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Thursday, 26 January 1860

New York, New York

In *The Christian Intelligencer* of this date, the writer "W" [possibly Rev. Charles Scott] gives his final word on the subject of the Holland Academy about which he wrote in the December 1, 1859 issue. "For the present, it is not best to continue the discussion on [the] Holland Academy. Dr. Van Raalte is urging his appeal with success; and Rev. Mr. Phelps seems to say that his stay in Michigan, or, at least, his comfort there, depends upon the success of that appeal. The services of Mr. P[helps], in the station now occupied by him, are too valuable to be lost. So far as he is concerned, I have no desire to vote or act in *the negative*. Let the contemplated improvements be made, provided no *debt* be thereby entailed upon the General Synod." Since suspicion exists that the writer, "W," is John Van Vleck, "W" says, ...let me do Mr. Van Vleck the justice of saying that he is in no way responsible for what was written."

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to train them for
to honor.—Pacific.

variety of goods in the line to be found in the country.
1861m-eww

By all respectable Druggists throughout the country.
1861-341

possesses in immense quantities, that with the application of the
particular machinery is but a trifle to those by whom it is man-
ufactured. J. QUAMEN VAN WYCK, 106 Fulton st.

Christian



Intelligencer

NEW-YORK, THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1860. [D121] {VOL.

DEDICATION RENEWED.

BY G. MAY.

Give myself to thee,
All that I call mine;
To feel, I long to be
Thine, Lord, and only thine.

With all that it contains,
Tearful Lord, above;
Thine own with golden chains
Strong, warm, deathless love.

Down the human side there,
For thy worship make
For none can ever share,
From its centre shake.

Thy sorrows thou dost see,
Thou dost not throb in vain;
Thy loving pity be
Thine for every pain.

Thy stains—thine old and new,
Thy pure blood of crimson hue,
Thy blood that shed for us,
Thine, Lord, I blush with shame
For those thy heart;
For worlds of wealth or fame
I keep back a part.

MAY PRAY!

and True Witness answer to this
says, "Men ought always to pray,
Matt. xviii, 1-5). Prayer to God is the
men. Angels need it not; devils
may. Nor is it the privilege and
of all. All men, as men and as
pray. Their guilt, their dependence,
ons call for and demand it. "Men
pray," because they are ever liable to
sitous, always dependent, and always
places, and in all circumstances, "men
pray." This "ALWAYS" says there is no
out God can help in, and deliver out of;
but He can supply. In the words
wars," there is a promise. They in-
shall not pray in vain; that the ear of
en to hear, His eye always open to
d stretched out still, able to save to
who call upon Him. See this fact as
affirmed in the case of the praying, dy-
blind beggar, who "cried so much the
le leper, who said to Jesus, "If thou
take me clean."
finger of infidelity point to a single
feet, whose prayer was turned away
ered. "He hates putting away;"

into the present shape. If they adopted this resolution, they should do it prepared to face difficulties great and very terrible.

The pastor expressed his confident hope that, with the favor of Providence, this good work would be carried forward with much less difficulty than the brother anticipated—especially, as during his seven years' labor here their church affairs had been managed with great harmony.

Rev. R. H. Steele thought likewise, and was the more firmly convinced of this from the fact that his own people had lately made great improvements in their church-edifice, not only without encountering any difficulty, but even finding themselves, before the work was completed, in the midst of a pleasant refreshing from on high.

Rev. J. A. Lansing, himself a church-enlarger and beautifier, was of the same opinion. He had found that, when proceeding in the path of duty, difficulties ahead generally become, as you approach them, beautifully less, which he would illustrate by an anecdote. A man walking along saw before him, at some distance off, something which, viewed through the twilight, seemed a very hideous monster; but, bracing his resolution, he ventured cautiously a little further. As he advanced, the monster appeared gradually less and less frightful. Soon it assumed a human shape; and when he came up to it, he beheld it was his own brother.

I have given you, Mr. Editor, more fragmentary scraps of the timely and stirring remarks made by the different speakers on the interesting occasion. When the resolution was put, the large assembly rose almost unanimously; and the negative vote being called for, was found to be in the vocative case. The rest of the series of resolutions were afterwards adopted, appointing *Appraising, Subscription, and Building Committees*, the last committee being instructed to proceed with their work as soon as \$5000 should be secured by subscription. Every man nominated on these several committees accepted without a word of objection. On the next Sabbath, yesterday, the pastor, as Chairman of the Subscription Committee, had the high satisfaction of announcing that the full amount required for beginning the work was already on the subscription-list. Thus, in the space of one week, the wheels of this great enterprise have been fairly set in motion. It is the Lord's doing, who of old stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel and the spirit of Joshua, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people, and they came, and did work in the house of the Lord of Hosts, their God. The people have a mind to work; and, with the favor of Providence, the corner-stone will soon be laid, and ere long the top-most stone, with shoutings of Grace! grace!

Beautiful Rendering of 1 Kings xix, 11, 12, in the Dutch.

Verse 11th: "And He said (the Lord), Go out (of the cave), and stand on this mountain in the presence of the Lord. And behold! the Lord went by, and a great and strong wind, tearing the mountains, and breaking down the rocks before the Lord, (yet) the Lord was not in the wind; and after this wind, an earthquake; the Lord was (also) not in the earthquake."

