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CHURCH WORK.

Our churches should ever remember that their first and highest work is to save perishing men. The unconverted world is in darkness; the church should be a light unto the world.

Do we not sometimes make mistakes in giving too much time and effort to discussing and refuting the skepticism of the day, and too little time and effort in direct work for winning souls for Christ?

More than half a century ago many evangelical christians in the New England States were filled with fear because of the apparent growth of Unitarianism and Universalism in Massachusetts, and in the adjacent parts of the country.

Dr. Beecher marched upon the enemy, by preaching Christ, by seeking the conversion of souls, and by awakening in his own church, and in the evangelical churches in Boston and in the vicinity, the spirit of revival.

The best argument against the antagonistic forces of the day is a living, working church. The converted man in whose heart there dwells the love of Christ, and whose life exhibits that love, possesses a power against which no skepticism can prevail.

There seems to be a great difference of opinion in reference to affairs in Ireland. It is difficult to know just what to believe about that country.

It is probable that a half-dozen bishops will be elected at the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States which is to be held in May next.

The Thanksgiving Fund of the British Conference progresses very favorably. The most sanguine expectations of its best friends are likely to be realized.

A friend asks us to call attention to the Prayer Meeting held at 7:30 on each Sabbath evening, in Salem Church.

A Presbyterian minister, in Scotland, in preaching, recently, about the Tay disaster, took occasion to speak of God's law concerning the Sabbath day.

In the time of Jeremiah, and in other periods, when God's servants demanded that the people should recognize and observe the divine commandments, and when they denounced the transgressors, many of the people were wont to take up stones, and stone the Lord's ambassador.

Bishop Gilbert Haven possessed those peculiar qualities of mind and heart which are sure to attract attention, and to beget esteem upon the one hand, and upon the other hand envy and enmity.

James E. DeMille, Esq., Professor in Dalhousie College, Halifax, died at his residence in this city, on Wednesday morning. He had been ill but a very few days, of congestion of the lungs.

LITTLE'S LIVING AGE.—The number of The Living Age for the week ending Jan. 24th, has the following noteworthy contents: The Functions of the Brain, by Dr. Julius Althaus, Nineteenth Century; He that Will not when he May, by Mrs. Oliphant, advance sheets; Rudha's First Sermon, Fortnightly Review; Bush-Life in Queensland, Blackwood; Adam and Eve, by the author of "Dorothy Fox," advance sheets; The Ticknor Library, Boston, Saturday Review; The Animal Heat of Fishes, Nature; Irresolution, Saturday Review; A Feast in Triangulation, Nature, and the usual amount of choice poetry, etc.

The two serial stories above mentioned, one by Mrs. Oliphant, and the other by the author of "Dorothy Fox," have been recently begun, and the publishers present to new subscribers for 1880 the six numbers of 1879 which contain the opening chapter of both serials.

For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year), the subscription price (\$1) is low; while for \$10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American \$4 monthlies or weeklies with The Living Age for a year, including the extra numbers of the latter, both post-paid.

McCLINTOCK AND STRONG'S CYCLOPEDIA.

EIGHTH VOLUME.

This great work is slowly approaching its completion. The ninth volume is already in the press, the tenth will complete the alphabet, and the necrology and other matters which have accrued during the progress of the work will be published in a supplementary volume or volumes.

Since the death of Dr. McClintock, March 4th, 1870, the supervision of the entire work has fallen upon Dr. Strong. For the Biblical department he is wholly responsible; in the remaining fields covered by the Cyclopaedia, he has numerous and able co-workers of different denominations and churches.

The eighth volume—recently published—exhibits the same accurate scholarship and patient investigation of which the former volumes were the products. In the Biblical articles, the editor has availed himself (with acknowledgements) of the most valuable matter in Winer's, Smith's, Fairbairn's, and Kitto's Dictionaries, supplemented by the results of his own life-long study and personal observation in the Bible lands.

Professor Worman, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been heretofore a large contributor to the non-Biblical department. His fulness and accuracy, the product of his German diligence, have been referred to by the editor in the prefaces of preceding volumes.

Dr. B. Pick, of Rochester, N. Y., contributes several articles in Jewish literature and biography, in German ecclesiastical biography, on various editions, revisions, and versions of the Old Testament, and especially on the Quotations from the Old Testament in the Talmud (3 pp.).

Professor George F. Holmes, of the University of Virginia, writes most of the philosophical articles: e. g., Plato, 10 pages; Platonic Philosophy, 6 1-2; Plotinus, 5; Polignac, 3 1-12; Positivism, 2 1-2; Pythagoras, 4 1-2; and Realism, 3 1-2. The influence philosophical systems have had, and are still having, upon Christian thought, is a sufficient justification for the liberal space allotted to these topics in the Cyclopaedia.

Dr. Kidder, of Drew Theological Seminary, contributes the articles on Polity, (Church,) Preaching, and Pulpit Eloquence, 5 3-4 pages.

The venerable Dr. T. D. Woolsey, late President of Yale College, furnishes a valuable and learned article on Polytheism, 11 pages.

