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PERSONAL CONTACT.

He who has ends, and particularly good ends, to gain with his fellow men, will find their accomplishment greatly facilitated by coming into personal contact with men.

Here, doubtless, is a great secret of power. Great geniuses may be powerful without it, but plain men, when they are possessed of good, social qualities, and of judgment in using them, rival them in their practical, working influence upon their fellow men.

It may benefit this feeble band of disciples. It is possible that something may be laid up in store by some friend of the cause of Christ for such a crisis in the history of a struggling little church. The enterprise seems so important that we cannot think of relinquishing it.

ANOTHER DISASTER IN IOWA.

We give below a letter from Rev. G. E. Delavan, an esteemed brother in Iowa, containing the very painful intelligence of the destruction of the unfinished church edifice which his people, with great effort, were erecting in Wyoming.

Wyoming, Iowa, September 24th, 1860. Messrs. Editors.—At six o'clock last evening, in a severe gale, the walls of our beautiful church edifice in process of erection and ready for the roof, were blown to the ground.

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One of these distinguished German theologians is dead, the other has recently celebrated the jubilee or fiftieth anniversary of his activity as an academic teacher, at the age of seventy-three.

Christian reader, ministerial brother, cultivate this bold, frank form of religion. Learn this noble art, so often perverted to base purposes, of acting personally upon your fellow-man for good.

We are happy to announce the return of our esteemed and beloved ministerial brother and co-laborer, Rev. Dr. Jenkins, from his European tour.

Dr. Jenkins was warmly welcomed in the Sanson Street prayer-meeting on Thursday. Rev. Mr. Chambers, with that spontaneous cordiality so natural to him, extended a warm welcome to the returned brother, whom he unpromptly saw before him, and led in a prayer of thanksgiving.

ANNUAL CONCERT OF PRAYER.

The Second Annual Concert of Prayer for the Unity of the Spirit was held on Monday morning of this week, in the Church of the Epiphany in this city.

After living a life of the happiest domestic tranquility, his life was brought to a close by a disease, which for two years made inroads upon his system, and marked its course with increasing pain, until he often was constrained to observe to his friends, that after having so often explained, he must now actually experience the sufferings of Job, and learn to understand better, how it was, that pain was there represented as something Satanic.

Whitless no one of our denominational interests is more important than this, none has been sustained thus far with greater labor and self-sacrifice by its devoted friends—at the same time (we are sorry to say,) a goodly number of our churches will now have an opportunity—to make to it their first contribution.

We could wish that the services of some energetic and competent person, who has cordially espoused the interests of our denomination, and who could wield a decided influence upon the church generally, were within reach of the Committee to employ in securing this fund.

Under this head the last Congregational Herald of Chicago, has an article giving the Congressional side of the question with tolerable fairness, at least so far as general principles are concerned.

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OPEN AIR PREACHING IN PHILADELPHIA.

The following, which we clip from Saturday's Press, shows what the Christian ministers and people are doing in our city for the evangelization of the masses, in addition to the usual means of grace.

Some weeks ago an experiment was inaugurated in this city, which is likely to prove successful. We allude to a series of open air religious services, conducted by ministers and others, in some of the lanes and by-places of our city, where the residents, either from their poverty (the church should blush to confess it) or disinclination, are practically outside the pale of gospel influence.

The following interesting incident is connected with the origin of these meetings. On a Sabbath last month, Mr. John W. Wadsworth, who is the Superintendent of the Bethany Mission, in the vicinity of Lombard and Twenty-first Streets, called a few families together, and held an impromptu service. About two hundred persons were present, and among the number was a young man, who, being ill, was carried to a convenient spot where he heard the word that was being preached.

We are gratified to learn that this excellent institution has already received, since the recent opening of the term, twenty-four new students, more than ever before at the same time in the term.

CORRECTION.

In an editorial report of the proceedings of the 4th Presbytery of Philadelphia, at Belvidere, published in the Christian Observer of last week, there is the following sentence:—

"The Rev. Mr. Duffield gave an account of the pecuniary difficulties of his church, and the removal of members. It had no elders left, and it was kept alive as a church by the Spirit of God."

What the inferences would be from such a sentence, each reader must determine for himself. Mr. Duffield's account of the pecuniary difficulties of his church was simply this—that the year of the panic their income was much reduced, but that the year following, after a powerful revival, the receipts were increased more than threefold.