Verse 12th: "And after the earthquake, a fire; the Lord was (also) not in the fire; and after the fire, the sighing of a soft stillness." (In the Dutch, "het suspen van eenie zachte stille.")

BROTHER PORTER:—I send you the above. As I read the Dutch Bible as much as the English, I met with it, and so admired it that I wish others to share in my admiration. The translations of the Scriptures, in many of those languages that prevail along the shores of the Mediterranean, and up and down the Atlantic coast, contain many such gems, of which our artificial English gives us no idea. O. P. W.

LATIN HYMNS.

Some of the noblest hymns in our language have been written by men who had the semblance of Romanism, but not in deadness—whose Christianity grew in strength, though the blast of heresy blew around it—to whom God was gracious, though they were girt about with errors innumerable. For He never is without His witnesses; His truth is ever shining, though the darkness comprehend it not; and so, even in that gloomy night of fearful superstition, there were beaming here and there some bright stars, which God had kindled to tell men that He had not quite deserted them. Let us be content to receive the light which they even now send forth, and forget the darkness which they illumined, but could not penetrate.

It is true that there are two classes of Latin hymns; that many of them teem with the foulest blasphemies of Mariolatry and saint-worship; but let us not condemn the good with the evil, the deserving with the undeserving. The chasm between is so wide that we need not fear an imperceptible transit from one to the other; the difference in their poetical beauty is as vast as the difference in their theology.

We will illustrate our meaning by examples; and, without longer proface, we will give a few stanzas from a hymn by an Abbot of Clugny, which should at once dissipate all prejudice, fusing it into its own exquisite melody:

"To thee, O dear, dear country,
Mino eyes their vigils keep;
For very love, beholding
Thy happy name, they weep;
The mention of thy glory
Is unction to the breast,
And medicine in sickness;

books; some who were standing in the aisle occupied in the same profitable manner.

From what we have seen of Mr. Guinness, we conclude that it requires the stimulus of a series of lectures to bring him up to his full powers as a preacher. The last two discourses we have heard from him been most noble pulpit efforts. That on Sabbath evening last was from Heb. xii, 18-24, and possessed every element of the best sort of preaching. The tract between the law and the gospel, or Mount and Mount Zion, was brought out with great force and eloquence. Mr. Guinness's preaching participates largely of the expository character. It is ble seems to be his one book, and the extremely manner in which he uses Scripture has impressed more than ever with the boundless mine of wealth niched to the preacher in the Word of God. The effective portions of his discourses have been his natural allusions and illustrations. Familiar passages his hands have assumed new beauty and power. could not but wish, whilst listening to him, that particular especially, all our young ministers would low his admirable example. This, with his absorption in his work, his earnest manner, his powerful voice, will account in some measure for his great popularity and success. The sermon on Sabbath evening lacked but eight minutes of being two long, but it was listened to with unabated interest the close. To the credit of his hearers, how many may be said that they do not belong to the class go for *dilectante* twenty-five-minute sermons.

The practical results of Mr. Guinness's labor continue to be of the most cheering character. A number have been hopefully converted, and still numbers are inquiring the way of salvation.—*P. tertian.*

THE CLOSING YEAR.

Written for the Anniversary of the Sabbath-school, the Broome Street Reformed Dutch Church, sung January 1, 1860.

BY REV. J. B. STEELE.

Keep guardian of our youthful days,
Thy little band of school-boys raise
Again to thee, from hearts sincere,
Their grateful songs to crown the year.

'Mid flowers of spring we saw thee move,
And scatter round thy gifts of love;
And we would be young flowers of spring,
And to thy altar fragrance bring.

In summer's heat, and light, and rain,
We saw thee rear the precious grain;
And we would be thy fields well sown,
And all thy gracious influence own.

'Th' autumnal days thy presence great,
And lay rich harvests at thy feet;
And may we live and grow apace,
And yield to thee ripe fruits of grace.

And now the winter months bear rule,
And we, thy happy Sabbath-school,
Unite our hearts, and sing thy praise,
Kind guardian of our youthful days

providence so dark, but behind it is
... God?
... should not faint in prayer, should not
... which meet them, but at the
... God, which knows no difficulties, and
... obstacle. Thus did Daniel, as he de-
... den; the three children, when be-
... the fiery furnace; Joseph, as the bolt of
... were turned upon him; and Jonathan
... belly. These faint not in prayer,
... of faith, which put such honor on
... kindness of God, prevailed, and brought
... the difficulties in the way, and at their
... fitness, as Peter looking at the stormy
... sink, so men faint in prayer; but, by
... the troubled deep and the noise of its
... of Jesus, as did he, they are saved out
... seas. The moral taught us in the para-
... trial be sore, the difficulties many
... answers to prayer delayed, we are to
... to go up—"pray always," "not faint"
... of that it is Jesus, the Faithful and the
... "Men ought always to pray, and not
... trouble assail, and dangers affright,
... friends should all fail, and foes all unite,
... thing secure us—whatever befalls,
... smiles assure us the Lord will provide.

