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THE TRUE MINISTER OF JESUS CHRIST.

There stands the messenger of truth; there stands The legate of the skies; his theme divine, His office sacred, his credentials clear. By him the violated law speaks out Its thunders; and by him, in strains as sweet As angels use, the Gospel whispers peace."

The genuine minister of Christ is in the very nature of the case a man of deep and unaffected piety. To suppose that God would call any other than men of this class, is at once contrary to all the ideas we have either of his character or of the Israel in Jeremiah's day, "I will give you pastors according to my own heart, which shall feed you rusalem until they were endued with power from | dark church-it cannot shine. on high." It was not until the Spirit's plenary a man must preach from the heart to the heart | Olin. of his hearers. No gift of genius or eloquence, no array of learning, can compensate for HOW A CHILD OF GOD BORE TROUBLE. the absence of deep, heart-felt piety in the

"His preaching much, but more his practice wrought, A living sermon of the truths he taught."

The true minister of the sanctuary is an earnest man-one who feels that he has immortal interests to look after, and that he must do it with an urgency and zeal befitting such vasts interests. His work absorbs every faculty and power; all the resources of his intellectual and spiritual being are brought out and expanded in it. With such awful dependencies on his ministry—the destinies of eternity hanging fearfully on the issue-it becomes him indeed to be an earnest live man. He dare not forget, while standing in the holy place, that he is there to "beseech men in Christ's stead to be reconciled to God." "Knowing the terror of the Lord"-Heaven's unalterable purpose to punish the wicked by dooming them to eternal death—he persuades men. Strangely out of place is that man who carries into the pulpit no earnest sense of the responsibility attaching to his utterances and appeals there-who feels not tremulously over the tremendous fates that are to be fashioned and carved out by his preaching. The sooner such a man quits the walls of Zion, the better for his own safety and that of his fellows. nal autoda fe of the morrow. The earnest Baxter-and what a model of a preacher he was !- said on this subject :

"I preached as never sure to preach again And as a dying man to dying men."

with sinners. He deals largely with sharpedged prayer; perhaps a regular service-more likely, stitute for a loving method. tools. The disease of the heart must be probed one summoned for this special emergency. It is to the quick, or there is no cure for it. "Thou a genuine prayer meeting-a model prayer meetart the man!" he feels it to be his stern, solemn ing—for they "pray without ceasing." Literally, Nobles are in her fellowship. Statesmen adorn her prietors, and claim to do as they like with their own. duty to say with Nathan-like directness to the they strain in supplication; the Greek phrase offender against divine law .- "Cry aloud and marking the most intense stretch of anxious im- lists by thousands. Tradesmen and artizans, yeomen | Spirit and the love of Christ, admit their sacred stewspare not," is the order of the Master and the rule portunity. How wistfully they gaze heavenward! and peasants by myriads. The wealth of this collected ardship. Oh, that they more cordially and faithfully of his ministry. Compared to him, how ignoble how leaps the petition up from pleading lips, that and unworthy is the man who, with dying men God would deliver their imprisoned brother from and undying interests before him, preaches to to-morrow's bloody doom! Good Mother Mary please the ear, gratify the carnal hearts, and win entreats as if her own son lay in that dungeon the empty, hollow applause of men? And yet deep, and gentle Rhoda breathes her maiden high ease and opulence. Those of smaller means it remains for ever-his soul-satisfying reward, or there are such men in the pulpit-men whose prayer in behalf of the valiant Great Heart who afford proofs of immense aggregate property. Com- his heart-agonizing penalty. What is spent in highest object would seem to be attained in the is fast in the gripe of Giant Grim. They are all mercial enterprise proves equal to every practicable pleasure, fashion, and display-still more, what mere intellectual or oratorical entertainment of praying for Peter. It is their last and best resort. Undertaking. Who shall say where the ability of the is lavished on crime—is worse than wasted; it their hearers. Even men of fancy and jest claim But where is Peter himself? Hold hither the Christian Church would terminate were she once fired is polluted, and will witness before God its spendto speak in the character of ministers in our day. lamp. Lo; he is asleep! "Between two sol- with the spirit of enterprising sacrifice for her Savi- er's profligacy. What millions are thus squandered Sad indeed is the thought that mortal man stand- diers," with a fetter on each wrist, he sleeps on ing up professedly in the name of Jesus Christ in the cold prison floor as sweetly as a tried child on its as little as possible for any object. Many keep to embellishment of life, fosters industry and culture, grave." To such well has it been said,

