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For the Lutheran Visitor. . Destrine of the Lord's Supper, by

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Co. by Rev. Mr. Gross, a Lutheran

our history for the last decade of of a general inquiry after the naths and a growing disposition orn to and walk in them. In rious parts of the Lutheran Church g of the people, and a subreturn to our rich ancestral ney and patrimonial inheritance, ed to us by our forefathers. handed down and preserved in he glorious dectrines of the Reforn. The few faithful ones, who r years beheld with sorrow one invation after another, one departre succeeding another, one Lutheran ofound pleasure this sublime reacion on the part of restless spirits; Fort Wayne, Selinsgrove, and Get- and Persians. tysburg, and Salem, and Philadel-

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erly love. But alas! the time is not yet. The sound of battle still lingers on the ear-the snoke still obscures the vision, and the friends of truth still feel that the "Price of liberty is eternal vigilance," and the scriptural law still bolds, "First pure, then

The work under review is a serious attack upon the Lutherap doctrine of the Lord's Supper. It contains 191 pages, and in all candor, and with all the charity the Gospel requires, we must say, almost the same number of errors. We do not emember ever to have read a work so abounding in false doctrice, gross nisrepresentations of Scripture, and alse logic as this one.

We purpose to review it in the spirit of kindness and brotherly ove, regretting the stern necessity of differing almost in toto from the views presented. And we are unable to restrain a feeling of pride, nor do we care to restrain it, that such views as the author advances are an-Lutheran and unscriptural; for they are certainly unworthy of the Church of the Reformation and of

the gospel of the grace of God. His is the old, old story of a de-

all its evils. yea, ever since the night when Christ tion! aid to his disciples, "Take, eat; From that very hour her troubles fon. rered to the saints.

back-if no flaws exist, then some happy home with him. must be made else progress can not work upon it.

Listen now how beautifully he makes this appear. In his Introductory Chapter be says: "As to Scripture exegesis, the Reformers may justly be presumed not to have exphilology, authropology, biblical crit. ons in controversy. He never stabs gained. stom or doctrine after another inadequate knowledge, indeed mere endoes. He is not one thing to a growth Lotheranism was lost, hailed with with them than the spirit that quick sels, he passes upon them an act of anced and compensated by ceaseless dress referred to had, however, Chronicle, eneth; and hence it must be con- instant oblivion. He bears sealed new births. The true soul gains as shown him his utter delusion. "But ceded that, in consequence of such a packages without tampering with the fast, or faster than it loses. Life is now," said be, with beaming eye and and the hope was fondly entertained vitiating liberalism, they lacked, to a wax. Papers not meant for his eye, constant acquisition as well as con- quivering lip, "now I know what it that the leaven would continue to less or greater extent, the first requi- whether they flutter at the window stant waste, a series of resurrections is to be a christian." Opening his work its way, silently but surely, sites of a correct interpretation of or lie open before him in unguarded as well as deaths. If we die daily, pocket New Testament at the place, to every part of our Zion until the divine oracles. The Reformers exposure, are sacred to him. He in we are also renewed by day. If we be read with distinctness and markall should be permeated by its hap- generally were unable to push their vades no privacy of others, however lose in buoyancy, we main in earnest- ed emphasis, " I am crucified with influence. They cherished the efforts in the attempted religious the scutry sleeps. Bolts and bars, ness; if we lose in imagination, we Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not spe that the time was not far dis- metamorphosis further than to the locks and keys, hedges and pickets, gain in experience; if we lose in I, but Christ liveth in me. The man He took special delight in uttering perhaps, several accountable beings ant when all should see eye to eye, chrysolis state, where they settled bouds and securities, notices to tres freshness, we gain in weight; if we who can say that," he continued, sin his sentiments in the presence of born into the world. Have there when American fanaticism would be down in permanent fixation; and passers, are none of them for him. lose in fervor, we gain in wisdom; if a christian." He went on with inde. ministers of the gospel. On one of been any born again to be a christian. able to shake hands with Missouri hence the various Protestant ereeds are He may be trusted alone, out of we lose in enjoyment, it is to be scribable warmth and earnestness to his trips there was on board an exexclusionism, when St. Louis, and as unalterable as the laws of the Medes sight, near the thinnest partition- hoped we gain in patience. If we explain to his willing hearer all the cellent minister of Christ, who had

> of this branch of the Reformation be practises toward every man. came near stranding, and Luther triumphed, and it was a monstrous Siamese twin-like connection between the Vatican and Wittenberg. which the future only could sever."