JOHN GRAY.

For the Christian Intelligencer
GREENBUSH—A GOOD EXAMPLE.

—I come with good news from the Re-
... Church of Greenbush, which may do
... latitude. The pastor of said church,
... age, is expecting soon to enter another
... and in return for recent as well as former
... of kindness on the part of his people,
... give his utmost influence, before leav-
... ings securing for them a new church. At
... meeting on Friday, January 6th, when
... regret consented to his request for a
... the pastoral relation, he suggested the
... the meeting on the next Tuesday, offer-
... of a committee to canvass the congrega-
... This suggestion was promptly adopted,
... it was accordingly held, several minis-
... egion round about being present by in-
... whom did good service.
... rinary exercises, consisting of prayer,
... riptures, and singing, the meeting was
... Rev. L. H. Van Dyck, by request, act-
... The pastor, having been appointed
... committee on business, offered a series
... beginning with this:
... present church-edifice is unattractive,
... and not altogether safe; therefore,
... at it, is expedient to make an effort to
... nil more suitable place of worship."
... nt resolution naturally gave rise to the
... sion. The friends from abroad being
... presely disclaimed all idea of dictating in
... it was evident from their remarks that
... fully in the opinion expressed in the

ers gave a most convincing argument in
... tive churches, effectually silencing the
... ions, deemed by him a mere cloak for
... h he would not name. The way these
... before his rapid strokes dealt right and
... one of the fate of the Philistines, when
... wielding the jaw-bone of an ass. His
... idently gained strength by those noble
... ng efforts at home.
... timson took it for granted that all pre-
... to be a great friend of progress; but he
... on such occasions to raise apparent ob-
... edly way, as this would excite discus-
... waken more zeal in the enterprise. He
... gh the process of church-building, and
... t difficulties must be met. Some of the
... experience were alluded to; and in the
... there was no old church, with its seats,
... utes. He well knew the people of this
... having formerly been their pastor; and
... gotten the severe struggles connected
... ng the pews here from the former

joined letter from a member of Sabbath-school in Alama-
... ohnetta.
... Will not those who are now parents, in whose hearts
... a flame of love for the heathen was kindled, by the
... earnest appeals of this servant of Christ when they
... were children, give their children the same privilege
... through the instrumentality of these volumes? J. D.
... New-York, Jan. 16, 1860.

Mr DEAR BROTHERS:—The two interesting volumes
... you had the kindness to send me have been placed in
... the library of our Sabbath-school, whence, we trust,
... their circulation will not only interest, but greatly prof-
... fit the children. I doubt if there is elsewhere to be
... found so comprehensive and valuable a compendium of
... the social and religious condition of the Hindoos. The
... desire to place this subject in a form to interest child-
... ren is very praiseworthy, and the attempt to do so, in
... the main, successful; while the affecting appeals, and the
... wise and discriminating counsels, of the venerated au-
... thor, which are interspersed, cannot, it seems to me,
... fail to affect the heart, and convince the judgment of
... all who read them.

I am requested by our superintendent to tender our
... thanks to your school for their friendly attention in this
... gift, and to express the hope that you may be am-
... ply compensated for your efforts in giving publica-
... tion to the work, by the rich spiritual blessings that
... shall follow its dissemination.

Yours fraternally, JAMES UFFOX.
Salem, Jan. 2, 1860.

For the Christian Intelligencer.
HOLLAND ACADEMY.

Mr. EDITOR:—For the present, it is not best to con-
... tinue the discussion on Holland Academy. Dr. Van
... Raalte is urging his appeal with success; and Rev. Mr.
... Phelps seems to say that his stay in Michigan, or, at
... least, his comfort there, depends upon the success of
... that appeal. The services of Mr. P., in the station now
... occupied by him, are too valuable to be lost. So far
... as he is concerned, I have no desire to vote or act in
... the negative. Let the contemplated improvements be
... made; provided no debt be thereby entailed upon the
... General Synod.

As to the history and management of Holland Acad-
... emy, I have yet my "conscientious opinions," and at
... some more fitting time may give them another "can-
... did utterance." In devotion to the educational inter-
... ests of the Church, I yield to none; but in details and
... plans, it is my misfortune to differ from many of the
... brethren, and, perhaps, from the Boards.

Too many unnecessary and uncalled-for allusions
... have been made to my motives. They could easily be
... vindicated, but *cut bono!* In a Christian paper, and
... among Christian men, a writer's motives are not to be
... judged, except in a spirit of charity. Nothing in the
... *Christian Intelligencer* grieves me more than the un-
... kind and uncourteous words which its columns some-
... times contain. On this account, I regret the use of
... that "vulgar proverb" in my first communication, and
... did myself notice it until it was in print; other-
... wise, no such reflection had been cast on Christian
... men and their labors; and no such slight suggested
... of a "table" and "crumbs." Nothing of the kind was
... intended. Dr. Van Raalte may rest assured that no
... direct or indirect "animosity," that nothing but love
... is felt for him and his brethren; and to Dr. Phelps
... I would kindly say, that "a friend in his own way
... may not therefore be an enemy. He and I are both
... young in the ministry, and a mutual "good will" will
... certainly be best for that good cause which we mutually
... love. If he cannot understand "what principle is at
... stake," he can understand, I hope, my earnest wish that
... the present Principal of Holland Academy may be
... staked in the West, if not in *Ottawa*, and he is the
... President of a Dutch rival to Rutgers College.

