

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Anniversary Meetings in Boston.

AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION.—The public meeting was attended by a crowded concourse of people, showing an increasing interest in the cause, on Tuesday evening, at half-past seven o'clock, in the Federal-Street Church. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Ingersoll. The chair was taken by Hon. Samuel Hoar, of Concord, one of the Vice-Presidents, who made an appropriate address. At his call, the report of the General Secretary was then presented. It was full of interesting matter, and will be published. The following resolutions were offered by Rev. Mr. Clarke, of the Executive Committee:—

Resolved, That Unitarians are, by the Providence of God, in a position which qualifies them to conduct missionary operations to great advantage; inasmuch as they can go out untrammelled by creeds, and may dwell exclusively on those positive, practical, and fundamental truths which will create a new heart and awaken a new life in the human soul.

Resolved, That in our future action as a denomination, it is desirable to adhere to the principles of Christian Freedom and Progress, embraced and advocated by revered and leading Unitarians in past times.

Resolved, That it is the duty of Unitarians to feel and manifest an earnest interest in all the social reforms and philanthropic movements which promise to advance the interests of humanity.

Resolved, That in the present situation of our country, as regards its foreign relations, Unitarians are bound, in common with all disciples of Christ, to plead for Peace, with renewed earnestness; and we call upon our brethren, of all Christian denominations, to lift up a united remonstrance against that spirit and those measures which may tend to renew or perpetuate the horrors and sins of war.

Resolved, That we congratulate all our friends upon the success which has thus far attended the Meadville Theological School; and while we rejoice to witness the cordiality and confidence shown towards this institution by the Christian denomination, we assure that excellent body of our sincere desire that this institution may be the means, under Providence, of strengthening their hands and making them yet more useful in the service of our common Lord and Master.

Resolved, That it is desirable to take active measures to promote a more extensive circulation through the country of the works of standard Unitarian writers.

Resolved, That the increasing spread of liberal views among our brethren in Canada and Great Britain confirms our belief in the ultimate success, and our sense of the saving power, of Unitarian Christianity.

Resolved, That we remember with gratitude the labours of those great and good men of our denomination, in this country and Great Britain, who have, during the past year, gone from among us into the spiritual world; especially recalling, at this time, with solemn joy, the Christian character and exalted worth of Ware, Aspland, and our late President, Story.

Under the first of these resolutions, G. G. Channing, Esq., travelling-agent during the last year, made a few observations, and offered an interesting abstract of his doings, and the results of his efforts. Rev. F. W. Holland, of Rochester, N.Y., spoke to the same resolution, and adduced remarkable facts and circumstances to show especially the utility of diffusing tracts and books where our faith is little known; he also stated the cogent need of an earnest and efficient missionary to traverse the State of New York. The second and third resolutions were advocated by J. A. Andrew, Esq., of Boston, who appealed to the explicit example of Jesus Christ, as the one great, living argument for philanthropic and humane endeavours on the part of Christian disciples, and recurred to the benevolent earnestness of Channing, and the brave devotedness of our Pilgrim Fathers. Rev. W. H. Channing followed in a similar vein, or rather in a very different and peculiar vein, speaking powerfully, but in a somewhat accusatory spirit, of the short-comings of the denomination, in regard to its original and avowed principles, liberty, holiness, and love. George S. Hillard, Esq., took the tone of his observations, rather than from the words of any one of them; he directed his words with emphatic and surpassing eloquence to the connexion of Christianity with public concerns, with statesmen and the state. After a few observations from Richard Warren, Esq., made in behalf of the Unitarian Association in New York city, the Doxology was sung, and the services of the evening were closed.

The adjourned meeting of Thursday morning, was continued in the afternoon, when the following resolutions were adopted with great unanimity,—the first six being offered by Rev. Dr. Gannett, and the last one by H. H. Fuller, Esq.:—

Resolved,—That the business of this Association has so much increased, and the opportunities for an extension of its usefulness have so multiplied, that it is proper to create a permanent office, to be filled by a Travelling Agent, so far as this may be done without an alteration of the Constitution.

Resolved, That the trial of such an office which has been made last year, confirms us in the belief that it may become an important part of our operations.

Resolved, That such an office be now created till it shall be abolished by vote of this Association.

