

MELANCTHON'S HYMN.

DE ANGELOIN SATHURON.

To God let all the human race
Bring humble worship mixt with grace,
Who makes His love and wisdom known
By angels that surround His throne.

These angels, whom Thy breath inspires,
Thy ministers, are flaming fires,
And swift as thought their armies move,
To bear Thy vengeance or Thy love.

They joy to obey Thy blessed will;
They love to increase their knowledge still;
They always serve the Lord their Rock,
In keeping guard around Thy flock.

O Lord, we'll bless Thee all our days;
Our soul shall glory in thy grace;
Thy praise shall dwell upon our tongues,
All saints and angels join our songs.

(Translation of J. C. Jacobi, 1722).

SHOULD STUDENTS USE TOBACCO?

If the student wishes to increase his weight, height, chest girth, and lung capacity, and presumably, therefore, his general health and his ability to do his work properly, he certainly will not use tobacco, if he heeds *Modern Medicine*, which publishes the following remarks on the use of tobacco in American colleges. It says:

"A crusade against the use of tobacco has recently been started in a number of our American universities. It is a recognized fact that tobacco when taken into the system in any form, is injurious not only to the physical health, but to the intellectual development as well. The results obtained in schools where the use of tobacco has been discarded are very encouraging, and show clearly the harmful effect which this obnoxious weed has upon the system. It is gratifying to note that some of the best colleges of our country have taken a decided stand against its use by their students. The Boston University has issued an ordinance that those students who are unwilling to forego the use of tobacco while within the precincts of the university will have their fees returned, and their names taken from the books. The Ohio Wesleyan University has made a rule forbidding its students to use tobacco in any form, and other universities have made similar ordinances."

That this opposition to the use of tobacco by the lad who is growing both in body and mind is solidly founded on observation the following facts are held to show:

"In some of the higher educational institutions of this country attempts have been made to obtain statistics as to the effects of tobacco on the academic youth. In 1891 the official physician of Yale published the results of observations on the undergraduates of that university. In a class of one hundred and forty-seven students, he found that in four years seventy-seven who did not use tobacco surpassed the seventy who did use it to the extent of 10.4 per cent. in increase of weight, twenty-four per cent. in increase of height, and 26.7 per cent. in increase of chest girth. The most marked difference was, however, in point of lung capacity, the abstainers showing an average gain of 77.5 per cent. more than smokers or chewers. Among the undergraduates at Amherst it was found that during the four years the abstainers from tobacco gained twenty-four per cent. in weight, thirty-seven per cent. in height, forty-two per cent. in chest girth, and seventy-five per cent. in lung capacity over those using tobacco."

LYMAN ABBOTT AND TOM PAINE.

The language used by Dr. Lyman Abbott to express his view of the Book of Jonah is so near akin to that of Thomas Paine that we are led to wonder whether it is a case of remarkable coincidence or of teacher and pupil. We present the two (!) views in parallel form that that the similarity may be the more readily seen.

LYMAN ABBOTT.

The Book of Jonah
" . . . was written as
a piece of satirical fiction, to
satirize the narrowness of
certain Jewish prophets."

THOMAS PAINE.

"It is more probable . . .
that it has been written as a
fable to expose the nonsense
and satirize the vicious and
malignant character of a Bible
prophet or a malignant priest."

The Cincinnati Commercial Tribune expresses its view in the following words:—"When we compare this opinion with that of the Rev. Doctor Abbott, above printed, we are forced to the conclusion that Mr. Paine, in so accurately anticipating not only the views, but even the language, of a clergyman who was to come one hundred years after him, laid the foundation for one of the most marvellous coincidences on record. We cannot conceive how Thomas Paine could have reflected Dr. Abbott's ideas with such extraordinary accuracy."

An Ohio pastor says: "It is a pity that a church has to find out in what class its pastor is, after he gets into the pulpit. Robert G. Ingersoll more reverently stays outside, and says about the same thing. He applauds the Plymouth critic."

All this is interesting, and meanwhile, Dr. Abbott's magazine, the *Outlook*, complains of the criticisms of the "self-appointed defenders of the truth," perhaps the unkindest cut of all, for Congregationalism recognizes the parity of the ministry, and there is no reason to suppose that his warrant to kill Jonah and harpoon the fish that swallowed him is of any higher order than that of ministers who protest against such iconoclasm.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE BHEELS.

To the Editor Presbyterian Review.

Dear Mr. Editor:—With regard to the \$5000 required for making a successful beginning among the Bheels the following portion of a letter reveals something of the indebtedness of this work to the good services of the REVIEW:—"I have just read in the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW an account of the work you are about to undertake in Central India, of building homes for the destitute children. I would like to take at least one share of \$200."

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I desire gratefully to acknowledge the following additional sums toward the Bheel Mission:—

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Total..... \$340 34
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My Permanent address is Galt, Box 42

Yours very sincerely,
J. BUCHANAN.

Editor Presbyterian Review.

DEAR SIR,—Your recent editorial anent our Sabbath school Committee and publications, issued by the convener was timely. Although I am a member of the General Assembly and Sabbath school Committee, and was at the last General Assembly placed on the Sub Committee then appointed to look into the whole matter, no copy of the circular recently sent out, and to which your editorial referred, had been received by me, and I have to thank a friend for a sight of a copy which enables me more clearly to see the position in which the convener is placed. I do so finance. At the last Assembly, as any one may see by referring to the (appendix No. 21—pp. 2 and 3) of minutes of Assembly—the convener reported a shortage of \$1,400. To-day, or at close of Dec., 1896, he reports a net deficiency of \$3,200, this is \$1,800 worse than last year, notwithstanding the fact that the contributions from the Sabbath school children have amounted to \$2,500, nearly all of which has been applied to the reduction of the deficiency. The Sub Committee appointed to look into matters at last General Assembly found that it would take \$5,000 to enable the convener to pay off floating debt and retire notes of hand which were out, these chiefly signed by himself and which were necessary to provide means to carry on the work. Now I submit that in all probability, at least \$6,000 will be necessary this year.

II. As to Publications. It is true many are asking the question "Why not make some arrangement with the Presbyterian Board by which we might have a Canadian editor of Westminster Lesson Helps?"—This is a pertinent question, seeing such a proposal was submitted by the Board at the last General Assembly, an arrangement whereby the Board offered to pay a Canadian editor, give special edition for Canada, and on such a basis as would have ensured the Committee a profit on their whole business, this profit would in time have wiped out the deficiency which had already