How true and how noble this deliverance by a Lutheran is, every intelligent Lutheran can judge. though Luther was no biblical scholar and was incapable of going beyond the "chrysolis state," yet our magnanimous author says he, Luther, "was, though sometimes carried way by passion or warped by prejudice, not devoid of liberal sentinents or generous emotions." The lifference between the two divines will appear in the sequel.

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For the Lutheran Visitor. The Widow Comforted.

nial of the Real Presence in the a widow, the mother of several quantity of soil had gathered; and the Lord, who shall entreat for him ? something of the latest results of all can better be imagined than decommunion. This of itself does not small children, whom the death of from that soil some dear little flowers It was this peculiar aggravation of these sciences, and a good many scribed. The captain became a dealarm us; for it has been denied by her husband had plunged into deep were springing up, and growing. sin that made Joseph afraid of it. more, or he can not preach the gospel voted christian, and lived long to "O? for a lodge in some vast wilderness." greater men than our author—but to poverty. She was not able to expect minis vindicate him and a dear Sa. It is unreasonable to expect minis dicate his positions he ridicules on his business, and her home would anywhere; but they looked more great wickedness, and sin against an audience living in the last half of all creeds, misinterprets Scripture, have to be sold to pay her husband's beautiful there because everything God f" handles the doctrines of Redemp- debts. She laid down on her bed around them was so rough and drea- No one pardons so cordially and adequacy of material, crudeness of tion with levity, degrades the Re- one night with a troubled heart. ry. I looked at those flowers with entirely as God, Men make fre- thought, infelicity of diction will not, formers, quotes to prove his views Falling asleep, she dreamed that she great interest; and I felt inclined to quently only a show of forgiveness. to-day, be tolerated by the average tal, having been to visit the library the most un-Lutheran authorities, was at church, and her pastor said, say to them, "God bless you, ye They say. "I can forgive, but I congregation. Hence arise demands of a French convent, writes thus to and finally charges upon the Luth- "Fear thou not; for I am thy God. dear little things! for you seem to can not forget;" and even this for upon the pastor's time and strength his friend in Persia, concerning what eran doctrines the sin of sectism and I will strengthen thee, yea, I will be trying all you can to soften down giveness, superficial as it is, is se which materially interfere with the had passed: "Father," said I to the Strange, too, his war is with the my righteousness." She awoke very and to brighten their blackness by but by overtures on the part of the assigned him. church of which he is a minister- much comforted, but her troubles your beauty." it is with the Augsburg Confession, awoke also, and her tears flowed You can hardly think how much makes the advance; and besides, to a new conception of the pastoral the interpreters of the Scriptures." the very existence of which entitles afresh. She again fell asleep, dreamed pleasanter our path over those dreamed pleasanter our path over those dreamed of the comment of him to the proud position he occu- the same dream a second time, and ry rocks was made by the sight of heart and forever. When He for some of our congregations. Con- them," replied I; "the Scriptures here to Him in silent devotion, and ples as a minister of the Gospel in even a third time. The Sunday fol- those sweet flowers. And as I went gives us, He "casts our iniquities strained by the impossibility of visit- must have been very dark formerly, when they go abroad are as pass the purest and grandest church on lowing the first sound of the church on my journey that day, I thought behind His back, and throws them ing all their parishioners, Mr. Beech- and be very clear at present. Do earth_it is against a doctrine, or bells found her in the house of God. to myself, "What a lesson these lit- into the bottom of the sea, and blots er and Mr. Spurgeon have decided there remain still any doubts? Are fly, vexing themselves with their doctrines, which constitute the pride The liturgical services being closed, the flowers teach us! How many out our transgressions, so as to reand glory of our Church, our most the pastor ascended the pulpit, and people there are in this world whose member our iniquity no more." When in an official capacity. And yet, there!" answered he with surprise, their bargains, unmerciful to their marked and distinctive characterist as he always did before announcing way is just as rough and as dark God pardons, there is no secret de neither Mr. Beecher's flock nor Mr. "are there! There are almost as tenants, and proud as a barbarian ties, the pith and core of Protestant- his text, addressed the congregation and dreary as that path over the sign in His heart of revenging Him Spurgeon's flock is ill-cared for; and many as there are lines." "You prince. They are, for all their fine loctrines held by the Reform- in a few opening remarks and quoted black rocks! And if we are kind to self at another opportunity. Man that because they have simultaneous astonish me," said I; "what then ers in opposition to Rome, in the from the Prophet Isaiah the verse, them, and show that we feel for does thus, but not thus does God. ly developed a new theory of the have all these authors been doing?" to their neighbors, lovers of money, ery paw of danger and death, em- "Fear thou not," etc. The widow them in their sorrow, then we shall Pardon likewise with God is a pastoral office, namely: that the pas-

his is my body," and which will be were all removed. Whenever her consolation from her verse. She ob- poor shall not perish for ever.