Am I to judge from certain expressions of suspi-
... cion attached to the former Principal for some of the
... sentiments of the "mysterious letter?" If so, let me
... do Mr. Van Vleck the justice of saying that he is in
... no way responsible for what was written. As a friend,
... I knew his need of what was due him, and do not
... think that any "needless allusion" was made to the
... same; but whether he approves or disapproves, or
... how far his opinions and mine may coincide, I know
... not. If any censure is merited, it must fall alone upon
... W.

Are decked in golden sheen.
There is the Throne of David,
And there, from toil released,
The shout of them that triumph,
The song of them that feast;
And they, beneath their Leader,
Who conquered in the fight,
Forever and forever
Are clad in robes of white."

This is one of the many beautiful hymns which rose
... up from the abbeys of France, before Romanism had
... grown to full maturity. We cannot afford to lose it,
... for there is nothing else which so exqu岸tely embodies
... those glorious aspirations after the City of the Future,
... which make the heart of every Christian to throb with
... joy unexpressed. It comes to us like the tintinnabula-
... tions of sweet village bells, in the clear freshness of
... morning, pealing up along a mountain gorge whose
... charms we may not pass. It shines like one of many
... spires on which the passing sunlight lingers when the
... night-gloom is stealing over the plain. Let us then
... be glad to have it, and thank God for it as His gift.

A comparison will naturally arise between it and
... David Dickson's hymn on the same subject. It is re-
... markable how two men, at different times, and in dif-
... ferent countries, under various outward conditions, and
... with utterly antagonistic forms of religion, could pro-
... duce compositions so closely alike. We can only ac-
... count for it by believing that it was one and the self-same
... Spirit who breathed in and granted to each these blessed
... yearnings after heavenly peace. But, although the
... aspirations are the same, the expressions of them are
... different. The above translation gives a very poor
... idea of the marvelousness of the original; but, even as
... it is, it far surpasses the unpolished roughness of the
... Scotch Reformer. However, we would have neither
... disparaged; they are both beautiful, and both fit for a
... Christian's song. Dickson's hymn, though well known
... in a quasi-"improved" form, is seldom seen as it is
... written. We, therefore, quote a few stanzas—we can-
... not quote all:

- "O mother dear! Jerusalem,
When shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?"
- "O happy harbor of God's saints!
O sweet and pleasant soil!
In the no sorrows can be found—
No grief, no care, no toil."
- "In thee no sickness is at all,
Nor hurt, nor any sore;
There is no death nor ugly sight,
But life forevermore."
- "No dimming cloud o'er shadows thee,
No cloud nor darkness night;
But every soul shines as the sun,
For God himself gives light."
- "Jerusalem! Jerusalem!
Would God I were in thee!
O that my sorrows had an end!
Thy joys that I might see."
- "Thy towers and thy pinnacles
With carbuncles do shine,
With jasper, pearl, and chrysolite,
Surpassing pure and fine."
- "Thy houses are of ivory,
The windows crystal clear;
Thy streets are laid with beaten gold—
There angels do appear."
- "Thy walls are made of precious stone,
Thy bulwarks diamond square,
Thy gates are made of Orient pearl—
O God! if I were there!"

—Church of England Quarterly Review.

MR. GUINNESS.

This zealous evangelist continues his labors in Phi-
... adelphia with undiminished success, though the number
... of his services during the present week has been cor-
... tailed. Having been accustomed to receive inquirers
... during the day, these calls had become so numerous
... that he had not time to attend to them; and hence,
... instead of preaching, he has held inquiry meetings on
... alternate nights this week. He is still officiating
... chiefly in the Rev. Dr. Wylie's church. On last Sab-
... bath evening the crowd was, if possible, greater than
... ever. Some of the worshippers, in order to be sure of
... a seat, did not leave the church at the close of the regu-
... lar afternoon services of the congregation, and per-
... sons from other congregations immediately took pos-
... session of the seats vacated in the afternoon. Every
... available sitting and standing place was occupied, some
... forty or fifty persons being crowded into the pulpit,
... including a number of ladies. Long before the hour
... for commencing the exercises, probably thousands had
... gone away unable to gain admittance. Of those who
... succeeded in finding seats, many employed the time
... they were waiting in reading their Bibles and religious

entered the Bay of Jeddo. They easily, of
... house through the kind assistance of Gov. Do
... Conrul—a Buddhist temple, with its spaci-
... buildings, heretofore occupied by the priests—
... the temple and the house are being repaired;
... entered into the temple, I saw that all the
... labored at the approach of the heralds of the
... have spent a fortnight under that strange ro-
... ble to persuade myself that I was spending
... ing with my countrymen. For all the wo
... was the Yankee parlor-store and parlor-lamp
... home. But not so much as when the Bible is
... ously read, the hymn sung to a sweet fami-
... and all knelt down to pray; it was home,
... resemblances and memories, but in its life as
... No opposition was made to their having
... and temple, though the officials perfectly w
... stood their character. Indeed, while I was
... one or two occasions, the Governor and a
... officials made a call to ascertain if the re-
... going on satisfactorily (for it is a governm
... well as to pay their respects to our country
... Hepburn offered a plate of grapes to each,
... in her own hands—the first time such a
... ever offered to a Japanese by a foreign
... officials looked on amazed, but were quite
... and evidently pleased. Every thing, th
... been suspicious. All the people are courto
... as the officials, and crowds are continually
... gate, giving the common salutation, "Obio!
... How do you do? or, Good morning! But
... —on how many delicate and unseen causes i
... ent! But all under God.