Prof. A. J. Schem, who has heretofore written many of the articles relating to the Roman Catholic Church, continues his series. In the present volume we notice those on Pope, 8 pages, and The Reformation, 16.

Dr. Lyman Coleman, of Lafayette College, author of "Antiquities of the Church," "The Apostolic and Primitive Church," "Historical Geography of the Bible," &c., writes an article on Prelacy. The articles on John Pordage, and Rationalism, 4 3-4, are by the late Prof. John P. Lacroix, of Ohio Wesleyan University, whose recent premature death is a great loss to Methodist literature and scholarship.

Dr. James Porter, well known in Methodist circles, contributes the article on Revivals; and the Rev. S. H. Platt, A.M., an excellent and carefully prepared article on Providence, 4 1-2 pages.

The Church Articles are especially full and satisfactory—furnished for the most part by representative men of each church. That on Presbyterian Churches includes

33 1-2 pages, with supplementary articles on Presbyterianism by the late Dr. Gillett, of N. Y., and on the Presbyterians.

The Protestant Episcopal Church, 19 1-2, by Prof. J. A. Spencer, of the University of the city of New York; the Reformed Episcopal Church, 5 pages by Dr. J. Howard Smith; the Reformed (Dutch) Church, 10 1-2, by Dr. W. J. R. Taylor; the Reformed Presbyterian church, by the Rev. R. Hutcheson, who also writes an excellent article on Religion, Primitive, 4 1-2; the Primitive Methodist Church, and the Protestant Episcopal Church of Ireland, by Rev. George C. Jones. The article by Dr. Spencer has been widely criticised for its comical definition—"This is the legal title of that portion of the Church of Christ which has its legal habitation in the United States of America," p. 669, and for its other assertions tinged with High Church exclusiveness and assumption, which compel the editor, in one or two instances, to call attention in the notes to the fact that there is also another side to look at (see pp. 675, 686).

An able and scholarly article by Prof. Alexander Winchell, on Preadamite, discussing affirmatively the question of the existence of man before Adam, and considering also the Prehistoric races in general, occupies nine pages. The editor, who strongly discredits the conclusions of Dr. Winchell, as to Preadamite man, footnotes the article with counterfactuals and cautions.

Before closing, I wish to call attention to an original and suggestive treatment, by Dr. Strong, of Comparative Philology. This is a recent science, but one of great value, for its incidental corroboration of the Mosaic history. The article in question (which appeared originally in the "Methodist Quarterly Review," July, 1865, p. 480, to which "Review" Dr. Strong has contributed the results of some of the most valuable investigations) touches points of deep interest to the student; and especially the student of Greek and Hebrew, will find here suggestions which will open his eyes to further searches and discoveries. We quote the conclusion:—"We hope we have said enough to illustrate our proposition that these two lingual families [The Shemitic and Indo-European], and especially their two chiefly interesting representatives [the Hebrew and the Greek], which, widely variant as they are in age, culture, flexibility, and genius, yet by a remarkable Providence have been brought together in the only revelation written for man—have no ordinary or casual points of resemblance."—p. 122.

ALFRED FAULKNER. Cyclopaedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature. Prepared by the Rev. John McClintock, A.M., and James Strong, A. B., Vol. VIII.—Part II. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1879, 8vo., pp. v., 1086.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for February is as rich in illustration and as varied and entertaining in its reading-matter as any number that has ever been issued. For massive strength, Blackmore's new novel, "Mary Anerley," deserves first mention. In every quality that marks a great novel this is the most remarkable serial now in course of publication here or abroad.

The illustrated articles cover a wide range of subjects. Howard Pyle writes and illustrates "Bartram and his Garden"—an interesting sketch of an American Quaker botanist of a hundred years ago, whom, Linnæus pronounced the greatest of the then living natural botanists. The Rev. B. F. DeCosta contributes a humorous article on "Foreign Tips," which furnishes motives for eight characteristic pictures by Reinhart. Mrs. J. W. Davis describes "A Famous Breviary"—the priceless gem among the art-treasures of the ducal palace in Venice—decorated with paintings by Memling, Van der Meire, Hugh d'Anvers, and Lissen de Gand. Reproductions in wood-engraving of seven of the most striking of these pictures are given. One of the most interesting articles that has ever been written about General Washington is that contributed to this number by Wm. F. Carne, treating of "Washington as a Burgher," i. e., in his relations with his fellow townsmen of Alexandria. The illustrations, a number of which are drawn by Frank Mayer, are exceedingly interesting. The Hon John Bigelow contributes an illustrated paper entitled "A Visit to San Marino," from which it would appear that the title of "republic," as applied to this province of Italy, is a misnomer. A. B. Allen contributes an illustrated description of the "Percheron and Norman Horse," to the breeding of which so much attention has recently been given in this country. A. A. Hayes, Jr., contributes his series of Colorado papers, with an entertaining description of the mining districts of that state, with twelve excellent illustrations by Rogers. The Right-Rev. Arthur Cleveland Coxe contributes a poem entitled "The Drop-Star," an Indian legend of Lake Koyuth, in New York, which is beautifully illustrated by Reinhart.

A timely musical contribution to this number is the paper on Hector Berlioz, by Emily Royall. Among the poems in the number is one by James T. Fields, in his best vein, entitled "A Lover's Peril."

