

been taken had the Church of Christ in Geneva been, as she should be, independent of the State. Such measures as these are, however, compelling the Church of Christ to assume an independent attitude, which, under the influence of past habit and example, she would not yet have taken. Thus it is that God brings light out of darkness and good out of evil.

These are the views of great men in Switzerland, Vinet and Burnier, D'Aubigné and Gaussen; and in this movement it may be hoped that the evangelical church in Geneva will yet take the foremost place in all Europe. But as yet, says Merle D'Aubigné, "we are small and weak. Placed by the hand of God in the centre of Europe, surrounded with Popish darkness, we have much to do, and we are weak. We have worked in Geneva; and we maintain there the Evangelical Truth on one side against Unitarian Rationalism, and on the other side against Papistical Despotism. The importance of the Christian doctrine is beginning to be again felt in Geneva. Our Canton is become a mixed one, and we are assailed by many Roman Catholics coming to our country to establish themselves there." Nevertheless, our hope is strong in the interposition of God by his good Spirit, which will yet take the elements of evil and change their very nature into good.

The Evangelical Society of Geneva, founded just fifteen years ago, was crushed out of the wine-press of State and Church despotism, and is one of the best proofs and fruits of God's awakening breath in that Republic. Let any man peruse the successive Reports of that Society from year to year, and he will see an electric path of truth and life running through them, indicating the presence and the steps of Christ. Here are the first fruits of Christian liberty, for the Society is as purely a voluntary offering to God as any of the benevolent and missionary societies in our own country. The Theological school under its care is one of the best in the world, considering its youth and limited means, and in all probability is destined to become a bulwark of Christ's Free Church in Europe. Its establishment amidst enemies and dangers was a conspiracy for the spiritual deliverance of Switzerland more glorious than that of the three patriots at midnight on the field