If I might be allowed more especially to o
... of counsel to the Christian public at bo
... denominations, I would urge them to send m
... missionaries for the present, as Nagasaki and
... are the only places they can now occupy, a
... to these two points might arouse the jeal
... the opposition of the Government. In the
... single year, events will determine the co
... pursued.

PROFESSOR HUNTINGTON
We give an extract from the first seri
... new volume, *Christian Believing and Living*,
... ublished by Crosby, Nichols & Co., from the
... F. B. HUNTINGTON, D. D.

"Ye see your calling."—1 Cor. 1: 24.
The word "calling" applied to a human
... Christian sense, and by a Christian aut
... Paul, is a condensed confession of faith. It
... great primary truth of religion—viz., that
... life is governed by a will above it, and is
... receiving influences of attraction from the S
... Take up that single truth, trace it out to its
... results, admit all its practical obligations, l
... your own mind both the solemn sense of d
... clear illumination for sorrow that it bri
... accept its necessary incidents of penitence,
... demption, and you find that, including its
... and consequences, it is a majestic compendi
... ous doctrine.

There is another and at present a more
... plication of the term. A man's common e
... —the means of his livelihood—is spoken
... "calling," or his vocation. But this may
... the same origin; for it must have sprung up
... a livelier faith, when it was really believ
... man's business in the world was a sacred a
... and that he himself, while about his ordi
... was on a divine errand. A living faith not
... fies that view, but requires it. For it supp
... the soul which has confessed its calling, w
... in "formed within" there is a power of ho
... tion supreme over all the colors and pure
... mind. We are thus carried up to a concep
... lan discipleship that has been too far lost
... modern habits of living, and even out of
... worship of the Church. We have glimpse
... manhood and womanhood beyond the n
... secularized, diluted, or perhaps formalized
... Christianity. We catch a breath of the fra
... which once hallowed the earth, and sweete
... We feel that miraculous touch which
... brought healing and vigor to the langu
... feeble muscles. We behold, with sight too
... a splendor that cannot be wholly veiled, t
... the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

The expression stirs some feeling of myst
... is suggested than the understanding clearly
... is so, in a degree, with every elevated, prop
... ance of spiritual truth; for that always bo
... the unknown, shades off into the infinite, a
... to discern spiritually what we cannot re
... terms of knowledge. Religion itself, as th
... bond that holds us consciously, confiding
... Eternal One, is mysterious. Yet a life o
... sense of a Hand guiding it. A Spirit movin
... in Christ calling to it, is really far more per
... unaccountable than with that key to its cha
... these, severed from a Father, it is not only
... but a contradiction; not only a riddle to
... but, sooner or later, with all its failures and
... painful puzzle to the heart, or even an agon

black as to prevent the sun from shining
what providence so dark, but behind it is
a smiling God?
they would not faint, in prayer, should not
so difficulties which meet them, but at the
arm of God, which knows no difficulties, and
every obstacle. Thus did Daniel, as he do-
to the sons' den; the three children, when be-
to the fiery furnace; Joseph, as the bolts of
house were turned upon him; and Jonathan
his belly. These fainted not in prayer,
prayers of faith, which put such honor on
and kindness of God, prevailed, and brought
at the difficulties in the way, and at their
worthiness, as Peter looking at the stormy
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the trial be sore, the difficulties many
and answers to prayer delayed, we are to
t give up—"pray ALWAYS," "not faint!"—
telling that it is Jesus, the Faithful and the
says, "Men ought always to pray, and not
ough troubles assail, and dangers affright,
ough friends should all fail, and foes all unite,
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Scriptures assure us the Lord will provide."
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GREENBUSH—A GOOD EXAMPLE.

