

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

The "Minutes" show that there are 22,000 Teachers and Sunday scholars within the bounds of our Conference. There is here sufficient force to demand more attention than it has yet received.

The history of modern organizations in all philanthropic and religious enterprises is sorely instructive. Engaged in a common work, men seek each other's acquaintance and opportunities for interchange of opinion.

We regard it as very desirable that measures should be perfected at the earliest season for bringing together as large a representation of our Sunday school workers as can be convened in a single city.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.—Several communications have reached us respecting the representation from Districts on the Committees published in our Annual Minutes.

Of the first matter reflected upon we have no knowledge whatever. It may safely be assumed—we have no hesitation in saying this—that any departure from the authorized arrangement, must have been the result of clerical oversight or misapprehension.

It is certain that Ministers have this matter entirely in their own hands. The Conference has every power; and the Ministers constitute the Conference. A discussion next year might do good.

YELLOW FEVER.—A most affecting telegram is published in the St. Louis Christian Advocate, from an active Methodist.

Correspondence.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

Having attempted some account of the meetings of the Alliance up to the close of the memorable meeting on Sunday evening, in the Academy of Music, it may now be desirable only to mention briefly the most eminent men, and subjects of special interest in the successive days of meeting.

PROF. CHRISTIE. Of the University of Bonn, Prussia. Probably no single paper during the entire conference produced so deep an impression upon the assembled audience. So general was the desire for another opportunity to listen to a production so masterly, that arrangements were made for a second reading in Madison Square church, when the gallery of one side was reserved for theological students from colleges in and around New York.

DR. ARNOT. Principal of the Boston University, who was next called upon, expressed a wish for an adjournment. The venerable President Woolsey could not see it in that light, and President Warren had no alternative but to take the meeting wrought up to the highest point of interest of which an audience can be capable.

DR. ARNOT. Of Edinburgh, read a paper on "Christian Life." Dr. Arnot is most sagacious and skillful expounder of scripture truth. He strikes us in appearance, in the fine combination of mental and moral qualities, as full-orbed complete man. In his exquisite skill of illustration, Dr. Arnot is perhaps not surpassed by any living preacher.

THE question of religious and secular education was committed chiefly to the REV. DR. HUGHES. Of London, Principal of the Westminster Training College, and a leading member of the London School Board.

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After a just and graceful tribute to the American pulpit, Dr. Parker remarked that no religious convention ever assembled in this country so memorable, and leaving so deep and abiding impression; though not an ecclesiastical body, issuing authoritative decisions, yet in the best sense (General), and its influence will be long felt by all departments of our Protestant Christianity.

Are very busy just now, and the list of their late publications and those promised, is unusually large. The Messrs. Harper & Brothers, have issued the "Bible, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Cyclopaedia, bringing the great work down alphabetically, to Mc.

A splendid edition of the entire works of Robert Leighton, D.D., Archbishop of Glasgow, is published by Messrs. Robert Carter & Bros., a work that every minister greatly desires, and in a cheap compact form, but elegantly printed and easy to the eye.

THE "Cross and the Crown," by James D. McCabe, Junr., and issued by Messrs. Jones, Brothers & Co., Philadelphia, is a work of great merit, and cannot fail to interest and profit all who read it.

LETTER FROM THE UNITED STATES. Our Annual Conferences have nearly all closed their sessions for the season, and the reports presented of the state of the work, are most encouraging.

OUR CAMP-MEETINGS. Have been seasons of remarkable interest, attended with an unusual amount of the Divine blessing. Some have feared they were losing their spiritual power, on account of their becoming places of summer resort.

FULTON STREET PRAYER-MEETING. This meeting known world-wide, celebrated its sixteenth anniversary on the 25th inst. The exercises were held in the North Reformed Dutch Church, Fulton Street, New York, and were of thrilling interest.

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OF spiritual life and Prosperity, we mourn to record there is but little that is encouraging to say. Our beloved circuit has seen brighter days. The day was, in the vast past, when God seemed to His spirit upon it. When the walls of the sanctuary re-echoed the glad thanksgiving of pardoned souls.

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up to new preaching places with encouraging signs of success. Yet the chief support of our hope and labor was the promise of God,—"In due season ye shall reap if ye faint not."

A brighter prospect has crowned the opening of the present year. On resuming circuit duty, we lost no time in fulfilling a promise made to our people when they invited us back, viz: that we should seek an effort to repair the church.

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to an independent condition. Our numbers are small. There is one difficulty with this circuit, one of the largest Methodist congregations is twenty-five miles from any other preaching place, and geographically, some change ought to be made.

Yours, ERWIN MILLS. Havelock, Oct. 9, 1873.

Miscellaneous.

SIGNOR SCIARELLI.

