

THE BIBLE CHRISTIAN.

the motion was unanimously carried.—It is pleasant to have this to record, and it is creditable to all concerned.

We look upon the transaction as a freak of bigotry. We give it a place in our little sheet on the same principle that temperance journals record awful cases of intemperance. We chronicle it as a caution and a warning to others.

THE CHRISTIANITY OF THE METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

In the Missionary Report of the Canadian Methodist New Connexion, issued the present year, the following passage occurs:—

"With commingled feelings of abhorrence and regret, we mourn over the apostate and the treacherous."

We do not want to be captious concerning orthography, but we suppose that what is meant by "abhorrence" is that sentiment denoted by the common English word "abhorrence." This signifies hatred, and even something more. To abhor, says Dr. Johnson, is "to hate with acrimony," "to detest to extremity." The gentle expression before us has some not very remote reference, we presume, to the Rev. Mr. Hassall, one of the ministers of the connexion, who, a few months ago, left the body, because he could not conscientiously preach doctrines which he came to see had no foundation in the Sacred Scriptures. We trust the 'apostate' has learned Christ better than to return railing for railing, or hate for hate. Though he has set aside a doctrine so obviously unscriptural as that of a threefold Deity, we hope he has a living faith in Him who hath commanded us to "do good to them that hate us."—The Report has been committed to print; but we think the Methodist New Connexion should even yet expunge the anti-Christian passage referred to, by a formal vote, and administer a wholesome rebuke to the individual who ventured to insult their Christian feeling by offering it for their adoption.

AUTUMNAL UNITARIAN CONVENTION.

The usual Autumnal Convention of the Unitarian Christians of the United States will be held this year in Philadelphia. We subjoin the invitation of our friends in that city, and its acceptance by the Committee of Arrangements:—

Whereas, a large portion of our Unitarian Brethren have, with a view of promoting the paramount interests of Liberal Christianity, agreed to hold the approaching Unitarian Convention in the month of October next; and whereas the Committee, having charge of this matter, have not yet reported the place for holding the said Convention; and whereas the members of this Church conceive that it has a strong claim to the regard of our Brethren, in consequence of its being the First Society of professed Unitarians in the United States; the oldest of its kind; which has pursued its path of duty, quietly and unobtrusively for fifty years, which should seem to recommend it to the favorable consideration of the Committee; therefore,

Resolved, That in our opinion, the cause of Liberal Christianity is greatly subserved by the occasional meeting and friendly intercourse of numbers of clerical and lay members of the Unitarian Denomination.

Resolved, That in our judgment, the present is an auspicious moment for holding such meeting in the City of Philadelphia, where, from various causes, the minds of our people are favorably disposed towards the reception of the simple truths of Christianity, as promulgated in the precepts and practices of Unitarian Christians.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Society, much good would result from a general assemblage of the Clergy and Laity belonging to the Unitarian body, from every part of the United States, to be convened together in this Church, during the month of October next; that it would afford us all an opportunity to take counsel together, to improve our social and friendly feelings, to confirm our faith and hopes; and under the Providence of God, to promote the present and everlasting good of ourselves, and of others who do not now conform to our Faith.

Resolved, That in the spirit of hospitality and brotherly kindness, we open our hearts and our homes to our brethren of the Clergy and Laity and to their families, throughout the United States; and say unto them, Come, and be Welcome! Come! and unite with us in our public services, in our serious counsels, in our social gatherings, in our quiet homes; Come, and partake with us of all our public and private means of enjoyment; Come as fellow Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ; Come, and let us impress you with the conviction that this is indeed the Fraternal City!

Resolved, That our respected Pastor, the Rev. Wm. Henry Furness is hereby requested to become the medium of our wishes, by communicating these proceedings to all whom they may concern, in the way he shall deem most expedient.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN SOLOEFIELD,  
WALTER R. JOHNSON,  
JOSEPH SILL, } Committee.  
Wednesday Evening,  
Philadelphia, July 1, 1846. }

Having accepted the cordial and hearty invitation presented in the foregoing Resolutions, the Committee of Arrangements hereby give notice that the Autumnal Convention of Unitarian Christians will be held at Philadelphia on Tuesday, the 20th of October next.

S. K. LOTHROP,  
SAMUEL OSGOOD,  
EPHRAIM PEABODY,  
STEPHEN FAIRBANKS,  
STEPHEN C. PHILLIPS. } Committee  
of  
Arrangements.  
Boston, August 1, 1846.