—I come with good news from the Re-
Church of Greenbush, which may do
er latitude. The pastor of said church,
aiming, is expecting soon to enter another
; and in return for recent as well as form-
ations of kindness on the part of his people,
ed to give his utmost influence, before leav-
wards securing for them a new church. At
meeting on Friday, January 6th, when
much regret consented to his request. Nor a
of the pastoral relation, he suggested the
public meeting on the next Tuesday, offer-
ing of a committee to canvass the congrega-
tion. This suggestion was promptly adopted,
meeting was accordingly held, several mis-
sionary region round about being present by in-
of whom did good service.
liminary exercises, consisting of prayer,
Scriptures, and singing, the meeting was
led, Rev. I. H. Van Dyck; by request, act-
ed. The pastor, having been appointed
of a committee on business, offered a series
beginning with this:
The present church-edifice is unattractive,
ble, and not altogether safe; therefore,
That it is expedient to make an effort to
and more suitable place of worship."
erent resolution naturally gave rise to the
question. The friends from abroad being
expressly disclaimed all idea of dictating in
but it was evident from their remarks that
red fully in the opinion expressed in the
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tractive churches, effectually silencing the
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which he would not name. The way these
all before his rapid strokes dealt right and
ad one of the fate of the Philistines, when
s wielding the jaw-bone of an ass. His
evidently gained strength by those noble
oving efforts at home.
Stimson took it for granted that all pres-
to be a great friend of progress; but he
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friendly way, as this would excite discus-
sions awaken more zeal in the enterprise. He
ough the process of church-building, and
rest difficulties must be met. Some of the
his experience were alluded to; and in the
there was no old church, with its seats,
lputes. He well knew the people of this
having formerly been their pastor; and
forgot the severe struggles connected
changing the pews here from the former

joined letter from a friend of Sabbath-schools in Massachu-
setts.
Will not those who are now parents, in whose hearts
a flame of love for the heathen was kindled, by the
earnest appeals of this servant of Christ when they
were children, give their children the same privilege
through the instrumentality of these volumes? J. D.
New-York, Jan. 16, 1860.
My DEAR BROTHER:—The two interesting volumes
you had the kindness to send me have been placed in
the library of our Sabbath-school, whence we trust
their circulation will not only interest, but greatly pro-
fit the children. I doubt if there is elsewhere to be
found so comprehensive and valuable a compendium of
the social and religious condition of the Hindoos. The
desire to place this subject in a form to interest child-
ren is very praiseworthy, and the attempt to do so, in
the main, successful; while the afflicting appeals, and the
wise and discrediting counsels, of the venerated au-
thor, which are interspersed, cannot, it seems to me,
fail to affect the heart, and convince the judgment of
all who read them.
I am requested by our superintendent to tender our
thanks to your school for their friendly attention in
this gift, and to express the hope that you may be
amply compensated for your efforts in giving publica-
tion to the work, by the rich spiritual blessings that
shall follow its dissemination.
Yours fraternally, JAMES UPTON.
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The pastures of the blessed
Are decked in golden sheen.
There is the Throne of David,
And there, from toil released,
The shout of them that triumph,
The song of them that feast;
And they, beneath their Leader,
Who conquered in the fight,
Forever and forever
Are clad in robes of white."
This is one of the many beautiful hymns which rose
up from the abbeys of France, before Romanism had
grown to full maturity. We cannot afford to lose it,
for there is nothing else which so exqu岸tely embodies
those glorious aspirations after the City of the Future,
which make the heart of every Christian to throb with
joy unspeakable. It comes to us like the titian abula-
tions of sweet village bells, in the clear freshness of
morning, pealing up along a mountain gorge whose
chaems we may not pass. It shines like one of many
spires on which the passing sunlight lingers when the
night-gloom is stealing over the plain. Let us then be
glad to have it, and thank God for it as His gift.
A comparison will naturally arise between it and
David Dickson's hymn on the same subject. It is re-
markable how two men, at different times, and in dif-
ferent countries, under various outward conditions, and
with utterly antagonistic forms of religion, could pro-
duce compositions so closely alike. We can only ac-
count for it by believing that it was one and the self-same
Spirit who breathed in and granted to each these blessed
yearnings after heavenly peace. But, although the
aspirations are the same, the expressions of them are
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idea of the marvelousness of the original; but, even as
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"In thee no sickness is at all,
Nor hurt, nor any sore;
There is no death nor ugly sight,
But life forevermore.
"No dimming cloud o'er shadows thee,
No cloud nor darkness night;
But every soul shines as the sun,
For God himself gives light.
"Jerusalem! Jerusalem!
Would God I were in thee!
O that my sorrows had an end!
Thy joys that I might see.
"Thy turrets and thy pinnacles
With carbuncles do shine,
With jasper, pearl, and chrysolite,
Surpassing pure and fine.
"Thy houses are of ivory,
The windows crystal clear;
Thy streets are laid with beaten gold—
There angels do appear.
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Thy bulwarks diamond square,
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bath evening the crowd was, if possible, greater than
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a seat, did not leave the church at the close of the regu-
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sons from other congregations immediately took pos-
session of the seats vacated in the afternoon. Every
available sitting and standing place was occupied, some
forty or fifty persons being crowded into the pulpit,
including a number of ladies. Long before the hour
for commencing the exercises, probably thousands had
gone away unable to gain admittance. Of those who
succeeded in finding seats, many employed the time
they were waiting in reading their Bibles and religious