Resolved, That the appointment of a person to fill this office be vested in the hands of the Executive Committee, and that they be instructed to make such appointment annually as soon as possible after this annual meeting.

Resolved, That the salary of this officer be determined by the Executive Committee, subject to the condition that it shall not exceed one thousand dollars, exclusive of travelling expenses.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to prescribe the duties of the General Secretary, and of the Travelling Agent, respectively, and so to distribute said duties, as to promote in the most efficient manner the great purposes of our Association.

Resolved, That it is expedient and desirable that a convenient room or rooms should be provided for the use of this Association, in some central place in Boston, which

shall be kept open as a Reading Room, and free of access, as such, during all the business hours of every week day, under the charge and care of the General Secretary, and in which shall be placed the books and library of the Association, and such tracts and pamphlets as they may possess, for sale or distribution.

A resolution was also introduced by N. A. Barrett, Esq., to the effect that the Executive Committee be recommended to publish a series of tracts on practical subjects, and to make arrangements for conventions in county associations.

UNITARIAN COLLATION.—The festival known by this title was observed this year with preparations and on a scale of even unusual extent and completeness. As before, it was provided by Unitarian laymen of Boston for the entertainment of the clergy, and of persons of both sexes, of the denomination generally. It was spread in probably the largest single apartment in the city, the hall over the extensive and newly built depot of the Maine railroad. The immense company sat down to the abundantly provided and elegantly decorated tables, on Tuesday, at 2 o'clock, P. M. A brief and appropriate speech was made by the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, E. Dale, Esq., and a blessing was invoked by Rev. R. C. Waterston. After the refreshments were disposed of, thanks were returned to Almighty God, by Rev. S. K. Lathrop. A hymn was sung; when the presiding officer of the occasion, Hon. Josiah Quincy, late President of Harvard University, whose presence gave added dignity to the feast, rose and addressed the assembly in a course of able remarks, alluding to the peculiar interest of the day, setting forth the distinguishing peculiarities of our faith, vindicating them as he went on by many forcible and sound arguments, and extending a cordial and affectionate welcome to friends present from all parts of the country. He was followed by Rev. Dr. Pierce, who protested against being called by the name Unitarian, and related an entertaining anecdote, in his best manner. Another hymn being sung, Rev. Mr. Hall of Providence, adverted to the infinite value of Christian love, Christian charity, and especially of the great need we have of that foremost grace under present exigencies. Rev. Mr. Hosmer of Buffalo, N. Y., continued this course of observation, and made especial mention of the growth, the religious necessities, and prospects of the West,—a region to which he said he had ceased to belong, through the multiplied facilities of communication between his city and this; and he bespoke a yet increased sympathy for the brethren there. The next speaker was Richard Warren, Esq., of New York city. He appeared in behalf of the recently organized Unitarian Association of the State of New York. With much spirit he declared the aims of that body, and besought the kindly regard and fellowship of the liberal Christians of New England. Elder Harvey of the Christian denomination of Pennsylvania, on the ground of common points of faith between his denomination and Unitarians, took the attitude of a fellow-worker and brother, in a very spirited strain, and paid a high tribute to the fraternal cordiality displayed by the latter towards the former. A response to the references made to the western country, was made by Rev. Mr. Conant of Geneva, Illinois, who also testified in terms of strong commendation to the zeal and efficiency of the preachers of the Christian connexion. A third hymn was sung, and the attention of the company was then engaged by Rev. Mr. Walter of Springfield, Ohio, another Christian, who brought evidence of the deep desire of his associates to gain a more thorough acquaintance and co-operation with our men and measures. His gratitude was eloquently expressed by Rev. Mr. Corder of Montreal, Canada, for the substantial expressions of sympathy hitherto received by his people from the Unitarians of the United States. The Doxology was sung, thanks were tendered to the Committee, who were re-appointed, and the company separated in the best possible humor.

ORGANIZATION OF A UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.—The strength of Liberal Christianity in New York is visibly growing. During the week commencing May 10, 1846, the Unitarians from all parts of that state came together in the city of New York, and with earnest deliberation and enlightened discussion organized themselves into an Association,—a body that promises to have a vigorous and efficient vitality. Meetings were held in the course of the week in the "Church of the Divine Unity," (Mr. Bellows'), at which Zebedee Cook, Esq. presided. Mr. Cook was chosen President of the Association, and James S. Cleveland, Esq., Secretary. Sermons were preached by Rev. Dr. Dewey of New York, and Rev. Mr. Osgood of Province, R. I. The following resolutions were then adopted:—

Resolved, That Unitarian Christianity seeks not primarily the diffusion of a creed, but the development and regeneration of man; and that it looks to the preaching of the life and spirit of Jesus as the great means for the redemption of the world.