MEADVILLE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

This institution is realizing fully the expectations of its founders. Its library is fast increasing, there being now nearly three thousand volumes, mostly of valuable works. Nine hundred of these are text-books for the use of the students. The anniversary exercises of the school took place on 2nd July last. The business of the classes will be resumed in September, when, we understand, the number of students will be considerably increased.—We subjoin the order of the last Anniversary Exercises:—

Prayer.

JUNIOR CLASS.

1. The Parables.—JOHN L. TOWNER, Ill.
2. Scenery of Palestine.—C. M. TAGGART, Pa.
3. Conscience.—HORACE B. Poyer, Ill.
4. The Supreme Law in Morals.—N. MICHAEL.
5. Heresy.—SAMUEL M'KOWN, Ohio.
6. Intimations in Nature of the Doctrine of Immortality.—JAMES W. MACINTOSH, Mass.
7. Principles of Interpretation.—E. HEMPHREY.
8. Seasonableness of the Time when Christ appeared.—BENJ. D. HINESBOUGH, Pa.
9. The Emotions as connected with Religion.—WILLIAM CUSHING, Mass.
10. Hume on the-Christian Miracles.—ALVIN COVERN, Vt.
11. Morals and Religion.—N. O. CHAFFEE, Mass.
12. The Unity of God manifested in Nature.—LIBERTY BILLINGS, Me.
13. Value of the Greek Language to a Minister.—STILLMAN BARBER, Mass.

Hymn.

MIDDLE CLASS.

14. Justyn Martyr.—R. S. SHIPPEN, Pa.
15. The Hebrew Language.—J. ELLIOTT, Ohio.
16. Authenticity of the Pentateuch.—D. BOVER.
17. Paul on Mars Hill.—EDWARD P. BOND, Mass.
18. The Importance of a New Translation of the Bible.—PETER BETSCH, N.Y.
19. The Foundation of Confession in the Saviour.—D. BARNES, Pa.
20. Hebrew Poetry.—GEORGE S. BALL, Mass.

Hymn.

SENIOR CLASS.

21. A Permanent Ministry.—C. G. WARD, Pa.
22. The Pastor.—FREDK. R. NEWELL, Mass.
23. The Pulpit.—GEORGE T. HILL, N.Y.

CERTIFICATE.

Prayer.

DIVINITY SCHOOL, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

We give below, the order of exercises at the thirtieth annual visitation of the Divinity School, Friday, July 17, 1846.

The attendance was unusually good. Twelve gentlemen go out of the School this year to enter on the work of the ministry. We have never seen so large a gathering of the clergy at any of the former anniversaries. The introductory prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Noyes, and the concluding prayer by Rev. Dr. Francis. Three hymns, written by Mr. Octavius B. Frothingham, Mr. Samuel Johnson, and Mr. Samuel Longfellow, of the graduating class, were sung by an excellent choir, composed of members of the School.

The Past and Present Value of Ecclesiastical Councils.—EDWIN G. ADAMS.

The Moral Doctrine and Practice of the first three Centuries.—THOMAS P. ALLEN.

How far is a Doctrinal System useful or necessary.—ROBERT S. AVERY.

Our Saviour's Purpose or Purposes in forbidding the Publication of his Miracles.—GEO. F. CLARK.

Paul's Doctrine of Justification by Faith explained in Harmony with the Teachings of Christ, and the Views of James.—OCTAVIUS B. FROTHINGHAM.

The Example of Christ as a Religious Teacher.—SAMUEL JOHNSON.

The Reality and Design of the Transfiguration.—LEONARD G. LIVERMORE.

The True Ground of Unity in the Church.—SAMUEL LONGFELLOW.

On the Opinion that Man is not Responsible for his Faith.—HENRY B. MAGLATHLIN.

The Character and influence of Zwingle.—FARRINGTON MCINTIRE.

Christianity in France.—WASHINGTON VERY.

The Love of Popularity in a Pastor.—SAMUEL H. WINCKERLY.—Boston Christian World.

CANADA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.