entered the Bay of Jeddo. They really, of
course through the kind assistance of Gov. Do
Conrail—a Hinddhist temple, with its spire
buildings, heretofore occupied by the priests—
the temple and the house are being repaired;
entered into the temple, I saw that all the
labeled at the approach of the heralds of the
have spent a fortnight under that strange ro-
table to persuade myself that I was spending
ing with my countrymen. For all the wo
was the Yankee parlor-stove and parlor-lamp
home. But not so much as when the Bible
ently read, the hymn sung to a sweet, faint
and all knelt down to pray; it was home,
resemblances and memories, but in its life a
No opposition was made to their having
and temple, though the officials perfectly un-
stood their character. Indeed, while I was
one or two occasions, the Governor and a
officials made a call to ascertain if the re-
going on satisfactorily (for it is a governmen
well as to pay their respects to our country
Hopburn offered a plate of grapes to each,
in her own hands—the first time such a civ
ever offered to a Japanese by a foreign
officials looked on amazed, but were quite
and evidently pleased. Every thing, ther
been suspicious. All the people are courteo
as the officials, and crowds are continually a
gate, giving the common salutation, "Obho!
How do you do? or, Good morning! But
—on how many delicate and unseen causes I
ent! But all under God.
If I might be allowed more especially to o
of counsel to the Christian public at ho
denominations, I would urge them to send no
missionaries for the present, as Nagasaki and
are the only places they can now occupy, a
to these two points might arouse the jealo
the opposition of the Government. In the
single year, events will determine the co
pursued.
PROFESSOR HUNTINGTON
We give an extract from the first ser-
mon volume, Christian Delineating and Living,
published by Crosby, Nichols & Co., from the
F. B. HUNTINGTON, D. D.
"Ye see your calling."—1 Cor. i. 14.
The word "calling" applied to a human
Christian sense, and by a Christian ant-
Paul, is a condensed confession of faith. It
great primary truth of religion—viz., that
life is governed by a will above it, and its
receiving influences of attraction from the S;
Take up that single truth, trace it out to its
results, admit all its practical obligations, l
your own mind both the solemn sense of a
clear illumination for sorrow that it bri
accept its necessary incidents of penitence,
temptation, and you find that, including its
and consequences, it is a majestic compendi-
ous doctrine.
There is another and at present a more im-
plication of the term. A man's common e-
—the means of his livelihood—is spoken
"calling," or his vocation. But this usage
the same origin; for it must have sprung up
a livelier faith, when it was verily believe
man's business in the world was a sacred ap-
and that he himself, while about his ordi-
was on a divine errand. A living faith not
flies that view, but requires it. For it supp-
the soul which has confessed its calling, w
is "formed within," there is a power of hol
tion supreme over all the choices and purs
mind. We are thus carried up to a concepti
ian discipleship that has been too far lost
modern habits of living, and even out of
worship of the Church. We have glimpse
manhood and womanhood beyond the n
secularized, diluted, or perhaps formalized
Christianity. We catch a breath of the fra-
which once hallowed the earth, and sweete
We feel that miraculous touch which I
brought healing and vigor to the languid
feeble muscles. We behold, with sight too
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bond that holds us occasionally, confiding
Eternal One, is mysterious. Yet a life a
sense of a Hand guiding it, a Spirit movin
in Christ calling to it, is really far more per-
unaccountable than with that key to its cha
then, severed from a Father, it is not only
but a contradiction; not only a riddle to
but, sooner or later, with all its failures and
painful puzzle to the heart, or even an agon

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"Mijn-bracht markt-waert."

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BY O. MAY.

ve myself to thee,
that I call mine;
ool, I long to be
ord, and only thine.

with all that it contains,
rest Lord, above;
me own with golden chains,
warm, deathless love.

va the human tide there,
thy worship make
one can ever share,
on its centre shake.

crowds thou dost see,
I not thro' in vain;
I loving pity be
for every pain.

is stains—tho' old and new,
so numerous—
ra flood of crimson hue,
had didst shed for us.

Lord, I blush with shame
tho' this heart;
r worlds of wealth or fame
I keep back a part.

Christian Intelligencer. MAY PRAY!

and True Witness answer to this
ya, "Man ought always to pray,
tt. xviii. 1-5). Prayer to God is the
plea. Angels need it not; devils
may. Nor is it the privilege and
out of all. All men, as men and as
ay. Their guilt, their dependence,
s call for and demand it. "Men
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ect, whose prayer was turned away

into the present shape. If they adopted this resolution, they should do it prepared to face difficulties great and very terrible.

The pastor expressed his confident hope that, with the favor of Providence, this good work would be carried forward with much less difficulty than the weather anticipated—especially, as during his seven years' labor here their church affairs had been managed with great harmony.

Rev. H. H. Steels thought likewise, and was the more firmly convinced of this from the fact that his own people had lately made great improvements in their church-edifice, not only without encountering any difficulty, but even finding themselves, before the work was completed, in the midst of a pleasant refreshing from on high.

Rev. J. A. Lansing, himself a church-enlarger, and beautifier, was of the same opinion. He had found that, when proceeding in the path of duty, difficulties ahead generally become, as you approach them, beautifully less, which he would illustrate by an anecdote. A man walking along saw before him, at some distance off, something which, viewed through the twilight, seemed a very hideous monster; but, bracing his resolution, he ventured cautiously a little further. As he advanced, the monster appeared gradually less and less frightful. Soon it assumed a human shape; and when he came up to it, he beheld it was his own brother.

