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the 4th of September, 1870, it has paid to its members and for other incidental expenses the sum of \$30,111.85.

declared that the pledges given were insufficient. The reason for Mr. Forster's resignation remains to this day an unsolved riddle, but the Government was left no option except to release Mr. Forster, having made taken to do so.

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### THE CYCLOPAMA OF JERUSALEM.

#### Buffalo Surpasses in an Art Feature that Made Germany Enthusiastic.

When some years ago the announcement was made that the famous passion plays of Ober-Ammergau in Tyrol were to be reproduced in this country, and that the closing scenes in the life of the founder of the Christian Religion were to be brought upon the dramatic stage, a general protest went up from all quarters against this endeavor as sacrilegious.

NOR WAS this protest confined to circles containing the professed, devout followers of the teacher of meekness and self-denial, but it came as strongly from men and women claiming independence of thought, and the end of it was that the passion play, although great pains and great sums of money had been spent in its preparation, never became part of the accomplishments of the American stage. The reason for the protest and the failure it produced is not hard to find.

The scenes of Golgotha have for our people the grandest result and fulfillment of all the promises contained in what is called the Christian era, in the history of humanity, far too great and solemn a meaning than to permit their reproduction or perpetuation to be intrusted to blundering superstitious moving about in the limited space of the stage, even if forming only the back-ground for the greatest of dramatic artists, simply because the spirit which founded a new era is too gigantic to submit to personification. We feel, intuitively, that a dramatization of great events is a desecration, a sacrilege, which grows in proportion to the grandeur and importance, for all humanity, of the event.

A drama with the signing of the Declaration of Independence as one of its scenes, would arouse nothing but ridicule and indignation; that moment has outgrown the possibility of adequate reproduction by the means of living human forms. Yet we gladly admire pictorial representations of such grand events and consider them the painter's and sculptor's true field, the pictorial representation rising in acceptability in the same degree as an attempt at dramatization.

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#### Instability of Human Friendship.

Goethe represents Tasso thirsting with all the ardor of a youthful and poetic genius for the friendship of Antonio, and we think him deserving of pity, because the latter meets his advances, with the formality, and coldness, and distrust of one who makes the world his friend, but had he found a heart of other mould, and sought it so, there would have only been a postponement of the bitter hour.

Happy the man who learneth not by experience, when it is not too late, the folly of placing confidence in the stability of creatures, or in anything but in the very root and substance of justice.

Do you expect happiness in the friendship of those who are not associated in the privileges of eternal good? You are sowing the wind, you are embracing a shadow, "quam citius obliviscetur tui homines, quam aestimas." What profound scars does misfortune, and often, too, that which is called by fools prosperity, leave in the soul! How quickly it uproots from a heart that is not Christian, all hope and all poesy! How soon one arrives with the evil genius of France at seeing, in the life of nations as in that of individuals, a cold pleasantry of fate! "Before the fall, man was full, because God was his centre; but," continues Baader, "after it he became internally void. God ceased to be his centre, and instead of filling him internally, compressed him from without, and hence being unable to sustain himself, he falls with a weight upon something external, in order to be sustained." While thus placed he has but one alternative, to be wretched, seeking happiness in the love of creatures, or to be despairing and hoping, looking towards that primal seat, "ubi paupertudo est et aeternitas eterna," and praying in words like those with which Dante addresses the blessed spirits:

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