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THE TWO AGENCIES.

The subject of Christian perfection cannot be thoroughly considered without taking into account the not less difficult question of the union of the Divine and human agencies...

undervalue the truth, but we carry our theories too far. We want to apprehend the mode and method, as well as the terms and results. But God has not told us all about the mode of his work.

THE RELIGIOUS NEWSPAPER.

BY REV. JOHN HALL, D. D.

One must have lived out of America to estimate justly that peculiar American product—a religious weekly. There is no before me a unique volume, containing one or two issues of the "Banner," "Frumpets," "Herald," "Advocate," and "Messenger" of this Eastern side of America.

RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE OF PROFESSOR MORSE.

Professor S. F. B. Morse's spirit lingered until Wednesday, when the sorrowful announcement was despatched from every telegraph office over every electric line throughout the world.

INFLUENCE OF HYMNS.

How often has that wonderful hymn, "God moves in a mysterious way," written in the dim twilight of departing reason, beneath the cloud of approaching insanity, silver-lined with a glorious faith, quieted our hearts.

SPEECH OF DR. NAST.

The quarterly meeting of the Church Extension and Sunday-school Society of St. Louis was held on Sunday evening, April 7th, at Union Church.

THE MEETING FOR SOCIAL PRAYER.

Attend the prayer-meetings of the Church. Your pastor may be surprised to see you there, but it will be a glad surprise. It ought to be no surprise at all; for have you not solemnly consented to attend upon this means of grace?

of the royal house of Russia. At the Holy Communion of this church next ensuing, an occasion in which for domestic and personal reasons he felt an extraordinary interest, at the close of the service he approached me with more than usual warmth and pressure of the hand, and with a beaming countenance said, "O this is something better than standing before princes!" His piety had the simplicity of childhood. His household will never forget the purity and heartiness of his devotions.

When, last Christmas, his brother Sidney died, he began to die also. Through fear of exciting alarm and giving distress to his own household, he did not speak so much to them as to some others of his expected departure, but he used to say familiarly to some with whom he was ready to converse upon this subject, "I love to be studying the Guide Book of the country to which I am going; I wish to know more and more about it." A few days before his decease, in the privacy of his chamber, I spoke to him of the great goodness of God to him in his remarkable life. "Yes, yes," he said, "was the quick response—"The best part of it is yet to come." Spared more than eighty years, he saw none of the infirmities of age, in mind or body. His delicate taste, his love of the beautiful, his fondness for the fine arts, his sound judgment, his intellectual activities, his public spirit, his intense interest in all that concerned the welfare and the decoration of the city, his earnest advocacy of Christian liberty throughout the world, all continued unimpaired to the last.

With perfect health and the full possession of every faculty, urbane and courteous as you all knew him, there was no indelicacy of temper or manner such as sometimes befalls extreme age. Surrounded by a young family, he was their genial friend and companion as well as their benefactor. In particular, he gave the charms to home. In particular, he gave the charms to home.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE MINISTRY.

On this subject Henry Ward Beecher says good things finely:

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should be at the church prayer-meeting next week, there would be more happy and hopeful pastors than this country has seen in many a year, and a general conviction that the Lord is about to revive his work. Will you take pains to be there?

My young brother, let your voice be heard in that meeting. You may not be in the habit of speaking there, but it is time you were. The people may think it strange, but they will also think it right. Tears of joy will fill the eyes of older Christians. They will sympathize with you more than they have done; they will give you a more cordial grasp of the hand; they will pray for you more earnestly.

Meet with your companions, for prayer, that you may edify and encourage one another, and gain strength for the discharge of duty. Pray for the conversion of your impatient friends, not as a class merely, but individually, and persevere therein till the desired result is accomplished.

The greatest privilege you have on earth is that of seeking the salvation of your fellow-men. It is a triple blessed work, and you may all have a part in it. It is attended by rich and eternal rewards, and you may all share them.—Rev. David Peck, in The Advance.

Another important question arising in the estimating of the German Missionary work is, does it pay financially? The total Missionary appropriations by the American Church for the benefit of the German work from 1855 till now, amount to \$940,000.

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And as this cause comes up before the eyes of our rich men they will see a draft in the handwriting of Providence they must honour. These men must meet their obligations; there must be no trifling with God. We have the money; it is in the Church, and the love of Christ and the conviction of duty must bring it forth: we must carry out this work. If we do not do it it is a crime, and nothing short.—Bishop James.

There certainly is no distinction whatever, nor any cause for separation between American Methodism and German Methodism, except that it pleases God in one instance to save American souls by means of the English language, in the other the Germans through their mother tongue; otherwise the means, work, organization are identical, being comprised in the same General Conference and under superintendencies of the same bishops. The necessity for separate German annual conferences has arisen in course of time, in order to keep up the German itinerancy, and to more perfectly organize our forces for reaching the German masses.

There is one thing more. I do not think that any man has a right to become a Christian minister who is not willing and thankful to be the least of all God's servants, and to labour in the humblest sphere. If you would come into the Christian ministry, hoping to preach such a sermon as Robert Hall would have preached you are not fit to come in at all. If you have a deep sense of the sweetness of the service of Christ; if the blood of the redemption is really in your heart and in your soul; if you have tasted what gratitude means, and what love means, and if heaven is such a reality to you that all that lies between youth and manhood is but a step towards heaven; if you think that the saving of a single soul would be worth the work of your whole life, you have a call, and a very loud call, to the ministry; and along the line of humility, and love, and sympathy, and good sense, and natural aspirations towards God.

I recollect when I returned from the first revival in which I ever worked. I had been at Indianapolis between one and two years, and there had been no revival (and I had never been in one since I was a boy.) I went out to Bro. Jewett's call, from Indianapolis to Terre Haute; and I worked there three weeks in a revival, until my heart was on fire; and it rained a stream of prayer all the way home from Terre Haute to Indianapolis. It was like an Aurora Borealis, I have no doubt, ray upon ray, for that whole distance, if angels could have seen it. I was in that feeling all the way.

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