That remarkable converted monk, Sciarelli, is thus reported. The speech was at Exeter Hall:—

Signor Sciarelli (of Rome), who was received with loud applause (the Rev. T. W. S. Jones acting as interpreter), sounded the resolution, and said thirteen years ago he could not have thought for one moment that he would be permitted to address you here.

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Weekly, while doing justice to the value of the work upon the horse, just prepared and published from the pen of Rev. W. H. H. Murray, protests with kind earnestness against the assumed propriety of a minister of the gospel connecting such a study, and its necessary incidents, with his professional duties. He says, and his suggestion have a wider than the present application:—

"Mr. Murray's book we take simply as a text. It is the last fruit of that false philosophy which represents that the minister is to deal with all topics, from the development of a perfect farm, up to the cultivation of a perfect farm, up to the conversion of sinners and the sanctification of saints. We accordingly have ministers editing newspapers, writing secular books, teaching in academies, and attempting to teach science, and, as the last development, breeding and teaching hogs to breed perfect hogs. And, meanwhile, they are crying out, no one louder or more emphatically than Mr. Murray, that the pulpit is being diverted from its proper office, and is diverting its power. It is diverting away its power. The stream that was powerful when it flowed in a single channel, loses its force when it spreads out in the delta into half a dozen. . . .

"The world now awards a certain meed of admiration, if not praise, to the erratic, brilliant, and versatile man, who preaches on Sunday, lectures throughout the week, and breeds and trains horses meanwhile. But when we render up our accounts at the last, it will not be strange if the higher place shall be given to the patient, toiling, self-denying, unobtrusive man, who has given themselves up to the one work of bringing each soul within their influence unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; and who, whether their work were with pen or with voice, on the pulpit, on the platform, or through the newspaper and the book, knew, alike as the end and instrument of their ministry, nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

The Christian Union thus speaks of the great educational institution which is under the fostering care of Methodists in Boston:—

Ever since 1809 there has been quietly growing up in Boston, and bearing the name of that city, a university which, with its late endowment and present enlightened management, seems likely to become something great and good. The method of going to work to found this university has been a novelty for this country. The usual method is to make a vast outlay on land and brick and wood, and spend the first energies of the establishment on mere tasks of architecture and house furnishing. The purpose of the corporators of Boston University was not the establishment of a college in the ordinary sense of that term, but the formation of a group of colleges, and post-collegiate schools, in which, in process of time, all forms of higher professional and general education might be conferred. It is intended to organize at least a dozen distinct colleges and professional schools, with as many distinct faculties. Of these, seven have already been established, which are located as follows: School of Theology, 36 Bromfield street; School of Law, 18 Beacon street; School of Medicine, East Concord street; School of Oratory, 18 Beacon street; College of Education, 18 Beacon street; School of Art, East Concord street; School of Music, East Concord street.

Ir Papists in this country are satisfied with the progress of Iomanism, the so-called representative of Peter at Rome takes a despondent view of encroachments which Bible collectors and Christian teachers are making upon his dominions. Hear him:—

We did not fail, O Romans, when a fitting occasion offered itself, to warn you of the snare which the Protestants were spreading for your faith, but now that, with grief of our soul, we see the poison of heresy more and more spread and diffused in the Holy City, we raise our voice, not only by the aid of the press, but by your personal command received from the Holy Father, and in the name and with the words of our Lord Jesus Christ that eternal pastor of our souls, we exhort you to beware of false prophets, who come to you in lambs' clothing, but inside are ravening wolves. We have a hypothetical larva in that specious name of Evangelium which Protestants give themselves and their conveniences? And what but a lying appearance is that faith which they so much exalt, and pretend is alone sufficient to justify men and lead them to salvation? They do wrong to call themselves followers of the gospel who falsify it according to their fancy.

The N. W. Advocate is disposed to apply the whip upon the man who twists the cords and suggests the mode of using it. The infliction must be severe; but great prudence is required in any case when laying down a line of conduct for others:—

Are we to look for the retirement of Dr. Curry from the New York Advocate? In two or three latest numbers of the Advocate he has given us some ominous articles touching the appropriate aid and decisive instructions to be derived from the cares and responsibilities of official duty. He quotes examples of such retirement with great approbation, and shows forcible reasons for such resignation. It is true that he applies this rule with great politeness to our elder bishops. But then, as Dr. Curry's age differs we believe, but a few months from that of our oldest retired bishop, we are obliged to infer, from Dr. Curry's known uncompromising consistency, that this is but a modest intimation of his intended application of the rule to his own case. This vacating the chair will greatly diminish the force of our editorial correspondence. We shall try to furnish an eloquent and pathetic obituary over his official demise. We shall also be obliged to order a new list of exclamation-points to mark our admiration of this lofty act of self-abnegation—when it takes place.