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THE NEW COLLEGE.

For the want of room, we were obliged to omit from our last number, among other things, the Report of the Board of Regents on Education, to the Synod. That Report, as furnished us by the Stated Clerk, we now give, as follows :

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS TO THE SYNOD
OF THE PACIFIC, ON INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

OCTOBER 1, 1860.

THE BOARD OF REGENTS appointed by your reverend body at its sessions in October 1859, herewith submit to you according to your instructions their first annual report as follows :

1. As charged by you in the resolutions creating this Board, we have established a Grammar School in the city of San Francisco under the superintendence of the Rev. George Burrowes, D. D., who as you know was sent to this coast by the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church to engage in such a work. It will also be remembered by you, that your reverend body, as well as also, the Presbytery of California had been in almost uninterrupted communication with the Board of Education and with our brethren in the East about the establishing of institutions of learning and a Presbyterian College on this coast from their very first organization ; and that therefore we owe a debt of gratitude to the Board for having answered our repeated requests by sending out the Rev. Dr. Bur-

BURNS ON RELIGION.

WHEN ranting round in pleasure's ring,
Religion may be blinded,
Or if she gie a random sting,
It may be little minded ;
But when on life we're tempest driven,
A conscience but a canker ;
A correspondence fixed wi' Heaven
Is sure a noble anchor. —*Letter to a young friend.*

PATIENT ENDURANCE.

BY REV. DR. BURROWES.

THE FACT that difficulties, discouragements, and dangers encompass a believer, is no proof that he is not in the way of duty. In the spiritual conflict with principalities and powers, these things are often greatest, where the movement being effected is most essential, and the results most important. And when the Apostle, the model of sanctified heroism, says, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"—may he not be intending, among other things, to show that he occupied himself rather with duty than with results—that his faith was such as to carry out, with unrelaxing steadiness, the commands of Jesus, even when human probabilities and appearances were most discouraging. He kept his eye fixed upon the mark, the goal. His feeling was, "Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress, so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us." He fainted not, because he looked not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. He endured, as seeing him who is invisible. When the French Emperor was about making his decisive manœuvre at Friedland, grasping the arm of Ney, and pointing to the bridges with the Russians crowded together in front, he said, "Yonder is the goal. March to it without looking about you ; break into that thick mass whatever it costs you ; take the bridges, and give yourself no concern about what may happen on your right, on your

left, or on your rear. The army and I will be there to attend to that." This is the spirit of duty in the service of Jesus Christ. The King crowned with many crowns will take care of whatever may happen on our right, on our left, or on our rear, if we cleave to the letter of his commands.

"I have a fellowship with hearts
To keep and cultivate;
And a work of lowly love to do,
For the Lord on whom I wait:
More careful not to serve Thee much,
But to please Thee perfectly."

In the great conflict now going forward in this world, there are different posts to be occupied, different duties to be done, all essential for carrying out the one great purpose of God. Hence he appoints some to act, others to suffer — not like the soldiers who have an active part in winning the battle, but like those who are commanded to hold some point, as the British regiments did at Waterloo, whose duty it was to withstand the enemy's attacks with passive courage. This course alone enabled them to close that day of dreadful endurance with a glorious victory. It required all the skill of Wellington to repress their impatience, and keep them steady under fire, till the proper moment for advancing. We should have confidence enough in Jesus to stand fast where he has posted us; and though, like those soldiers, we may at times feel restless, and wish to act rather than endure, let us obey strictly his commands, knowing that he has his eye over the whole field, that our post, however humble, may have an important bearing on the general plan. And as on the field of Waterloo, the setting sun beamed out for a few moments from behind the clouds, and with his last rays cheered on the advance of that patient host to victory, so if, through faith and patience, we follow those who have inherited the promises, though during life our portion may be nothing but that of endurance, and suffering, our closing hours on earth may be lighted up with a glory from heaven, as the voice of Jesus, the Captain of our salvation, reaches us, commanding us to stand still in patient endurance no longer, but advance with the tread of victory through the valley of the shadow of death, to receive the conqueror's crown. Forward! forward to thy crown!

OUR CHILDREN are our country's Trustees for posterity. They are our legacy to Christ's cause.