

glory of the learned to become correctors of the press. Physicians, Lawyers, and Bishops themselves occupied this department. The printers frequently added to their own names, the name or names of the corrector of the press: and an edition was more or less valued according to the known abilities of the Corrector.

In the productions of early printing, are found various splendid editions of Primers, or Prayer Books.

They were furnished with cuts, many of which were highly ridiculous and disgusting. In one of them, an angel is represented crowning the Virgin Mary and God the Father himself assisting at the ceremony. In a book of Natural History, the Supreme Being is represented as reading on the seventh day, when he rested from his works. Sometimes St. Michael is seen overcoming Satan, and sometimes St. Anthony appears attacked by various Devils of most hideous forms.

The Prayer of Salisbury printed in 1533 is full of cuts and at the bottom of the title page there is the following remarkable prayer.

God be in my Bedde
And in my understandinge
God be in my eyes
And in my looke
God be in my mouth
And in my spekinge
God be in my herte
And in my thinkinge
God be in my ende
And in my departyng.

W. W.

TO THE YOUNG :

For the Wesleyan.

EARLY piety is so valuable, many proofs of which we have recorded in the sacred writings and presented in the experience of thousands both of the church militant and church triumphant, I hope it requires no apology to recommend to you its practice. I shall therefore observe, that the exceedingly favourable circumstances, of a temporal and religious nature, in which you are placed, call loudly upon you to surrender your hearts to God, the author of all your blessings. In addition to many bodily comforts, you are favoured with kind, and in many instances, pious parents, the privileges of the Christian dispensation, and with Sabbath School advantages.—You are blessed, in common with the rest of Mankind, with an interest in the intercessions of Christ, and with an influence with the Holy Spirit, and, indeed with every means, both primary and subordinate, necessary to your salvation. You are therefore placed under the strongest obligations to profit by all those favours and to “remember your Creator in the days of your youth.” ‘Tis true the world exhibits its fascinating charms to allure you into the paths of folly and of evil: it promises much of peace and enjoyment; and your own hearts suggest that you are too young to abandon the amusements of life and become decidedly pious. But, as to the capabilities of the world to supply happiness, let the experience of the “Wise Man” decide: he tells you, and all, after the most diligent and comprehensive search for peace in worldly enjoyments, that “all is vanity and vexation of spirit.” In corroboration of this, I quote the well known language of the Poet,—

“Lean not on earth, ’twill pierce thee to the heart;
A broken reed at best;—but oft a spear.
On its sharp point, peace bleeds and hope expires.”

As to your being too young to abandon the deceitful allurements of the world and to embrace religion, I ask you, to visit the grave-yards, and see if there be not many moul-

dering there in the silent tomb, whose ages exceeded ~~not~~ yours, who were called away in the bloom of life, whose suns went down ere it was noon. And do not these things teach you that you are not too young to die? if not too young to die, you are not too young to become pious; for religion is as necessary to your present and eternal happiness, as it is to the man of riper years.—Let then these few observations draw your attention to the most important of all subjects—your personal devotedness to God: and let neither fear nor shame prevent you from at once complying with the demand of your Maker, when he says to each of you, “My son give me thy heart.”

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A FRIEND TO YOUTH.

THE WESLEYAN.

THE following extract is taken from the Editor's Preface of the Wesleyan Methodist Magazine, for 1837.—it shows the principle by which he is governed:—

“It has been his study, in the examination of all works that have been noticed, whether briefly or more fully, to apply the great principles of revealed truth. This department will still be conducted with the honesty and care which are demanded, in all attempts to direct the opinions of others; and, as far as possible, what have been called the thorny paths of controversy will be avoided. When, however, the interests of religion require it, the Editor will not shrink from polemic engagements. What occasions for them may arise during the approaching year, it is impossible to foresee. He will rejoice if his path be altogether a pacific one; but he trusts he shall never be found *slumbering at his post*, when revealed religion has to be defended against open or covert infidelity; catholic christianity against sectarian bigotry and exclusiveness; the saving truth of God, and the necessity of a right belief in it, against a *plausible*, but *spurious* and *destructive liberality*; on the truth and value of Protestantism against the insidious advances of Popery. With other christian denominations he desires to be at peace; nor will every instance of an unfriendly spirit, from whatever quarter it may come, be permitted to provoke animadversion: but, believing the Wesleyan societies to form an integral portion of the catholic church of Christ, mercifully acknowledged to be so by the presence and blessing of its great and ever-living Head, he will not be backward, on all proper occasions, in the assertion of their independence, the defence of their doctrines and discipline, the vindication of their character, and the maintenance of their Christian rights.”

GENERAL AND LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

ENGLISH DATES have been brought down to April 24, by arrivals since our last. These contain very little additional of general interest. Meetings for the abolition of the Apprenticeship system, into which West Indian Slavery had been commuted, still occupied prominent positions, among British transactions. Public dinners to political leaders seem the next topic of interest. Sir R. Peel, and Sir F. Burdett, were causing much excitement, in this manner.

THE chief American item, since the publication of our last No., is the destruction of a public building in Philadelphia, by the populace. The building was called the Pennsylvania Hall; it had been recently erected, and was intended for purposes of public discussion

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