| dechyed churchiss in virginia. <br> Rev. Biahop Meade of Virginia, during a late official tour in that State, met with a considerable number of large, substantial and impoosing church edificee, which have failen into ruin, applarently from the diminution of the population of the country in the vicinity. This does not speak well for Oid Virginia. The following extract from the Doctor's statement will be read with interest. <br> "My next appointment was at Westmoreland Court House, where I preached to a small congregation. In passing on to this appoin!ment, the road lies directly by the ruins of one of the old |  |  |  |  |  |
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| road lies directly by the ruins of one of the old - churches, called 'Pope's Creek Cburch,' a very Wige and square building. |  |  |  |  |  |
| It was near this church that Gen. Washington was born; and it was in that he was baptizad, apd here it was that he received those early im-pressions of religion, which, instead of ebeng ef. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| and strengithen with his strength. <br> I have said that this church is now in ruins, and I could add that about twenty-six yeara ago, |  |  |  |  |  |
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| when in Deacon's orders I remember to have been in it with the Rev. Mr. Norris, at which |  |  |  |  |  |
| timet it was beginning to decay in the roof; but there was a congregation, and twenty-eight chil- <br>  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| dren were brought forward for baptism. It was the first mervice that had been perfurmed in it for a long time, and since that period it continued to decay, untile few years ago it was set on $\hat{7}$ re in order to prevent injury from the falling of the roof on to the cattle which were accustomed to shelter there. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| ter there. <br> My next visit was to Pohick charch in the vicinity of Mount Vernon, the seat of General Washington. I designed to perform service there |  |  |  |  |  |
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| The weather indeed was such as to prevent the aseembling of any but those who prize such occasions so much as to be deterred dipy by very strong considerations. It was still raining phe |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1 approached the house, and fonud, no one there. The wide opened doors invited me to enter, as they do not only the passing traveller, but every beast of the field and fowl of the air. These latter, however, seemed to have reverenced the house of God, since fewt marks of their pollution are to be seen throoghout it. The intefior of the |  |  |  |  |  |
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| still there and in good order. The roof only is <br> decayed, and at the timel was there, the rain was <br> dropping on these sacred places and on other parts |  |  |  |  |  |
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| dropping on these sacred places and on other parts of the house. On the doors of the pews in gilt |  |  |  |  |  |
| letters, are still to be seen the names of the prineipal families which once occupied them. How could I, while for an hour traversing those long aisles, entering the sacred chancel, ascending the pulpit, forbear to ask-and is this the house of God which was built by the Washingtons, the Masons, the McCarties, the Grahame, the Lewises, |  |  |  |  |  |
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| the Fairfaxes-the house in which they used to worship the God of our fathers accofding to the venerable forms of the Episcopal Church, and some of whose names are yet to be found on those deeserted pews. Is this also deatined to moulder |  | (Whooping, stamping, |  |  |  |
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| piece-meal away, or when some signal is given tobecome the prey of spoilers, and to be carried hither and thither, and applied to every purpose under heaven ! |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Surely, patriotiom, and rererence for the greatest ofpatriots, if not religion, might be effectually appealod to in behalf of this one temple of |  |  |  |  |  |
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| God. The particular location of it is to be ascribed to the youthful Washington, who at a very |  |  |  |  |  |
| early age, being an active member of the vestry, when it was under conaideration and dispute where it should be placed, carefully surveyed the whole parish, and drawing an accurate and handsome map of it with his own hand, shewed |  |  |  |  |  |
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| clearly where the claims of justice and the interents of religion required its erection. <br> It was to this church that Washington for a |  |  |  |  |  |
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| loang series of years regularly, repaired at a dis. <br> tancep of six or sevell miles, never permitting any <br> - company to prevent the regular observance of |  |  |  |  |  |
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| arrest the decay already begun? The fanilies which worshipped there are indeed nearly gone, and thoses who remain are not competent to its complete repair--But there are immortal beings around it, and not far distant from it, who might be fafever blest by the word faithfully preached therein. <br> The poor shall never fail outt of any land, and to them the gospel ought to be preached. |  | The Batle figh:sofarsmate |  |  |  |
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| the more important being paved and furnished with good side walks. The otreete intersect eachother at right angloa-those running paralliel with the river are named numerically, Front or Wa- |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Market, Chesinut, Walnut, Vine, $\& \mathrm{cc}$. after trees. sec. This city already numbers 30,000 inhabi- tante, including several villages received within the corporation limits by a tate act of the Siate Legislature extending and enlarging its charter and privileges. <br> This city is no doubt destined to be the great |  |  |  |  |  |
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| all other westord towns in extent, wealth and ineportance. If Nes Orleans be excepted, it even now surpasses them all in the amount of business |  |  |  |  |  |
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| There are probsbly more steamboat arrivals and departures here than at any ofther port in the Uni- |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Mississippi valley from the Gulf of Mexico to theninouth of the Yellow Stone, and on the upper Mistaisesippi to its headwaters and to Pittaburg and mi phamberreaese tnows and and cities with whick thataries are dotted thruughit t looght of narigable waters not much less than 30.000 miles, or a distance greater than the cir-cumferenoe of the rlobe! They are loaded to the water's edge with produce, in their southern |  |  |  |  |  |
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| eastern destiantions ; but with merchandize the effects of eunigrants in their western and Korthern trips, destined to be diatributed to every | a mother's solicitude, the fast-ebbing life of her youngest boy, who was sinking into death's em- |  |  |  |  |
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| town, village and wetriement in this vast valley. | brace. Ere long the too died-and in a few efor tuente, when his bereaved parent saw her loss, she ubserved in a certain tone which too plainly |  |  |  |  |
| "Fiat juatit a rue-it cooling:" <br> Yeaterday, doring the nession of the Superior orf, broke teavy ceiling overhead in the Court orotenbove, and eame down with thundering erash. Portunately, no one was inis morning, in order that the renuaindely, until ling minght be removed. <br> Columbus Enquirer, 1RAhinst. |  |  |  |  |  |
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