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The 352d anniversary of the Reformation was duly observed by our churches in this city. The Festival. omewhat to lunst of and can

her membership, institutions of learning and benevolent operations .-Greater strides have been taken in me, and theological lore. Even so; and may that day soon come!

We are glad to see a marked improvement in the tone and spirit of the General Synod North, in respect to the observance of this festival. One or two who formerly were apprehensive of too much glorification of Lather, even deigned to preach upon Luther and the Reformation, admitting that he had something, at least, to do with that important

THE SIMPSON WEDDING. We are moved to speak of this

of it in our church papers. The secular press was full of details of the affair, and some severe comments were made thereon. Simpson is the Methodist Bishop, and his daughter was given in marriage to the Consul for Southern Italy. It was an occasion not to be lightly esteemed; and following in the wake of the fashionable world, the Bishop includged in the varieties and nonsense of that original puritanics whence he had spring. You know there was a time when such bishops excommunicated those who indulged in artificials in their bonnets and ribbons round their necks, or wore rings on their flugers, and bells on their toes; but now, alas, how changed! His daughter is to be married; the trosscan is ordered from Paris; the bride is sdorned with pearls and precious things: the altar in the "Methodist meetin' house" is decorated with flowers, evergreens, gold-fish; and leave, which they did. everything is gay and happy as in Belshazzark palace. A dozen or more itinerant preachers, all D.D.'s, the great Itinerant President, Grant, seat of Government to give colat to and other little great men, drag in such like, and the whole city is on SIDNEY JONES, of the L. A. M. R. E. assisted by others, among them some of the St. Tammany Third street brokers are dumb founded, and the sanctified begin to wonder what the world and the Bishop

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tinue to warn the young Timothies.
But without giving any view of our own, we beg to offer the following comment taken from a secular paper, which shows how the cut of the commence of the co which shows how the outside world looks upon this servility to fashionaodism:

Successor, Simpson, has been piling it up in a manner which would have surprised the original Apostles, if they had been alive. St. Peter had a wife, and, in all probability, a "All the Kings of the Earth shall praise daughter. Now, can any one imagine St. Peter deliberately coming home from the fishing banks and setting up a recherche wedding festival, in ecies respecting the establishment of which his daughter (who might have the Redeemer's kingdom must have been passing fair) married a man who signed his name in this way—let us say:—'J. Ferguson Smith.' And can one imagine the ceremony performed to be complying the exalted places been taking place every day ever by Caiaphas, the High Priest, and the respectability of the affair enhanced by the presence of Felix, who gave J. Ferguson Smith a collectorship to start him in life; and a general attendance of Pharisees and for its future conquests and glory.

They are since. Adam's case is the type of all others. Though a father, he was equally a brother-man, and his history, as the first, is but a picture of histories with which the world is full. The first fall has been followed by and vessels of honor and dishonor, princes also shall worship." "The ing and fallen are all about us, There can we picture to ourselves the righ- walls, and their kings shall minister falls in business, in the conduct of teous old Apostle going out and drag. unto thee." "Kings shall be thy solemn trusts; falls from chastity, ging in scribes, who gave accurate nursing fathers, and their queens from honor, from integrity and scifoccaring on Sanday, appropriate the beaty of the bride, the succulence kings of the earth do bring their up in secreey and self-deception, and of the grub, the flavor of the spiritu- glory and honor into it." ous drinks, &c ! We should think not Unlikely as these prophecies seem for this world final. years ago, regarded an organ as a were gathered together against the every way. the last five years of her history in delvil's own music box, and a stained Lord, and against his Christ." But this country, than in any previous glass window as a reflection of hell reports now, from all parts of the what she is now in the old world surpassed only by the diamond wed- significant and encouraging.