To court a grin, when you should win a soul; To break a jest, when pity would inspire Pathetic exhortation; and to address The skittish fancy with facetious tales, When sent with God's commission to the heart."

O man of God in thy preaching.

of the genuine preacher of the Gospel; but we Child! thought I, thou must beg, thou must suffer in conclusion.

"Ye to whom a prophet-voice is given, Surring men, as by a trumpet's zall, Utter forth the oracles of Heaven! Earth gives back the echoes as they fall; Rouse the world's great heart, while yet the day Breaks life's siumber with its blessed ray, For the night cometh."

A SHINING CHURCH.

It can launch ships and endow seminaries. It can than many another man in the full strain of in- be so ill supplied? Ought they not to be frequently diffuse intelligence, can uphold the cause of bene- tensest activity. volence, can maintain an imposing array of forms How did the apostle attain that placid serenity 2. Deficient conscientiousness. Organizations tend and religious activities. It can build splendid of soul? Simply by keeping his conscience void to lower the sense of personal duty, and to sink The true man of the pulpit is indeed a noble front with sculptures, and lay stone upon stone, An uneasy conscience would never have allowed character. His worth to the world is beyond all and heap ornament upon ornament, till the costreckoning. Called of God to the work of the minliness of the ministration at the altar shall keep ment of slumber. The first great secret of comedifice. The stupendous work of winning the istry, and in deep, earnest, heart sympathy with any poor man from ever entering the portal. posure of soul is to be at peace with God. Peter world to God demands the largest devotion of every the spiritual welfare and happiness of his fellow- But, brethren, I will tell you one thing it cannot had both. It was not through his fault, but believer. men, the pulpit he fills is indeed a throne of power do—it cannot shine. It may glitter and blaze, through his faithfulness, that he had reached his and a blessing to the world. Of such a one, like an iceberg in the sun, but without inward holiness it cannot shine. Of all that is formal and and he kept that path unflinchingly. How he material in Christianity, it may make a splendid manifestation, but it cannot shine. It may turn would or not, he left entirely with his heavenly christ among men?" instead of acting, as is too comalmost every thing into gold at its touch; but it Father. Faith was the pillow beneath that permon, on impulse, habit, or example. cannot touch the heart. It may lift up its marble secuted head, or that dungeon would never have front, and pile tower upon tower, and mountain secuted head, or that dungeon would never have witnessed such a sublime sight of calm, tranquil is the soul of business and the handmaid of sucupon mountain; but it cannot touch the moun- sleep while the executioner's axe was sharpening tains, and they shall smoke; it cannot conquer for the blow. souls for Christ; it cannot awaken the sympathies | Troubled child of God, go look at that prison of faith and love; it cannot do Christ's work in spectacle. Look at it until your eyes melt into nature of the Gospel ministry. Indeed he says to man's conversion. It is dark in itself, and cannot tears. Look at it until you are thoroughly diffuse light. It is cold at heart, and has no over- ashamed of your own peevish complainings, and flowing and subduing influences to pour out upon your own cowardly distrust. Learn how to trust higher obligations. Conscientious system would with knowledge and understanding." Before the with all its strength, that church doubtless greatly augment both the piety and bounty cording to conscience is combated with keenness and is weak, and for Christ's peculiar work worthless. until the prayers of Christ's people in the house of of the Church.

baptism came down upon them that they were fully qualified for their work. The true minister people; they shall be men of neither power, nor of the Lord Jesus preaches a Gospel to the peeple, the personal blessedness and preciousness of which the personal blessedness and preciousness of which he knows and feels in his own heart. His own their bread for the next; but with them is the happy experience of its transforming, saving power, hiding of God's power; and their influence is felt enables him to offer and recommend it to his for eternity, and their light shines and is watched, fellowmen. With such an experimental know- and wherever they go there is a fountain of light, ledge of the transcendant importance and value of and Christ in them is glorified, and his kingdom religion to the world, in connection with the ter- advanced. They are his chosen vessels of salvarible consequences attendant on its rejection, such | tion, and his luminaries to reflect his light.—Dr.

Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler has contributed the ally replenishing God's treasury?" personal representative of Jesus Christ in the pulThe spirit of self-devotion to Christ and for the The glory of God in the salvation of men, and the disturbing poises are got up outside the place of meetpit. Unless the preacher have near and close Independent. He says: "Go with me, good conversion of men displayed by Peter, Paul, Timothy, purity and dignity of the Church, is the loftiest expected execution. It will do you good. It will life, precept and example, that tells on the hearts make you bear more quietly some of life's lesser of those attendant on his ministration of the word. trials, over which you so often grumble. And

> Howard let the daylight of christianity into them; patriots of Manassas are now immured, was a a long neglected task. Success has enlarged demands. ned to displace Israel, and implored their preser-execution by vendors of tracts on the merits of the Jewish prison in the days of Casar. But let us New operations narrow the range of givers to each, vation; like that of Jeremiah, whose soul could Madonna. In the face of all these difficulties the go in and take a glimpse at Peter, on the last till at present every institution is put to its best ex- enjoy no peace during his people's calamity; like good work goes forward, the mass of fanatics is being tation of cruelty. To-morrow that Roman wolf | quired position; while the cry for aid swells as from | devote his treasured millions equal to that of erect- | and the blessing of union, devotedness and Christian will put his fang into him, and Peter must follow an ever-growing multitude, and money-getting expedi- ing a temple for God. Oh, for such patriotism to love enrich the assemblies of the saints. his friend James, into a martyr's bloody suit, out ents diminish in their power. In this crisis an enthrough the gateway of death. This is Peter's lime and proportion in the devotion of property, that the country of the country

other in guarding the unconscious slumberer; for if The "keepers at the prison door" are awake too. have been published and widey circulated in Scotland. Man's stewardship for God is frequently and empha-

through that eventful night. Away over in a

the heart, for which others are throbbing, dismisses its own anxieties, and falls asleep in the arms of infinite Love. Was there nothing to keep him awake through that drear night? Had he not a nevolence! might have chafed itself, as caged eagles chafes We recollect once to have heard a faithful mi- itself on its prison bars? Perhaps, too, there were nister of Christ, a man, too of marked ability, say, darkhaired Jewish lads and unsandaled girls who "I never feel satisfied with a sermon unless I had played with their father's fishing-boat that know I have hit somebody." Was he not right day on the beach of Galilee. For them he might had he do this than to win the plandit of a "splen- " This parting from my wife and children hach as voluntary offerings for all religious and benevolent The proper sphere of this subject is the pulpit. did sermon," or a "magnificent performance" often been to me, in this prison, as the pulling of objects, then one fifth of this sum of the nation's tax- Ages and epochs of the Church have their special We had intended noticing other characteristics | nearer my heart than all I had besides. Poor very quick to leave you."

arms. So God giveth his beloved sleep.

A church may be what the world calls a strong Now, what lesson, my friend, shall you and I church, in point of number and influence. A learn from this prison scene? It is a very simple intellect, men of power, high-born men, and men lesson of composure in the time of trouble. That

ing mission, they were required to "tarry at Je- And with all its glitter of gorgeous array it is a Mary begin to come back from heaven in the form

