suggest to certain contributors to some of our religious papers the impropriety of making that case a subject of discussion. It is an inquiry into the guilt or innocence of the accused. Is it right to employ the press on either side? It seems to the writer the

great duty of the Church to cultivate a calm and impartial spirit, in order that truth rather than passion may control the final decision. Among the indiscreet articles that have appeared, I note one, the tone of which seems to be highly unfavorable to such a result. It is found in the Christian Observer of December 26th, and contains the following paragraph :

"Now you have already published a brief court for embezzlement; and his triumphant

I italicize the words myself, and do so in stand learned criticism. He may have talked order to render their purport more obvious. of such things with the students of his Sem- The intent is evident, to fix the stigma of inary ; but not to the people who were hun- "persecution" upon one of our Presbyteriesried about him a more thorough and life- that on the authority of a tribunal perfectly offices of the Holy Spirit in applying the As to the tone of this paragraph, it strikes

admirable "talk" you would not spare me body. ration, and the nature of that progressive ing the pending of a trial, that the ecclesiasdone under our organization. Who will af some think, the conspicuousness of Christ's the fight will soon be fought; the race will the space to give. The need of philosophical We have some such crooked sticks in our holiness which results from the diligent use tical court before which it first occurred, and firm this? Who can believe that we are so advent to take vengeance on the Jews."- soon be run. And then, what will be the is- thinkers and teachers was emphasized. All of means. In his morning service he always which may be required to repeat it, is so corrupt as to render a civil court necessary He might have said, to take "vengeance on priz ? Is it a kinds of weapons were needed by preachers courches that they will not be still any way, who should get, not an arc merely, but the and as it is in cording wood, so I believe it expounded a large portion of the Scripture, much less to be trusted than the civil court as a refuge for our ministers from ecclesias- them that know not God and that obey not small prize or a great one? full circle of truth into their thoughts .-- is in church order, that it is the best way to but at night his texts were more insulated referred to. Is it right thus to impugn the tical oppression? If any one chooses to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." On Take either estimate; we know that man Proof texts should be drawn from Oid and put the crocked sticks by themselves .- Rev. passages. He was always more interesting judicial purity of one of our Presbyteries, bring such a charge, let it be done openly, this verse Doddridge says, "so sudden and that is born of a woman, is of few days and New Testaments, and from the oldest Testa- C. Cushing, D. D. when his subjects lay in the Epistle to the and by implication the rectitude of our and not by insinuation. conspicuous also shall the coming of the Son full of trouble; he cometh forth like a flowments, the nature of the universe. The mind Hebrews, a portion of the Bible which he largest Synod? For the Synod had required What our Church very much needs is a of Man be, both in His appearance to the er, and is cut down; he fleeth also like a must be open to inferences that come from LEFT BEHIND .- It is a terrible thing to had studied with untiring industry. He this unreliable Presbytery to subject this inthe scalpel and the microscope as well as from be a remnant-to be the last child in a diversion of her energies from a controver- destruction of Jerusalem, and to the final shadow, and continueth not. the Word of God. Natural religion was ef. family-and not to go to heaven where the may have used Owen on the Hebrews, but nocent man to a new trial. sial into a practical channel. Let us stop judgment." Barnes says on it, "The words Take either estimate; we know that, as still his views were often original. His opin- But the charge is one of persecution !ficient, but not sufficient. Self-evident truths rest have gone; or to be the last member of quarreling among ourselves and endeavor to had doubtless a prary reference to the de- much of our life is already past, the time ions on the Old and New Testament were If this is not charged directly, it is plainly were to be admitted and rightly used. The a circle of Christians, and not to be a Chrisstudy of necessary and axiomatic truths was tian. It is a terrible thing to be the only This cannot be accomplished by assuring the world that the Church cannot be trusted with a simple investigation like that of Dr. Baird's case. *** What can a good ministor desire more the store binal cannot be trusted. What can a good ministor desire more the store binal cannot be trusted. What can a good ministor desire more the store binal cannot be trusted. What can a good ministor desire more the store binal cannot be trusted. What can a good ministor desire more the store binal cannot be trusted. What can a good ministor desire more the store binal cannot be trusted. Baird's case. *** What can a good ministor desire more the store binal cannot be trusted. What can a good ministor desire more the store binal cannot be trusted. What can be good ministor desire more the store binal cannot be trusted. What can be good ministor desire more the store binal cannot be trusted. What can be good ministor desire more the store binal cannot be trusted. What can be good ministor desire more the store binal cannot be trusted. What can be good ministor desire more the store binal cannot be trusted. We should cannot be trusted. We should cannot be trusted. Take either estimate; the call to be ready for the Lord is the same. For it is not the shortness of our time or sudden. Struction of the world." Without going make more impression upon the outside world. struction of Jeru yem, but such an ampli- that remaineth is short. always very decided. He could not discard insinuated. Why did the writer quote with the fall of the first, that his flock might re- so much satisfaction the alleged opinion of joice in the advent of the second Adam .- the 'judge, jury, attorney, and by standers," He believed in all that G d had wrought in if he differed from them ? So then, accordthe fild of Z an and among the waters of ing to him, the civil trial was a persecution. the Red Sea. Like a famished Jew he de- Now who were the persecutors, engaged in the Red Sea. Like a famished Jew ne de-what can a good ministor desire more what can a good ministor desire more some superficial, some sharp and thoughtful. muse upon it.

