

EDITORIAL NOTES AND NOTICES.

In Mrs. Slonker's article on "Mythology" in last number of JOURNAL, occurs several errors, which of course was not in the "copy." For "Pelsin" read Pelion, for "Neptune; those whose aims are hurled," read Neptuno; thou whose arms are hurled.

Any four of the small or one of the cabinet size photographs mentioned in numbers 11 and 12 of the JOURNAL, will be sent to all who pay for the JOURNAL for the second year, with arrears if any, on or before the 20th December, 1878. After that date we shall not offer premiums of any kind.

A subscriber closes a friendly letter to us with the following benediction: "And now by the grace of our Liberality, Justice, Charity, and love of Goodness, the Father of Happiness, and the fellowship of the Highest, most intelligent and Noblest Humanity, now and forever more, Science and Progress, world without end, amen."

The failure of the Glasgow Bank last month startled the financial world. Its directors, managers and secretary, most of whom are in duranco, were all prominent and active members of the christian church. That fact does *not* show that the Christian religion is false, but it shows that those who profess Christianity and who may be Christians, are not therefore necessarily good or honest men.

The amount received, thus far, by Mr. Pringle toward the costs in his—really our—suit against the Town of Napance, is not nearly sufficient. Mr. Pringle informs us that, besides the bill of costs of nearly \$600, a large sum was expended by others during the trial for which he is responsible. The Liberals of Canada should not allow him to suffer in pocket through his manly defence of their rights in the courts.

Necessity may *know* but can obey no law. We do not willingly so often appeal to the Liberals of Canada for support, but necessity compels. Those who are in arrears *must* remit at once, or we will be compelled to place their accounts in hands for collection. We would also urge all to renew as early as possible. We will endeavor to make the JOURNAL worthy the patronage of all Liberals of whatever type, and we ask all to come to our aid. The price is as low as such a paper can be afforded at, and we hope none will feel too poor to spend one dollar for the Liberal cause in Canada.

We are in receipt of several copies of the *Seymour Times*, a weekly paper, published at Seymour, Indiana. We find many things in it which are admirable, several of which we copy in this issue. It has lately come out with a new heading which is very expressive, if not in the very best of taste. Brother Monroe uses some words and phrases which might perhaps be called "slang," and which to us verdant Canadians are more unintelligible than Greek. On the whole we like the *Times*. It is an outspoken opponent of the myths and fables of Christianity, and shows more ability than most of our Liberal exchanges.

It is with pleasure that we announce to our readers that each number of the JOURNAL will contain an article on the relations

between Capital and Labor from the pen of Mr. Phillips Thompson, ("Jimuel Briggs") of the *Boston Traveller*. Mr. Thompson is too well known to need any commendation from us, and though some of our readers may not agree with all of his views, we are sure they will be glad to hear all he has to say on the subject. His opening article appears in this number. We have opened our columns to those interested in Labor Reform, and we congratulate them that the field has been taken by one so well acquainted with the subject and so able to deal with it.

We have received the first number of a new weekly paper published by Asa K. Butts, New York, called *Man*. Each number is to be accompanied by a supplement of eight pages, containing one or more Scientific lectures delivered some years ago in Manchester, England, by some of the leading Scientists. Both *Man* and the supplement will be sent to subscribers at the very low price of \$1.00 a year, or *Man* alone at 50 cents when in clubs of four. The new aspirant for public favor is very radical on all the questions of the age, social, political and religious. We wish *Man* success but do not see how success can be attained at the price.

Several clergyman in this city preached sermons against Infidelity on the evening of Sunday the 17th inst; among them the Rev. Mr. Rainsford of St. James' Cathedral. Speaking of Materialists he acknowledged that they were men of high aims and purposes, men who were striving to be good and to do good because it is good and not from any hope of reward here or hereafter. Mr. Rainsford bewailed the want of hope in these men, and pointed to the hope of the Christian as an incentive to be and do good, inferring that at least some of them could not do right without such an incentive. How infinitely better these Materialists must be than such Christians. One doing good without the offer of a bribe, the other requiring promises of reward to induce them to do right.

Last month the Ontario Christian Conference met in this city. A Rev. Mr. Donovan was chosen to read a paper on the subject "Christ in us and we in Christ." At the conclusion of the paper the Rev. Mr. Potts strongly objected to the doctrine advocated, and was rewarded with cheers and hisses. Mr. Donovan replied and was rewarded in a similar manner. Rev. Dr. Mackay, the chairman, finally restored order by taking the platform himself and speaking till the adjournment for the day. The high sounding mottos adopted by the Conference "In essentials unity; in non-essentials diversity; in all things charity," are as a "Sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. It is an attempt to harmonize utterly discordant ideas. What one sect deems essential another deems non-essential, what one considers as unimportant another considers "necessary to salvation." The Rev. Dr. Mackay of Hull, England, who acted as president of the conference, startled his hearers by stating that "God had tried Rationalism and failed, then Ritualism, and again failed." We would ask Mr. Mackay and his Christian admirers, if "God" has tried several plans to save the world and failed, what surety have we that he has hit upon the right plan yet? Here again we see "brotherly love" exhibited. Several correspondents of the *Globe* and *Mail* and the editor of the *Canadian Spectator*, take the Rev. Dr. to task, one of them giving utterance to the hope that