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THE LATE POLITICAL STRUGGLE.

One of the most noteworthy features of the late political campaign was the earnestness of ministers of the gospel, of all orders, Roman Catholics excepted, in behalf of the Republican party.

And what is the lesson which this fact furnishes? Blind must that person be, who does not see in it an indication that God is awaking to the judgment which He has commanded.

The Slave Power grew bold by the advantages which it obtained. Not content to exercise itself within the limits of the respective States where it existed, it demanded that the General Government become a party to its encroachments.

And now, when, for the first time, the Presidential contest turned upon the question whether such high-handed iniquity should continue to be the policy of the National Government?

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And why did the Providence of God order, that the great Presidential contest of eighteen hundred and fifty-six should be managed on principles so nearly exclusively moral?

indifferent. Certainly, they would never have come to unanimity, on such questions, whatever interest they might have taken in them.

We say that ordinary political questions would not have brought the ministry to anything like unanimity of opinion. But in regard to the question which has just been passed upon by the people, a remarkable circumstance was the almost entire unanimity with which the ministers of all orders moved in the matter.

COLLEGES—THEIR ENDOWMENT.

WHY ENDOWED?

Colleges are endowed institutions. They are endowed for the purpose of cheapening the rates of tuition, and thereby rendering them accessible to the youth of the industrious millions, who have not the means of paying the heavy costs of education at institutions not endowed.

EXAMPLES.

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SLAVERY—CONSERVATIVE VIEWS.

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PRACTICAL QUESTIONS.

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in intelligence, and come under the influence of reason, religion, and conscience, may the government of will be more and more dispensed with, and the government of law be more and more introduced.

Let us here say a few words upon the subject of the races of men. These are differently endowed with the faculties of reason and conscience, and the capacities for progressive improvement and enlightened self-restraint and self-government.

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Re-opening of the Slave Trade.—Leading Southern papers announce with great boldness and confidence of success a project for re-opening the slave trade. The New Orleans Delta and the Charleston Standard have each published a series of articles on the subject, in which they take the ground that the balance of Southern power in the Republic can not be maintained without re-opening the slave trade and giving a more liberal support to slave labor.

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCES.

At a public dinner lately given by the conductors of the Patriot and British Banner newspapers, the Rev. Dr. Campbell referred to the experiences of an editor.

There are some pitiable little things to be encountered in journalism as well as elsewhere. Something, perhaps, is sent for insertion so late that it reaches the office on the morning of publication, just when going to press, or when already more matter is in type than can be admitted, and whole columns must stand over.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Vermont Chronicle says the principle of teaching theology in schools set apart for the purpose, though so utterly foreign to the original genius of Methodism, has now become fairly inaugurated in that denomination.

THE CHINESE REVOLUTIONARY LEADER.

Rev. I. J. Roberts, of Canton, contributes to Putnam's Monthly for October, a sketch of the Chinese revolutionary leader, Tse-Ping-Wang, who was in 1817 a visitor at Mr. Roberts' house, and received from him more than two months' instruction in the Scriptures and Christian theology.

REV. MR. TYNG AND HIS CONGREGATION.

We have already announced that the congregation of Rev. Dudley A. Tyng, of Philadelphia, had decided against him in the matter of "preaching politics." The Philadelphia Bulletin says:—

PRIESTHOOD AND CLERGY UNKNOWN TO CHRISTIANITY.

Unfounded Claims denied. A Cento. By Compagnator. The above is the title of a small volume soon to be issued, in which the whole subject of Priesthood, Clergy, Ministry, etc., is thoroughly discussed from a biblical standpoint.