> hundred revivals can not repair." THE HEAT PERIN

Congressional buncombe has been succeeded by something of a higher order. We gave you some time ago a note on sensational preaching; and now we find a school of the aerial and "riverine" sort. It has pupils of various grades. We remember the excitement caused by the "big event, because we have seen no notice tent" which was pitched from town to town and turned many into tumblers who were only fit for circus riders. Then we bear the "Angel Gabriel" blowing his horn in the streets of Boston, the hub of Emersonian nonsense, and scaring women and children into religious bysterics. Then the Millerites, trying to turn the world upside down and put an end to terrestial things, class. He forgot for awhile the Men's Christian Association comes but never succeeding. The Young next, with its unionistic movement, and endeavors to reconcile all religious classes by a parcel of Methodist itinerants who glory in "nover having rubbed their backs against a college." We heard one of them, say some time ago, in an open air meeting, that he "came there to preach to sinners, but he found they were all too well dressed to be sinners," whereupon two young ladies remarked that they had pretty good clothes on, and therefore would

But now we have the theology of the whole school boiled down into a simple proposition. The day are present, and, to cap the climax, of sensation has gone by, and the and his wife are ordered from the thing in a unt-shell. No room any the thing. There is a grand array more for spread-eagleism. The plain of presents. Reporters are on hand question is, "How shall they culmito tell the world of their value and nate?" But we submit the announcemagnificence. George W. Childs, ment taken from the Public Ledger, in which the thing is presented more costly furniture, silver ware, and clearly than could be done by us:

societies or seets to look to their laurels. Elder Jones has launched ble waste and folly and departure out. The "Church of the Starfrom the primitive rubricks of Meth- Spangled Banner will take; and the Elder is "a big gun." O, for the "It seems to us that the Apostolic pure age of the Fishermen of Galllee! LINDEN.

Selections.

so cruelly and pitilessly persecuted wonder if all others are! Judson and the early missionaries to to build a fine church, for a mission. In hurdled co.es, amid the fields secure, ary, who for several years has been Or as a third bent to uphord the cash engaged in the work of christian of some rich burgher, whose gubstantial description education at his capital. He has Cross-barred and boiled fast, four no account also placed nine of his sons under in at the window climbs or o'er the tiles: willingness that they and his people

and their promotion of the doctrines | hood's home. ever, gives weight to their example,

The fall of Adam may be looked at as a doctrine, explaining how this world is made up of sinners and sufferers; how the human race are a unity as in other things are in the riose of cont, he has been basically aright the des, and sus taining the communion which bound among us! What balm it distills, father's pew, and sits solitary in a him to the spiritual world, as that drop by drop, and day by day, world was conceived of and believed starty over again. The serpent's in. Lather busied himself mainly The fall of Adam may be looked

But it may also be considered as a history and a type, that Adam was a The attentive reader of the proph. man and Eve a women, like the rest Sadducees, each bringing shekels "All kings shall fall down before myriads of others. The individual of silver and gold, and good clothes, him." "Kings shall see and arise, falls no less than the race. The falland spoons and fish knives? And sons of strangers shall build up thy are falls in the family and in society:

preached. None have failed to note If there was any one thing upon ed of falfillment in the time of It is a sad view of life to think of that in these latter days, there is a which Peter was particularly down, Christ, when it was scornfully and it as filled with examples like these. more general observance of the list if was the pourp and vanities of this triumphantly asked by his enemics, it saddens and moves one to tears to of October than formerly; and we wicked world, with all the sinful lasts "Have any of the rulers believed on think that we are daily passing, believe that a deeper church love is of the flesh; and for this reason we him? there are constant indications, brushing the persons of not a few taking hold of our people, and a turned away our majestic twenty, and proofs coming from every quar, who that very day are rushing to much greater interest is manifested four meh head to hide a silent tear, ter, that these attestations of the their fall; that the houses we pass by them in those things which per- when we read the gorgeous and some truth of Scripture will not be want, enclose and scarcely hide within their min to our history, development and times nagrammatical accounts of the ing. In nearly all lands where the walls apastacies from virtue, from prosperity. The Lutheram Charch Simpson wedding. The Apostle busi- gospel has gained an entrance, it honor, and from happiness, which ness has degenerated. There is a had to meet the coldness or the repeat the tragedy of Adam and dangerous approach to the evil days cruel opposition of the reigning and Eve; drive again guilty pairs out of of the world's people, when the august | therities. As of old, "the kings of Paradise, and fix behind them burnhead of a church, which but a few the carth stood up, and the rulers ing swords, turning and flashing

PALLS IN THE PARILY.

