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At these words the sisters came and nestled at their mother's knee by the divan on which Fleda lay, and John and Dwight stood one on each side in hushed and tender reverence. And thus the loving converse ebbed and flowed and drifted into other channels as pure till Fleda whispered, "Sing me my song once more, dear Alice-'How can I leave thee?" " Alice complied until reaching the second verse, when, faltering from emotion, Fleda, with a clear, sweet voice, took up the words :

"Blue is the flow'ret They call 'forget-me-not." Wear it upon thy heart And think of me. Flow'ret and hope may die, But love with us shall stay; That cannot pass away, Dear one, believe !'

"My children," said Mrs Hammond, "let us join together in singing our hymn once more-'Jesus lover of my soul.' This and the prayer, that followed led by Mr. Saybrook, served to steady each heart, and after the tender " goodnights" were whispered round, each one sunk to that refreshing slumber which God " giveth to his beloved."

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger. The Implacable Few.

change of pastor is demanded. As a rule this is never done, and ministers are dismissed without having the slight. est idea as to the reason for their dismissal. The reasons ought to be stated in open church-meetings and in the presence of the pastor, that he may have an opportunity of explaining or defending himself, as the case may require, and also that the church may

test the validity of such reasons. If the grounds for dismissal are sufficient, by all means let the pastor depart ; but, otherwise, let unreasonable agitators be promptly silenced.

2. Let the question be considered, whether the implacable few are likely to work any more harmoniously with a one? Have past changes wrought any agitation for change to become a ceaseless nuisance? If this is to be the issue, the church had better fight the final battle on the question at once, for a church continually rent by dissensions. on this question will assuredly reach an early extinction.

3. Is the best welfare of the church submitting to the domination of an imaccomplishes no good, but rather perthe church be heard in all such matters, large amethyst, the whole costing and let the decision of the majority be \$7,500.

THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

rounds of the press lately concerning Genl. Twigg's swords, that Genl. Butler took possession of at New Orleans in 1862, that a brief description of them will not be uninteresting. They were magnificent and costly weapons and were all three presented to Genl. Twiggs in consideration of his gallant conduct at the battle of Monterey, in Mexico, left by him in a bank in New Orleans when he decided to join the Confederate Army, captured by Genl. Butler and sent to this city, where they still remain, having been placed in one of the vaults in the U.S. Treasury building for safe keeping. One of these beautiful swords was given to Genl. Twiggs by President Polk, agreeably to an act of Congress in new minister than they did with the old March, 1847. The scabbard is of solid gold, and the hilt of the sabre is of gold good results in this respect? Or is this inlaid with mother-of-pearl and set with a large diamond, topazes, sapphires and aqua marines, and surmounted by gold eagle helding a scroll of fame in its talons. The scabbard is engraved, representing a battle, the storming of a fort, and an army in line of battle. This sword cost \$20,000. One of the others was given to the General by the citizens likely to be subserved by constantly of Augusta, Ga., and has a gold plated scabbard, hilt of fine gold and pearl, surplacable few? We think not. The mounted by a gold eye with diamond history of our churches furnishes abun- pupil, the whole being studded with dant evidence that such submission garnets. The scabbard is engraved with the coat-of-arms of Georgia and that of petuates a great evil. Let the voice of the United States, ornamented with

the end of all controversy. It is not The third of these remarkable swords

For the Christian Messenger. From Georgia.

ATLANTA, GA., Jan. 25, 1879.

The present winter in the Southern States has been perhaps the severest experienced for many years. The thermometer here has ranged as low as 6 degrees above zero, and at mid-day not much more than 12 degrees above, the people to a consciousness of the during the cold snaps. While such weather is sometimes experienced in his wounds. Nothing could be more Northern Georgia, near the Mountain ranges, it is seldom so far south as this city, considered the dividing line in latitude between the Middle and Northern divisions of the State. The cold, it appears, has penetrated very far South. In Florida, the "land of flowers," where seldom a frost is seen, it has not only sleeted, but there has been freezes, and ice has formed upon the forest trees in glittering festoons. Great fear is expressed that many fine orange groves have been jentirely killed by the cold, an occurrence never before known. Atlanta has become one of the largest and most enterprising cities in the State. It has an altitude of 1,087 feet supposed that he likes him; the Emperabove the level of the sea, and is located or is very keenly alive to his Minister's upon a water-shed which divides the bad qualities. He told Count Arnim waters flowing into the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico. It has a population estimated at more than 36,000, one third his management of the press, and was of whom are colored. It has eight hotels, forty-four churches, five private cellor did everything to bring about a and nine free public schools, one University, one Medical College, one daily (the Emperor's) injunction. But he newspaper, eight weeklies, two month-

