

British and Foreign.

MR. McNEILL ON DIVINITY HALLS.

At the recent missionary convention in the Metropolitan Tabernacle, Mr. McNeill said: Let me tell you a little of my own experience. Our training is not two years, or three years, or four years, but only eight. Now, just imagine how learned and cultured I must be by this time. Or, to put it the other way, have I not come through it wonderfully harmlessly? What I find fault with in my training is this—and I wish to say it deliberately, and it is perhaps the fault a little elsewhere—our training keeps one too long cooling his heels in the Divinity Hall. Neither human nature nor grace should be put to such a long-continued strain. There is something terribly wooden and inelastic about this long training between the time a young man decides for Christ and the time when he gets actually his passage taken and is off. Eight years is a long time. Here is what happened to me. I trust I came to Christ. After testing myself in various ways in small meetings, I felt it increasingly upon me that I should loosen myself from secular work and devote myself to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ. But, whether it be for home or for foreign lands, this is our training. I was taken just as a lad would be who never had any experience of the world's work. There is just the one process for both of us. Here is a lad straight from his mother's apron string; he goes up through the High school, then into the University, which he reaches by the time he is fifteen or sixteen. And when I come to my Church after eight years of business life, saying that I would like to serve the Master by preaching the Gospel, the Church takes that young lad and me and sets us both down before it, and tumbles into our laps a bundle of dictionaries with the remark, "We are glad to see you; sit down there for the next eight years." Well, the wonder is that one ever gets up from below those dictionaries. And the end of it is that by the time we come out of that long process a great many of us are fairly turned round and round; we become dizzy and cannot tell the compass. We have lost the road to India, or cry in a pitiful way, "Where is China? I started for China, and where am I now?" God grant that we may adopt shorter and safer and more scriptural methods. I am not going into the question of the educational along with the evangelistic. My own Church can show men who got all that training and it did not kill their zeal. But still I must say that our long Presbyterian training keeps back many, and ere it is through fatally reduces the enthusiasm of not a few more.

In connection with these views we may mention that the Irish Presbyterian Church is about to send to certain tribes in India young men who have had no college training, but are possessed of the true missionary spirit.

JOHN SLOANE has established a \$10,000 fellowship at Yale College.

THE Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby has been re-elected President of the New York Society for the Prevention of Crime.

JOHN HOPKINS University has received a gift from Mrs. Caroline Donovan of Baltimore, of \$100,000. Mrs. Donovan desires that it be used to found a chair of English Literature, though, if the trustees see fit to make other use of the money, they may act according to their best judgment.

THE biography of the late Dr. Alex. N. Somerville has been undertaken by Dr. George Smith, who informs the Glasgow Christian Leader that "this most picturesque old saint was the representative of the Lords Somerville, and of their English branch also, which became extinct with the author of The Chase."

REV. R. L. BACHMAN, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Utica, N.Y., who was tendered, a few weeks since, the secretaryship of the American Tract Society, at a salary of \$5,000, to the great joy of his people, has declined the offer, and decided to remain in his present position, and give himself anew to its duties.

MORE than sixty years ago the first churches of Disciples of Christ were planted in Ohio. New churches have been established annually to the present date, so that the whole number reaches four hundred and sixty-seven churches, with a membership of forty-seven thousand and five hundred. The Ohio Christian Missionary Society has assisted in planting two hundred churches.

THE Disestablishment Banner for November shows that since the inclusion of religious equality in the programme of the Liberal party the Disestablishment candidates in Scottish bye-elections have polled 25,174 against 19,368 for the Establishment candidates. This does not include Dundee, where Mr. Leng, one of the keenest supporters of religious equality, had a walk over. Each Disestablishment candidate has won on an average by a majority of 820.

THE following gifts have lately been made to Princeton Seminary: \$3,000 from an unknown lady, the interest on which is to be devoted to aiding poor students; \$4,000 (to be increased to \$5,000) from the Henry Perkins estate, of Allentown, N. J., the interest on which will constitute a new

scholarship, to be known as the Henry Perkins scholarship. According to the report of the treasurer, the property of the Seminary is now worth over \$1,500,000.

The Queen Regent of Spain has shocked her proud aristocrats by raising M. Santa Anna, the editor of the popular journal, Correspondencia d' Espana, to the rank of a marquis. The new noble is (writes the London correspondent of the Manchester Examiner) a man of great energy. Forty years ago he reached Madrid with ten francs in his pocket. He has not only created a newspaper, but has founded savings banks and pension funds for old age.

