

THE AMERICAN UNION.

- 1607—Virginia first settled by the English.
 1614—New York first settled by the Dutch.
 1630—Massachusetts settled by Puritans.
 1632—New Hampshire settled by Puritans.
 1634—New Jersey settled by the Dutch.
 1637—Delaware settled by Swedes and Fins.
 1634—Maryland settled by Roman-catholics.
 1635—Connecticut settled by Puritans.
 1636—Rhode Island by Roger Williams.
 1650—North Carolina settled by English.
 1682—Pennsylvania settled by William Penn.
 1733—Georgia settled by Gen. Oglethorpe.

The above are the 12 original states. The other 18 states were admitted to the Union as follows:—In 1791, Vermont; 1792, Kentucky; 1796, Tennessee; 1802, Ohio; 1811, Louisiana; 1816, Indiana; 1817, Mississippi; 1818, Illinois; 1819, Alabama; 1820, Maine; 1821, Missouri; 1836, Michigan and Arkansas; 1845, Florida and Texas; 1846, Iowa; 1848, Wisconsin; 1850, California.

NEW GENERAL OF THE JESUITS.—The Chief of the remarkable Society of Jesus is very appropriately denominated General, as the Association in its spirit and deeds may be justly regarded the spiritual militia of the Church of Rome. It is the Pope's standing army—as true to his orders, and treacherous in his defence, as were over the grenadiers of Frederick, or the Old Guard of Napoleon.

An election of a new General took place at Rome, on the 22 of last month, to succeed the celebrated Father Roothan, who had been the guiding spirit of the Society for nearly a quarter of a century. The choice fell, by a large majority, upon Father Becke, who is an Italian, but has spent most of his ecclesiastical life in Germany. He was elected by Pius VII. to be special confessor of a German Duke and Duchess, who were converted from Protestantism, and whose case was deemed of great importance at the time. Since that, Father Becke's services have been so signal, and the display of character so Jesuitical, that he was at once raised to the Generalship, and his accession is looked upon as a very auspicious event to the fortunes of Jesuitism and of Popery. It is a matter of far more consequence to the world who is General of the Jesuits than who is Pope of Rome. While the successor of St. Peter looks the head, wears the honours and makes the show, the successor of St. Ignatius is the real king of that vast reticulation of priestly intrigue, imposition, and daring, which makes up the actual being of the Church of Rome. It is the master-piece of Satanic cunning and policy, and, though Christianity will prove too much for it in the end, has been, and is the mightiest foe to truth, freedom, and God, on the footstool.

WAR AND THE GOSPEL.—The Christian nations of Europe and America expend every year, in preparation for war, £200,000,000. This amount, when compared with "the most comprehensive form of Christian charity," stands thus:—For preparations for war, per day, £548,000. For preaching the Gospel of peace to the heathen, £1,640; or, to make the comparison more distinct, one pound sterling for preparations for war between Christian nations, against one halfpenny for evangelizing the Pagan world, and bringing myriads of benighted idolaters to bow to the sceptre of the Prince of peace! Or, millions for Mars, and mites for the Messiah!

INDUSTRY.—To be really and practically industrious, one must improve those minute particles of time, known as "spare minutes." Of all portions of our life, these spare minutes are the most fruitful for good or evil, and are literally the gaps through which temptation finds access to the soul. Spare minutes are the gold dust of time, said Young: sands make the mountains, moments the year! Idleness wastes the man as insensibly as industry improves him; evil deeds and evil thoughts never creep in upon him who is assiduously employed upon good ones. The mind and body both require activity to keep them pure and healthy in action. Like water, if it runneth free, it is pure and wholesome; but what is their more noisome and pestilential than a stagnant pool; diligence of itself alone is a fair fortune, and industry is a good estate to have and to hold.

THE REV. LEON RICHMOND was once conversing with a brother clergyman on the case of a poor man who had acted inconsistently with his religious profession. After some angry and severe remarks on the conduct of such persons, the gentleman with whom he was discussing the case concluded by saying, "I have no notion of such pretences; I will have nothing to do with him." "Nay, brother, let us be humble and moderate: remember who has said, 'making a difference.' With opportunity on the one hand, and Satan at the other, and the grace of God at neither, where shall you and I be?"

THE LAW OF KINDNESS.—Should ye at any time overtake the erring, and resolve to deliver him up, I will tell you whether to conduct him. Conduct him to his Lord and Master whose household he hath left. Bring him back again, the stray, the lost one! Bring him back, not with halberts and halters, but generously and gently, and with the linking of the arm. In this posture shall God smile upon ye; in this posture of yours did He recognise his beloved Son upon the earth. Do ye likewise, and depart in peace.

Man can suffer but he cannot satisfy; God can satisfy, but he can not suffer; but Christ being both God and Man, can both suffer and satisfy too, and so is perfectly fit both to suffer for man and to make satisfaction unto God. And thus Christ having assumed my nature into His person, and so satisfied Divine justice for my sins, I am received into grace and favour again with the Most High God.—*Bishop Beveridge.*

SALARIES OF THE FREE CHURCH MINISTERS.—The dividend paid from the Sustentation Fund to each of the 724 ministers of the Free Church of Scotland, last year, was £121, or about \$600. No one of them received less than this, while many of them received more; for after each congregation has paid its proportional sum to the Fund, it pays in addition what it chooses to its own minister. The first year of the Free Church, its ministers received a dividend of £100 each.

THE OLDEST CITY IN THE WORLD.—Damascus is the oldest city in the world. It begins with the earliest patriarchs, and continues to modern times. While other cities of the East have risen and decayed, Damascus is still what it was. It was founded before Babel and Palmyra, and it has outlived them both. While Babylon is a heap in the desert, and Tyre a ruin of the shore, it remains what it is called in the prophecies of Isaiah "the head of Syria."

A SUBLIME REPLY.—A pupil of the Deaf and Dumb school at Paris being asked, "What is eternity?" immediately replied, "The lifetime of the Almighty."

INROADS UPON THE SABBATH.—The Freeman's Journal, New York, the organ of the Roman-catholic Archbishop, is to be published as a semi-weekly paper, to appear on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings!

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