

from mere curiosity, resisted all his appeals till, in the midst of his sermon, Mr. Whitfield abruptly paused, burst into a flood of tears, lifted up his hands and eyes, and exclaimed, "Oh, my hearers, *the wrath to come! the wrath to come!*" These words sunk into the young man's heart, and won him to the service and to the ministry of Christ, in a long and useful life.

Thirteen times Whitfield crossed the Atlantic; and on both sides of the water, on all occasions, hundreds and thousands hung upon his lips, whether he was in London or other parts of England; in Wales, Scotland, or Ireland; in Georgia, or New Hampshire; in Charleston, Philadelphia, New York, or Boston, or the country intervening. In many cases ten, and in some even twenty thousand listened to his impassioned appeals; and fruits unto eternal life were gathered all along his course, till "he was not, for God took him."

It is scarcely too much to say, that a full history of Whitfield would involve an outline of the Christian fidelity and activity of almost all the host of distinguished men in all the cities and countries above named, whom God made pre-eminent useful in "the great awakening" during the thirty years of his rapid and brilliant career. We wish and hope yet to see his history presented in a form adapted to common minds; that what God did by this his servant may be more fully known; and that ministers and Christians of our own day may catch more of his spirit, and of that in which lay his power—entire consecration to Christ in the salvation of dying men.—*Presbyterian Banner*.

NEGLECT OF INFANT BAPTISM IN THE STATES.

The statistics furnished in the article in the *Princeton Review*, on "The Neglect of Infant Baptism," are really startling. They should be pondered by every pastor and church session. It seems almost incredible that within fifty years the number of children baptized has diminished from one to every five communicants, to one to every twenty; or in other words, that only one-fourth as many are baptized now in proportion to the total of communicants as at the beginning of the half century. We confess ourselves astounded at this exhibit, and yet we cannot controvert the statement. The reviewer gives the figures, drawn from the official statistics of the Church. The Episcopalians make a better report, having baptized about twice as many in proportion as our branch of the Presbyterian Church. But the New-school Presbyterian Church and the Congregationalists are much more deficient than we are. In 1847, the Old-school reports showed fifty-two baptisms for each thousand communicants, whilst the New-school showed only nineteen for each thousand, and the Congregationalists only sixteen! The statistics indicate a state of things which call for immediate attention and reform.—*Presbyterian*.

PRINTING IN NORTH AMERICA.

The first book ever printed in the New World was in the city of Mexico. It was printed in the Spanish language, in the year 1544, and was entitled *Doctrina Christiana per eo los Indos*. The first publication made in English, in America, was the *Freeman's Oath*, an Almanac for 1639, nearly a hundred years after the work published in Mexico. In 1640 was published the first book, entitled the *Bay Psalm-Book*. It was reprinted in England, where it passed through no less than eighteen editions; the last being issued in 1754. It was no less popular in Scotland, twenty-two editions of it having been published there. Altogether, it is estimated, it reached to seventy editions abroad.

The first printing press set up in America, was "worked" at Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1639. The Rev. Jesse Glover procured this press, by "contributions of friends of learning and religion," in Amsterdam and in England, but died on his passage to the New World. Stephen Day was the first printer. In honor of his pioneer position, Government gave him a grant of three hundred acres of land. Among other of his early publications were the *New Testament* and *Baxter's Call*, translated into an Indian language by Elliot, the great missionary, and printed at great cost. The whole Bible was printed in this language in 1663. The nation once speaking it is now extinct.

Pennsylvania was the second State to encourage printing. William Bradford