The serient that entered the first score of years. If true to herself fire, makes a splurge over his child's mission field, show a decided change, family that was ever formed on earth, she will ere long be in this country. solemn marriage, which has been and the facts as they appear are most the happiest and most innocent, seeks to enter every other. Innocence at--the great church in membership, dings and the balloon weddings of In the midst of opposing trials tracts the tempter; he wishes to sinful revel will hurt the devout that "the king's heart is in the hands proached by it. Be sure, if a family worshippers of the church to an of the Lord." The mission to the are highly favored and full of innoamount which twenty love feasts, a Laos in Farther India, who had long cent enjoyment, evil is not very far dozen prayer meetings and half a tried to secure a lot of ground, were off. So it was at first, so it is now, recently presented by the king with and so it must always be until innoa large and beautiful place, much cence is evinced by a principled superior to the one they sought, he obedience-by that knowledge of having been greatly pleased by a good and evil which comes of tempmusical entertainment given him by tations successfully resisted. Certhe missionaries. The king of Bur- tain it is that the first Paradise God mah, a successor of the monarch who made upon earth was invaded; what

> "As when a prowling wolf his people, is building a large school Whom hunger drives to seek new haunts for prehouse and residence, and promises Watching where shepherds pen their flocks at eve. his instruction, expressing his entire So climbed this first great thief into God's fold

should become christians if they be So too into households. None are came convinced of the truth. The exempt. Sometimes a fall will take king of Siam has given to the mis- place amid a group of children. The sionaries a pledge of toleration under blow descends, and the ruin is effectthe royal seal. The Sultan of Turkey, ed, and suspicions are all asleep. and even the Emperor of China, have But more commonly the fall is slight issued their edicts recognizing the at first, and followed by others, till christian religion. And the queen the good order and peace of the of Madagascar, a successor of the family are broken up, and open aposinfamous queen who sought to crush tasy threatens. A daughter perhaps out christianity by the cruel persecu- begins to crave other and more extion and bloody martyrdom of her citing pleasures than the family circle believing subjects, now elevates those affords; and love of dress begets subjects to positions of power and discontentment with narrow circumtrust, welcomes and aids the teach- stances; she believes that what ers of christianity, and has herself glitters is gold, that flattery is true become a convert to the truth, and friendship, that a strange voice, like united with a christian church. that of the serpent in Eden, is to be aging proofs of the divine inspiration voice, like the voice of the Lord God, religious life. He says: of missions, and are earnests of still is no longer true and kind. That

of the cross. Their position, how- Perhaps the son has begun to feel carnal nature. himself a stranger at home; he is pressing opposition, removing bar- believe it is for his good, he is suffen faith, and give brighter assurance of pleasures away from home, has se-the coming of the day when He crets which he keeps from those who Dr. Chalmer's great effort was to aball reign at whose name every love him best, and resents being prepare for an eternity felt be at is in my hand! While thou art He Himself was the Baviour. The

he would, if he could, absent himself Loyola busied himself mainly with God become man, and dwelling

unity, as in other things, so in respect of moral character and the spect of moral character and the fall—how guiltily and deeply! Oh, High Judge of all earth, and was be understood, that they have been properly and Jesus by His breath is on him, and he is about to with his legal standing before the able to tell all its griefs, yet they tendency to sin. Thus it comes to pass that in the way of philosophy the fall is fundamental to all forsake! what outcasts and wanderers they become!

Away from the sanctities of home the young man finds himself amid the temptations of a great city, and with a self-confidence equalled only by his ignorance, he knowingly goes into temptation, is led captive by his lusts, and for a moment tion sells himself to a lo minious emptivity.

The loss of chastity i honor and self-respect; it is the revenges which the soul takes upon itself are fearful and long. The imagination becomes a chamber of defilement, conscience a whip of seorwife-becomes a terror like the voice others that are public, confessed, and greatest loss he can suffer. All other through Jesus Christ their Lord. ins, the apostle says, are without the body; this a man commits against his own body, which God framed to be the temple of the Holy Ghost. God and conscience are fearfully at one in this matter. In that conspienous and most loathsome disease, which is the leprosy and plague combined, God but writes on the sky what conscience writes in words of torture on the outraged soul.