Resolved, That we recognize our obligations as Unitarians to diffuse the distinguishing tenets of our denomination, because they are true and because they are deeply needed in the present state of religious opinion and of morals in the community.

Resolved, That the progress of Liberal Christianity in this State has been commensurate with the efforts made to advance it, and that there are no limits to its diffusion but those which the fewness of the labourers creates.

Resolved, That this Association should support a newspaper, and a missionary whose business it should be to teach throughout this State, scattering tracts and preaching in all the considerable towns, or supplying the pulpits of our brethren.

Resolved, That we feel the importance of uniting the great body of Liberal Christians of every name in the bonds of a common cause; that we owe to all Christians who reject human creeds and the Trinitarian and Calvinistic dogmas, an expression of our hearty sympathy and co-operation.

We understand that efforts will be made to establish a newspaper in New York, devoted to the spread of Unitarian Christianity, and also that Rev. Mr. Pierpont is in that city, with the hope of gathering a new Unitarian society.

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR.—The religious services connected with the laying of the corner-stone of the Church of the Saviour, in Bedford Street, took place on Wednesday morning last at six o'clock, in the following order: Introductory Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Hosmer, of Buffalo, N.Y.; Reading of the Scriptures, by Rev. Mr. Corder, of Montreal; Hymn; Address, and laying of the corner-stone, by the pastor, Rev. R. C. Waterston; Prayer, by Rev. Dr. Gannett; Hymn; Concluding Prayer, by Rev. F. A. Farley, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Benediction, by the Pastor. The company was very numerous, and seemed to appreciate the considerate forecast of the minister and people, in having the interesting services to transpire on Anniversary Week.—*Boston Christian World.*

INSTALLATION AT SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.—On Wednesday afternoon, May 21, 1846, Rev. Moses G. Thomas, formerly minister at Concord, N. H., was installed as Pastor of the Broadway Unitarian Church in South Boston,—a newly formed church of our faith, organized in July, 1845, now in a very flourishing condition, and worshipping in a central and convenient room on Broadway. Sermon, by Rev. Dr. Gannett of Boston.

ORDINATION AND DEDICATION AT WORCESTER, MASS.—The growth of the town of Worcester, and of Rev. Mr. Hill's society, made it evident to the Unitarians of that place some months ago, that a new sanctuary must be opened for the worshippers according to our faith. Through the energetic efforts of several active gentlemen in Mr. Hill's society, and with the generous co-operation of that society generally, and of its minister, measures were taken for the organization of a new Unitarian church. A hall was obtained for the temporary accommodation of this body, and was soon filled. A meeting-house was soon projected; a lot of land was procured in a central position, and a structure of excellent proportions, commodious and tasteful, was erected, all the proceedings in the enterprise being characterized by a great deal of promptitude, economy and business-like sagacity, as well as by a generous foresight.

The dedicatory services took place April 28, 1846. Sermon, by Rev. Dr. Dewey, of New York City.

On the following day, April 29, Mr. Edward Everett Hale was ordained as minister of the church,—it being styled "The Church of the Unity." Sermon, by Rev. Mr. Lathrop of Boston.

LEVEE.—The Levee recently held at Faneuil Hall, Boston, for the benefit of the Meadville Theological School, was highly successful,—the net amount received being nearly 1500 dollars.

INAUGURATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY.—Hon. Edward Everett, LL. D., was inaugurated at Cambridge, April 30, 1846. A procession of officers, invited guests, alumni, and undergraduates, moved from Gore Hall to the "First Church," where the usual ceremonies were performed. Prayer was offered by Rev. Prof. Walker, D. D., who has acted as President since the resignation of President Quincy. His Excellency Governor Briggs, on behalf of the Board of Overseers, inducted Mr. Everett into office in an appropriate address, investing him with the government and authority of the University, and delivering to him the charter, seal and keys. Mr. Everett replied. An oration in Latin was then delivered by Mr. George Martin Lane, of the Senior Class, and a hymn was sung. The Inaugural Address was then delivered by Mr. Everett. It was a very eloquent and comprehensive discussion of the great objects contemplated in a University education,—the acquisition of knowledge, the discipline of the mental powers, and the forma-

tion of character. It closed with an earnest, affectionate and thrilling appeal to the undergraduates. Prayers were then offered by Rev. Dr. Francis, a Doxology was sung, and a Benediction pronounced by Dr. Walker. At a subsequent hour, an entertainment was partaken of, which passed off with much animation.