calling he might have made as brave a Gene- as the dew and awful as the thunder." We did not. But what right has this writer to been speaking, not of ath, but of his own ral as Lee or Stonewall Jackson. So far as mention it because some have censured him tell us that "the judge, the jury, the attor- personal coming. In coof of this I do not his voice was concerned, it kept the most dis for net administering the communion to the ney, and the by-standers" thought the trial need at this time to go into a full examinatant hearer at ease, for it was sure to reach wounded man brought from Hoboken. A was a persecution? How does he know tion of the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew. the drum of his ear. It was not like "an in rule of the Associate Reformed Church for- their thoughts ? And if anything occurred Most commentators who suppose that " the strument of ten strings," but distinct and bade its ministers from giving that ordinance to indicate what their thoughts were, what sign of the Son of Man" given in verses 29forcible rather than melodious. And yet privately to any person. In the tenderest was the ground of their thoughts? Did he 31, alludes to the destruction of Jerusalem, there were no harshness or grating in its manner this was mentioned by the Doctor to overlook the fact that the Commonwealth was and the gathering of the elect into the fold tones. When he read the chapter in which the illustrious man who had just come from the prosecutor. The Presbytery had noth- of Christ, are compelled to admit that alluhis text generally lay, he used an emphasis the field of mortal combat. True: he went ing to do with the indictment, which was sion is also had to the second coming of that made the chapter truly impressive. - out with no intention of firing at his adver. ordered by the grand jury. If the State Christ. Upon this admission, the words of About 1801 he officiated at Washington in sary; but he had put in jeopardy the one originated the prosecution, she alone can be Christ at the close of the parable of the ten Congress Hall. He was heard in every part life which God alone could have bestowed .- | charged with the persecution. But this was virgins, must allude to the coming He had of that structure, lobbies and all. His text We doubt not that Hamilton was educated far from the intention of this writer, who just spoken of, that is, either wholly to His second coming, or to the destruction of Jerued to them," and it was an able discourse, as Nevis, an island about twenty miles in cir- Church or some of its members, whom he salem and the gathering of the elect into the mentioned in the "Letters of Inchiquins," by cumference. It is a kind of mountain isle represents the court, like Gallio of old, as Church, and also to His second coming .-

The following I would give as a fair inter-This writer, and others of his class, have pretation of Matthew xxiv: 44; and xxv: deal with persons, and pronounce sentences fourth chapter, to the estruction of Jerusasures. Punishment of course involves dis- as ye think not, Jeru om will be destroyed, But the primary end in the one case is the gels (ministers of the ospel) to gather His protection of society, and that of the other, elect into the visib. Church, and all the the vindication of truth. Nothing therefore tribes of the earth shall mourn ; and ye who shall live after the destruction of Jerusalem,

can be more unjust than to make a decision appeal to the action of a worldly body of gather the elect into the Church, and at last, from God's, is still, in its own way, valuable,

the profane, to condemn a body of Christian Man will come personally, and all the tribes duct of one of their brethren.

and was not in attendance on any of the

would enlighten others through the press. Nothing can be discovered in this painful occasion to justify the formation of parties

creation spreads, and within which the stars roll, is but a handbreath. His measurements quite swallow up ours ; His reckonings wholly confound ours.