THE LORD'S TREASURY, AND HOW TO

fellowship with the Master, in vain may he hope reader, for a moment to the dungeon in which a and by primitive believers, soon gave place to formation and by primitive believers, soon gave place to formation and that man can pursue. It is God's own highto do anything in his vineyard. About him must hero in Christ is passing the last night before his lity. Through sixteen centuries, excepting when est revealed aim. The man of earth never appresome zealous Christian or Church undertook a misson hended it; but the Christian did, when, grateful One of the principal offenders, a shop-keeper, is now the chief opposition was to be expected. Some safety, apparently forgetting the claims of the world asked, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Dryden described the real ambassador of Christ, when Christ is in prison, in the person of one of Bates, Howe, Manton, and Baxter, and their compeers, reveal a rising concern for the subjugation of reader's rate of offerings indicate any ardent devotion "A horrible hole is this, into which they have the nations to Christ. Some of these devote a tenth, to this object? thrust the fisherman preacher of Galilee. Worse a seventh, a fifth, and higher rates, to pious and chathan the Continental dungeons were before John ritable uses; while peeresses parted with their jewels triotism, that really esteems sonship to God above to increase their benefactions.

night that he is to worry through in that habita- ertions to obtain the means essential to keep its ac- that of David, who knew no purpose to which to invaded by an unseen but strong Christian influence,

The jailor, with a lamp at his waist, conducts physician elicited the works of Treffrey, Pike, and hailed martyrdom for his glory. Where are the us to the apostle's cell. A quaternion of soldiers especially "Mammon," accomplishing noble service Christians who truly and cordially live to honour watch him as a fire-eyed panther watches his in the cause of Christian beneficence. Again, a band God, by extending his spiritual kingdom on earth sleeping prey. Twelve other soldiers relieve each of Christians in Ireland published "Gold and the The Son of God stooped from the throne of Deity he escapes, their lives must pay the forfeit. This taneously America moved vigorously in this matter. to contribute to the fullest attainment of this Godlike is stern Roman law. So they are all wide awake. Lastly, three admirable prize essays on the subject object?

retired chamber of a by-street there is a band of at all? A rule is furnished of an average obligation, reward or punish according to their fidelity or otherbrother-hearts, tried and true, who are wrestling to enable each to infer his own proportion. Those wise. How surprising is man's forgetfulness of his The real minister of Jesus Christ is a man of and pleading together at the mercy-seat. Mary, who rail against system as legalizing are often the stewardship! Still more strange is the forgetfulness of directness and sharp points in his preaching. He the mother of John Mark, the missionary, has least, and those who practise it, the most liberal and believers! has no truces to make with sin or compromises opened her house to-night for a gathering of the most happy givers. Selfish license is a poor sub-

profession. Merchants and manufacturers crowd her Christians, through the teachings of the Holy host, who can estimate? The resources of Britain | fulfilled it! have immensely increased of late years. Those of the The glory of God is the noblest use of property. Church proportionately. The costly attire, the free Property can be used for vile or for sacred purposes; handsome appointments of many Christians betoken nify God. Whichever it is in its user's intention,

Noble exceptions are to be found, but many give What is spent for the necessity, convenience, and

heartenment, and the world's derision.

be in the worldly sense, a very strong church. the sleeping hero in Jerusalem's dungeon. Sub- recovered me from infamy and woe?" If such questions God winked at;" but neither God nor man will There are many things that such a church can do limer is the childlike repose of that hero of faith were generally pondered, would the sacred treasury endure it any longer. I hail with joy the opportunity the country.

individual obligation in general ability. The suc-

To meet coming demands, the merchant inquires, "How shall I command resources?" The Christian should ask, "How shall I provide for sacred minis-

cess. Energy and perseverance without system miss half their reward. The more momentous the dependent issues, the more needful is method. The tradesman keeps accounts to insure success. The Christian should systematize his beneficence. The upright man arranges for the requirements of his