I have given you, Mr. Editor, more fragmentary scraps of the timely and stirring remarks made by the different speakers on the interesting occasion. When the resolution was put, the large assembly rose almost unanimously; and the negative vote being called for, was found to be in the negative case. The rest of the series of resolutions were afterwards adopted, appointing *Appraising, Subscription, and Building Committees*, the last committee being instructed to proceed with their work as soon as \$5000 should be secured by subscription. Every man nominated on these several committees accepted without a word of objection. On the next Sabbath, yesterday, the pastor, as Chairman of the Subscription Committee, had the high satisfaction of announcing that the full amount required for beginning the work was already on the subscription-list. Thus, in the space of one week, the wheels of this great enterprise have been fairly set in motion. It is the Lord's doing, who of old stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel and the spirit of Joshua, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people, and they came, and did work in the house of the Lord of Hosts, their God. The people have a mind to work; and, with the favor of Providence, the corner-stone will soon be laid, and ere long the top-most stone, with shoutings of praise, will be

For the Christian Intelligencer. Beautiful Rendering of 1 Kings xix. 11, 12, in the Dutch.

Versc 11th: "And He said (the Lord), Go out (of the cave), and stand on this mountain in the presence of the Lord. And behold! the Lord went by, and a great and strong wind, tearing the mountains, and breaking down the rocks before the Lord, (yet) the Lord was not in the wind; and after this wind, an earthquake; the Lord was (also) not in the earthquake."

Versc 12th: "And after the earthquake, a fire; the Lord was (also) not in the fire; and after the fire, the sighing of a soft stillness." (In the Dutch, "het zuygen van een zachte stilte.")

BROTHER PORTER:—I send you the above. As I read the Dutch Bible as much as the English, I met with it, and so admired it that I wish others to share in my admiration. The translations of the Scriptures, in many of those languages that prevail along the shores of the Mediterranean, and up and down the Atlantic coast, contain many such gems, of which our artificial English gives us no idea. O. P. W.

LATIN HYMNS.

Some of the noblest hymns in our language have been written by men who had the semblance of Romanism, but not in deadliness—whose Christianity grew in strength, though the blasts of heresy blew around it—to whom God was gracious, though they were girt about with errors innumerable. For He never is without His witnesses; His truth is ever shining, though the darkness comprehend it not; and so, even in that gloomy night of fearful superstition, there were beaming here and there some bright stars, which God had kindled to tell men that He had not quite deserted them. Let us be content to receive the light which they even now send forth, and forget the darkness which they illumined, but could not penetrate.

It is true that there are two classes of Latin hymns; that many of them teem with the foulest blasphemies of Mariolatry and saint-worship; but let us not condemn the good with the evil, the deserving with the desertless. The chasm between is so wide that we need not fear an imperceptible transit from one to the other; the difference in their poetical beauty is as vast as the difference in their theology.

We will illustrate our meaning by examples; and, without longer preface, we will give a few stanzas from a hymn by an Abbot of Clugny, which should at once dissipate all prejudice, fusing it into its own exquisite melody:

"To thee, O dear, dear country,
Mine eyes thy vigils keep;
For very love, beholding
Thy happy name, they weep;
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books; some who were standing in the aisle, occupied in the same profitable manner.

From what we have seen of Mr. Guinness, we conclude that it requires the stimulus of a series of lectures to bring him up to his full powers as a preacher. The last two discourses we have heard from him have been most noble pulpit efforts. That on Sabbath evening last was from Heb. xii. 18-24, and possessed every element of the best sort of preaching. The contrast between the law and the gospel, of Mount Sinai and Mount Zion, was brought out with great force and eloquence. Mr. Guinness's preaching generally partakes largely of the expository character. His style seems to be his one book, and the extremely simple manner in which he uses Scripture has impressed more than ever with the boundless mine of wealth yielded to the preacher in the Word of God. His effective portions of his discourses have been his rural allusions and illustrations. Familiar passages, his hands have assumed new beauty and power, could not but wish, whilst listening to him, that particular especially, all our young ministers would follow his admirable example. This, with his absorption in his work, his earnest manner, and his sonorous voice, will account in some measure for his great popularity and success. The sermon on Sabbath evening lasted but eight minutes of being two long, but it was listened to with unabated interest to the close. To the credit of his hearers, however, may be said that they do not belong to the class who go for dilettante twenty-five-minute sermons.

The practical results of Mr. Guinness's labors continue to be of the most cheering character. A number have been hopefully converted, and still numbers are inquiring the way of salvation.—*P. Terlan.*

For the Christian Intelligencer. THE CLOSING YEAR. Written for the Anniversary of the Sabbath-school of the Brocques Street Reformed Dutch Church sunday January 1, 1860.

BY REV. J. H. STEELE.

Kind guardian of our youthful days,
Thy little band of scholars raise
Again to thee, from hearts sincere,
Their grateful songs to crown the year.

'Mid flowers of spring we saw thee bloom,
And scatter round thy gifts of love;
And we would be young flowers of spring,
And to thy altar fragrance bring.

In summer's heat, and light, and rain,
We saw thee rear the precious grain;
And we would be thy fields well sown,
And all thy gracious influence own.

Th' autumnal days thy presence greet,
And lay rich harvest at thy feet;
And may we live and grow up space,
And yield to thee ripe fruits of grace.

And now the winter months bear rule,
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