Covetousness, which is but the

mately out of other vices, and tempts The young clerk, with a salary scarce- it is gone. have the wherewithal to may how inevitably does he fall, and prove otherwise. If he resists to-day, he cleaves to honor and integrity, the greater will be his fall when it comes; lover of pleasure more than of God. and good.

So the man of probity, known through long years of honorable and is the Providence of God!successful dealing, falls, and falls like some monarch of the woods, that had withstood a hundred winters, and in the hush of some summer moontide breaks the stillness of the that had rejoiced in its shade. He is urges our reluctant feet into right at the last day, far exceeding any tempted by the prospect-the cerlerge returns, to engage in specula- forsake; He keeps the thoughtless cess, but to the quantity of their of confided funds; an unexpected a guard between us and the ragged which shall endure when this world and all is hanging now upon the is a fallen man; he carries the heavy amid perplexities and griefs; it is faithfulness, to be brought out before secret in his bosom till, dreading the seeing the crook or "rod" in assembled worlds. Do our hands he falls by his own hand, and is found in his blood upon his office floor. [American Messenger.

Chalmers, Loyola, and Luther.

Dr. Hanna, the biographer and on-in-law of Chalmers, gives the following striking comparison between the spiritual processes through

that we welcome their adhesion to a chasm between her and her child to mortify the desires of the flesh be. and of the mind, to spiritualize the Ah brother, going down in the necessary that God, who revealed

Luther's great effort, prompted by and furnishes opportunities for re- restive under restraint, he does not an urgent sense of guilt, was to re- that wakes in the night, scared by ordinarily. The evangelical miracles concile himself to an offended Deity; dreams, throws out its hands, and belong not only to the person riers, and greatly promoting the and silent towards his parents, harsh and the main stress of his struggle touches its mother lying close by, also to the words of Christ. spread of the truth. Such confirma- and contentious towards brothers was to bring into a state of right and rests again. The believer, dis- are the attestations of his mediateria tions of holy writ strengthen the and sisters, bent upon seeking his adjustment his personal and immediately mayed, overwhelmed, ready to decall: If He is the Saviour of the

nal Justice. Dr. Chalmers busied can not be fathomed. He, in His affections and behavior towards his depths. fellow-men, with all of whom he We turn to Him and say, "Lord tried to be on terms of perfect and look at the wound!" The softes cordial amity ere he passed into human hand could bardly touch it

The devotional element predominated with the first, the legal with all transparent to Him. His very the second, and the moral and social smile tells how He understands it all with the third; but of his severe He charms the pain and blends an and prolonged struggle Loyola found ineffable sweetness with it. And his exit by casting himself into the when the loving work is done, the bosom of the church, and giving work of grace appointed it. He himself up to the devotions which heals the wound too. He hath done she prescribed and the services which all things well. He maketh the she demanded; but of their struggle dumb to speak, and the blind to see. Luther and Dr. Chalmers alike plons; the fountains of purity are found their exit by custing themorrupted, and all that is purest on selves into the bosom of their earth-the love of mother, sister. Saviour and giving themselves up to all the duties of life, spiritual and accounts of the wedding garments, thy nursing mothers." "And the respect; some gradual, and covered of God in a lost paradise. The loss of purity is to the man himself the and freely reconciled unto God

The Rod and the Staff.

experience, calls the Lord his "Shep- rious promise for an abiding solace. herd," and thereby strikes the key "Work for the souls of men,"

expenses, has begun to taste the and the "staff" is that with which he personally endeavored to "save

With his crook, the shepherd con-

"He guides our feet-He guards The true autidote against despon forest, and falls to the earth, carrying His Providence, He quickens our are "wages" laid up for faithful down a long line of younger growths sluggish conscience to action, He reapers. They shall receive a reward tainty, he thinks of immediate and the gracious paths they are about to reward proportioned not to their suction, and makes a temporary use flock from scattering; He holds it as work. They are gathering "fruit," failure necessitates another venture, precipice or the roaring flood. And has passed away-fruit, in some necess of this. But meanwhile he before us, and our hearts would faint and fruit in evidences of their own exposure or able to carry it no longer, His hand, the knowing that His ever hang down, and our knees wax our distress and calms our fear.