4. A low type of Christian patriotism. Philanthroof white-robed angels who touch the chained cap- py manifests an intense interest in human suffering, On the contrary, show me a church, poor, illi- tive, and in an instant the fetters fall off from his cheerfully expending treasures and life to rescue and elevate man. Shall not Christians rise to equal compassion and self-denial to recover men from sin and meetings are crowded, and sympathy has been shown

espoused of Christ; the envy of demons, and the wonder of angels. To be enrolled in her lists is immortal honour. Her m mbers constitute an imperish- the capital town, now acquiesces in liberty of con-That God has espoused the cause and interests of able nobility. Do they generally act as if they were science and of worship to the evangelicals, Rio and who liberated 7,000 serfs, selling them at a fair man, and that he requires a d permits man to devote so? Do they cheerfully devote to her welfare their Lougone are full of petty acts of violence towards heart and influence, labour and property, to further best love and most costly gifts? If they did, how the pastors and their friends. The visit of Prince price as much land as they could cultivate. His this sublime object, is a blessed and glorious truth. spiritual, united, and glorious, how triumphant Napoleon to the former place, and his interview with revenue from them, while they were serfs, was worthy of being heralded throughout the universe. For this end God has established a treasury in his patriotism vastly influences his offerings. If he there, has done good. He expressed surprise at the After much deliberation in the Imperial Counteach any method and measure of giving for continu- claim, he will render it, as too many do, as little as

of love, the Church was content to conserve her own for salvation, and discerning the best end of life, he

every other relation; that knows no joy hke Sion's

last night in trouble. To-morrow the execution- would aid the Christian in meeting these exigencies?" thage, and a Tell for Swi zerland. Paul wished er's axe will send him where trouble never comes. Twenty years ago, the liberality of an English himself accursed after the manner of Christ, and Gospel," which, through the divine blessing, has in to the sorrows and indignities of the cross, to save creased the liberality of many over Europe. Simulthe souls of men. Has the Christian no holy ambition rican writer.

The artful leaders of the persecution for the infer- No stated mode or measure of offering is obligatory, tically taught by Christ, as in Matt. xxv. 12-80; Luke apart from Scriptural warrant. Any rule must op- xvi. 1-12. God, the sole Creator, is the only real Pro-

a proprietor, being informed of his stewardship

indulgence of taste and art, the liberal board and to curse or to bless man; to dishonour or to mag-

the sacred desk, with guilty, eternity-bound souls dear mother's breast. On, what a picture! The the same contributions, with greatly energed in and is a legitimate use of the main expenditure of before him, can indulge in tricks and fancies to children of heaven awake to pray for him. The please men who are only "inch-high above the children of hell awake to destroy him. But should cover them with confusion. Multitudes are being for the time, constituting it a swift witness before missing from their pews on collection days. Thou- God of his inhumanity and avarice-often in this sands spend more on a foible than their whole church | world reaping the penalty of his passion in self-priva- | Perhaps it is quite as well that he has not. His offerings; and on a trip of recreation, than for the tion of comtorts, in a harrowing dread of unpitied amiable disposition, united to extensive knowledge far-away wife, for whom his noble, impatient spirit The parpable features of the cause of Christ are lives in perpetual memorial of the loving gratitude of poverty and meanness. Where is the beauty, glory, it donors-lives in ever-augmenting agencies of blesand strength of her heaven-born nature? How rarely sing-lives in immortal fruits of earthly virtues and does this appear! for her votaries have little enthusi- heavenly graces-lives in the happy souls won by it asm in her interests, and the means of her honourable to God and heaven-lives in the grateful love of those subsistence they store away for themselves or lavish whom it has conducted thither—and will live on for ed that vast empire for seven years. And what thought it was a profane one, but it was not. The on their own gratification, The annual taxation of ever in its influence, in the eternal harvest of joy and years! The first two were devoted to the closing cashier spoke the truth. He did enjoy religion