Dr. T. H. Stockton said: Christ, Christ, Christ—this one word is comprehensive of all religion. And as the Redeemer of all, Christ is a manifested Unity. His ascension-blessing, fully realized, will be a showering of the Spirit of Unity upon all of every life and name.

Rev. Mr. Cookman remarked: Persons, in ascending a mountain from different sides, gradually converge as they near the top, and come together in cordial meeting on the summit.

Rev. Mr. Chamberlaine remarked: To the hidden Israelites there was but one object on which they were to fix their gaze. And there is but one uplifted Jesus to fix the sinner's wondering eye. And one Christ implies one Christendom.

Rev. Mr. Cooper then led in prayer, after which the 64th Hymn—"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"—was sung, and the Benediction pronounced.

For the American Presbyterian.

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The great difficulty, however, is that, in all our large cities, there are professors of religion, "in good and regular standing" in their respective churches, who visit the theatre, and especially the opera, and we must add, even the ball-room.

THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.

The Presbytery met in the High St. Church, Newark, on Tuesday afternoon, and was organized by appointing Rev. E. Cheever, Moderator, and Rev. Messrs. Pingree and Crowell, Clerks.

During the session of the Presbytery the pastoral relation between Rev. J. F. Pingree, and the Church and congregation at Roseville, was dissolved, at the request of both parties, and with mutual good feeling, and with the expression of much respect and kind regard on the part of the Presbytery.

The narrative represented the condition of the churches to be in the main healthy and prosperous, but without any special revivals of religion.

A request was presented from persons connected with the German mission at Quarry Hill to be organized into a church, and a committee was appointed to attend to the request.

Thursday, Sep. 27. The Presbytery met at South Orange. Mr. Maxwell sustained a very creditable examination, after which, Presbytery in the presence of a large and deeply interested congregation, proceeded to his ordination and installation.

2 Cor. v. 18: the ordaining and installing prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. F. Smith of the same city.

Compare this desolate utterance of a pallid and sated spirit with the unexpectably warm and tender letters of Dr. Judson down to his latest years; with that death-bed utterance of his sixty-second year: "O, no man ever left this world with more inviting prospects, with brighter hopes or warmer feelings."

As we go to press, the fiftieth anniversary of this venerable and noble Christian institution is commencing. The occasion promises to be one of deep and thrilling interest.

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MRS. JUDSON'S BETROTHAL.

The following beautiful and truthful sketch, written by Dr. Kendrick, is a part of the tenth chapter of the forthcoming Life and Letters.—Dr. Judson conducted her to the sofa, saying that he wished to talk with her. She replied, half playfully, that she should be delighted and honored by having him talk to her.

It was not in Emily's nature to be insensible to the force of such arguments from such a pleader—falling from "lips wet with Castalian dews," as well as with the dew that descend upon the mountains of Zion—coming from one whose tastes were as cultivated as his faith was lofty, and who could appreciate equally the fascinations which he asked her to resign, and the glories to which he asked her to aspire.

THE LIFE AND LETTERS OF MRS. EMILY C. JUDSON.

By A. C. KENNEDY, Professor of Greek Literature in the University of Rochester. New York: Sheldon & Co. 12mo. pp. 428.

What is uninteresting which bears the name of the hero-missionary; the chief character in the modern counterpart of the Acts of the Apostles? And this book redeems the répute of his wife from that odor of levity which her relations to magazine literature seemed to fasten upon her.

Both SIDES OF THE GRAPE QUESTION, comprising three Essays. 1. On the Culture. 2. The Physiography. 3. Classification of the Grape. The first is a prize essay secured by the efforts of the "Farmer and Gardener," by William Saunders, of Germantown. It is a 16mo. pamphlet of 96 pages, and has reached a second edition.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

We have received from the EPISCOPAL BOOK SOCIETY, 1224 CHRISTY ST., the following books for children, published by HENRY HOLT, Boston: FIFTY AND FORTY, by E. L. Loomis, 16mo. 224 pp. THE LOST WILLY, by Ann E. Porter, 284 pp. THE BURNING, by Lucy Loomis, 108 pp. THE BURNING, by Lucy Loomis, 108 pp. LITTLE JERRY, A Story for Boys, 63 pp. LITTLE JERRY, A Story for Boys, 63 pp. LITTLE JERRY, A Story for Boys, 63 pp. LITTLE JERRY, A Story for Boys, 63 pp.