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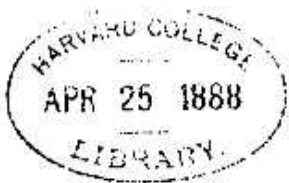
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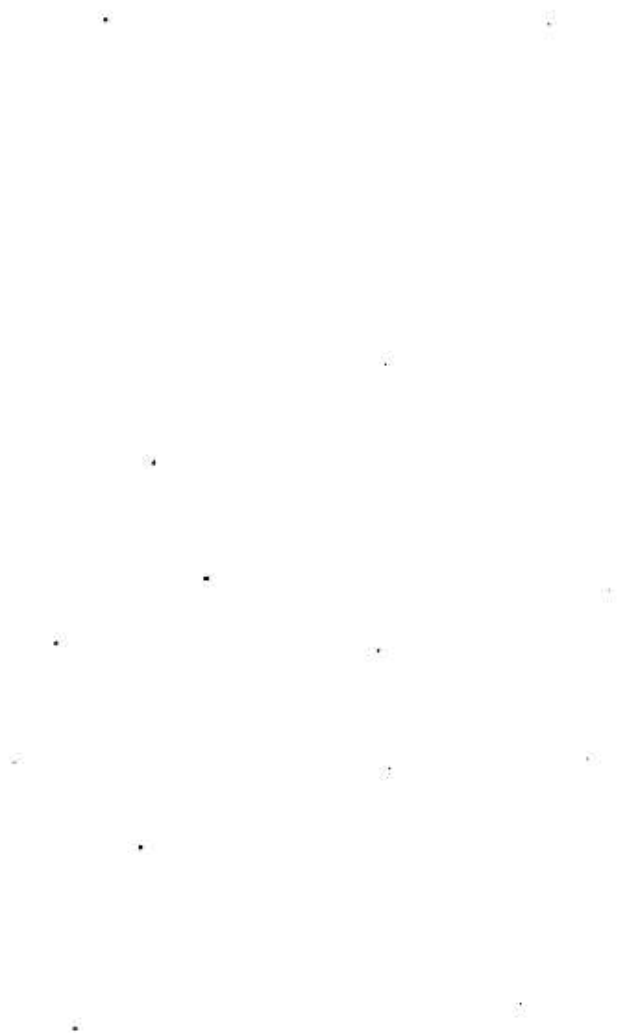
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THE series of articles that appeared in *THE CHURCH JOURNAL*, during the progress of the late Revival, attracted such general attention, and so many applications have been made for them from many parts of the country, that they are here placed before the public, unaltered, in a more permanent form.

THE EDITORS OF *THE CHURCH JOURNAL*.





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A REVIVAL OF PREACHING.

MARTIN LUTHER, rather coarsely, compared human nature to a drunken man on horseback. "If," said he, "he lurches down on one side, and you prop him up, he is immediately down quite as low upon the other. To keep him upright is impossible." There is no small contempt implied in this simile; and to one of a cynical turn of mind, it would not be easy to present any view of our poor fallen human nature in which the contempt would not seem to be deserved. We prefer another comparison, however, as the more correct for the illustration of the zig-zag line in which human progress advances—a comparison which involves no cynical contempt for that which the Creator has evidently ordained. As man himself, individually, is so formed, that in moving onward he must use one foot first, then the other; and that each in turn shall be first in advance, and then be left, by the motion of the body, in arrear again: so is it also with the advance of the race. The microcosm explains the macrocosm. And as the ever-changing present is ever folding itself

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