

testant church in 518 inhabitants, and one minister in 692 inhabitants. From 1850 to 1886 the population increased 152 per cent., and the communicants 243 per cent. "What hath God wrought!" is the most appropriate comment on the preceding exhibits.

*The Book of Job.* With an Expository and Practical Commentary. By the late DANIEL CURRY, D.D., LL.D. Cloth, 8vo, pp. 302. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$2.00.

Few men have wielded a more vigorous and trenchant pen than the late Dr. Daniel Curry, so long and widely known as the editor of the New York *Christian Advocate*. This posthumous publication embodies the results of the best Biblical scholarship of the day on the most remarkable book of Old Testament poetry. The poem itself is given according to the Revised Version, and the Commentary is enriched with illustrations from some of the most eminent modern expositors. The work has been expressly prepared for those who use only their own vernacular English, and is an effort to give to ordinary readers the highest critical results of such scholar exegetes as Delitzsch, Ewald, Davidson and Cheyne. It is rather a compilation than the fruits of original research, yet the author's wide and varied reading, as well as his sound and confident scholarship, have given originality and freshness to his treatment. The introduction of over sixty pages and the careful analysis of the book are of immense value. Tried by the rules of literary criticism, the author thinks that the book must be admitted to be among the few great poems of the world, and as to its canonicity, it is among the sacred books "of whose authority there was never any doubt in the Church." In age, he assigns it to the school of Solomonite literature when "the prevailing thoughts of the people became reflective and practical." He emphasizes with remarkable clearness and force the

religious purpose of the book, and maintains that this is not affected by the question of the historical or non-historical character of the narrative, nor by that of the personality of Job. The commentary is thoroughly evangelical, and the general reader will find it everywhere intelligible and clear. It is right abreast of the times and a valuable contribution to exegesis. Nothing superficial or carelessly thought out was wont to fall from the pen of Daniel Curry, and in this volume he has sought to rightly interpret the Book of Job and its vital relations to the great system of Divine revelations and to Christ himself, the central figure of that system. The volume will well repay a thoughtful and careful perusal.—H. J.

*National Perils and Opportunities.*

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It was a happy thought to convene under the very shadow of the Capitol of the United States a convention of Christian workers of all the churches to discuss the perils that menace our modern civilization and the grandeur of the opportunities presented to conquer the world for Christ. Dr. Pierson, of Philadelphia, affirmed his opinion that no more important religious convention had taken place since the Council of Nice. However extravagant this may seem, many who were present at the meetings will defend it. The well-printed 8vo. volume before us of 417 pages contains a verbatim report of all the papers read and addresses delivered on that important occasion. Among which we may mention the following as of special importance:—Bishop Andrews, Address; Dr. Dorchester and Dr. McPherson, On The City as a Peril; Bishop Hurst and Dr. Pierson, on Estrangement from the Church; Bishop Coxe, on Ultra-