Our author, as every wise man taiged strength anew to trust and to who undertakes to write a book will hope in her Heavenly Helper. And do, starts out with one grand central He never failed her. He faithfully

Selections.

The Christian Gentleman.

"Nothing, I make bold to say, so sells none, he intrigues for none. He hoped that we more live this precious text, again and again with this skeptic. phia should lose their distinctive clearly demonstrates, at least an ex- would rather fail of his rights than unto God .- W. T. G. Shedd. ienets in one true Salem of peace, centional incompetence of the exe. win them through dishouser. He will and one Philadelphia of true broth- gesis of Luther, as the dogma of the eat houest bread. He tramples on Lord's Supper, as taught in the no sensitive feeling. He insults no

huge funnel. This crater is nearly repent. uphold thee with the right hand of the roughness of these lava rocks, cured not by advances on their part, discharge of the functions formerly librarian, "what are these huge vol-

idea, the full orbed moon of his noc- kept his promise. He influenced the tion of our moral history we give up "Blessed is he whose transgression "The results of this method of pasturnal researches, (for he certainly hearts of her fellowmen, He raised something that belonged to the sec- is forgiven." Those who are washed toral service are, if not immediately is in the dark), which sheds her up for her friends who aided her, tion preceeding. We are losing con- in Christ's blood from their guilt so satisfactory, of more permanent pale and unsteady light over all his He blessed and prospered her. She tinually a portion of our being, we are made kings and priests unto value than those of the other. A book, except ever and anon dark was permitted to keep undisturbed suffer ceaseless dissolutions. Let God, and become pillars in the tem- pastor who has organized and train- ing ordinance. A few years ago clouds flit across his intellectual sky possession of her house; her chil- the mature man compare himself ple above, to go no more out. Chris- ed his brethren to do christian work of from the press of Lippincott & to render more uncertain his dark dren grew up around her; she lived with the budded box, and see how from Secretary. way. That grand central idea that to see her oldest son take charge of much of death he has already exan, of Easton, Pennsylvania, has placed itself topmost and fore- his father's business, to which he, perienced. How much of what he most in his mind is Probress, which by close attention and industry, gave was has perished in him and from in his onward march must of neces- a new impulse. God was with him him, never to be restored! Where sity advance, and if no improvement in all his ways, blessed him abon- now is the careless might that lit up on the past can be made, then the dantly, and his aged mother found the boyish eyes to Perhaps the true conception of the past itself must be shoved further till her dying day a peaceful and peace or gushing joy at the boylah pectation, the implicit faith, the in- tendance of some of the meetings of self would look after those cases of the first evening of his former visit domitable hope, the bacyant nature, the Alliance by the king and queen special affliction, either from suffering life! Is not the loss of these as members to the place of Potsdam, bring. He would thus keep his truly death as the putting off of the had awakened universal public at- heart in contact with the heart of the He is above a mean thing. He fleshly tabernacle ! Is it not as much tention to its proceedings, which people, and know how to preach to to a mean fraud. He dying to lose the splendor and joy of were the subject of conversation them. In matters of prime imporhausted the science, and a thorough invades no secret in the keeping of our young years as it is to be divest. everywhere. Among the passengers tance affecting the policy of the biblical knowledge is, therefore, by another. He betrays no secret con- ed of our mortality ! The veteran, in the car was an elderly gentleman, church, his shaping hand would be no means under an exclusive, or fided to his keeping. He never bowever blest with "that which who was telling a younger one of felt. But ordinary religious visita- the howling wilderness of infidelity, even a very distinguished obligation to struis in borrowed plumage. He should accompany old age," looks the great change his religious views tion, and the details of ecclesiastical and finding a quiet rest in the salvathe Reformers. Of the laws of her. never takes selfish advantages of our back upon his youth as a paradise had undergone in consequence of an business, he would transfer to his tion wrought out by Jesus Christ. menentics, the science of sacred mistakes. He uses no ignoble weap- lost, never in this world to be re- address he had beard at one of the brethren; and train them to feel

anywhere. He boys no offices, he gradually die to the world, it is to be

Divine Forgiveness.