petrated at Berlin. The Emperor ion this occasion again behaved admirably : he said that he should have preferred less costly preparations, but he accept? ed them as a proof of his people's loyalty; that in the hour of trial which God had sent him he had found a call to examine whether he had done his duty; that if his sufferings should bring common danger, he could not deplore touching than the simple earnestness with which the Emperor spoke-everybody felt that he meant what he said. Yet in his speeches there were several rather startling passages. In deploring the present state of things, he said that he had foreseen it ten years ago, (that is to say, he had foreseen the consequences of the late hasty legislation,) and that it must be amended ... new and better laws. Here the question arises, "Why, if he did foresee these consequences, did he sanction those laws? The only answer is, that he was unable to resist the demands of his impetuous Chancellor. It must not be that personal rancor pervaded Bis, marck's character. He strongly blames quite aware that until lately the Channew war with France, contrary to his believes that Bismarck is indispensable infrequently the case that the principal was presented by the State of Georgia. lies, two periodicals (monthly), fifteen for the prestige of the German Empire, The Lower House of the Prussian Parliament met on Wednesday for the first time after the holiday recess. The debates were of no general interest. A bill has been submitted to the Federal Council by Prince Bismarck giving to the Reichstag a right of punishment over its members. If the unbecoming conduct of which a member of the Reichstag is pronounced to be guilty involves an action punishable by common law, the deputy in question may also be handed over to the judicial authorities to Bismarck has received a letter from the agriculturists in the district where he resides expressing their opposition to free trade. In reply the Prince says he considers their complaints well founded, and adds that the remedy is in their own hands by voting for men who will support their views. Negotiations are said to be in progress between Germany and Japan with a view to the conclusion of a new commercial treaty. Germany demands that effective legal protection should be given to Germans travelling or settling in the interior of Japan. Moreover, it proposes that one or two more seaports much, or more enterprise, as well, if not shall be opened to foreign commerce. The German Emperor gave a grand dinner on Saturday to the Ambassadors accredited to his Court. The Crown Prince has addressed a letter to the Minister of the Interior, desiring him to make it understood that, reports having reached the Emperor and Empress of movements for the purpose of making personal gifts to their Majesties on the occasion of their golden wedding. celebration on the 11th of June next, they would deem all such manifestations of loyalty wholly against their wishes. They would, however, regard it as a fresh and valuable proof of loyal affection were the significance of the festal

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In many of our churches there would seem to vegetate a certain few who appear to regard it as their special calling to keep their brethren in constant turmoil in the matter of pastoral changes. A minister has scarcely become fairly settled among them before the implacable few begin to agitate for another change. It makes little difference how able, popular or successful the presiding pastor may be, he must not be allowed to imagine that there is the least likelihood of his residing very long in his present field. The agitators for change usually begin before such a thought has had time to originate in the pastor's mind. This has been their chief business in the past, and this must of course be their legitimate employment for all time to come.