Now that Mr. Linton has had his say" about wood engraving in a recent Magazine article, and his still more recent book, "Practical Hints on Wood-engraving," the reader (especially the reader of illustrated magazines) will peruse with eager interest an article in this Number entitled "A Symposium on Wood-engraving" in which some of the most distinguished engravers of this country are given a hearing. The article consists of reports of conversation with A. V. S. Anthony, T. Cole, John P. Davis, Frederick Juengling, R. A. Muller, John Tinkey, and Henry Wolf.

TEMPERANCE JEWELS—A new collection of Temperance, Reform and Gospel Songs, Duets, Quartets, Solos and Choruses: By J. H. Tenney and Rev. E. A. Hoffman, OLIVER DITSON & CO., Publishers, Boston, Mass.

Temperance musical literature has not, on the whole, attained a high rank; perhaps because of the homely subjects, on which poets do not care to sing. In this book however, everything seems to be of a high order, and the words are full of encouragement to the reformed and the reformers.

"In God we trust! He is our sure defence, He shields us with his own omnipotence, In God we trust!"

"Hallelujah! raise a song, For the triumph over wrong!"

As there are ninety songs, we might give ninety extracts like the above, and all good. The music also is throughout well made and appropriate.

Thirty cents sent to the publishers, will bring a specimen copy.

We would call the attention of those of our readers who contemplate purchasing Seeds or Plants during the coming season, to the advertisement of Peter Henderson & Co., New York, now appearing in our columns. Peter Henderson, the senior member of the firm, is known far and wide as a horticultural writer and authority. His books "Gardening for Profit," "Practical Floriculture," and "Gardening for Pleasure," are now in the hands of thousands. The Green-house establishment of this firm covers three acres in green-houses and employs upwards of fifty hands. Millions of plants are shipped by mail or express annually to every State and Territory. Their seed warehouse is the most extensive in the city of New York, and every order received is certain to be filled with goods of the best quality, and as they are producers as well as dealers, "everything for the Garden" will be sold at low rates.

In the North American Review for February the first article is by Cardinal Manning, and treats of the relations of the Roman Catholic Church to modern society. The eminent author does not undertake to discuss the broad question of the relations of the Church to the State in general—whether the one is subordinate to the other—but simply essays to determine "what can be and what ought to be the relations between the Church in the nineteenth century and the political society of the world in the nineteenth century." Cardinal Manning is perhaps the most uncompromising champion of Papal prerogative in the whole English-speaking world, and this candid and able exposition of the principles actuating the politico-ecclesiastical practice of Rome will be read with profit both by her friends and by her opponents. Ex-Senator Howe contributes a pungent article entitled, "The Third Term." He turns to ridicule the fears that have been expressed by sundry organs of popular opinion, lest by electing Gen. Grant to a third term of office our republican institutions should be overturned, and "the empire" established. The article is essentially an effort to show that in the "Springer Resolution," adopted by the House of Representatives at Washington in 1875, which denounced as dangerous to our free institutions any departure from the precedent set by Washington when he declined a third term in the presidency, are comprised "a grave indictment of the Federal Constitution, a gross libel upon its framers a base counterfeit of our political history, and a wanton insult to our common sense." Rear Admiral Daniel Ammen makes a very effective reply to M. de Lesseps' article on the American Inter-oceanic Canal. The advantages of a canal with locks over a canal à niveau are pointed out, and the French engineer's objection to a locked canal shown to be futile. George Augustus Sala contributes an entertaining article entitled "Now and then in America," "now" being this present year of grace, and "then" 1863, the third year of our Civil War. "The Emancipation Proclamation," by James C. Welling, is a calm judicial review of the crowning act of President Lincoln's administration. The considerations which forced Mr. Lincoln to issue that memorable proclamation are convincingly set forth. The author further more learnedly discusses the legal effect of the proclamation its constitutionality, etc. In his opinion the validity of the edict was not derived from law or constitution: the act "moved above law in the plane of statesmanship" it was a coup d'état, and its justification is to be found in its end, which was the *salus populi*. The book notices of this number of the Review are from the pen of M. W. Hazeltine.

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

GENERAL CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS. The following sums have been received since last acknowledgment: Amount previously acknowledged \$41 00 Lockport 0 75 Port Mouton 1 25 Southamton 0 50 Windsor 3 40 Halifax, North 13 25 \$50 10 Twenty-five circuits have reported and paid collections for this Fund. The remaining fifty-six circuits—will please do the same immediately. S. F. HUESTIS, Treasurer. January 29, '80.

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MR. EDITOR.—In the amount received from... cuts for the "Extens... amount from Musquod... cated, owing no doubt, t... cal error. Will you please... quodabout (Middle) pleas... of ministerial subscrip... first instalment of \$31 ha... warded, according to the... Missionary Secretary. We have held two of... sionary Meetings, and ab... last year. We hope to go... Spiritually, the society a... former years. We have... series of Cottage prayer... Bible readings, which w... blessed by God. We also... services at Meagher's Gra... labor on, sometimes... other times dependent; i... in Israel's God.