When I was in Italy, last year, I sin continually, and He forgives con- what a blessing! went up to Mount Vesuvius. This, tinually. He adopts and acts upon . you know, is a famous volcanic the rule which He gave to another. mountain, near Naples. At the top God forgives us not only seven of the mountain is one opening, times, but seventy times seven; as called a crater, in the shape of a often as we offend Him and truly functions is coming to be recognized

half a mile wide, and twelve or fif- No one forgives sins so aggravated sideration upon two grounds. teen hundred feet deep. From that as God. The offences of one crea- The first is, that the intellectual great opening the mountain some ture against another can not possi- demands upon a pastor are vastly changed. After the warm greeting that ministers who speak, as distimes pours out vast streams of bly bear that stamp of malignity, greater than they were. The pastor and salutation, the minister inquired tinguished from those who read, do melted rocks, called lava. These that degree of enormity, which the of to-day must certainly read more, about his reading the book. "Ah, not need or make preparation. The run down the sides of the mountain offences of creatures against the and probably think more, than the sir!" said he, "I had not read far delusion is fostered by the use of like burning rivers. When they get adorable Creator bear. He is the pastors of the days that are past. before I felt I was a guilty sinner, cold, they remain on the side of the source of the perfections of all other Ours is an age of very general cul. and that I needed just such a friend as commonly used "without fore mountain as great beds of solid rock. beings, the King of kings and Lord ture-an age of immense intellectual as Jesus, the Son of God. I was thought" or preparation. There is In going up the mountain, you have of lords. He is infinitely exalted activity, if not of remarkable intel- enabled to cry with the publican, very little of such speaking-if it to ride right over these beds of lava above the highest potentates of the lectual profundity. The pastor must 'God be merciful to me a sinner,' rock. I never saw anything that earth and highest angels in heaven; keep fairly abreast of the age, if his and with the blind beggar of Jeri- speaking that does good to men, looked so rough and black and and the beinousness of sin is propor preaching is to retain any power over cho, Jesus, thou Son of David, have must, as a rule, be some time predreary as that lava did all around tionable to the dignity of the being his bearers. He need not preach mercy on me.' And I can now trust pared. Already America is overrun us. But I noticed, here and there, offended and abused. "If one man geology, physiology, and linguistic in that Jesus, and love Him, whom with a generation of "orators," rhet some hollow places in the black, sin against another, the judge shall science. He had vastly better preach I once despised." There lived in a city in Germany ugly-looking lava. In these a small judge him, but if a man sin against the simple gospel. But he must know The joy of this minister of Christ ers, but are never tired; but, if our

tifies, sanctifies, adopts, crowns, supervision and direction of their Reaper.

With Him it is a voluminous mercy, pastor and deacons; and the work is it draws the silver link of grace and said to be, in either case, excellently We die daily. With each new sec- the golden link of glory after it. well done.

rise gives an account of a conversa- of syncope when he is taken'away. laying his hand on his beart and The special subject of conversation

Christ liveth in me." Book of Concord. . . . Restoration man. If he have rebuke for another, No one forgives so many sins as my mind the saying of Martin Lu. read the New Testament ?" "No, I It is unreasonable to expect ministo its original use and true import be is straightforward, open, manly : God. Our sins are innumerable. ther, "If any one knocks at the door can't say I ever did. I've read parts ters to be always at home to receive could be carried no further than to be can not descend to scurrility. In They are more in number than the of my breast and says, "Who lives of it." "Will you promise me you callers and always "running about consubstatiation. Here the noble ship short, whatever he judges honorable bairs of our head; yet He pardons there F my answer is, Jesus Christ will read it all through, and then I'll among their people," or to expect them. "Though your sins be as lives there, not Martin Luther." The discuss any subject on which you them to be constantly employed in scarlet, they shall be white as snow," experience is enjoyed when the soul bave doubts ?" This was said in a these ways, and at the same time to cast anchor, while Rome apparently The Little Flowers On Mount Veguvius. No one forgives sins so often as is united in a personal, conscious, kind, persuasive tone, and the cap- bring into their pulpit things new God. He pardons continually. We ever abiding union with Christ. O, tain replied, "I will." The minister and old in a state of elaborate prepa