As a rule the implacable few ultimately accomplish their purpose. Peaceloving members, however numerous, prefer to yield to a few belligerents rather than see the church rent by dissension. The pastor himself would rather quietly withdraw from the field than continue to feel that he is the cause of so much strife. Thus pastoral changes are usually brought about, and new incumbents step in to pass through precisely the same process. Can any remedy be suggested for this

wretched state of things ? A late number of the Examiner & Chronicle contains an excellent article on "The may therefore be appropriately introduced here :

"It has passed into a proverb that corporations have no souls. Perhaps it would be too much to assert that churches have no consciences; but just as the finer feelings of humanity seem to be eliminated from men when they act in any corporate capacity so the moral sense of a body of Christians is, we have often noticed, less scrupulous and exact than the moral sense of a

advocates for change of pastor are those The sabre is gold plated and in form who are not active workers in the church. We have, indeed, known men who never attended a church-meeting through the whole year, with the exception of one, and that meeting was ap. pointed for considering the propriety of \$7,500. The three swords were sent by renewing the call to the pastor. On Genl. Butler to President Lincoln, here, that occasion they were, of course, and were kept in the White House present to raise their hands against until President Johnson boxed and sent renewing the call. Such men should them to the Treasury, where they will not be regarded as in good standing in doubtless remain until Congress disthe church, and should not therefore be entitled to a vote.

In short, the implacable few, instead of being permitted to control the church, should be given to andorouana una an unjust agitation and dissension on their part render them liable to the disciplinary action of their brethren.

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For the Christian Messenger. United States Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27, 1879. This is what the Rev. Mr. Talmadge says of Washington, and its depravity, im. provement, and so on : "What advance ment has gone on since the day when rum-shops were in full blast in the National Capitol building, and Congressmen went into them before making Church Conscience," in which the root speech, for inspiration, and after making of the evil under consideration is laid a speech, for recuperation. Our thanks bare. A few sentences from that article for removing them are due to Henry Wilson, and a few others like him. During the war there were 100 gambling houses and 500 professional gamblers in Washington. One of them boasted of having cleared in one year \$1,500,000. A gambler once went to the doorkeeper of the House of Representatives and presented an order for the greater part of the salaries of many members. Now but 20 gambling houses remain, the good many individual members of the poorer class patronized by Department clerks and the more expensive by Congressmen. Duelling has been abolished also. There is no more clubbing of Senators for differences of opinion, no more drawing of knives and pistols, and unseemly brawls on the floor of the House." Mr. Talmadge does not remember that within a year there have been such brawls on the floor of the House as necessitated the appearance of the Sergeant-at-Arms with his mace, when fists and feet were used if knives and pistols were not; that within a year pretty plainly stated. The great need Senators and Representatives have been drunk in their seats and on the floor, if they did not get their liquor in the any form. Such a conscience speedily Capitol building, which is doubtful-And perhaps he does not yet know the done when an implacable few persistent- fact that within a week a member of the U.S. Congress has been seen reelhold sympathy and support unless their ing up the principal avenue of Washingpoint is gained. That decision might ton so drunk he had to inquire the way in almost every instance be given in to the Capitol. Verily, there is still effort. room for advancement and improve-

represents unity-a bundle of sticks bound together with gold bands upon which the names of prominent battles of the Mexican War are engraved. The hilt is gold and pearl, and this also cost poses of them. Genl. Twiggs' heirs are attempting to recover them, and a bill will be introduced in the next Congress for their transfer to them.

> For the Christian Messenger. Emerson. Manitoba.

Mr. Editor, - the set to be a sound

I presume that many of the readers of your highly esteemed paper will be pleased to read a few extracts taken from The Western Journal, a weekly paper published in Emerson, Manitoba "The first building in Emerson was erected late in the season of 1874, and now there are numerous stores carrying heavy stocks, and all doing a profitable business; four religious denominations

have churches and ministers. There are three hotels, school house, infantry company, livery stable, brick yard, two lumber yards, two weekly newspapers, post office, custom house, steam grist mill, land office, library association,

different lodges, &c., &c., &c. The immense country trade which must come to Emerson, makes this a point which can offer superior induce ments to energetic men of all professions or occupations to any other in the Province."

Emerson is situated near the centre of the great wheat growing district, "A quarter of a million bushels of No. 1 hard wheat to day seek storage at Emerson. It is the present market for the grain produced in the Mennonite and Pembina Mountain settlements, and is the northern terminus of the St. Vincent extension of the St. Paul and Pacific Railway and the southern terminus of the Emerson Branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway." Business seems active at Emerson. From the Western Journal I copy the following :

banks, fifty dry goods stores, nine shee up with his more unpleasant qualities. stores, four hundred and ninety grocery stores, sixty physicians, and seventy-one lawyers. Besides there are in the place several founderies, railroad car shops, planing mills, and various factories which employ many hands.