wounded hand; wounded for us. There are "wages" yet to be But the "rod" is only the first "com- There is "fruit" yet to be exhi

These and other facts are encour- believed, and that the old familiar which these great men were led to a one guarantee that it is the right "He that goeth forth and weepeth, road. There could be but one great bearing precious seed shall doubt Loyola's great effort was to tread er; that is the assurance that it is come again with reloicing, bringing greater trophies to the power of the daughter treads on the crumbling the world beneath his feet, and to also the shepherd's path—that he his sheaves with him." One single truth. It is not that the souls of edges of a precipice. She may be rise into a mystic region of idealism, goes with them along it. That confi- soul saved, shall outlive and out kings and queens are more precions already conscious that though in the where high spiritual intercourse with dence, that warrant, his staff gives, weigh all the kingdoms of the in the sight of God than that of the family, she is no longer of it; distrust the unseen world might be enjoyed. It is the token that he is about to world." poorest or meanest of their subjects and alienated affections are sinking The main stress of his struggle was share the day's march, whatever it

> Valley of the Deadly Shadow, no His salvation, exhibited His power comfort is like that! The little child and glory in greater fulness than spair, hears Jesus say-"I will never world, He had not only to proclaim leave nor forsake thee;" see the staff | His salvation, but

himself mainly with the state of his own history, has probed their deepest

without enhancing its pain. But the quivering flesh and torn nerve is

Thoughts and Gleanings.

"He that reapeth, receiveth wages and gathereth unto life eternal this day of peculation and strife, of covetousness and worldly minded to cheer the desponding laborer in the "field white for the harvest." It requires great moral courage to labor In that precions memorial psalm, faithfully and zealously, as all ought the 23d, in which David looking to work, when there is no apparent faithfully and zealously, as all ought back from his old age, and search- result, and it is well when the heart ing for a word to sum up his life's is sinking within to have such a glo

note of many Scriptures, and of un- undoubtedly attended by great disnumbered uninspired praises: in that couragements. The heart of natural psalm, reaching the climax of his man is very hard and unbelieving. sublime confidence, and flinging his The blindness of most men to their guantlet in the very face of Death— own lost condition and peril of ruin, madne love of money, grows legiti- "I will fear no evil! Thou art with is something past description. "The me!"-he adds, "Thy rod and Thy carnal mind is enmity against God." men to new falls. The love of pleas- staff, they comfort me." There is a No one can have any just idea are or of ostentation tempts paen to momentary obscurity in the phrase of the desperate hardness of men peculations and manifold dishonesties the passing of a slight cloud over a and women, until he has tried to beyond their power to withstand. star-that enhances the lustre when do good. No one can have any conception of the small number of those ty sufficient to meet his necessary The "rod" is the shepherd's crook; who repent or believe, until be has will become a true christian, who is tinually judges his sheep; he gently told about Christ, and entreated to unfaithful to money-trusts! There hastens the delaying ones, and warns believe, is mere childish ignorance. is a moral impossibility it should be back those that begin to stray, and "Few there be that find the narrow encourages the fearful by showing way." The laborer for Christ will will yield to morrow; the longer he them that he really intends them to find the vast majority of those among go-to their pasture or to their fold whom he labors, unbelieving and im--by that very way they dread; and penitent, in spite of all that he can and come it will, as sure as he is a because he chooses it, it must be safe do. "The many" will not turn to Christ. These are discouraging facts. Our Shepherd's crook, therefore, But they are facts, and facts that ought to be known.

> our way." His incessant interposing dency in God's work, is an abiding love and watchfulness shapes and recollection of the promise, he that secures our life. "Goodness and reapeth receiveth wages, and gathmercy follow us" all our days. With ereth fruit unto life eternal. There ways; He draws back the erring to thing they have done for Christ a when the ravine glooms and lowers souls saved, if many will not believe, providence controls and orders it all, faint? Do we feel disposed to say, it is that, first of all, that assuages "My labor is in vain and my word without profit." Let us lean back at The hand that bears it, is Christ's such seasons on this glorious promisefort." There is also the "staff." "We are a sweet savor of Christ, The assurance that the road to be both in them that are saved and in travelled is the shepherd's choice, is them that perish." Let us work on.

The Miracles of Christ-It was