from men. Be close, pointed, heart-searching, my flesh from my bones." "Especially," writes ation is contributed to relieve, instruct and save the truths-as with science in the interests of the world-Bunyan, "from my poor blind child, who lay world! The cause of Briton's Sovereign is strong the investigation of which is constrained by some and glorious, having a plenitude of means. That of urgent necessity, the germs and principles of which heaven's Eternal King is dishonoured and impover- previously beamed from the inspired page, and parished. The Church of Christ is depressed, feeble, tially influenced Christian practice. Man attains to are admonished by the length of this article that hunger and cold, and nakedness, and a thousand fettered, a mendicant in the world and her agents knowledge and completeness, not at a vault, but by we have written enough. We would simply say other calamities, although I cannot endure that are obliged to argue and plead for the bare require- patient inquiry and gradual progress. The evangelithe wind should blow upon thee. But I must ments of her sustenance. Such a state of things is cal activity of the times has forced on the reluctant venture you all with God, though it goeth to the both the shame and weakness of the Church, as it is attention of Christians the subject of conscientious, a wonder of divine long-suffering. Her incessant systematic giving, as the Church question of this age. So the brave apostle ventured all with God. begging to obtain the mere means of subsistence is ber own continual perplexity her ministers' discount foreign to the nature of the present article to atsimilar things, tend to sweeten all the intercourse of her own continual perplexity, her ministers' dis- on this point but a rare and an uncertain sound. The tempt to speak; it is a complicated and difficult life. Parents should attend to them with care, as the fare of his infant churches hanging upon him - This dishonourable condition of affairs arises from necessity, and then generally with shrinking apology. The press has spoken out more fully and the trustful child, sinks down to rest in his Father's | 1. Deficiency of serious consideration. Momentous frequently, with noble results. General and urgent interests often suffer more from want of due regard inquiry now demands for it that high position in the to their nature and claims than from wilful neglect. pulpit, which comports with its vital importance. Whether from habit, occupation, want of information, Shall not the ministers of Christ now gird themselves church may be made up of men of wealth, men of one, and yet one exceeding hard to learn—the or feedle spiritual life, few seriously inquire, "What to a thorough understanding and treatment of a subis my obligation?" "What can I spare for the welfare ject so largely treated of in the sacred Scriptures, and of rank and fashion; and being so composed, may is the truth I gather from the sublime spectacle of lawful good can I forego for the glory of Him who and the glory of God? "The times of this ignorance

ble share towards the formation of sound evangelical opinions on this momentous subject.

Peter.

The plea, "It is useless; men will not bear such teachings; multitudes will never adopt one standard," has been urged against every truth that lives to bless the world-even against the gospel itself. To decline inquiry because a sufficient income is now obtained mise; while the manifest blessing of God on the exertions of a few individuals, despite man's terrible selfishness, shames indifference and fear, and predicts to a faithful and courageous ministry and press, by the might of divine truth and power, an easy and speedy victory over the Church paralyzing monster, COVETOUSNESS .- Free Church Record.

PROTESTANTISM IN ITALY.

The French correspondent of Evangelical Christen-

The evangelical cause still gains a footing, and makes head amid much opposition. Last spring a very able set of preachers occupied the Florentine pulpits. At Arezzo and Lucca the liberty of obtainresolute is the action of those who oppose themselves. portion of the empire, for many years. In Parma and Modena, where the archbishop has their own, they were subjected to constant vexation. to pay a considerable fine. A Roman Catholic female teacher has been converted, and opened an evangelical school, and the little flock is not dismayed by the violence of ignorance and superstition. In Lougone similar disgraceful scenes are enacted. The faith and patience of the disciples are put to the severest test.

RUSSIA AND THE RUSSIANS.

as to the social and religious condition and pros-

the students of the Universities of St. Petersburgh | ings of the proprietors. and Moscow, and probably those of Kasan, Char- Certainly Russia is passing through a fearful

The present emperor, Alexander II., now in his sia that of 23,000,000 or 25,000,000, less or more forty-fifth year, is a most amiable and enlightened of white people; in the United States that of prince, and possesses more character than he has 4,000,000, or thereabouts, of black or colored credit for, although he has not that iron will for people. which his father Nicholas was distinguished acting in accordance with the laws of the empire, tensive. and not his own ambition, or even choice brought "I enjoy religion in counting and taking care him, admirably fit him to govern in a wise and of money," was the reply. reasonable manner. In this spirit he has govern- The brother to whom the reply was addressed reader? The true preacher can never speak for have wrung his soul in agony. Like John Bunyan England is £80,000,000. The aggregate of her church triumph to which it will have contributed in the up of the disastrous war in the Crimea, and re- in the bank, and while his thoughts were occupipairing the losses and humiliation of Russia. Next, ed with money. It was his duty to be a banker. the new Czar's attention was directed to the pro- It was his duty to be diligent in business. It was jecting and establishing of a great system of rail- his duty to have his thoughts occupied for many ways in all parts of the empire, including even the hours in the day with money. He found enjoyconfines of China.