The Canada Christian General Christian Conference met, pursuant to adjournment, at Newmarket, (U. C.) 6th July, 1846. Opened at nine o'clock; Elder Thomas Henry in the chair; Elders H. H. Willson, Standing Clerk, and G. W. Colston, Assistant. Prayer by Elder S. M. Fowler. Address by Elder Jabez Chadwick.—Examined the standing of the Ministry, and the following were reported in good standing:

Anson Plumb, William Nobles, John Nobles, Jesse Van Camp, Thos. Henry, James W. Sharrard, S. Morton, H. H. Willson, John Prosser, John M'Lam, George W. Colston, Samuel B. Hayward, George Sherman, F. J. Whitfield, T. Pickard, N. Dobkins, T. M'Intyre, R. Barrie. Licentiates: Jonathan Russ, Fredk. B. Roaf, Charles M'Millan, Jehiel Churchel, and Edward Lonsbury.

Our general meeting was one of deep and thrilling interest. The preaching throughout was excellent.

Our Saturday's meeting was one of those old-fashioned fellowship meetings, which have almost become obsolete. After Elder Gallo-way had spoken from James iv. 8, followed by Elder Fowler, the brethren, by testimonies, exhortations, psalms and hymns, expressive of their gratitude to Him in whom their hearts delight, filled up the remainder of the time.

In addition to the usual proceedings, Brother Robert Barrie was set apart to the work of the ministry by laying on of hands, in the following form, viz.: Introductory remarks by Elder J. Chadwick, hymn read by Elder H. H. Willson, prayer by Elder J. Chadwick, at which time the hands of the Elders were laid on. Charge by Elder J. W. Sharrard; right hand of fellowship by all.—Christian Luminary.

NEW CHURCHES.

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR.—A new Unitarian church, of which the Rev. Mr. Waterston is to be the pastor, is now in the course of erection on Bedford-street.

The building is in the early English style of ecclesiastical architecture, designed to conform as nearly to the old models as modern requirements for accommodation, and the difference in the services (all the old churches being Catholic), will admit. It consists of a nave, with side aisles, a chancel, a tower, and spire steeple. The nave is separated from its aisles by columns bearing arches, over which is a clerestory, pierced with triangular trefoil windows. The aisles are lighted by single lancet windows, and at the front end of the nave, over the entrance door, is a large triplet. The windows throughout are to be of stained glass, ornamented with devices and mosaic borders. The roofs over the nave and aisles are to be left open to the ridge, and the spaces between the beams ornamented with tracery. The tower is placed on the south-east angle, in order to give a greater length to the nave, and in accordance with the symbolic principle of the ancient architects, which permits the tower to be placed in any position, excepting over the chancel. The church is to be furnished inside with open seats, carved on the ends, and will be finished either with black walnut or gray oak. The chancel, it is hoped, will not be lumbered up with a modern pulpit and drawing room couches, but be left open and finished with sedilia at the sides, as in the old churches. The exterior, except the spire, (and it is hoped this also) is to be of Newark stone, laid in courses, of irregular heights, dressed to an even surface, and all the ornamental parts delicately chiselled. At the rear of the church are the pastor's room and the Chapel (the latter now finished) for the Sunday School, communicating with the church on either side of the chancel. The dimensions are as follows: inside width, 59 feet; length from the front to the rear of chancel, 104 feet; height to the ridge, 55 feet; tower, 20 feet square, and 178 feet high to the cross on the spire. The chapel is 30 by 50 feet, and 41 feet to the ridge. The church will accommodate upwards of 900, and the chapel about 300 persons. Our readers will perceive from the above brief description which we have given of the church, that it will be one of the finest ever constructed in this city, and it is to be hoped that no modern taste or spirit of economy will be permitted to alter or disfigure the design. Let the whole model be carried out.

The chapel, which is now occupied on the Sabbath, is a very beautiful building, and constructed, as our poor judgment tells us, after a severely-good taste. Its dimensions we have given above. It is provided with stained glass lancet windows, ornamented with beautiful devices; the seats are open, of pine, stained with asphaltum; the floor laid in a kind of cement, in the closest imitation of the sandstone of which the building is constructed; the roof is most nicely traced to imitate ceiling, the sections which support it giving a relief to the eye as it looks upwards; the pulpit of black walnut, disfigured by no tawdry varnish, but simply oiled, so that the nicest grain of the wood is plainly discoverable. The style and finish of this pulpit combine to make it one of the most tasteful that we have ever beheld. In the rear of the pulpit are the sedilia, after the old style, which produces a fine effect. Above the pulpit is a large triplet window. The light of the building is truly of a dim and religious character: there is no glare. Wherever the eye rests, simple beauty and ornament meet the eye. The church was designed by Messrs. H. & J. E. Billings.—Boston Journal.