Does not this view help to correct our false judgments of things, our imperfect es timates of life, and the things of life? Dees it not check us in our overvaluing of some many, he is able to grapple with profound things, and our undervaluing of others ?- and abstruse subjects, and has a happy fac-Does it not say, Be sober and moderate in ulty of popularizing metaphysics. A firm your judgments; you are but children of a day, whose faculties are feeble at the best. and whose calculations are not to be depended on, even for things the nearest and most common? God only, who sees the end from the beginning, and measures with equal ease

the past eternity and the future, is altogether unerring; and He only, whose judgments evidently confounded the functions of civil 13, (strikingly similar passages) by those are far out of sight, is the Being whose words and thoughts and ways are perfectly to be erable, mild-faced, silver-haired gentleman,

depended upon. Having looked at God's reckoning, let us now look at man's. It is different from, yet not inconsistent with God's. It is just the elaborately discussed, and the possibilities netural result of man's finite nature and po- and perils of future America were portrayed sition. The difference is a difference of as- with a skilful hand. The facts and argupect, arising out of the different point of view necessarily occupied by man. Our estimate were sharp, crisp, epigrammatic, while the peroration was bold and magnificent. He of time is a true estimate, as far as it goes: of the former, conclusion of error in the lat- watch and be ready, for in such an hour as a real estimate, in so far as our finite nature alluded to the territorial area of the United States as vaster than that of the Roman Emter. It is shameful in a Christian writer to ve think not, the ministers of the gospel will can calculate ; and though widely differing

men, largely composed of the irreverent and in such an hour as ye think not the Son of and fitted to teach many a lesson. Making use of finite eyes in our survey of amount of arable land in the Western Conministers and elders, solemnly, prayerfully, of the earth shall mourn." But I cannot time, we shall be kept from undervaluing tinent was shown to be greater than that in tearfully engaged in investigating the con- think that the language of Christ indicates little portions of it, or, indeed small fragthat He alluded to, and that He intended ments of anything. Looking at things It is altogether immaterial to this inquiry His disciples to understand that He alluded through this microscope, we count days long, whether the Presbytery of East Hanover to two different comings, one a spiritual, as months longer, and years very long. And reached a right or a wrong conclusion. It it is called, and the other literal. They had thus we get a better impression of the length stated in the writings of Guyot and Maury. is immaterial whether Dr. Baird is guilty or certainly asked him what would be the sign and value of time, as well as of the length The English language would be the medium our customs. He replied in the affirmative. innocent. I have nothing to do with these of His literal coming, and had reason to ex- and value of eternity. This makes us more points, am not a member of the Presbytery, pect an answer to that question. This is apt to redeem time; it makes us count more evident from the fact that just before they carefully our revolving years. It solemnizes of men will be fearful. Civil Service Reoccasions referred to. I utterly disclaim all asked Him about His coming, He Himself us, and makes us more in earnest-less friv- form, as undertaken by our "revered Presipartizanship in the matter. But I feel deep- had alluded to His personal coming. He had olous, less foolish, less light and vain. dent." was a great need for averting some ly concerned that party feeling cannot be ex- just said in His address to Jerusalem, "Ye If man looked on life with God's eyes, he