A new conception of the pastor's and is forcing itself upon our con-

the nineteenth century. In. zine.

offender. But God, the offended one, But still another cause is leading library " "These," said be, "are Faced, and loved, and lived, and lived, and felt as if she must cry so all can be a comfort to them, just as the leading merey. It is enough for tor is literally the overseer of the searched the Scriptures for what submit to none. All their spiritua strated by millions of pious chris- hear. It is my verse. The Lord has flowers that spring up in the hollows man to pardon. He thinks that he church; that he is to see that his ought to be believed, but for what fancy is an illusion. They are still dans for three centuries and a half, chosen it to comfort me in my afflic- of he lava are a comfort to those does much—he, indeed does much—he, indeed does much—he, indeed does much if flock is cared for but need not take they did believe themselves. They under the power of their passion who travel over it."-Ree. Dr. New- he only pardons. But pardon on its care directly upon himself. The did not consider them as a book the part of God is but preliminary brethren of each of these preachers wherein were contained the doctrines and carry them away infallibly. to other, all other spiritual good attend to the work of visiting the which they ought to receive, but as Jeremy Taylor. eld and loved as long as any exist confidence in the Lord was shaken For the needy shall not always be things. Divine pardon never comes sick, comforting the mourner, and a work which might be made to authorize their companion of the companion able of defending the faith once she took refuge with and derived forgotten: the expectation of the alone. When God pardons, He just counseling the inquirer, under the thorize their own ideas."— Young Right principles will by no means

leaves something tangible behind spent some days with a pious friend him when he dies, or is transferred He was a man of talent and accomto another parish ; while he who has simply done good christian work years afterward he returned to the A writer in the Protestant Maga- himself leaves his church in a state

pastoral office would blend the views nated. He told them that he was ready suggested. The pastor himor from sin, which every week would they all knelt down to pray, the rec meetings of the Alliance. He said that they were equally responsible icism, etc., they could have but very in the dark. He is ashamed of inu- "O man! that from thy fair and shining he had always been a church goer, with himself for the welfare of the awakened through family worship. had maintained a decent character, religious community—that they need. Children have often heard these ing foreign and exotic, until nearly that killeth, and the flesh that profiteth back. If, by accident, be comes in This ceaseless dead would make if any one had suggested doubts of to talk in meeting quite as much as every distinctive feature of our nothing had often, alas! more weight possession of his neighbor's coun-existence intolerable were it not ball his being a true christian. The ad- he in order to preach, - Examiner and

Sharper Than a Two-Edged Sword.

A steamboat captain was fond of ridiculing the Scriptures, and making fun of religion and its professors. He was a confirmed infidel. marvelous things he had found in the courage to sit down and talk

The incident brought forcibly to him, said, "Captain, did you ever says: then went to his trunk and presented ration. Uninspired men require to a copy of the New Testament to the read, write and think, if they are to captain, who again assured him he teach continuously any body of peo-

would read it all through. weeks the minister had occasion to the more simple the topic is to be travel on the same boat, and soon made, the more study is demanded sought out the captain, whose coun- for it. An absurd idea prevails tenance and manner were entirely among some unthinking persons.

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We might enumerate many like instances. Many servants have been them to remembrance in after days -perhaps in days of profligacy, and when far from their father's housesent home the prodigal. It is not only of Zion's solemn assemblies, but of Jacob's humble dwellings-the little fireside sanctuaries that "the Lord shall count when he writeth up the people, This man was born there." We would ask of every christian: "In your house there have been,

Rev. Dr. John Hall, in an article exclaiming, " I live; yet not I, but was the impossibility of miracles, on the unreasonable things that are The minister, after patiently hearing sometimes expected of ministers,

ple; and the more teaching and of Thus they parted. After some explanation the people require, or our barbarous "extempore"-that is exists-worth listening to; and any orical "katydids," that tire the hear-"orators" become "extempore" also

> ters to work up their strength to the popular requirement, to procure professional books, and to live as members of the professions are expected and by the common sentiment required to live, to be hospitable and charitable, and all this on the income of a mechanic.

PASSIONATE CHRISTIANS .- Some men talk like angels and pray with fervor, and meditate in deep recesses, and speak to God with loving afate as ever, peevish as a frightened and their sins rule them imperiously

suit wrong practices.