The city enjoys a very extensive trade, Since the war it has become an extensive cotton market. For trade in general it has the reputation of being better than any other city within the limits of the State.

During the rebellion the city was burned, but after peace was made it large as before. Much northern capital has been invested here, and the people are fully infused with the spirit of progress. and blick add of dipys in

What is doing in the interest of religion, the spread of the gospel, I much regret that I am unable definitely to state. Suffice to say the Baptists here have manifested more interest in the cause then any other part of the State. Certainly not less so now than any other time in the past. The Christian Index, the organ of the Georgia Baptists, is published here by Messrs. James P. Harrison & Co., and has perhaps as better edited, than any other paper in the Southern States. Dr. Butler has lately retired from the editorial management, and Dr. Tucker, late Chancellor of the State University, now has the control. Dr. Tucker has few equals as a writer.

P. L. H.

For the Christian Messenger. Letter from Germany.

(From our correspondent.)

THE UNHAPPY "FATHERLAND "-THE GER-MAN EMPEROR AND HIS IMPETUOUS OHAN-CELLOR - BISMARCK'S INTRIGUES AND PERSONAL RANCOR TOLERATED FOR THE SAKE OF POLICY-RESTRICTIONS IN THE EXERCISE OF FREE SPEECH IN THE PAR-LIAMENT-THE KAISERS' GOLDEN WEDDING -PROSPEROUS FRANCE.

Christian body. When men are together, a shifting of responsibility is possible which is out of the question when men act alone. The more scrupulous consciences do not like unduly to assert themselves-to announce as flagrant wrong what some one less carefully trained or less sensitive consciences regard as absolutely harmless. In the manner of calling, paying and dismissing a pastor, the church conscience very frequently sanctions practices which the conscience of a reasonably enlightened individual Christian would emphatically condemn."

In this extract the case seems to be of the age is a healthy church conscience which will not tolerate wrong doing in decides the question as to what is to be ly seek for a change of pastor and withsome such way as this :

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"Wheat;-the streets are crowded with loads of grain, mostly belonging to the Mennonites. On Thursday eleven car loads of wheat, about 3850 bushels, and one car load of flax seed were shipped from Emerson. One car load of 350 bushels was loaded from the sleighs in 35 minutes. It is expected that about seven car loads will leave here each day."

From all accounts it really appears that a more inviting field for the surplus population of Nova Scotia, who have youth, health, and industrious habits cannot reasonably be expected. A few certainly can be spared, and become prosperous with frugality and ordinary

> With much respect, Yours truly, AN OLD MANA

BERLIN, Jan. 21, 1879.

Dark as these wintry days is the gloom that is spreading over Germany. General despondency and bitterness prevail The depression of industry and trade is worse than ever, so that the Bankruptcy Court has to enlarge its buildings ; the distress amongst the lower classes is extreme; the papers tell heart-rending upon whom the hapes of the Bonapartstories about starving people ; the clergy ists were fixed, he must have seen by and the poor-law guardians appeal every this time how illusory were the visions day to the public for contributions in in which he indulged only a year ago. order to stave off the worst sufferings of Only one Bonapartist has been elected the very poorest. Only one ray of light to the Senate for eighty-two vacancies, pierced the clouds, with the return of and he is rather a doubtful one. The the Emperor. There can be no doubt magnificent results of "France's last that the joyful demonstrations with work is to give an actual majority of which the public welcomed him were fifty-six, and a fair working Republican thoroughly genuine, and fintended to majority of about forty in the Senate, deeds of Hodel and Nobiling were per country the blessings of a peaceful,

day to find fitting expression in the founding of charitable institutions or other works of benevolence.

France, prosperous and Republican, has at last shaken off all fear of the reactionary party who have so long tried to hamper her and throw discredit on the form of government she has selected for herself by such large majorities. However disposed Marshal MacMahon may have been at one time to act as a warming-pan for the youth make him forget that the infamous and thus permanently secure to the