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DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS.....to wit:

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Be it remembered, that on the twenty fourth day of January, A. D. 1828, in the fifty second Year of the Independence of the United States of America, THOMAS R. MANN, of the said District, has deposited in this Office the Title of a Book, the Right whereof he claims as Proprietor, in the Words following, *to wit* :

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In conformity to the Act of the Congress of the United States, entitled "An Act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts and books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned;" and also to an Act entitled: "An Act supplementary to an Act, entitled, An Act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts and books to the authors and proprietors of such copies during the times therein mentioned; and extending the benefits thereof to the arts of designing, engraving and etching historical and other prints."

JNO. W. DAVIS, { *Clerk of the District
of Massachusetts.*

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PLYMOUTH, DEC. 25, 1827.

Rev. and dear Sir,—At a meeting of the Third Church in this place, on the last evening,—It was

“ Unanimously Resolved,

“ That our Pastor be requested to thank the Rev. Dr. BEECHER, in the name of this Church, for the Discourse delivered at their request, on the anniversary of the 22d December, in commemoration of the Landing of the Fathers; and to request a copy of the Discourse for the press.”

In communicating the above extract from the minutes of the Church, permit me to add,—we feel assured that the Discourse is well calculated to be of extensive utility to the cause of true patriotism and christianity; and therefore hope that you will not hesitate to gratify our request.

With great respect and consideration,

Yours, in the Gospel of Christ,

FREDERICK FREEMAN,

Pastor of 3d Ch. Plymouth.

REV. DR. BEECHER.

This Discourse was first delivered before the Legislature of Connecticut, and printed at their request. It was re-written and delivered at the Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims, as the only tribute which at that time the writer could pay to the Memory of our Fathers. This departure from the ordinary course, was known and approved by the Committee who made the application, and was the more readily acquiesced in by the writer, as the Discourse contains a discussion of just those topics which he regarded as most appropriate, and which he preferred to have associated with that most interesting anniversary.

SERMON.



Revelation, xxi. 5.

AND HE THAT SAT UPON THE THRONE SAID, BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.

THE history of the world is the history of human nature in ruins. No state of society, which corresponds with the capacity of enjoyment possessed by man, or with his conceptions and desires, has been permanent and universal. Small portions only of the human family have, at the same time, enjoyed a state of society in any considerable degree desirable; while much the greatest part of mankind have, in all ages, endured the evils of barbarism and despotism.

It is equally manifest, that this unhappy condition of our race has not been the result of physical necessity, but of moral causes. The earth is as capable of sustaining a happy, as a miserable population; and it is the perversion of her resources and of the human faculties, which has made the misery of man so great. The human intellect has given proof of vigor and ingenuity sufficient to bless the world;