cluded from the investigation which is still shall not see me henceforth until ye shall say, might count it a mere atom, a grain of sand, pending. The articles criticized have a ten- blessed is He that cometh in the name of the hardly worth redeeming or seriously attendpelitics and the police; the parlor as comreport of Dr. Baird's trial before the civil dency to foster such a spirit, and to inter- Lord." In answering the question of His ing to. But looking on it with his own finite comprehending all social influences; the pulpit, all that emanates from the rostrum : the fere most seriously with the judicial process- disciples, Christ alluded to the literal coming eyes, he sees it stretching out before him and Whise services of false Christs; and after saying that He behind him, divided and subdivided into mothe nest in which he fed and nursed his con- witnesses for the prosecution! The judge, after. The writers of them may not have would not be found (in person) in the desert ments, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, verts, and from which he sent them forth jury, prosecuting attorney, and by standers, been conscious of a deliberate purpose to nor in a secret chamber, declares that "as and years; and these subdivisions all tend into an atmosphere of unmingled grace. He evidently thought it a persecution, and not awaken improper feelings, but the want of the lightening cometh out of the east and ing to magnify its importance and value.large and interested audience. consideration is a grave fault in those who shineth even unto the west; so shall also the Yet, having thus measured it and estimated In the afternoon of the same day, I had

the privilege of hearing a less formal and coming of the Son of man be." Matt. xxiv: it, when spread out before him at full length, 27. It is at this verse in my opinion, that he cannot help also feeling that, after all, it our Saviour, having answered the question is but short; and that he himself is passing in the Southern Presbyterian Church. But of His disciples concerning the destruction through that short space with appalling swift gry after righteousness. No man ever car- persecution of a man clearly innocent, and the more the Church courts are held up to of Jerusalem and the temple, which He had ness. His life is, at the longest, but a brief W. N. Taylor, Hatfield and others of scholpublic odium the more certainly will parties foretold, begins to answer their question and little space. It will soon be done .be formed. It is impossible to see any great concerning his coming. On this verse, Bloom- Taken at any estimate, measured by what principle or policy that is now in danger, un- field says, "By this. exquisite simile is repre- ever standard, human or divine, it will soon less it is pretended that justice cannot be sented the suddenness, the celerity, and as be done. The space will soon be traversed

Crooked Sticks.

In my own experience as a pastor, a man came with his wife and daughter desiring pire, and then tersely added, "Bigness is not admission to the church. In the examinagreatness; but bigness is opportunity, and tion it appeared that he believed it to be the opportunity employed is greatness." The duty of his wife and daughter to take part in the prayer meetings of the church. I Europe, Asia and Africa, and hence was in- told him it was not the custom of the church ferred the ability to sustain a greater popu- to have the women address a promiscuous lation. This portion of the address was assembly, that we did not believe in it. I fresh and striking, and deductions, bold and asked him if he should claim the right, if we impressive, were made from the physical facts received him and his family, to try to change of thought on the Continent, and an alliance I then advised him to join the Methodists. of English speaking peoples might be expect- He replied that he was not a Methodist, and ed. The perils of this immense aggregation did not wish to join them. I closed the interview by telling him that if he was neither a Congregationalist nor a Methodist, that was evils that endanger our Republic. Five his misfortune, not our fault. If a church great civilizing powers were alliteratively has not the right thus to protect itself from introduced, the parlor, the pulpit, the press, pseudo-reformers, where is your liberty?

Another man who brought a letter from a neighboring church, but was not received press, as embracing all literature; politics into the church of which I was pastor, came and the police as including the wise adminis. and asked the reason. He was told that one tration of government in its different depart- reason why he was not received was because ments. For two hours, the lecturer held the he did not pay his debts. He asked, with a confident air, "Haven't you members in your church now who do not pay their debts ?" more interesting lecture before the students and the reply was: "Yes sir, and we don't of the Union Theological Seminary. Be- want any more."

sides the young "theogs" were some invited The great trouble to-day is not that there guests. In the select audience I noticed are so many outside of the church who ought Drs. Adams, Hitchcock, Schaff, Shedd, Hall, to be in, but rather that there are so many arly or theological reputation. Mr. Cook inside who ought to be out. Our churches lectured on the value of theological studies are too large. We have no occasion to be to the young preacher. A summary of the so terribly afraid that we shall exclude some-