NEW MEETING-HOUSE IN ROXBURY.—A new edifice has just been erected in Roxbury, called the Mount Pleasant Congregational Church. It is an imposing looking building, with a tall spire, and makes quite a conspicuous appearance when approaching that city from Boston. This Church has been erected by funds furnished chiefly by the members of Rev. Dr. Putnam's society (Unitarian) at the suggestion of their Pastor, to furnish accommodation to those who are unable to obtain seats in his Church.

The plan of the building is what is commonly termed the Roman style of architecture, and combines harmony of proportion with neatness, simplicity, and elegance. It is located at the corner of Dudley street and Grenville street, near Mount Pleasant. Mr. Melvin, of Cambridgeport, is the gentleman who furnished the design.

The ladies of Mr. Putnam's church, by their Fair and Festival on the 1st of May last, procured funds sufficient to furnish an organ; and an excellent one has been obtained from the Messrs. Hook, of this city, and is now in its proper place.

The church, when finished, will cost nearly sixteen thousand dollars, exclusive of the organ, all of which has been already subscribed.—Boston Journal.

PRESENTATION OF THE BARKER STEAM-PRESS.

This long-looked-for festival took place on Monday, July the 6th, that being the day on which the convenience of the Chairman, and Mr. Barker, and the use of the hall, necessary for the occasion, could be combined.

About twelve o'clock in the day, Dr. Bowring, M.P., the treasurer of the committee for obtaining subscriptions, and for purchasing the press; Dr. Bateman, the secretary; T. F. Gibson, Esq., the auditor; and several friends from Leeds and other neighbouring places, met at Wortley, a manufacturing village, about two miles from Leeds, where Mr. Barker resides, and where he has his printing establishment. A cold dinner was provided by Mr. Barker's family, in one of the large rooms of his warehouse, at which the principal guests, and a large number of visitors, sat down at various times. The simplicity of the repast, and the manners of the partakers of it, was very characteristic of the man who was the centre and object of the gathering, and the occasion of its taking place. But our friends will agree with us, that no circumstance could be so characteristic as this, that the boards on which dinner was spread were supported by piles of printed sheets,—that, in fact, the legs of the dinner-table were made of tracts.

Shortly after dinner, Dr. Bowring made his way, through the crowded yard and printshop, to the press, near the side of which he was mounted. He then put on the first sheet; Dr. Bateman took it off, and it was held up for exhibition, amid the cheers of those who were around, both inside and outside the building. The first sheet printed was the report of the committee, and the press continued for some time working off more impressions.

At the conclusion of this ceremony, Dr. Bowring was conducted into the yard, where he delivered a short and suitable address to the people; and was followed by Mr. Barker.

The weather was unfavourable, which prevented a longer out-door meeting; but Mr. Barker, and many of his friends, spoke, we understand, in the afternoon, at Wortley.

In the evening, at six o'clock, tea was provided in the Music-hall, Leeds. As many as could be accommodated sat down to tea, and this number was afterwards increased, by admission into the gallery, orchestra, and other vacant parts of the room, till it was quite full. There must have been about 700 persons present.—London Inquirer.

The Treasurer of the Montreal Unitarian Congregation thankfully acknowledges the receipt of the following sums from friends in Great Britain and Ireland, towards discharging the residue of debt on their church:—

From the British and Foreign Unitarian Association, £25 stig.  
From the Birmingham "Old Meeting" Fellowship Fund, £5 "  
Per Michael Andrews, Esq. of Ardoyne, Ireland, the following subscriptions:—  
John Cunningham, Esq., Belfast, £2;  
J. Danville, J. Young, J. G. Dunbar, J. Riddell, R. Neill, T. Corbett, R. Montgomery, Jas. Campbell, J. Gillis, G. T. Mitchell, M. Andrews, and J. Stevenson, Esqs., Belfast, R. Andrews, Esq., Dublin, H. Dunbar, J. Smith, and R. McClelland, Esqs., Banbridge, £1 each; J. Fisher, J. Gray, J. R. Newsam and A. Hunter, Esqs. Belfast, 10s. each, £20 "

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