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Editorial.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS AND THE EVANGELICAL CHURCHES.

HEN Paul said to the Corinthian church "*All things are yours,*" he in a few words expressed, as usual with him, a truth of deep meaning and wide application. Matters are so arranged in the material world, by Him who is head over all things to His Church, that all things in nature, from "the stars in their courses" to the "hornet which drove out the Canaanites," work together for the good of the Church.

In Providence, empires rise and fall, nations are born and perish with special reference to the well-being of the "Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

In sympathy with this policy of centralization (if we may so express it) in virtue of which Christ and his Church has always been in "the midst,"—a policy indeed much abused by the Church of Rome, but which, by Protestants, is too much forgotten, Christians ought to covet for their Master's work and glory the best instruments, agencies, and gifts to be found on earth. From the very beginning of the invention, the Church laid hold of the *printing press* and through its potent help the Reformation spread with lightning rapidity through Europe. Slowly but surely, evangelical Christianity, while rejecting the vicious doctrines of Rome on these subjects, is rightly aiming at enlisting as its hand-maid in the task of subduing the world to Christ, the secular education of the young, civil government, and also voluntary associations.