DR. DEWEY.—At a meeting of the Church of the Messiah, N.Y., on Sunday, 24th May, it was voted unanimously to invite Dr. Dewey to preach three consecutive months in the winter season; and to settle a minister who should have the whole charge of the parish. This step was taken in accordance with Dr. D.'s request.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.—The forty-third anniversary meeting of this Society was held at Exeter Hall, London, on the 6th May,—Lord Sandon in the Chair. The following statement presents a complete view of the Society's receipts, issue, and expenditure.—The entire receipts of the year amount to £101,305 15s.; being an excess over the previous year of £3,550 4s. 2d. The issues of the Society have amounted to 1,411,661; the total issues of the Society have been 18,324,187 volumes. The expenditure during the past year has been £105,851 2s. 9d.; being £20,033 7s. more than the previous year.

UNITARIAN ANNIVERSARY.—The annual meeting of the Southern Unitarian, and Southern Unitarian Fund Societies, took place in Portsmouth, England, on Good Friday. After a sermon, and the business meeting, a tea party took place, at which were present about four hundred persons. The whole meeting must have been a very interesting one, and "any one who had been present must have felt that they were wrong who thought that there was anything chilling in Unitarianism. It was full of kindness, affection, and good will.

SERMONS BY REV. R. ASPLAND.—The family of the late Rev. Robert Aspland, of Hackney, purpose publishing by subscription a volume of his sermons, including some of his practical and doctrinal discourses. Price of subscription, 10s. 6s.

ELIHU BURRITT, THE LEARNED BLACKSMITH.—This individual, whose successful exertions in the cause of universal peace and Christian truth have done him so much honour, is about to leave America for England; and it is expected that he will be present on the occasion of the presentation of the steam-press to Mr. Barker, which has been deferred beyond the time originally determined on, in consequence of its having been found impracticable to complete it in time.

WARRINGTON—SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION.—On Monday, May 4, a very interesting tea-meeting was held in this town, of members of almost all religious denominations,—Baptists, Independents, Unitarians, Quakers, Methodists, and Lady Huntingdon's Connection. N. Cooke, Esq., occupied the chair. It was, perhaps, the first cordial union of the kind, of so many different religious sects, that the town ever saw. The object of the promoters of the meeting was, to excite "to love and to good works," by showing how large a field of religious and moral destitution there was in the immediate neighbourhood, and urging the duty of personal effort to work out the improvement of all which each so earnestly desired. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Roberts, Independent Methodist; Mr. Wilkinson, Primitive Methodist; Mr. Robson, Unitarian; Mr. Leather, Secretary to the Union; Mr. P. Rylands, Independent; Mr. P. Philips, Independent Methodist; and Mr. M'Minnes, Independent,—on a variety of subjects connected with the moral state of the town, the objects of Sunday-schools, the duty of personal effort, the advantages of union, &c. &c.; and the meeting broke up at half-past nine, after an evening of almost unalloyed satisfaction to all present. Other meetings, where specific plans for Christian effort will be proposed, are expected shortly to take place; and much good, it is to be hoped, will spring from the Christian union here so auspiciously commenced.—*London Inquirer.*

SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND.—The Unitarians of Southampton are using endeavours for the formation and establishment of a chapel in that town, with every prospect of abundant success.

ERRATA IN OUR LAST NUMBER.

In the hurry of printing off a part of last month's impression, several typographical errors were overlooked. Some of these were corrected before the whole was wrought off. We refer more particularly to the following:

- In 1st page, 3rd column, 29th line from bottom, for *expatiate* read *epitaph*.
- In 2nd page, 4th col. 28th line from top, for *Christian read Christianity.*
- In 3rd page, 1st col. 34th line from bottom, for *communi cated* read *consummated.*
- In 3rd page, 3d col. 30th line from top, for *are not read are they not.*