EMANCIPATION OF THE SERFS.

der II., has been the liberation of the many mil- mean politeness, and that has its place in a Christian lions of serfs of the empire. Of the origin of this home. The cordial desire to please, a sensitive portion of the population of Russia it would be shrinking from whatever would hurt or offend, and subject to treat. Respecting their number in inlets of much home happiness; and where they are began to be discussed, as well as their present number, very different accounts are given by the a household. If politeness be morality in little foreign reviews and newspapers. During our se- lings, and if life be commonly made up of such things, cond visit to Russia, made in 1840, the Minister no more is needed to show how much our happiness

afforded me by your columns, to contribute my hum- of the Public Domains, Count Kiesseleff, assured us that the serfs of the Crown (Crown peasants, as they called them,) were in round numbers 20,000,000; those belonging to the members of the Imperial family, as apanages, were 1,600,000; and those who belonged to the nobles were 26,-500,000; making a total of little more than 48,for home purposes, is as selfish in spirit as it is frequent in fact. The present aspect of this subject in all sections of the Church teems with hope and promise; while the manifest blessing of God on the effect. As to the others, their condition has been far better than that of the serfs of the nobles; and in fact they are unwilling to be called serjs, calling themselves freemen, because they belong to the emperor! Their turn will come by and by.

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The emperor Alexander I., nearly sixty years ago, by a ukase, ordained that the seris in the Baltic Provinces should be set free in three periods of ten years each. The last of these decades ended in the earlier part of the reign of the late Emperor Nicholas. There are, therefore, no serfs in the Baltic Provinces; neither are there any in Finland nor in the modern kingdom of Poland (the part of old Poland which Russia obtained at the Congress of Vienna in 1815) with its 5,000,-000 of inhabitants. Thus there have been no energy by the priests. At Bagni di Lucca the evangelist cannot get a female servant, so compact and countries just named, which are the most civilized

entered the lists with a violent excommunication, the riod of his reign, to free the serf, and took some The Emperor Nicholas had a heart at one pemisery? But is sacrifice for this object common among by the press and people of the districts. At Verres the hymn of solemn worship is drowned by the noise going further than recommending to the nobles to The Church of God is part of his family; the of a hired brass band at the entrance of the church. set their serfs free, selling them the lands, or a pupil of the divine Comforter; the redeemed and In Elba, where the Word of God has had free course, portion of them, which they cultivated, and re-

Church. The present enquiry is "Do the Scriptures regard the claim of God's cause as an unwelcome existence of fifty Protestants in such an out-of-the-way cil, and consultation with governors of provinces place, and regretted that instead of having a chapel of and leading nobles, who were requested to act in committees in relation to the matter, the present Emperor entered, in 1857, upon the great but hazardous measure of the liberation of the seris of the nobles. Of course it was from the nobles that enduring a month's imprisonment, and has been made favored the scheme, especially in those western provinces, or "governments," as they are called, in which serfage still existed; but the great majority of the nobles bitterly opposed, as much as