It was announced at the end of last June that the committee appointed by the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland to consider what alterations were desirable in the Confession, resolved to issue a circular to all the ministers of the Church inviting an expression of opinion on the matter. Only sixty-two ministers have sent in an answer to that circular, and of those about forty are opposed to any alteration whatever. In view of this result a small sub-committee has been appointed to ascertain what are the difficulties with which the larger committee should deal.

PROF. WATTS, of Belfast, has published through Mr. Gemmill, of Edinburgh, a sermon criticising the St. Giles's discourse of Dr. Dods. In the prefatory note he expresses a hope that "it may aid in stemming the rising tide of Rationalism, which is threatening the goodly heritage bequeathed to Scotland by sainted sires now in glory," and further that it may awaken the Irish Presbyterian Church to a sense of its own danger "under existing ecclesiastical relations."

TWENTY-NINE missionaries who are being sent out by the China Inland Mission, took a public farewell of their friends in Exeter Hall, London, a few weeks ago. Fifteen of these gave short addresses, relating how the claims of China had led them to offer their services. Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, in urging the need of more missionaries for China, said he estimated that there were fifty millions of families, and that each evangelist could visit fifty families daily. If they sent out a thousand evangelists in three years, the whole of China could be reached. Would the Churches in England and America raise 500 missionaries? Perhaps, then, the other 500 could be raised among the native converts of China.

PRINCIPAL CAIRD, in the introductory address at the opening of the new session in Glasgow University, said that knowledge and a disciplined intelligence constituted the first condition to effective speaking. Systems of elocutionary discipline had been devised for the manufacture of pulpit and other orators, but their utility seemed to him more than doubtful. There was a point beyond which artificial elocution was always useless, and even noxious. He counselled those who wished to become effective public speakers to know and feel their subject, and leave the rest to nature. Self-forgetfulness was the first and last condition of power. Especially in religious addresses, elocutionary art tended to introduce sham and stagnancy where reality was all in all.

MR. SPURGEON says he has more confidence in the spiritual life of the children he has received into his church than he has in the spiritual condition of the adults. He adds that he has sometimes met with a deeper spiritual experience in children of ten and twelve than in certain persons of fifty and sixty. The Freeman does not believe that Mr. Spurgeon contemplates starting a foreign missionary society of his own. Mr. Spurgeon left on the 18th ult. for Mentone. On December 1st his pulpit was to be occupied by Dr. Pierson of Philadelphia, and on December 22nd by Rev. John McNeill. To say that Baptists have no creed, Mr. Spurgeon denounces as giving the lie to history. "The modern creedless Baptist is a production of the age of shams. He has no predecessor. May he have no successor!" According to Mr. Spurgeon, Athanasius was the sort of a man the present age requires; but the pastor of the Tabernacle questions if our age has "a corner left in its all-pervading doubt to allow breathing space for such a hero."

A GENERAL Christian Conference, called by the Evangelical Alliance for the United States, is being held in Boston. The following subjects will be discussed by many of the ablest men of the land: "The Needs of the City;" "The Needs of the Rural Districts;" "The Mountain Whites of the South;" "Needs of the Times and the Alliance Methods;" "Christian Co-operation in Awakening and Directing the Moral Sentiment of the Community;" "Christian Co-operation in Relation to Moral Legislation: (a) Its Enactment, (b) Its Enforcement;" "The Need of Permeating our Developing Civilization with the Spirit of Christ;" "Christianity and the State;" "The Gospel and the People;" "Our Debt and Duty to the Immigrant Population;" "French Canadians in the United States;" "Slavonic Populations in the United States;" "Arousing and Training the Activity of the Laity;" "Need of an Enthusiasm for Humanity on the Part of the Churches;" "Need of Personal Contact between Christians and Non-church-goers."

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REV. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., of St. George's Established church, Edinburgh, is the Croall lecturer for this year. He has selected as his subject "Buddhism and Christianity: a Parallel and a Contrast."

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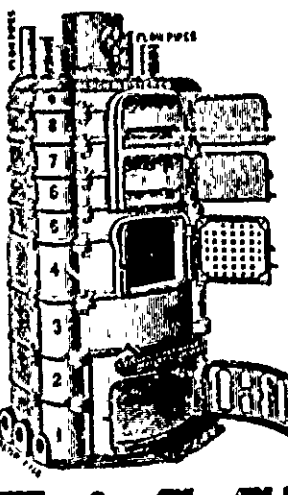
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