

Philadelphia on the subject of slavery. Mr. Barnes says, "Advert for one moment to the hindrances which exist to all efforts which can be made to remove slavery from the World in consequence of the relation of the Church to the system. Reflect how many members of the Christian Church, and how many Ministers of the Gospel, are owners of slaves; how little effort is made by the great mass to dissociate themselves from the system; and how many there are, even from the pulpit, who openly advocate it; how much identified the system is with all the plans of gain, and all the views of the comfort and ease of domestic life, among many members of the Church; and how faint and feeble is the voice of condemnation of the system, uttered by the great mass, even of those who have no connection with it: and how often the language of apology is heard even there;—and it is easy to see how ineffectual must be all efforts to remove this great evil from the World. The language of the Ministry and the practice of Church members gives such a sanction to this enormous evil as could be derived from no other source. No one can doubt that the Church of Christ in this land has power to revolutionize the whole public sentiment on the subject, and to hasten the hour when in the United States and their territories the last shackle of the slave shall fall." Again,—“What is it that does most to keep the public conscience at ease on this subject? The fact that the system is countenanced by good men; that bishops and priests and deacons, that ministers and elders, that Sunday-school teachers and exhorters, that pious matrons and heiresses, are the holders of slaves; and that the ecclesiastical bodies of the land address no language of rebuke or entreaty to their consciences.” “Were all the ministers and members of the Churches to stand before the World in the sublime and noble attitude of having no connection with the system, how soon would that system come to an end.” . . . . “There is no power out of the Church that could sustain slavery one hour, if it were not sustained in it.” How reasonable and important these sentiments are, may be inferred from the simple but appalling fact that there are 660,563 slaves held by ministers and members of churches in America; and that nearly all the religious societies refuse to treat slaveholding as a sin.

#### POSTSCRIPT.

We have received an obituary notice of the late Revd. Isaac Purkis, of Osna-bruck, who died there on October 16th in the 68th year of his age, and 43rd of his ministry; but regret that it reached us too late for insertion in this number.

We have pleasure in somewhat tardily announcing the arrival, some time ago, of the Revd. Mr. McDonnell, late of Bathurst, New Brunswick, and, although we have not had the pleasure of meeting him, we feel confident from the reputation as an author and a faithful Minister, which preceded him, that he will prove a decided acquisition to our Church. We will be glad to learn of his speedy settlement in one of our many waste places. We should also have long ere this chronicled the arrival amongst us of the Revd. Mr. Dobie, late assistant to Principal Haldane, of St. Andrew's, Scotland. Mr. Dobie has been officiating for some weeks past in St. Andrew's Church in this city in the stead of the Revd. Dr. Mathieson, now temporarily absent in Scotland on Church business. We have great pleasure in hailing Mr. Dobie's arrival, as a decided accession to our strength. A

thoroughly earnest manner—great power of extemporaneous preaching—much fervency and pointedness of address—with a forcible pressing home of the truths of the Gospel upon the consciences of his hearers, will deservedly enable Mr. Dobie, yet a young man, to take a very respectable position in our Church, and will, we trust, with a blessing from on High on his labours, render him an honoured servant in his Master's work. We sincerely trust that the expected reinforcements from the Mother Country will prove of a similar stamp to the two to whom we have just taken the liberty of above alluding in the language of sincerity and plain dealing.

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