

by the society shall be the "Authorized Version." On the publication of the New Testament, the desirableness of so modifying this rule as to admit of the new version being circulated concurrently with the old, will be considered; and it is probable that the Committee may shortly deem it necessary to call a special general meeting of the society for that purpose.

It is refreshing to read the following account of the improvement in Sabbath observances in Washington:—"A Sabbath in Washington is now more quiet and orderly than in the largest New England towns. All public buildings are closed, and the public business is wholly suspended. Stores, barber shops, and drinking saloons are closed. Cigar and periodical stands are only open to a limited extent. Hotel bars, as well as all others, are closed, though a few of all classes are accessible. * * * Hacks do not stand in the streets. A theatrical performance would be an impossibility. In short, so far as is possible, there is complete outward respect to the Sabbath in the administration of the national and municipal governments, and this occasions no complaints * * * There is no city in the land where there is more general attendance upon religious worship. It is a respectable thing to attend church on the Sabbath in Washington. The congregations are large, and the churches are well sustained. Public men attend in large numbers." It is stated that every member of president Garfield's cabinet is a regular church goer.

A distinguished Physician of New York says of the liquor traffic:—"The burden it imposes upon capital, upon labour, upon physical health, upon police and courts of justice, and upon the general morals of the people, is so grievous that *what to do* comes to the front as the most pressing social question of the age. Political economy and statesmanship must seek some solution. It is too enormous an interference with the well-being of society to be passed lightly by. It involves too much for the nation to be passed over to the care of temperance societies and philanthropists." The required solution of the vexed question will be found in nothing short of legislative *prohibition*.

"One of the most successful missions of modern times is that of the United Presbyterian Church of America to the *Copts*, in Egypt. There are now numbers of small churches of native converts scattered along the banks of the Nile, reaching to Upper Egypt. These are, in many cases, self-supporting—devoted to the scriptural education of the young, and of a fine missionary spirit. Not unfrequently the singularly cheering occurrence is witnessed of a meeting of presbytery being held, of which the moderator and clerk, and all the other constituent members, are native Egyptians, and the proceedings are conducted, and the records are written, in the Arabic or the ancient Coptic language."—*Dr. Houston*.