At first, it was proposed to accomplish the mea-Stones are thrown at the head of one; a criminal sure in twelve years; but it was soon found neprocess for speaking against the religion of the State cessary to reduce the term to six, the last year of worse than the slave pens in which the captive erted a mighty evangelical influence, as if to overtake bour, property, or life—like that of Moses, who decliis sought to be raised, happily in vain, against ano- which is now passing away. During the first four changed. At the end of that period they were declared free, but they must remain two years more where they were, and during that period come to an agreement with their former masters with regard to the houses and lands which they occupied. It was provided by ukase that the intervention of the government should take place, where needed, in the second of those two years, The following is from a late number of the or the sixth of the torm, to reconcile the parties Christian World. It was written no doubt by where an agreement had not been reached. It is Rev. Dr. Baird, who is probably as well informed just here that the greatest difficulty has occurred. Some of the nobles are averse to selling their pects of the Russian empire as any other Ame- to give anything at all, maintaining that the land lands to the serfs; in many cases the serfs refuse is theirs by right of long occupancy and cultiva-"No country in Europe is so convulsed at this tion! In some cases the "communities" of the moment as Russia.* That vast empire, at least serfs-for the serfs have extensive communities, the European portion of it, is agitated in the most or organizations, that have large municipal powers, fearful manner. In the large cities, especially in such as looking after the roads and bridges, caring But there are others, too, who cannot sleep erate according to local circumstances, social claims, prietor of all. He claims all as his own. He never St. Petersburgh and Moscow, the two capitals of for their own poor and sick people, and many and personal necessities. That there is some rule for surrenders that claim. He entrusts to men, to recall the country, besides occasional popular outbreaks, other objects, and have their savings-banks and every man is certain, else where is the proof of duty at his pleasure to demand a strict account, and to there have been many and destructive conflagra- charitable institutions—have taken up the matter tions, in which the poor as well as the rich have and lay a claim to the land! The whole subject greatly suffered. The causes of these extensive is complicated enough. The nobles have not the acts of incendiarism are not well known, but it is power to enforce their views, and make the people believed that they express the dissatisfaction of work for them, and on their terms. When they those who demand more liberal political institu- attempt anything like this they are soon compelled The true Church of Christ consists of the regene- for God, and of its eternal consequences. His treat- tions-institutions which shall secure to the mid- to fly for safety to the great cities or the military rated, the sanctified of all nations. She numbers her ment of this great truth decides every man's character dle classes, of the people, some posts; and the serfs resort in such cases to their adherents by millions. Princes grace her ranks. and destinies for ever. Unconverted men act as pro- share in the government. It is well known that old practice of burning the houses and other build-

> koff, Kieff, Dorpat, and Helsingfors as well, are process. Great wisdom and prudence and patience importunate for a Constitution. Nor can we on the part of the emperor and his ministers are wonder at the fact, inasmuch as even once most needed, and much time to bring the country despotic Austria is moving in the business of giv- through it. There are probably no two men in ing her subjects the boon of a constitutional go- all the world whose position is more trying than vernment; while Prussia has given her people that of Alexander II., Emperor of all the Russias, one within the last fifteen years. It is not aston- and Abraham Lincoln, President of the United ishing, therefore, that the intelligent classes of States. Their positions are even very much alike; Russia, which may fairly be represented by the for, although civil war has not yet actually comuniversities, are beginning to be clamorous for a menced in Russia, no one can assure us that it blessing which nearly every nation in Christendom may not on any day burst forth. In both cases, slavery lies at the bottom of the trouble; in Rus-

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Enjoying Religion .- "I don't see how you conversion of the world and the whole range of be- want, and in the execration of mankind. What is of the nature of civil government and the duties can enjoy religion in your business," said one to cordially devoted to benefit men and honour Christ, of the station to which the providence of God, the cashier of a bank, whose business was very ex-

recently acquired Valley of the Amoor on the ment in the performance of duty, as is always the case .- S. S Times.

But the most gigantic undertaking of Alexan- MINOR MORALS. - By their Petite Morale the French neglected, the Saviour's truth has not free course in of the Interior, Count Stroganoff, and the Minister depends upon them. The kindliest, purest nature * It is a significant fact that the great celebration of the founding of the empire by Ruaic and his Northmen, one thousand years ago, has been postponed from the 26th of August (1862) to a future day, or account of the state of the country. will cultivate this habit with greatest care; and the teem others better than himself.